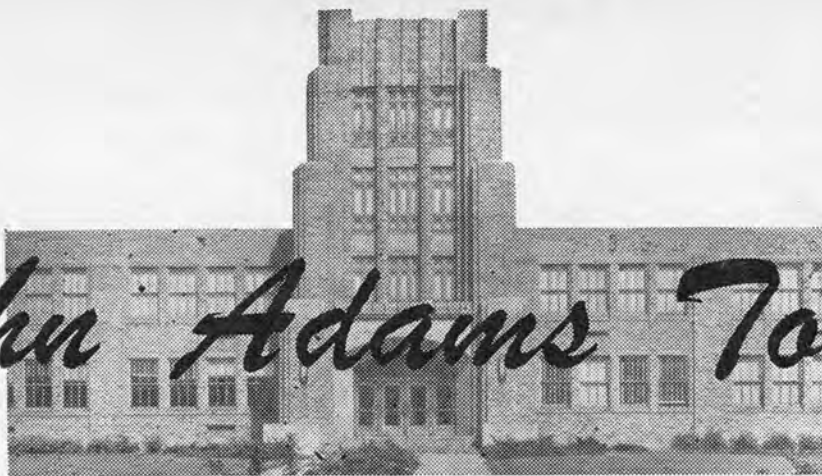


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## Glee Club To Sing Varied Program On Thursday

The Glee Club has planned a wide and varied program for the Assembly next Thursday, October 19. Among the numbers to be featured are several which are being done by the North Central chorus this month in which the Glee Club will participate. The numbers include COOL WATER and THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC. Soloists will be announced later.

Singing with the Glee Club for first time in a program will be its new members: Joyce Balko, Colleen Callsen, Nancy Habart, Mickey Jamison, Karyl Krietner, Rai Lowell, Pat Parker, Doris Phillips, Jo Ann Rapp, Margaret Considine, Joan Garwood, Mary Downer, Eleanor Earl, Gayle Freels, Pat Holland, Karol Hudson, Sylvia Moran, Loretta Ortman, Carol Simons, Virginia Steinmetz, Sharon Watson, Lynn Whitman, Jeanne Woolverton, Robert Bock, Dale Gibson, Fred Lass, Tom McNulty, Richard Northrop, Jack Noyes, Richard Sanderson, Richard Shaw, Irwin Schrager, Dardan Smith, Roger Stouffer, Robert Stone, Larry Towne, Dale Vermillion, Jim Worley.

## SWINGENDORF SPEAKS AT COUNCIL MEETING

Mary Swingendorf spoke October 3 at a meeting of the Jr. Red Cross sponsors held at the American Red Cross Chapter house. She gave in detail an account of the party the Adams Junior Red Cross put on last Christmas at the Children's Aid Society Home in Mishawaka. Representatives of the other schools were interested in hearing how plans were organized and carried out.

Mrs. Margaret Bergan Butterworth, Junior Red Cross Secretary of the St. Joseph County Chapter, was in charge of the meeting. The purpose of the gathering was to create enthusiasm in Red Cross work and activities for the coming year. Refreshments were served with Nancy Smith assisting at the tea table.

## NOTE TO SENIORS

Senior class elections will be held next week!

## Dieter Elected Junior President



The Junior class officers left to right: Jack Noyes, vice-president; Barbara Lennon, secretary; June Crawley, treasurer, and Bill Dieter, president.

## CLUB NEWS

The girl of the G. A. A. are now playing hockey and soccer though there is no inter-school competition in these sports. Plans are being made for a Halloween Party.

On Friday, Oct. 6 the Y-Teens elected chairmen for Roll Call week, the annual chocolate drive, the Y.W.C.A. world's fair, and the drive to sell Adams booster pins. The girls have decided to elect a temporary general chairman for the club and delay their election permanent officers until the club has its plans formulated into activity.

October 8 to 14 is Roll Call Week for the Y-Teens. This week is observed for recognition of the Y.W.C.A. all over America. There was a program commemorating this week on the Wednesday Teen-Time Broadcast. Wednesday was also Y-Teen Day at Adams.

