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GOSHEN, RILEY  
IN WEEK

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## HOME ECONOMIC KITCHEN PHOTO IN MAGAZINE

Upon the request of the National Electrical Manufacturing Association, pictures of our modern laboratory kitchens were submitted for their annual contest, by Miss Minniear.

The best photographs will be selected and published in several of the well-known magazines by the Ralph H. Jones Advertising Company.

The pictures, taken by Mr. McNamara, show one kitchen fully equipped. The only requirement for the competition is that an electric range be featured.

The girls in the photograph are: Millie Peterson, Betty Lou Bryant, Sally Aller, Joan Shepard, and Shirley Williams.

### HI-Y SPONSORS ASSEMBLY

Mr. George Campbell spoke and led singing for the student body at an assembly, November 27.

## TOWER SPONSORS CONTEST

The Tower is sponsoring a basketball prediction contest this season. Pat Kissinger has the job of conducting the weekly poll, which, of course, must be taken about two weeks ahead of game time because of Tower deadlines. Each week a winner is determined and his name put on a permanent list of winners. These people will be called on at sectional time for their opinions and the "grand, exalted, supreme predictor" will be named and interviewed for the Tower. As many students as possible are being contacted so maybe you will be the lucky winner.

Wesley Truax won the weekly prediction column with a guess of an Adams 36-30 victory over Lew Wallace. Joan Dressel also was close in the scores.

Guesses on the Goshen and Riley games this week are:

	Adams	Goshen
Nancy Flickinger	40	32
James Lang	34	26
Oscar Jones	39	28
Herb Singleton	36	30
Helen Connolly	30	26
Marg Soelch	32	28
Bill Reinke	40	36
Joan Virgil	32	24
LaRue Locsmondy	28	20
Jack Kelly	42	28
	Adams	Riley
Sherwood Johnson	40	34
Bill Rummel	38	33
George Swintz	35	32
Dorothy King	30	20
Dolores Brunt	34	32
Pam Hudson	40	37
Fred Knopp	43	37
Bertita Salazar	32	25
Marianne Richards	29	25
Bob Long	20	15

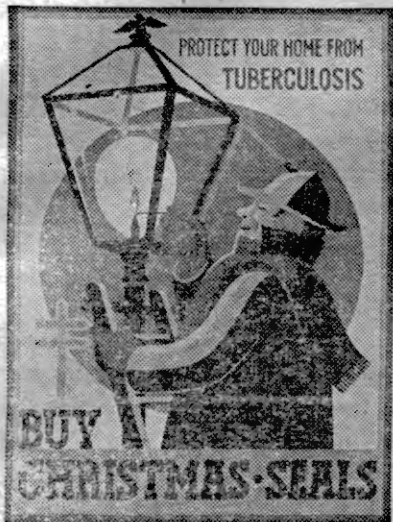
## CHRISTMAS NEARING AS GLEE CLUB READIES BIG PROGRAM

The John Adams Glee Club's Christmas Vesper service has become a tradition at Adams. This year it will contain all the old, well-loved beauty and new thrills too.

The Glee Club has practiced for many weeks on Christmas numbers, many of which are familiar to you. New members also will be added to this program on December 15. The program falls on a Sunday, but Mrs. Pate has made sure that it doesn't conflict with any church program.

All students and friends of John Adams are invited to attend the Christmas Vesper Service on December 15 at 4:00 o'clock.

With Martha Craig at the piano, and the girls of the glee club for moral support, the students sang "America," "My Bonnie," and "Down In the Valley." The Adams Hi-Y sponsored the assembly.



## John Adams Club News

**DEBATE**—There have been two new additions to the debate team; Paul Wolfram for the affirmative side and Dale Litherland, a negative speaker. The affirmative side had a luncheon Thursday, November 21, in the home economics kitchen, at which their case was discussed. Thursday, after school, Mr. Dake presented the affirmative case to the negative team. The members of the team have started on their briefs, and are also preparing for a round table discussion and an extemporaneous speaking contest at Riley on December 12.

**G. A. A.**—There was no meeting of the club Tuesday, November 19. The next meeting will be in the cafeteria on December 3. During the last several weeks, volley ball has been played most of the noon hour. The next noon hour sport will be basketball. At all the basketball games played here at Adams this year, the girls are selling refreshments.

**HI-Y**—At the November 21 meeting plans were discussed for the Christmas Seal sale. A Hi-Y member in each home will sell the seals. Tickets were sold to the members for the International Relations Council at Central. There was also a discussion on how the Hi-Y at Adams can improve itself by sponsoring some large annual affair.

