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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

November 11, 1949

Chicago Trip Planned For Twenty-Five Team Members

We all love surprises, and so do the members of the football squad, especially when it's in the form of an all-day trip to Chicago. Coaches Crowe, Davis and Swartz went into a huddle and planned this trip for our deserving, football-playing classmates.

Since the number who could take the trip was limited to 25, coaches determined which boys should go on the basis of actual playing time, attitude while playing, and stick-to-ativeness of purpose.

At 8 a.m. on November 13, a special bus will meet the boys at Adams and take them to the first stop on their trip—the Museum of Science and Industry, where they will spend the morning. In the afternoon, the Chicago Bears-Detroit Lions football game at Wrigley Field will provide these fellows with a regular "Busman's Holiday." The boys will eat their evening meal in Chinatown.

At the time of the printing deadline, the tentative list of players to take this trip included Bill Weatherly, Harold Graf, Gerry Graf, Melvin Heitzer, Gene Wright, Jack Troeger, Dick Bolesky, Paul Rogers, Dave Kelley, Bill Dieter, Bruce Million, Jim Lahey, Carrol Dickinson, Jack Nordblad, Roger Bennett, Herbert Kelley, Frank Downer, Bill Netzel, Gene Richards, Bob Schaeffer, Ken Callaway, Dean Richards, Dick Stanton, John Helvey, and Bill Daugherty.

"GET-ACQUAINTED" PARTY

The Y-Teens are inviting all girls interested in joining their organizations to a coke party, Tuesday, November 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the mezzanine of the cafeteria. This will be an informal affair, but will give 10 B's an opportunity to learn more about the activities of this organization. A skit will be given by the old members, and printed programs will be passed out to the new members.

Shirley Bourdon is chairman of the party. Others on her committee are Carol Whalen, Joan Gearhart and Margaret Trethewey.

Remember the date—Tuesday, November 15.

COMMEMORATION and HOPE



November 11 is set down on our calendars as the day which marks the end of the first World War. To us this day is commonly known as Armistice Day. Some men scorn the commemoration of this day which marks the beginning of a short lived peace.

The Allies who signed this treaty in the Forest of Compiegne in France had great faith in their ability to preserve the peace which they had purchased with their blood. The Allied people were quick to thank God and the men who had made possible this deliverance from war. Every year in front of the Cenotaph in London, Armistice Day services are held by the thankful people in France, too. This day has been commemorated with services at the Arch of Triumph, and in the United States the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is the site of a yearly ceremony in honor of this international holiday.

November 11, 1917, is a memorable date. Not so much for the fact that it marked the end of World War I, but because on this day the peoples of the world made their first great attempt for world peace. They failed, but again they tried; this time ending World War II. They may fail again, but as long as we of our conflicting races, religions and nationalities continue to work sincerely toward the highest goal, love, tolerance, and moral progress, faith in man's ability cannot die.

STUDENTS SPEAK FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Mrs. McClure's public speakers seem to be in great demand. The Lions Club, the Exchange Club, Jefferson and Perley schools all wanted speakers for American Education Week. The students themselves elected the speakers.

Monday morning Eileen Haines and Harold Knightlinger spoke at Perley school. Tuesday, Bill Tait and Judy Riggs spoke at Jefferson school. The Lions Club was entertained by Marty Weissert, Tom

Warrick, Bob Ross and Dick Bennett Wednesday noon. The speaker for the Exchange Club, Jerry Coker will speak this noon.

LIBRARY CLUB INITIATION

The Library Club, sponsored by Miss Moberg, formally accepted nine new members at an initiation party Wednesday evening, October 19. The initiates arrived at the party wearing baby bonnets and carrying dolls. The initiates served refreshments and then retired to

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Sale of Basketball Season Tickets to Start Monday

11 Games for \$2

Season tickets good for the eleven home basketball games will be on sale Monday, November 14. Student tickets will sell for \$2, a decided saving over the \$3.30 required for single admission to these eleven games. Application blanks are to be obtained from home room teachers, filled out by the students, and presented upon purchase of the tickets. The specific time and place for turning in applications and money will be announced in the bulletin.

