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## STUDENTS PLAN CIVICS CLASSES

An interesting innovation is being tried in John Adams Civics classes.

In each of Mr. Goldsberry's classes, the class itself has selected a committee to help plan the activities of the class for the semester. This committee consists of five students elected by the class, who plan the daily assignments, tests, and projects for their group. They may invite outside speakers to come to their class to speak on various subjects. Up to do date these committees have had several outstanding speakers: Mayor John A. Scott; Thomas E. Bath, St. Joe County chairman for the Republican Party; and Vincent Doyle of radio station WJVA. Mr. Goldsberry and the students believe that this type of classroom acitvity helps the students to realize the importance of citizen participation in a democratic government.

Mr. Neff's classes also have elected a committee which they call The Central Committee. It has made plans by which they intend to help direct their classes during the semester. Mr. Neff's classes are then divided into sub-committees, each of which is responsible for such areas as, United States Politics, The Asiatic Situation, The European Situation, The Domestic Affairs of the United States, the United Nations, and The North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Each of these sub-committees will have a chairman and will present their investigations to the class in any form they choose. A member of the Central Committee serves as the advisor for each of these sub-committees. Under this organization, students have obtained these well-known speakers: Mr. Paul M. Butler, National Democratic committeeman from Indiana; and Mr. Jack Delvery, a Republican precinct committeeman from Indiana.
The work of these committees has been .praised by Mr. Neff and Mr. Goldsberry as well as by the students, who feel that this type of classroom activity adds interest and effectiveness to civics teaching.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Tower, on behalf of the John Adams student body, wishes to express deepest sympathy to Patrick Henry on the death of his father.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS



Pictured above are the Jr. Red Cross officers and freshmen and sophomore council members. They are, back row, left to right: Barbara Hanson, Jeannine Mundell, Betty Clark, Joan Berry, Dale Field, Chairman Burke, Mary Anne Mills. Middle row: David Koto, Richard Skodinski, Eddie Edwards. Front row: Susan Nuss, secretary; Janet Burke, vice president; Joyce Swingendorf, Susan Nusident.
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## NEW ADDITION HAS NINE ROOMS

In the auditorium wing, which was opened October 17, there are nine new rooms, consisting of two storage rooms, a recreation room, three rooms for orchestra, band, and chorus classes, a regular classroom, a gym exercise room, and an equipment room for stage properties.

The Glee Club will now be housed in room 21. Mr, Laiber will teach Health in room 22. Band, under the direction of Mr. Deardorff and Mr. High, will rehearse in room 31 ; orchestra, with Mr. Ellsworth directing, will assemble in room 32 during sixth hour. Other periods of the day this room will be used by Mr. Seaborg for his High School Arithmetic and Algebra classes.

## Freshmen Organize Council

The Freshman Guidance Planning Council has been organized to determine the areas of interests of freshmen, to set up special committees to plan the activities for each interest area, and to prepare a guidance program for the year. The following members represent each freshman home room at meetings with the home room teachers: 103, Joan Berry and Alan Berta; 204, Kay Frash; 206, Peter Martino and Bonnie Mae Miller; 208,

## Sophomores Form Guidance Council

The sophomores have formed a Guidance Planning Council. Delegates to the Council from each of the home rooms are: 108, Martha Clark, Phillip DeLong, Charles Bowman; 103, Don Emmons, Sandra Horvath; 22, David Mikesell, Diane Myers; Library, Naomi Ross, Robert Root; 201, Larry Weaver, Marcedis Wynns; Cafeteria Mezzanine, Barbara Goddard, Kent Keller; 209, Patricia Rich, Barbara Neff, Jerry Vascil.
From this group there have been three committees formed to plan Tuesday morning programs for the entire sophomore class. The committees and their members are: occupational information, Kent Keller, chairman, assisted by Barbara Goddard, David Mikesell, Diane Myers, and Mr. Seeley, faculty advisor; college information, Charles Bowman, chairman, assisted by Don Emmons, Naomi Ross, Larry Weaver, and Miss Farner, faculty advisor; teen-age interests, Jerry Vascil, chairman, assisted by Martha Clark, Sandra Horvath, Barbara Neff, Patricia Rich, Marcedis Wynns, and Mrs. Carmichael, faculty advisor.

