



DRAMA CLUB TO JOURNEY TO CHICAGO

In the midst of preparations for the play "The Beggar On Horseback," the members of the Drama Club are planning to drop their work on the fourteenth of October, and enjoy themselves for a few hours. On this red letter day, thirty-nine students and three teachers are journeying to Chicago, via the South Shore, to see the matinee performance of "The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekov. Miss Eva LeGallienne and Mr. Joseph Schildkraut, two well-known actors, will play the leads. The play is at the top of the list of Chicago Theatre Guild plays, so the club ought to find their time well spent.



The other evening at the Goshen game, new costumes for the baton twirlers were brought to the attention of the student body. These new duds are made of red material in major-ette style with gold braid and all the trimmings. I understand that if there is time, we'll see more additions similar to these. The perky girls wearing the outfits were properly attractive and answered to the names of Phyllis Hall and Patty Guyon.



The highest service we can perform for others is to help them to help themselves.—Horace Mann.

The population of Adams has shown a tendency to neither increase or decrease. Last year at this joyful time there were 708 pupils enrolled and this year there were 715 though 7 have withdrawn leaving a total of 708.

This year we are striving for a new, bigger, and better attendance record. There are 11% of the students who are habitual absentees.



It is a sad thing for a man to make himself servant to a thing. I should not like to be merely a great doctor, a great lawyer, a great minister, a great politician—I should like also to be something of a man.—Theodore Parker.

ADAMS ARRIVES—AND HOW!

Now that you are acquainted with your fellow playmates here at Adams, have you noticed the trash-heaps that go flying by you morning, noon, and night? Well let's get to know them all, and then maybe you'll enjoy coming back and forth to school to see them.

Most everyone walks but of course lots of them ride, for instance, John Bright, Phil Thompson, and Phil Riner, the famous "Three Musketiers," ride in the tall red open model T coupe. Also you may have noticed the little black 1934 Ford V-8 of Jack Dempsey's that always goes home at noon loaded down with at least ten kids on the back.

Since I have told you about some of the well-known car drivers, I might as well mention the fact that a couple of John Adams students come in miniature racing cars, Bruce Harlan and Jack Pfaff are the two owners of these little home made jobs.

Don Egendoerfer reminds you of a fire engine with a side car when he drives his new put-put to school. Record haul for one morning is four. Don't ask Don where he puts them!

When the time comes to bring up the question about bicycles it always brings to my mind Welby Miller's famous junk heap, the "cops" wouldn't ever think of picking it up because it isn't worth hauling away. Everyone just wonders how Welby ever manages to keep the thing right side up.

Could we possibly overlook the bus? Good old N.I.T. hauls us here and there merrily crushing all signs of life out of everyone unfortunate enough to squeeze between the token taker and the bus window.

Let's all watch and see how everyone comes and goes, who knows maybe one of these days someone will drop down in a helicopter.

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATION HELD

On Thursday, August 3, 1944, we had once more the annual summer graduation for those students who worked hard all summer to graduate before their regular scheduled time.

The program took place in the Central High School Auditorium at 8:00 p. m. All four of the city high schools were represented and their respective principals. Mr. P. D. Pointer of Central, Mr. G. B. Sargent of Adams, Mr. F. O. Schoepel of Washington and Mr. Glenn Kropf of Riley assisted. The combined Glee Clubs of the four schools sang, "Onward Ye People." The group was under the direction of Mrs. Laurance T. Pate of Adams.

The members of the Board of Education were present and Mrs. E. M. Morris and Mr. Lawrence J. Harwood presented the diplomas to the students. From Adams there were eleven graduates: Loren Allison, Betty Brunette, Edith Curtis, Charles Evanoff, Floyd Fishburn, Paul Green, Gordon King, Carl Martz, Leah Scheid, George Turner and John Zubler.

ADAMS OBSERVES RELIGIOUS WEEK

On September 28, John Adams did its part in the observance of National Religious Education Week. On this day, we had a very impressive religious assembly, with Louis LaPierre presiding. Our Glee Club, standing up to its usual high standard offered two very stirring selections, "Onward Ye Peoples" and "Out of the Silence." Dr. Charles Tupper Baillie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, presented the address, which was well received.

GLEE CLUB ADDS MANY SOPHS

"We're here for support!"