In accordance with the policy followed last year, season ticket holders will be given first opportunity to obtain sectional tickets.

Fans to Sit in South

The Adams cheering section will, during the entire 1949-50 season, sit as a solid body on the south side of the gymnasium. This arrangement will improve cheering conditions by removing the necessity of a break in the section for the press box. This new seating plan will be in effect at the first game which will be played against Alexandria on Saturday, November 19.

Goal 500 Tickets

Mr. Rothermel has estimated that the goal this year should be 500 student tickets sold to Adams pupils and to junior high school followers of our team. Sales for the past three years have been as follows: 1946-47, 503 student season tickets; 1947-48, 449 tickets; 1948-49, 446 tickets. Mr. Rothermel believes that, "we should easily be able to sell 500 because of the bargain prices this year."

Applications for adult season tickets may be obtained at the office. Adult tickets are to sell for \$5.

At 11:00 a.m. this morning the Armistice Day program will be broadcast from the Little Theatre to the students and faculty of John Adams. Taps will be sounded as students face the East for a moment of silent prayer. There will also be a scripture reading and a selection will be sung by an ensemble from the Glee Club.

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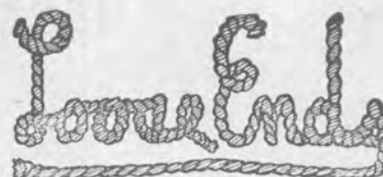
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Do you know that **Gene Landry** has his own wood-working shop? Gene makes shelves and book cases and other things from wood. Just tell Gene what you want made and he will make it for you at a reasonable price.

Mark Young and his father are building a midget racing car which will have a four-horse power engine.

Delford Long builds gas model airplanes and flies them at Notre Dame. He has won two second places in long flight trials.

Mary Walker, a graduate of the class of 1949, has entered North Central College at Naperville, Illinois. She is taking a liberal arts course.

Did you know that **Gay Cone** has a wonderful talent for drawing. She does quite well in the art class and many students envy her skill.

We have a fisherman in our midst. Correction. Fisherwoman. **Donna Long** caught a five-pound, twenty-four inch dog fish. She landed it, too.

Dick Nidifer is also in a small business. He develops and prints a roll of film for thirty-five cents.

Did you know that there are two girls at Adams with the name of **Joan Allen**? They live near each other and they each have a brother named **Tom**.

Besides **Jack Filley's** musical ability in the glee club he can also play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on the musical horn of his car.

There are ten sophomore girls who have a potluck every other week at a different girl's home. These girls are: **Eunice Rolfe, Carol Jones, Marilyn Brant, Karen Kindig, Marilyn Stegman, Nadine Wenzel, Miriam Brown, Donna Leng, Nancy Guisinger** and **Nancy Ankers**.

On Wednesday, October 16, the Library Club initiated new members. The initiates had to wear baby bonnets and carry dolls to the party. They also had to bring tin cups and toothbrushes. These were used to scrub the walk in front of Brownie's Snack Bar. While scrubbing vigorously each girl was asked to sing a lullaby with a mouthful of crackers. Even though it was a little rough, each girl had a lot of fun.

If any of you missed **Pat Ford** a couple of weeks ago it was because of her visit to a Chicago hospital. She has been hospitalized several times this fall because of a spinal injury. We are all glad to see **Pat** back in school, happy and cheerful as ever. We hope everything is all right, now.

We were all glad to see **Bill Hudson** back after his "tussle" with a ruptured appendix.

The student body is slowly, but surely getting used to seeing **Nancy Watson** without her long hair. Maybe by the end of the semester, her

Band Ends Grid Season As Concert Season Opens

The John Adams fifty-piece marching band closed the football season in a flash of glory last week at the South Side-Adams tussle by presenting a clever half-time show entitled "Rain." The umbrella dance drew much applause from the chilled crowd. The closing of the band's umbrella was well applauded by the appreciative spectators, many of whom have watched the band perform through their greatest season.

