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## American Culture Trip to Detroit is Enjoyed by Juniors

Seventy-six sleepy Juniors boarded two busses at 5:30 o'clock last Friday morning and headed in the direction of Detroit, Michigan. They were on their way to see "colonial life as it was lived in that period." The group was taking the annual American Culture trip to Greenfield Village, the Edison Institute, and the Ford plant.

The caravan paused for a rest at the Irish Hills. There they saw the beautiful scenery and country side. The Adams travelers then proceeded to Greenfield Village at Dearborn to see the things which have made America what it is today. They saw 58 Bagley Avenue, the birthplace of the Ford car, and the Wright Cycle Shop, birthplace of the airplane. They also saw colonial homes and inns, stores, and a courthouse, all imported from England.

Also in the village is the Edison Institute, founded by Henry Ford as an educational project in honor of his close friend, Thomas Edison. The students' attention was called to the fact that the entrance was a replica of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

The group proceeded through this museum viewing the many exhibits in the Fine Arts, Agriculture, Household Arts, Manufacturing and Power, and Transportation divisions.

Lunch was enjoyed in the cafeteria of the Ford plant, and dinner at Michigan Normal College near Ypsilanti.

Mr. Carroll, Mr. Neff, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Plotkin chaperoned the trip.

## DR. GLADYS FRITH SPEAKS ON "YOUTH" FOR P.T.A.

The October meeting of the Parent Teachers Association was held on Tuesday evening October 18, in the Little Theatre.

Dr. Gladys Frith was the speaker of the evening and her topic was "Our Adolescent Youth." Special music was presented by the school orchestra. Mrs. Lowell E. Riggs served as hostess for the meeting. Her table decorations were of a Hallowe'en motif, and cider and doughnuts were served, in keeping with the season.

## ALBUM WORKERS



The Album staff has great plans for this season's yearbook. In connection with the subscription drive, which will start soon, a contest for determining the ideal Adams students in the personages of Mr. and Miss Adams, will be conducted. This is in connection with the theme of this year's book, "The Adams Family." The book will portray a typical day in the lives of Mr. and Miss Adams. An Album assembly will be held at the opening of the subscription drive.

In the immediate future is the Album picnic, on October 26, for members of the staff and their guests. Also on the Album calendar are plans for a masquerade ball.

Sue Smith is the long suffering editor of this book, and Mr. George Carroll, the staff's sponsor, is the inspiration behind most of the Album activities.

## Red Cross Activities Deserve The Support of All High School Students

Do you know that any Junior Red Cross activity or project in our school is financed with the enrollment funds which we students contribute each year?

Do you know, also, that these project can be a help and a stimulus to almost all departmental subjects?

Some of these activities are: (1) Helping hospitals by making tray favors for patients, entertaining patients with plays and musical programs, assisting hospital workers through volunteer girls who feed patients, sort mail, arrange flowers, or service canteen work. (2) Exchange correspondence albums, art work, and music records with children of countries which our students are trying to know and understand. (3) Sending gift boxes or chests to needy children in the war devastated areas. (4) Sending cuddly animals, afghans, slippers, and pajamas made in the Home Economics Department to the crippled and blind children.

## ORCHESTRA PREPARES FOR MCKINLEY DEDICATION

The John Adams orchestra, under the direction of Miss Shuman, is busy now preparing a repertoire of music which it will use at the McKinley School dedication on November 8, 1949.

While the whole organization prepares for the big concert ahead, three members of the group are spending part-time efforts on music for the North Central orchestra which will perform at teachers' institute. Miss Laura Mae Briggs, Riley instructor and chairman for personnel of the North Central (continued on page two, col. 3)

## Four Adams Pupils Earn Recognition as News Carriers

### Part of Newsboy Week

Four of the 44 boys who were chosen as outstanding newspaper carriers of 1949 are John Adams student. They are: Dick Washburn, senior, John Lederer and Dick Koehler, juniors, and Phil Lee, sophomore. These fellows were cited for recognition in that they always have their bills in promptly, they have kept the customers satisfied, and they have built up their routes.

### Carries Five Years

Dick Washburn has been a carrier for 5 years for the Tribune. He delivers 160 papers daily between Miami and Ironwood on Lincoln Way East. Dick says that being a newspaper carrier is not as hard a job as many people believe. Since he wants to be a salesman, he appreciates that it teaches him how to meet people more easily.

