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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

January 21, 1947

STUDENT COUNCIL WORK CONTINUES WITH ENTHUSIASM

The Student Council has been busy these past few weeks.

Plans for noon recreational activities during the lunch hour in the little theatre are now in effect. These plans include ping-pong and movies.

An effort is being made to make possible the sale of season tickets for football games to be put into effect during the next football season. These season tickets would be based on the same principle as the season tickets used for basketball games.

Plans are also being made for a dance to be held after the Riley-Adams game. Chairman of the dance committee is Barbara Sennett.

The Student Council has organized a Driving Council connected with the Student Court and the Smoking Council. The area which is included is: East—any place within the school field fence. North—from Twyckenham to Greenlawn. West—Twyckenham to Mishawaka Avenue to Wall Street. Violation of the Driving Council rules includes any kind of reckless driving.

MR. WEGNER FATHER OF BABY BOY, JAMES MICHAEL

If you wondered why Sammy Wegner was dashing madly about the halls on the morning of January 12, you'll be interested to know that he became the proud father of a 7 lb. baby boy, James Michael, at 10:39 that morning.

The Wegners also have a son, Patrick, who is seven, and a four-year-old daughter, Pamela.

APPENDICITIS HITS TWO ADAMS GIRLS

Jean Kifowit is out of school after suffering an attack of appendicitis. Jean Ingram returned just before Christmas vacation after a similar attack. P.S. It isn't contagious, though.

INSTRUCTIONS

On Friday morning, January 23, all students will report to their respective home rooms at 8:30 to receive their report cards. Those who need recounseling will confer with their home room teachers. Next semester fees may be paid also.

SUPPORT THE MARCH OF DIMES

With the coming of the new year, 1948, the chance again came to us to look back over the events of the past years. This view should have made us realize how very fortunate we are. We have health, both physical and mental. However, there are those in our community who once having had health, have it no more. Poliomyelitis, commonly called polio, is a disease well known for its destruction of such health.

Thus it is that as the year ushers in the month of January, we healthy citizens look forward to "The March of Dimes", which extends from the 15th to the 30th. This annual drive is the opportunity we have to give our money toward the aid of those polio-stricken. The drive strikes even closer to home when we realize that our dimes will do their work right here in our own St. Joseph County.

Do you remember little Paul McKinnis, over on South Fellows Street? Paul is just five now, but already he has felt the blow of polio. His parents were not prepared to pay the expensive costs of caring for Paul's paralyzed limbs, so our local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis took our money and with it produced the required amount. The local chapter has helped many, many such cases, but there are still numerous families throughout the area who are burdened just as were the McKinnis'.

Therefore, we Adams students are digging into our pockets and purses to bring out coins to support the March of Dimes. Once again we are going to see that the people of our community do not suffer unnecessarily.

- CLUB NEWS -

Hi-Y — Last week officers received their pins. Dick Brotherson, the president, received a pin with the Hi-Y triangle and a gavel. The treasurer's pin was given to Ben Jurcik. Bill Marrs received a pin for being secretary which has an ink pot and pen along with the Hi-Y triangle. The Chaplain, Jim Lebo, received a pin with a cross and the Hi-Y triangle.

Bob Dieter gave a report on the Christmas tree sales and Lynn Wright gave a report on the sale of mechanical pencils.

Library Club — A new rule has been added to the constitution of the Library Club. It states that any member missing three consecutive meetings shall be automatically dropped from the club.

The club has changed the displays in the show cases in the main hall. One of the cleverest is "Fun and Fancy Free" by Bob Welber.

Ushers Club — The Ushers Club ushered for the Mishawaka-Adams basketball game, Friday, January 9, and for the South Bend Symphony program on Sunday, January 11. They also ushered for the Adams-Plymouth game January 20th.

The Club expects to usher for Spike Jones who will appear here in the near future.