That's the attitude of us old Glee Club members toward all you new members. You have shown such a splendid spirit and high enthusiasm in "trying out" for membership that we are overjoyed.

Yes, some of you failed to make the grade, but keep trying; next semester you are the ones who will be new members.

We had but a few vacancies to fill for only a small part of our Glee Club left with Commencement last June so disappointment to many was inevitable. However, you took your disappointment so courageously that we were tremendously proud of you who were not accepted.

We now have ninety members plus Mrs. Pate, our fine director. By sections we have twenty-seven sopranos, twenty-four altos, nine tenors, and twenty-nine basses. We also have eight substitutes.

The Glee Club is really going to bear down this semester. We've got programs, programs, and—more programs. Best of all, a new musical comedy (Remember "Connecticut Yankee?") is on the fire and it's really solid!

Summed up, we, the Glee Club, are proud of our new members. We know that a host of fine voices have been added to our Chorus.

So congratulations, kids, and best wishes for a grand first term.



JUNIOR RED CROSS ANNOUNCES ACTIVITIES

Adams representatives have again been chosen to work in the Junior Red Cross Council of St. Joseph County. We are especially well represented since Dick Gartner is chairman of the Council for the coming year.

One of the activities of the Council is to publicize the membership drive which is held in the fall. Another is to interest students in making scrapbooks for convalescing servicemen in the many hospitals. Last year members of the industrial arts classes made hundreds of ash-trays for these men.

Miss Law, who sponsors the Adams group, has announced that the sophomores on the council are Dorothy Cox and Jeane Brantly, juniors are Pat Lidecker and Marian Grassbey, and the seniors are Nancy Constantine and Ethel Schrader.

WAR STAMP SALES

Week's total\$469.30
Total to date\$1,477.65
HIGH-POINT ROOMS:

	Total	Per Capita
12A's in 203	\$59.60	\$1.70
12B's in 105	61.25	1.57
You helped to keep us from reaching \$500 this week:		
10A's in 103	9.80	.24
10B's in 108	15.40	.31
10B's in 201	13.50	.31
12A's in 210	11.30	.31

LEADERS IN BAR GRAPH RACE:

	Total per Capita for three weeks
12A's in 203	\$3.66
12B's in 105	2.81

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SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Anita Gustafson

The most obvious definition of school spirit is found in the amount of noise made at athletic exhibitions. It is agreed that this is important, but to me school spirit is the realization that each individual student is a representative of his school. Wherever he goes, he is an ambassador of good will. What he does reflects upon the entire student body as well as his school faculty. As a Senior of John Adams, I have witnessed every type of school spirit from the students of every high school in South Bend, Mishawaka, and many out of town schools, and I believe I can proudly say that we have one of the best. I am unable to say the best because of an episode after the football game between Adams and Central. Coming home from the game, we had planned on stopping at one of the ice cream stores but when we reached our destination we found in front of the store a group or rather a gang of Adams boys, and what were they doing but heckling two of our football players. It is students like this that ruin the spirit of both a team and also that of the student body. Every individual in that group is a coward. They failed to go out for football because they were afraid and until they show us that they can do any better, the least they can do is to back up the players on the team.

MUST YOU RUN?

We at Adams have a tendency to shove, push and run every place we go. It has been proven that it is possible to walk from one end of Adams to the other in three or four minutes without putting several people in the hospital. Why then must we attempt a fifty yard dash all the time?

The lunch hour seems to be the worst. We are all famished and eager for food but why can't we walk out of the building? The other noon some ravenous boys ran out of the building and succeeded in damaging several students and knocking one girl down in their flight. We appreciate that Adams boys are hungry but not that hungry. Some of us more timid souls miss most of our lunch hour because we're afraid to venture out of our classrooms until the halls are clear. For our sakes walk, don't run to the nearest exit.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

By Louie LaPierre

Whether in your position, at home, or in school, spirit is the essence of life. School Spirit is the one I desire to stress.

You are not born with school spirit, you acquire it. This is accomplished through interest in what your school has done, what your school does, and what it is going to do. This interest must be sincere and put to the best of the school's advantage.

A school without the right spirit is like a ship without its crew. This spirit can not be picked out of the clouds or off the trees, but obtained through your effort to help your school, by participating in one or several school activities. If you are unable to help in the actual preparation or performance of these activities, you can be a follower. Even if they aren't in your field, you should have enough concern and enthusiasm to back your school.