John Thompson; Little Theater, Ina Cole and Jack Venderly. Three committee meetings have been held and another is scheduled for next Monday.

## JUNOR RED CROSS PLANS PROJECTS

Last Wednesday the junior and senior members of the Junior Red Cross Council entertained the new members with a potluck luncheon in room 107. During the luncheon plans were made for the coming year.
One of the projects will be volunteer work at the local hospitals. Some of the members have signed up to work at Memorial Hospital delivering flowers and newspapers to the patients. At the Osteopathic Hospital the members will be making bandages and acting as receptionists on Saturday and Sunday evenings.
At the Red Cross Headquarters they will be instructed in the operation of the Headquarters switchboard. Many of the council members are very interested in this type of work.
Some of the members will be making New Year's posters for the Mental Hospital at Marion, Indiana. For this same hospital the council will sponsor a school-wide drive for playing cards.
This year the Jr. Red Cross will enter the International Art Exchange program. This will be under the direction of Mr. Seeley with the help of his art classes.
Again this year another correspondence album will be sent to a foreign country. The subject of the album has not been decided.
The project the members are most eagerly anticipating is the party at the Old Folks Home on March 14, 1953. To see the happiness a party can bring to the old people is an experience that one participating in the program never forgets.

Participation in these proposed projects is not restricted to council members. All studențs are encouraged to take part in Junior Red Cross program.

## GLEE CLUB PRESENTS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Glee Club presented a varied program for the assembly on Thursday, Oct. 16. The program included: "O Sing Your Songs," "A Thing of Beauty," "Coffee Grows on a White Oak Tree," by the Glee Club; solos by Julie Harris and Lynn Whitman; two selections by the Triple Trio. Norman Asper led the audience in community singing.

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Central High School South Bend, Indiana October 8, 1952
Editor, The Adams Tower
Adams High School
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## Dear Editor:

A wave of righteous indignation swept over Central's student body when they learned that because of the actions of a few, all were threatened with the cancellation of football games, the Mishawaka-day Parade, and the basketball games.

A number of students in the Creative Expression classes were determined to clear Central's name and to show that the percentage of Central students involved in his fracas was very small, and the type of student represented was not typical.

In cooperation with the Student Council and The Interlude, the Creative Expression classes are undertaking to let the other high schools and the rest of South Bend and Mishawaka know that the behavior shown by a few Central students was not representative of the whole school.

We hope that the other high schools in the vicinity will not suffer from the actions of a small number of "rowdies" or hold these actions against us, and we hope we may have your cooperation in preventing any such further disturbances.

## Sincerely,

(signed) Bill Barrett, President
Student Council, Central High School.

## HOW WE STAND

(Editor's Note: The following statement was mailed by the John Adams Student Council to the editor of the South Bend Tribune for publication.)
"The John Adams Student Council, representing the students of John Adams, will continue to strive for good sportsmanship, cooperation between schools, and citizenship around each school community with respect for public and private property.
"We feel a better relationship between parents, students, and schools will result in a more healthy attitude among the South Bend city schools. We encourage the parents to foster a greater sense of civil responsibility in their children."

