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JUNIOR RED CROSS ENROLLMENT OPENS

"10B ENTERS ADAMS" SUBJECT OF P.T.A. MEETING

The John Adams Parent-Teachers Association held their first meeting of the 1948-49 year in the Little Theatre October 26, at 8:00 p.m.

The officers this year are:

Mrs. C. W. Shulmier, president

Mrs. Paul Worley, first vice-president

Mrs. Charles D. Weissert, second vice-president

Mrs. Devon Rowe, secretary

Mrs. J. E. Riggs, treasurer.

Mrs. Shulmier called the meeting to order. Mr. Sargent introduced Miss Phyllis Shulman, our orchestra director. The orchestra then played Pavanne by Morten Gould. Don Carson featured with a trumpet solo. The group also played Mexican Overture by Thomas.

Mrs. D. W. Frash sang Bless This House and When Love is Done.

Since October is membership month, Mrs. R. D. Grimshaw spoke on the purpose of the P.T.A. Mrs. Paul Tanner stated the platform for the organization, Mr. Fred Wegner acquainted the parents and teachers with the beliefs and Mr. Alonzo Goldsberry spoke on Family Life.

After a short business meeting conducted by the president, the 10B subject teachers, Miss Mary Lou Tash, Biology and Girls' Physical Education instructor; Mr. Corby Davis, English teacher; Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, Business and Geometry teacher; and Mr. Harry Koss, Health teacher, explained the courses and their methods of teaching. Mr. Russell Rothermel then gave a brief outline of the awards given to students participating in extra-curricular activities. He also mentioned the scholarships and other awards presented to graduating seniors.

BASKETBALL SEASONAL TICKETS TO GO ON SALE SOON

Mr. Rothermel has announced that basketball season tickets will soon go on sale. There will be nine home games; the first will be November 18. The tickets for adults will go on sale on November 8th. They will be priced at \$5.00 each. Student tickets at \$2.00 each will be sold after November 15th.

Support your basketball team — buy a season ticket and tell your parents about it.

TOWER RECEIVES

JOURNALIST REWARD

Last year's Tower with Pat Kisinger as editor received the International Second Place Award from Quill and Scroll, the honorary society for high school journalists.

Sample Towers were sent to the Select Board of Critical Service Judges for the annual examination and rating of school papers.



Left to right are the newly elected officers of the Jr. Red Cross. They are Barbara Brecht, secretary; Delores Kint, treasurer and Betty Granat, president. Chrystine Scott, the vice-president, was not present when the picture was taken.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS MEET AT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

November 4, is the date set aside for Open House at John Adams. This affair provides an opportunity for the parents and the teachers of the John Adams students to become acquainted. Parents are sent a copy of their child's sprogram. This enables the parents to know the subjects that the children are taking and the teachers they should like to visit.

The purpose of the annual Open House is to better acquaint the parents with the teachers and the school system of John Adams. At Open House parents and teachers may discuss the problems of the students; but if serious problems occur with a student it is imperative that parents make an appointment to discuss the problems with the teacher at a specific time.

Sears Concludes Hi-Y Conference Story

I'd like to take you into the personal side of the congress too. In the evenings we had what we called P. J.: (pajama) seminars at which we talked about the day's happenings. We talked about everything from the baseball game of the day to personal problems brought out by the discussion groups. Here we heard the "lingo" of the west coast and the low cultured "ughs" from the new England delegates. All in all it gave me a pretty good view of all of the life in the U.S. itself.

As the chosen president I felt deeply honored as that glorious moment arrived when I should be installed. Before I arrived at the hall the Indiana delegates sang "On the Banks of the Wabash" and "Indiana" and my heart swelled

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DEMOCRACY FEATURED IN GLEE CLUB RULE

To be democratic is one of the most important aims of the John Adams Glee Club. The Glee Club feels that it has achieved the goal of a democracy in the type of government which it now has.

The Executive committee is the governing body in the Glee Club. This committee consists of twenty-five members who meet every five weeks to solve the problems of the Glee Club. Each spring the students elect the members who will serve on the committee the following fall. This committee is large in number so as to obtain a larger viewpoint and a better understanding between the principals, the faculty, the student body, and the Glee Club.

The Executive committee is not the only important functional body in the Glee Club. Every student has a job that is just as important as that of the Executive members. When a student has a problem or a question it is his duty to tell Mrs. Pate or some member of the committee. If the problem or question concerns just one person it will be answered privately; but, if it concerns the entire Glee Club they all will be told. The suggestion box invites any suggestions that any student wishes to make. It is on the piano at all times. These suggestions are brought before the Executive committee; then, the entire Glee Club will vote on them if the Executive committee thinks them worthwhile.