School Spirit is very often associated only with athletics. This should not exist because the spirit is present throughout the entire educational program. In the classrooms, in dramatics, and in music there is no small amount of school spirit.

If you have school spirit, you are not to be congratulated, but you will profit from it in your four years of high school. If you haven't school spirit you are not considered a man without a country, but a man without a school.

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TOWER TALK

Dear Pat:

It seems like only yesterday when you left for college, but so much has happened since then that I've just got to drop you a line and dig the dirt, little chum!

Dogpatch has nothing over John Adams in the styles of wooing!! Remember Karl Smith that worked in the drug store? He's going steady with Madalyn Pugh. The other day they were walking home from school—and guess—no, you couldn't, they both took off their shoes and strolled home barefooted. Customs do change you know. It's now proper for a fellow to carry—no, not her books—but her shoes home from school!

Creepy Schall has a new girl!! This time, though he's not being true to J. A. H. S. Her name is "Fuzzy"—no less and she's a Centralite!!

Remember my telling you that Jack Houston was "still looking?" He was at the football game with Fran Bickel the other evening!

Regina Freels and Curt (Cricket) Heckaman are dating regularly. They make the cutest couple, Pat.

Did you know that Rosie Smith and Carl Martz have called it quits? Rosie says this time its for good, but that's hard to believe. What's that about "true flames never die?"

Can you imagine all of these Seniors on the loose? Dale Douglass, Bob Nielson, Cal Joris, Rusty Koenig-shot, Jack Jaqua and Jack Weil?

Chicago has a peculiar charm for some of our Adams lads. Our Sports Editor practically owns a share in the South Shore Lines at this date! Dick probably takes Bill Dolde along for a chaperon—or is it vice versa?? Joe Mester left for the Army last week. He gave his football sweater to Joyce Wynn who, from all reports, will be waiting for him come V-Day!

Jim Peoples can be found any morning down by a locker across from Miss Kaczmarek's room. The occupant of this locker is Betty Jo Miller!!

Betty Murphy and one of the drummers in her band seem to have a great deal of music (or is it music?) to discuss between classes!

All of the new Sophs are right at home by now and we Seniors feel older every day. (Did you see my latest gray hair??) We're not planning for our Class Rings until Christmas. Tragic, isn't it??

I almost forgot to tell you, Pat! Emory Thomas and Martha Schloerke are really serious!!! He's so much in love he's been jumping over every fence between Adams and Tonti Avenue—including Howard Park!

Love
"Dag"

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Gadgett, proudly, "we can trace our ancestors back to—to—well, I don't know exactly who, but we've been descending for centuries."

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Letters are beginning to reach the Tower Staff from Adams Alumni. We are most happy to hear from the boys who were "at home" at Adams for three years or less. Will more write us—we hope so.

Riley Brehmer is aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota somewhere in the Pacific. He reports having seen Don Brown "42" several times. He mentioned that he ran into Bob Hart, too. Bob is going up for Musician 2/c soon. Mail would be acceptable addressed to:

L. Riley Brehmer F 1/c
 U.S.S. South Dakota
 c/o F. P. O. "E" Div.
 San Francisco, Calif.

James Miller "43" wrote Miss Roell that J. A. Commercial department has turned out a yeoman (not a wave). At present James is working in the draft office but expects to be sent to school at Bainbridge, Maryland. Address his mail for the time being:

James A. Miller S 2/c
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 Great Lakes, Illinois

Elmer Torok stopped in at school this week and shared a few hours of his four day leave. Elmer is assigned to a destroyer escort and has been in the Atlantic, but upon his return expects to be sent the Pacific way.

Ray Burt, Ralph Brown, George Watt, and Gene Mickey also spent time in the building recently.

Paul Curran will enter the armed forces through selective service early in October. John Fleishman has been notified that he will be called within 20 to 90 days. Charles Simonton has received word from the Navy that he is needed now, too.



THURSDAY, OCT. 5

Band 7:45 a. m.