## A FRIEND TO ALLJIM, THE JANITOR

Every morning at seven-thirty I am greeted with a friendly smile from a small, white-haired, jolly "old" man named Jim. Jim is everyone's friend. He always has a word for me, usually something funny. He is very willing to lend a helping hand to students, but he is just as willing to accept a bit of help from them. For example, the other morning I asked him if he wanted me to finish mopping the steps for him. I was only joking, but I really had a time talking him out of making me mop those stairs. At times Jim is just as mischievous as the students. One day not so long ago a few of us girls took advantage of some free time in Album period, and, avoiding our sponsor's eye, crept down the hall to seek adventure. Hearing the footsteps of authority right behind us, we quickly looked for a hiding place. Jim had been observing our escapade, and, true to form, came to our rescue. We were safely hidden in the janitors' room behind all the brooms and coats when sponsor came to the door to inquire if Jim had seen the guilty trio. Our benefactor replied, "Yes, I saw them go down those stairs." That is just one example to illustrate why I think Jim's heart is with the students - and whose heart is truly made of gold. He is never too busy sweeping to unlock a door (provided one has the proper excuse) or to find equipment for some enterprising young eraftsman. He pushes his broom with a catching smile . . . or is it merely the twinkle in his eye that brightens the hall? It seems to me that doing the same tiring job day after day would dull one's personality, but I have not yet noticed a day when Jim, the jolly janitor, let the job get the best of him.

## -Joyce Swingendorf <br> English VII.

## Do You Take <br> This Attitude?

"That's the one. That's the one who killed the child. Speeding like a maniac, but I caught a glimpse of his face."
This might be the voice of a hysterical mother, or the voice of your own conscience. At any rate, the finger is pointed at you.
You can't imagine the situation, can you? "Oh, that won't happen to me." Oh no?! Think again - that's what they all say.
It made me sick to watch you in that assembly. You think you're so darn superior to advice. Well, I've got news for you - you're not. As a matter of fact, reckless driving may be an indication of a mind that is a little inferior. It shows ignorance. Only an ignorant, egocentric individual would do something that would endanger the lives of countless people.

Examine yourself. Do you show ignorance or intelligent maturity when driving?

## -Barbara Fine.

Usually people who don't know whether they are coming or going are in a hurry to get there.


New Couples: June Marchbanks (Riley) and Chuck Oberlin; Mary Dring (Central) and Pat Dempsey; Joan Moore and Paul Hawblitzel; Julie Jackey and Don Huys (Mishawaka); Mary Orzech and Dick Wedel; Sharon Lee and Roger Jurgovan; Marty Kline and Tom Wurster (Mishawaka); Carolee Smith and Claude Magnuson (Mishawaka).

## Questions of the week:

Why is it that Mrs. Pate has a track course in Little Theatre?
Why do some of the boys in 6th hour Latin belong in kindergarten? Bill Roesch knows the answer to this one?
Why does Margaret Sue Reed need six towels in gym class?

Room 105 is in line for the award to the home room most politically active. No wonder the Democrats have been in office so long.
A growing list of steadies includes: Barbie Hanson and Don Amberg (Central); Carol Korlowicz and Don Schlosane; Jeannine Mundeel and Don Severeid; Kay Oedekerk and Dick Bavin (Riley); Agnes Harrington (Mishawaka) and Bob Green; Carol Wiltfong and John Stancotti (Central).
Tom McHenry has a new admirerPat Moynihan. Ah, Chemistry! Rumors are flying-about Shirley Johnson and Tom Ferro.
What type of "business" do Marianne Reish and Sonny Stone spend so much time talking about? Extra-curricular, perhaps?

## GRANDPA LOOKS BACK ON DAYS AT ADAMS

The date is October 24, 2002. Grandpa is sixty-six years old and he's thinking over high-school days at dear old Adams. "What was school like?" asks his little grandson.
"Wal, I used to get to school around twenty-one minutes after eight o'clock and walk in to what was called Home Room. There we had a kindly young lady known as the Home Room Teacher; but bless my heart, sonny, that woman just couldn't be kind when in I trotted at 8:21. So I went to visit (Oh, heart is failing me again) Mr. Crowe. He gave me the little yellow slip and back I went to Home Room. First the teacher told us to study. Then she told us to put our books away and answer some questions. Then she told us to get our books out and study. Then she told us to put our books away so we could discuss plans for our class party. Then - sonny, I'm getting breathless."
"That's okay, Gramps; but why did you have to have a Home Room period?"
"Why, sonny, so we could have time to study!"

## THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD

People like comedians and cartoonists make a living out of telling jokes. But when people like you and me try to tell a joke, nothing falls any flatter!

