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DRAMATICS CLASS TO PRESENT PLAYS

On May 21 and 22 at 8:20 a. m. the Dramatics class, under the supervision of Mrs. Hazel McClure, will present three plays. The first under the direction of Shirley Johnson and Beverly Rupert is "Letters to Lucerne," the story of a girls' school in Germany. The cast consists of Beverly Norton, Bing; Estella Zoss, Felica; Sandra Wright, Olga; Linda Heitger, Margaretha; Marilyn McHugh, Marion; Judy Weiss, Sally; Lucille Heirman, Erna; and Margaret Strong, Miss Linder.

The second play will be "Hung Jury," a melodrama of a jury which can't decide on a verdict. The directors are Naomi Shulman and Margaret Strong. The cast is composed of Mickey Young, Mergue; Gail Aspin, Mary; Robert Johnson, Boland; Robert Nelson, McLean; Kay Cantwell, Greta; Robert Good, Parnell; Norman Asper, Fischer; Michael Phillips, Dembrowski; Charles Bowman, Tinklebun; Sonja Hoover, Mrs. Fernald; Marcedis Wynns, Miss Jones; and Evelyn Fuller, Mrs. Potti.

The last of the series will be "Submerged," the tragedy of a submerged submarine. Linda Heitger will direct. Her cast consists of Robert Nelson, Dunn; Robert Johnson, Shaw; Charles Bowman, Brice; Mickey Young, Jorgson; Norman Asper, captain; and Richard Good, Nabl.

STUDENTS TO VIEW LIBRARY IN ACTION

For students interested in librarianship as a career, a Library Open House will be held at the Prairie Avenue Library, 1601 Prairie Avenue, on Thursday afternoon, May 21, from 2:30 to 5:00.

The students will be afforded an opportunity to view a public library branch in action as well as to participate in a discussion forum featuring brief talks by librarians on various aspects of library work and training requirements. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

Joan Bass, Marilyn Cole, Wanda Hayes, Donna Hutchinson, Kay Jensen, Wanda Ritenour, Janice Taylor, and Sandra VanDusen will attend from Adams.

The next issue of **The TOWER** will be prepared and edited by the 1953-54 staff. The seniors are concentrating their efforts on the Senior Issue which will be distributed May 27, following the Awards assembly.

SENIOR PROM CHAIRMEN



Pictured above, left to right, are Lynn Brown and Judy Hunneshagen, co-chairmen for the senior prom to be held tonight from nine until twelve at the Palais Royale.

Graduates and alumni may purchase tickets from the ticket salesmen or the senior class sponsor in room 101 or in the school office before 4:00 p. m. this afternoon. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Staff to Distribute Yearbooks at Dance

The Album circulation staff will sponsor a sock hop in the gym on Friday, May 22 from 8:30 to 11:30. The purpose of the record dance will be to distribute the 1953 Albums and also to give the students a chance to get the signatures of friends who are leaving.

Those who do not attend the dance will receive their yearbooks on Monday, May 25.

Nancy Chizek is chairman of the dance. Those assisting her are Jean Woolverton, decorations; Nancy Kenady, publicity; and Judy Hunneshagen, refreshments.

Admission will be 15c per person and 25c per couple. This is a closed dance; only Adams students will be admitted.

ANNUAL PICNIC HELD

On Tuesday evening, May 5, from six until eight, the Library Club held its annual picnic in honor of the graduating senior members. Originally the plans called for the picnic to be held at Potowatomie Park, but because of rain the party was held in the school library.

Joan Misch was general chairman of preparations. Following a picnic supper, games were played.

CLUB NEWS

Red Cross — on Wednesday, April 29, the Junior Red Cross elected officers for next year. Janet Burke will be president and Jana Borecky, vice-president.

Geraldine Goepfrich, who was elected secretary-treasurer, was chairman of collecting articles for the Crippled Children's School at the Audio-Visual Center. This drive was sponsored in the home rooms the week of May 4-8.

Debate Club — Robert Bubenzer was recently elected president of the Debate Club for the 1953-54 season. William Dean will be vice-president and Geraldine Goepfrich, secretary-treasurer.

The annual banquet was held Tuesday, April 28, at the Mishawaka Hotel. The six schools of the St. Joseph County Forsenic League were present at which time the standings for the past season were announced. The Adams' debate team placed fourth for the year.