### Source of Spending Money

John Lederer has delivered papers for 6 years. He says that it is a good source of income considering the comparatively little time it takes to do the job. John has 130 customers on Madison and Cedar streets.

### Koehler Keeps Customers Satisfied

Dick Koehler has held his job for 3 years delivering to homes on East Wayne St., North and South. At present he carries 109 papers each day. Dick says that he has fun on his paper route and the spending money he makes certainly comes in handy. He takes pride in seeing that all his customers are kept satisfied.

### Lee Likes to Meet People

Phil Lee has worked for the Tribune two and one-half years. He distributes 130 papers on 25th and 26th Streets, south of Mishawaka Ave. Phil also likes the spending money he makes and feels that his associations with people make it easier for him to meet and get along with them.

### Worth Time and Effort.

These fellows all put in between one and two hours work per day plus additional time for collections. They earn from ten to sixteen dollars each week depending on how many papers they carry.

Last year the money collected at Adams was used to fill a chest with needed articles for students abroad, (continued on page two, col. 3)



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## There Is More than One Kind of School Spirit

Did you ever go into a class with many books? I'm sure you have many, many times. Did you put the books not needed in your desk? Probably you have also done this, but when you took your books out, did you get wads of paper, notes, and even gum? This is very annoying! Are you guilty of throwing paper in desks? I hope not, but if you are like some Adams students, you are!

Walk down the halls and take a good look at their condition. Our halls are very nice, but gum wrappers, papers, and books lying in them do not add to their beauty. Shall we blame this on inefficient janitors or on students? We might as well face it, our janitors are efficient, but there are many careless students. Even if you don't care about the looks of your school, you can show consideration for the hard work the janitors do who keep it clean.

When you open your locker, is it neat, or does everything fall out on you? You do not own the locker; the school gives you the privilege of using it free, so why not leave your locker in its original condition? Some Adams student may, in later years, appreciate the care you give your locker now.

You give your school a reputation in many ways. Not only do you give Adams a reputation by sportsmanship, but also by appearance. Adams is a beautiful school. Why not do your share to keep it that way?

--Johanna Jaffee.

## Are Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers?

If you found an article of some value, what would be your first impulse? Would you pocket it for yourself, or would you, without a moment's hesitation, turn in that article to the lost and found department? At Adams, the opportunity for such a test is frequent, because many articles are accidentally dropped from notebooks and pockets during the confusion of high school life.

What if you were to find, let us say, one dollar? What would you do? Maybe you would keep it, for who would know the difference. It's only one dollar and not at all the same as five or ten dollars. You could keep the bill deep in your pocket and not show it when your friends are around, but how stupid, they can never recognize it, so why worry. Even if you would go this far, you could never look the clerk in the eye when you hand her the bill and she says "thank-you."

You may be lucky enough to find an article other than money, such as a wallet, watch, or a piece of jewelry. It may be something that means more to the owner than price alone, something of sentimental value which holds many memories. Would you enjoy depriving the owner of his treasure?

Maybe you are an honest person, who would immediately turn in a lost article to the lost and found department in the office. Neither would you wonder when you could claim it if the owner failed to appear, nor would you hope for a big reward. You would, probably, forget the whole incident, and yet, be responsible for making someone grateful for the return of his possession.

Yes, honesty pays and its biggest price is peace of mind.

--Jeanne Ingram.

## THIS IS NO KIGMY - - IT TAKES IT OUT ON YOU !!

Looks like it's about time to take the old bearskin coat out of mothballs, because the nippy part of the year is just around the corner. At about this time, we find everybody just beginning to latch on to a cold, and they're all sniffing and snuffling and sneezing, (which is quite a commotion if they all do it at once) and each person carries at least three large handkerchiefs.

Around this time we find there is a little bug on the prowl who just gets a big kick out of making everybody miserable. He just loves to see football stadiums crowded with people wearing light jackets and T-shirts on cold nights. Not everyone dresses like this on cold days but some people do, and these are the people who our little bug is looking for, because if he catches up with them he'll make them suffer. He is not a kigmy. He is a cold bug.

This mean little fellow is sure to get you if you don't follow these simple rules: (1) Don't over or under-eat during winter-time. Eat lots of fruits and greens. (2) Don't lose sleep—at least 9 hours per night should be a must for a student. Nothing can wear a student down quicker than lack of sleep. (3) Don't wear that jacket, because an overcoat and hat are warmer. Health comes before handsomeness. (4) Don't let anyone cough in your face. She may be your steady but she still has a cold. (5) Don't overdo (this does not go for studies). Exhaustion always invites a cold in winter. If you do these things you are liable to make that bug very unhappy. May I be excused please. —I feel a sneeze coming on.

