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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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# T. B. TESTS SCHEDULED FOR STUDENTS

## Glee Club Candidates Win Robes; Interest Hits Highest Peak

Every year a certain number of students are taken into the Glee Club to replace members who graduated the preceding spring. Usually these people are admitted at the first of the semester but this year they were taken in gradually so they would learn something about high school singing first. Most of the vacancies have been filled at this time and any new students admitted will be substitutes. Each year a greater number of students show interest in joining the Glee Club and this year there has been a great deal of competition. The following students are to be commended for winning a robe.

New sophomores in the soprano section are: Cynthia Ahlbrandt, Barbara Benson and Barbara Brecht from 106, Nancy Feragen is in 101, while Norma Lebo and Delores Kint come from 204, and Norma Shultz and Romona Schecker represent 208. In the bass section we find sophomores Bob Trimble of 208, Dave Hyde, DeVon Frash and Gerald Freels from 101, Jack Pinckert and Dale Litherland of 204, Bill Cox, John Bowman and Keith Born from 106, and Dick Wysong of 206. Two up and coming tenors are Al Lohmann, 204 and Don Crawford, 101. New in the alto section are Joan Wine. a junior, Norma Miller, a senior, and sophomores Frances Thurman,

# SEVEN-DAY WONDER

At this writing, the "Straw Hat" cast is going "through the mill" in regards to practice and other matters connected with the play. The male lead, played by Frederick William Wegner, Jr., is rather trying on the boy's nerves as can be seen plainly. Miss Kaczmarek's anonymous "orchid sender" might well have presented Fred with one

The year's first student council meeting was held October 10 with all but two rooms (101 and Dr.) represented. The organization has big plans for the year, and intends to carry some influence in school. Full co-operation is needed to get the movement going—see that you

HEAD SENIOR CLASS ACTIVITIES



The newly elected senior class officers are talking thing over and have some big plans for the class of 1947. Although no official meetings have taken place yet, or a senior cabinet chosen, interest is at a high peak. Now that the school play is finished the class sponsor, Miss Kaczmarek, hopes to get started with the important task of appointing committees for the numerous jobs connected with a graduating class. Such functions as the prom, commencement, and duties connected with cap and gowns, cards and announcements all must be looked after.

Pictured left to right are: Fred Wegner, president; Thressa Lazarra, secretary; Jeannette Graf, treasurer; and Don Howell, vice-president.

#### "Talk Around The Tower"

#### USHERS CLUB TAKES MEMBERS

At a meeting recently, Mr. Weir, club sponsor, read a tentative schedule for the school city's most active usher group.

Eleven new members joined the ranks of the Adams Ushers' Club this semester. They are: Dean Adair, Kith Areng, Norman Burke, Harold Heeter, Luther Johnson, Phillip Kohlbrenner, Al Sohman, Bob Miller, Lee Mull, Russel Olheiser, and Joseph Plott.

#### GLEE CLUB AT NORTH CENTRAL

John Adams' glee club will have a representative group singing in a chorus of five hundred fifty voices at the North Central Teachers' Association, October 24.

Dr. Russell Morgan of Cleveland, Ohio, will direct the singing.

Anyone wishing to go can hear the performance for a small admission price.

#### Y-TEENS SCHEDULE PARTY

A Halloween Party is to be given for members of the "Y-Teens," formerly the Girl Reserves. The party will take place at the Y.W.C.A. on October 29.

This party will take the place of the "Cream and Cola" that was given last year to welcome new members into the club.

Old members in the Adams group are making plans of initiation for the girls coming into the organization.

#### STATE HONORS ADAMS' P.T.A.

The excellent work the John Adams' P.T.A. has done for our school has at last been rewarded. Meeting the qualifications of the state, they received a standard certificate on October 8. This is the first state award for achievement which the P.T.A. has obtained since it was founded in 1943. We are all proud and appreciative of our P.T.A's, work in our behalf.

#### DE MOLAY PRESENTS HALLOWE'EN DANCE

The South Bend Chapter Order of DeMolay will present a Halloween Dance Friday, November 1, at the Masonic Temple, from 9 to 12. Music will be furnished by Andy "Tiny" Riedel, and his "Excel Music Makers." There will be costume prizes, but costumes are optional. Refreshments served will be in keeping with the season. Larry Reister is general chairman, and Jim Bomberger is the committeeman from Adams. Admission will b \$1.20, tax included.

are properly represented at every meeting, and when called on to help solve a mutual problem, do your part.

Senior portraits for the Album

are being displayed with various emotions from the bearers. Mr. McNamara, Album sponsor, is worn out from explaining to each graduating class that they are not VISIT TO HEALTHWIN SHOWS IMPORTANCE

OF CURBING DISEASE

(Maryvonne Rose, a Tower staff reporter, was assigned to cover a junior T.B. league meeting one afternoon during school, and came back with the following interesting report.—Editor, The Tower.)

