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American Culture Trip Scheduled for October 5 and 12

A bus will leave John Adams October 5 and October 12, at 5:30 a.m. for an American Culture Trip to Dearborn, Michigan. Mr. Neff, Miss Bauer, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Krider will accompany the group.

The trip will include a tour through the Edison Institute and Museum, Greenfield Village, and Ford Motor Plant. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria at Ford's.

The tour will then continue on to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where the group will have dinner at Michigan State Normal College. The group is scheduled to return to John Adams at 9:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip will be \$10 per person.

Faculty Holds Party At Four Lakes

The John Adams faculty party, September 26, was appropriately given at the Four Lakes Country Club at Adamsville, Michigan. The purpose of the party was to introduce the new teachers to the husbands and wives of last year's faculty members as well as a farewell to Mr. Sargent. The faculty presented Mr. Sargent with a companion traveling bag that matches a piece of luggage previously given to him by the faculty.

Miss Moberg was chairman of the affair with Miss Burns, Mrs. Earl, Mr. Seaborg and Mr. Dickey assisting on the arrangements committee. After the potluck dinner, everyone played bridge or canasta.

INDUSTRIAL AWARDS GIVEN TO ALUMI OF '51

Kenneth Dillon and Harold Graf, last year's graduates, both received Industrial Art Awards for 1950. Kenneth Dillon received the second in the nation award for plastics work. He entered a plastic gavel. Besides the award he received \$95.

Harold Graf entered a drawing in the engineering class. He placed third in the nation and received \$50.

The national winning entries are placed on exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry for the Industrial Arts Awards Fair from August 17 to October 14.

Glee Club Officers for '51-52 Season



Those pictured above are, in the back row: Jean Grubbs, librarian; Virginia Rich, vice-president; Lynn Whitman, accompanist; and Joan Grubbs, librarian. In the front row are: Sue Bennett and Barbara Lennon, secretaries; Fred LaCrosse, president; and Sylvia Moran, accompanist.

P. T. A. LUNCHEONS HELD FOR PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS

For the past five years the P. T. A. and the faculty of Adams have sponsored a series of luncheons for the parents of new students. The idea of these luncheons is that the parents are given an opportunity to become acquainted with the home room teachers of their offspring and learn about John Adams in general.

This year the luncheons were held every Tuesday for the ninth grade parents and every Wednesday for the tenth grade parents. The series lasted three weeks, and Mrs. Paul Holland was in charge.

The co-operative luncheons were held in the Cafeteria Mezzanine; the parents brought the hot dishes and the faculty provided the rolls, butter, and coffee. Each home room teacher's name was placed on a table that had been prepared to meet the size of the group planning to attend. The parents and teachers were then able to locate one another and introductions were short and informal.

After lunch the parents met with Mr. Rothermel and Miss Burns who in turn explained about attendance and Adams' elections and subject offerings. A question and answer period followed.

Retail Selling Class Learns Trade While on the Job

This year eleven out of nineteen pupils from the Retail Selling II class, taught by Miss Puterbaugh are earning a second credit by working on the job. Robertsons, Wymans, Goldblatts, Grants, Star Store, Lukes Service Station, and the Avenue Cut Rate Drug Store have provided employment. These students were given leads as to available jobs but competed with others when they made personal application. The employers decided who was to be employed. On the jobs they will receive a variety of experiences in the retail field supplementing their classroom work.

The students leave school after fourth hour, as they must work a minimum of fifteen hours a week, toward a goal of 270 hours on the job. The students are supervised by the employers and by the school. Miss Puterbaugh will visit them while they are on the job.

Do You Belong to the "Hi-Ya" Club

Glee Club Welcomes New Members, New Robes

When Glee Club held tryouts, the first Tuesday night of school, 95 hopefuls appeared. Since then 70 more have asked to join. There were only 22 vacancies and it was a real problem to select so few from so many. This year, however, we are taking in a few more than usual.

Students who have been invited to join as members or substitutes are: Gail Witt, Julie Harris, Barbara Neff, Sally Kissinger, Sue Klein, Ann Williams, Rosie Brook, Ingrid Schoenauer, Maria Hall, Nancy Miller, Margaret Reed, Kathleen Rose, Jean Haefner, Walter Meyers, Joe Rich, George Kruggel, John Brandt, Bob Nelson, Chuck Bowman, Bob Johnson, Bob Rogers, Don Pearson, Larry Rex, Ivar Hennings, John Waechter, Bill Waechter, and Agnes Kroshinsky, Joan Shotola, Jan Schweir, and Sue Angus.

One of the most pleasant experiences of the year for the Glee Club took place when members were measured for new robes.

