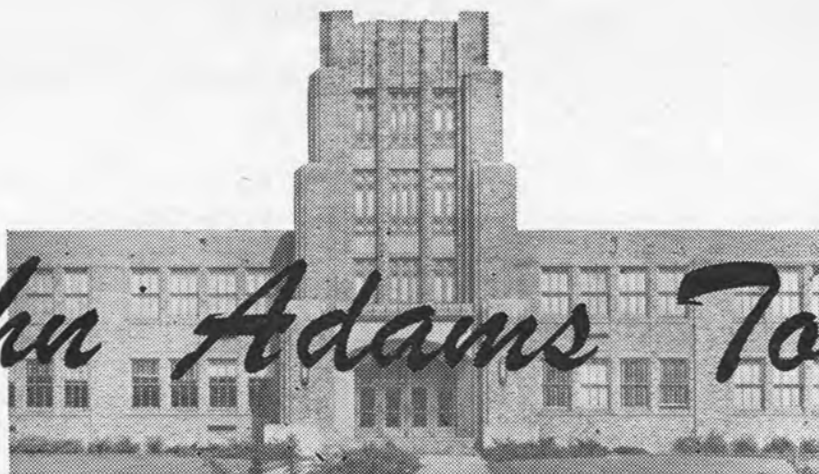


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## Sears Takes Part in Hi-Y Meetings at New York City

At 6 a.m. Monday morning, Jim Sears returned from a week-long trip to New York State, made possible by his position as president of the National Hi-Y.

Jim spoke at the South Jersey Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on the opening leg of his tour. He took time out to see the city, and recalls his walk on the famous Board Walk as "extremely pleasant."

On Thursday, September 22, he attended a meeting in the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, to discuss the sixth National Hi-Y Congress. Plans were made concerning the participation of this congress in the 1951 National Convention of the Y.M.C.A. to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in commemoration of the organization's 100th anniversary.

Jim spoke to two high school assemblies in Nyack, New York on Friday. His subject was, "Hi-Y in Your Community."

To add a final highlight to his trip, he visited friends on the Rochester University Campus before returning home.

## EXECUTIVE MEETINGS GIVE LESSON IN MANAGEMENT

Through Executive Meetings the Glee Club feels that it is accomplishing two vital purposes in one step. In addition to making important decisions about the operation of the organization, the Committee learns how to function a democratic business meeting. These meetings are headed by President Dick Carson and motions are carried only by a majority vote.

At a recent meeting the following things were passed on and are now being put into effect (1) A method for choosing those who will attend the North Central Chorus and those who will be members of the Traveling Choir. (2) The continuation of Tuesday night rehearsals throughout the school year. (3) A new process for checking out music in order to keep music losses at a minimum. (4) Committees were chosen to aid Mrs. Pate in the selection of new members for the Glee Club and music for the Christmas Candle Light Service.

## TOWER STAFF



Front row: Shirley Rogers, Advertising manager; Jeanne Ingram, Feature editor; Ann Donker, co-Circulation Manager. Back row: Bob Bartol, Sports Editor; Teresa Ferraro, Exchange Editor; Lois Warstler, Editor-in-Chief; Pat Casaday, Business Manager; Carol Anderson, co-Circulation Manager.

## GRADUATES TRAIN ON NROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Out of the five students who took the NROTC screening test and who passed it successfully last spring, two, Dale Litherland and Tom Smithberger are now taking advantage of scholarships.

Dale is at the University of Utah. He is majoring in music. In addition to his college work he is participating in the Reserve Officers Training program. During the summers to follow he will go on training cruises with the navy. Upon graduation from college in 1953, he will be commissioned an Ensign in the regular navy.

Tom Smithberger is following much the same program at the University of Notre Dame. After graduation Tom will take further naval training and then receive his commission.