Mrs. Pate also brings her Glee Club problems before the Executive committee. Many times they are able to solve difficult problems easily because of their different ideas. When our director receives an invitation to sing outside of school, she never accepts it without an affirmative vote from the group.

By employing these policies of democracy the Glee Club is a strong and efficient body.

DRIVE WILL CONTINUE FOR ONLY NINE DAYS

Every year during November the Junior Red Cross begins the enrollment of students. A student automatically becomes a member after contributing to the fund. The member is given a card and a Red Cross button to wear proudly to proclaim his membership.

This year the membership drive opened November 1 and will continue through November 9.

A small amount of the money collected is sent to the National Chapter, to be used when needed in all parts of the United States as well as abroad. The remainder of the money is kept in the local chapter to be used in the school to help fill gift boxes or finance any project the students may wish to undertake.

Junior Red Cross at Adams

At Adams the Junior Red Cross consisting of representatives from each home room, has formed a council. From among the council officers have been elected. Betty Granat has been elected president; Chrystine Scott, vice-president; Delores Kint, treasurer; and Barbara Brecht, secretary. Miss Helen Law will continue to be the faculty advisor.

HENNINGS ENJOYS VISIT TO NORTHWESTERN

Karin Hennings, a senior from room 101, was the guest of Northwestern University during the weekend of October 23 and 24. She was one of 60 seniors, chosen from different high schools within a radius of 200 miles of the Northwestern campus, who contemplate entering the university next fall.

Karin and her mother drove to Evanston Saturday morning—arriving on the campus at 10:00. Janet Ising, a girl from the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, met her at Scott Hall and escorted her to her room—in the sorority house. She ate lunch at the Goodrich House and then saw the Northwestern-Syracuse football game. Karin said the game was rather boring since Northwestern won 42-0...

After the game she went to dinner at Scott Hall and later attended a square dance.

She got up Sunday morning at 11:30, ate lunch and then was taken on a very interesting two hour tour of the campus. She was shown many of the buildings: the residence halls, the library, and the various department buildings.

Karin, together with the other students, thought that the trip had been very worthwhile. It gave her a chance to become acquainted with the school, which impressed her very favorably, and at this writing she is still planning to attend Northwestern.



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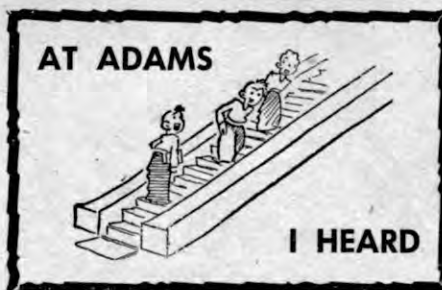
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There is only one doubt in my mind. I wonder if the elephant and the donkey could get along together?

Hi-Y Conference

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with pride as I walked to the front to receive the conference gavel.

California presented me with one of the most beautiful gavels I have ever seen. They also presented me with a box of California raisins. New York wanted to present me with something typical of their state too. Four girls walked across the stage to me and before I knew it I was lip-stick from forehead to chin. Texas could not bear to see the president from any other state but the "lone star state" so they made me an honorary Texan. Michigan presented me with Michigan peaches and regretted that they would have to be taken back or they might spoil and I almost offered to take them home when four girls walked from the wings of the stage and down the main aisle. Was my face red.

Something I shall never forget is the words of a representative from Buffalo. "It (the congress) seems so near but yet so far. It is too bad that more of the fellows don't get an opportunity like this. I do believe they would realize the bigness of the thing we're dealing with." Here, I think, he meant living a Christian life in a pagan world.

The closing ceremony served as an end to the conference but not an end to the ideals that the congress felt. We marched to an isolated field where we had a call to action on the things we learned. Each delegate lit a torch to "carry home" as we hoped they would carry home the Christian light in their hearts. We repeated our pledge to "create, maintain and extend, throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character" and sang, "We are climbing Jacob's ladder." There were tears in all eyes as we said this prayer:

Through the spirit of the HI-Y Fellowship as expressed in the Fifth National Hi-Y Congress we have been made strong to carry out the meaningful purposes of our Movement, "to create, maintain and extend." We have been challenged to greater fellowship and sharing of Hi-Y ideals. Making the spirit of Hi-Y live for ourselves and others. We came to give and to learn. We leave to take and share.

Mother, isn't it funny that hats cost more than radios?"

"But they don't, dear. What makes you think so?"

"Well a sign in a window back there said, 'Hats, \$10 up,' and we just passed another window with a sign that says, 'Radios, \$10 down'."

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AN EXPOSE OF MANBY'S NOON MEETINGS

by Robert

Every Wednesday after leaving third hour class we (car and I) start the mad rush for downtown. I park at "Moose" Barritt's Firestone Store.