FRIDAY, OCT 6

Pep session 3:00 p. m.
 Glee Club 7:30 a. m.
 Orchestra 7:45 a. m.
 Band Practice 9:00 a. m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

Football Game 8:00 p. m.
 Adams vs. Washington—here.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

War Stamp Sales—home room.
 Bulletin
 Band Practice 9:00 a. m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Band Practice 7:45 a. m.
 Glee Club, 7:30 a. m.
 10B Girls Assembly—Given by a cadet nurse.
 10B Boys Assembly—Educational Planning
 12B's Thurstone Psychology Test

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Hey you, will you pull off number 40? Quick before the bell. Thanks chum! Yes, that's the beginning of the Gym brawl. Oh don't tell me, no clean suits. But quick catch me kid, I've got a pair of socks that match.

At this time Miss Beldon, known to us of the underworld as "Beldie," throws a few soccer balls, hitting McLean on the back of the head.

We all pile over each other getting down to the cinder patch commonly known as the marching field. Our enthusiasm overwhelms all spectators.

Ah, "teach" I'm hungry how's about selling me a Puff Ball? No? O. K. But I didn't get my cereal this morning so I'll have to be excused from calisthenics.

ATTENSHUN! "But Miss Beldon, I'm at attention, it's my uniform that's at ease," says bright Gertie Forsburg. Column left face! march! At this time half of the class goes north the rest south. Miss Beldon goes down in a dead faint.

It won't be long till Beldie is turned to Baldie as she pulls out hair by the fist full by the 6th hour.

Now the crib girl comes out and announces the ones who have left their tags. Ye Gads, who was the so and so who pulled off 4 instead of 40? Now I've got time to make up.

After getting our feet and shoes a beautiful grey color, we turn to a higher sport called calisthenics. Of course there are a few (?) grunts and groans as we stoop to touch our knees. But this is one of the few classes that are required to pull weeds from the football field via push ups.

Ah, sweet music sounds as the horn blows to go in. On the double. Of course we're all too tired to manipulate our pipe stems at more than a slow trot.

A few of the ambitious gals run through the showers while Roberts and Beverstein lock the teacher in the shower room. After 15 minutes she gets mad!!

There's a little excitement as McLean just fainted from the blow she received earlier by the "teach." At last the bell buzzes and away we hobble.

You think it's easy????
(This article is not meant as a "dig" to Miss Beldon or any of the girls mentioned. It was written entirely for fun with the deepest respect for all.—The Editor.)

FADS OF THE YEAR!!

Let's have a look around and see what fads are prevalent this year.

Of course you'll be seeing the old stand-bys — Frank Sinatra Bobby Socks—along with dirty saddle shoes and loafers.

The girls haven't changed their sweater ideas, they are still big and sloppy even though Vogue says the princess style sweater is much more flattering and exquisite this year.

Then there are the girls that dress alike or wear the same color combinations. I've noticed several Cashmere sweaters around South Bend. Several of the girls must have taken a trip up to good old fashionable Chicago. Cashmere are hard to find around here.

There's the case of a girl going mad every year over Indian jewelry. The more silver bracelets she can have on her arm—the better she likes it. Will that fad ever vanish or will it become a custom?

Have you noticed the girls coming to school with straight hair? Well, think nothing of it. It's not because there's a shortage of bobby pins or anything it's just that South Bend's taking up where New York leaves off.

I guess I have the girls pretty well picked out. Now what about the boys—well, I've seen several boys with these crazy hats on their heads. Plaids, checks, or any gawdy color. The louder they are the better they like it.

There just doesn't seem to be much on the boys—maybe it's because the girls are wearing their clothes and starting new fads for themselves.

—"The Fad Chaser."

JUNIORS

Get a date with an Adams student for the
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Friday, October 20
More details next week

THE EMPEROR'S PHYSICIAN
By J. R. Perkins

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JOHN MARKWARD—I like it real well.

BETTY HULBERT—It's everything a high school should be, and more.

BOB KRUG—It's about half and half, half I like real well and half I just like.

MARY LOU RANDT—It's O. K.

ARCHIE LOS—I like it a whole lot.

FRANCES and MARJORIE LUBBERS—We've always gone to Catholic school and it's a lot different.

NORMA MILLER—I think it's grand.

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EAGLES SCALP REDSKINS 13-7

TRICKY GOSHEN OFFENSE FAILS

In meeting the Goshen Redskins last Friday night Adams annexed their first win of the season. Goshen's defeat likewise chalked up our first conference victory. The game was marked by a baffling offense, which was used by the "Redskins" to good advantage in the first half. By the time the second period started, Coach Goldsberry equipped our boys with the vital strategy that enabled us to eventually conquer.