Several Adams seniors are planning to try for similar scholarships.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS COUNCIL HAS MEMBERS CHOSEN BY HOME ROOMS

Representatives from each home room have been elected to serve on the Junior Red Cross Council for this year. They are as follows: Dixie Lee Wohlford, 210; Jo Bingaman, Sue Bennett, 106; Mary Jo Jackson, Janet Keller, 204; Patty Parker, 206; Garnetta Turner, 209; Nancy Guisinger, 208; Carolyn Johnson, 109; Maxine Baim, Patsy Coswell, 105; Bob Pfaff, 205; Mary Swingendorf, Dr.; Beverly Morey, 203; Loretta Blanton, 108; Nancy Coswell, 102; Joan Mortensen, 107; Rosalie Fragomeni, 103; Dolly Smith, 207; Jeanne Ingram, Lib.; Ed Morris, 201.

## DEBATE CLUB BEGINS YEAR WITH SIX VETERANS

This year's debate club has six veteran debaters returning to the field of matched wits, endeavoring to bring honor to John Adams and to themselves. These debaters are: Edwin Dean, David James, David Sanderson, Evelyn Estes, Ann Donker, and Evelyn Troub. Sanderson and Estes are president and secretary, respectively. Mr. Goldsberry is the club's sponsor.

The club is meeting temporarily every Wednesday after school in room 109. Anyone who wants to join the club should plan to attend these meetings. He should come with the understanding that, in order to be a successful debator, much outside preparation is necessary. However, the poise, self-confidence and trained thinking which it is possible to receive from debate work, far out-weigh the necessary effort required in preparation.

## Doc's Marching Band Sets Fast Pace this Grid Season

A marching band for the football season is considered a necessity, as are the cheerleaders or the team. Each school has a big band rivalry as well as rivalry on the gridiron.

The Adams fifty piece band is directed and trained by "Doc" Deardorff. Jim Considine is the drum major and Pat Shaw and Georgia Lackman are the high-stepping majorettes. Carol Roelke is the mascot, the "Sweetheart of the Scarlet and Blue."

Tomorrow night the band will strut on the field with a big miniature of the county fair. The affair will be complete with a merry-go-round, the parade, the old Bar-X, and the side show.

The local Community Chest drive will be the theme of the Mishawaka game show. Its contents are all secret and will be very surprising!

The Navy will have their day at the Laporte game on October 22, when the band presents "Ship Ahoy." This show will have all the old Navy songs. The songs included are "Anchors Aweigh," "Blow the Man Down" and "Sailing."

The Riley game will feature a gay, old-fashioned "Minstrel Jubilee." There will be the peppy cakewalk and the slide trombones, along with some southern memories.

A recapitulation of the 1949 gridiron season will take place at the between-halves show of the South Side game. This stunt will have only a week's practice behind it when it hits the field, because there is no telling what the remainder of the season may bring. However, the maneuvers will be novel and tricky, as only a Deardorff coached band can be.

## SENIORS CHOSEN TO GIVE SCHOOL NEWS ON RADIO

Nancy Watson and Jim Sears have been chosen to serve as Teen-Time Announcers for station WSBT. They were selected from tape recordings made Monday, September 26.

Our representatives will work along with two people similarly selected from each of the other high schools.



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## Are you a cog in the Adams machinery?

Most of us are, by this time, into the full swing of school life here at Adams; some of us have re-adapted ourselves after summer vacations, others are new to this school. But there are still those of us who, after four weeks at Adams, do not quite fit into the picture of being a part of John Adams and its accomplishments. If you are a member of this minority group—read this; it may afford a remedy:

Try to become better acquainted with the entire school, its teachers, its students, its program of activities, and its clubs. To become better acquainted with these phases of John Adams, join a few school activities. Get behind our athletic teams and cultivate a wide circle of friends. Don't be afraid to volunteer in a school project.

In order not to over balance the scale, your studies must be given consideration. You can't help benefiting your teachers, your family, and most important—yourself by doing your share of daily studying.

Now that you belong to at least one club at John Adams, have a lot of friends, are active in school affairs, and have brought up those grades, you are an ACTIVE member, a respected member of our little community—John Adams High School.

## You know-Mr. Lincoln must have been right!

You, yes, you, are guilty of snubbing. You probably hadn't realized this, but if you think about it you can remember times when you have been guilty of social discrimination. Think of yourself in the position of the person being snubbed and you will be less likely to feel so superior to him. I'm not asking you to be a fervent comrade to everyone you meet,

Prejudice and snubbing are not confined to our school. Often we just be more friendly to people everywhere.