Y-Teens — Due to the fact that there was no new business to be discussed, the Y-Teens saw a movie instead of holding a regular meeting. The movie was a cartoon by Walt Disney on "How to Bathe the Baby."

The club will elect new officers at their next meeting.

ADAMS STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVES AT WORLD MEETING

Shirley Williams, Dave Gibson, Keith Hall, Artie Grant, and Don Crawford represented the Methodist Youth Fellowships of the 1st and River Park Methodist Churches in Cleveland from December 30 to January 2. There were 10,000 youths from the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, South America, and Mexico. The topic of discussion was, "What can youth do about the problems facing the world today?"

ROSE TO HAVE LEG CAST REMOVED SOON

Maryvonne Rose says that she gets her leg out of the cast in a few weeks. She broke her foot in an automobile accident in December.

FLU EPIDEMIC TAKES TOLL IN CITY; HITS SCHOOLS LIGHTLY

The flu has hit South Bend in nearly epidemic proportions. There is no set standard, however, to measure this disease, but in the past weeks, many students have been absent. Since a mysterious variation of the flu has hit the west coast, influenza has been prevalent over the country. There are not as many students absent as there were year.

NEW SOPHOMORES ENTER ADAMS ON FRIDAY MORNING

The semi-annual infiltration of bewildered sophomore B's will begin again when the new semester starts. To help the sophomores off on the right foot the Tower will sponsor an assembly to indoctrinate them into John Adams. This year the assembly will be held January 23 at 1:30 in the Little Theater. Pat Kissinger, editor of the Tower, will welcome them and introduce the faculty. Joan Wine will describe the extra-curricular activities the school offers. Mr. Rothermel will give home room assignments. Then the new sophomores will go quietly back with their home room teachers to get their first taste of senior high school life.

SENIOR PLAY IN PROCESS OF FORMATION

The senior play committee composed of Dick Worth, chairman, Pat Kissinger, Nancy Flickenger, Shirley Williams, Tom Lane, and Bob Waechter, assisted by about 30 other seniors are having regular Tuesday noon meetings. The 1948 senior show is going to be something new and different. Plans are being completed, and try outs will be held in the near future. In the meantime, Dick Worth has asked that anyone interested in taking part in the show in any way contact him.

HAVE YOU

just received a Cadillac convertible for your birthday?

had a tooth pulled?

gotten married, engaged, or

just going steady?

killed anyone?

flunked your finals?

gained ten pounds?

signed a movie contract?

inherited a million dollars?

been walked home by cassanova (censored)?

broken a finger nail?

had a baby?

won a jitterbug contest?

gotten a ticket for speeding,

running a stop sign or

driving recklessly?

died?

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Grades—Are They Important?

As grades will soon be out, most of us are beginning to worry about what we are going to get on our report cards. But are grades a true judgment of what we learned during the past eighteen weeks? In most cases they are not. They are merely a rough estimate of the amount of cramming we were able to do the night before the test. Why is this? Do any of us ever wonder just how much we actually remember of what we so-called "learned"? We are told by educators we remember only about one seventh of what we study. Is it worth all the cramming?

Whether we like to admit it or not, we are all guilty of cheating. Copying assignments or looking at our neighbor's paper is not so that we ourselves will learn anything but just so that we can hand in our papers to our teacher hoping to fool him or her about our profound knowledge of the subject.

Except for a few twelve A's, who will receive their last Adams' report cards this week, we will all be back next semester. What say we all make a belated New Year's resolution to see if we can't learn something next term. Congratulation to those who learned something this semester!

Better Concentration, Glee Club Goal

The Glee Club is trying to improve its concentration. It is a well-known fact to us that if a problem is concentrated upon, it can be solved in a much shorter time.

After posing the problems before the group, we decided to develop concentration in such a way: Pass out a sheet of music three times to the group. Then sing the piece once without music to see where lack of concentration entered in. As a final step, pass out the music once more; sing it. The piece should be learned more quickly through having better concentration.