The new candidates for membership in the Hi-Y, are meeting each Monday morning in the Library basement with Bruce Parker to learn the fundamentals of Hi-Y. At their Thursday meeting the boys saw a film of the Adams-Elkhart game.

At the October 11 meeting of the Drama Club Mr. Krider discussed Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. The club will see the play, starring Katherine Hepburn, on their annual trip November 18.

Bill Dieter was elected president of the Junior Class on Thursday morning, October 5. Also elected were Jack Noyes to the vice-presidency, Barbara Lennon as secretary, and June Crawley, treasurer.

These four were chosen from a beginning slate of twenty-four candidates, six for each office. This list was then lowered to three for each office in the preliminary elections on October 2. Then the elected four were chosen in the finals.

The Junior Cabinet will be formed by two representatives, a boy and a girl, from each of the six junior home rooms. The cabinet and officers will vote on all matters pertaining to the class and take charge of the planning for the "Star Dust Cafe," annual Junior Class project which will be held next spring.

The trip will be made by bus to accommodate more people more economically. The group plans to eat both their noon and evening meal in Chicago.

The Ushers Club has taken in twelve new members. They are: Jack Thomas, Dick Wallace, Joe Vargo, Wayne Robison, David Stouffer, Ralph Kronewitter, Jerry Jennings, Michael Weed, Jack More, Irwin Schrager and Thomas Olschewsky.

## American Culture Class Trip To Detroit Today

At 5:30 o'clock this morning the majority of the Junior class took off from Adams in buses headed for Detroit. The reason for this excursion is the annual American Culture trip to Greenfield Village and the Edison Institute.

There will be one stop between here and the destination—at the Irish Hills, where the tourists can see many miles in either direction.

Next on the agenda is a guided tour through Greenfield Village, which houses many famous and interesting buildings, such as the laboratory of Thomas Edison where he invented the incandescent lamp and the garage where the Wright Brothers made their first airplane.

At noon the Ford Company will be host to the group for lunch and then will escort them on a thorough tour of the factory and grounds.

Later this afternoon they will go through the Museum of the Edison Institute, an educational project founded by Henry Ford and named in honor of his friend, Thomas Alva Edison.

On the return trip, the students will stop for dinner at the Michigan Normal College at Ypsilanti.

## BAND GOES WEST FOR FOOTBALL SHOW

"The Old West" will be the theme of the Adams marching band as they present their half-time show at the Adams-Washington football game on School field tomorrow night.

From a huge Wand a musical salute to the Washington rooters, the band, under the leadership of drum major, Jim Considine, will change into a ten gallon hat. This will dissolve into a saddle, horse not included, as the musicians play a medley of Western tunes entitled "Frontier Days."

A large corral will be the final formation with the band playing, "Don't Fence Me In." This refrain, no doubt, will also be on the lips of the Adams gridders throughout the game as the Washington eleven attempts to keep them from grazing in touchdown territory.



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## THE ADAMS UPPER CLASSMEN SPEAK

### THE JUNIOR SPEAKS—

Many are the advantages of being a junior:

1. Of course the important one is that you know all the "ins" and "outs" of Adams on the first day without going around in a blue mist for the first half of the semester.
2. When the seniors look down their noses at you, they don't look so far.
3. You don't have the responsibility of being a senior (setting the big example y'know).
4. If you have a job of a B average you can leave after fifth hour, leering into the classrooms as you walk down the hall.
5. If you make any mistakes this year you have all next year to rectify them.
6. When you are a junior you have a chance to be more important in the extra-curricular activities in which you participate (you might even rise to second assistant associate treasurer).
7. If you are a boy and participate in an athletic activity you have more of a chance for fame—"The ball was carried from the second to the seventh yard line by J. James who immediately fainted from exhaustion for a first down."

These are the reasons that I'm glad I'm a junior and I am sure that the list will grow as I continue in this class. --Judy Campbell.

### THE SENIOR SPEAKS—

Many underclassmen wonder how it feels to be a senior. They often picture seniors as snobs. Actually, seniors are like anyone else. However, a different set of circumstances and a different feeling concerning high school life go with being a senior.