Marlin Miller was the band announcer for the games. The announcements were written by the drum major, **Jim Considine**. **Tom Vermande** was the new twirler who performed with the band in their final two appearances.

The Y.M.C.A. called on the concert band to open its Membership Drive. The band provided music for the dinner. They played "American Folk Rhapsody" and "Say It With Music."



What do you think of the Tower?

Mary Lou Tait—Good school paper, but needs more gossip.

Don Oakes—Better, but some of the uninteresting articles should be shortened.

Marty Swintz—Improved since there is more news and no gossip column.

Pat Arisman—Good, but more gossip needed. The paper that the TOWER is printed on is nicer.

Melvin Edgerton—Improving slowly, but surely.

Barb Turk—More gossip needed, and I don't like the red print as well as the black print.

Fred Helmer—Very well written, however it inclines not to include enough students in features.

Nancy Smith—Good, but more gossip needed.

Bill Dieter—Good paper and has many interesting stories in it.

"Speedy" **Netzel**—No comment.

"Coach" **Crowe**—What there is of it is good; however, the TOWER should be larger and have more news, especially in the sports section. I think that if the paper were larger, it would help to increase the school that the Adams students now seem to have.

LIBRARY CLUB INITIATION

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the sidewalk in front of Brownie's Snack Bar to scrub the sidewalk with toothbrushes. The new members initiated were: **Joan Allen, Velma Van Hove, Ann Wader, Margaret Skodinski, Marilyn Roberts, Garnetta Turner, Larry Landy, Judie Hershenow** and **Norma Casper**.

friends will be able to recognize Nan despite her cute "bob"!

Education--Our American Heritage

American Education Week from November 6 to November 12 is the week set aside to commemorate the work of the educators and the system of education in our country.

Just think what a fine educational system we have! Of all the nations of the world, our nation has free and compulsory school attendance. We have some of the best educated teachers in the world. We have fine buildings and the largest student attendance.

We do have a fine opportunity to get a free education, and even go through college. We should be thankful that we were born in a country in which we all enjoy the advantages of education. We should be proud of our ancestors for founding a good educational system.

An education can mean the difference between a cultured, free-thinking, democratic person and a coarse, prejudiced corrupt person. A good education puts you culturally above some of the people who are better off financially than you. Our country is so democratic that unrefined, gawky, poor, backwoodsmen like Abe Lincoln have a chance to become president. However, you never heard of a president who was uneducated. Many presidents have quit school early but they finished their education informally. Our country has scientists, mechanics, and politicians who stand head and shoulders above the entire world in their field—because of our educational system.

An education not only teaches us the "three R's" and the sciences, it teaches us to think. An education teaches us to consider all sides of a question, to guard against prejudices, to do our own thinking and to keep us from leaning on someone else.

Education teaches us to think and to philosophize. We are able to understand other people's feelings and attitudes and to appreciate the thinking of the ancient teachers and philosophers. Education expands us mentally.

Thanks to education. May it ever be open to all and forever allow freedom in thinking.

--Edwin Dean.

If You've Been Coasting, Turn on the Steam!

It's too late now! Is that what you say because you've received your report card? Well, then, you are wrong. It is too late to change your grades on the cards, but not too late to improve the next ones. Soon, however, it will be. Start today to improve. Pay attention in class and get each day's assignments. You have nine more weeks to bring your grades up. (That may seem like a long time, but it's not.) You will probably need every day of it.

Don't be one of those people who says, "After this test, I'll start!" Start before that test and then you will get a report card to be proud of. Remember how you said, "Tomorrow," last time and before you knew it report cards were out.

Perhaps your grades aren't a shining example of what you can do, but it is what you are doing. Don't worry too much about your first grades because they are not recorded on the Cumulative cards. The next ones will be and then there will be nothing you can do. So, remember ask yourself, "Am I doing my very best?" If you're not, do something about it now!

--Johanna Jaffee.

