## AGREEMENTS ARE

SIGNED IN TRAFFIC

## SAFETY PROGRAM

In an effort to promote safer driving among the county's teenagers, the new car dealers of St . Joseph County, the Safety Council of the Association of Commerce and the Parent and Teacher Council are sponsoring a traffic safety program for all students in South Bend and Mishawaka high schools.

The program consists of signing agreements between parents and teen-agers certifying that in return for the privilege of driving the family car the boy or girl will observe safety rules enumerated on the Dad-to-Daughter or Man-to-Man agreement.

In recent years 22 per cent of all fatal accidents have involved high school drivers. The signing of an agreement makes the student a member of the Man-to-Man or Dad-to-Daughter club and gives the member the privilege of attending the "teen-age safety frolic" at the Indiana Club, on December 16. Harlan Hogan will play for dancing from $8: 30$ to $11: 30$ and free refreshments will be served. Admittance will be by membership card only. The card will admit the bearer and his or her guest.

Man-to-Man and Dad-to-Daughter agreements have been mailed to every licensed high school driver. After this agreement has been signed by both parents it is to be given to the home room teacher and she in turn will issue the admission card for the "Teen-age Safety Frolic."

## FOODS CLASSES TO GIVE TEA

The Foods classes will entertain guests at their annual Christmas Tea, Tuesday afternoon, December 13, in the Mezzanine of the cafeteria. Jean Koenigshof, Carol Rans, Pat Denyes and Carol Crowe will preside" at the tea table. The following students are in charge of committees: decorations, Peggy Davis; table, Jean Koenigshof; food, Pat Quimby; entertainment, Mary Nye; invitations Bonnie Zeider; service, Pat Denyes.
These same committees are also planning a tea to be given for the faculty on Wednesday, December 14 at 3:30 in the library. Mrs. Sergent and Mrs. Rothermel will preside at the tea table.

JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL - SOUTH BEND. INDIANA
VESPER SERVICE SUNDAY


Back row, left to right: Carroll Dickinson, Dan Miller, Dick Bollesky, Bob Pfaff; front row: Sharon Chambers, Lois Warstler, Marty Swintz, Betty Solbrig.

## "Dribble Dance" to Follow Central Game

FIFTEEN DEBATORS ATTEND PURDUE CONFERENCE

Those representing Adams at the state debate conference on the Purdue University campus last Friday and Saturday were: Edwin Dean, Dave Sanderson, Dave James, Evelyn Estes, Ann Donker, Evelyn Troub, Marlene Scholnick, Marianne Opperman, Marilyn Borke, Esther Kenady, John Smith, Bob Thompson, Pat Parker, Jeannie Riffle, and Phillip Twig.
The group heard a speech by Governor Schricker, a discussion by debate coaches from all over the nation, and a treatment of this year's question by championship debate teams from Kentucky and Illinois.

During the Debators' Banquet Friday evening, the Purdue Glee Club entertained the group. After the dinner, the debators enjoyed the play, "Lilion," presented by the Purdue Playhouse.

## "BOO" RUPERT IS CHOSEN

 WHITCOMB GIRLBetty Lou Rupert, a member of the class of 1947 at Adams, has been selected as the "Whitcomb Girl." This means that Betty Lou symbolizes the charm and loveliness of the all America type girl made famous by Jon Whitcomb, famed illustra-
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The Student Council is presenting the "Second Annual Dribble Dance" after the Adams-Central game next Friday. All tickets will be sold in advance. Tickets are 50 cents per couple and 50 cents per person. Since there are a limited number of tickets, you had better get busy and buy yours early.

The Dance Band will provide the music for the evening, and refreshments will be sold during the dance.

The Student Council is going to use the proceeds from the dance for a worthy cause - - the printing of the John Adams Handbook which will be issued to every student in the school and incoming sophomores each year thereafter.

