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## INDUSTRY VISITS SCHOOL

### Drama Club Trip Featured By Game And Hepburn

Russian checkers was the order of the day. Thirty-eight Drama Club members had boarded a bus at 7:30 Saturday morning to travel to Chicago. They were on their way to see "As You Like It," starring Katharine Hepburn. Additional seats had been secured, everyone was seated and fairly happy—even at such an early hour on Saturday. Then—

#### Tarter Beats Sanderson.

Mr. Sanderson: "Who would like to play Russian checkers? Only a nickel a game. Your first three tries are free."

Mr. Miller: I'll take you on, Dave."

Thus began Mr. Sanderson's bank of nickels. No one could win, no one could figure out his system. He had collected close to \$3 when the bubble burst. A committee collected money to back Mr. Tarter in a game. Mr. Sanderson was defeated and peace was restored to the travelers.

#### Chicago Has Snow.

Arriving in snowy Chicago and being deposited at Fields the group scattered for an hour and a half shopping spree. At lunch there were displayed a book on chess, an analysis of college chemistry, shoes, hats, a dog that wiggled his tail and candied orange peels.

#### Dave Tries Again.

Following lunch the students traveled on to the Erlanger Theater for the principal feature of their trip. Again Mr. Sanderson attempted to gain some pecuniary aid. He collected tips to check the coats in an imaginary check room

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#### BERRIEN STUDENTS HERE

Four students from Berrien College at Berrien Springs, Michigan, visited John Adams on the morning of November 1, and observed the students and teachers in action in the classrooms. The four were Jean

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The faculty and students of John Adams High School extend a most cordial welcome to the leaders of industry who are visiting us today. We are indeed happy and greatly complimented that you would take time off from your more pressing duties to tour our building, which we cherish so highly.

#### THE TOWER.

#### "TURN ABOUT'S FAIR PLAY"

Last April 20, schools were closed for a day to enable teachers to visit different industries throughout the city. At that time school officials expressed a desire to reciprocate, so today leaders of thirteen industries are visiting schools in South Bend.

They will meet at ten o'clock this morning at Riley High School. At this time they will be taken on a tour of an elementary school.

Approximately forty men will arrive at Adams at 11:10 A. M. After a welcome from Mr. Sargent, they will view the students and teachers in action. They will visit the classrooms and observe the procedures used. Mr. Sargent, Mr. Rothermel and Miss Burns will serve as guides for the guests.

They will return to Riley for lunch. After lunch they will hear addresses by Mr. Allen, superintendent of schools; Mr. Helmen, president of the board; Dr. Kirby head of elementary education; and Miss Dernbach, head of secondary curriculum. These speeches will be followed by a question and answer period.

#### THE JOHN ADAMS STORY

From the first class in 1942, to the ninth class in 1950, John Adams High School has graduated 1800 students. These students have come through one of the highest academically rated high schools in northern Indiana, and incidentally one of the very newest.

Of course the entire curriculum of Adams is quite excellent, but there are a few points that are especially high.

The Home Economics department is the most modern in South Bend, with individual kitchen units so that a home-like atmosphere is effected. The units are all metal and are easier to keep clean and won't scratch. Home Ec students at Adams have the benefit of using excellent equipment including silver, china, and crystal to arrange table settings; electric stoves (four new this year), a mix master, a new steam iron, and modern electric sewing machines.

In the Commercial Department students are given thorough business training and are assisted in securing positions through the co-operative office training program. The students learn in an office-like situation with glass partitions between the three business rooms and have the benefit of using the latest model typewriters, a dictaphone, a mimeograph and calculators.

The Adams Industrial Arts Department is the only general shop in South Bend (most schools have unit shops in Junior High level) and teaches skills at senior high school. The general shop covers all the material at less expense. A student at Adams wishing to take industrial subjects has a wide range from which to choose: six semesters of machine shop; four of woodwork; two of crafts, including plastics, ceramics, leather craft, art metal, weaving, and woodcraft; two of graphic arts; and one of general metals, foundry, forge, sheet metal. The shop program is well organized so that a student can progress at his own rate of speed through the course instead of having to hurry and be left behind by the others.

Our Chemistry laboratory, too, is unique in that it has individual work spaces for each student with acid bottles, gas outlets, and electric outlets at each space. Students also have their own personal shelf for papers. Chemicals are centrally located in an efficient arrangement with scales next to them. A good exhaust system is provided and there is also a dark room and plenty of storage space.