A senior's teachers expect him to be more responsible. He is supposed to be capable of exercising initiative in preparation for the classroom. His work becomes heavier. He is given more freedom around the school and is less tightly bound to the minute details in rulings that are imposed upon underclassmen. He regards his teacher more as an individual and finds his personality approachable. All in all a senior is treated more like an adult.

He realizes that this is the last chance for the school to win glory while he is still a part of it. He wishes more than ever for winning athletic teams and for favorable comparison to other schools in all activities. His school spirit is greater than ever before.

He finds within himself an assuredness, a new poise, a sense of being wanted and necessary. He assumes the dignity and pride that go with a position of honor and he commands the respect of all his classmates.

Seniors regard their final year as the last major experience under the shelter of parental care. They look forward to the graduation exercises—the adventurous with eager anticipation—the timid with a mounting fear—as the beginning of a new and independent life. Edwin Dean.

## Senior Student Finds Glee Club Is Fun

By Mary Swingendorf

I'm the girl who thought Glee Club was strictly "for the birds." Oh, it was fine to sit and listen to a program they had prepared for us, but belonging to the club was another idea. In the first place, Mrs. Pate held me in a state of perpetual fear or timidity. The very first day of school at Adams I tried out for Glee Club. Terrified little me wouldn't go back for more when I wasn't chosen in the beginning. The directress of the group, one minute a charming hostess, the next, a frightening master, turned any confidence I had to sheer timidity. That happened to bring about my poor opinion of the Glee Club. But that happened when I was a sophomore.

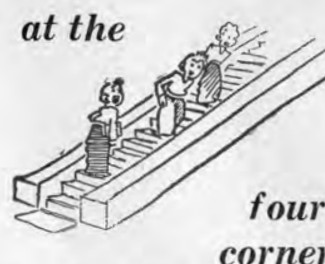
Now I am a senior. After three semesters of avoiding all contact with music and with Mrs. Pate, I am taking chorus two days a week, and I like it. I'd like to be a member of the Glee Club, though I know that is now impossible. I'll admit I took chorus for a selfish reason—I wanted some little musical background for use with dramatics. Quite by accident I found what a wonderful organization the Adams Glee Club is. Quite by accident, I found that those lovely arrangements we hear were not always so lovely. I found that here was a teacher and students who worked hard at something they wanted others to enjoy. I found that Mrs. Pate was not a frightening master, but rather the guiding hand of an organization for which she had every good hope and wish. I found that those seniors—those outstanding singers—weren't looking for people to criticize, but were looking for ways to help the people interested in singing with them. And best of all, I found that the Adams Glee Club is an organization of people working together, singing together, and trying their best not only to be happy but to help others be happy.

I was the girl who thought Glee Club was for the birds. I took chorus for a selfish reason and found it is fun.

### WATCH YOUR STEP; THIS IS FRIDAY THE 13TH

Did you notice anything unusual this morning as you walked to school? Was everything just as it always has been—or was something just a little different?

Come to think of it, that black cat did look at you a little queerly as he walked in front of you, didn't he? That wasn't really important, but when that ladder loomed up out of nowhere you had sort of an uncomfortable feeling. Why was it that your Latin book flipped open to page 113; just coincidence? Even if it was, why did you throw a pinch of salt over your left shoulder? So now your heart is acting rather strangely. Uh-huh, you've got it all right, in fact quite a bad



Larry Soellinger when asked for a chemical reaction in Chemistry, gave the brilliant answer, "Potomaine Poisoning!"

It seems Fred Helmer has figured out a way to take a picture of himself taking a picture of himself. Confusing! Huh?

Rai Lowel wants to inform all Sophs who were willing to teach her how to work her locker comb. that she has learned how to work it on her own.

It seems the Drafting room is having a paper drive in order to beat Mr. Goldsberry's room in a contest to collect Community Chest money.

Still going strong—Chamber-Burget (Central). Glad to see Adams and Central getting along so well.

What's this we hear about the girls swooning over the Civic Music singer who was here recently? Aren't you sorry you didn't buy tickets now?

Ask Sharlee Cissell what she thinks of these new peg skirts!

Something Old — Cotherman-Bussert

Something New — Locksmond-Pfaff.

Something Borrowed — Lamont from Netzel to Helmer

Something Blue—Carol Simons (Dick's away at college).

