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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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ADAMS THESPIANS SCORE HIT AGAIN IN "THE CRIME"

Adams scored another success last night with their presentation of "The Crime at Blossoms." A fine performance was turned in by David Gibson and Nancy King, as Mr. and Mrs. Merryman, and Mary Troub, as their housekeeper. Bill Reinke was the long awaited for murderer.

The set brought out an English background. With a modern stage not much scenery was used. The Merryman cottage was rented to a Mrs. Denny, who died there with a lover rejected by her, murdered by her husband. Being penniless, Mrs. Merryman turned their home into a showplace. They used red paint to represent blood on the stairs and dramatized the murder as they thought it happened. Toward the end the murderer appeared and told how it was actually committed. He, who was deeply in love with Mrs. Denny, wished then that he had not killed her old lover. The Merryman's realized their blunder and tried, unsuccessfully, to keep him out of prison.

Orchids to the mob who visited the mystery house in the second act. They had the audience "rolling in the aisles."

DAKE SHOWS SLIDES ON TRIP TO MEXICO

Mr. Dake, history teacher, showed slides he took on his trip to Mexico last summer to Miss Law's Spanish classes and his own history classes. He also showed them at the Adams' P.T.A. meeting on October 14.

Mr. Dake's slides include views of the floating gardens of Xzolchimilco, and Taxco, a picturesque Mexican town which is an artist's paradise.

FIRST ADAM'S PEP RALLY BEFORE MISHAWAKA "SKIRMISH"

The Student Council inaugurated a new plan at Adams. This was a pep rally in Adams' field Thursday, October 16, at 7 P.M. Each year, this rally will be held before the Mishawaka game.

The band played several selections. Skits were given by students in Mrs. McClure's public speaking class. Joe Boland, South Bend Tribune sports writer,

spoke to the students, faculty, and team.

Jeanette Jackson, assisted by Mr. Nelson, was in charge of the arrangements.

ADAMS COLLECTS \$75.26 FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS

The American Junior Red Cross membership drive in the city schools ended October 14.

Only \$7 of the money collected goes to the National Enrollment Fund. The remainder is kept by the local Red Cross chapter to be used by the school for various projects the members wish to undertake to help those in need. The projects they may undertake are to fill gift boxes with necessary items and toys for war-torn Europe, to make albums to send to foreign countries, to help international relations, and to make articles for veterans still hospitalized.

The total amount collected in John Adams was \$75.26. The home home rooms contributing the largest amounts were

209—\$6.17. 101— 5.50. 207—5.45.

These home rooms representatives succeeded in securing 100% membership for their rooms.

Joyce Liebig 203.
Marion Densmore 210.
Mary Culp 101.
Rosemary Talbot, Drafting.
Nancy Coswell 102.
Doris Eberhardt 105.
Betty Rupert 205.
Gwen Krause 103.
Betty Granat 201.
Pat Sells 207.
Joan Mortensen 107.
Margaret Baldon 106.
Dolores Kint 204.

TO OUR READERS

You may not like the stuff we use—

But you should see what we refuse!

THE SMOKING COUNCIL ENFORCES RULES STRICTLY

It has been noted by the Student Council that there is a decided increase in the volume of smoking on school grounds. The council, at the beginning of the present term, decided to wait until the need arose before they would start the Smoking Council. That need has arisen. Therefore, the Council will go into action immediately.

This year's members are Don Simon, chairman, John Ruffner, secretary, Nancy Chappell, Dennis Kunce, and Devon Frash. It is their duty to try, and sentence, anyone who violates any of the smoking rules. These rules prohibit smoking, or having an unlighted cigarette in the mouth at any time, and any place within the school grounds. The grounds constitute the area enclosed by the side walks surrounding the school, with the athletic field excluded. The cinder roadway will be the boundry on the east.

The Smoking Council was set up last year by the students, with the backing of the Faculty. It was to help improve the general appearance of the school. Never before, to our knowledge, has a plan of this type been started successfully by the students. In many places the faculty has put similar plans into effect, but the Council thought it would be much better to have the students themselves formulate the plan and carry it through. Therefore, everyone can help by waiting until he gets across the street before they quench that "unbearable thirst" for a smoke.

NORTH CENTRAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS OCTOBER 23 - 24

In various schools, churches, and hotels over the city next week, teachers of northern Indiana will be attending meetings and classes together at the 1947 North Central Indiana Teachers Association. This means not only a short vacation for several thousand students, but that our teachers will be getting together discussing new materials and methods for teaching. So as you go merrily on your way this Thursday and Friday give a thought to those fine men and women who are studying so that they may make you study all the harder.