Their offense, seldom used in high school football, featured an entire line shift. After the "hike" their linemen were spread out on scrimmage usually about 2 or 3 yards apart. On pass plays two backs usually shifted out behind the ends while the third protected the passer. These four potential receivers continually worried our aerial defense. In the fourth quarter they finally payed dividends as Snoke's pass to Chapman scored their only touchdown. Good blocking for long sweeping end runs was another asset of this system.

Adams starting lineup contained our major change. Andrews was shifted to right half while Murphy was upped to quarterback. "Chuck" without a doubt deserved his promotion as he has been determinedly plugging for perfection. What he lacks in brawn is certainly made for in brains for Chuck definitely knows every man's assignment in every particular play. This is a primary qualification for a good quarterback. Roy was doing fine at half as might be expected. His masterpiece was a 36 yard drive right through the Goshen defense. Dan Walters, Andy's standin at right half also did some swell playing until he unfortunately dislocated his elbow while being tackled.

Our two touchdowns were both the result of long downfield rallies in the hectic fourth quarter. After

NUMBER OF CHEERLEADERS INCREASED TO SIX

Many of us noticed at the Adams-Goshen game that John Adams boasted two new cheerleaders. They are Carl Johnson and Bernice Alderfer. The number of cheerleaders has now increased to six. Many favorable comments have been heard about this change since the increased number makes it possible for all directions for yells to be heard by spectators near the ends of the stands.

Betty Hulbert has been chosen as a sub. If any of the regular cheerleaders are unable to be at the games she will step in their place. Absences are to be on the same basis as school absences.

The first tryouts were held the second week of school. At that time nine students tried out. The second tryouts were held Sept. 21 and at that time the regular cheerleaders were chosen. They are: Mary Jane Shank, Duane Zent, Betty Jo Parfitt, Bob Bayman, Bernice Alderfer, and Carl Johnson.

Andy's long dash, McKinney crashed through the line for three successive first downs putting us past the mid-field stripe. Curt then let loose with and 18 yard pass to Andrews which left us on their four—goal to go! Louie plunged over for the touchdown and extra point and thus worked up 7 points for us.

The second rally was initiated on our 29. From here a series of passes from Heckaman to McKinney and Andy to Curt plus 10 yard gains by both these sharpshooters finally put us within 8 yards of six more points. Seconds later Murphy dashed over on Heckaman's pass to replenish our lead with another touchdown. Balok failed to catch McKinney's pass for conversion and the score remained 13-0.

On the whole our boys definitely revenged the spanking we received from Central (By the way so did Washington.)

G. A. A. INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

On Thursday, September 14, the John Adams G. A. A. held an initiation for its new members at the Isaac Walton club house. Besides the thirty new and old members, the G. A. A. alumnae were invited. Jackie Jennings, president of the club, presided at the meeting and music was provided by Dessa Apelgreen and Barbara Straw. After the ceremony the girls were presented with red roses.

BEEES DEFEATED BY WASHINGTON

The Adams "B" team suffered its second defeat of the season in the hands of Washington at their field. The starting line-up for Adams was changed slightly from the previous week. Schall, and Cannon started instead of Roys and Cook. Washington kicked off to Schall who was stopped almost in his tracks. Adams, after downs was forced to kick. Washington then made their first touchdown in four runs. Although Adams fought hard and substituted frequently they failed to score until Fye passed to Wulf in the last quarter. Fye failed to convert and the final score was 20 to 6. Our boys deserve a lot of credit for fighting hard and not giving up. Stafford's kicking was again outstanding as in the previous week's game.

A KID NAMED BOB

This is a story of a kid named Bob, Who prayed every night and believed in God.

His hair is black, and eyes are bright,
Just like a star shining deep in the night.

He loved his folks, and sweetheart too,

And promised us, that he'd come through.

He misses his home, like all the rest,
But we knew that he'd do his best.

He never says how tough it is,
But through war and hell we know he lives.

He always says he's doing fine,
But God, help that brother of mine.

—Russ Underwood.

Dedicated to my brother and all the boys and girls in the Armed forces from Adams High.

A WITTLE POEM

I wish I was a wittle egg
A way up in a twee,
I wish I was a wittle egg
As wotten as could be,
And when some bone head teacher
Would start to shout at me,
I'd frow my wotten wittle self,
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—The Alltold.

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