We must have a terrific lot of basketball fans. There's a lot of them watching practice after school. Or is it basketball that's the main attraction?

Dave Williams, our student council president, and Jackie McArlane (Riley) are now on our steady list.

New Couples during the past weeks:

Bill Hudson and Rosie Schubert.  
 Kenny Dillon and Joan Allen.

Jack Noyes and Barb Lennon.

Caught in Study Hall—Gene Richards trying sleight-of-hand tricks with a 50 cent piece. Do you suppose he was practicing a play against Riley?

case. Let me tell you, either you have aelurophobia (from that black cat) or you're in love.

In other words you are too superstitious for your own good and today is NOT your day, for today is Friday the thirteenth. The only cure known is Saturday, the fourteenth.





By Dave James

Did you know that you can knock the bottom out of a jug by filling it with water and hitting the cork with your fist? Bob Pfaff and Dave Williams know it. They spent a pleasant physics period the other day cleaning broken glass out of the sink.

As I understand the Soviet claim, Russia invented the locomotive and then years later, sent her spies to this country to discover our secret of what it is for.

#### Adamite of the Week—Marty Weissert.

Marty is a Senior at John Adams and is in Mr. Thompson's home room. He is president of our glee club and has earned membership in the monogram club through his ability in varsity basketball and golf. Marty suffers from no lack of friends around Adams, being well known by students and teachers alike. You'll be seeing a lot of him when basketball season rolls around.

Congratulations to room 109 and the Drafting room for their generous contributions to the Community Fund. The Drafting room collected the largest sum but on a per capita basis room 109 won the contest. Complete details will be found in next week's Tower.

**Words With Weight** — Adolescence is when we begin to question answers.

#### CASPER SPEAKS AT STATE CONFERENCE

Last week-end Miss Moberg accompanied three members of the John Adams Library Club, namely, Norma Casper, Mabel Jones, and Shirley Thomas, to the Hoosier Student Librarian Association Convention at Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Indiana.

Norma was the vice-president of the organization and toastmistress for the huge banquet for 250 people. Her only reaction was, "I was scared!" Norma is also president of the Adams Club.

Miss Moberg said that she did

### Adams Hit Parade

"You Call Everybody Darlin'" — Jack Noyes.

"Bewitched" — Fred L. and Ginnie S.

"My Hearts Desire" — a good report card.

"And It Still Goes" — Marilyn B. and Dick B.

"Temptation" — to look at your neighbor's paper during a test.

"It Seems Like Old Times" — Jon C. and Mickey H.

"I'm Glad I Met You" — Carolyn Johnson and Wayne Singer (Central).

"Miss You" — Sharlee C. and Don O.; Su H. and Jim S.

"Never In a Million Years" — Bruce P. and Patty P.

"It's Later Than You Think" — getting to classes.

"Hard Times Come Again No More" — after exams.

"Let's Take An Old-Fashioned Walk" — Kathy S. and Jim C.

"Moonlight Mood" — Hayride.

"Daybreak" — Glee Club.

"It's Been a Long Long Time" — Miriam B. and Dave B.

"Tramp! Tramp! Tramp!" — Halls before classes.

"It's Easy to Remember" — time school is out.

"The Champagne Waltz" — cast party.

"Pennies from Heaven" — What you need for a History or Drama Club trip.

"Faithful Forever" — Karen B. and Bill Heintzelman (Riley).

"An Apple for the Teacher" — to the teachers from the students.

a beautiful job and that she didn't eat much of anything because she had to revise her notes before speaking.

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This play was presented six or seven years ago by the John Adams Drama Club with Jean Steinmetz as Precious Stream.

Getting out this newspaper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly; if we don't they say we are too serious. If we stick too close to room 204, we ought to be around hunting material; if we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in 204. If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius; and if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we edit the other fellow's



For what career are you preparing yourself in school?

Raie Lowell—Psychiatrist  
(Hmmmmm!)

Don Oakes—Janitor (Changing light bulbs)

Jim Considine—Journalist

Barbara Lennon—Teacher

Mary Clare Hennion—Kindergarten Teacher

Joanne Wilhelm—Laboratory Technician

Jo Ann Turner—Marriage

Marva Tanner—Football Coach

write-up, we're too critical; if we don't, we're asleep. If we clip things from papers, we are crazy; if we don't, we're stuck on our own stuff.

