

# John Adams Tower

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## Senior Class Officers



Left to right: Jeanne Ingram, Lois Warstler, Anne Ulrich, Nancy Watson, Marlin Miller, Dick Bennett, Elliott Weinberg, Sue Smith, Dorothy DePree. (Wesley Habart was not present when this picture was taken.)

## FACULTY CIRCLES GLOBE IN EVENING AT PARTY

The annual fall faculty party, "An Adams Adventure" was held Thursday, October 6. Fifty-nine persons, consisting of teachers, administrative staff, and their wives and guests attended the party.

The evening began with a pot-luck dinner which was served on tables that were decorated to represent foreign countries. The countries were Holland, Spain, Mexico, France, Italy and Germany. As each guest entered he was presented with a "passport" that explained where he was to be seated.

After dinner games, contests, and square dancing were enjoyed.

The social committee in charge of the affair was composed of Miss Law, Miss Puterbaugh, and Mr. Nelson.

## POT LUCK GIVEN FOR 12B SPONSOR GROUP

Sunday, October 2, Mrs. McClure had a pot luck picnic in her backyard, for her 12B sponsor group. Those attending were, Sue and Jo Green, Nancy Hastings, Rosie Fragomeni, Shirley Gross, Joanne Kissell, Donn Haefner, Bob Kuntz, Bob Grimshaw and Frank Kensinger, a former member of her class. All had a wonderful time roasting wieners, playing cards, and rehashing the school happenings so far this year.

Maxine Baim, who came to Adams last year from Muskegon, Michigan, suffered a broken back in first hour gym class last Wednesday. She was practicing tumbling for a gym show at school field.

She is now in Memorial Hospital where her condition is reported as good.

This unfortunate incident will also prevent Maxine from trying out for cheerleading.

## BAND PREPARES NOVELTY FOR RED FEATHER CAMPAIGN

The South Bend Community Chest has enlisted the services of the John Adams High School marching band in its campaign to replenish its funds. The show will be the feature of the half-time festivities of the Adams-Mishawaka football game.

The setting will be complete with a big treasure chest and mammoth red feather. The G. A. A. and the band will combine their skills in the acting field and Marlin Miller will be the narrator.

The new entrance steps and synchronized twirling routines were dreamed up by the twirlers themselves and have met with great favor in their one appearance this season.

## Student Governing Body in Action For 1949-50

The John Adams Student Council held its first meeting of the year to plan an active schedule. The council's new officers are Dick Bennett, president; Marlin Miller, vice-president; Jo Green, secretary, and Su Green, treasurer. At the council meeting. President Dick Bennett cited some of the important items of the coming year's agenda.

The council hopes to sponsor at least one dance after an inter-school basketball games; to be responsible for the supply of milk to the noon lunchers; to sponsor the election of a queen and queen's court for the Riley-Adams basketball game; and to complete and have published the **John Adams Handbook** which has been the work of previous years' councils. The handbook is to be given to incoming sophomores as an aid to their selection of extra-curricular activities.

## P.T.A. SPONSORS LUNCHEONS FOR BENEFIT OF SOPHOMORES

On September 28 and October 5, the 10B homeroom teachers and the parents of the Adams 10B pupils assembled in the Cafeteria at noon for luncheon. These cooperative luncheons are sponsored by the P.T.A. for the purpose of acquainting the parents with the teachers and our school.

Present also at the luncheons were Mr. Sargent, Mr. Rothermel, and Miss Burns.

## "Name Our Club" Contest is Sponsored

The new fathers and patrons organization here at John Adams will select the winning name at their first general meeting next Thursday, October 20, in the Little Theater. The victorious entry and entrant will be announced the following day, October 21.

The name mentioned, of course, is the one this new club is seeking in its "Name Our Club" contest which closes today. Contest entries must be in the box in the library at four o'clock this evening.

Coach Crowe will be the featured speaker at next week's meeting. He will comment and show movies on the 1949 Adams football games. There will also be a regular business meeting.

## Students See Valuable Collection of Rare Newspapers

On Monday, October 3, the Adams faculty and student body had an opportunity to study a collection of rare newspapers belonging to Mr. Daniel J. Kelly, Jr., and sponsored by the South Bend Tribune.