On October 9th, the Junior T.B. representatives from high schools in and around South Bend were taken on a tour of Healthwin Hospital. The tour was so interesting that I think you would enjoy hearing a little about it.

Healthwin does not look like a hospital on the outside, but more like a resort, with a large yard and tall trees stretching out in front. The most serious cases are on the first floor of the hospital. The not so serious cases, those who are able to walk around, are on the second floor.

#### Tour X-ray Room

Our first step on the tour was at the X-ray department. X-rays of Tubercular lungs were shown to us. We visited the hospital's laboratory where we saw a microscopic slide of the T.B. germ, and went into the library which has 2,500 books of all kinds.

We also saw the basement woodburning shop, and the operating room. In this room the doctor operates to remove lungs of the patients who need surgery or to collapse lungs so as to enable the patient to breathe easier. Our next stop was the Dental Ward. There the dentist fixes the patients teeth if they need it. We then visited the repair room. The patients work on all kinds of things in this room such as watches, and radios. Occupational therapy was the next point of interest. The patients work with leather, clay, weaving, wool, and cloth to make many decorative and useful objects. The eye clinic was next on the agenda. Here the patients eyes are checked every so often to see if they need glasses. We visited a commercial classroom and a serving room and the hospital's kitchen. We left the main building to visit the children's ward. This is a cheerful. red brick building. We talked to all the little children, some were up and running around and others were lying quietly in their beds. They were all so happy to see us

Continued on page 3, column 2 obligated to buy any pictures, and that there is definitely no tie-up between the school and Priddy studio. The idea of everyone going to the same photographer was originated by Mr. McNamara five years ago to assure uniformity on the Album pages,

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## FIRST STUDENT COUNCIL MEET HELD

On October 10, 1946, the first student council meeting was held in the student lounge. The president of the council is Jerry Gibson and he is assisted by Bob Annis Vice-President, Jim McNeile Secretary, and Rodney Million Treasurer. The council hopes to accomplish much this year and spent most of the first meeting organizing committees.

The minutes of each meeting will be placed in the show case and on the office bulletin board. All students are urged to read these minutes and see how the meetings are conducted.

#### Rooms 101, Dr. Absent

One of the new ideas discussed was that the individual representatives should talk over the work of the student council in the home rooms, and that home rooms should have a representative to send to the meetings. Rooms 101 Drafting were not representated at the first meeting.

A new duty of the individual members is to find out what their home rooms expect of the council this year. There has been a great deal of discussion about the fact that our student council is not active enough. If any student has any ideas as to how the council can be improved they should tell their representatives.

#### Talk of Handbook

Another program discussed was that of publishing a hand book for the incoming sophomores. Committees were chosen to undertake this job. Reports of the committee's work will be given at the next meeting.

Our Student Council should be complimented for their work and if the student body will get solidly behind them we will have a much improved and better student organization.

#### PERFECT JUNIORS GIRL

Hair-Georgia Drolle. Eyes—Dedie Chambers. Nose-Phyllis Nelson. Smile-Nancy Gradecki. Figure—Donna Personette. Personality-Mary Lou Swank. Brains-Jane Buchanan. Clothes-Sydelle Baskind. BOY Hair-Harold Ziker. Eyes-John Ruffner. Nose-Dave Coker. Smile-Johnny Weissert.

Build-Gene Balok. Athletic ability-Bill Gooley. Personality-Dick Brotherson. Brains—George Swintz.

Clothes—Alan Gilman.

## FAVORABLE COMMENT ON NON-DRINKING CAMPAIGN

The move by representatives of South Bend high school students to eliminate drinking at prep games has received wide and favorable comment. The latest notice of appreciation was received by our two representatives a few days ago from D. A. Clark, president of Clark's Lunch Rooms, Inc. "I resolved to write . . . telling . . . how much we older folks appreciate your . . . stand on this subject. Congratulations to the students of the South Bend high schools. We are back of you 100%."

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## Attention Vernon Dull; And the Rest of You Big Time Drivers

Do you whiz down the street at sixty miles an hour, turn the corners on one wheel (more fun than two!) and occasionally race the friend nearest you? Exciting isn't

When you honk your horn does it play the funeral march for the pedestrian you just passed over? Oh well, he couldn't expect to live forever.

If you can drive with one hand that's a lot of fun too, isn't it? hummm. (If you can get by with it, that is.)

Of course, there are traffic laws such as stated in book 32, article 99, paragraph 6, the third sentence, (or was it the seventh, no it must have been the fourth). Oh well, what's the use, we don't follow them anyway.

