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Pearl Buck Gives Account of China Past and Present

On Tuesday, November 6, the International Relations Council held its second meeting with Pearl Buck (Mrs. Walch) as guest speaker. She spoke on "The Changing Mind of China." Pearl Buck lived in China for over 40 years and has given many lectures and written books on the Chinese people. She attended high school in China and college in America.

She gave an interesting historical account of China which helped the audience to understand the present situation. This included the fact that the Chinese people have always had a fear and distrust of the White Man because white men have held for years many of her neighbors—as the British in India, the French in Indo-China, and others. In contrast, the Chinese have always held for a mild type of self-rule. Through the centuries Russia has been a friendly neighbor and trader of goods.

Pearl Buck believes that despite the fact that Chiang Kai-shek inherited ruling power from Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who was founder of the Republic, has made errors that cannot be changed. She therefore feels that our best hope for helping to establish a China free of Communism is to work with and financially aid an estimated ten million Chinese who presently are living outside of China in Formosa and other countries with the view that they will some day return. She also recommended that as soon as possible we endeavor to establish trade relations with private business firms with the idea of supplying them basic needs from toothbrushes to tennis shoes, but not to include any hard products as iron and steel which could be converted into war materials. She has a deep faith in China based on their civilization which extends back beyond the Christian era and because of the fact that they have always insisted upon self rule and a non-appressive government as against the harsh rule that is basically a part of Communism.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr. Seaborg
and the Team!

Honor Roll Increases With School's Population

4 A's, 1 B

Jack Noyes
Jean Woolverton

3 A's, 2 B's

Richard Snderson
John Smith
Philip Twigg
Mary Alice Wilhelm

2 A's, 3 B's

Nancy Chizek
Steve Morse
Phil Lee

4 A's

James Alward
Sally Buchanan
Fred Laas
James Miller
Bruce Parker
Sharlene Polk
Margaret Sue Reed
Naomi Ross
Janice Rugee
Joseph Shaw
John Waechter
Ann Williams
Luce Williams

3 A's, 1 B

Susan Angus
Shirley Bourdon
Anne Bruner
Marilyn Burke
Mary Lee Crofts
Kathleen DeLeury
Sharon DeRose
Barbara Fine
Jane Gindelberger
Norman Grimshaw
Jack Halpin
Sandra Hoelscher
Kent Keller
Mary Ann Kenady
Sally Kissinger
Arthur Kubo
Doretta Martin
Lorena Rose
William Reinecke
Janice Schrier
Robert Thompson
Tom Troeger
William Waechter
Nadine Wenzel

2 A's, 2 B's

Gail Aspin
Robert Beale
Sue Bennett

Carol Bourdon
Charles Bowman
Jackie Clemmons
Myrna Cordtz
Richard Deidrick
Eleanor Earl
Richard Green
Richard Hendrickson
Mary Louise Hibner
David Jones
Agnes Kroshinsky
Donna Leng
Jay Miller
Jack Moore
Joan Moore
Judy Neighbours
Betty Pletcher
Eileen Powers
Virginia Rich
William Roesh
Don Smith
Tom Smith
Charles Sonneborn
Ken Thomas
Burton Toepp
Joanne Wilhelm
Marilyn Wood

Silver Pins Given To Tower Members

Students who work regularly on the Tower and fulfill every assignment to the best of their ability for four semester are entitled to receive silver pins. If they continue their good work for two more semesters, they may exchange their silver pins for gold pins at graduation.

This year 15 students received silver pins. Writers are: Mary Ann Kenady, Judy Campbell, Beth Hodge, and Virginia Rich. Advertising solicitors who received pins were: Donna Leng, Jane Gindelberger, Karen Brown, Phyllis Sells, Nancy Guisinger and Pat Fortd. Circulation and Exchange staff members who received pins were: Betty Houston, Betty Verduin, Mabel Jones, Clara Ferraro, and Norma Eddy.

HI-Y MEMBERS TO ATTEND Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

The Thirty-Second Annual Y. M. C. A. State Older Boys' Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, at Connersville, Indiana. Four or five members of the Adams Hi-Y will attend. The theme for the conference will be: "Think, Then Act." There will be many speakers plus eight discussion workshops on vital topics of interest to youth today. Housing will be provided in Connersville homes.

The Induction ceremony for new members will be held in Sunnyside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 11, at 2 p.m.

Jaycees Sponsor Radio Script Contest

The Junior Association of Commerce is sponsoring a nation-wide contest for high school students entitled, "I Speak for Democracy." Its purpose is to encourage the nation's youth to think about and to write radio scripts on the subject: "I Speak for Democracy."