Another thing we are proud of at Adams is our gymnasium. It seats

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### 1950 Football Team To Be Honored At Annual Banquet

Next Monday night, November 13, the John Adams football team will be honored at the annual testimonial banquet for the Eagle gridders. It will be held in the River Park Methodist Church on South 23rd Street at 630 p. m.

#### Attorney Will Speak.

Mr. Paul Butler, prominent South Bend attorney and also attorney for the School City, will be the main speaker. The toastmaster will be Vince Doyle, WJVA sportscaster.

At the banquet awards will be presented by Reco's Sporting Goods Store, Gilbert's, and the South Bend Kiwanis Club.

Guests other than the team will be: Mr. Allen, superintendent of schools, Mr. Wood and Mr. Boehm, directors of School City athletics; Mr. Mueller, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; and Mr. Helmen, Mr. Russell and Mr. Deahl, board members.

Other Guests will be: Bob Jones, Central; Paul Kelly, Riley; Sam Wegner, Washington; Gene Dykstra, Mishawaka; A. K. Vincent, Jefferson; Joe Laiber, Lincoln; and Morris Aronson, Nuner.

Local press and radio personalities are also expected: Joe Boland, WSBT; Frank Crosier, WHOT; and Bob Towner and Joe Doyle, South Bend Tribune

#### NOTICE!

Tonight the Bald Eagles Club will hold their first meeting of the school year in the auditorium at 7:30 pm. A short business meeting will be followed by a basketball clinic.

All men who are interested in athletics at John Adams are urged to join the club which was organized last year as an adult booster club for the school.

#### ALUMNI DANCE SCHEDULED

On Friday, November 24, the alumni of John Adams will sponsor a Thanksgiving Dance. It will

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## From the Editor's Pen

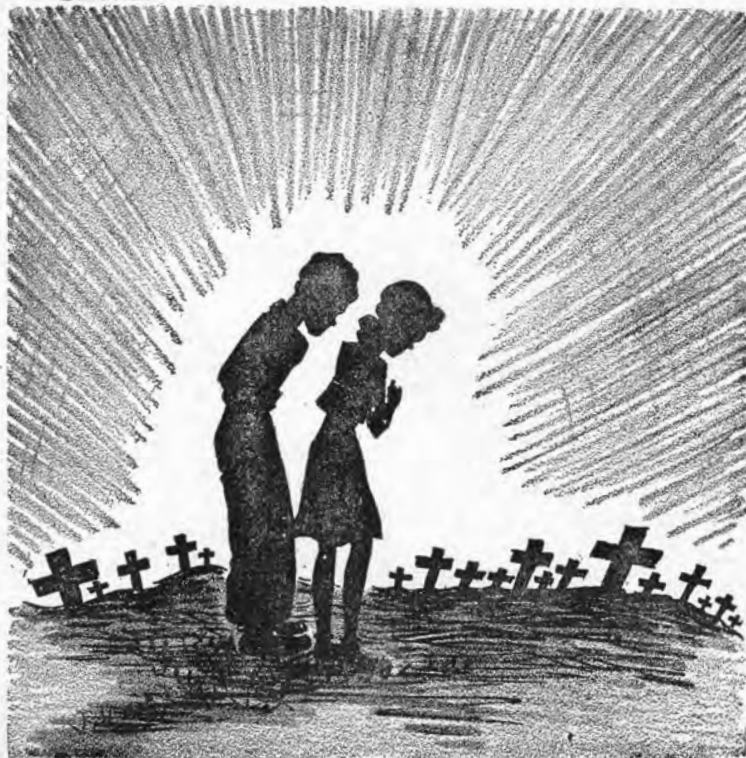
### ARMISTICE DAY

Saturday is Armistice Day, the thirty-second anniversary of the signing of the truce to bring to a close the "war to end all wars." Those people thought that the war of 1918 was bad. They didn't know that the world was headed for a worse disaster! They didn't know that scientists would invent air machines that would travel faster than sound. They didn't know that scientists would invent atomic bombs, the most devastating war weapon ever used.

Since that day we have gone through another war, even more terrible than the one in 1918. Surely this would be the end of wars! Surely no one can dream up anything more horrible than the atomic bomb.

But now here we are again—engaged in skirmishes with the Communists of North Korea, Tibet and Indo-China; scientists trying to invent a bomb even more powerful than the atomic bomb.

It seems most fitting that on this Armistice Day, 1950, we should dedicate ourselves to the promotion of peace. As President Truman said in his address before the United States: "Without peace, it is impossible to progress toward a better world."



