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'Ghost of a Show' Chosen by Class For Senior Play

The Senior Council has chosen "The Ghost of a Show" by Albert Carriere, as the senior play. It is a one-act comedy concerning the efforts of a senior class to stage their senior play. Many humorous incidents occur when one of the girls takes over the responsibility of directing the show in the absence of the English teacher. It is only with the appearance of a strange visitor that the situation is improved.

The play will be presented December 8. Mrs. McClure has agreed to aid the group with their production. Tryouts were held Friday evening, November 17. The cast includes Carolyn Johnson, Sharon Cotherman, Sheila Fitzsimmons, Nancy Bolt, Nancy Smith, Edwin Dean, Dave Sanderson, Rex Edwards, George Enfield, and Steve Elek. There will be numerous walk-on parts for other seniors.

328 SEASON TICKETS SOLD TO STUDENTS

Three-hundred twenty eight students bought basketball season tickets this year. This is not the most ever sold, but is a good 53 per cent of the students compared with only 43 per cent last year. In 1946-47 we sold 398, and in 1947-48, 366. This, however, was due to the larger enrollment at that time.

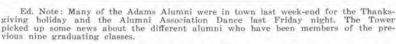
A new record has been set this year in selling tickets to Junior High people. There were 174 tickets sold.

The adult sale this year surpassed all other years with 326 tickets being sold.

According to the size of our school,, we have sold more season tickets per pupil than any other school in the city. Out of 602 students at Adams, we have 449 representing us at games. One-hundred thirteen of these are either players, ushers, monogram men or people who work at concessions.

Save Your Papers for the Album Paper Drive Saturday, December 9

ALUMNI NOTES



Mary Troub is a junior at Michigan Normal College at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Recently she was honored by being chosen to play an oboe solo at a public recital sponsored by the college's department of music. She is also a very active member of the debate, speech, and oratorical organizations of the college.

Carol Kline, former Tower editor and valedictorian of her senior class, is now Mrs. John Martin and Mamma Carol, and she is residing in Lafayette, Indiana while her husband is working on his doctor's degree in Engineering at Purdue. Shirley Kline, Carol's sister, is a professional dancer in New York. She is doing work on television.

Nell Watson has started her career as an airline stewardess for American Airlines. She completed her training for the job just recently.

Dick Bennett, class of '50, won the freshman intramural tennis championship at Western Michigan College at Kalamazoo, Michigan. The notice says that he "breezed through" the competition with no difficulty.

Bob Grimshaw won one of four semi-final posts in the Purdue University golf tournament, but was defeated by the eventual champion. Bob is a freshman at the University.

Joanne Dibble was married last Saturday, November 25. Last Sunday Lenore Tucker announced her egagement to Tom Cassady.

John Meyer is an honor freshman student at Harvard and is a member of the Harvard Student Council. Jerry Gibson and Garrett Flickinger are also Harvard students—juniors.

Alumni who are out west gathering the benefits of college education are Dale Litherland, an R.O.T.C. student at Utah; Don Simon, a star football player at Arizona; and Judy Bailie at the University of Colorado.

Carolyn Deardorff and Ted High, class of '48, are members of the famous Ball State University band. Lois Warstler, last year's Tower editor and valedictorian, is also at Ball State. She is a feature writer for The Ball State News. Jack Pinckert and William Randt are other alumni at Ball State.

Jack Coker and Wayne Woodworth, 1948, Bill Cox, 1949, and Jerry Coker, 1950 are members of the Indiana University band which recently recorded for R.C.A. Victor. Andy Smithberger is a member of the Purdue band which did similar recording.

Jimmie McNeile, another former Tower editor, is an associate editor of the Indiana Daily Student at I. U.

The Truex twins, Don and Dick, played baseball during the summer with a farm team of the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phillies, you remember, played in the World Series.

Keith Born is a sophomore at West Point. He will be with the cadets tomorrow when Army plays Navy in Philadelphia.

John Goldsberry is an outstanding linesman with the Detroit Lion's professional football team. John graduated with the class of 1945.

Three Teachers Attend Indiana Conference

The fifth annual High School-Junior Division Conference was held on November 16, 1950 at Indiana University. Miss Kaczmarek, Miss Law, and Miss Burns represented John Adams at this conference.