The Glee Club has assumed the responsibility of concentration only when approaching a new program. We then felt the absolute need for it. Therefore, we know music can be polished in fewer rehearsals if we put our minds to it.

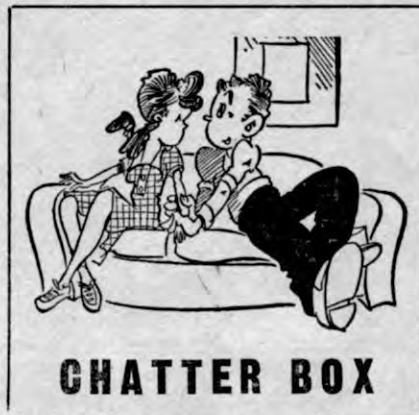
Concentration is one of the Glee Clubs bigger goals. We hope to achieve it.

by Nancy King.

Unselfishness

Almost everyone has known the joy of helping someone who needs it, but only those who really go out of their way and do all they can for a person knows the real joys of life. The feeling that you have made somebody's life happier, and that the world is somewhat better just because you are here is very gratifying.

You will never know what you can get from life until you have tried and tried, failing sometimes, but all the time reaching until you grasp the final goal; doing all this with no desire for payment. Only then can you know the real reward of hard, earnest work. You have the feeling of being good and having partially earned your place in life. You can get all of this from performing a difficult feat—is it worth it? That only you can decide.



Dear Dottie:

What can be done about breaking up the seemingly inseparable foursome of Dean Adair and Wani-ta Kissell, and Harvey Dawson and Carol Crowe?

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Do you have any designs on one of these dear Adamites? If so, I'm afraid you'll have to find someone else, as they seem to be so well suited. You might try an atomic bomb, although that is a little disastrous.

Dear Dottie:

Eileen has a picture of Fred. What can I do to get one?

L. T.

Dear Lenore:

Have you tried asking him? You could also carry along your Brownie camera and snap one when he isn't looking.

Dear Dottie:

Is it true that Marian Densmore has a new escort?

Worried

Dear Worried:

Don't you know that worrying is bad for the health! Just go out and get yourself a new girl.

Dear Dottie:

Who is that dreamy blond fellow Jean Ingram was with at the Campus club?

Mert

Dear Mert:

He is cute, isn't he? They tell me there are more like that at the Campus Club, so why don't you go and see!

Dear Dottie:

I have given my ring to V.E. Now don't you think she should be true?

John

Dear Mr. Weissert:

She should, but it's hard for some girls to quit flirting. Perhaps she should be told about her shortcomings.

Dear Dottie:

What are we going to do for a school nurse after Miss Kemski walks down the aisle to the tune of "I Love You Truly"?

Her patients

Dear Patients:

Where there's a will there's a way. Time heals all wounds even if Miss Kemski won't.

Dear Dottie:

Dick keeps tickling me all the time. What am I going to do?

Dear Miss Schwier:

Let your finger nails grow or take along a baseball bat.

Dear Dottie:

George and I keep fighting all the time. Is there a solution?

M.B.

Dear Miss Bolden:

Pass that peace pipe and bury that hatchet!



Watch for these New Books:

Davies—

Miracle on 34th Street

That lovable story about a man who really believed he was Santa Claus—a little past the season, but the spirit still prevails—and you know—when you read the story—you'll agree with the old man himself—he IS Santa Claus.

Eidinoff, M.—

Atomics for the Millions

Just off the press, and filled with information you need to know about the atoms.

Gunther, John—

Inside U. S. A.

Written by the author of Inside Asia, Inside Europe and others. A current evaluation of America as seen by J. Gunther. You'll especially want to read about our own state of Indiana.

Lebbel, H. G.—

The Marshall Fields

The family of the largest department store in the world—How they earned their fortune and what they've done with it. It's on our biography list.

Whitney—

Abigail Adams

The inside story of one of the president's wives. Good reading as well as good information.