The contest is open to all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students of all private, public, and parochial schools in the United States and territories. This does not include previous national winners.

The selection of school finalists will be made on Tuesday, November 13, and on Friday, November 16, recordings of the school finalists' scripts will be made. The local winner's script will then be submitted to the state and regional contest. The scripts will be judged on the content, the delivery, and the originality.

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BUSINESS ED. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT MUNCIE

The 29th Annual Business Education Conference sponsored by Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana, is being held this week end. Miss Florence Roell from Adams will attend.

Mr. Louis A. Leslie, one of the authors of the Shorthand texts used by our students, will be the principal speaker at the banquet tonight.

While in Muncie Miss Roell will visit Nancy Rogers, a graduate from her home room last year, who is enrolled in the School of Nursing at Ball State.

Basketball Season Tickets Total Approximately 1,000

The John Adams 1951-52 basketball season has begun. Season tickets went on sale Tuesday, November 6 and can be bought throughout November. Season tickets are selling for \$2.50 each. Mr. Nelson is in charge of the sale.

About 1,000 season tickets have been sold to parents, Adams students and junior high pupils. Parents may still purchase season tickets located in the mezzanine or balcony for \$6.00 and small children who wish to sit with their parents may obtain these seats for \$2.50 if the parent's seat is in the balcony.

The student seating arrangement is as follows: Adams seniors, juniors, and sophomores in the south bleachers; Adams freshmen, and junior high students in the west bleachers.

Band members will be admitted to six games free. In case a band member does not wish to purchase a season ticket, tickets for each game will be on sale for 30 cents each at ticket booth A. A season ticket, however, assures a band member of an opportunity to order aseasonal ticket.

The next game will be played here against Lew Wallace, Gary, on Wednesday, November 21.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY G. C.

The annual Thanksgiving program presented by members of the Senior Glee Club will be given in the Little Theater at 3:35 Tuesday, November 20.

Glee Club students who have special talent or whose voices are not large enough to fill the auditorium will participate in this program.

A few of the highlights of the program will be: A novelty number by Jean Haefter; "I Can't Say No," sung by Sharon Watson and Flora Mason; vocal solo, "Wohin," by Ingrid Schoenauer; piano solos by Glee Club accompanists Lynn Whitman and Kathleen Rose, and by Bob Nelson, Mary Lou Young, and Dave Engle. Julie Harris, Joan Shotola, Doris Phillips, and Bob Thompson will offer vocal solos. Larry Rex and Kent Keller will present a pantomime; Bill and John Waechter will give an accordion and bones duet.

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From the Editor's Scratch Pad

I think we all know that we Americans are pretty fortunate. We may have a lot to gripe about as far as inflation and politics go, but we always have the song, "The Best Things in Life Are Free" to remind us that there are more than just the material things to consider.

While we are in high school, there are a great many goals set before us, primarily financial ones. For some perspective about these goals, our elders can be of great advice. Such an elder told me a few days ago that so many people put such stress on material things that these people forget to enjoy themselves and consequently, get very little out of life. Money may be an important factor for happiness, but not the **only one**.

Perhaps the most forgotten article is the family. For some reason family life is taken for granted and considered as just a circumstance which most of us are forced to endure. May I suggest that you try to endure or rather to exist without one. There would be no place to let down your hair and relax, no reassuring force to back you when the world is supposedly against you, no loving shoulder to cry on, and no financial support even though it be just a weekly allowance. Try living as a self-supporting individual with no emotions or security and you will soon realize that the world is indeed a bitter place in which to live. By no means am I asking you to do these things, but merely to realize how important your family is and how necessary you are a member. Your cooperation means a lot to your parents who are supplying a great deal of your security.

So many times we are reminded that we should be thankful without realizing why. Thankfulness in itself is a quality to be grateful for. To genuinely be thankful is a humility which so many of us do not have.

As we sit around the Thanksgiving table, laden with food, let us remember that life is good if we give it a chance, and that living itself is something which cannot be bought at a reduced rate, but must be purchased at its full price of disappointment, anguish, persistence, and faith.

Et Cetera . . . It looks as though we'll really have a cheering section for the basketball games this year . . . the band must be grateful to be able to play inside now, in contrast to the cold field on which they battled the snow at our last football game.

Shoes--On and Off As Viewed by Loafer Fan

There are many kinds of shoes in this world: Miss Kaczmarek is an authority on the buskin, and Mr. Powell could probably tell you all about the various types of athletic footwear. But the girls at Adams can tell you all about the loafer. Vying for popularity with the classic and unclean saddle shoe, the loafer is THE shoe of the high school girl.