A block to walk and then I enter the Rotary Room of the Oliver Hotel, around the hour of twelve noon. I look for a table with my name on it. This designates my place for the day's luncheon. While standing around waiting for the meeting to start the Rotarians at my table introduce themselves. The meeting then starts with **America the Beautiful** and a prayer, after which luncheon is served. The topic of conversation at the table is usually centered around school activities and I must always explain in detail the reasons for losing last week's football game. When the plates are clean the time has come for the introduction of the speaker. He talks until one-thirty P.M. or adjournment.

We have had many very interesting speakers. One of them told us of his experiences in Paris while attending a United Nations Conference there. Another was a catcher for the Yankees. He presented the more human side of baseball. A member reported on the International Rotarian Conference held in Rio de Janeiro this summer.

Now let me tell you something about the club itself. The Rotary is a men's club with these objectives: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, high ethical standards in business and profession, application of the ideal of service in personal, business and community life, the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service. Their motto is "he profits most who serves best."

Coach: "What this team needs is life."

Manager: "Oh, no. Thirty days would be enough."

—The Student, Brazil High School, Brazil, Ind.

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I hear quite a few people would like to know who "Fearless" is. I'll never tell.

You've really missed something if you haven't had the opportunity to see Mrs. McClure demonstrate the Adams walk. Public speaking classes have had the opportunity and have wondered if we're guilty of dragging our loafers, stooping over and being collapsed in the middle. Could Be.

A witticism uttered by the Master while he was discussing honesty:

"Heaven has never experienced a housing shortage." True?

Seems that Susie Schvier and Joanne Screes now have LaMar Worley and John Bowman helping them as Teen Time announcers.

An ex-Adamite down at Indiana University has all of us seniors wondering whether we're really prepared to enter a university. If two commas are misplaced the theme is graded F. (click, click, there go my fingernails).

Lois Warstler and Susie Schvier have been acting as secretaries for the spelling bees over WHOT sponsored by the American Association of University Women each Saturday morning.

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Since he was no **FISHER, MILLER**, or **BOWMAN**, and since he had no money to **BIASSTOCK** of food, he **COX** his **HEETER** and prepared to **RUSH** to the **WESTWOOD** to hunt up a **BUSSERT** or some **LYONS** for dinner. Since he was no longer a little **SHAFER**, he hired a **DRIVER** and went at a **CANTER ORTT** town, where he signed his **TRUOX** on the dotted line and got a hunting license.

All the animals tried to **HYDE** when they heard his dogs **HOWELL**; some ran into the **DITSCH** and others ran **DONOH**. One **BROWN** deer **ANDERSON** got caught in the **BOGGS**, and our hero could **SEIFER** himself that his dogs had **SMELTZER** trail and so he **PORDON** the speed. After firing a **NEITER** shot than I have ever seen, he began to **TUCKER** out, but he was **STRONG** enough to **BARRITT** and so carried his precious catch home without **CARON** a bit for his stolen stuff any more.

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ADAMS EAGLES DOWN MISHAWAKA ELEVEN 16-6

HOWELL, DAUGHERTY BRING GLORY TO EAST SIDE

Way back in nineteen hundred and forty a gridiron contest got underway between Mishawaka and John Adams. Followers for many years have looked forward to the Eagles finally overcoming the powerful Mishawaka elevens of past years. In 1948 the event was enacted as a squad of everlasting fight-spirited Eagles compiled sixteen points as compared to six by the Maroons and therefore accumulated the margin of victory. Mishawaka has a large and fast team and outnumbers the Eagles in many statistical categories. The win was Adams third this season and their second in a row. The win also handed the Eagles a two and two standing in the N.I.H.S.C. standings.

The Eagles wasted no time in showing the Maroons who was boss as they took the opening kickoff and marched some seventy yards down the field to the first score with very little time elapsing from the scoreboard. The Eagles received the ball on their own twenty-seven yard line from which their drive began. Joe Howell, Bill Daugherty, and Jack Troeger all added greatly to the drive for the touchdown. During the process Joe Howell scampered around right end for twenty-four yards and a first down for Adams, on the midfield strip. Then the Eagles piled first downs after another to put the ball on the Mishawaka one yard line. On the next play a handoff went from Daugherty to Howell who circled end for the touchdown. Frank Downer placed the oval between the uprights and Adams led by a score of 7-0.

A surprising event, as football is full of, occurred as Frank Downer's kickoff was taken by Dick Miller on his own 10-yard line. He raced ninety yards down the sidelines for a touchdown but the sharp eye of the head linesman nullified the play on grounds that he stepped out of bounds on the Adams 46 yard line. So again Lady Luck was with the Eagles. The Maroons were then brought under control and finally forced to punt. With less than a minute remaining in the half, Joe Howell again made for the end-zone as he rounded right end for some fifty yards before he was brought down on the Mishawaka two-yard line. On the last play of the half, the ball was centered away with Mishawaka recovering and therefore preventing another Adams score. The half ended before another play could begin and Adams still led 7-0.