### READ IT AND WEEP —

The truth sometimes hurts, but here are the figures showing the home room subscriptions to the Tower for this semester. Heading the list are the 10B's with 87 subscriptions. The 12B's follow close with 78 subscribers. The 11B's rank third with a total of 58. The 12A's have 30 subscribers, the 10A's 24, and last and least are the 11A's with 18.

Rooms 207 and 201, 12B and 12A rooms respectively head the list with 24 subscribers each, while the Library a 12A room has only 6 paid readers and room 108 also has 6.

### RED CROSS (cont. from page 1)

and to help finance the camping period that Beverly Morey spent at Dowling, Michigan, at the Red Cross training school.

The enrollment period this year will be from November 1 to 15. Contribute generously, so that one of the above activities can be carried on with pride.

### ORCHESTRA (cont. from page 1)

group, announced recently that Jane Gindelberger, Gary Puckett, and Don Carson had won places in the orchestra at the try-outs held at Central on October 8.

## TOWER TALK



You have probably noticed the way people laugh and talk, but have you ever noticed the different ways that people sneeze. When Tom Warrick sneezes, he puts his whole body and soul into it.

The yell leaders should have pogo sticks

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Members of the Nelson Fan Club are now dedicating poems to Mr. Nelson in English IV. (We hope to print some of the dedications next issue.)

Dating frequently are Rosie Schubert and Joe Kline, and Jayne Davis and Jim Dunely (N. D.).

Don Carson believes that he did so well on the senior Psychological test that he will be offered scholarships to at least three institutions, "Longcliff, Healthcliff, and Shortcliff."



Steadies: Gayle Freels and Sam Rambol; Pat Gugle and Bob Eveld (St. Bede College); Beth Smithberger and Don Corillo; and Paul Reber and ..... Reber (Mr. Reber, the man who can remember all the chemical symbols, can't seem to remember his wife's name.)



"What's your favorite dish?"

Wilma Horvath—Barbecued Spareribs

Joe Kline—Dog-food

Beth Hodge—Boys

Marilyn Glueckert—Porkchops

Larry Goller—Fried chicken with mashed potatoes

Mary Claire—(Mickey) Hen-nion-Jon Clauss

Miriam Bender—Italian Spaghetti

Mary Jo Jackson—Bob Hennifer

Su Hastings—China dishes

Janet Keller—Bub Swander (Kazoo Central)

Marilyn Benner—Scalloped potatoes

Virginia Rich—Italian Spaghetti

Joanne Wilhelm—Chicken

Patty Parker—Cauliflower and cheese

Rosie Schubert—"Ham and potatoes and Rice and Tomatoes are might good for you."

Tom Haughton—Chicken

Su Bennett—Candied Yams



## AN OPPRESSED, ENSLAVED PATRIOT SEEKS TO FREE HIMSELF AND HIS FELLOWS

By Edwin Dean

Wait friends—to let you know what misery we TOWER writers go through, let me tell you my story. I probably won't be living long after this but I'll risk my life for freedom of the press.

Walking nonchalantly into room 204, I glance at the bulletin board. (Note: to people not well acquainted with the TOWER'S methods, here is the spot where the weekly, bi-weekly, or in my case annual assignments are posted by the TOWER staff.) I look over the list of names on the assignment sheet. What! No! Stupendous Unbelievable! My name is on the list. Hmm. The handwriting of these staff members isn't very good. It seems that the name is all I can read. I think it says: "Mrile u slurturcul ou Phutogrujohy. I call one of the handwriting experts over. "Oh," says he, "That says 'Write a short article on Photography.'" Ohhh. What a revelation!

Write a short article on Photography. So definite. Should it be humorous or serious? What phase of Photography should it cover? It sounds just like one of Mr. Carroll's English assignments, so definite. Well, I slave away on the old thing for about an hour and a half and finally have a presentable copy ready. I realize that it isn't perfect, i.e., the conclusion isn't very good. The introduction is a little sloppy and the body has a few mistakes in it, but the title, "Photography Is Fun" is really wonderful. All in all, I'd say it is not bad; pretty good in fact.

As I put my exceptionally well written article into the basket on Miss Roell's desk, some wisecrack of a staff member says, "Oh, so you finally got one in on time, eh?" I just love those people.