Mr. Kelly has been collecting rare papers for over thirty years. He said that he just had a few old papers and a chance to get more so he started collecting. Mr. Kelly isn't sure how many papers he has, but he brought with him 95 of his most interesting, while leaving a stack about five feet high of them at home. They vary in value from 50 cents to \$30 each.

Mr. Kelly gets most of his papers by trading with libraries and other collectors, and by following up reports of the existence of rare items until he locates the present owner of the paper, from whom he attempts to purchase it. His most interesting find was made in Boston where in a stack of papers in an office building, he found two genuine copies of the "Ulster County Gazette." This paper is famous for its account of George Washington's funeral, and there are only about twenty original copies known to exist.

Since he visited Adams, Mr. Kelly has exhibited his collection in other South Bend schools.

Officers for this year are George Bennett, president; Stanley Oakes, vice-president; Charles Ort, secretary, and Earl Troeger, treasurer. Mr. Weissert, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Goldsberry, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Bolesky comprise the board of directors.

The club was organized last spring in order to "promote better understanding of the aims and objectives of John Adams athletics among the patrons and fans of the community and to better acquaint parents with the problems of the coaching staff and the school."

The organization is considering wresting from the school the job of sponsoring the athletic banquets. If this is done a spring banquet for baseball and track could be given.

# John Adams Tower



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## It Took Courage but He Had it

On October 12, we celebrated the discovery of America by Columbus. This day is called Columbus Day not because Columbus was the first to find this new land, but because of his daring act which led him in search of new land. It is true that America was discovered long before Columbus reached the West Indies, but as Mark Twain said, "It was discovered but it did not stay discovered." Upon reaching the new land, Columbus saw to it that it stayed discovered.

The first celebrations of the discovery of America are thought to have occurred in New York City on October 12, 1792, three centuries after the event. It was arranged by the Columbian Order. A monument was erected in the headquarters of this society as part of the decorations for the celebration. This structure is said to be the first monument to Columbus raised in the U. S.

In 1892 Congress wanted the President to have people celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America on the 21st of October, 1892.

Now, Columbus Day, as a legal holiday is celebrated on October 12 by people all over the nation. Nevertheless, regardless of how or when it was celebrated, it would remain a reminder that the initiative and foresight necessary to discover a new world did not lose their value centuries ago, but are now, more than ever, what we at Adams and people all over the country need.

Barbara Swank

## What Will You be Doing?

The type of American you are tomorrow depends on the foundation you are laying today.

Do you respect the rights and property of others? Many quarrels, both large and small could be avoided if more attention were paid to this matter.

Are you a leader in your community? Progress and improvement depend on the leadership ability of the individuals in a community.

Are you tolerant toward other races and creeds? To be successful, one must have the ability to get along with others.

If you can answer yes to these three questions, more power to you, for you're truly on your way to being an American.

--Dorothy King.

## There's Something You can do About it

How have you and your family been getting along lately? "Pretty good" you say. You see, those "helpful" death notices (more commonly called Poor Work Slips) will be arriving soon.

Really though these notices are trying to help you. If your subject teacher thinks you can do better work or if you are falling behind normal standards you'll get one. This is a warning to you to get on the ball. You shouldn't feel that you are a failure or not very intelligent; you just need a little encouragement. These notices do the trick for a great many people

Study real hard and maybe you'll be spared. --Nancy Rogers.

## THE DO'S AND DONT'S OF BECOMING POPULAR WITH YOUR FACULTY

Do you want your teachers to love you as you love them. Do you want them to whisper sweet somethings in your parents' ears come next open house. Just take the advice of one who knows and favorable results are predicted.

First of all our teachers are secretly great lovers of sports, therefore, all excitement you can give them in this line will be appreciated. "The two minute dash" is a great favorite. In connection with this, teachers are stationed at various points of the building to officiate and post results. If they should ever request that you take a slower pace, think nothing of it. The faculty also prefers the athletic individual in the classroom. A special favorite is the one who can balance on one leg of the chair with his feet on the desk. It is also interesting to note who can get rid of the most obstacles to get into his seat on time.

One type of students that teachers really hate is the one who studies and learns—it gives them an inferiority complex. They secretly admire the hardened individual who "don't know nothing, don't want to know nothing, and never intend to know nothing." This way they feel needed, and we'd hate to have any of them leave our happy place before their time after slowly pining away.

A few of our teachers have taken up detective work as a hobby. They like nothing better than a chance to put their wits and magnifying glasses to work. Keep this in mind next time you write a paper for your favorite English teacher.