Chief advantage of the loafer is the ease with which it is put on and taken off. Rather than spend two or three minutes putting on a shoe of the conventional type, pulling the tongue into place, and tying the laces into an attractive, secure knot, one can merely "walk into" loafers. The customary procedure is as follows: 1. Even if you left your loafers up side down, the only necessary move is to give them a gentle kick and insert a toe into each shoe. 2. By means of the next steps, you should be able to get the loafers securely on your feet. Not only that, by now your socks have that casual, not-quite-droopy look that is so fashion-right.

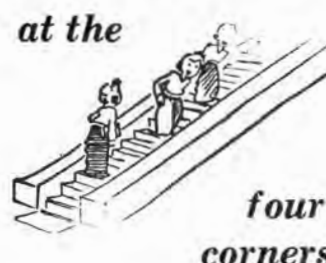
As soon as you get to school you must find a place where you can comfortably remove your shoes. The best spot is at the Four Corners. While chatting with a few of the gals or one certain fellow, the shoe is easily slipped off. But knowing the ways of pranksters, don't leave said shoe unguarded. A toe left in the loafer and held stiffly perpendicular to the sole gives you that attentive look.

During class you must also remove your shoes. If your legs are long, you may even go so far as to gently kick your shoes three or four feet ahead. Such a practice is not recommended, however, if you sit in the front row and the teacher stands directly in front of you when speaking to the class. But a warning: check on the whereabouts of your shoes at least once each minute. Pranksters are also at work in the classroom. If a victim of practical-joking, you may find your shoe tacked to the bulletin board, in a drawer of the teacher's desk, or lightly tossed into the "back room" if you happen to be in 101, 102, or 103. If the jokers catch you shoeless in study hall, you'll no doubt walk stocking-footed into the library in search of your lost footwear.

The loafer has been redesigned and improved since its first appearance on the accessory scene. The shoe is made in smooth leather, suede, a variety of colors, and often with crepe soles for the "squeaky" touch. Various straps, buckles and small pockets are added for decoration and utility.

While we're about it, this weather affords a perfect opportunity to leave your shoes in your boots (then you can try to "walk into" them.)

--Mickey Jamison.



Sue Robertson and Larry Towne have been a regular couple seen around Adams lately.

The History trip really paid off for **Mary Lou Hibner**. She is now sporting **Bob Crofts' I. D.** Others added to our steady list this week are: **Rosemary Cox and John Colles (Riley)**; **Carolyn Mahler and Dick Van Mele (Riley)**; **Marilyn McGee and Tom Popek (Howe)**.

Joe Rich seems to have a new interest. It couldn't be **Pat McIntyre**, could it?

Mutual Interests: **Eileen Powers and Don Briggs**; **Janet Burke and Paul Butler**; **June Bartels and John Steinmetz**; **Donna Tennyson and Ted Carlson**.

Warning to students!! Stay away from bright lights. **Dr. Laiber** says they cause "Brights Disease."

Howe Military Academy was thickly populated with Adams girls at their recent dance, namely: **Janet Miller, Marilyn McGee, June Bartels, Jill Jacobson, Mary Ann Kenady, Phyllis Stouffer, Ginger Anderson, Sally Kissinger, Niki De Rose and Marty Clark**.

Mr. Murphy seems to think that **Dave Mikesell and Steve Strang** are going steady. What about it, boys??

Dick Sessler has a new kind of refrigerator in his locker.

Passing love notes in study hall across the table we see **Judy Hershenow and Larry Moran**. Shame!

Looking forward to a wonderful Thanksgiving when their men come home from school are: **Sue Hastings, Jill Jacobson, Joe Swingendorf, Karen Brown, Sue Bennett, and Mary Ann Reish**.

One thing you must know in order to take Public Speaking is the A. B. C's. Right kids?

It has been rumored that our "sophisticated senior" girls are having snow ball fights! Could this be true?

Only six days left, **Rojean!** Su (sister) **Hastings** spends her time in English VII counting words—five hundred to be exact.

Karen Kindig is keeping the U. S. Mail service busy writing to **Paul DeLong**.

Sometimes poor **Ed Conrey's** advice to engaged girls isn't appreciated as it should be. Girls, you should heed the expert.

More new steadies: **Delores Mueller and Dick Nidiffer, Beverly Freshoud and Carlton Kindig**.

STALE BREAD?

At mealtime a little girl turned to her father and asked, "Why can't we just say grace once a week Daddy? Why do we have to ask for our daily bread every day?"