## Tuesday Next Is Dooms Day; Can You Take It?

Next week the all-important report card will be in your hands. Don't be afraid to look at it because what's written there will stay—whether you like it or not. Its contents should not be news to you because you know the kind of work you have been doing. Were your reports in on time? How about your tests? Did you forget to read the assignments? If so, it's too late to change your grades this period, but you owe it to yourself to bring them up. If you have 2 A's and 2 B's or above, your name will be on the honor roll and it is to members of that group that awards and scholarships are presented during the Senior year. If you don't have the grades you want on your report card this time, you will have another chance in nine weeks, so—get busy and have better luck next time.

### THE SIXTH HOUR STORY OF ENGLISH III

By Mary Agnes Gingrich.

Twenty minutes before three o'clock in room 103 we hear the bell indicating the beginning of another English class. At this time Mrs. McClure, the English III teacher, requests those in the literature group to continue with the book reports that they have been presenting for criticism to the class.

A very brave soul arises from a most comfortable chair to read her masterpiece. As Marilyn begins there is heard a voice of importance from the back of the room—"Just a moment, Marilyn, I can't hear you and I am sure the students cannot. Now put your head up, let me see your face and hear what you are saying."

Poor Marilyn continues, "The title of my book is *Shiela at College*. Shiela becomes involved in a very difficult situation at college and she just can't decide what to do. One afternoon Shiela met a young man by the name of Don Doons at a tea that the girls gave three weeks later. Don took Shiela to a dance. In June Shiela completed two years of college and then she and Don were to be married the following October. But, for some reason, the marriage never took place."

(Don't let it worry you if this report didn't make sense; it wasn't supposed to.)

Marilyn asks Jane for comments on the book report. Jane replies with the well worn remark—"I think the book report was very well given."

Mrs. McClure, very disgruntled after a comment of that nature, proceeds with a hundred questions all consisting of that three letter word "WHY"

The bell rings at 3:30 signifying the end of another day and the end of another thrilling English class. And with a loud burst of clatter the herd files out even though Mrs. McClure is still talking.

## Madam Adam

SOOTHES YOUR HEART  
WHEN IT BREAKS APART

Dear Madam Adam,

How do you keep a girl away from your boy friend? She keeps calling him up and writing him notes. What should I do?

Pen E.

Dear Pen,

The "other woman" has long been a problem. How to get the best of her is not so hard as you may think. After all, if you were not her superior why isn't your beau dating her instead of you?

First of all, get your man wise to this gal. Two heads are better than one.

Then quite casually drop little hints to her that he (the vertex of the triangle) knows all about her intentions and her fenagling and that he doesn't like it. For instance, "John just hates girls who call him up . . ." and, "He can't stand girl who flirt . . ."

If that doesn't work, you can try this on your own hook. Convince this "she-wolf" what a monster John is. He never takes you out; he constantly gets drunk; he calls for dates (when you do go out) an hour before hand; you can even show her some black-and-blue marks where he hit you.

Don't go too far though, you might find that you don't want him either when you get through.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam,

Would you tell me the easiest way to break up with a boy whom you like, but just don't want to go steady with.

Bet E.

Dear Bet,

For a task like that there is no easy way. But perhaps one way to do it would be thus: talk to him about it. Don't tell him from a selfish viewpoint, but tell him you think he ought to date other girls and that maybe you, too, ought to date other boys. Assure him that you don't consider him dead wood or undatable material, but still (ulease?) not a steady. If you approach it from his side he should see the light.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam,

How can I break my boy friend of always being late on a date?

Diz Z.

Dear Diz,

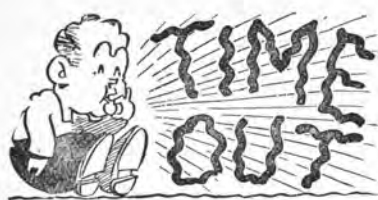
If you are really serious about getting results — well, why not have a little fun while you're at it?

Let's say Frank is due at 7:30, (so you don't expect him until 8:30). All you have to do when he finally arrives is: go to the door in your blue jeans and your hair up, open the door and say, "Why Frank, I wasn't expecting you for another half-hour."

If that doesn't work, you might try being asleep when he gets there. Either of these should work . . . OR . . . get another boy friend.

Madam Adam.





By Dave James.

Tibet's Great Loss—Stalin can add one more country to his "Conquered" list. The Tibetans, who are much farther advanced than the rest of the world in philosophy and the study of the supernatural, are known to have written thousands of valuable books on these subjects. However, priceless as these writings may be, they have never been exposed to foreigners, but have remained for centuries within the secluded walls of Tibetan Monasteries. The value of this written wisdom cannot be over-estimated. It angers me to think that it will take the Chinese Communists only a few weeks to destroy what it took the Tibetans centuries to build up.

