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Esther Kennedy Chosen By Seniors As Good Citizen

Esther Kennedy has been chosen the D. A. R. Good Citizen for John Adams by members of the Senior class and faculty. She was selected on these qualifications: Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism.

Esther will represent the school in a contest sponsored by the Indiana Society, Daughters of The American Revolution, in which a county winner and finally a state Pilgrim will be selected.

Examinations for the County Good Citizen will be held in Central Senior High School December 3. Judges who are appointed by the State Regent and State Chairman will select one participant from the county winners, who will be Indiana's Pilgrim.

Each Good Citizen will be given a certificate of award, and the State Pilgrim will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.

PARENTS TO BE WELCOMED AT OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY

The John Adams Parent-Teacher Association is planning its annual open house to be held Thursday night November 2, from seven to nine o'clock. The open house provides an opportunity for the parents to come to talk to the teachers of their children.

Mrs. Devon Rowe, president, has appointed chairmen for the various committees of the association. They are: Mrs. Sam Jennings, program; Mrs. R. D. Puckett, music; Mrs. Ralph Peterson and Alonzo L. Goldsberry, membership; Mrs. John D. Pfaff, Mrs. J. V. E. Lennon, Mrs. C. K. Parker, and Mrs. Archibald McClure, hospitality; Mrs. Glen Richards, publications; Mrs. Paul M. Kenady, budget and finance; Mrs. W. S. Dean, legislation; Mrs. Stanley Sessler, juvenile protection; Mrs. Floyd Troub, study group; Mrs. C. F. Richards, character and spiritual education; Mrs. George W. Spindler, home room; Mrs. Irvin L. Finch, founder's day; Mrs. E. L. Wenger, international relations; Mrs. Paul Marsh, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. H. Bartol and Mrs. Paul Holland, 10B luncheons; and Mrs. David Williams, historian.

Helmer Elected President of Senior Class



Newly elected officers of the Class of '51 are, left to right: President, Fred Helmer; vice-president, Don Oakes; secretary, Nancy Orzech; and treasurer, Tom Pozzi.

Fred Helmer was recently elected president of the Senior Class. He will lead the class activities

RADIO SHOW PLANNED BY STUDENT FORUM

The South Bend Student Forum, made up of representatives from each South Bend High School, (Beth Hodge Dave James, and Dave Williams from Adams), is planning a Junior Town Meeting of the Air to be given soon.

On each program, four students will form a panel with either another student or an adult as moderator. Each panel member will give a speech expressing his views of the subject under discussion. Then, the discussion is thrown open to the audience for questions which are answered by members of the panel. At the end, the moderator gives a summary of the entire discussion.

These programs can be very beneficial in that they will give the opinions of high school students on problems which later they must decide.

P. T. A. HOLDS CRAFT CLASSES

The P. T. A. Adult Crafts Class began Tuesday, October 24. On seven consecutive Tuesday evenings Mr. Floyd Dickey, of the John Adams industrial arts department, will instruct in plastics, leather, ceramics, and other fields, if requested.

The P. T. A. of Jefferson Junior High School is joining with the Adams P. T. A. to sponsor these programs.

with Don Oakes, vice-president; Nancy Orzech, secretary; and Tom Pozzi, treasurer.

Fred was also president of the Junior class last year and is vice-president of the Adams Student Council. He is also editor of the Album.

Nancy was elected to her position in a close battle. She defeated Nancy Smith and Barbara Swank on the second ballot, after the three had tied in the first election.

Don has been the home room representative to the Student Council for room 205 for the past three years. He is well-known from the varsity basketball team last year. In the Monogram club election two weeks ago he was chosen treasurer.

Tom has never participated in extra-curricular activities, but his name can always be found on the "A" honor roll.

The Senior Class Council nominated the list of candidates after each senior had been given an opportunity to make nominations for the four offices.

The Council will continue their weekly meetings as they must give immediate consideration to choosing an orchestra for the Senior Prom and selecting announcements for commencement.

IN MEMORIAM

The Tower on behalf of the John Adams student body wishes to express deepest sympathy to Jim Carithers on the death of his mother.

Many Door Prizes Are Offered At Halloween Dance

Tomorrow night the Civitan Club of South Bend and the Student Forum will sponsor their fourth annual Halloween Dance at the Palais Royale. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 11:30.

The Civitans sponsor this dance and an afternoon party each year in an effort to hold Halloween vandalism to a minimum.

The ticket from the pledge card and the identification card which have been distributed, are necessary for admittance.

Many door prizes will be offered also. Table model and portable radios, wrist watches, corsages, and cash prizes will be awarded.