Ushers Club — William Waechter was elected president of the Ushers Club on Wednesday, May 6. Richard Bass is first captain and the second captain is Charles Wintz. Thomas Smith will take over as recording secretary and Larry Rex as activities secretary next fall.

Hi-Y — On May 17 the Hi-Y will take their annual trip to Chicago to attend a baseball game. They will see the Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates after going to a museum in the morning.

"AS TIME GOES BY," STYLE SHOW THEME

"As Time Goes By" has been chosen as the theme for the style show to be given by the clothing classes May 21 in our auditorium. The show will begin at 8:00 p. m. and there will be an hour of fashions followed by refreshments in the Foods Laboratory. Cottons will be featured, but suits and formals will also be presented by the girls taking clothing this semester. The program will also include two youngsters accompanied by Joyce Barrell and Susie Frehse.

The script has been written by Pat Holland, Susan Nuss, Kathy Brady, and Sonja Hoover. The stage committee consists of Alverna Douglas, Joyce Barrell, Sue Armstrong, and Darlene Miller. Publicity is being handled by Sandra Hoelscher, Donna Tennyson, and Judy Hunneshagen. Music has been arranged for by Anne Bruner, Joan Rankin, and Nancy Platt, and Elaine Brown. Programs will be made by Audrey Dempsey, Karol Hudson, and Shirley Rawles; invitations will be written by Eleanor Earl and Mary Lou Hibner. Marguerite Zombik and Carol Noble will be ushers. Joyce Swingendorf is student director.

Students participating in the style show are members of the clothing classes taught by Miss Antoinette Valenti and Mrs. Joseph Baringer.

PURDUE ANNOUNCES

Better health protection for Purdue students will be afforded by the new requirements that each new student submit a medical history and report from his family physician before arriving on the campus. Every certificate of admission will be accompanied by a health blank which the prospective student will have filled out.



May 20—All City Glee Club
Baccalaureate Rehearsal,
Auditorium, 7:00 p. m.

May 21—Dramatics Class Play,
8:20 a. m. Auditorium
Style Show
8:00 p. m. Auditorium

May 22—Dramatics Class Play,
8:20 a. m. Auditorium
Album Dance, Sock Hop,
8:00 p. m. Gym

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SET UP A SCHEDULE AND STICK TO IT!

It has often been said that procrastination is the thief of time. In one's eighth semester of high school this seems to be especially true, almost to the point of being painful. In the last nine weeks, which seems to be most hectic, one's activities and responsibilities accumulate, and must be completed before a certain deadline. It is up to you to see that you meet each separate deadline in a suitable fashion. We are not justified in slipshod and careless procedures by virtue of the many things on our agendas.

If the senior has no schedule for his responsibilities, this is when he may need it most. No doubt the first attempts at a time budget will prove almost futile, for there doesn't seem to be enough time for everything that must be done. It is not advisable to cut down on sleep, study time, or required home duties in order to crowd in a heavier social load or greater number of extra-curricular activities. Rather the students should devise more efficient ways of handling his affairs, in order that he can provide time for all of the necessary items.

First things must come first. With a stepped-up pace of duties, one will need all the sleep he can get, regardless of the temptation to cut down. It is a disappointing sight to see graduates receiving their diplomas when they are emaciated from lack of sleep and/or food. If the family is understanding about the rush of last-minute responsibilities, perhaps a lighter load of home duties can be arranged. The individual situation is one which the student must evaluate and then adjust accordingly.

Satisfactory time must be allotted for the pressure of home study. Even though one has received his college acceptance, that is a tentative measure, contingent upon graduation from high school with the required number and type of credits. If extra-curricular activities present too heavy a load, it would be wise to drop one or two while a substitute can still be found. One gathers no esteem and prestige for himself if he shirks his duties at the last minute and leaves them undone.

Above all, we must realize that the social swirl will take its toll. Time is needed to prepare for and enjoy each separate function, and one cannot overload his schedule here without paying the price of a downgrade in another category. We must decide which party, dance, picnic, or other activity is most important, and then enjoy the one we choose, rather than mope about the ones we miss.