A big round of applause went to Roy Tepe, who spoke before the first hour public speaking class two weeks ago. His topic was "Our Family, John Adams." It did not take him long to win over his audience.

**Adamite of the Week — Dave Williams.**

Dave is president of our Student Council and sings with our glee club. He is also an active member of the inter-school forum. Dave is a senior, with the drafting room as his home room. He drives a dilapidated blue Oldsmobile to school every day.

**Words With Weight**—For every diplomat there are a hundred politicians.

Don't Forget Your

**T. B. EDITORIAL**

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## THE JOHN ADAMS STORY

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3600 for basketball and 3000 for auditorium purposes. More high school basketball tournaments are played in the Adams gym than in any other in the state. The Adams auditorium is recognized as one of the most beautiful in northern Indiana, and is used by various civic organizations, such as Civic Music and the South Bend Symphony, for concerts. Although the stage acoustics are not good when microphones are not used, its microphone system has been praised by many well-known radio entertainers who have visited the Adams stage.

Many of the 1800 Adams graduates flock back every year to see their old teachers, some of whom taught at Adams in its first year—Mrs. Pate, Miss Burns, Mr. Rothermel, Mr. Reber, Mr. Weir, Miss Roell, Miss Kaczmarek, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Krider, and Mr. Sargent.

The students in the first year waded up to Adams through a sea of mud which surrounded the newly completed school.

In over nine years, the building is little changed, not showing on the surface how its teachers and curriculum have so profoundly affected the lives of 1800 of today's students and giving no sign of how it will affect the lives of the many hundreds more to come.



## CLUB NEWS



**The Debate Team** has been cut to fourteen members. These students will attend a conference at Purdue on December 1 and 2. Thursday, November 2, a triangular debate was held at Central. Adams, LaPorte and Central vied for honors. Edwin Dean and John Smith represented the negative for Adams and Jeanne Riffle, Dave Sanderson, Esther Kennedy and Marilyn Burke, the affirmative.

**The Y-Teens** held elections Thursday, November 2. The results were: president, Katherine Null; vice-president, Charlotte Krone-witter; secretary, Wilma Horvath; treasurer, Janet Keller; publicity chairman, Pat Fugate. Chairmen for the respective committees are: Betty Houston, worship; Adams pins, Clair Pherson; program, Beulah LaPlace; Interclub council representatives, Phyllis Elliot and Betty Verduin.

**The Library Club** has been invited to a "Get Together and Exchange Idea Party," tomorrow at Wakarusa and New Paris. They

will have dinner at Wakarusa and travel on to New Paris for the entertainment which has been scheduled there.

At the last evening meeting of the **Hi-Y**, a panel discussion was held on Boy-Girl Relationships. Carol Simons, Marcia Donoho and Sue Spenner represented the feminine point of view. Quote Mr. Dickey: "A lively discussion followed." Donuts and coke were served later.

The County Council will hold an older boys' conference at Elkhart on November 17 and 18. Valentine's Day is far off—you think, but the Hi-Y is already busy making plans for the annual "Swingheart Sway" to be held February 9 at the Palais Royale.

On November 18 the **G. A. A.** will attend a play day at Central. Volley ball, badminton, square dancing, and swimming will be the feature attractions. Refreshments are to be served.

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## DRAMA CLUB TRIP

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which proved to be a pile in the hallway.

The general opinion was that the play was excellent. Not only was the acting superior but the costuming and stage settings were outstanding. More than one person was heard to comment that seeing the show a second time would be a pleasure.

### Guey Sam's for Supper.

As dinner time neared the group was taken to Guey Sam's in China Town for the evening meal. There they learned never to order American food in a Chinese restaurant and never to order Chinese food in a Chinese restaurant unless one likes his food truly Chinese.

With a scurry and a clamoring for the best seats, once again the tired but happy students boarded the bus and then it was home, home, home!

## ALUMNI DANCE

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be held at the Palais Royale ballroom and is open to the public. Betty Granat and Dorothy Vande Walle are the cochairmen. Nancy Feragen is chairman of the decorations; William Screes, tickets; Nancy Helvey, patrons; and Jerry Weinberg and David James, publicity. Ted Gallagan's orchestra will play for the dance. The tickets are \$1.80 per couple and patrons tickets are \$3.