All this for just a pledge to abstain from Halloween vandalism. Absolutely free! The Civitan Halloween Dance at 8:30 tomorrow night at the Palais Royale.

SCIENCE AWARD TO BE GIVEN TOP STUDENT

At graduation time, next Spring, Adams will present to the outstanding Senior science student the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. This award is used in thousands of schools throughout America to stimulate the interest of students in the study of science and to recognize high scholastic accomplishment. Only winners of the Honorary Science Award can compete for one of the three Bausch and Lomb Science Scholarships.

Each of the three scholarships has a cash value of \$3,200. The University of Rochester at Rochester, New York also offers other scholarships of equivalent value. Several of these scholarships usually are awarded to runners-up in the Bausch and Lomb competition.

SENIOR COLLEGE BULLETIN

Mr. Vernon Alden, assistant director of admissions of Northwestern University will be at John Adams Thursday, November 2, to talk with students who are interested in Northwestern. On Friday, November 3, Mr. David Tallman, admissions counselor from Hanover will be in the building.

Appointments for conferences with these gentlemen can be made in Miss Burns office.

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From the Editor's Pen

CIVITAN DANCE

Once again we have approached the time of year known as Halloween, the time that little children dress up in fantastic costumes hoping to scare some unknowing old folks and the time of year for the "old" children to go out and pin horns and soap windows.

Each year the Civitan Club sponsors a party for the little "kids" of elementary school and junior high age and a big dance for high school students in a way to prevent the teen-agers from roaming the streets getting into trouble.

The Civitans are to be congratulated for the swell job that they are doing. They have come to the realization that the only way to keep high schoolers out of mischief is to give them something to do and they certainly have fixed the problem with this annual Halloween Dance.

The club should be given all our support. Keep up the good work, Civitans!

HALLOWEEN

By the time a person reaches his middle teens and is going to high school people expect a lot more of him. He is supposed to become more adult-like, more grown-up, and make wiser decisions.

But people begin to wonder how the schools train students when they go out and break windows, slash convertible tops, and tear up flower gardens. When high school students are involved in affairs like these the public questions what kind of things they are teaching you at John Adams. Such "Pranks" reflect on your parents and your school. Do they approve such things?

Of course not! The whole thing is that most of the trouble is in our inability to make wise decisions, in our failing to act like adults.

There is a limit to Halloween stunts. Sure, it's fun to run tick-tacks on peoples' windows and watch them jump half way to the ceiling, but soaping windows and breaking glass in the streets in vandalism. That's going to far!

Just think how unhappy little Peter, who lives next door, is when you steal his jack-o-lantern from his front porch!

It's high time that you put an end to all this foolishness and act your age! I don't mean you should go "trick-or-treating" you're too old for that, too. Have fun, but refrain from vandalism. Be a teen-ager!

JOTTINGS: The Glee Club has added another wrung to its tall ladder of success. Their assembly on Oct. 20 was most enjoyable. I think there very definitely should be more of them. Thanks, kids of the Glee Club and Mrs. Pate. . . . Wednesday and Thursday nights Riley High School will present "She Stoops to Conquer" at 8:00 p.m. in their auditorium. Riley has always presented the highest in entertainment and this play should be no different. . . . How many of you noticed the Adams pennant hanging on the wall in Sharon Smith's cartoon, "Buttons and Beaux," in the October 19 South Bend Tribune.

Hodges Retraces Her History Of Halloween

By Beth Hodge

Halloween has long been a memorable occasion in my life. It started many long years ago when I was in kindergarten. My mother took me out for my first venture at the trick-or-treating business. What a glorious time I had! I made a net profit of: thirteen apples, nine cookies, four candy bars, one banana, six pieces of bubble gum, one nickel, and mother bought me an ice cream cone so I'd go home. She said her feet were killing her.

By first grade, I had graduated into the Halloween Party division. It was loads of fun, for a first grade level, anyway.

Second grade, three girls and I went out by our lonesomes. It was terribly exciting and we felt very grown up until some third grade boys scared the living day lights out of us.

Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades were all pretty much the same thing. Each year I progressed so that by the seventh grade I had been promoted to the rank of Captain-in-charge - of - Horn - Toot ing and assistant to the window soaper.

By now, in my Junior year, you would think I would have a perfectly wonderful position like Chairman in Charge of Igniting garages or at least head of a tree felling committee. But no — come Halloween night you find me sitting in a comfortable chair with my three companions, Chemistry, History, and English.

SENIORS NAMES COMPOSE HALLOWEEN PARTY STORY

The White moon was shining unusually bright this certain night, leaving eerie shadows under the Oakes and beside the Pozzi and Bushey. In the garden a skeleton was Duncan donuts.