#### Ignore the Cops!

Don't pay any attention to that cop that will be following you about now. That's just his job and he's getting paid for it. Give him a run for his money, you can beat him (you hope), your car is practically new and it needs the exercise. Oh, oh, there goes the engine. (Now running on horsepower.) As for the cop, he shouldn't mind because if it weren't for guys like you he'd be out of a job and then who would support his wife and kids?

There is a red light ahead, but we won't stop because it would be green in another sixty seconds any-

#### And Now, the Morale

See that car coming down the street? Watch me and my horsepower just miss-Crash, Bang-Thud.

And now as I lie in bed looking out of my hospital window, I often think of the wisdom of those words I had heard so many times before: Drive carefully son, Drive careful-

### THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW

"Dear me," said the absentminded professor as he fell down the stairs, "I wonder what is making all that racket!"

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# Believe

by Pati Guyon

Believe me if you ask Rosalie Fleet where she was Friday night, October 11, she probably won't tell you-but ask her who her current heart-throb is and she'll quickly answer, "Bob."

Doesn't it seem good to see Nan Giordano, Nan King, Betty Lou Bryant, Sheila McMurray, and Jane Ann Buchanan with lipstick on and their hair curled again?

Barbara Howard is going with Martin the big "end" on the N. D. football team. Nice going, Barb.

Believe me, Marilyn Zimmer has the longest eyelashes I've ever seen. Anr they're so pretty, huh, Andy Kalaus?

These are some of the new couples seen around lately: Mary Lou Bowman and Bill Grounds: Donna Personette and Bob Anderson; Jerry Gray and Delores Pukrup (Central); and Jack Hoffer and Maryann (Central). .

What Junior cutie is the lucky girl Jay Osborn is turning his affections toward? No fair keeping us in the dark, Jay!

Believe me, Miss Kaczmarek was sporting the biggest, most beautiful orchid Friday, October 11. Who is the lucky fellow, Miss Kaczma-

Question of the week: Who is Herbie? Come on "Peachy," give with the information.

Joan Mann really had a full week-end October 11 and 12. She traveled to Plymouth for the game Friday, and Saturday she went to the Riley-Washington game, then to the Palais Royale. The man of the moment was tall, dark, and handsome Lee Hodgen of Riley.

Believe me, Doris Jean Eberhart is never lonely while she's on hallduty. And don't tell us those "men" are helping you with your history either, D.J.!

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#### WANT TO KNOW BEST LIAR? SEE AUTHOR JERRY FREELS

It was a dark night. The moon and the stars were hidden by the clouds. I was alone, down by the river front, when all at once a hand grabbed my shoulder.

I turned in fright to see the biggest toughest-looking, huskiest man you ever saw. He was at least 7 foot tall and he must have weighed 600 lbs. I looked him over and meekly said: "Put me down, please?" He laughed and said: "Do you know who you are talking to?" "No, do you?" He said in a rasping bass voice, "I'm Joe Louis, and I'm going to fight you tonight in Madison Square Garden." I said "o.k., I'll be there."

That night in Madison Square Garden after all my friends had came around to say goodbye, and Mr. Hollis (mortuary) gave me his card, I put a window weight in my right glove and a flat-iron in my left. After dragging the gloves into the ring, I climbed in and a bell rang. Joe came running to me and gave me a little "love-tap." I looked up at him, and he looked down at me, and I said: "Joe, you shouldn't do that." I was on my feet for three seconds then he hit me again. When I woke up he was laughing at me. I got mad and hit him with the flat-iron. He just laughed harded. He kept on laughing, and I kept punching until he fell down from pure exhaustion from laughing.

But don't repeat it because maybe people won't believe you.

#### BULLETIN

The all school dance has been changed from November 9 to November 16 because of a conflict with another dance. It will be held in the Little Theater from 8:30 until 11 P. M. and the school swing band will play. This is a good chance for every one to hear the new swing band and get a little "jiving" done on the side. Get your date lined up now!

#### T. B. LEAGUE

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and talk to us that we were very reluctant to leave them when it was time to do so.

#### Adams To Have Skin Tests

According to the annual custom, the T.B. League will give skin tests at John Adams on October 28 to all 10A's and 11B's who have their parent's consent. A total of three shots will determine if the T. B. germs are present in the body. If the tests are positive it does not necessarily mean that the germ is active, but X-rays will be given to all who have positive results.

This is one excellent way to help curb tuberculosis. The school nurse, Miss Kemski, asks that all parents co-operate in having their boys and girls receive the test.

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### LENA BORN WHILE FRENCH HORN TOOTS IN SLOBBOVIA

#### By Paul Chalfant

In the whole gamut of musical instruments the French horn is the worst. It has a tone reminiscent of a life-boy advertisement. Discharged vets run for shelter when they hear them thinking that they are the air-raid sirens.