There was a great controversy last year as to the color of the robes, but finally after much voting, blue and red won again. Colors were tested for blend in the auditorium and this was the most beautiful combination. Also, they are the school colors.

The present robes are to be used by a second Adams Glee Club to be organized at a later date.

The Glee Club will make its first school appearance at the October 11, assembly. They will also sing at Broadway Evangelical Church on October 18.

POT LUCK SUPPER ENJOYED BY ORCHESTRA

The John Adams orchestra enjoyed a pot-luck supper on Thursday, September 13, in the Little Theatre.

Mrs. Wampler, the orchestra director, was in charge and was assisted by Yvonne Kolinger, head of the food committee. An abundance of food and a variety of games in which everyone participated made the evening a success in the minds of the members.

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From the Editor's Scratch Pad

Preaching isn't exactly down my alley and I am not qualified to hand out motherly advice, so the following is merely an expression of my feelings as a student at Adams.

The saying used in my mother's day, "Boys will be boys," and is still quoted today. That phrase is certainly a loose one and gives you boys a lot of freedom, for no matter what you do, you will still be "one of the fellas."

Growing up is an unavoidable state. No matter what or who your father is, you still have to grow up. A difficult period, yes, but not an unusual one. It is often used as a good excuse and is accepted—but only so far.

For instance, breaking windows can accomplish a great many things, none of which are good. Firstly, it makes a heck of a mess, and an inconvenience whether it be for an individual home owner or for a school. If it is a private home, the owner usually has to pay for it, and if the school's windows are broken it still comes back to that home owner for he, too, is a taxpayer. Especially today, when people are taxed to the hilt, it would seem a good idea to take advantage of, instead of abuse, the facilities available for our use. They say taxes aren't going to go down, and probably won't stay the same, so people are going to find their pay checks growing thinner. That's a pretty sore point with our elders these days and to add more unnecessary expense isn't going to go so well. We're more than fortunate to have an education at the public's expense, but if we continue as some of us are, the opportunity won't be available much longer.

Expense is perhaps the smallest phase of the recent episode. If our generation holds the general opinion that such actions are cute and crime becomes the vogue in our nation, we won't have much of a future ahead of us. The youth of a nation is important as Hitler proved so well. Their education was of hate and methods of killing. Ours is of good will and ways of living.

Perhaps the wrong thing has been stressed. The most important item is not how the boys acted originally, but how they react to the authority of our elders. After all, the deed has been done, the thing to think about now is the result. If the judgment of the law is taken with resentment nothing has been accomplished, but if an understanding is reached the experience may almost be considered worthwhile.

Et Cetera . . . Never have I seen such a gang turn out for cheerleading—it's wonderful Congratulations to the varsity, "B" and freshmen squad leaders . . . the band really sounded swell last Saturday . . . we understand Miss Roell is "Miss Friendship of 1951" . . .

Raking Leaves fun-- Without Wind or Neighbors

Fall—such an enjoyable season. The air is brisk and the leaves are falling—I should say they are! All of them in our yard! Now I would not mind if they were our leaves, but our trees are almost too small to have them, let alone lose them. That makes no difference, with the help of the wind, our neighbor's nice big trees gives us more than our share.

The yard has become covered with leaves, so arriving home from school one night last week, I found the rake conveniently leaning against the door. Being a bright little girl I immediately got to work. I finally succeeded in raking the leaves into two neat piles in the middle of the yard. Suddenly, I remembered that I hadn't stopped to have a snack. I dropped my rake and went into the house. How I have regretted that action, for when I came back out after a sandwich and a glass of milk such a jolly scene greeted me! There were the two neighbor children rolling and running through my nice neat piles. Well, the yards looks worse than before and the rake is still leaning against the door. I can't seem to convince my father that it would be much simpler to wait till all the leaves have fallen and then rake them—fathers can be so stubborn about things like that!

Mountie Hunts Boar;— Espies Dan McGrew

When I wuz a Cunadiun Mountie in the Klondyke in '28, I went thru the goldurndest thing evur. I was a-huntin' wild boar with m' 22 when I espied Big Dan McGrew. Tarnation, he was big! He'd killed s' darm many 'ombres thet four gun handles 'ud been notched clean away. Whun he got a squint o' me he started a'runnin' an' a-hollerin' thet I'd never git 'im alive. Wal, feller, I took a bead on his shootin' finger and BANG!—tore it clean off'n his hand! (I wuz gonna git 'im alive.) He didn't yell ner nothin' but kept goin' up this here mountain. (Man, he was a tuff'n).