Question of the Hour--

**SHOULD MISS ROELL
DESERVE A FATE LIKE
THIS ? ? ? ? ?**

The bookkeeping class of this semester is a group of unselfish students, each hoping the other will sit on the tack of success and rise rapidly. At the beginning of the semester this was not only a good wish for one another but a true fact coming to life via a few sharp thumb tacks placed on the chairs of the unsuspecting. Our chief tack-sitters were Bob Hicks, Theron Hensler, and "Kent the Caser" Bloton. After a few gentle hints from Miss Roell telling us she didn't care too much for these tactics, this phase of bookkeeping was ended.

As Miss Roell was hoping her problems for this semester were over, she began to get acquainted with her new pupils and found herself stuck with three "problems" for the remainder of the semester. Our class is a series of events similar to those created by the radio character Irma of "My Friend Irma."

Many of these "funies" bud out from a cute little character by the name of Don Snyder. Who is the person who is on page 64 when we're told to turn to page 84? "Our Friend Don." And who is sitting home with a sick friend on the days we are beginning an important phase in bookkeeping? You guessed it, "Our Friend Don Snyder." Yes, he causes Miss Roell a few headaches but, God bless his little hide, what would our class be without him?

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mitt.
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1950 POSTER



More than 19,000,000 youngsters in U. S. elementary and secondary schools serve humanity through the Junior Red Cross. This year's enrollment poster is the work of Jes Schlaikjer, noted poster artist.

Voice of the Student

I like and appreciate the school spirit which Mr. Carroll has for John Adams. He has been here in our midst for less than two months, yet he makes me feel as if he has always belonged to the Adams family. Through my association with Mr. Carroll on the Album, I know he puts forth great effort for his students and their yearbook. His spirit is expressed through ideas for the Album and his interest in the entire school.

--Sue Smith.

One of the things I like best at Adams is the feeling the teachers have for the students. I have not yet found a teacher who was not trying to help the students. For instance, I have been very undecided as to what vocation I shall go in after completing high school. No less than five teachers have discussed my problem with me and have tried to help me. The teachers at Adams are always willing to give

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their time to help a student with a difficult subject. As well as being helpful to students in their scholastics, they encourage us to participate in extra curricular activities. They take an active interest in what students are doing. In addition, our teachers themselves are interested in the activities going on out of school time. They attend our class parties, come to sports events, and listen to our band and glee club concerts. Our teachers try to give us more than an education in math, English, social studies, biology, or any other subject. They are trying earnestly to make better citizens of the students. They are trying to teach us to live happy, interesting lives. No student should take his teachers for granted. They are teachers because they want to help us, but it is up to us to take advantage of this service they offer us.

--Pat Shaw.

One of the things which I like about our school is its weekly publication. The ideas in it are expressed by members of the student body in their own fashion. Many times, I feel as though I know a student better after I have read his (or her) article in the TOWER.

--Shirley Rogers.

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SENIOR PICTURES

The most important section of the John Adams Album is being prepared as members of the senior class are reporting on schedule to the Priddy-Tompsett studio to have their pictures taken. With a few exceptions, all pictures have been taken and now members of the class are carefully examining proofs and are making sure the choice print is returned to the studio within five days after they receive these proofs.

Mr. Carroll has announced that all pictures will be finished in time for Christmas giving.



Fashion News

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SHIRLEY ROGERS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1949 FOOTBALL TEAM

Eagles Conquer Suprised Archers To End Season

This certainly should have been one of the happiest birthdays of Coach Crowe's existence. His Eagles gave him a present of which he can long be proud. Adams football power is no longer the unbelievable, but the reality. Never before to our knowledge has such spirit and determination reigned in the midst of an Adams football team. Perhaps, the student body has never before been so enthusiastically behind their team. Adams has lost four games this year, but the five triumphant victories far overshadow these losses. Although the Archers were ranked high in the state, and were supposedly the best from Fort Wayne, the Eagles seemed to be unaware of this and plowed right through them with gusto.