There is a little bit of dispute over the invention of this so-called instrument. One school of thought says that the horn was first played in Lower Slobbovia in 1789. It is rumored that it was during a French horn concert that Lena the Hyena was born. The other school of thought believes that an old Rumanion psycho-neurotic was trying to make a tin can and in misreading the directions came up with the French horn.

It is believed by many that the horn (?) was named during the Franco-Prussian war. It is said that the Prussians named it after the French had won a great victory.

I don't know what all this proves but I've said it and I'M GLAD. I TELL YOU, GLAD. Oh, yes, no offense to the Adams French horn players.

## JOHN SLOANE MYSTIFIES ASSEMBLY WITH HIS LIQUID AIR

Mr. John Sloane presented a series of experiments on "liquid air" before a general assembly on October 10.

"Frying" an egg, making a banana hammer, shooting a gun, and freezing kerosene were but a few of the wonders accomplished by use of the "liquid air."

Mr. Sloane explained the material's usefulness in the world of science and a few commercial advantages that its properties make pos-

A very complicated process is gone through to obtain a container of the gaseous-like material. Temperatures of 350° below zero make it necessary to carry the "liquid air" in a very expensive container.

The exhibit was not only educational but made entertaining by an interesting manner of presenta-

Jerry: "Dora is the dullest girl I've ever seen."

Perry: "Why?"

Jerry: "She wanted to know how many quarters in a baseball game."

Perry: "That's nothing. My girl wanted to know if a football coach has wheels."



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# COACHES POLL OPINIONS OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Coach Garland (Jim) Crowe took a poll of all the football players to determine some of their thinking on the problems of the sport at John Adams. The boys were very frank with their answers and the coach thought the decisions were of the nature that the whole student body might like to hear of them. The questions and a few of the answers are listed for that purpose. The eight questions are: 1. Who do you want for captain for the remainder of the season? 2. What do you want from the team most? 3. Are you tired of football? 4. What does the football team need most? 5. Do you have any criticisms on the coaches? 6. What is wrong with football at John Adams? 7. What can we do to correct John Adams football? 8. Why don't you quit the team?

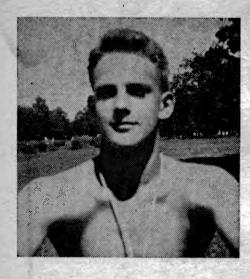
#### SPORT BULLETINS

Because of the large Paul Gilbert store ad, the Tower Sport column by Jack Highberger, and a follow of the Plymouth game will not appear in this issue of The Tower.

This Friday night the Eagle football team will meet Laporte's Slicers on the Maple City gridiron. Laporte is almost certain to win the conference this year because of the much talked about schedule mix - up, but coaches Crowe, Wegner, and Davis promise a real fight when the team faces its top notch rival Friday. Student tickets are on sale in the office according to an announcement by Mr. Rothermel.

LEROY "MOOSE" BARRITT, THE "SLEEPY KID"

TORSO - WOWI



Leroy Barritt

Shoulders of iron, muscles of steel, yes, that's LeRoy "Moose" Barritt, player of the week. (Oh well, maybe we are exaggerating a "wee" bit.)

Leroy was quite a "child prodigy" in Nuner Junior High where he played on the first team in the eighth grade. "Moose" says he played his best football that year because he was handicapped by several misfortunes while serving his freshman term the following semester.

His greatest accomplishment while here at Adams was when he scored two touchdowns in the Plymouth game. He is one of the fastest runners in the Adams backfield and can really do some stepping when a touchdown is near by.

Great things will be expected from "Moose" in his ensuing seasons at Adams and we all know "Moose" won't let us down. In connection with the first problem, Don Simon got the honor of being the captain for the rest of the season over a field of six candidates. The second question was answered in many different ways, the main ones being that the fellows want victories and a winning team. Following close behind were several who said they wanted to play football. Other ideas were listed.

About forty boys said they were not tired of football, only two said they were, and two more said they were tired of losing. Most agreed that they needed more hard work on fundamentals, but some said that we most needed to get our minds on football at John Adams. There were very few criticisms against the coaches, the only ones being that they did not drive the players enough and that they stuck too much to the same starting line-up.

The majority said the main thing wrong with the team was that they had no desire to win and that they lacked spirit. A few credited dissension among the players as a bad factor. By the way, two team members gave "women trouble" all the blame. To correct the problem, most agreed that the players should stick together more and that the attitude on football at John Adams should be stronger. Some said to make practice tougher.

Reasons given for not quitting were that they wanted to play football and that they liked football. A few had in mind the idea of improving for next year. One boy said, "It is better to be a bad player than a good quitter."

These points might give you a few ideas on the problems confronting the team and coaches this season. It is the general feeling that the whole matter of football at John Adams will improve greatly in the near future.

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