On Friday, I wait to see my masterpiece in print. Ah, here's the paper. Not on the first page. Hmm. Not on the second or third pages, either! Not on the last page! Well, I guess they just don't recognize a genius. Wait! Here's an article called, "Maybe Photography Is Your Hobby." It looks a little like my wording. No, it couldn't be mine, it is not in my handwriting. Oh, they don't have handwriting in papers do they? I guess it is mine. The introduction is just like the one I wrote so it must be my opus, but the rest of the article is very different. Hardly a sentence is

## Riley High School Scores Hit With Its Version of "Ladies and Hussars"

The Riley High School Drama Club's skillful presentation of the Polish farce, "Ladies and Hussars" by Alexander Fredro, was viewed by appreciative audiences last Friday and Saturday evenings, October 14 and 15, in the Riley auditorium.

"Ladies and Hussars," directed by James Lewis Casaday, contained all the comedy, exaggeration, and splash of effective farce. The plot concerned itself with three sisters out to gain a fortune by succeeding in persuading their middle-aged brother (a dyed-in-the-wool bachelor and an ardent army man) to marry his eighteen-year-old niece. The actual complications began when the young lieutenant, a very close friend of the old man mentioned above, who was by the way the commander of the camp of "hussars," fell in love with the young girl, too. His loyalty to the old major prompted him to leave the camp rather than continue to love this girl whom the old man had finally decided to marry. Of course, the climax of the play saw the hero and heroine duly happy and the involved circumstances unraveled to the contentment of all.

Paul Steele turned in an especially laudible performance as the Major, with Jamie Walter, Joan Vanderheyden, and Sally Sailor doing equally well as the three sisters. Allen Leatherman, Jack Brown, Robert Gushwa, Juan Pedevilla, and William Heintzelman also carried leading rolls and did them with merit.

The costuming was especially effective. Costumes were designed by Mr. Casaday, and the costume committee was headed by Marily Mangus.

Katie Reasor, a former Adams student, served in the capacity of Student Director.

like what I wrote. In fact, hardly two words are together as I wrote them! What a slap-happy censor! Oh, well, I got more of my own words in this article than I did on my last one.

What a wonderfully educational experience writing for the good old Tower.

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## GROUP FROM GLEE CLUB TO SING UNDER DR. BAIN

Latest news from the Glee Club is that they are very busy trying to decide who is to attend the North Central Chorus. The North Central Teachers' Association will meet next Thursday and Friday. Every year each school from Northern Indiana sends a quota of Glee Club members to participate in this chorus. This combined chorus will sing on Thursday evening for the Teachers' Association meeting.

This year the chorus is being directed by Dr. Wilfred Bain, dean of music at Indiana University. Dr. Bain visited Adams last spring with a Traveling Choir from the University. The concert was an enjoyable one and was well received by the school. Glee Club members are looking forward to the experience of singing under the direction of Dr. Bain.

Very difficult but beautiful music has been chosen for the chorus to sing so the Glee Club has had to really bear down. Those students who know the music thoroughly will be the ones chosen to represent Adams.

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It Takes All Kinds of People  
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by Dick Carlson

One can observe many kinds of people at football games—the true football enthusiast, the joy-through-bottle spreader, the intense, and of course, the bored.

However, for entertainment, amusement, and much football education, nothing can quite compare to the proverbial grandstand quarter-back. This type of gridiron hero knows all about football—present, past, and future. Of this I am certain, and I also believe that he knows all about everything. If you doubt this, just ask him.

During a recent game I was seated next to a proficient athlete (though quite unmistakably pear-shaped), who could not understand why the team would kick on fourth down in the opponent's territory, or for that matter, why they would kick at all. "Just think," he would reason audibly, "the boys might be able to score on the fourth down. Yet here they are kicking the ball to their opponents."

Now I ask you, doesn't his logic bear the markings of a genius. I am certain he has gone far in football. The only question is, **which way!**



## Adams Shows Never Say Die Spirit to Tramp Cavemen

In one of the most fighting games ever seen by an Adams grandstand, the Eagles showed spirit, determination, and drive, to whip the Mishawaka Cavemen with four touchdowns. The touchdowns were made by Daugherty, who sprinted for two, with Calloway and Lahey taking the rest of the honors. Unfortunately number 13 proved to be somewhat of a jinx to Downer who missed his 13th conversion after placing 12 straight. Needless to say, every player on the field fought with everything he had in order to make the Mishawaka victory possible. Hard driving on the part of Troeger, Lahey, and Nordbladt, plus efficient blocking and tackling by H. Graf, Dickenson, Downer, Callaway, Weatherly, Kelly, Bennett, Richards, Bolesky, and others, paved the way for a well-deserved Adams' conquest.