Speak lightly of students who come from schools where most of the parents are first or second generation Americans. The only difference between ourselves and so-called foreigners is that our families have been lucky enough to have lived in our country longer and have had more time to adjust to American ways of thinking and living.

To expand the question even more, the people all over our country make life unpleasant for themselves and others by thinking that they are entitled to more than a Pole, a Negro, or a Jew. Let's copy Lincoln's thinking and practice the truth of his statement: All men are born free and equal.

--Edwin Dean.



Monday—October 10, Civic Music, 8:00 in the Auditorium

Thursday — October 13, Poor Work Notices

Friday—October 14, Pep Assembly, 3:10

Saturday—October 15, Adams versus Mishawaka at school field, 8:00

## Retrospection As Only a Soph Can Know It

by Gayle Freels

At first when I entered John Adams I thought that at last I had made it. Here was the last lap of school, but first let me brief you on my past scholastic misdemeanors.

Kindergarten was the initial step. What a snap. All we did was play. In fact, all I ever did in school was play—until—mind you, I entered John Adams. O me, O my, did the system ever change. The teachers all play and the poor, poor students work. Worst of them are our football coaches: Coach Koss still is not certain whether he is teaching health or is still out there on the football field. He always seems to forget what subject we were on when the bell rang the previous day. One day last week he entered the room and showed us a picture on digestion. Well we didn't feel much like eating lunch after that. Sometimes he comes up with those little surprises called tests, too. Putting in little trick questions like, "What is the name of your textbook," fool me every time.

The thing that hit me the hardest was no gum or candy. In grade school we were told not to eat candy or chew gum but we did it anyway. It seems the first thing I see when I walk into any room are those hard looking little waste paper baskets in which to park my gum of my own free will.

I am happy at Adams but I hope I do not have to stay longer than three years.

## PICNIC PLANNED FOR NEW G. A. A. MEMBERS

At the first meeting of the G.A.A. on September 20 plans were made for the coming year. Hockey and soccer, the noon-day sports are now in progress, with swimming the after school sport on Thursday. A welcoming picnic is being planned for the newcomers who will be initiated after earning fifty points. At this time they take the following pledge:

"I pledge to improve our club, the Girls Athletic Association, and keep it clean and decent as it should be. I pledge to refrain from any disorderly conduct while participating in our activities. I shall not smoke or swear in the presence of the club. I shall keep in mind while I am participating in a rough sport that I am and shall act as a lady."

The officers for the coming year are: Delores Davis, president; Pat Rohrbaugh, vice-president; Carol DeClark, secretary; Vivian Hartter, treasurer, and Donna Miller and Rosalie Hielman, Sergeants-at-arms.

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## TOWER TALK



Our steady list this week includes new couples such as: Shirley Bourden and Kenny Wolfe, Dick Bennett and Nancy Stevens (Central), Ken Tennyson and Norma Culver (Nuner), Dave Williams and Pat Arisman.

Something quite exciting and different is Paul Green's new interest in girls. We would like to know which of the Adams damsels has caused it!

If you are ever on the second floor, take notice of the little cluster of girls surrounding our handsome math teacher. Are they representing the Nelson Fan Club, or do they really like geometry.

Margie Granat has Wally Blank's (Central) ring. She claims they aren't going steady (hmmmm).

A triangle which will be interesting to watch. B.P. S.F. J.F.

Don Anderson has been dating Nancy Langenbaum, Jack Dickson and Marian Hulbert have also been dating quite steadily.

Seen together on a recent hayride: Fred LaCasse and Virginia Rick, Joe Kline and Connie Lamont, Don Odekirk and Sharlee Cissell, Bob Pfaff and Sheila Fitzsimmons, Melvin Edgerton and Marg Carter, Dick DeMas and Pearl Coffman, Fred Helmer and Marlene Scholnik.

Another hayride found these students together, Dave Sanderson and Mary Brotherson (St. Mary's Academy), Bob Bartol and May Dembo, Dick Moore and Nancy Bolt, Dick Bennett and Nancy Stevens (Central); and Marty Weissert with Rosemary Schubert.