The officers for this year's association are Glade E. Rohrer, of Wakarusa, President; Mrs. Bertha Abner, of Knox, Vice President; and Frank E. Allen, of our own city, Secretary-Treasurer.

Teachers of different subjects will attend lectures of particular interest to them. Some of the meetings will be luncheons, some teas, and others discussion meetings.

The majority of the meetings including the general meetings will be held at Adams.

Our teachers will surely gain something from being together in this fellowship and from discussing their individual problems in order to receive guidance and helpful suggestions from men and women of their own profession.

PRESIDE OVER HI-Y THIS YEAR



Pictured here are the Hi-Y officers for this year. They are left to right: back row, Dick Brotherson, president; Bill Marrs, secretary; front row, Jim Lebo, Chaplain; Lynn Wright, treasurer, and Bob Dieter, sergeant-at-arms. Ben Jurcik, vice-president, was not present when the picture was taken. Mr. Floyd Dickey is the club sponsor.

GLEE CLUB SENDS QUOTA FOR NORTH CENTRAL CHORUS

If you see the Glee Club members going around the halls with their fingers crossed, think nothing of it. They are hoping to be selected to sing at North Central.

The North Central Choir is a combined group of 550 students representing the various high schools in northern Indiana. Each school's Glee Club is given a certain quota to fill., The musical numbers include a mixed group, a boys' group, and a girls' group.

The program at which this group will appear, is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. It will be directed by Dr. Russell Morgan, who is noted as one of the most outstanding public school directors in the United States. He was president of the National Music Association last year.

Our entire Glee Club will present an assembly in the near future. At this time we will hear some of the songs prepared for North Central,

Sue Slabaugh Beverly Miller

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Smile, Smile, Smile

The power of a smile is far-reaching and discerning. Behind the magic door, Aladin found gems of vast value and many precious jewels. So it is with a smile. Like the turning of a key in a lock, in just such a way can a smile open to us the blinding brilliancy of life.

I do not know if Dale Carnegie in "How to Win Friends and Influence People" recognized to the fullest extent, the value of an engaging smile. However, one thing is true, that a smile can certainly influence people. If you are one of these people with a good-natured grin, then you have found a way to make your place in the world. But if you are a melancholy person with a poker face, what can you expect life to give you? People flock around a cheerful smile but draw away from a disagreeable face.

You have often heard the story of little Snow White. The old queen would ask the magic mirror:

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, Who is the fairest one of all?"

And then the mirror would answer:

"The Magic Mirror tells you true, Snow White is lovelier than you."

And why? I think we all know. The old queen, with a dour countenance, couldn't understand the true beauty of little winsome Snow White. She could not understand why Snow White was beloved and she herself was hated.

But the life of make-believe is not entirely fanciful. So come on! let's try and smile awhile.

Dance Etiquette

Now that we're back to school again we start thinking of the numerous dances planned for the coming year. Let's look at a few do's and don'ts of the dance.

These first rules apply to girls only.

1. Go easy on the make-up. Remember, you'll never make your mark in the world by thoroughly messing a fellow's appearance by leaving tell-tale traces of your complexion on his clean white shirt.

2. Don't expect your date to be a walking cosmetic counter for you. Either leave your comb, lipstick, etc., in the powder room or carry it yourself.

3. Don't keep the poor fellow waiting for hours while you take time out to go over all the latest gossip with your friends in the powder room.

4. Don't eye all the other fellows while dancing. Flirts are a pain in the masculine pride.

5. Last but not least. If you can't talk and dance at the same time —try dancing.

Now to the boys:

1. Fellows, if you want a girl to really hate you, try this. Nothing so irritates a girl as to have spent hours trying to look her best and then see her escort turn up looking like a fugitive from a Powell gym class. At least wear a suit and a tie, and don't take your suit coat off.

2. If you must smoke, do it outside, not on the dance floor. A girl likes to think she came with a man — not a walking smoke stack.

3. Another good way to be a wallflower is to try all sorts of steps your partner can't do just to show how smart you are. Drag her all over the place, step on her feet, look as conspicious as possible, and by all means knock down everyone who gets in your way.

4. If you don't dance well that is not so bad, at least do your best and don't be continually apologizing about it.

PROGRAMS IN ADAMS' AUDITORIUM

Two interesting programs will be presented in the Adams' auditorium this week.

Tonight, October 22, an outdoor show will be presented by Ben

East, editor of the "Outdoor." There will be movies with a commentary on Alaska.

October 25 Fred Waring will will bring his famous glee club here.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED FOR CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The 1948 annual competition for 25 Cornell National Scholarships and more than 30 John McMullen Regional Scholarships has opened at Cornell University. Applications will be accepted by the university until March 1, 1948.