Though the Eagles may not be the toughest team in the conference they have shown repeatedly that after considerable bruising and disheartening losses, they can bounce back with more spirit than ever. Coaches, faculty and students alike were overjoyed with last week's triumph.

Tomorrow will be the LaPorte game at School Field. This will be a conference tilt with the Eagles fighting for a third win in 5 starts. LaPorte beat Washington badly last week, proving they will be mighty tough.

### STUDENTS SHOW PLAYERS THEIR APPRECIATION

Monday morning, the Adams students were given a chance to express their gratitude to the football players for their victory over Mishawaka.

The school song was sung, each of the players was introduced, and cheers were given. President of the student council, Dick Bennett, gave a message from the student body, explaining how proud we were of the team's conquest.

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### The Low-down From Crowe.

This week, Coach Crowe said that he was very pleased with his teams' showing against Mishawaka. He's hoping they'll keep up this type of ball handling for the remainder of the year; however, in the past they haven't been too consistent. The coach said he would like very much to play Washington and Central again, since the Eagles playing and determination to win has definitely improved. He believes the Adams pass defense is better, and that they are good offensively, evidenced by the fact that they have made more scores this year than in any other year in the history of the school. He also believes that there is not any more than ten points difference in any team in the city on a given night. He explained that suicides on the part of Adams were not quite so prominent in the Mishawaka game, such as fumbling and poor execution of plays. In explaining why several of Daugherty's passes were intercepted in the game against the Cavemen, he thinks Daugherty's choice of plays were good but the execution was bad. However, the coach doesn't like to criticize his players publicly and this is a mistake anyone could have made. He said the boys were determined to whip Mishawaka and they did. He hopes they feel the same way about the game with LaPorte tomorrow night. He explained that LaPorte also has a Daugherty in Hostetler. He thinks that Hostetler may have an advantage over Daugherty in that he has more support in the line and backfield and LaPorte outweighs Adams by at least 25 pounds per man. If the Eagles are up against LaPorte as they were against Mishawaka, and LaPorte is slightly down from their performance against Washington, Coach Crowe thinks the Eagles can win. It is possible that LaPorte may be a little too sure of themselves. The coach does think La-

Porte will most likely win if they play the same kind of ball they did against Washington. As for the remaining three games of the season, Coach Crowe says they'll be tough and he'd be tickled to death to win 1 out of the 3. These games are with LaPorte, Riley, and South Side of Fort Wayne.

### Basketball Coming Along

Although there are three football games yet to be played this season, basketball is merrily rolling along. The team has been working very hard and has accomplished a great deal. As a team, Coach Koss says they have a great deal of spirit and will be a better team than last year. Coach Koss hinted he may have a few new things in store for the other teams this year. Last Friday in an inner-team game, the team looked encouraging on offense, but their defense still needs a great deal more work.

### There Was a Bon Fire . . . But Alas . . .

Last Saturday night, after the Eagles' hard fought victory over Mishawaka, a bon fire and pep rally was held in back of the school. Few students were aware of this, but of those that did know, many shied away. There was, however; an enthusiastic handful of students cheering the team on. I think it would be a great idea to plan for more bon fires in the future with the entire student body attending.

## Evening Pep-Rally Draws Large Crowd

The first after-dinner pep rally last Thursday drew a large crowd of students, although not as many were present as there should have been. A group of the band played, pep talks were given, cheers were led, a snake dance was held, and movies were shown of the South Bend Catholic game. Following this, a dance was held in the little theatre. The pep rally proved to be highly successful.

### ADAMS LOSES DOUBLE-DUO CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Last Friday in a double-duo cross country meet at Riley, Adams was defeated by Central and Riley, and Riley was beaten by Central. Mathews of Central took first place with a time of 10:40. Riley took second, with Central placing 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Strong of Adams finished 8th, Ollman 10th, Keller 12th, Green 15th, Scucs 18th, Elek 20th, and Tennyson 21st.

### BASKETBALL STAR IS BORN

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rothermel on the birth of their son, Dennis Wayne, Monday, October 17.

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