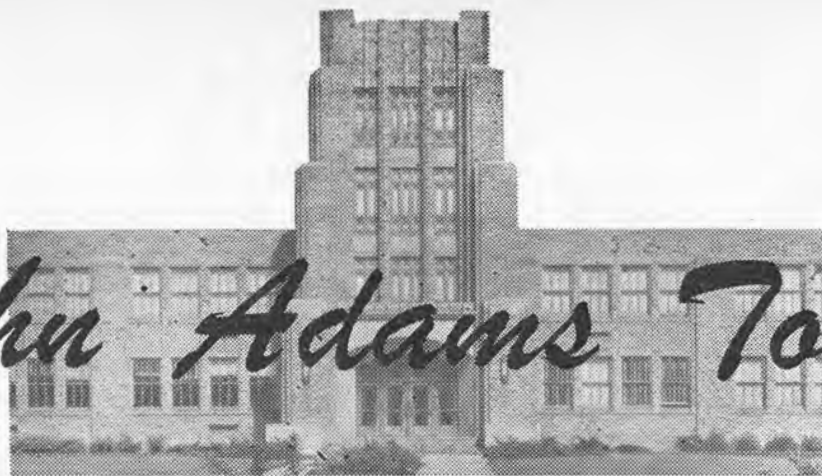


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World Crisis To Be Theme of Council

The South Bend-Mishawaka International Relations Council offers "An Analysis of the Present World Crisis" during the coming winter. It will be presented at the Central High School Auditorium.

Illinois Senator Listed

On Tuesday, November 14th the Honorable Paul H. Douglas will speak on the "American Foreign Policy and the World Crisis." Douglas was named by Time magazine as one of the ten most valuable senators. He is from Illinois and has made an outstanding record as a great public servant in Washington, where he has been an important figure in the shaping of our foreign policy. Senator Douglas is an outstanding speaker and possesses a distinguished combat record as a result of his service in the Marine Corps in World War II.

Cordier on Program

On Tuesday, January 16, 1951, Andre Cordier will speak on "The United Nations Meets the World Crisis." A varied background as a teacher at Manchester College and Indiana University, an adult education director, and a republican county chairman preceded Cordier's association with the United Nations general office where he now holds the title of secretary of the Trustee council.

Tuesday, February 20, Willie Snow Ethridge will speak on "The Balkan's Balk." In addition to the obviously full-time job of wife, mother and writer, Willie Snow, as she is affectionately known to her wide reading and lecture world, finds time to share her experiences in a manner both enlightening and hilariously entertaining.

"Goldie" Has Tickets

Tuesday, March 20, Francis MacMahon will speak on "The Franco-Peron Axis." Francis MacMahon's travels and experience as a newspaperman make him an expert on Spain and Latin America. Dr. MacMahon taught philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago.

The meetings will start promptly at 8:00 p.m. and end not later than 9:30. Student tickets are 50 cents and adult tickets are \$2. Mr. Goldsberry is selling tickets.

Events of Class Trip Related by Juniors

A figure, dressed in winter clothes and carrying a large and apparently heavy parcel crept from the darkened house and into the gloomy street. He stealthily hurried through the streets to a large building which was lighted only at a few windows at the extreme end. Dawn was just breaking as the figure hurried in. He walked into the first room where there was loud confusion, but which stopped as he entered—"What did you bring?" said a voice. "Apples," said the figure.

This is not a mystery story but only a description of a typical John Adams junior going on the American Culture Trip last Friday morning. The day began at 5:30 and never stopped until eleven that night.

The four bus loads of screaming, singing, and constantly eating 11B's and 11A's were first brought to the Edison Institute Museum at Dearborn where they tried to see everything in the museum from Byrd's Antarctic Expedition plane to antique dolls, toys, and furniture.

Next they went to the Ford factory for lunch and a tour of the plant where they followed the assembly line from the chassis to the completed car which was filled with gas and driven off.

Next to Greenfield Village to see many old and beautiful buildings—among them Stephen Foster's home and Henry Ford's first schoolhouse.

After the students had finished viewing these many ancient and modern wonders they piled onto the buses and were off to Ypsilanti for supper and then home to South Bend, exhausted but still singing and eating.

Parent and Student Groups Meet Recently

STUDENT FORUM

The second meeting of the Student Forum was held on Thursday, October 12, at Riley High School.