These are just a few of the things you can do to get in good with your teachers. You will find that they appreciate any little thing you can do in this line to show them you think of them always.

--Ann Ulrich.

Some trees are crooked; others are tall,

But when Autumn comes all their leaves fall.

Green, red, yellow, and brown,  
All many colors as they fall to the ground.

And Halloween comes with its parties and stunts,  
Making October one of your favorite months.

There are pumpkins and apples and big spooky faces,  
That appear in front of you in the oddest places.

And when Autumn passes and winter comes,  
You look back on the past and remember the fun  
Of the beautiful leaves colored red, brown, and yellow,  
And that Autumn day you met that very special fellow.

--Sue Hastings.

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## TOWER TALK



There have been quite a few girls who have been knitting for their beaus lately. Among the group of knitters is **Mary Claire Gennion**. She is working vigorously to get a pair of argyle socks finished by December 3d. That day happens to be the birthday of **John Clausse**.

Wanted: One sign of encouragement from **Sue Robertson** to **Larry Towne**.

**Eve Estes** is the only member of the fair sex in 1st hour physics class. That should be interesting.

**Eileen Haines** has two Notre Dame boys on a string. Evidently one isn't enough for **Eileen**.

Quite happy from locker fatigue are **Marilyn Benner** and **Carl Long**.

Latest craze of the seniors in English VII are **Barclay-burgers**. These are made and sold by Mr. Krider in room 105. The basic ingredient is **Gordon Barclay**. The only advice we can give is don't miss English classes because of a tennis match or you, too, may be ground into barbecues.

**Shirley Callaway** has been dating **Phil Smeltzer** (alumnus).

**Paul Green** is the newest heart-beat of the sophomore girls. Watch out, kids.

The Hi Y boys and their dates had loads of fun on their hayride chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Carlson. Those present were: **Bill Hudson** and **Barb Swank**, **Bill Baranowski** and **Jo Walke**, **Bud Schwalm** and **Donna Miller**, **Marlin Miller** and **Donna Miller** (Wisconsin U.), **Duane Rowe** and **Nancy Guisinger**, **Dick Carlson** and **Marva Tanner**, **Don Anderson** and **Sue Robertson**, **Jerry Turley** and **Nancy Langenbaum**.

Another hayride that same night found these couples present: **Don Vandenburg** and **Amy Barnes** (St. Jos. Academy), **Ray Casper** and **Shirley Stevenson** (Riley), **Jack Filley** and **Donna Leng**, **Ray Hoover** and **Marilyn Stegman**. These couples were chaperoned by **Roger Ward**.

### WORDS

Webster has the words and I  
Pick them up from where they lie;

Here a word and there a word—  
It's so easy, 'tis absurd;  
I merely range them in a row,  
Webster's done the work you know;

Word follows word, till, inch by inch,  
I have a column. What a cinch!  
I take the words that Webster penned

And merely lay them end to end.  
--by DON MARQUIS.

## How to Succeed in Show Business, or I Got an 'A' in Gym

There exists in this school a class intended for the further education of the fair sex in those fields of athletics and sports in which they seem to take little participation. Let's take a look at the exhibition one may find in the Gym at any time during the day. This exhibition is sponsored by Bauer and Tash, trainers of the foremost girl athletics in John Adams.

On this particular day on the stage we find the energetic? members of the class tumbling? Here sits Susie Stooze in a state of complete relaxation. The gossip Gadabouts are having a meeting in the corner and the Merry Maniacs are swinging about on ropes, managing to hit every person and thing within their reach. You may have noticed bruises and black-eyes among the fair maidens of our school.

Down on the gym floor we find the majority of the athletes doing their warming-up exercises. These consist of yawning and collapsing in a heap. After this vigorous workout a thrilling game of basketball takes place. The girls are a little confused, I believe. They are kicking the ball and the score is made equal for both teams so no one's feelings are hurt. The referee plays on the team that is behind until they equal the other team's score.

Of course, there are always those ingenious members of the organization who secure an M.D. to release them from the responsibility of exhibiting their athletic powers. Actually, there is nothing physically wrong with these individuals for the most part, at least. This slip of paper may be obtained by various ways and measures, honest and otherwise. We won't state which are the most prominent. In addition, there are those girls of the highest intellects who manage to find a way to be counted among those present while they are off having a coke or two in some secluded corner.