In the final analysis, it seems that time is of the essence in the last semester. One must arrange his activities according to the time he can spare for them and base the use of his free time on what is left over after assigned necessities have been completed. We should remember that there are only one hundred and forty-eight hours in the week and that all people have the same amount of time to spend. Some are able to use theirs better than others. How about you?

—Margaret Jamison.

TALL, TALL TALES

THE BIG WIND

Folks, did you ever hear of Exzezial Strongmuscle? I doubt if you have.

Exzezial was a small man as men go. He was barely over four feet tall, but his outstanding feature was his chest. It was so large it took three yards of cloth to make him a shirt. Now Exzezial was born in St. Joe County in the state of Indiana, and, as you will see, he changed the land from top to bottom for one whole day.

When Exzezial, we'll call him Ezy, was a boy he developed tremendous lung power by blowing his sail boat's across Lake Michigan. 'Course, the older he got the harder he was able to blow.

Well, I'll dispense with the little details and tell you about the "day of the big wind." You see Ezy sneezed and when he sneezed things began to happen. It caused the biggest traffic jam in the history of the city of South Bend. The wind was so strong it immediately stopped all cars coming towards Exzezial and moved the ones going away from him so fast that they thought they were jet propelled.

It was said afterward that six cars piled up, one on top of the other. Since the first car ran into a building and the other five just climbed on top of each the body was hurt, though, because the building was moving, too, and they all slowed down real easylike.

Some of the witnesses said that that sneeze made a hundred mile an hour hurricane seem like a mild summer breeze.

Many other things happened that day, but I would like to tell about one more in particular. It seems that a rooster was standing on a jug crowing when the sneeze—breeze came. Afterward the rooster was found with its head sticking out of the jug. Now, we all thought that the rooster was blown inside the jug, but some one noticed that the handle of the jug was on the inside. Then we knew that the jug had really been blown inside out and the bird had been caught inside.

That sneeze sure was a breeze!

—Craig McCowan.

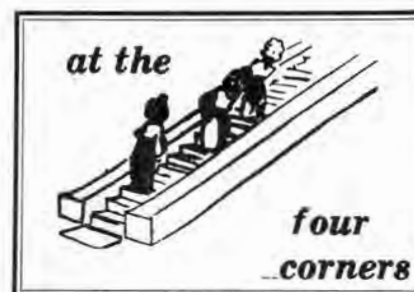
How I Got My Red Hair

As most everyone knows, my Mama picked me off a stump in the Alabama foothills. At the time of my intrusion into the big wide world my hair was as black as a bridegroom's thoughts of his future-mother-in-law.

When I grew up I was very famous for my outstanding setbacks in many different fields. The president sent me out West to help the people get unsettled. Out West while camping one day on the Sahara Desert a bunch of Arabs captured me, tied me up and left me there to die of thirst and lack of food. While sitting there calmly thinking the situation over, the sun grew hotter by the minute. Suddenly my hair began to burn and it spread all over my body burning the ropes off my body and I was free.

Now, when anyone says, "Man alive!" Red shore is hot tonight," you'll know what he means.

—Jerry Bass.



Phyllis Anderson made quite an interruption during sixth hour English when her golf ball slipped from her hand and bounced on the floor.

One of the recent projects in junior English classes has been the writing of tall tales. One precocious student originated the idea of an un-natural History Museum in Chicago, while another invented a cosmic-ray plane with a superheated exhaust. While flying around the earth the plane chanced to pass over the Antarctic. The ice melted, and made the penguins sick to their "tummies." They finally removed their dress suits because the heat from the exhaust was so intense. That's the first time since the original creation that well-dressed penguins have been without their tails.

We're glad to hear that Sue Angus is so thrilled about her A on a shorthand test.

Also making a splash in an English class was Chet Bussert, who was unprepared to read a certain love poem. It seems Mr. Krider's warnings about the girls who chase were valid.

In the category of dating, we find Kay Cantwell and Tom Angus, Sally Stoops and Kenny Thompson, and Sue Wood and Larry VanDusen, Kay Frash and Dave Rogers.

Spanish class presented a play which turned out to be a wrestling match—hair pulling included, between the heroin and arch villain.

Things are approaching normal again in study hall—no wall standing for Shirley Helvey.