During the morning, interviews were held with Adams students enrolled in the Junior Division. They are: Don Anderson, Evelyn Estes, Wesley Habart, Robert Shafer, Phy'lis Schrager, Tom Warrick, Dick Carlson, Jerry Coker, William

Daugherty, Jeanette Mueller, Robert Northrup, Don Oedekirk, and Ronald Rosensweet from the class of 1950; James McCluskey and William Cox from the class of 1949; and Rosemary Talbot from the 1948 class.

These conferences are planned so the students can feel the university and the high school has a personal interest in them. They freely discuss the strong and weak points of their training.

Thirteen Debaters At Purdue Today For Conference

Today opens the two-day debate conference at Purdue which is being attended by Esther Kennedy, David Sanderson, Evelyn Troub, Ann Donker, Marilyn Burke, Roger Stouffer, Fred Laas, John Smith, Edwin Dean, David Hessey, William Witwer, Karyl Kitner and Mr. Goldsberry.

The question for debate this year is: Resolved, "That the people of the United States reject the Welfare State."

For every debate there are two speakers on the affirmative side and two on the negative. For the first round each speaker is entitled to ten minutes time and on the second, only five minutes.

At Adams any student interested in debate work may join the club. Every student is given an opportunity to debate which may explain why Adams is not always victorious, as beginners must learn and profit by experience.

The Purdue conference is the first organized event of the year. Another is the extemporaneous speech contest which will be held early in January.

Cheerleaders Learn Stunts At State Conference

Seven of John Adams eight cheerleaders were among the group of 1,000 cheerleaders from all parts of the state who attended the second annual Cheerleaders Convention an Indiana University at (continued on page 3)



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From the Editor's Pen

SMOKING

The John Adams Student Council is supposed to be operating a smoking council, a group to punish violators of the Smoking Code.

The Code says: "There shall be no smoking during school hours (from 8 to 4 o'clock) on school property, i.e., all territory encompassed by the public sidewalk around the school, including the athletic field. As violations will be brought before the council, second offenses will incur a 300 to 500 word essay penalty, and a third offense will be turned over to the school authorities. Cigarettes openly displayed such as behind the ear or in the hand is to be treated the same as lighted ones and will be considered a violation."

I, personally, have seen no violators, but I do know several students who profess to have seen some. However, I have gone into the rest room when the air has been so thick with smoke that it was hard to see. Smoking in the building is not only a violation of the code, but also violates the state law which says that there shall be no smoking in public buildings.

I have seen empty cigarette packs in waste baskets in the school during school hours and I also have seen a cigarette which had been thrown into a drinking fountain.

Adams is our school and it is our responsibility to uphold its reputation as one of the finest in this state. The Student Council is our governing body, so it seems only legitimate that they should check violators and start the smoking council as an active organization again.

THANKSGIVING NOTES

I went to the Glee Club's annual Thanksgiving Musical and I now present my observations.

My vote for the outstanding number of the show goes to Bob Pfaff's vocalization of "Without a Song." He sang much better than he did at the Glee Club Assembly back in October and his voice had much more warmth and power than most high school singers.

Close behind Bob as to the best number were the girls' triple trio from the sponsoring organization and a trio with Jean Gooley, Carol Simons, and Carolyn Johnson, and Lynn Whitman playing "Rhapsodian" on the piano. All three numbers were excellent.

Even though Bob Bartol forgot his words, the novelty duet with him and Sharlee Cissell was very good! Jack Noyes and Fred LaCosse played a piano duet which was very entertaining and which displayed Jack's magnificent ability at the keys to the best advantage.

Jay Miller played a beautiful cornet solo, "Toyland," but it failed to show his potential ability. He would have been much more impressive had he chosen a more difficult selection.

Jottings: Congratulations to Dean Richards, Jack Nordblad, and Paul Geiger for being named to the South Bend Tribune's All-conference and Twin-city All-Star teams.

20 Shopping Days Till Christmas— Wait Till the 26th

by Su Hastings

Ouch! Oh, my heel! Why do people have to push those revolving doors so fast. I suppose I ought to be happy that I even got inside the store at all.

I limped over to the cosmetic counter and bought some perfume. From there I pushed my way through the crowd to the hosiery department. What a crowd I'll never be waited on. But, finally after waiting fifteen minutes I got up to the counter with my perfume and several other packages.