Her younger brother, looking up in disburst, said, "Do you think we want stale bread?"

--Exchange



The Week's Eagle

This week's outstanding Adams student, Betty Verduin, is 5' 3" tall, weighs 117 pounds, has brown eyes and hair to match, and was born April 14, 1934. She is president of the Y-Teens and a member of the Inter-Club Council to the YWCA and the Tower circulation staff.

Chicken and chocolate malts (not together) are Betty's favorite foods; "It's No Sin" and "Slow-poke" her favorite songs; and her pet peeve is homework. She enjoys watching and playing basketball. People who have good manners and are honest win Betty's admiration. She likes most to see a boy wearing a Marine uniform.

The biggest thrill in Betty's lifetime was entering Adams High School and she has enjoyed the outside activities here most. Her favorite subject is typing because she wishes to become a secretary when she finishes high school.

TWO TYPE 60 WORDS A MINUTE

Nadine Wenzel and Donna Leng were the first students to get stars after their names in the Typing III third hour class contest which was based on speed. It was entitled "Be An Adams Star." When a student had typed 35 words a minute, an A was placed after her name. Each time the student advanced five words a minute, another letter was placed after her name until the word Adams was spelled. When a student had typed sixty or more words a minute, a star was added (after her name). Nadine became an ADAMS star by typing 60 words per minute and Donna 63 words.

At the same time the fifth and sixth hour typing classes also had a contest called "climb the ladder." Every time the student raised his score his name was placed higher "up the ladder." The fifth hour class won, having 92 per cent of the class on the ladder. The highest speeds were made by Joan Moore with 48 correct words per minute and Nancy Chizek in the sixth hour class with 39 words per minute.

These students received a star on their name tags for writing perfect copies for three minutes: Jean Cummings, Thelma Demler, Joann Eveld, Mary Lou Getzinger, Ronald Miller, and Shirley Schock.

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Every other week I stand at the crossroads of John Adams and watch the crowds pass by. The weekly bulletin calls this experience hall duty and reminds me regularly to remember to man the post, keep speeds within safe limits, and encourage parking at the curb rather than in the middle of the street.

Most of the commuters are properly identified and carry license plates issued by the authorities at Lincoln, Nuner, and Jefferson. Only a few carry "out of state" tags. See those beginners coming cautiously down the hall on their pogo sticks and scooters? They are freshmen whose numbers end in 1955. Be careful there, old man! The 1954 tags on those bicycles and put-puts mean that the sophomores are out today. Heads up, lady! Those junior jalopies sometimes fail to pass brake inspection. You can recognize them by their 1953 plates; their front fenders carry a design strangely like a human skeleton. Who are those thoughtful drivers with the 1952 tags? Seniors, officer. Most of them carry the proper insurance and signal left hand turns and quick stops. That fellow with his horn button pinned down is trying to get everybody's attention. Probably his first time out with the car.

As I watch it all, I recall Paul's verse in First Corinthians 13:11. "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." I wonder, had Paul lived in 1951, would he have included, "when I was a child, I drove as a child—?"

--A. T. Krider

*Latin—from the mouth of the teacher.

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I sat there tryin' ta look natural with glop literally drippin' off my skin; the bright lights shinin' in my eyes, causin' be ta squint a little more than usual; the radio a blarin' "It's a Sin" just to amuse the cameraman, of course. Through all this I remember the heartbreakin' scene at home before I left to face my doom—to have the dern thing taken. Ma said, "Pa, our eldest is agoin' to have her singer pitcher took." And Pa said, "Well fer heaven's sakes tell her to shet her mouth when she's a smilin'. Ya know how fur her tooth is apart from the rest in front."

It was bad enough sittin' in all those various positions fer all of six and one-half minutes with all that goo—but to have to choose one of the (censred) things. (Priddy's prefer that you refer to them as proofs). So help me! I can't fer the life of me figger out what they are tryin' to prove.

Anyhow, I had it tookened and then the verdict was give to me, so I chursed one. It is the one with the least of my tooth a showin' and its got the cutest stringlet, I mean ringlet, hangin' over my one eye. But it's better that way cuz it's my one bad eye.

The only secludin' remark that I can make to this mess is, "I've been framed."

--Sandra Zimmerman.

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Jo Ann Moritz—Making eyes at snowmen.

Mary Lou Baker—Not to overload my locker capacity (especially when there are two in a locker).

Dick Nidiffer—Ice skating — at least its different from football.