On the lot was a huge mansion with the Chambers lit very brightly. This was the home of the Dean of Hoover College. Through the windows many odd creatures could be seen gathered inside—witches, bats, and Satan, himself. Each one had a horn that he could blow, all kinds of horns: Cleghorn and Schermerhorn.

Over the Marsh Enfield loud cries were heard coming from the Dean's home—"Bolt the door!" "Carter away to the Barnes!" What a Rowe they were raising!

But everyone knew the Coswell. This was Halloween! Those creatures were all prominent persons masqueraded for the Dean's ball. Among them were the head of Granat Hall, the wife of the president of Kennedy and Lea University, the Mayor of Lowell.

SAY LISTEN, KIDS!

If it's gossip you want
 Don't keep us on the hunt
 Start things workin'
 So we can keep the column perkin'.

Madam Adam

SOOTHES YOUR HEART WHEN IT BREAKS APART

Dear Madam Adam,

I like a boy here in school, but he doesn't even know I am alive. What can I do to get his attention?

Nan C.

Dear Nan,

You can do anything to get his attention. Stand on your head; kick him in the shins if you like. I would suggest, however, that you see to it that the attention is favorable.

One snare that often works is this method; get him to do something for you (sharpen your pencil, help you with geometry even if you're a brain), and then return the favor. Then he will not only notice you, but appreciate you as well.

Madam Adam

P. S. You might try wearing a red coat.

Dear Madam Adam,

Why is it that I always get a fever every time I'm around a certain boy?

Su Z.

Dear Su,

This must be some boy! Not having felt your forehead or taken your pulse, I would say either he radiates quantities of warmth or you're in love. And then, of course, you might actually have a bad case of the flu.

Madam Adam

Dear Madam Adam,

How do you get a date with a boy you like, but not chase him

Sal E.

Dear Sal,

That has long been the art of a clever woman, but just how to explain it is difficult.

If you don't want to chase him, you might try finding out where he will be and when, and just by coincidence get there before he does; smile your sweetest smile; be your own sweet natural self, and sit at home and wait. Since you are not chasing him, that is all you can do. The rest (darn it!) is up to him.

The Madam

Dear Madam Adam,

Do you think it is wrong for a girl to smoke?

El N.

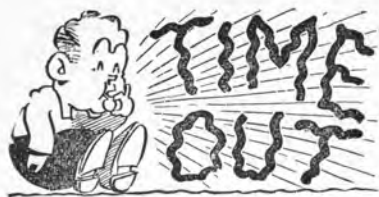
Dear El,

That is a matter of taste. Most likely if you yourself want to, and your crowd does, you will. Nothing any etiquette books would say could prevent you from it. However, if you don't want to or don't like to, for Heaven's Sake don't. Here's why:

Most boys don't like to see girls smoke. Although you feel very important when you smoke in public, it can also make you appear cheaper and tougher than you really may be.

The final decision is yours entirely. The standards of you and your friends determine whether it is right or wrong.

The Madam



By Dave James

The John Adams Alumni Association, which was established one year ago, has become active once again this semester.

This organization, made up entirely of former Adams students, is continuing to execute its purpose, which is to renew and enrich old school acquaintances. This "Triple A" organization, as it is often called, meets once a month and provides graduates with an opportunity to meet with their old school friends.

Any Senior A or graduate of John Adams High School is eligible for membership in this worthwhile organization.

Adamite of the Week—Johanna Jaffee

Johanna is a senior here at Adams and hails from 109. She has made straight "A's" since entering high school and is a member of the Drama Club Board. Johanna also writes for the Tower and has received her silver Tower Award. She is manager of the Album advertising staff.

Words With Weight

Any fool can laugh at a joke; but only a powerful man will laugh when the joke is on himself.

READ THIS, GIRLS THEN YOU'LL KNOW

Girls: How to get a date in ten easy lessons.

1. Be sure to call your beloved at least twice every night.
2. Yell to him when he is standing with a group of his friends so that they'll all know he is strictly yours.
3. Walk him to and from his classes each day.
4. Carry his books if his arms are tired.
5. If you receive a better mark than he on a test, be sure to let him know so he will know how smart you are.

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Just as he had settled down on

6. Laugh and giggle around him a lot so that he'll think you have a wonderful sense of humor.
7. Talk a lot and don't give him a chance to say much, for he might be the bashful type.
8. Don't let him think you're dumb. Argue and argue until he gives in. He'll think you're very persuasive.
9. Tell all his friends how you want a date with him. A guy always likes a little encouragement from a gal.
10. And last but not least, be sure you call his mother and let her know what a swell gal you are. And ask her to fix up your date.