Now that you have been given an insight into what you may expect, we shall look for you in the amused spectators section. There is a slight charge for admission, of course, for this show of all shows.

## Enlarged Ushers' Club Ready to Meet the Needs of Busy Season

The John Adams High School Ushers Club started the year with twenty-three members carried over from the 1948-1949 season. The officers elected last spring to take over their duties this fall are: Gene Wright, president and head usher, Kenneth Tennyson and Andy Smithberger, captains, Bill Haeefe, recording secretary, and Don Anderson, activities secretary.

During the second week of school the members of the club were guests at a dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Weir, the club sponsor. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent were also present for the dinner. After the dinner the boys attended the show at the Colfax theater as guests of the school.

The ushers club has been on duty for sixteen activities this fall. These activities include the ten football games played at school field and the programs presented in the auditorium. These activities in the auditorium for which the club ushered include the school play, the Spike Jones program, Tex Ritter, and the opening concert of civic music.

Next Saturday the club will be

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What? The annual G. A. A. picnic.

Why? To welcome new members.

Where? Potawatomi Park.

Eats? Pot luck, with pups-in-blankets.

Entertainment? Softball and taking stunt pictures.

When? Well you're a little late for the fun because it was last Wednesday.

Results? Lots of fun, new friendships, and wonderful food.

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divided into two squads. One squad will be on duty for the Jo Stafford program in the auditorium and the other squad will be in charge of the reserve seats in the south stands at school field.

Two more Juniors, Gene Burnore and Steve Elek, have met the requirements for and have received the Ushers Club Gold Pin Award since school started in September.

In order that the club might be able to carry out the heavy load of activities coming up during the school year it has been necessary to add some new members to the club. These new boys are: Edward Ashley, Tom Dugdale, Eugene Heckman, Bill Inks, Jim Kurtz, Culer Miller John McConnell, Ed Perkins, Dick Petke, Tom Reamer, Clifford Richards, Dick Shenenberger, Jack Silvius, and Philip Twigg.

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## NEW CHEERLEADERS CHOSEN AT RECENT PEP SESSION

Last Friday in the pep assembly, Adams witnessed a new crop of cheer leaders. This year, instead of having the students applaud for their favorite leaders, judges were picked to make the decision. Joyce Timothy was placed on the varsity cheerleading staff, while Sue Bennett and Karen Kindig made "B" team. Two others are yet to be picked for the "B" team. They will be chosen from Gayle Freels, Nancy Guisinger, and Raynal Lowel.



## Fashion News

by

SHIRLEY ROGERS

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## Official Gives Insight Into Professional Football

As a continuance on last week's article about Corby Davis, here are some facts about professional football as told by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis says that a professional football crowd isn't nearly as hard to control as a crowd in high school or college, but that things do happen. It is up to the home team to provide the means to control the crowd in the professional league, and if this isn't done the Commissioner of the league levies a large fine upon the home team. The Commissioner, incidentally, is the boss of all the officials and clubs. He alone selects the officials and assigns them to games. He does this in such a way that no one official gets the same team too many times.

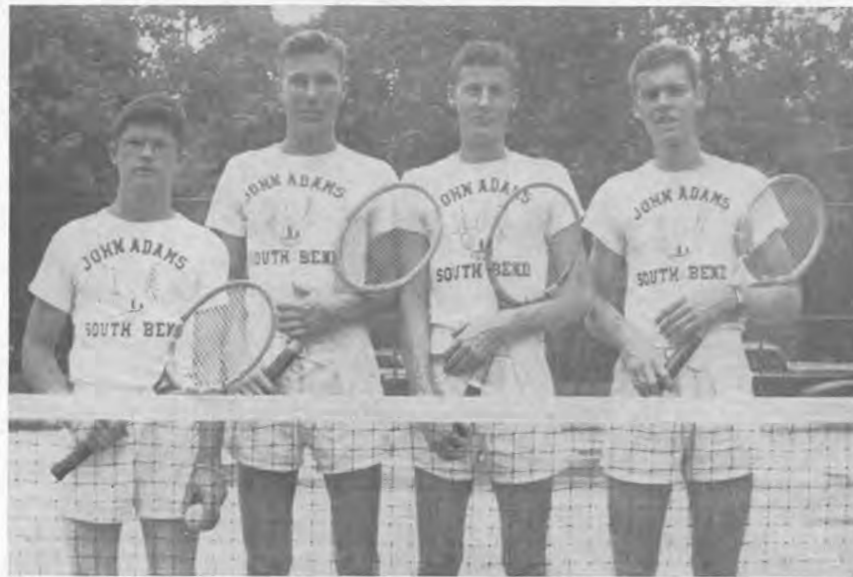
Mr. Davis stated that there aren't many mistakes on the part of professional officials. They even get to gether for three or four days during the summer to do nothing other than discuss and analyze the rules. He believes a professional game is much easier for an official to work than a high school or college game. He explained that few spectators and even the coaches and players fully understand the rules. There are usually some changes in the rules every year. Mr. Davis pointed out that officiating at a professional game is entirely different from collegiate and high school games since there are four sets of rules, different sets applying to each.