Winners of the Cornell National Scholarships receive an annual stipend of \$600, plus tuition, for the number of years ordinarily required to obtain a bachelor's degree in the division of the university which they select.

McMullen Regional Scholarships, open to non-residents of New York State, are worth \$500 annually for five years in any division of the College of Engineering. Applicants for McMullen Scholarships are automatically considered for Cornell National Scholarships.

The scholarships are open to men and women who will complete their secondary school work by July 1, 1948. Selection is made on a basis of character, academic achievement and aptitude, and general ability.

Anyone interested should contact Miss Burns within the next few weeks.

GREEK AND FRENCH EACH OFFERED ONCE A WEEK

Something new has been added! The demand for classes in French and Greek has been so great that Miss Law and Miss Kaczmarek have organized classes in these two subjects.

Miss Kaczmarek is conducting her class in Greek on Monday morning from 8:00-8:30. So far the attendance has been good.

Since the Greek alphabet and the Greek script differ so greatly from that of our own, the first project undertaken will be the learning of these.

The French class, led by Miss Law, meets after school on Monday. This class is also full. Both teachers enjoy conducting these classes.

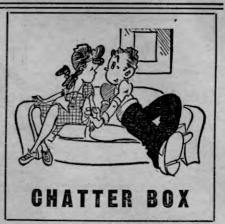
If French is enough in demand, a regular class may be started next year. These classes offer no credits

DRIVING LESSONS GIVEN FOR ADAMS STUDENTS

Have you noticed a green Stude-baker parked in front of the school? This is the new Adams duel-control car for driving lessons. To enter the class there are three qualifications: Be 16 years or older, parents consent blanks on file at the school, and a Health and Safety credit on record. Of course, you should know how to drive.

The South Bend Branch of the Chicago Motor Club and Scherman-Schaus-Freeman Sales Company thought of the idea. Our school is the first in the city to have the class. Duel-control gives the pupil a chance to experience real driving and Mr. Powell is at the controls for safety.

This is the chance for which we all should be grateful.



Here's this week's peek: Handholders: Dorothy Van DeWalle and 6' 3" "Don," a S. B. Catholic Alumni, Bill Grounds and Jeanette Mueller, and oldtimers Sue Slabaugh and Bernie Brekus.

Seen at the Adams-Plymouth game: Don Truex and Karen Hennings, Roger Adkins and Betty Lehner, LaMar Worley and Nancy Carlson, and Bill Marrs and Mary Nold.

Surprising new couples are: Denny Kunce and Nancy Watson, Wayne Robison and Lois Warstler and Norma Rush and Kent Brown.

Question of the week: Why are Mary Ann Pordon and Hannah Pillow talking constantly about the Mishawaka football team? Some special interest maybe?

Miriam Jones has her eye on Bill Joris.

Add girls more interested in mail call than a phone call: Jean Ingram who is writing to a handsome Marine Reserve "Roy." Carol Cormican, still in contact with her fellow in Chicago, and "Jackie" Milier, who is waiting for the Army to send her fellow home from Japan.

Who does Dixie Landy serenade in the 6th hour shop class?

Rosemary Kelly seems to like the hall chair in front of library. How about it Ziker?

Adamites casting glances toward other schools: Jo Inglefield is interested in Jim Brademus of Central, Marilyn Zimmer seems to go for Glen Woods of Central, Jack Stauffer has interests in Mishawaka and "Bonnie," Joan Coquillard is displaying a Washington-Clay class ring and Shirley Rogers is on friendly relations with Andy Toth of Central.

Anyone not in public speaking class is certainly missing a load of fun.

Myra Roberts and John Horning (Central) have fallen out, but John Weissert is still pining his heart out for Joan Harrington.

What is Tom Lane's interest at 614 Washington Street? Hmmm?

There'll be more next week, so come back again.

COWEN AND BOWMAN WIN TOWER DRIVE; 350 SUBSCRIBE

This year a contest was held between The Tower home room representatives to see who could get the most subscriptions. The prize was a year's free subscription to The Tower. Dora Ann Bowman and Betty Cowen, the home room representatives of 106, won the contest with a total subscription of twenty-eight, nineteen for a year and nine for one semester. This year 350 students subscribed.

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Club News

Drama Club. - Regular Drama Club meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3:40 in room 106 unless another announcement is made.

G.A.A.—The G.A.A. elected committees for the Initiation Banquet tonight. The committees elected are as follows:

Chile - Marian Higgins, Ann Kolhbrener and Betty Mc-Kinney.