**USHER'S CLUB**—The Ushers Club held a meeting November 20 to discuss the arrangement of the auditorium for basketball game duties. Norman Burke was awarded his first chevron.

**LIBRARY**—Tomorrow, LaPorte High school's library staff will visit our library. The purpose of the trip is to give an idea of how other school libraries work. Miss Ostrander announced that half of the afternoon will be devoted to the visitors.

**Y-TEENS**—The Y-Teens held a meeting last Wednesday and made final plans for the Y-Teen Recognition Ceremonial party. It will be held at the YWCA recreation room Tuesday, December 5.

## ORCHESTRA CLINIC IN ANNUAL CONCERT

On November 26 the Orchestra Clinic held its concert at the Central High School Auditorium. Edwyn Hames, was the guest conductor. This annual affair is becoming an important event in the instrumental music of South Bend.

### ALUMNUS SUFFERS INJURIES

Alumnus Bill Baker, home from college for the week-end of November 22, slipped on some ice and was injured to the extent that he is in the hospital recovering from internal injuries. All his Adams friends might let him know they are pulling for him by addressing a note to his home at 937 South 30th Street.

### VETS IN SCHOOL "GLAD TO BE BACK"

Adams has within its midst eight returned servicemen. In 103 is Frank Elliott (Navy) and George Krovitch (Navy); room 102 has Bernard Kruyer (Marine) and Charles Geliede (Navy); room 108 has Richard McGlothlen; room 207 has John Seifert (Navy); room 209 Marvin Seaman (Navy) and Drafting has Christ Valakakis. On approaching one of the less "bashful" mentioned above, John Seifer finally managed to say, "I've been in the Navy 20 months and it sure is good to be out and back to the old grind!" Christ Vahalakis managed to say, "I'd been in the marines 30 months and I found it quite hard to come back but I like it very much!" Thanks a lot fellows and Good-luck to you all!

The orchestra rehearsed Monday evening and all day Tuesday. Mr. Deardoff believes that the playing is greatly improved over last year. In an interview, he said the students' attitude towards work during rehearsals was much better than previous years and he believes this to be the reason why the quality of playing has increased so much.

Those participating in the orchestra from Adams were: Kathryn Cawthorne, Carolyn Deardorff, Nancy Giordano, Harold Heeter, James Hoover, Laura Beth Miller, Robert Moore, Norma Rush, Mary Troub, Marilyn Wintz, and Paul Wolfram. All agree that a great deal was benefited from this clinic and all are looking forward to next year's Orchestra Clinic.

## BLIND ARTIST HERE TOMORROW

Tomorrow morning, Adams will have the honor of hearing Pierce Knox, blind xylophonist, perform. There will also be a demonstration of the braille system of writing for the blind.

Mr. Knox is sponsored by the National Transcribers Society for the Blind, Inc. He has played at the New York and San Francisco World Fairs. He is now making a tour of many schools.

During this week there will be a braille exhibition in the Adams library which includes a braille magazine and the braille alphabet. Also to be seen will be the braille writing equipment, the stylus (pencil) and the slate.

This exhibition should be very interesting and everyone should try to see it if they are able.

## Tower Dance Success

Did you hear that . . . the band was swell? (all twenty-two numbers) . . . Frank Elliott and Ann McNamee had fun together? . . . the basketball team made an entrance and a quick departure. . . Tom Lane took Joan Crowe? . . . Jack Bartlett added humor and color by his gum chewing and drum playing? . . . Sam Jennings and Betty Granat looked extremely happy? . . . the floor must have been slippery for Janice Schumier fell down? . . . "Red" Krier brought a new girl. . . Mr. Rothermel helped sell cokes? It's all true! The Tower dance was a success.



## COURTESY TO FELLOW STUDENTS

Being courteous to your fellow students is important in winning friendship. There is no better way to lose the friendship and respect of other students than to indulge in uncouth, crude, boorish discourtesy. The popular student, who knows the real value of friendship, always treats his classmates in the same way he would like to be treated.

The discourteous student will eventually find himself without any real friends. If his discourteousness continually embarrasses the groups with whom he associates, it will not be long until they will exclude him from their company.

Since courtesy can be acquired with such little effort, every intelligent student will want to become courteous-minded. Whether you are in the classroom, in the halls, at the lunchroom, or on the bus, remember that you are judged by the way in which you act toward others.