### ADAMS AGAIN PLACES FIRST; LOSES CROSS COUNTRY MEET

On October 6, Adams played host to a double-dual cross country meet. LaPorte defeated Adams 20-42, Mishawaka beat Adams 20-39, and Mishawaka whipped LaPorte 20-39. Bussert again took first place with a time of 10:43. LaPorte placed second, with Mishawaka taking 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place. LaPorte finished 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, and then along came Strong of Adams to place 14th with a time of 11:36.

ADAMS TO PLAY  
CAVEMAN  
TOMORROW NIGHT

## Tennis Team Winds up Season



The tennis team finished third in the conference standings with a 6-2 record.

Number one man, Dick Bennett, has a record of 8 wins and no losses. Number two man, Marlin Miller, has seven wins and one loss, and number three man, Gordon Barclay, recorded 6 wins and two losses. In doubles, Miller-Bennett have 7 wins and 1 loss while Barclay-Baranowski have 4 wins and the same number of losses. Adams has been defeated at the hands of Elkhart and Mishawaka.

## BY LINES --- by Bartol

### Basketball Season of 1949-50 Opens

On October 3, the basketball season officially opened in the State of Indiana. Adams opened its season the same night and has been hard at work ever since. The boys who were set aside to practice basketball 6th hour and after school are those boys whom Mr. Koss knows about. Their being out there by no means puts them on the varsity or "B" squads. Other boys wishing to try out will not practice with these boys to start with to avoid confusion and to make it possible for the coaches, Mr. Koss and Mr. Neff, to spot the maximum amount of ability.

All boys wishing to play basketball in the 1949-50 season, report to

a meeting on the stage at 7:30 a.m. on October 17. Mr. Koss and Mr. Nelson will be there to meet with you. After practicing with this morning group, if you show considerable skill, you will be moved to the "B" or varsity squads.

### Monogram Club News

The last meeting of the Monogram Club was devoted to the discussion of getting Monogram Club jewelry to denote the sport in which each member has received an award. Also the idea of presenting each member with a Monogram Club lapel pin at initiation was discussed. Nothing definite has been agreed upon as yet. The group planned for their initiation to be held at the close of football season.

## EAGLES SUFFER LOSS AT HANDS OF CENTRAL

Last Saturday, a powerful Central football team proved to be too much for our Eagles. If the Bears would have just had Shine, or Redding, or Fleming, it might have been a slightly different story, but with all three together plus a strong line and poundage plus, the Eagles were literally snowed under. In spite of this, the Eagles were nothing to be ashamed of.

To start the game off, the Bears received and Shine returned the ball. In the next several plays, Callaway of Adams made several beautiful tackles to raise the hopes of Adams fans. A Central man cut loose and would have escaped had it not been for Daugherty's lightning speed. At this point the fumbling, so prominent throughout the game, began. Troeger luckily recovered the first, but in vain, because Central then recovered a Daugherty fumble on the 26 yard line. Redding then ran for the Bear's first touchdown.

Needless to say, there were other touchdowns, but lest someone be made unhappy by their mention, the subject is hereby dropped. In case someone has failed to hear the score, it was 35-0, in favor of you-know-who.

The Adams players previously mentioned are only a few who fought for the Eagle cause. Others include: Reinke, Downer, Shafer, Dickenson, Deiter, Heigter, H. Kelly, Kelly, Helvey, Bennett, Lantz, Sessler, Stanton, the Grafs, Parker, Richards, Wright, Weatherly, Bolesky, Smith, Lahey, Horvath and Rogers.

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