Even though it is not the policy of this sports page to build up any one player, we salute Bill Daugherty for his outstanding playing throughout the season. His three beautiful touchdowns last Saturday were enough to make South Side wish they'd stayed in Fort Wayne. However, Daugherty is not by any means the only one deserving a great deal of credit. His touchdowns would not have been possible had it not been for the whole-hearted support of his team mates. Bill Weatherly has certainly done an effective job in his end position, as have Callaway, Downer, Wright, Richards, Bennett, Dickinson, Bollesky, Kelly, Rogers, Lahey, and Heitzer in their respective positions. As underclassmen, Troeger, the Grafts, Stanton, Nordblad, and Deiter, have proved there will be a good nucleus for a start next year.

We are sorry that Saturday night concluded the football season for this year, for we are certain that Adams would emerge the victor if they were able to play Washington, Central, Riley, and North Side all over again.

As a tribute to the football team, we are dedicating this issue of the Tower to them. The students, faculty and coaches are duly proud of them for their outstanding playing. Their victories and contributions will long live in our memories.

BY LINES --- by Bartol

Basketball Team To Be Stylish

This coming basketball season students and fans will witness something new in footwear on the Adams basketball players. Instead of wearing the traditional black canvasses, the boys will sport new white shoes. It's not wholly uncommon for a team to wear white shoes, but it is when the rubber soles are in blue and red stripes, carrying the school colors and tradition from head to foot.

Holiday Tourney Is Reality

There is no longer a doubt as to whether there will be a holiday tourney at Adams on December 30. Previously, I had mentioned that three teams were willing to participate, but a fourth was yet to be found. However, a fourth team has been found, Mishawaka. The other three teams are Riley, Washington, and Adams.

Riley Paper Makes Error

Those of you who happened to read the sports page of the Riley Hi-Times in the October 12 issue may by chance have found an item which directly insults the Adams Tennis Team. It states that Adams lost their tennis match to Riley by forfeit. The truth is that Adams won from Riley by forfeit. Most likely the Riley paper meant no offense and was wrong only by misunderstanding.

Gallup friends and foes, draw near. Dave Gallup has again ventured forth into the realm of uncertainty and grasped what he believes to be the gospel facts. Instead of waiting for the season of basketball for this year to open, he has become impatient and already picked the state champs, the first three all-state teams, and the outstanding players and teams of the year. He has done this in a feature article in this month's Pic Sports Magazine.

Mr. Gallup has picked New Castle to win the state title in 1950. He believes they will nose out New Albany, Madison, and his own South Bend Central. He names Entee Shine of Central to be on the first team of the state as a forward and Jack Morrical to be on the third team as a guard. He also mentions Mishawaka and Washington-Clay, leaving Adams clear out of the picture. It's my guess that if Adams and a few other teams in this part of the country have anything to do about it, Central won't even reach the regional. However, anyone the least bit interested in basketball or Dave Gallup will certainly find the article of interest or of great humor. Gad, that man must have foresight.

STUDENTS FORGET FRIDAY

PEP RALLY

Certainly there must be some excuse for the poor showing of the Adams student body at the pep rally last Friday at 3:30 p.m. Actually, only a handful of the total Adams enrollment were present. School spirit couldn't be falling off? The students aren't going to leave everything to the team? Cold weather wouldn't make any difference in their attitudes? They wouldn't rather go home than give their team support? ... Let's hope not. At any rate, there was a pep rally directed by our faithful cheerleaders and a

section of the Adams band with the students present trying to make up for those not on hand.

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Monogram Club News

As a service to the basketball fans, the Monogram Club will print programs for all the home basketball games this year. The student cheering section will be moved to the south side of the gym so as not to break the cheering section. The band will work with the section on the yells. The first rehearsal will be held at the first awards assembly, November 18.

The date for the Sox Hop has not definitely been decided upon, but will probably be sometime in April. The club will have charge of all awards assemblies this year.

BUSSERT PLACES EIGHTH

In the State Cross Country Meet held last Saturday at Indianapolis, Jack Bussert, Adams entry, placed eighth. Bussert is only a junior, so he has a good chance to raise his place several notches next year.

Mathews of South Bend Central placed fourth.

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