"Big Dan, you ain't a-goin' no place!" sez I. "Hogwaller if'n I ain't!" sez he. Now thet, got me mad. By this time, the gun power 'd froze and m' 22 warn't no good no more, but he was cornered like a pea in a squar dish. "This is it, Big Dan!" Then we tangled. He musta been seven feet tall but it didn't take me long t' finish 'im. Wal, I trussed 'im up with m' shu string and took th' varmut t' the Sharrif.

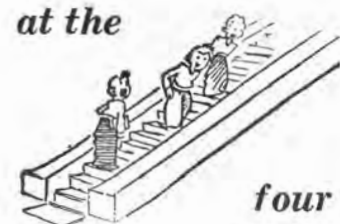
Hate t' run off like this, but I still ain't fount thet wild boar.

Writ by Jack "Klondyke" Noyes

A local young lady named Anna, Slipped on a fresh skin of banana, But all those who viewed it

Agree that she "dood" it In really a quite charming "mana."

at the



four
corners

The Rainbow Back to School Dance had its usual number of Adams supporters:

Janet Burke and Jack Halpin, Sue Angus and Norm Grimshaw; Marcia Heintzelman (Riley) and John Steinmetz; Ann Phillipson (Riley) and Harry Butler, Beverly Miller (Nuner) and Ronald Boyer; Kay Mitler (Riley) and Rick Messick; Marylee Crofts and Joe Kritzman; Marilyn Moffet (Riley) and Bob Shields; Carol Rans and Tom Reamer; Jo Ann Rapp and Bob Bock; Nancy Miller and Ivar Hennings; Barb Rosensweet and Mike Hanley (Central); Judy Campbell and Herb Dixon (Wabash); Nancy Kenady and Bob Beale; Karyl Kintner and Dick Mortenson; Ingrid Schonauer and Fred LaCrosse; Mary Lou Hibner and Bob Crofts.

Note to the Teachers: Joe Rich has not been doing his homework lately. Just to bring you up on the latest . . . he spends all his time with Sue Armstrong.

It seems Tom Addison and Herman Bole ate a lot more peaches than they canned in Foods Class. You'll never make good husbands boys!

We have a couple of new romances starting here in school—Roger Stouffer and Ann Williams; Phyllis Stouffer and Bill Clark.

Jim Worley, we all know you don't live in the direction you walk home after school. Who is she?

You sure couldn't cheat in Mr. Neff's room if you were Einstein. Our U.S. History teacher knows every way possible. Just ask him some day. He'll tell you in 5,000 words or more.

Rocky Ferraro has been noticed watching cheerleading practice. (His sister Rosie has been working with the group.)

Wanted: Someone to teach Bill Bickel, Lynn Brown, and Joe Barnes the art of talking in the Library without being thrown out.

Jo Ann Turner and Garry Puckett spent an evening last week in a very educational way—they visited Macbeth at the Granada Theater.

Phyllis Anderson and Mary Ann Hablitzel have something in common—wonder who "he" is?

Who keeps winking at Myrna Cordtitz in the Hall—certainly not John Pence.

In the fall everyone's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of hayrides and we at Adams are no exception. Most recently seen were: Chuck LaPierre and Jackie James; Bob Klowetter and Sonja Hoover; Dick Gibbon and Marty Kline.

Seems Steve Morse has resolved to be in every night by 10:45 as a result of seeing "You and Your Parents," in Guidance class.

We are all very sorry to hear that Jim Martin has left to go to school in New Jersey. Best of luck, Jim.

Feminine Interpretation of Football Seems Logical—Well, Sort of

I was so excited! He had called last week and asked me to go to a football game. I had such a super, wonderful, time I want to tell you all about it, 'cause it was a new experience. He told me our tickets were right on the fifty yard line. I didn't know if I'd like sitting on a line 50 yards long or not, but I said nothing and come to think of it now, we just sat on some seats with number on them so I guess he was just making conversation.

Well, we got there and it was so much fun to see and talk to all the gang again 'cause I hadn't seen them since school let out at 3:30.

We hadn't been sitting there very long when a loud voice came from somewhere and started calling off names and numbers. I recognized one of the names as that of the boy who sits across from me in English. I guess he did tell me he played football. Well, anyway, they said he was 39. Really, he doesn't look that old, but I guess they ought to know.

All of a sudden a group of boys came running out on the grass in front of us and formed a little circle. I guess they didn't want us to know who they were gossiping about 'cause they bent over and closed in their circle.

The next thing I knew here were these boys running at each other. I looked again and they were all piled up. This went on all evening. My, I wondered if those boys practiced those mean looks and scowls, or if that's just the way they always looked.