## INDUSTRIAL ARTS MEETING

On Saturday, December 10, the Little Theatre will be the scene of a district meeting for members of District No. 2, Indiana Industrial Education Association.
The association members will visit our shop, after which they have requested Mr. Dickey to give a discussion and demonstration on shop procedures. Mr. Dickey has given this demonstration in three previous conventions this year. Following the second of these performances, at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Dickey was voted "the master teacher" by the National Association of Industrial Arts Supervisors.
'PEACE' CHOSEN AS VESPER SERVICE theme

We no longer live in a warring country. This is a fact for which we can be thankful. We do live in a country that is continually striving for peace. Right now the goal of world wide peace is as important as it was during the last war. For this reason the Glee Club has chosen peace as the theme of its Christmas Candle Light Service. This theme has been selected in the hope that during these hurry-scurry days some people will take time out to give thanks for the advantages they enjoy and also to renew their efforts toward making world peace a permanent condition.
In keeping with the procedure of former years, the service will be opened with a candle-light processional winding down through the balcony to the floor of the auditorium. The Glee Club will then sing eleven Christmas selections. Three of the better known pieces are: "When Angels Sang of Peace," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," and "Carol of the Bells." Closing the first part of the program with "Praise to the Lord," the Glee Club will take its place on the stage in front of sixty chorus students. This chorus will be arranged in front of a stained glass window. On either side of this setting will be tall candelabras. The combined group will then conclude the service by singing the old familiar carols.

The Glee Club invites everyone to come--Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend with you.

## BARCLAY SIXTH IN NATION:

 MAY GO TO EUROPEThe prospects of a trip to Europe are looking very bright for Gordon Barclay these days. He won the post of first alternate on the United States Table Tennis team at the Na tional Team Championship tryouts held in Indianapolis on November 26 and 27.
Only five men will make the trip and Barclay is sixth on the team. Sol Schiff, the number one player in the country told Gordon personally that he didn't think he would make the trip and that would give Barclay the chance to move up to number five man.

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## FACULTY

Philosophy of John Adams High School
To develop within students:
A. Attitudes:

An attitude is a mental or emotional readiness to react in a certain manner to certain conditions. This readiness reveals opinions and leads to behavior.
I. A respect for healthful living:

The term "healthful living" implies that the habits of living are such that a state of well-being results. When there is illness, distorted or exaggerated feeling toward activities, duties, or ideas may be the result. Therefore, to live wholesomely and happily, respect for healthful living should be developed to focus attention upon having good health.

Physical ill-health is easily recognized and if proper medical care be provided, good health can ordinarily be restored. When the rules for maintaining good health are followed, good health results.
Emotional good health is as important as is physical good health, but it is more elusive and is less widely understood. Emotional illness is recognized in recurring states of anges, fear, hate, jealousy, envy, and sadness. Good health is indicated in evenness of temper, courage, love in its highest sense, cheerfulness, and generosity. Following the rules of mental hygiene, encouraging the characteristic emotions of good health, and refusing to entertain the emotions of ill health, will result in a healthy mind.

Normal spiritual development is paralyzed when the spirit is ill and moral values are distorted. Selfishness, dishonesty, love of power, and similar moral ills that lead to greed, stealing, cheating, and lying are all symptoms of a diseased spirit. It is quite possible that much physical and emotional illness stems from spiritual illness. Indeed, they are intimately inter-related, It is the disrespect for the moral and spiritual values of man which fills our courts, our prisons, our hospitals (traffic accidents), and our institutions for the insane. Each student must provide for his own spiritual good health through his religious experiences.
Completely healthy men are happy and useful in their sociecy. Good health is rarely accidental; it comes oftener from a respect for healthful living.

## Grand Central Station - Adams Style

You needn't attend an exciting football game or take a trip to Chicago to hear plenty of noise; just look inside our auditorium at about 8:15 every morning. Here are our early comers, usually in the mezzanine and balcony, fighting, yelling, running, and acting like their little brothers in grade school. More than likely, at this time, you will notice one of these brilliant persons making some "smari" remark about our Glee Club which is in the auditorium before school only once a week when they are preparing for a program. This noise and disturbance makes it very hard on Mrs. Pate and her singers.

No one objects to the use of the auditorium by the students before school, but all yelling and horseplay is certainly not to be tolerated. Let's act our age.
--Dave James.

## Adams Has Reputation

 For Adequately Preparing GraduatesBy Miss Agnes Burns.
On Thursday, November 10, principals and counselors from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and New York met in the Rachman Graduate Building at the University of Michigan to participate in the twenty-first annual FreshmanPrincipal Conference.

On that campus this fall as freshmen are James Baer, Robert Gross and Ben Jurcik. It was my good fortune to be able to meet and talk with these boys to be a guest of the University at a luncheon at which Dean Keniston talked, to visit an English I class, and to meet and talk with the Admissions Counselor of the University.