"Do you have the kind of hose with the black seam in the back in a size 9½?" I asked. "No, Mam, we are all out of them in that size," said the clerk.

Oh, no, that can't be! But it can be and I left the counter to push my way to the escalator. I got about half way up and I felt something slipping. My perfume! Crash! As I leaned over to make sure that the bottle has broken, another package slipped and down the escalator steps it went. As I ran down an up going escalator, I wondered if Christmas shopping was worth the effort. There, down the first floor lay my package of peanut brittle. I can't remember how I ended up sitting on the floor with my packages strewn all over the floor. I got up and counted to ten, so I wouldn't start swearing. I collected the remainder of my packages (by this time all the peanuts had been bolted out of the brittle, and the brittle was in bits, making it peanuts and bits instead of peanut brittle) and counted them. One was missing. I must have left it at the hosiery counter, or either it simply got lost when I fell or was pushed down.

For the last time I went to the hosiery counter and asked if a package of wrapping paper had been left there. The clerk handed me my package and I left; left the counter and left the store, while I still had my appendages, if not my packages.

READER'S GUIDE

"Saturday Evening Post"—The Parkette

"Adventure"—To drive in Tom Haughton's car

"Seventeen"-The Seniors

"News Weeek"—Week report cards come out

"Blue Book"—Teachers grade

"Boys Life"—Mr. Powell's gym class

"Holiday"—Library

"Charm"—Bob Pfaff

"Cats"-The girls

"Country Gentleman"—Dave Williams

"Time"-Marianne and Lenny

"Fortune"—All A's

"Foreign Affairs"—What goes on at Riley and Central

"Everybody's Digest"—The Tower

Madam Adam

Soothes Your Heart When It Breaks Apart

Dear Madam Adam:

A boy I had a date with just lately hasn't called. How can I get in touch with him without being forward?

Mar E.

Dear Mar:

If you really want to get in touch with him, I'm afraid you'll have to be forward.

We live in a democracy but still the girls are compelled to wait for the boys to ask them for dates (most of the time). I suggest you give him time (some require a lot) for him to call, and if he doesn't forget about him. He wasn't worth it anyway—was he? That way you can really be surprised if he does call later. Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

There is a certain boy I like and there is also another girl who likes him, too. But who cares about the other girl? How can I win him?

Inna Tizzy.

Dear Inna:

You'd better watch out how you do treat that "other girl." You might lose that all important fella by pushing her not so subtly out of the picture. Boys, if they're smart, observe things like that and figure if that's the way you treat people maybe he had better make sure that the same doesn't happen to him. Namely, he will twenty-three skiddoo, but fast!

You might try asking him somewhere to get the ball rolling. Christmas formals and parties are always a good idea and lots of fun, too. Maybe he will take the hint . . . and then of course, maybe he won't. If he doesn't please—please, let him go at that. You can still be good friends and have no hard feelings between you. If you do decide to pursue anyway—well, don't be surprised if you hear him mumble, "Oh, oh, here comes that pest again!" Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

I like a boy who is 1½ years younger than I am and is two grades behind me in school. I want very much to ask him to a dance. Would I be foolish to do this?

Bar B.

Dear Bar:

If you really like him enough, why not? His actual age is not as important as his mental age. If he acts as old as you do and you have things in common, I should think you would enjoy each other's company.

Of course there are disadvantages. His friends will all be younger than you and you might find yourself doubling with an eighth or ninth grader—that might be a little (shall we say) childish. This of course might happen only once in a blue moon. You can only find out by trying. Go ahead ask him—nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Madam Adam.



By Dave James

With the 1950 Thanksgiving now history, attention is being focused upon the forthcoming Christmas holiday. A few years ago Christmas was seldom prepared for until the first week in December. In recent years, however, the businessman has become so eager to reap the immense profits from Christmas sales that he scarcely waits for the sun to set upon Hal loween before he begins displaying and advertising for Christmas buyers. Some South Bend stores have been carrying on this sort of advertisement for weeks now.

If you are interested in seeing how the other South Bend schools are getting along, you can read all about them in our exchange issues of high school newspapers which are displayed on the bulletin board in room 204. We also have on display papers from about 20 other schools outside South Bend.

Words With Weight—It is surprising how effectively man can improve and re-make himself by his own efforts.