The Student Forum is a group of representatives from the South Bend schools, both public and parochial. These representatives meet every other week to discuss problems concerning students and various projects of the Forum. The group is under the sponsorship of Mr. Hartter from Central and Miss Bess Wyrick from Riley. Those representing Adams are: Dave Williams, Beth Hodge, and Dave James.

The present projects of the Forum are the Halloween Civitan Dance and the newly proposed Junior Town Meeting of the Air.

T. B. LEAGUE

Our senior representative for the T. B. League, Mary Alice Barnes, attended the annual meeting of the group held at Healthwin Hospital, October 11, 1950 at 3:30 p.m. Norma Casper accompanied her as Tower reporter.

The group was taken on a tour of the Hospital. Some of the places of interest which were shown to them were: the alcove; the medical wing which includes the new laboratory, the X-ray office, the dental clinic and office, and the surgery department; the library; the conference room; the home economics room; the nurses class room; the occupational therapy room; the ob-

P.T.A.

The first meeting of the John Adams P.T.A. was held last Tuesday October 17.

The topic of the evening was "Education: Tepee to Television," with dramatization in charge of Garret Weathers. Music was presented by Mrs. Richard Barker.

In his presentation Mr. Weathers demonstrated the improvement of education from the time of the Indian and his tepee to this modern ages' television. He used many props to put on his show, such as a log cabin, a McDuffy Reader, a slide projector, and sound motion pictures.

The officers for 1950-1951 are: Mrs. Devon Rowe, president; Mrs. Sam Jennings, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Floyd A. Gindleberger, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. David Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Charles Weissert, Treasurer; Mrs. C. K. Parker, Mrs. Ralph Peterson, Mrs. C. F. Richards, Mrs. C. W. Shulmier, Mr. Galen B. Sargent, directors.

servation room, which includes an isolation ward, a solarium, and patients' rooms; and the radio repair shop.

After the tour the business meeting was held in the main auditorium, which was paid for by former patients. Dr. Green spoke to the group about T. B. Following the talk, the group was given an opportunity to see T. B. bacteria under a microscope.

Teachers To Meet For Convention Next Week

Next Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, is vacation time for students of Indiana elementary, junior and senior high schools as their teachers attend conventions throughout the state. Adams will play host to the North Central Indiana Teachers Association, comprised of 2,500 teachers from northern Indiana.

Students in Concert

Some students, however, will be busy on Thursday in rehearsals for the District Chorus and District Orchestra. Thursday night the two groups will present a joint concert. Wilfred C. Bain, Dean of the School of Music at Indiana University, will direct the chorus and George Dasch of Evansville College and conductor of the Chicago Business Men's Orchestra, will direct the orchestra. The program will be high-lighted with combined singing and playing of the Fred Waring version of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Peale to Speak

Main speakers for the convention will be Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, and Dr. A. W. Cordier, executive assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Officers for the association are: Frank C. Sanders of Claypool High School, president; P. D. Pointer, Central, South Bend, vice-president; and Frank E. Allen, superintendent of South Bend public schools, secretary-treasurer.

EIGHT GIVEN TOWER AWARDS

Eight of the students of John Adams recently received Silver Tower awards for working on the Tower. The eight were David James, Carol Anderson, Ann Donker, Pat Cassidy, Johanna Jaffee, Dave Sanderson, Jim Considine, and Bob Bartol.

The silver pin is a minor award which is presented to any student who has worked on the Tower for at least four solid semesters and is in his fifth semester of work.

In addition to this, he must have fulfilled every assignment to the best of his ability and he must be a regular contributor to the Tower.

These people will be eligible for Gold awards if they continue their work for six semesters.

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STICK YOUR GUM WHERE IT BELONGS

We know that before coming to school each morning, we take a glance in the mirror to inspect our personal appearance. If we do not like what we see—if we look messy and unkempt—we try to do something about it. The same applies to the personal appearance of John Adams. Take a look at our school and its grounds. If it weren't for the janitors sweeping the halls several times a day, they would be a terrible sight by 3:30.

At noon, the halls are at their worst because many students come in after lunch with their candy and gum. Instead of depositing the gum and candy wrappers in the nearest waste paper basket, they accidentally let them drop out of their fingers (not realizing it, of course) onto the floors of our second best home.

Another thing—the fountains are not the place to park your gum. There is nothing I hate more than to start to get a drink of water and see that big cud of gum in the fountain. That, too, has its place in the waste basket when it is stale.