First, may I tell you that our school enjoys an excellent reputation with the University. There have not been too many of our graduates who have chosen to attend the University of Michigan, but the records they have made as first semester freshmen were quite satisfactory. To the University this means that the academic preparation experienced by those students who elected to pursue a college preparatory program in high school was quite adequate.
This however, is not the whole story. The type and degree of work expected of college ireshmen is quite different from that which is acceptable in high school classes. This was the opinion voiced by the students. Doubled effort, doubled hours of preparation, exactness in written and spoken expression, and accuracy in detail are expected at the college level. Because of the rather formal relationship that exists between the student and his instructor the chances are that the semester's grade and accompanying honor points are earned on the basis of the written final examination.

After having made these observations the boys said, "Tell the sen-iors-we know they won't believe it, because we didn't-to learn to really write, to learn to take notes, and to get assignments in on time."

## CLUBS

## Hi $\mathbf{Y}$

The Hi-Y boys are busy making plans for the Christmas season. They are in charge of decorating the huge Christmas tree which stands in the main hall.
The annual Hi-Y Christmas party will be a "stag" affair. It is to be held in the Little Theater on December 15 .

## Y-Teens

At the Central Y.W.C.A. formal initiation services were held November 30 for new Y-Teen members. A pot luck supper was an added feature of the evening. Delores Trisinger and Gloria Moran from Adams served on the committee for arrangements.
Miss Marjorie Inwood Adams, art teacher, taught the girls how to


Have you noticed Jo Jaffee's hair-do. The beautiful job was done by Mary Alice Barnes.

A birthday party was given for Joyce Coffman on November 15, by her parents. The guests at the party were: Pat Callahan Joan Warner Patsy Coswell, Pearl Coffman, Carol Anderson, Margie Granat, Margaret Skodinski, Jack Marsh, Danny Demler, Richard Coffman, Jack Silvius, Jim Davidson Terry Duncan, Jim Considine and Phil Whitmer. The big event of the evening was a scavenger hunt. Prizes were won by Carol Anderson, Jack Silvius, Pat Callahan, Joan Warner, Jack Marsh, and Richard Coffman.
We have a steady list that is quite recent: Jon Ohlheiser and Margaret Carter, Sue Bennett and Bob Boland from Purdue, Bud Parker and Marcy Roberts, Connie Lamont and Speede Netzel, Jack Bussert and Sharon Cotherman.
Also seen together: Pearl Coffman and Terry Duncan, Bill Voor (CC) and Shirley Rogers, Ken Clawson and Eileen Haines, Don Carson and Nadine Wenzel, Phil Whitmer and MariAnn Reish (Jefferson), Carol DeClark and Hugh Baldus, Fred Helmer and Maria Cassasanta (St. Mary's Academy), and Bill Baranowski and Mary Butler from Central.

Del Long says his favorite class is home room. He likes to sit and look at Karma Kuemmerle.

Bob Lewandowski has a new hobby. He makes plastic rings and puts initials on them. He has all the tools and machinery at home. He makes extra spending money by selling them. Just ask Bob if you would like to have a nice looking ring made.
Tuesday, December 13, the Foods I classes will entertain their mothers and guests at a Christmas tea. December 14 will be the day for the faculty Christmas tea given by these classes.

Did you kno wthat one of our girls is an experienced and accomplished big game hunter? Joan Swanson flies east each Christmas vacation to join a hunting expedition to the Maine forests. Deer and bear are her prey.
make Christmas favors at their regular noon meeting, December 2. The Y-Teens are planning to make favors for trays for near-by hospitals.

## Ushers.

The Ushers Club has been on duty ofr forty-four activities since the opening of school in September. The next activity for which the club is ushering is the Glee Club Christmas Vesper Service on December 11.

Since October 1, five ushers have been awarded the Ushers Club gold Green, Tom White, Bill Haefele, pin. They are: Steve Elek, Paul and Delford Long.

## PREAMBLE

We the people of the fifth hour chemistry class, in order to form a more perfect union, to establish justice, to insure better grades, to provide for the common defense do ordain this constitution for the fifth hour chemistry class of John Adams High School.

## ARTICLE I

## The Executive Department

Sec. 1. Executive Power. Union Leader.
Sec. 2. The Power of the Union Leader The Union Leader has the power to appoint all officers, remove any person from office
amend the constitution, and voice all gripes $t$ the instructor.