GIRLS KEEP KIDS IN CLASS

Look out! Here comes that fire engine again. Oops! That handful of clay someone just threw missed me by inches. Hey, ya little monster. cut that out! Oh, oh! Now you did it. There goes the milk all over the floor. Now John's dragging a towel through it. Oh, woe is me!

That's practically the way it was in room 203 last Wednesday when the Home Management class made a study of child behavior. This project was part of the regular study course. The children, all of pre-school age, were friends or baby sitting subjects of the class members.

During the hour the girls observed size, habits, facial expressions (some of these were rare), posture, teeth (fangs), speech, coordination of hands and arms, reaction to toys, people, and other children.

School and City Groups Continue Busy Paces

The Library Club held formal initiation services for the eight new members of the organization on Wednesday, November 8. The new members are: Barbara Allen, Joyce Barrell, Darlene Beasecker, Norma Culver, Louise Niespo, Jill Jacobson, Pat Parker and Sandra Van-Dusen. Prior to the initiation activities, a pot luck supper was enjoyed. Any initiate can tell you that there were approximately 3,009 books in the library at the time of her counting.

The Senior Council has met with Mr. Weir each Tuesday noon for the past two months. They have selected commencement invitations which have been ordered and they will plan the senior class day. They are also busy with the production of the class play.

The **Hi-Y** is making plans for a dance in the Little Theatre following the Adams-LaPorte basketball game on January 19.

Recently several members of the Junior Red Cross appeared with members from other schools on the "Teen Time" program on WSBT.

The Band will play for three more basketball games this year. They are: LaPorte, January 19; Riley, January 25; and North Side, Fort Wayne, February 17. They also have a concert scheduled for McKinley school on January 24.

The Album will have a paper drive Saturday, December 9. Three trucks will collect papers in the

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

On November 14, Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois spoke at the first meeting of the International Relations Council. His topic was, 'Foreign Policy and the World Crisis."

He said the Russians feel the United States is not a perfect democracy. The Russians believe that Americans are all hostile. He emphasized that we should convince the Russians that we are their friends and that we want to help them, although this method cannot predominate over everything else. The main weapon must be physical and conquerable strength.

There was a discussion period following the lectures and later the members and speakers met at the Y.W.C.A. for refreshments and an informal discussion.

JUNIOR TOWN MEETING

South Bend's first "Junior Town Meeting of the Air" was held on Wednesday, November 8, at Central High School. The topic for discussion was 'Shall We Have Compulsory Military Training?" The moderator was Emmet Fisher, principal of Nuner Junior High School. Those on the panel were Pat Kus, Washington; Jim Freeman, Central; Beth Hodge, Adams; and John Baumgartner, Riley.

The panel member first discussed the subject and then the discussion was opened to the audience.

T. B. LEAGUE

A meeting of the Jr. T. B. League was held recently. The Christmas meeting was set for December 13. Each member was asked to give a small gift to his or her pen pal at Healthwin Hospital. A vote was taken to exchange gifts among the members.

The T. B. Christmas Seal sale will open in the schools December 4. Various ideas were discussed for the promotion of the sale of these seals. Each school received cuts and

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Mr. Crowe—I'd get acquainted.
Dale Gibson—Throw a snowball
at him.

Jack Bussert—Male or female? Mr. Krider—1 would read him Shakespeare and anesthetize him.

Marcia Donoho—I'd try to convince him I wasn't another polar bear.

Sue Robertson—Snuggle up to keep warm.

Norma Casper—Have him help me build a snow man.

Su Hastings—Hide in a snow

Marty Weissert—Make love to it. Will Johnston—I'd pull a "Weissert."

CHEERLEADERS CONFERENCE

(continued from pge 1)
Bloomington on Saturday, November 11. The Adams yell squad made the trip on a chartered bus with cheerleaders from the other three South Bend high schools.
Mr. Seeley accompanied our group.

The team participated in group discussions in which they learned different techniques, new yells, and publicity stunts like the scarlet megaphones taped on the walls prior to the Washington-Clay basketball game. They also saw demonstrations by stellar teams of other schools and were guests at a dance on the campus.

mats of the 1950 seal emblem for their newspapers.