Now, like as not somebody will say we swiped this from some other newspaper . . . We did!

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## Riley Rallies To Nip Eagles In Near Upset

In a non-conference tussle last Friday night, the John Adams Eagles, paced by Jack Norblad, almost upset the Riley Wildcats, who staged a last quarter rally to beat the Eagles 27-19. Jack Norblad, who scampered for all three of the Eagle touchdowns, was shadowed only by Riley's Motts, who took a Rowe kickoff and raced eighty yards for the counter. Norblad did most of the running and passing for the Eagles, although Geiger did throw several aeriels, of which one to Smith for 27 yards set up a touchdown.

Another highlight of the game was Smith's over the shoulder stab of Norblad's pass which put the ball on Riley's one yard line. The Eagles fumbled twice on their own goal line and the Wildcats took advantage and scored both times. Geiger scored one conversion for the Eagles out of three attempts.

The Eagles outplayed the Wildcats in every department, but fumbled their chances away. Riley also seemed to get their share of the breaks and possibly deserved them. The Adams boys' stamina and fortitude was remarkable throughout the game. Perhaps, one of the deciding factors of the battle was the Eagle burst of power on their own one-yard line in the first half which denied Riley a touchdown.

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### Current Sports

In a cross country meet held at Eberhart Park Municipal Course last Thursday, the Mishawaka Maroons walloped the Eagles 24-33 as did the LaPorte Slicers 20-40. Jack Bussett and Wesley Strong placed third and ninth respectively for Adams. The cross country team should have participated in their next meet this past Tuesday . . . After losing five straight matches, the Eagle netters beat Goshen 4-1 at Goshen. The Eagles then returned to Potawatomi Park and were smothered by the Central team 5-0. The Eagles have now dropped six matches to one win. This Tuesday should have found them playing Riley at Riley.

### Washington Next

Tomorrow night will find the Adams Eagles battling the Washington Panthers at School field. Needless to say this should be a fairly even battle with our Eagles having a distinct edge over the Panthers. The Panthers were beaten rather badly by Central last week and we were beaten worse by Central three weeks ago, but the improvement in our squad would seem to be much more marked than Washington's. However, this is just heresay, and as was proved in the Riley game, the ball game is never over till the final gun. Enough good things can't be said about the Adams performance against Riley, but let us hope they can carry this fine spirit over to a Washington conquest.

### 1950-'51 Hardwood Schedule Released

Nov. 15—Washington-Clay, H.  
Nov. 22—Lew Wallace (Gary), H.  
Nov. 28—Washington (S.B.), H.  
Dec. 1—Riley (S.B.), T.  
Dec. 8—Goshen, H.  
Dec. 9—Culver, T.  
Dec. 15—Michigan City, T.  
Dec. 20—Warsaw, T.  
Dec. 28-29—Holiday Tourney, H.

Jan. 4—Mishawaka, H.  
Jan. 11—Central (S. B.), T.  
Jan. 16—Lakeville, H.  
Jan. 19—LaPorte, H.  
Jan. 25—Riley, H.  
Feb. 1—Washington, T.  
Feb. 3—Broad Ripple, H.  
Feb. 9—Elkhart, T.  
Feb. 13—Roosevelt (E.C.), T.  
Feb. 17—North Side (F.W.), H.

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## Monogram Club Names Troeger As President

Last Friday, the Monogram Club elected officers for the first semester of this school year. Jack Troeger replaces Mel Edgerton as president. The other officers are: Harold Graf, vice-president; Bob Pfaff, secretary; Don Oakes, treasurer, and Larry Soellinger, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Neff, who took over for Mr. Koss last spring, is again the faculty advisor.

Again this year the club will sponsor the Sox Hop in the gym and the Monogram Club award to the most valuable player in each of the four major sports. Last year Mel Edgerton won the awards in basketball and baseball while Bill Daugherty took home the football and track awards.

The group meets every other Friday at noon. Also on Friday you can identify a Monogram man by his sweater. How many will we be able to count on October 20?

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