## THE GOSSIP

One meets many kinds of people, the bored, the bashful, and the intense, but nothing quite equals the gossip, who sees all, hears, and tells all. When you meet the gossip—one born to tattle—you can rest assured anything said in the bounds of probability will be carefully analyzed. It may, more than likely, be taken apart, revised, and put together again before it is discussed over the party line.

The bridge club, beauty parlor, and swing circle may serve also as a source of idle chat and groundless rumor, but the common talk undoubtedly turns to mockery and pettiness. Bits of information picked up here and there can develop into the most incredible tales imaginable. The majority of scandals result from the slightest happening; but when the newsmonger has finished, it may well be the most scandalous story in the history of a community.

Gossip hurts the gossip as well as his victim. The fiber of his character is weakened by the cheapness that comes with gossiping. The blow from the tongue of the gossip may be as painful as the sting of the wasp, but the wasp soon dies after he has poisoned his foe.

## If At First You Don't Succeed . . .

There is a legend, worthy of your time and thought. It not only aroused my intellectual curiosity, but brought to my mind, the familiar adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Robert Bruce was a gallant Scottish king, who spent a large portion of his life attempting to free his country from English rule. Robert, who was better known as Sir Brutus of Scotland, fought six successive battles without winning one. Being extremely downcast, Sir Brutus lay down on his hard bed in a wretched hut. As he lay there, he saw a spider swinging by a thread of his own spinning from the roof above him. It was trying

to swing from one beam to another and made the attempt time and again in vain. Sir Brutus saw the spider try six times, and fail six times. It then tried for the seventh time and succeeded. This display of diligence encouraged Sir Brutus to go out and fight a seventh battle. As a result of this battle, England finally recognized Scotland's independence and Bruce's right to the throne in 1328.

As the spider fought, and finally won, so the proverb goes—you can fight and win! As the spider won on his own thread, without outside aid, you can pull through on your own initiative.

Heed this ancient legend. Attempt the so-called impossible. Lift up your heart, and shout, "I can, and I will."

Ex Scripturibus . . . Veritas



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WHAT KIND OF ARTICLE IS THIS?

CAN'T THINK OF ANY HEAD FOR IT!

E-e-k! Help! THERE'S A KILLER LOOSE IN THE UNITED STATES! Yes, a ruthless, blood-thirsty killer who must be done away with! Already, countless thousands have been killed, murdered in cold blood and millions more have been "put away" as raving maniacs. Stocks have crashed, our businesses have crumbled, and only devastation and stark ruin faces our fair country, while the world-famous professor B. O. Plenty predicts the downfall of the entire human race.

And who, or rather I should say, what is the cause of all this excitement, ruining of our business and our country? Well, as you all know, Lena the Hyena has come over from Lower Slobbovia.

The very mention of her name will, without a doubt, send hundreds to their deaths and countless more will become babbling morons at the thought of her. Because of this fiendish killer, homes have been torn apart, families separated, and life-long friends have become bitter enemies.

From the John Adams Institution of Higher Learning comes the story of Tommy Lane who, while giving a speech in a Public Speaking class, was interrupted by an announcement over the P. A. system that Lena had entered the Sadie Hawkins Day race and that she was running a close second to Daisy Mae who was about to capture Tom's hero, Lil Abner. As Tom heard this, he became crazed with fear for his idol and quickly whipped his sawed-off shotgun from his holster, and rushed down to the office and fatally shot Jimmie McNeile in the act of announcing that Kilroy would make his first public appearance at the All School Dance.

Then, from the Babbling Brook Santatorium, alais Miss Roell's third hour shorthand class, (no, not that! not the whip!) comes the sad case of Mary Ann Evanoff. Period. (That is sad.)

These are but two of the many horrible cases of death and destruction that have stricken terror in the hearts of our countrymen and the whole world. We must rid our country of this horrible menace to civilization! It is up to us, the loyal citizens of Dogpatch and Skunk Hollow!!

AWK!! What was that morbid-looking creature who just walked past the study-hall door??? No! No! I can't stand it, I tell you. I can't stand it! A-A-A-e-e-e. Ha. I said it and I'm glad, I tell you, GLAD!

"Take him away, boys."

Believe

Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, Shirley Williams can't seem to make up her mind: one night she is seen with Jerry Gibson, the next night she's with alumnus Bill Farabaugh, and the next she's with Dave Coker.

I guess Jo Inglefield has turned to other sources since she received no answer to her letter beginning, "Dear Cucklet—".

Still going "steady" are Nancy Gradecki and Dewey; now going "steady" are Nancy Flickenger and Jerry ("Pod") Pukrop (Central); and one of the happiest new couples is Ramona Shecker and Dennis Koontz.