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## Adams Loses To South Side In Mud

A sloppy, muddy, and snowy field held the Eagles' passing attack down considerably Saturday afternoon at Fort Wayne when the Eagles fell to the South Siders by a 12-6 score. Jack Nordblad, a very good passer, was held to only two completions out of eight tries all afternoon. The two passes however, went for good yardage and one went for the Adams touchdown.

The Eagles received the kickoff and marched 80 yards for the touchdown; the last 44 yards being run off by Paul Geiger after taking a Nordblad pass. The Eagles didn't hold their lead very long as a South Sider gathered in a Nordblad punt on his own 20 yard line and ran 80 yards to pay dirt. The Eagles were on the Fort Wayne eight yard line as a result of a Nordblad to Joe Kline pass, but seconds later Nordblad fumbled and the South Siders recovered. South Side then started to march and were on the Eagles' five yard line as the half ended.

### LAPORTE BEATS 'B' TEAM

The "B" team closed out the season at LaPorte with the Slicers having things pretty much their own way by a score of 32-0. The "B" team lost all but one of the games; that one ending in a tie.

### BERRIEN STUDENTS (Continued from page one)

Bakland, Bob Fox, Richard Hill, and Don Schlager.

They visited Shorthand, Social Living, American History, and Business Arithmetic classes.

Their first impressions of Adams were that it is a "swell school," that we have "a fine bunch of students," and the "teachers are tops." They marveled at the good attention in class and the excellent classroom atmosphere.

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## BY LINES - - by Bartol

### Football Over . . . Basketball Is Again In The Limelight.

Anxious students, teachers, and rampant fans are awaiting the grand opening of the John Adams basketball season next Wednesday evening. The new basketball team of 1950-51 will not be the only center of attraction, as the Eagles have a new coach with which to become acquainted. The spectators will naturally be ready to grasp at the good points and especially the bad points of the year's team. They will be particularly critical if the team doesn't live up to their expectations of a championship team. Every supporter of John Adams athletics wants a winning team, but he should be a little more tolerant and realize that it takes time to build up a good team. Coach Warren Seaborg is new and is doing his best, but he doesn't expect to set the world on fire in the first few games or perhaps the whole season. Neither should the spectators. Be patient and most likely with hard work on the boys' part and good coaching by Mr. Seaborg, they will become what is considered a good team.

From what I have said thus far you are most likely to think that I am preparing to tell you that Adams has a very poor team. This isn't the case at all. There are many reasons why the team shouldn't look too good for the opening part of the season. These factors can be corrected as the season progresses and we may have a very fine team before the close of the sectional.

One of the reasons Adams shouldn't be expected to look too good at the beginning of the season is the very factor that we have a new coach. It takes time for a new coach to build up a new team. Coach Seaborg has made a number of basic changes with which the boys will have to become acquainted. They can't be expected to break old habits immediately and use new methods. Another factor which may be good or bad is that Coach Seaborg has no outstanding players. This could promote more teamwork and less-centered attention on one player or it could result in a definite deficiency by not having a player who can be counted upon to make a certain amount of points or play a consistently good game on any given night. Coach Seaborg thinks that the boys have possibilities if they are willing to work hard and have a desire to improve and win at any cost. He stresses that they also must build up confidence in themselves. He points out that the team lacks a good defense. They are fundamentally poor in this field and a great deal of time will need to be spent in order to correct this shortcoming. Coach Seaborg is actually very handicapped by not only being a new coach but a new resident and consequently he isn't too well acquainted with the Eagle opponents. It will take time to realize the possibilities of these opponents. Also, Coach Seaborg being new, and not too well acquainted with the boys' habits, will not know until the season starts just how his team will react under game conditions. He realizes that the boys' old habits

will be quite noticeable at the opening of the season and it will take time to erase these habits that jeopardize his type of ball handling.

### Washington-Clay Is First Foe.

Next Wednesday will be the occasion for the first Adams game when we meet Washington-Clay. Coach Seaborg says that he will probably use a man to man defense with little switching. As for the problem of Don Schlundt, he will probably keep him guarded as any other man since there is not time to effect a smooth working defense to stop him. The coach thinks that they probably will play a fairly slow game and will not try to play a running game too much all year. Coach Seaborg is very anxious for the first ball game. After that first game he will probably have a much better outlook as to the success of the team.

The varsity team roster will include five seniors and five juniors. The seniors are: Oakes, Weissert, Pfaff, Dillon, and Soellinger. The juniors are: Parker, Miller, Shennburger, Dieter, and Peterson.

He was earnestly but prosily orating at the audience. "I want land reform," he wound up, "I want housing reform, I want educational reform, I want—

And said a bored voice in the audience: "Chloroform."

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