Peg Davis has been dating Ralph Gonser (Riley Alumnus). Jane Davis has been seen in the halls with Arnie Shavel.

We have veteran steadies who have been together for a long time—at least three months! Bonnie Zeider and Ned Stanton, Pat Denyes and Dan Rich, Don Odekirk and Sharlee Cissell, George Feldman and Janice Hoover.

Not only do we have steady couples, non-steady couples and kids who aren't in couples at all, we have lonesome couples. Some of these are: Lois Warstler, our editor, who is quite lonely without Dave Hyde (Carlton College), Jeanie Mueller is also lonesome while Jim is at Indiana University. The twins Sue and Jo Green are doubly lonesome with Carl Parker and Bill Clark (away). Although Pat Shaw is the proud owner of Ted High's fraternity pin, Pat is in this category, as Ted's at Ball State.

Then there are people who are just plain lonesome. For example, Nancy Guisinger—4-0665.



## Other Trips Taken by Teachers This Summer

This week's featured faculty travellers are Mrs. McClure and Miss Bennett who went by car to investigate the wonders of the far west. Their southwesterly route led them through the Ozarks, Oklahoma oil fields and colorful Indian country to the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon. These, in the words of our speech teacher, were both beautiful and awesome. From the Grand Canyon they proceeded into California through the southern end of the Great American Desert and Death Valley which they crossed with much fear and trembling but no trouble.

One of their most interesting side trips out of San Diego was the one made into Old Mexico, to the cities of Tia Juana and Ensenada. Their wele-paved highway was quite mountainous, but with the road signs all in Spanish, they were never quite certain whether they were going uphill or down. Some fascinating games of Jai Alai were watched at Tia Juana and at Ensenada they enjoyed a visit in a real Mexican home, that of Senorita Bertita Salazar, a pupil here at John Adams in 1947-1948.

Other interesting sights of the southwest were date palms, walnut groves, orange and olive groves, mammoth flowers, flowering trees, submarine gardens, flying fish, irrigation ditches, the U. S. moth fleet, oil derricks, Romona's marriage place, the snake exhibits in the famous Balboa Park Zoo and movie and radio studios. While in Hollywood, they attended two coast-to-coast broadcasts, Eve Arden in "Our Miss Brooks" and Joan Bennett in the "Prudential Family Hour."

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Homeward bound, they went as far north as San Francisco where, from the top of Knob Hill, they had a thrilling night view of the city of San Francisco, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. Their next stop was at Lake Tahoe, high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. As they continued eastward, they travelled through miles and miles of real cattle ranch country, past silver and copper mines, over forty miles of the famous glistening white salt flats west of the Great Salt Lake, visited the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Central City, Colorado, the Ghost Town, and Estes Park in the Colorado Rockies.

They returned just in time for the opening of school.

## ADAMS REPRESENTATIVES CONTRIBUTE TO T. B. PROJECT

The Junior Tuberculosis League has started its fiscal year. Stamping out Tuberculosis through education is the league's main project. Tom Dugdale is Adams' junior representative and Sue Smith is the senior representative.

The special project for October is helping to buy milk for undernourished children. Teams including eight or ten girls from the different schools are going to sell Health Crosses at the Notre Dame football games on October 15 and November 26.

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**Shirley Rogers** — doing homework, take it or leave it.

**Beth Smithberger**—Tony (N.D.) and I don't mean home permanents.

**Diane Stubbins**—writing letters to Utah University.

**Evelyn Estes**—going to Central football games and cheering for Dave.

**Marlin Miller**—participating in athletics and watching athletic contests.

**Jo Walke**—collecting men.

**Dick Beebe**—sand lot football.

**Mary Alice Barnes**—My dancing lessons.

**Su Green**—Taking life easy.

**Sharlee Cissell**—Don.

**Don Oedekerck**—Sharlee.

**Wes Habart**—My woman and the piano.

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### TENNIS

Adams now has a tennis record of four wins and two losses. On September 26, they trounced LaPorte 5-0. They repeated this chain of winning by blanking Goshen 5-0 the next day.

### CROSS COUNTRY

In the only two cross country meets so far, Adams has placed second. In the first one, involving Elkhart, Washington, and Adams, we took a first place as Bussert streaked across the finish with a time of 10:39. In spite of this first place, the other Eagles placed too far behind to give Adams the meet. Washington was the victor with Elkhart coming in third.