Stoddard, Anne—

American Women

For the girl who dreams of acting, art, education, engineering, photography, fashion, politics, radio—and you need an inspiration, read about one who has achieved success—you'll be proud she was an American Girl.

Ewen David—

Tales from the Vienna Woods

For music lovers and those who just like people—the story of Vienna in its heyday of romantic, dancing gaiety is the background for this story of Johann Strauss. Also included in the back of the book are themes of the major waltzes, and a list of recordings.

Wadelton, Tommy—

My Mother is a Violent Woman

For pure humor, you'll enjoy this book—written by a boy about his mother. You'll laugh and you'll like Tommy and his Army Major father and his violent mother.

Mr. Williams: Where is the capital of the United States?

John: In loans all over the world.

Dear Dottie:

How can I decide between Joe, Jim, Pete, John and Dick?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

You have no problem! Tell me where I can find such a problem!

Dear Dottie:

Why didn't someone tell me about those Central girls before. I find them very fascinating.

Pudge

Dear Wink:

We just didn't want Central to lure you away from the old home-stead. Of course we're happy if you are.

TALE OF OUR LIM SETTER A S.D. (SAP DOCTOR)

Did you ever want to become a tree surgeon? Our hero, Lim Setter, did once. Let us tell you his story.

We see Lim studying prodigiously a handbook on first aid reading the chapter on broken limbs. After he had completely mastered its contents, he bought a name plate with great big gold letters and the inscription Dr. Lim Setter, S. D. (sap doctor.) Then he was ready to go to work.

His first call was for a dying patient, Weeping Willow. The tree was in awful shape, the limbs were drooping to the ground, one limb was broken off, and a hole had been eaten out of it by termites. Sizing up the situation Lim first got some tape and plaster to mend the broken limb. He got a ladder and proceeded to fix this limb by winding the tape around the tree several times. Unfortunately the tape wouldn't stick, and to make a bad matter worse he got completely tangled up in the tape. He stepped down from the ladder and stepped into the wet plaster which he had unwittingly placed below the ladder. His feet stuck into it because it had started to harden as he had taken so much time with the tape. He was really in a confused mess, and was rescued only with the help of five men.

He decided to abandon the limb and fix the "termite eaten" hole. He got the alcohol to cleanse the wound and was rubbing away when he noticed a queer looking object. It could only be the cause of the tree's sickness, so he got the scalpel and carefully started to remove this obnoxious object. Suddenly out of no where he was bombarded by stingers. At that time he decided that the object was a bee hive. They were much too friendly and his head was soon swelling and he was covered with bumps.

Nevertheless he was filled with the great responsibility of a doctor, and he knew he couldn't leave his patient to die. He was determined to try one last cure . . . pills! First he must feel its head for signs of fever, as that was what the first-aid book prescribed, so he climbed to the top of the tree. The branches got smaller and smaller, and just as he reached the top of the tree the limbs broke and poor Lim landed in the hospital with two broken limbs of his own, five fractured fingers and numerous red bumps caused by the bees. But that wasn't all. What griped Lim was the \$25 fine for disturbing the peace!

AN INTERVIEW (?) WITH MISS KAY FRANCIS

Friday afternoon, January 9, we received the assignment: to try to get an interview with Miss Kay Francis. Naturally, we were quite excited and thrilled about the opportunity of interviewing such a famous Hollywood and Broadway star. She was to be in South Bend that night to appear in the stage play, "State of the Union" so we couldn't lose any time.

We immediately decided to contact the manager of the Palace Theater. After obtaining a hall pass, by means of which John Adams students already know, we called the manager. He was polite, but said that he could not give us any information then. He told us to call back at 7:00.

Not to be daunted, because we had been told not to give up easily, we rushed down to the Palace the second school was out. We didn't succeed in learning any more about the interview, but they succeeded in selling us two tickets to that night's performance.