Remember, this school of ours is the most beautiful building in this city and paper, gum, and other trash does not add to the beauty of this building either on the inside or outside. Let us take a look at our school now and try to keep up the personal appearance of John Adams as we would ourselves.

Barbara Swank.

Writers Discuss Personal Traits

Certainly most students should develop a sense of responsibility by the time they reach high school. The ability of young people and old to accept as their own, chores and tasks is just a part of our everyday living.

Just think of what our world would be if everyone shirked their responsibilities. What, for instance, would happen if the men who run the printing presses at the South Bend Tribune would suddenly walk off the job? Thousands of people would get no newspaper. It is the same way at school, extra-curricular activities or not. If, for instance, the Hi-Y or Y-teens Club members all forgot to come to a meeting, perhaps some important facts would be missed and consequently, things would be in a turmoil. If every student would do his or her bit in extra-curricular or just regular subjects they would make Adams a better school and they would also gain a sense of respect and honor.

Bob Mortensen.

You know you need it. We all know we need it—Perseverance. In case you aren't sure what it is, here's one author's statement: "There is no royal road to anything. One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast withers as rapidly, that which grows slowly endures."

Next to the ability to accomplish work and a desire or determination to see it through the quality of perseverance is one of the best traits of character which we can develop.

Mary Ann Kenady.

Fullback Freddie Downs Susie For Loss

It may be that you are one of the school of thought who think the classroom is a place to gain an education in the fine arts, such as languages, mathematics and sciences. Are you aware of the other fine arts to be learned in the room where ambitious students are striving to gain a little knowledge? Look around you. Over in the corner Joe Bflunk sits absorbed in his Superman comic book, and there in the front seat is Buster Bookworm whose new novel is far more interesting than what the teacher has to say. Best of all is the back row. Take a look at Sly Susie Snoogle working on Fullback Freddie. Now Susie is dating Trumpeter Tom, who is a wonderful guy, but since Freddie Fullback made the winning touchdown Saturday night, it is perfectly evident to Sly Susie that he should be on the other end of her telephone every night. Yesterday she tried the sophisticated, woman of the world technique but that didn't work so well. Frederick just wasn't moved. Two days ago she was going to be the helpless female (provided Freddie was around to help her). With the sweet, coy little look she made it known she "just couldn't make it all the way from 102 to 103 unless Freddie carried her books. And she "just simply couldn't understand the Latin translation. Wouldn't Freddie love to help her?" It was awfully stuffy in English but Susie "just couldn't budge that window by herself"—but with Freddie's help—it was up in a wink. Now Freddie Fullback didn't go for the helpless Susie so maybe today he'll like her sports enthusiast act. "Oh, Fred, that was the most divine pass you made Saturday—(no answer) or was it you with the magnificent two-yard dash—(no response)—or maybe the fumble that Central recovered—but anyway they didn't make a touchdown. Well, you sure look super running on the field in your nice, clean uniform. That bench would look awfully bleak without you to brighten it up. But, Fred, that pretty red jersey looks so beat when you get a spot on it. Fred! Freddie! Frederick! Why don't you listen? Where are you going? But I just love to talk to you about football—you're so well versed on the subject. Fred, come back, don't go away!"

Oh well, Trumpeter Tom, here's your ever faithful little Susie just dying to see you."

The Perfect Boy

If I could pick any boy in the whole world, here's the one I would choose.

A boy with:

Hair like Bob Pfaff
Teeth like Dale Gibson
A build like Jack Troeger
A smile like Jay Miller
A voice like Jim Wenger
Feet the size of Kenny Dillon's
Hands like Tom McNulty

Madam Adam

SOOTHES YOUR HEART
WHEN IT BREAKS APART

Dear Madam Adam:

How can I get Gingy Steinmetz interested in me?

Bewitched.

Dear Bewitched:

I'm not saying this is a sure cure, but here are a few ideas: First of all, does she know you? If not, you'd better do something about that. How could she be interested in you if she doesn't even know your name? Secondly, so far as you know, do you have anything in common? Are you in any of the same clubs (other than varsity football)? Perhaps you have classes together. That helps. Thirdly, go on, ask her for a date. If she knows you're interested, maybe she will be.

Having come thus far, the rest is up to Gingy—not me.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

I have heard that blondes are fickle, redheads have terrible tempers, and brunettes like to go steady. Is there any truth in this?

Bothered.