Jello-Pat Rohrbrough, Dolly Smith, Marian Higgins and Ruth Keb.

Table decorations-Norma Van Hove. Louis Biastock. and Phyllis Loutzenhiser.

Serving-Dixie Landy, Norma Lebo and Carroll Cormican.

Fruit Cocktail-Pat Rohrbrough and Carroll Cormican.

Hi-Y.—At the Induction Service October 15, eighteen new members were installed. They are: Dean Adair, Dick Bennett, Bill Baranowski, Donald Anglin, Jim Cox, Dave Gibson, Bob Gross, Donn Haefner, Jim House, Richard Lee, Jim McClusky, Marlin Miller, Dick Moore, Jim Mould, Jim Nevins, Bill Reinke, John Ruffner and Jim Sears

Reverend Bosse, pastor of the River Park Methodist Church, was the speaker. The parents of the new members were invited to attend the induction ceremony. Hi-Y officers served refreshments after the ceremony.

Bill Marrs and Dennis Kunce are heading a committee that has scraped and repainted the basketball schedule in the back field of the school. The 1948 basketball schedule will be painted on it.

Letterman Club.-A new club is being organized by the student council. It will be called the "Letterman Club." To belong, one will have to have one major monogram in sports.

Ushers' Club-Six new members were accepted into the Ushers' Club. They are Phil Sandoz 10B, Robert Zinzlinger 11B, Kenneth Tennyson 10B, Bob Staton 10B, Harvey Dawson 10B and Andy Smithberger 10B.

River Park Theatre 30th & Mishawaka Ave.

Sunday and Monday Wallace Berry
"THE MIGHTY McGURK"
"BLONDIE'S BIG MOMENT" MOSTLY ABOUT



by Pat Kissinger

The student directors for "The Crime at Blossoms" deserve a lot of credit. They didn't get the glory, but they did the back-bending and pushing that made the show click. Hats off to Shirley Williams and Jerry Wineberg.

If someone tells you in chorus that you have J.B., don't hit them. It is the abbrevation for Mrs. Pate's new expression, jelly belly. Incidentally, it means a weak diaphragm.

Betty Granat was interviewed over WHOT on Tuesday, October 14 by Robert Bell. She told about the Junior Red Cross Drive at Adams. How does it feel to be "behind a mike," Betty?

After pondering over the five senses, Dick Hammond has decided the sixth sense is non-sense. (Retail Selling class was the scene

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of his cogitations.)

Those of you who saw Mr. Dake's slides on Mexico were very fortunate. The coloring of the photography was beautiful, not to mention the views shown.

Mr. Reber, after careful calculations in Physics, informed us that it would be much easier to swim in milk than in beer. Perhaps that is why we women take beauty baths in milk, not beer. (Just in case you wondered.)

Janie Buchanan won a trip to St. Louis October 5-7 by writing an essay on "What South Bend Juniors Should Wear," and by having a representative of Minx Modes judge her personal appearance "tops" at a luncheon given for the contestants. She had a grand time, who wouldn't, traveling about St. Louis in new Packard limousines, stopping at the Park Plaza hotel, and meeting the Mayor besides appearing on radio and

It is about time for the seniors to be electing class officers, so all of us seniors, had better start giving it some thought. The success of our senior class depends upon our leaders.

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SLICERS LOOK TOUGH AS ADAMS PREPARES FOR GAME FRIDAY

The Adams eleven will be after another victory come this Friday evening. Coach Crowe's spirited crew is enjoying a most successful season and will be out to upset the Slicer apple-cart. Laporte last season was considered a citadel in football even though they did not play either Washington or Central of South Bend on the gridiron. The conference most valuable player, Dick Alban, will spearhead the Maple City attack. Alban is, once again this season, considered the most valuable quarterback in the conference. Laporte works from the "T" formation with Alban figuring in all plays. Chuck Alsop anchors the line with his massive six foot game.

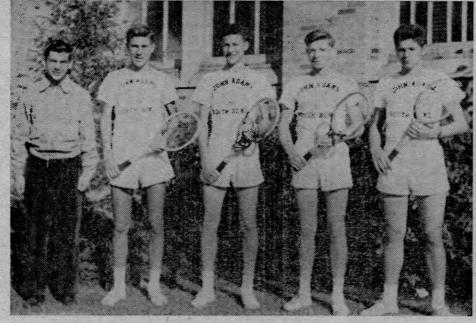
Adams will have to sharpen its pass defense to keep in the game with the fast squad. Coach Crowe has been shifting the lineup frequently in practice lately, hence no one man is assured of a starting position. The contest will begin at 7:30 sharp on Laporte's home field, instead of the usual South Bend kickoff time of 8:00 p.m.