Promptly at seven, we again called the theater and asked to speak to the manager. He was of no more help than he had been before. He referred us to a Mr. Blair, who was the manager of the "State of the Union" company. Eight minutes and four calls later we caught up with Mr. Blair. He advised us to give up since an interview was impossible. But did we? Of course not.

We arrived at the theater a half hour early so we could have time to write a letter to Miss Francis. During the first intermission we gave an usher fifty cents and our letter; and told him to try to get it to the elusive star. Two scenes later he returned defeated. We got back our letter but not the fifty cents. During the second intermission we decided to see what we could do, but after several futile attempts to get back stage, we realized we had again failed. When the play ended, we knew there was only one more way to get the all-important interview. So the next three-quarters of an hour found us standing in the stage door with the letter in our hand. There was at least a hundred others standing there with us waiting to catch a glimpse of the star. Finally the door opened and Miss Francis stepped out. You guessed it—we were foiled again. In fact, we were unluckier than most; we didn't even get her autograph.

by Marilyn Tasher
and Joan Parritz.

Do you know the biggest moving jog ever attempted?—"Wheeling, West Virginia."

John Adams Hit Parade

"How Soon" — Donna Miller and Jim MacKendzie, Jane Tarr and Bill Clark, and Shirley Williams and Jerry Gibson

"Near You" — Alex Fuller and Jean Hostettler, and Joan Henderson and Bill Snoke

"Anniversary Waltz" — Katie DeLong and Dick Fohrer (one year) and Nancy Gradecki and Dewey Moore (almost two years)

"Jealousy" — Ginny Erhardt and John Weissert

"Temptation" — Mary Lou Swank and Leroy Barritt

"Together" — Jo Dibble and Paul Buman, and Nancy Chappell and Jack Michaels

"The Merry Widow Waltz" — Nancy King, Nancy Flickenger, and Mary Ann Earle

"Heartaches" — John Ruffner and Jeanette Graff, and Miriam Jones and Bob McDole

"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" — Pat Haley and Dave Gibson

"Day by Day" — Pat Bonnell and Nick Nichols, and Boo Rupert and Fred Holycross

"Peg 'O My Heart" — Ramona Shecker and Bill Cox, and Agnes McCreary and Bill Coggan

"I Walk Alone" — Jane Buchanan and Jack Pfaff

"I Don't Know Why" — Eileen Finnigan and John Keller

"Girl of My Dreams" — Jo Inglefield and Bob Manby

"I'm Through with Love" — Jerry Freels

"You Were Meant For Me" — Shirley Rogers and Andy Toth, and John Bowman and Liz Toth

"Sooner or Later" — Arlene Zick and Dick Brotherson

"My Man" — Pat Hammond and Tom Lane

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Thursday, January 22—

Basketball—Adams at Washington

Friday, January 23—

8:30 A.M.—Report Cards

ALL IN A NUTSHELL

PUNKY KINT

Eyes: Blue.

Hair: Blond.

Height: 5'.

Favorite Food: French Fries.

Favorite Color: Blue.

Favorite Movie: Home In Indiana.

Favorite Sport: Basketball.

What Color Hair Do You Like On The Opposite Sex: Red.

What habit annoys you most in other people: Conceit.

BOB WEGNER

Eyes: Brown.

Hair: Brown (medium).

Height: 5' 5½".

Favorite Food: Ice Cream.

Favorite Color: Blue.

Club Membership: Hi-Y; Tower.

Favorite Movie: Golden Earrings.

Favorite Sport: Basketball.

What Color Hair Do You Like On The Opposite Sex: Red.

What habit annoys you most in other people: Too much lipstick on girls.

That's My Girl

First week: "Mom, would you please let me wear your brown tweed suit if I'm very careful?"

Next week: "Mom, is it O.K. if I wear our tweed suit?"

Fortnight: "What're you putting on, Mom? I'm wearing my brown tweed."