ARTICLE II
Relations Between the Union Members and
Sec. 1. Power of members
The members may have all powers not vest ed in the leader.
Sec. 2. Rights of members.
The member has the right to rule over his desk and himself.
ARTICLE III

Sec. 1. There shall be no smoking in class. ec. 2. There shall be no partaking of intoxicating beverages and anyone caught dis-
tilling anything stronger than water shal be made to drink a quart of sulphuric acid Sec. 3. The instructor shall not be allowed to use profanity more than five times in one period.
Sec. 4.
ec. 4. No one is allowed
ec. 5 Evin glass rods. Sec. 5. Even though the sinks back up, there shall be no spilling of ales.
drain holes in the table

ARTICLE IV
Grades and Tests
Sec. 1. Any person knowing 95 elements
heir valances, atomic number, atomic weight, freeing point, melting point, shall " A ." given an
Sec. 2 . Tests.
Members shall have the right to change the
date of a test by a majority vote or no test shall be given at all.

AARTICLE $V$
Rights of the Instructor
Sec. 1. The instructor has no rights at all.

## ARTIVLE VI

Sec. 1. Dues shall be two Dollars per quarter one dollar payable to the Union Leader treasurer.

ARTICLE VII
Ratification
Sec. 1. The ratification by the 25 union memthe ratification of this constitution.

## OFFICERS

Williams, Union Lead
Lois Warstler, vice-union leade
Jeanne Ingram, Secretary
Elliot Wineburg, Treasurer
Fred Helmer, Manager in charge of testins Jrinking water oafing

## "BOO" RUPPERT CHOSEN

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tor. She was awarded a trip to New York with all expenses paid where she was feted and entertained; also served as a model for one of Jon Whitcomb's paintings for Community Silverware.

Block Brothers, South Bend jewelers cooperated in a search among South Bend young ladies for a beauty. Betty Lou's mother submitted her picture and out of more than 200 entrants, she was chosen the Whitcomb Girl


The happy countenance seen in the picture above is familiar to nearly all Adams people. It belongs to Jim Considine who is a sixteen year old junior in Mr. Krider's home room. Jim is the drum major with our John Adams band. His

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fancy stepping has given rise to a lot of enthusiastic comment. The new strut, which was seen for the first time this year by Adams fans, is a copy of the one used by the Notre Dame drum major at all Notre Dame games. It made quite a hit with the crowd assembled at Riverview Park in Chicago when the band marched in a parade there early this fall.

Jim's duties as a drum major are many and varied. He must lead the band on the field and in parade. He must keep discipline in the band at these times. He has charge of our baton twirlers and he writes announcements for the programs. In his spare time he plays the cornet with the band.

Jim began training to be a drum major in summer band four years ago. He was taught the fundamentals by Mr. Deardorff and later made up his own routines. He was drum major at Jefferson for two years and has been leading our band here at Adams for two years. He looks forward to one more year with our band. Then he will go on to college.


## I. U. STUDENTS

## INTERVIEWED

On Thursday, November 17, Mr. Rothermel and Miss Bennett went to Indiana University under the auspices of the University's Junior Division in order to talk to Indiana freshmen who graduated from Adams. They went to find out how Adams graduates were getting along, and how high school had prepared them for their work in college.

Most of the students urged the kids "back home" to work harder, acquire knowledge for one's own sake, get better study habits, read faster, and do more than the teacher requires.
Indiana students who were interviewed were: Margaret Boldon, John Bowman, Merrill Donoho, James Nevins, Robert Simper, Jane Tarr, LaMar Worley, Tom Bothast, James Hoose, Madelyn Schrader, Frank Wulf, and William Lake.

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## Adams Sportsmanship Triumphs as <br> Eagles Lose

Last Friday something happened which this paper hopes will never happen again. What happened at Goshen is the type of thing you hear about occasionally, and read of, but never quite believe could happen to you. Watching the Goshen game was like having a bad dream.

Adams lost the game by one thin point, but in reality they won the game. The fine sportsmanship and mature attitude displayed by the students and players was something of which we and all Adams patrons and faculty were proud of to the final gun. We are proud that with Boo's coming from the side opposite Adams that the students and players conducted themselves in such a gentlemanly manner. We are sure that Coach Koss, Coach Neff, and Coach Powell were equally proud of them. We know that we're all very thankful to have such a fine basketball coach as Harry Koss.
We congratulate Dick Moore for his wonderful attitude toward being put out of the game on fouls, most obviously erroneous. Much credit is also due to Melvin Edgerton Jack Troeger, Marlin Miller, Dick Bennett, Bob Pfaff, Marty Weissert, and Larry Soellinger for the way in which they handled themselves. We can't possibly see how Larry Soellinger could have made the free shot he finally was awarded under such circumstances.
Dick Moore paced the Eagles scoring with five baskets and three free shots for a total of thirteen points. The rest of the boys did their share of scoring too. The Eagles played against unbelievable odds with the Redskins making practically every basket they tried for the first quarter. In spite of this, the Eagles rared back in the third quarter and for a while scored thirteen points to one for Goshen. The fourth quarter was the one which brought disaster.