Dear Bothered:

Girls, just like boys, are all different. However, these differences have nothing to do with their hair. A person may have a red-hot temper and red hair, but for that matter, what assurance have you that she isn't really a brunette? Just as people aren't condemned (or shouldn't be) for being a Republican or Democrat, they shouldn't be cast off as a fickle no-good just because their hair is blonde. Anyway, who wants to date a head of hair? They say it's the girl that counts.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

There are three boys in my life, all of which I like . . . But, each of these three has an undesirable trait. One is too much of a show off, one is apt to be too quiet, and the other is too much of a flirt? Tell me, which one should I date?

Bewildered.

Dear Bewildered:

I suggest that you hunt around for a fourth man. If you date the show-off, you'll probably spend the evening thinking how nice the quiet one was. Then when you actually go out with the quiet one the silence will be so sharp that you actually miss the noise of the show-off. As for the flirt, well, who wants to date a flirt, anyway? They spend more time with the other girls than they do with you.

Surely somewhere there must be a happy medium. However, don't look for that happy medium as a knight on a shining charger. No man is perfect so be content with the one with the least defects.

Madam Adam.

Reliability like Bob Bartol
Honesty like Bruce Parker
Ears like Bob Stone
A sense of humor like Kenny Thomas
A nose like Dick Shaw
Legs like Joe Kline
A name like John Smith



By Dave James

There's no question about it. The cheering behind our team is getting better and better. At our last three football games the stands virtually shook with John Adams enthusiasm. One thing is certain; Adams is reaching a new high in school spirit.

About 1934 and 1935 there must have been an epidemic for naming girls Marilyn, says Miss Roell. She has five girls in her third hour shorthand class by that name. Don't yell "Marilyn" in the school, you may be trampled in the rush.

Past Adamites: Here are some of the musical accomplishments of our former Adamites. Jerry Ollman, 1950, is a member of the Wheaton College Symphony Band. Dan Miller, 1950, is a member of the Wittenburg College Choir. Andy Smithberger, 1950, is displaying his musical ability with the Purdue Band. At Indiana University, appearing with the "Marching One-Hundred" are Bill Cox, 1949, Jerry Coker, 1950, Jack Coker, 1948, and Wayne Woodworth, 1948. Dale Litherland, 1949, is at the University of Utah and a member of the band there.

Fellows! Here's something to look forward to. Just think, you're growing up. Soon the long groping finger of the draft board will reach you. This is the time to take the opportunity and make application to take the N.R.O.T.C. scholarship test.

Words with Weight: It's no disgrace to be poor, but, boy, it sure is unhandy.

"These old trousers may be helpful to you," said the kind old lady. "All they need is a little mending." "That's fine" said the tramp. "I'll call back for them in half an hour."

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CLUB NEWS

On Sunday, October 15, the Y-Teens held a ceremonial service at the Y.W.C.A. This began their annual Chocolate drive. Y-Teens and their parents attended the affair which was followed by a tea.

At the Y.W.C.A. World's Fair, to be held Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, the Adams Y-Teens will sponsor a fish pond. The girls will be dressed to represent the Scandinavian countries.

The Hi-Y has scheduled a hayride for October 28. They held their regular monthly evening meeting last night. Refreshments were served.

The Debate Club held tryouts for the Debate team on Wednesday, October 11. The following people will comprise the Debate team for the coming season: Esther Kennedy, David Sanderson, Evelyn Troub, Ann Donker, Marilyn Burke, Roger Stouffer, Fred Laas, John Smith, Edwin Dean, David Hessey, William Witwer, Karyl Kitner, Jeanne Riffle and David James.

The date of the Drama Club trip to Chicago has been moved ahead to November 4 as the play they wish to see, "As You Like It" will not be playing on the 18th.

The Library Club is planning initiation of new members. New members in the group are: Barbara Allen, Darlene Beascher, Jill Jacobson, Norma Culber, Joyce Barrell, Pat Parker, Sandra Van Dusen.

The Junior Red Cross held elec-

tions on Thursday, October 12. Officers for the coming year are: Mary Swingendorf, president; Joan Allen, vice-president and Jean Gooley, secretary-treasurer.

The Red Cross enrollment drive will be held soon. A committee composed of Pat Parker, Susan Nuss, and Loretta Blanton will help the council representatives from the home rooms formulate and carry out plans for its success.

The Orchestra held elections last week, too. Jane Gindelberger was chosen president; Evelyn Troub, vice-president; and Ann Dunsmore, secretary-treasurer.