Eddy Thompson was type cast in the role of the wolf in Latin IV's production of "Little Red Riding Hood."

After Mrs. Pate had mentioned the perfume bottle and the fragrance spread therefrom, Dave Engle remarked that the initiation room would be in a similar situation after the big day.

Mr. Goldsberry has added an interesting touch to his Social Living classes, not only by means of shushing the talkers and gum chewers, but also by putting their noses in rings—on the blackboard, of course, with bodies attached.

We hear that some of our girls are in the market for mouses, not mice—Deanna Palm, Emalu Palm, Carroll Neiter, Loretta Ortman, and Jane Williamson.

Among the many making great plans for the Prom tonight are: Mary Lou Hibner, John Maurer; Lynn Whitman, Dave Eberly; Mary Lou Getzinger, Don Glenton; Marilyn Moran, Tom Haley (C. C.); Nancy Kenady, Bill Witwer; Bob Beale, Phyllis Burger (Central); Jean Woolverton, Tom Wurster (Mish.); Gloria Ankers, Doug Cowen; Pat Maynihan, Eldon Borecky; Margaret Jamison, Charles Oberlin; Margaret Considine, Jack Shuck.

The Week's Eagle

Robert Maurice Bock was born September 3, 1935 in South Bend. He attended Muessel and Jefferson schools before coming to Adams. Bob is 6'2" tall, weighs 170 pounds, and has brown hair and blue eyes.

Bob's school activities are numerous. He is a member of the Drama and Monogram Clubs, the assembly Committee, is assistant to the president of Glee Club, treasurer of the Hi-Y, and Album photographer. Bob has a keen interest in sports, and runs the high and low hurdles on the track team.

Outside of school, he is a member of the First Christian Church and De Molay. He is the head of the Junior Ushers of the church, and is the former co-president of the Northern Indiana Christian Youth Fellowship Conference.

In his spare time Bob likes to play the piano, sing, practice rifle shooting and eat. He also enjoys records by Stan Kenton and Oscar Le Vant. His favorite food is spaghetti and meat balls.

Bob plans to enter Wabash College to study Business Administration and Religion. His ambition is to be a businessman in Hollywood, Calif.

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In the United States there are many superstitions which may be new to most of us. In Michigan one carries a double cedar knot in his pocket in order to cure rheumatism. To offset rheumatiz in New Hampshire, one carries the gall from the stems of goldenrod.

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Marty Clark — "You mean you don't know."

Pat Dempsey — "Swell bunch of kids."

Jim Miller — "It seems like they're freshmen again."

Norm Grimshaw — "The senior class is not as big as it used to be."

Miss Puterbaugh — "Never again will they know so much."

Sue Armstrong — "Swell, but just wait until next year!"

Paul Elliott — "They're crazy! I dig 'em all the way!"

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Eagles Gain Second And Third in Meets

By JOHN PENCE

The Eagle tracksters were nosed out by the Benton Harbor team at Benton Harbor, May 5, but in turn we overpowered the Niles Viking by a considerable amount.

A summary of the Adams winners: Dick Wedel, 1st in 100 and 220-yard dashes; Bock, 3rd in high hurdles; Duggan, 3rd in 440-yard dash; Beiser, 4th in 440-yard dash; Osman, 4th in 100-yard dash; Olshewsky, 1st in 880-yard run; Jurgoven, 2nd in the 880-yard run; Jones, 3rd in mile run; Troeger, 2nd in broad jump and 3rd in shot put; Thompson, 1st in high jump and 3rd in broad jump; Rice, 4th in broad jump; and Scott, who placed 3rd in the high jump.

The medley relay team, which incidentally placed second at the Goshen relays earlier in the season, placed first, far ahead of the second place Benton Harbor quartet. The members of the medley relay team are: Wedel, Shaw, Kreitzman, and Olshewsky. The usually strong half mile relay team came in third to end our hopes of attaining first place in the meet. The team totals for the meet were as follows: Benton Harbor, 56½; John Adams, 47; and the Niles Vikings 30½.

A surprisingly strong Eagle contingent gathered 22 points, enough to grab a tie for third place team honors at the sectional track meet for the state of Indiana. The meet was run on Friday, May 8, on the Mishawaka track and field. South Bend Riley also shared the third spot, mostly on the strength of John Abell.