The opening of the second half resembled the first as Mishawaka received the opening kickoff and marched some sixty-nine yards for their first touchdown. This drive

ADAMS TRACKSTERS PLACE FOURTH IN CITY MEET

Paced by the two Bussert brothers, Mac and Jack, the Adams cross country harriers almost qualified to go to Indianapolis for the state meet. Mishawaka won the meet, run at Eberhart Golf course, followed by the two other qualifying teams, Elkhart and LaPorte. Adams finished fourth in the field of 13 teams. Zook of LaPorte finished first for LaPorte. Riley had two runners, McCoy and Whiteman, finish in the first five but they didn't have the team balance and finished sixth.

Phil Layman, one of our two returning lettermen on the squad, finished 29th followed by Bill Randt who finished 33rd. Other Adams runners who placed were Mel Edgerton, Jack Pinckert, and Carl Parker.

was featured by passing which brought the Maroons to the Adams thirty-two yard line with a last down coming up. An 18 yard pass was completed right in the middle of the Adams secondary and gave the Maroons a first down on the Eagles sixteen yard line. After working the ball to the one-yard line, it took Mishawaka three attempts to finally break through the stubborn Adams line. The bid for extra point was wide and the margin was narrowed to 7-6. The ball changed hands many times in the third quarter but it also found Adams driving to the Mishawaka three yard line but losing the ball inches short of the first down. After trying to get the ball out of the shadow of their own goal posts in three attempts, Jerry Manuel, Maroon back, was caught behind the goal line for a safety and two more points for the Eagles. This made the score read 9-6 and Mishawaka had to kick off from their own twenty yard line.

In the fourth quarter Adams climaxed the evening's scoring by another drive which again brought them to the one-yard line where Bill Daugherty ran right over the top of the line for the final touchdown. Again Frank Downer's conversion was good and the score read 16-6. The game was then held to line bucks and the gun sounded the end of the game with Adams victorious.

It finally has happened, John Adams defeated Mishawaka on the gridiron. Many fans have looked forward for eight years, since the start of these annual games in 1940, to leave the stadium with the score reading in favor of Adams over Mishawaka. The game was just getting to be a sure victory for Mishawaka every year and through this they received a feeling that they were our superiors, as was stated by some of the rough Mishawaka sportsmanship street roamers. But this game has turned the tide and maybe student relations will be better between the two schools. It has been hoped that these terms can be straightened out and I think that a football victory will be a prominent helping factor.

The game itself was one of those games that anyone would have enjoyed. It was chucked full of long runs, passes, and thrills galore. Joe Howell and Bill Daugherty contributed greatly to this cause. The Adams team has finally come forth with the kind of gridiron machine that the students have been waiting to see. The reconversioned squad has the pep and stamina that wins ball games. The recent adding to the starting lineups of sophomores Paul Rogers and Jack Troeger has brought about a lot of hard playing by the two. These two players work in the backfield on offense while Phil Smeltzer and Jim Lahey work in defense. Another note on the Mishawaka game was the excellent job of pass defense by the Eagles. The Maroons fired some eighteen passes of which four were completed, which shows a pretty good defense. The line also did a swell job of holding back the on-rushing Maroon linemen, who were all good sized players including John Benjamin who stands some six feet and weighs around 200.

This is now the last week in the 1948 football campaign and following the Michigan City game basketball will be in the spotlight. It has been announced that there will be nine home games this season. The opening game to be played November 18 will be with Washington-Clay.

The John Adams cross-country

team lost out in the sectional meet by the slim margin of one team. Adams finished fourth, just out of the running for a bid to the finals down state. The meet was nearly a replica of last year when the Eagles finished third when the first two teams went down state. Mishawaka came through with a first in the sectional and they also won the conference meet at Gary. In the Gary N.I.H.S.C. meet, John Adams finished ninth.

There will be a combination basketball pep assembly and a football awards assembly on November 19, the day of the first basketball game. Mr. Rothermel, athletic director, announced that it was not yet decided whether the assembly will be in the morning or in the afternoon.

The disabled players or those handicapped with some sort of disablement have formed a so-called "Foder-Wing" club. Tom Barth, No. 1 receiver of mishaps, has been named as acting president. Other members include Joe Howell, Ed Connon, Jim Nevins, and Frank Downer. The club is open for membership but the entrance requirements are pretty stiff and rough to pass.

This paper marks the final game coming up for the Eagles in the 1948 football campaign, which will be run off at School Field November 5, against Michigan City. The game should prove full of thrills as it is the last game for the seniors on the team.

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