Believe me, if you want Doris Hurst to consider you a good conversationalist, talk to her about Dick.

There's nothing like trying to get in good with the coach. Take Tom Lane's r'sintance. He's really taking a beating from his foot-ball cronies now that he's going with Joan Crowe.

Believe me, Ronnie Minzy got lost in the shuffle when Dick Wy-song started to "case" Karen Hennings—to say nothing of Connie Hudson.

Week-end of November 22, Barb Sheeche and Millie Peterson went down to Purdue to visit Adams alumnae Joan Spry and Emily Kronewitter.

Myra Roberts and Joan Henderson really do a good job of cheering at the basketball games. Could it be because their fellas Glen Personette and Johnny Weissart play on the team?

Believe me, "Playboy" Grounds has been serenading Georgianna Jennings—ooh, Frankie!

The two Cox's were seen doubling at the Prog. "Hayseed Hop." Dorothy was with Ed Anderson and Jim with Barbara Clayton.

Joan Dibble is certainly seen about with alumnus Dick Guin quite often lately.

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(Second, and last, of the articles on etiquette by Betty Stark-Editor-Tower)

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If you're off to your favorite "hang out" after school remember how you felt the other day when you saw Joe "swoozling" and "slosh", "sloshing" his double chocolate malt.

### Women to be Protected

Ah! night shades are falling, and you want to be seen with your sweetie. So obligingly glide up to her door in your '47 Stude and begin the role of the perfect gentleman. Remember to do all the little things that make her feel small and protected. Open doors for her, help her with her coat and if you go to the show lead her down the aisle, if there is no usher. If you pass in front of others excuse yourself and if she's a "show bawler" take along an extra hankie to give her and everyone will be happy.

Now tie a little string around your finger and remember this volume is everything you do but please remember that I'm not a "walking etiquette book."

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## HEARD THE LATEST? KING AWAITING ANGELS

By Nancy King

One evening as I was standing on a corner waiting for a bus, I arrived at a very definite conclusion. It seems to me that men's ties are as bad as, or even worse than women's hats.

I was staring nonchalantly into space, breathing the lovely night air, when all of a sudden I was greeted with a horrible nightmare of some sort. It was somewhat of the purple and green polka-dot nature, strewn mercilessly on a background of black. The only natural thing for me to do was to arrive at two conclusions. Either I had gone hopelessly mad, or the world had come to an end. The latter of the conclusions, being the most agreeable, left me waiting for the angels to come any moment. (I had expected to go to heaven.)

While waiting for the angels to descend, an astonishing event made me take on a cold sweat. My nightmare changed its scenery. The background had transmuted from black to ultra-violet. And alas,—the polka dots were now in the form of pink cats, dancing all around.

I found myself praying to the angels and asking them please to hurry. These nightmares of superhuman colors and designs were causing me to devour my nails, and now I was jumping up and down on the ever-weakening stability of the sidewalk.

Unexpectedly, an understanding lady next to me grabbed me in the ju-jitsu manner and demanded, "Calm down."

"But lady," I answered, "Don't you realize? The world is coming to an end. Can't you see those nightmares of pink cats and green and purple polka dots?"

Quietly she explained, "Don't be alarmed—you'll get used to them. The pink cats and green and purple polka dots are the latest designs for men's ties."

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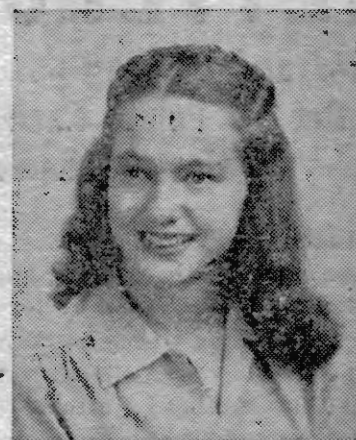
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# NETTERS STING HORNETS; CLUB CAVEMEN

## Ziker and Lambert Get 12 Points Each Against Mishawaka

Minus Rhoutsong, Harley and Moore, their three "big-guns," Mishawaka was easy prey for our hungry Eagles. Coach Powell's boys could have ran the score way up if they had been gluttons. Ten of Adams' varsity players saw action.

"Moe" Ziker and Don Lambert took top honors in scoring with twelve points each. Bill Green got eight points, Howell four, Fye two, and Granberry also got one field goal.