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a fluffy, white cloud, he fell through. The next thing he knew he was in a giant's parlor. He heard a woman say, "George, are the dishes finished?"

"No, dear, the automatic dishwasher has developed an inferiority complex."

A third person said, "Hi, mom, hi pop, my tandem pogo stick has gone on strike for higher octane gas and won't budge."

"And my automatic knitting needles," said the woman, "got all twisted up while playing tag on a corkscrew."

Just then Jack was discovered! George shouted in Bass Clef, "What are you doing in that thimble? Come out so I can eat you up!"

But Jack was a quick thinking and ingenious young lad. So he pleaded, "If I teach you to get

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along with your temperamental appliances will you free me?"

"Yes, yes, yes," they chorused.

So Jack showed them how to wash dishes, ride a horse, and knit. The Giant family declared they would be eternally grateful and after he left they said, "That brave boy must come from some extremely advanced civilization to understand all those intricate procedures. Perhaps some day we, too, may be able to simplify life and live it in a carefree, happy, manner."

It is often surprising to find that heights may be attained merely by remaining on the level.



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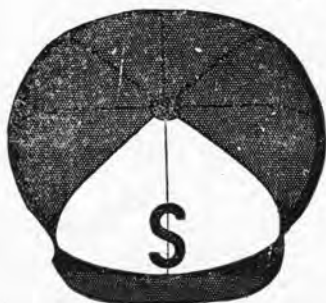
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Boys' — Youth Floor

Injury Plagued Eagle Eleven Ties Goshen 7-7

An alert Eagle defense was evident Friday night as they halted three touch down drives by the Goshen Redskins and then came back with a quick touchdown to tie the Goshen 7-7. This typical Adams defense stood out all night as Paul Geiger cut down two Redskins from behind when they were in the clear after long runs. The Eagle line was the same as the front wall of Dean and Gene Richards, David Scruggs, and Sherman Naftzger threw the Goshen team back seventeen yards when they had a first down on the Adams three yard line.

The Eagles, hit by injuries, failed to give up as Dean Richards recovered a fumble on the Goshen 29 yard line. Seven plays later Jack Norblad bucked over from the one after successive runs by Dick Nideffer, Paul Geiger, and Norblad. Geiger converted the all important point.

The Eagles failed to score when Gene Smith dropped a pass in the end zone and when they failed to make a first down on the Goshen thirteen. The Redskins, however, were denied a touchdown by a holding penalty.

Next to the starting lineup the subs for Adams were: Joe Kline, Gene Landry, Harold Pipke, Frank Kinsinger, and Jack Horvath.

1950 Fall Sports Add Final Chapters - - -

CROSS COUNTRY

The John Adams cross-country team has participated in three meets recently. They were the City Meet, the Sectional Meet, and the Northern Indiana High School Conference Meet.

In the City Meet the Eagle runners placed second. Central won top honors and Riley was third with Washington in last place. Jones was the first Adams man to cross the line and he was fifth in the city. The meet was run on the Erskine Park course.

Hobart played host to the Conference Meet on October 21. Adams placed 12th out of the 20 teams entered. Wes Strong finished 24th in the field of 136 and was the first man in for the Adams squad. North Side of Fort Wayne placed No. 1 in the meet with Mishawaka in second position and Valparaiso third.

Adams placed fifth in the Mishawaka Sectionals behind Mishawaka, Laporte, Central and Elkhart, in that order. Jones finished first for the Scarlet and Blue and 9th for the meet. The top three teams and the first five men will compete in the State Meet. Adams will not participate.

Captain Chosen

Wesley Strong was elected captain of the cross-country team at a recent election of team members. Wes is an outstanding Senior runner, who has been with the team since his Sophomore year. He was chosen to the honorary position by an overwhelming majority.

'B' FOOTBALL

The John Adams 'B' football team plays Laporte tonight to bring their 1950 season to a close.

Two weeks ago they met with the bitter dust of defeat at the hands of Mishawaka. The Maroons held them on several goal line stands and beat them to the tune of 14 to 7. They played the Riley team on Saturday, October 21, but a score was not available at the time of publication.

PROSE or POETRY?

Each fall we get a brand new class Of promising 10B's-es,
And promises is all we get
Except their groans and wheezes
They're rather meek September time

But 'ere the spring has sprung
They're bold and brassy as can be
And many should be hung.
They often say, "what will you do
The year that we are gone?"
With one accord we rise and say,
"Time marches on."
But be they good or be they bad
Of course we'll miss 'em.
And so we wish them best of luck
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