Suddenly, everybody stood up, yelled and screamed, hugged each other and threw confetti. It seemed to me that all the confetti they threw came down on me. I had a bag of confetti with me too, and I

decided that now was the time to use it. So I poured it on the lady in front of me. She turned around and gave me the funniest smile. Then—he told me that our team had made a touchdown. I began to yell and scream too, although I didn't know why.

Next, the announcer said something about a half-back and a quarterback. I looked all over but the only thing I could find resembling that was a bare back, belonging to one of the boys who had lost a part of his shirt and who had the misfortune of being on the bottom of one of those horrible piles.

Down in front of us were four people dancing around and telling us what to yell next. My, such show-offs! I turned and asked him who they thought they were. He didn't even answer me. I sat there in silence for a long time.

All at once a gun went off. I was scared and I guess everyone else was too, 'cause they jumped up, yelled, and then went home. Also, the boys in the dirty clothes ran off the grass in front of us. I don't know who shot who or why, but I'll see if I can find out who it was when I read the Tower.

Nancy Kenady

Lovemaking hasn't changed in 2,500 years; Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening, too.

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The Week's Eagle

Our Tower Editor — smiling, blond, blue eyed, Beth Hodge is the subject of this biographical sketch. Beth is also vice-president of the Drama Club, an alto in the Glee Club, and in Student Forum. Outside of school she is Junior Progress Club secretary, a member of the First Presbyterian Church "Tuxis" group, and a Rainbow girl.

Miss Hodge is 5' 7" tall, weighs 110 pounds and was born October 13, 1934. She goes by a variety of nicknames: Betsy, Bessamy, Blyth and Smodge. Her hobbies are sailing in the summer and knitting. She plans to enter either Dennison or Indiana University in the fall of 1952 and eventually become either a journalist or a kindergarten teacher. Her favorite food is fried chicken and her favorites in music are Scherazade and Come-On-a-My-House. She likes best to see a boy wearing a light blue sweater, navy blue tapered pants, and a white shirt.

Her favorite subject at Adams is English 7, "because of having Mr. Krider"; and being in Mr. Reber's

WILLIE

Little Willie from the mirror
Sucked the mercury all off,
Thinking, in his childish error
It would cure the whooping
cough.

At the funeral his mother,
Weeping, said to Mrs. Brown:
" 'Twas a chilly day for Willie
When the mercury went down!"

Chemistry class was the experience she most enjoyed at Adams. Her biggest thrill of a lifetime was finding that there were boys taller than she!

Her pet peeves are "me toos". The qualities she most admires in a person are sincerity, trustworthiness, and always having a smile.

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Wildcats Take Fourth Conference Tilt; Defeat Eagles

The Riley Wildcats continued their string of conference wins to four straight by running over the Adams Eagles 31-0 at School Field Saturday night. Two more victories in league play will assure Riley of at least a tie if the Central Bears continue undefeated in the remaining conference tilts.

The Eagles were stopped cold by the Cats from the opening kick off. The Eagles managed to pile up only 17 yards from scrimmage and the same yardage via the air. Adams threatened only once and that was in the last period. They were on the 22 yard line of Riley when time ran out.

The victory was Riley's 11th over the Eagles in a span of eleven years. The Eagles have never been able to beat the Wildcats in their meetings since 1941.

Intercepted passes once again lead to the downfall of the Eagles as Riley snatched away five Bill Dieter aeriels, four of which lead to T.D.'s. The Eagle fumbles also played a great part in Riley's victory.

Poor line play was a main factor in the Eagles defeat. The Eagle backfield men were smothered by Riley Linemen on numerous occasions.

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Adams received in the third quarter but was downed on their own 20 yard line. Penalties drove the team back to their own six, where they were forced to punt. On the punt, Cougalotti ran for a touchdown. The conversion was good and the score read 7-7. Adams again received the kick-off but failed to gain the necessary yardage and again had to punt. The ball was on the 50 yard line as the third quarter came to an end.

In the final quarter, Adams fumbled and that fumble proved to be very costly, for on the next play Riley again crossed the goal line to make it 13-7. Riley was on its way to another touchdown as the game ended.

Because of the early sunset, the quarters were only 6 minutes long. Monday, October 8, we play at Mishawaka on Tupper Field.

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Triangular Cross Country Meet At Mishawaka

John Adams was defeated in a triangular cross country meet with LaPorte and Mishawaka at Mishawaka last week. Jones was first for Adams and eighth in the meet with a time of 11:54. Other Adams finishers and the place they earned were: Cannon 17, Jurgovan 19, Kreitzman 20, and Thomas 22.

Scores of the meet were; LaPorte 25; Mishawaka 32; Laport 16; Adams 44; Mishawaka 17; Adams 49.

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Anon.

Joe Rich

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