RECORD AMOUNT COLLECTED IN COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

John Adams students are to be commended for their fine contributions to the Community Fund. A total of \$182.35, the highest ever to be given by an Adams student body, is more than twice the total of \$64.71 contributed last year.

Much credit is due to the students of rooms 109 and the Drafting Room. Their contest brought out the real spirit of the drive and netted \$58.50 for the 39 students of the Drafting Room and \$47.39 from the 29 in room 109. Other high contributors were rooms 103, \$13.46; 206, \$11.10; and 106, \$11.01.

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What did you think of the N. D.-Purdue game?

Nancy Smith—I am glad Notre Dame lost their game; especially to Purdue.

Clara Ferraro—I was sorry to see N. D. lose, but maybe it was for the best.

Dick Stanton—It was a tough game for N. D. to lose.

Sandra Van Dusen—I am sorry that N. D. lost but glad that it was Purdue that beat them because they kept playing them.

Bryan Young—I am glad P. U. won because it is a better team.

Janet Miller—Purdue seemed to be the better team Saturday but I am always for N. D.

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Adams Trowned By Washington 32 to 6

Last Saturday night, the Adams Eagles held the Washington Panthers on almost even terms during the first half with the Panthers only getting one touchdown. Then the mighty Panthers exploded in the third quarter and scored four tallies to sew up the game. The Eagles fought all the way, but failed to have the necessary manpower to stop the Washington backs, Robertson, Wilkins, Ganser, Cashaw, and Miller, who seemed to get away from every Eagle tackler.

The Eagles scored in the last quarter when Dean Richards blocked a Washington punt on the Panther forty-two yard line and Adams recovered. Ten plays later Jack Norblad went over for the touchdown from the two-yard line. Paul Geiger's try for the conversion was wide. The game was the Eagles third loss to one win in conference play.

Needless to say, Adams lost more than just a game. They lost players because of injuries, and they lost prestige among the other football teams after they had stood up so wonderfully against Riley. This doesn't mean they weren't fighting every minute and doing their best at all times, but this just doesn't seem to be enough. Maybe they weren't up for the game, but that certainly is a worn out excuse. Actually, the team is composed of one of the greatest groups of fellows any team can have and are fellows you can be proud of on the field and off. But it's the student body

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Tennis Team Ends Season

The John Adams netters closed out the tennis season for 1950 with a win over the Wildcats of Riley by a score of 3-2. The match was held at Riley. The win boosted their record to two wins and six losses. The team did no more than was expected of them this year, for they were all inexperienced. We know they'll do better next year.

"B" Team Gets Nipped by Goshen 14-13

The "B" team in football lost a hard fought battle to the Redskins of Goshen on the Eagle field last Monday afternoon. The two Eagle tallies were accounted for by Wayne Woodward, who scampered around end 87 yards, and by Dillion, who speared a pass into the end zone. Woodward also converted.

Cross Country Team Places Second

The Adams runners placed second, ahead of Riley, and behind Central, in a cross country meet held at Potawatomi Park Thursday of last week. Jack Bussert took third place and Wesley Strong finished sixth. Jones of Adams finished eighth.

Cheerleaders Want Suggestions

You will find a new suggestion box in the library which was placed there by the cheerleaders in an effort to find out what type yells you want. They are inviting you to invent your own yells and turn them in for their consideration. If you, that gripe at their yells fail to take advantage of this opportunity, you'd better forever hold your peace.

that is going to have to change. We have great hopes for our football team every year. We always have a kind of blind faith and expect them to do the impossible, which they do every once in a while. However, they aren't a championship football team and we might as well realize this and take their wins and losses in our stride and support and cheer them no matter what the score. We have never had cause to be ashamed of them. Let us not start now.

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Marching Band Prepares Shows For Final Games

The John Adams High School marching band has spent the week working on their final two shows of the current football season; the one for the Goshen game at School Field tonight and the one for the North Side of Fort Wayne game next Friday night, October 27.

For the game tonight the band will present a show on transportation. They will form a bicycle, a train, and a modern streamlined automobile.

Childhood memories will be the theme of the North Side show with the band acting out some familiar nursery rhymes.

DIAMONDS—JEWELRY—WATCHES

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NOTICE!

Due to the vacation for the teachers convention next Thursday and Friday, no Tower will be distributed next Friday. The next issue of the paper will be the special Halloween edition on Monday morning, October 30.

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