Adams also came in second in the meet between Adams, Goshen and Fort Wayne, North Side. Bussert again took first place, but the next eight were taken by North Side and the ninth by Goshen to give North Side the meet. Bussert's time was 10:11.

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## RICHARDS STANDS BY TEAM DESPITE LOSS OF HIS CHANCE TO PLAY

Proof of the fact that all of the best players are not always on the field can be found in the experience of Dean Richards, this year's captain of Adams' football team.



The Adams' fans haven't seen Dean playing this year due to a neck injury which became very serious shortly after fall practice had started and caused Dean to drop out of football. The trouble started back in the tenth grade, at which time he was first injured, while playing on the B-team. He kept on playing until this fall, however, when he was removed from athletics on doctor's orders. He is now under medical care although the operation which threatened is no longer necessary.

Mrs. Richards says Dean is getting along better than expected, but that he will remain out of school until February in order that he may get into the very best condition and make a complete recovery. She also expressed her appreciation and gratefulness to Mr. Crowe for his many kindnesses to Dean and the family.

In spite of the fact that he cannot play active ball, he remains every minute a member of the team. He never fails to be on hand for a game and though he is very gracious about being behind the scenes, his team-mates realize that with all his heart Dean would like to be out there on the field when Adams goes over for a touchdown. It is this spirit that seems to radiate to the other ten members and is boosting their morale a good deal. Adams should be mighty proud of a fellow as grand as Dean.

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### A Celebrity

Probably few students and some members of the faculty have failed to recognize the fact that we have somewhat of a celebrity in our midst, but then Corby Davis doesn't boast much about his accomplishments.

For the past three years, Mr. Davis has been an official in the All American Professional Football Conference. He officiates as a field judge. So far this year he has officiated in the Cleveland-Chicago game at Toledo, the Cleveland-San Francisco game at Cleveland, the Cleveland-New York game at Akron, the Chicago-San Francisco game at Chicago, and the Buffalo-Baltimore game at Buffalo. All his expenses are paid and he usually flies to the games.

Mr. Davis himself was a professional football player. He was a fullback of the Cleveland Rams of the National League, who are now the Los Angeles Rams. He pre-

viously played at Indiana university.

### Davis Views on Adams Football

Mr. Davis thinks the spirit and attitude of this year's Adams team is the best we have ever had. He does believe that too many boys get the idea that they will come out in their senior year and make the varsity. He thinks the time practicing is well spent whether the player reaches the varsity squad before his senior year or not.

As far as up and coming players go, he thinks Nordbladt is good and will be better in his future years at Adams, especially on offense. He believes the Grafts are the type of boys who make good football players, and should do very well next year; also Scruggs has possibilities.

He thinks this year's offensive playing is pleasing and explained that a few key blocks make a lot of difference in the score of the game. He says the boys have been making good runs, but that these are expected.

### ADAMS ELEVEN TOPPLED BY FT. NORTH SIDE

Coach Crowe's pre-game predictions came true last Friday when Fort Wayne North Side defeated our Eagles 13-7 in their first conference win of the year after two other tries. The Eagles seem to be having second half woes for it was again a second half comeback that defeated them. Adams was ahead 7-0 at the half with Daugherty and Downer again doing the honors. In the third quarter North Side bounced back and ran 66 yards for a first touchdown, making the score 7-6, still in Adams favor. In the final quarter North Side again came to life and went ahead of the Eagles to win the decision.

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In order that there may be no misunderstandings, the coaching staff of John Adams wants every student to be aware of the following ruling made by the Athletic Board in October, 1946. It was unanimously agreed that this ruling will help to build a more successful varsity athletic program.

"No wearing apparel, jewelry, or other items of similar nature symbolizing an unapproved school club or group, shall be worn or displayed by a student who has been, is, or will be participating in the varsity athletic program. Such shall not be worn at any time in the school building, on the school grounds during school hours, or at any function or place at which the school is officially represented or invited. The penalty shall be (at least) suspension from varsity athletic participation."

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--Ralph Powell, Athletic Director.

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