Elbows were flying and consequently each team received eighteen fouls. The refereeing was very much on the strict side but, Mishawaka was undoubtedly peeved about receiving such a shellacking and were "eager beavers" in the second half in trying to score. In summing up, it was a devil-may-care game all the way with the much smoother working Eagles the aggressor of the two.

Mishawaka needs a lot of work and polishing up if they expect to keep in stride with the tough competition they face. This victory increased the three year Coach Powell record to five games for Adams to two for the Maroons. The total points soared to 245 for Adams and 233 for Mishawaka.

The two teams meet again in a conference match January 10 at Mishawaka.

## Powell Gains First Win Over Gary Five

Led by a scoring fiend, in the person of Harold "Mighty-Moe" Ziker who tallied eight points in as many minutes in the first quarter, our "blistering" Eagles licked a prominent Gary-Lew Wallace squad 44-31.

Glenn Personette did such a good job of keeping Brooks, the Wallace one man team, under control in the first quarter that the Hornets coach yanked his star from the lineup.

Brooks started the game's scoring with one of his specials, a one hander from side court. However, this set Powell's "supermen" on fire and they came forth with such instinctive power, that they led 16-8 at the quarter, 26-14 at the half and came back in the second half a little slower, but just as game to take a 34-22 third quarter lead. The

GAL SEVEN ..... C ..... last quarter saw the Adams reserves take over and play a most aggressive game.

"Zike" in scoring fifteen points brought his three game total up to forty-two points and is far out in front of his nearest teammate, Don Lambert, who has nineteen.

### PATIENCE

Lady (at almond counter):  
"Who attends to the nuts?"

Wise Guy: "Be patient, I'll wait on you in a minute."

## TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

by Jack Highberger

"Can't you hear the Sectionals a Callin' Caroline?" What a team. If we get past Central and Laporte we should be able to take the conference. Those two schools are supposed to be the ones to beat, and I think Adams is the team that can do it. We play Laporte December 13 here, and one week later we tangle with Central's "big, bad Bears." The Eagle cagers play only one conference game before the Laporte tussle, that is with Goshen's Redskins.

Harold "Moe" Ziker has been "unstoppable" in his scoring. He has a "hot temper" but can really get the baskets and that's what counts. Don Lambert looked great in the Mishawaka game. Don, who had very little seasoning on last years "B" team, came up fast and has been playing first string varsity this season. Fye and Granberry have been sharing one forward post and each has looked good. They say each team has a leader, some one who might not be a high scorer, but a great "leader" and an all around floor man. We here at Adams should feel fortunate, for we have two of these "standouts." They need no introduction to you for they are two returning letter men "Hilly" Howell and Glen Personette. These six boys plus Fred Wegner and Billy Green will in my estimation give Adams its best season since the 1943-44 campaign.

Ronnie Minzey has been doubling as senior manager of football and also as junior manager of basketball. These two sports keep Ronald quite busy running back and forth between the two gyms.

## CROWE'S FOOTBALL CLASSES GIVE THRILLS 'N CHILLS TO AUDIENCE

Coach Crowe doesn't hope unveil a Joe Louis or Tony Zale in his weekly boxing and wrestling class, but he does hope to keep his "pore boys" in condition.

In a recent match the following were paired:

"Chita" Miller—Luther Johnson.  
"Nick" Nichols—"Jarrin" Jack Wagner.

"Bull" Roberts—Dick Booth.  
Keith Zeiders—Dave Hyde.  
"John L." Lane—"Primo" Goo-ley.

Lynn Wright—Gene Balok.  
"Chita" Miller came out swinging with plenty of fire but couldn't find his target but led Luther a merry chase any way.

"Nick" Nichols and Jack Wagner put on the best show and really gave the by-standers a look-see at some high class boxing.

"The toast of the coast" gentlemen, "John L." Lane met the "swooner" "Primo" Goo-ley in a most interesting waltz.

All the matches were interesting. Coach Crowe will present an award to the best participant next spring when spring practice starts.

"God will not look at you for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars."

## RED AND BLUE EAGLETS WIN AND LOSE FOR WEEK'S WORK

### Don Truex and Joe Howell Lead In Scoring

John Adams' junior netters, the B-team, won one and lost one in their two games last week.

The victory came from Mishawaka with a 24-13 score. Lanky Don Truex took scoring honors with nine points while brother Dick got seven. The same five boys played the whole game.

Lew Wallace tripped the Bees for their second defeat of the season when they squeezed by the red and blue 21-17. Joe Howell led the scoring with three baskets. Jurcik and Brotherson played in the game and were the first substitutions used by the Eaglets in any of their games.

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(Author prefers to remain Anonymous)

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