For instance, take the time when you raced up to the gang in the hall and said, "I heard the best joke, wait'll you hear." So you began, everyone hanging on every word waiting for a good laugh-then quite suddenly you forget the gag line. What did you do then? You stood there with your teeth in your mouth and said nothing. What is there to say? Afterwards you probably felt like committing hara-kiri or becoming a hermit or joining the foreign legion.

Maybe you have had the experience of getting through the crowd, when some nasty character in the back pipes up with the gag line. What a blow! I'll bet you turned around and called him every unprintable name you knew.

Listening to a joke is almost as bad as telling one. In every crowd there is one idiot who is always telling a joke. He's got one for every occasion. The trouble with his jokes is that they're never funny. You laugh to be polite and then go somewhere and get sick. Also in every crowd is the guy who laughs at anything. When he tells a joke he gets carried away with the gag line before he tells it. Everybody waits patiently while he gets over his hysterics and finishes the joke.
There is one way to lose friends and make enemies. Suppose a friend of yours is telling you a joke he thinks is hilarious. He has told the punch line and is waiting for you to laugh. Don't laugh. Look bored and mutter, "I've heard that one before. It's as old as the hills." Watch the results! Best darn way to lose friends!


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Jr. T. B. League Board Takes Tour of Hospital
The regular monthly meeting of the Jr. T. B. League Board was held on October 8. The meeting took the form of a tour of the newly built portion of the Tuberculosis hospital.
The tour included: The X-ray rooms with an explanation of the X-ray machine, the laboratory containing T. B. detecting equipment, the kitchens and dining rooms, recreation center, occupational therapy room and the school.

A short discussion of the cures of Tuberculosis given by one of the doctors concluded the meeting

## ADAMS HIT PARADE

You Call Everybody Darling - Bob Bock.
I Love You Truly - Fred Laas and Lorena Rose.
You'll Never Grow Old - Nancy Smuts and Dave Beiser.
Pop Goes the Weasel-Mr. Reber and his Hydrogen.
You Belong to Me - Judy Cobb and Bill Blue.
Slaughter on Tenth Avenue - Four Corners.
You'll Never Walk Alone - Eddie Thompson.
Mr. Touchdown U. S. A. - Adams football team.
Wish You Were Here-Snowballs and ice.
Walkin' My Baby Back Home - Bill Bickel and Jackie James.
How High the Moon - Straight " $A$ " report cards.
Feet Up -Mr . Crowe's sitting position.
Rock of Gibraltar - Mr. Laiber.
Birth of the Blues - Before a test.
You'll Never Be Mine - An "A" on my report card.



Mr. Vincent Laurita, our new gym teacher and assistant football coach, comes from the eastern part of the country. He attended high school at St. Agnes' Academy in College Point, N. Y., and was graduated in 1942. From there Mr. Laurita moved westward to Indiana where he enrolled in the University of Notre Dame. He obtained two Bachelor of Science degrees from Notre Dame, one in 1945 and one in 1947. Mr. Laurita also holds a Master's degree from Columbia University.
After living in Chicago and Cleveland, Mr. Laurita came here this year with his wife and two children. His off-hours are few, but he finds time to read and watch television.
Mr. Laurita likes Adams very much. He says, "I like the set-up here. Everyone is very co-operative and that makes it very pleasant." We, the students, like it here also and welcome one of the new additions to our faculty.

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Mr. Rothermel - May I have your attention, please?

Mr. Carroll - and the like.
Jana Borecky - What a blow!
Mrs. Carmichael - Are those your gym socks?