On the way back to South Bend on the team bus, the players didn't stander the officials and Goshen, but instead talked of beating Riley and then LaPorte tonight. This Adams team should go far in basketball and life, for they have those requisites which make great men.

Tonight, we play Laporte in our second conference battle. Everybody who can, come to LaPorte and cheer our team on.


BASKETBALL ROUND-UP
ADAMS "B" TEAM VICTORIOUS IN CAGE OPENER, 27-23

The Adams "B" team toppled the Alexandria " $B$ " team in a close battle, which was fought hard all the way. In the first half, Acton led the scoring for Adams with 8 points, while Miller made 5 points, Dieter 4 points, and LaCosse 2 points. The score at the end of the half was 19-11 in favor of Adams.

## "B" TEAM LOSES SECOND

GAME TO WALLACE, 38-31
The Adams " $B$ " team had a hard night of it when they tangled with the Lew Wallace Hornets. The Hornets came out on top with their stingers firmly planted in the Eagle tails as a grim reminder of their invastion. Coach Neff's "B" team put up a good fight, but couldn't take the ball away from the stalling Hornets in the last quarter to make up the seven point difference. Acton was high point man for the Eagles wih 10 points.

## "B" TEAM SUFFERS SECOND

## LOSS OF THE SEASON, 25-18

Coach Neff's scrapping Eagles pulled a thrilling rally last Tuesday in the early part of the third quarter, but the rally came too late to put the Eagles on top. The Eagles failed to net any points in the first quarter and only one in the second. Acton was again high point man with 5 points, while Parker made 4 points.

## "B" TEAM EDGED OUT

## BY REDSKINS, 31-24;

Last Friday at Goshen, the Adams "B" team came close to winning their second game, but not close enough. Working hard from the beginning buzzer, the Eagles stacked up a one point lead in the first quarter. At the end of the half, Goshen was ahead by three points, and then by seven at the end of the third quarter. Parker was high point man with three baskets and two free shots for eight points, while Acton had three baskets and one free shot for seven points. Tonight the team will play LaPorte. "C" TEAM LOSES FIRST

## TWO GAMES

John Adams, 13; Washington, 23. John Adams, 12; Central, 45.

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## Fighting Eagles Barely Nip Panthers

Last Tuesday night a determined Adams basketball squad fought throughout the game for the lead which changed hands many times. Few times in basketball played at Adams has the score been so close all through the game. The Eagles and the Panthers were nip and tuck at the quarter with a deadlock of 13-13. The difference in score changed little in the second quarter as the score was 27-25 at the half. Fighting hard to keep the lead they had worked so hard to gain, the Eagles managed to edge a three point margin at the end of the third quarter. Then came the fourth and final quarter. How many times the lead changed hands in this quarter is not known, but Adams was behind in the last seconds when the Eagles cut loose and Jack Troeger made the winning bucket. Dick Moore then shot and made a free throw and it was Adams' game.

A total of 45 fouls were called in the game, twenty-four against Adams, and twenty-one against Washington. The Eagles made ten of their twenty-one chances for free shots and netted 17 buckets during the game.

One of the main difficulties of the Adams squad was their inability to get rebounds. Had they been able to get more rebounds, the game might not have been nearly so close. As the year progresses, the number of field goals scored should be increased. Dick Moore was high point man for the Eagles with five buckets and two free shots for a total of twelve points. Melvin Edgerton had seven points.


## WHOT High School

 Basketball BroadcastsDec. 20 -Niles vs. Washington.
Dec. 21-Washington-Clay vs. Adams.
Dec. 22 -Brazil vs. Riley.
Dec. 31-Final Holiday Tourney Game.
Jan. 5-Muncie vs. Central.
Jan. 7-Tolleston vs. Washington.
Jan. 10 -Riley vs. Central.
Jan. 14-South Side Fort Wayne vs. Mishawaka.
Jan. 17 -Plymouth vs. Adams.
Jan. 19-W ashington vs. Adams.
Jan. 21-County Tourney-Final Game.
Jan. 24-Central vs. Washington.
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