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Claire Holley and his up and down Washington Panthers will provide the opposition for Adams low flying Eagles tomorrow evening. The Panthers have had their ups this season and they have also had their downs. Coach Holley has a pretty fair basketball player in Jerome Goralczyk. Jerome gave the Eagles holy ned last season. In fact he sank the tieing basket for the Panthers in their one point victory over the Adams netters. Bobby Robertson, buxom negro hoopster, will be around once again to titter and tease the men of Raph Powell. Strzclecki and Lawecki fill out the guard posts. Blond Bill DePaape serves as the west siders pivot man.

CAVEMEN HIT
EAGLES WITH
40-30 VICTORY

Mishawaka's Cavemen took advantage of Adams fumbling antics and subdued the vanishing Eagles 40-30.

The only bright spot of the evening was the return of Harold Ziker to the Adams lineup for the first time in almost two months. Even though he saw only limited action "Zike" hit for six points.

The Cavemen's big guns were Carl Philotoff and Dick Freeman. Freeman's great pivot work and his supreme height had the Eagles befuddled all evening. The pint-sized Philotoff also had a fine evening and Coach Powell's Eagles can feel happy they don't have to cope with Mishawaka a third time.

JAMES NAISMITH AND THE GAME OF BASKETBALL

Born at Almonte on November 6, 1861, Jim Naismith was a strong, nimble, hard-working boy. In summer he speared fish on the flooded flats, he hunted dogs that killed sheep, he rode, worked or fished, while in wintertime he went to school in Almonte.

When he went to college, McGill University in Montreal, in 1883, he made the football team almost at once. He was a great center and outplayed men who outweighed him by many pounds. Often after a game he was so exhausted he could hardly hold his head up, but in the game he was quick, resourceful, and could usually outwit opponents. The gymnasium had a lure for him at McGill and he quickly won junior and senior all-around championships.

He and his chum often performed acrobatic stunts secretly after gym class. Once, when home from college they gave a stunt as part of a program at a high-school concert. It ended in a Catherine Wheel in which each held his partner's ankles, and by a series of dives rolled across the stage. They made six revolutions but the stage was too small, and they quickly found themselves across it and before they could stop they burst into three wings and a dressing room door and collapsed in the midst of a chorus of girls changing dresses.

Later Jim went to Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. College to learn more about physical education. Here he was assistant to the coach. His boys were in a fine glow from the football schedule and they chaffed at being in the boresome



Coining a phrase from Doctor Benson, this writer received a "Cameo of Experience" when he attended Notre Dame's 28th annual testimonial banquet. This event was truly my once in a lifetime experience, for it was given for the greatest football team in Notre Dame's history. The banquet was a huge success from the Invocation until the end of team, comic "Ziggy" Czrobowski's smashing final speech. Czrobowski always has a word to say and is at the height of his glory when he is given a chance to expound with some of his half-a-dollar words. If Mr. Sargent is ever looking for a speaker to address our student body he couldn't go wrong if he hired Mr. Czrobowski. I guarantee he would hold your interest.

routine of gym classes. So Jim sat down and figured out a competitive game that could be played on hard floors and in a gymnasium.

Just before the Christmas holidays of 1891, Naismith invited a few boys to try out the game. As they walked to the gym, Naismith carried a regulation soccer ball. The only question in his mind was the kind of goal into which the ball could be thrown. On the way, he met the superintendent of the Springfields buildings and asked him for a couple of boxes. The man offered him two empty peach baskets instead.

The peach baskets were nailed to the gallery railing at each end. There was no written rules. Jim explained the game and the fun began. The boys skirmished hotly until someone made the lucky goal. This was a new difficulty. How could the ball be dislodged from the basket? Finally a player went to the gallery, climbed down the rail and reached into the basket for the ball. To meet this difficulty, at every game the janitor with a step ladder played an important part.

Gradually basketball was adapted by American high schools and colleges everywhere and was played principally through the winter months. Now it has a tremendous hold upon the youth of our nation.

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