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## SLICERS TOP EAGLES; Cross Country Ends HAAG LEADS SCORING <br> Regular Compelition <br> In their last scheduled triangular

Bucky Haag went on a touchdown rampage to lead the LaPorte Slicers to victory over the Adams Eagles 19-7 last Friday. Haag scored in the first, second, and fourth quarters on runs of 11,22 , and 6 yards.
LaPorte scored the first time they got the ball, moving 60 yards in eight plays for the score. Haag carried on the last play, but fumbled on the four, and when the ball bounded over the goal line he fell on it for the score.
The Slicers scored their second touchdown after recovering an Adams fumble on the Eagle 26. Levandoski kicked the point to put LaPorte ahead 13-0.
Adams then scored, on the longest march of the game, moving 68 yards in ten plays. After Loar returned the kickoff to the Eagle 32, Goldsberry threw incomplete to Berta, but connected to Wedel for 21 yards. Then Shaw got 7 and Wedel and Troeger each got 5 to put the ball on the Slicers 30 -yard line. At this point the Eagles were penalized five yards for offsides, but Shaw got 8 and Goldsberry got 3 more in two carries to give Adams a first down on the LaPorte 24. Troeger then went for four yards to put the ball on the 20 and set the stage for Wedel's touchdown pass to Sam Rice. Tom "The Toe" Goldsberry kicked the point to make the score 13-7 at the half.
LaPorte scored its final touchdown going from the Adams 38 in six plays, Haag carried the last four plays, making runs of 7,1,9, and 6 yards. Levandoski's attempted point was blocked, making the score 19-7. Neither team threatened the remainder of the game which was highlighted by Dick Sessler's interception of a LaPorte pass.

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meet the Adams harriers beat Washington to end up in second place. The team from Elkhart won the meet by beating us 20-41.
The first five boys for Adams were: Jones (2), Kreiztman (7), Worley (12), Jurgovan (13), and Good (14). The numbers in parentheses indicate the boys' standings in the meet. Jones, coming in second, was a mere four seconds off the pace set by Boyer of Elkhart.

The Eagles placed third in the City Meet with Riley and Central topping them in that order.

During the past week the team has participated in a conference meet at Valparaiso and in the sectionals. All winners will then compete in the Cross Country finals on November 1 at Indianapolis.

## SWIMMING NEWS

The swimming team coached by Joe Laiber will have its first meeting of the year on November 30, in Room 22. Swimming is a comparatively new sport at Adams, the Eagles participating for the first time last year. The team has four returning lettermen in Bob Heiland, Roger Jurgovan, Norm Grimshaw, and Jerry Wiseman. The team will practice at the Y.M.C.A. from $7-8$ in the morning this year. There will be 8 meets this year, including Central, Culver, and other Conference teams. All Freshmen swimmers are invited to come out.

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The freshman football team scored their first decisive victory of the year by defeating the Elkhart freshmen 20-6.
Adams kicked to Elikhart and in six plays Elkhart scored their only touchdown of the game. They missed the extra point attempt. Elkhart kicked to Adams who in turn drove for a touchdown climaxed by a four-yard plunge by Larry Wygant. Don Severeid then kicked the extra point to put Adams out in front 7-6. The first half continued without either team threatening.
Late in the third quarter Adams started a drive. The march ended with Don Severeid going eleven yards around right end for the touchdown shortly after the third quarter ended. Severeid then missed the extra point try but was given another chance when Elkhart was offside. Severeid made good on the second attempt. Elkhart kicked to Adams after being held and Adams continued to drive for their final touchdown with two minutes left in the game. Severeid also climaxed this drive with a run around leit end. He missed the try for the point and Adams led 20-6.
The freshmen now have a record of three wins and two losses.

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## LOOKING BACK INTO EAGLES' PAST

Looking back into Adams football records I find that Adams has won 29, lost 64 , and tied 8 games. This excludes this year of 1952. Among the twelve years from 1940 to 1951 we have had two winning seasons. Our best season record was set in 1947 when the Eagles won 5, lost 3, and tied 1. Percentage-wise, the Eagles stand at approximately $33 \%$.
-John Pence.

## CORRECTION

A correction in the article about the Mishawaka game in the October 17 Tower is needed. Dick Shaw should have been credited with the Eagles second touchdown instead of Tom Goldsberry.

## Coming Sports Events

## Football

November 1_...Ft. Wayne, S. S. (T)
Teacher-Have you read, Freckles? Freckled Boy-No, mine are brown.