Congratulations on your fine foot-

Drop in and see our complete lines

113 N. Main

Tennis Squad Ends Season Third in Conference



Left to right: Student manager, Robert Kaplan, Marlin Miller, Dick Bennett, Jim Cox, and Bud Witt.

The John Adams tennis team did itself proud again this year by having a successful season. Adams finished third in the conference with a record of five wins and three losses. The team lost to Central, Elkhart, and Michigan City, but defeated Riley, Goshen, LaPorte, Mishawaka, and Fort Wayne.

Dick Bennett had the best record for the season with five wins and two losses. Jim Cox won five and lost three, Bud Witt rated five hundred with a record of four wins and four losses.

Marlin Miller, a Sophomore, and Jim Lefler, a newcomer from Elkhart, played only doubles this year, but looked very good by winning many of their matches. Bob Kaplan was manager.

Congratulations, Coach Reber, for a job well done!!

EAGLES FLY OVER

ROCKIES 13-7

The Eagles chalked up their fifth win at the expense of the Plymouth "Rockies." Coming into the Adams game, the Plymouth team was boasting a record of five wins and no losses. With the off and on playing of Plymouth's star, Steve Nagy, the Rockies were in the game all the Don Simon set up the drive that resulted in Adams' first touchdown by intercepting Steve Nagy's pass on the Adams' 40-yard line. With Roberts, Howell, and Barritt combining in a series of plays that included a triple reverse, Adams moved the ball to the Rockies 10yard line. Then, on three plunges Roberts went over for the touchdown. Bill Gooley's kick was wide. In the second period Adams advanced the ball to Plymouth's 2yard line where the march was halted on fourth down. Horn punted from behind his own goal to Plymouth's 28-yard line. On first down, Joe Howell rifled a perfect pass to Leroy Barritt who went over for the touchdown. Howell circled right end for the extra point and at the end of the first half the Eagles led 13 to 0. In the third quarter the ball changed hands many times, with neither team able to threaten seriously. Late in the fourth quarter Plymouth drove to the Adams 10-yard line, but a series of back field in motion penalties pushed them back. Adams took over the ball and Bill Gooley punted out of danger and gave Plymouth possession on their own 42. After a series of passes the Rockies scored on a 15-yard pass from Servis to Smith with 30 seconds remaining in the game. Nagy crashed over for the extra point. The game ended with the Eagles victorious

by a score of 13 to 7.



A roly-poly gent in the person of Steve Nagy failed to explode in the arms of the Adams eleven as he was injured in the first quarter and saw only limited action for the remainder of the game. The hulahipped hurricane from Marshall county gave the Adams lads a game of it though when he did see action. The Eagle ball carriers cut some fancy capers in the open field and on several occasions broke through for long gains. Bill Roberts almost went all the way on one occurence. They tell me tackling Roberts is almost as bad as trying to throw a body block into a New York Central Express.

Zeiders, Deiter, Wright, Nichols, and Coker were outstanding on defense. Zeiders played such a rugged game he had to take the bench in the fourth quarter nursing a bruised ankle.

The Laporte-Adams game at Laporte this Friday will start at 7:30. The Maple City boys are big and rough spearheaded by Dick Alban, All-Conference Quarterback, and big Charlie Alsop, bruising line-

I'm one of those persons who believes we should have a pep session before every game whether it is played at home or away. By the way, when you're making up those pep sessions why not have a team member get up and say a few words on behalf of the team? We might as well make this big

Leroy Barritt will know what to call next time when the ball is on the one-yard line or were those "sweet nothings" Coach Crowe was whispering in your ear "Moose"?

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TAKES CONFERENCE THIRD PLACE

The John Adams Cross Country team is drawing to the close of its second season in the sport. The sectional meet was run at Erskine Golf Course yesterday with the top two teams eligible to compete with fourteen others in the finals at Indianapolis on November 1.

After winning only one of its first three meets, the team rounded into form and took the next five in a row to grab third place in the conference of eight teams. Only defending state champion Mishawaka and Laporte were able to

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subdue the Eagles.

Mac Bussert finished first in two of the eight races and led the Adams runners across the finish line on seven occasions while finishing third in the other. Dick Foster paced the Eagles in their initial meet and garnered second place four times. Phil Layman ranked third, and LaMar May and John Keller rounded out the first five. Others whom Coach Powell has to choose from in the conference meet next week are Jim McClusky, Dave Gibson, Carlisle Parker, Bill Randt, Mel Edgerton, and "Chick" Goodrich.

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