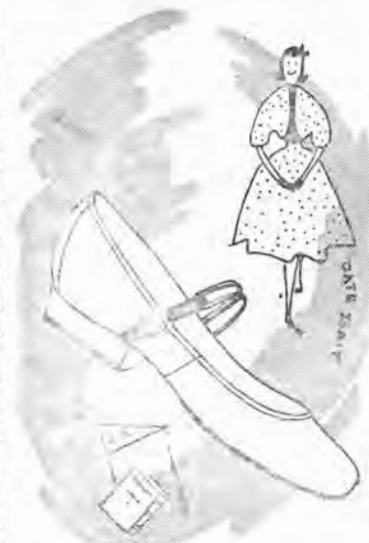


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Eagles Triumph Over Washington Clay 56-46 in Cage Opener

The John Adams Eagles opened their 1951-52 basketball season on Tuesday night in the Adams gymnasium with a sound victory over the Washington-Clay Colonials, 56-46. It was the Colonials' first licking in three starts.

Coach Warren Seaborg floored Larry Kedzie, Dick Shenenberger, Cuyler Miller, Bruce Parker, and Rocky Ferraro at the initial whistle.

Both squads began playing fast basketball in the first period. The Colonials pulled out into a quick lead, but the Eagles tied it up at the end of the quarter, 14-14.

The second quarter was the big one for Adams. They pulled out in front of the Colonials as they sent 13 points through the nets while the Colonials were idle as far as scoring was concerned. The Eagles' man to man defense was too strong for Clay as they could only score five points in the second frame. The big guns in the scoring attack were Parker and Shenenberger. Shenenberger was high point man for Adams with 17. The pace in the third quarter was the same and it ended 46-35.

JAYCEES SPONSORS RADIO SCRIPT CONTEST

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The contest is being sponsored locally by the South Bend Junior Chamber of Commerce. They have appropriated \$100 for audio-visual equipment which will be presented to the winner's school, and \$10 for the individual prize.

On the national level, larger prizes will be awarded to four co-equal winners.

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End of Football Season With Banquet; Beginning of Basketball With Clay's "B"

The eleventh annual football banquet honoring the team was held Monday night in the dining room of the River Park Methodist Church.

Mr. A. T. Krider served as toastmaster and introduced the guests at the head table. School City personalities present were Mr. Frank Allen, Mr. Robert Walker, Mr. Fred Helmen, Mr. Forrest Wood, Mr. Paul Boehm, and Mr. Galen Sargent. Joe Boland of WSBT and Bob Townner of the Tribune also were present.

Dick Shenenberger, president of the Monogram Club, presented the most valuable player award to Ronnie Dillon. After Shenenberger's presentation, Captain Bill Dietter gave gift certificates on behalf of the squad to the three coaches, namely, Murphy, Swartz and Laiber.

Following this Coach Murphy gave a short talk and then introduced the team and the coaches and they in turn introduced their parents.

Mr. J. Nelson Snyder, principal of S. S. Fort Wayne high school, was the principal speaker. His

speech entitled the "Anatomy of laughter" was very entertaining.

COLONIALS 36, EAGLES 28

Hoosier hysteria once again took over Adams as the Eagle B hoopers went down before an onslaught of Colonial scoring, 28-36. The Colonial attack was led by Jim Ullery, whose accuracy and spirited ball handling led his team to victory.

Adams opened the show by taking the tipoff. Goldsberry sent the ball on the right track and the Eagles were ahead 2-0. At the end of the first period, Clay had taken the lead and the score was 7-6. From then on Clay dominated both the ball and the scoring and the half ended 15-11.

Clay dominated play again in the third period and when time was called was ahead 25-17. The Eagles fought hard in the final period as they matched Clay point for point, but even this wasn't enough. When the final gun sounded the scoreboard read, Washington Clay 36, Adams 28.

THIRTY CANDIDATES FOR ADAMS FIRST SWIM TEAM

Approximately 30 boys answered the call for Adams swimming team. Fifteen were chosen to represent our school; the majority of them are sophomores.

The boys who were selected are: Heiland, Wiseman, Johnson, Steinmetz, Jennings, Puckett, Grimshaw, O'Brien, Blue, Swintz, Liliaert, Vermande, Nidiffer, Jurgoven, and Towne.

This will be Adams first season to offer swimming. The boys will compete in the following events: 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard relay, 150-yard medley, and diving.

The team will be coached by Mr. Joseph Laiber.

FRESHMEN PLAY FIRST GAME

The freshman basketball squad started their season last Monday with a win over Madison Township by the count of 26-21. The half-time score stood 20-6 in our favor. The game's standout player was Dick Gibboney, who executed several fast break plays throughout the game.

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