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Wallace Splurge In Third Quarter Trips Eagles 60-49

Last Wednesday night, in a nonconference battle at Gary witnessed by approximately two dozen Adams rooters, a high riding Lew Wallace team defeated a rather bewildered but improved Adams team. However, for the duration of the first half the game was pretty much nip and tuck. Adams was working under the basket and rebounding well. They appeared to have vastly improved since their first tilt with Washington-Clay. They were a little cold in shooting ability, but soon warmed up. Lew Wallace played a very effective, accurate game and was quite warm on long one-handed push shots. Dillon was largely responsible for narrowing the margin between scores in the second quarter when he hit on three push shots from the right hand side of the court. Oakes was also keeping up the score. By the end of the first half the Eagles were playing right along side the Gary boys with the score tied at 17-17.

Then came the decisive third The quarter which quarter . laid the game in Gary's lap. Adams seemed to be a changed team. Their passing was bad and inaccurate, with as many as three passes being thrown wildly in the lapse of a few minutes. The Wallace guards were playing very smoothly and faking the Adams guards for many buckets as they began to creep away from the Eagles. Gary did get temporarily as cold as Adams, but the Eagles failed to recover and were called for traveling more than once. At the close of the third quarter, Gary was fifteen points in front of Adams.

The fourth quarter was a little better for Adams, but not good enough. The play went pretty much

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Eagles Bow to Hard Hitting Panthers, 52-40

Last Tuesday night on our own home court, the Eagles got a taste of the bitter dust of defeat from a scrappy, but not superior team of Panthers. The game was not what might be called a close battle for Adams never seriously threatened the piercing Washington drive. As per usual in the last few games, Adams was unable to hit on a favorable majority of those shots attempted. It was with a full four minutes of the first quarter ticked away when Oakes plunged the first ball through the net for Adams.

the same until the last four or five minutes when the Eagle five seemed to explode and rally to the cause. Bill Dieter was the Eagle spark-plug and scored three buckets during the fourth period in which the Adams team outscored the Gary boys 16-12. However, time ran out and the Eagles ended up on the losing end of the ticket. This was no shameful loss, even though the score might indicate such. The Lew Wallace team was a very good ball club, especially for so early in the season. One man on the Gary team scored twenty-seven points while another scored sixteen. Adam played good ball for two and one-half quarters, but just couldn't quite keep up with the advanced Gary play. However, the season is yet but an infant.

Oakes was again high point man for the Eagles with forteen points. Shennenberger was also an important link to the Adams cause, scoring nine points. while Pfaff and Dillon scored seven each and Dieter netted six points. The Eagles hit on eleven out of eighteen attempts at the charity circle. Ferrara and Krietzman dressed for the "A" game in addition to the "B" game.

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From the third quarter on, the game was sewed up for the Panthers and though the Eagles fought, the cause seemed to be a lost one. In addition to being very hot on tallies, Washington was becoming increasingly effective in faking Eagle players. Although Washington didn't appear to be a team which was too much better than Adams, they were rougher and this paid off for them. High scorer for the Eagles was the consistent Don Oakes, who bagged sixteen points on six baskets and four free shots. Next in line was Dieter with five points and Dillon and Miller, each with four points. The Eagles only hit on eleven of their charity attempts. Few fouls were called against Adams.

LOST!

A Ronson lighter some place between school and Brownie's. Please return to Jerry Sefranka in room 205. Reward.

" He: "Don't you shoo the flies around here?"

She: "Oh no, we let them walk around in their bare feet."

SUNDAY Curtain Call at Cactus Creek . and Happy Years

Mishawaka Avenue

High Flying B's Win Two Games By Close Margins

The 22nd of November proved to be a winning day for the Eagle "B" team as they clipped the Lew Wallace boys 34-32. The Adams Red Shirts were slow in warming up, but once they got started, there was no stopping them. They picked up momentum in the second quarter and continued moving at a fast rate to stun, but not destruct a Gary defense. The game was thrilling and might have gone to either side in the last quarter. Kedzie was high scorer for Adams with ten points while Ferraro and Stone netted seven each.

The "B" team continued their winning streak last Tuesday to rack up a victory over the never-die Washington Panthers. Adams took the lead early in the game and held it until the last quarter when Washington inched up and nearly took the Eagles for a surprise as one slim point separated their final scores. Coach Rollo Neff sat on the bench with the team during the game. Stone and Ferraro shared scoring honors, each acquiring seven points. Kedzie had four points.

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