Our winners were: Olshewsky, 1st in the 880-yard run; Jurgoven, 3rd in the 880-yard run; Jerry Thompson, tie for 1st in the high jump; Wedel, 2nd in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes; and Jones, 2nd in the mile run. The half-mile relay team also placed fourth, but failed to qualify for tomorrow's regionals at Mishawaka. LaPorte won the meet with 37 points. Central placed second with a total of 35 points.

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The Adams baseballers split four games last week defeating LaPorte 9-4 and South Bend Catholic 9-3, while losing to Washington 5-4 and Michigan City 4-1. The LaPorte and Michigan City games were conference contests and set the Adams conference record at 5 wins and 2 losses. Overall, the Eagles now have won eight games while losing three and tying one.

Catholic High Falls

The Eagles opened the week with a 9-3 win over Catholic High with Jim Halterman posting his second win of the season. Adams grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first inning as Riddle and Flanagan scored, but Catholic had tied the score at the end of the third inning, 3-3. However, the Eagles sowed up the game with a five run outburst in the fourth frame. Goldsberry struck out to start the inning, but Riddle was safe on an error, Flanagan singled, Brown and Halterman walked, MacMillan was safe on an error, and McCallister singled. Everyone except McCallister scored. Brown scored the last Eagle run, in the sixth frame, after being safe on an error by the Catholic first baseman. Although Halterman won the game he required help from McCallister in the sixth frame, when Catholic High loaded the bases with two outs. McCallister finished the game.

Rally Dumps LaPorte

In the final game of the week the Eagles rallied for six runs in the last inning to grab a 9-4 decision from LaPorte. Jim Riddle led off the inning with a home run, over the centerfield fence, to tie the score, and before the frame was over Flanagan, Brown, Halterman, MacMillan and McCallister also had crossed the plate. Flanagan singled and stole second, Brown singled, Halterman was safe on an error, MacMillan singled, McCallister singled, Cowen was out on an attempted bunt, Sessler walked, Goldsberry flied to left, Riddle doubled, and Flanagan flied to the second baseman to end the inning. LaPorte used three pitchers during the frame, but they couldn't shut off the Eagle rally.

Tom Goldsberry gave up four hits and struck out nine in gaining his fourth win of the season against no losses. Adams got eight hits in the win.

Tipped by Washington

Adams dropped a close 5-4 decision to Washington as the Panthers scored

all five of their runs in the third inning. Jack MacMillan took the defeat, his first of the season as he gave up six hits and struck out six. Adams jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the second inning as Doug Cowen scored after hitting a single to right field. Lynn Brown scored in the third inning when he was safe on an error and tallied on McCallister's single. In the fourth frame Riddle and Brown both scored after they were safe on errors by the Panther shortstop. Adams got 16 men on base during the game, but the Panthers seemed to get the side out before any damage could be done. The Eagles picked up five hits in their losing effort.

City Drops Eagles

The Eagles dropped their second game of the week to Michigan City 4-1 at Adams. Jerry Flanagan scored the lone Eagle run in the first inning when he walked, stole second, and scored on Jim Halterman's single. The Eagles also had scoring opportunities in the first and sixth frames. In the first Halterman was on second with two outs, and in the sixth Brown was on third with one out after doubling. However, Flotow, the Michigan City pitcher, had complete control of the situation as he held the Eagles at bay. Jim Riddle suffered his second defeat as he went all the way. He gave up six hits and struck out seven.

Coming Sports Events

BASEBALL

Fri., May 15—Riley (C) -----H
Mon., May 18—S. B. Catholic -----T
Tues., May 19—Washington (C) ---T

TRACK

Sat., May 16—Regional
Thurs., May 21—Mishawaka -----T

A teacher called for sentences using the word "beans."

"My father grows beans," said the bright boy of the class.

"My mother cooks beans," said another pupil.

Then a third popped up: "We are all human beans."

Golfers Win, Lose

The Adams golf quintet met Central, April 30, on the Erskine course. We came out on the short end by a score of fourteen to one. John Meehan scored the lone tally by winning the first nine in match play. Vitou of Central was medalist with a 74, Seach and Angus tied for Adams by carding 82's. This match and another one like it, which was played with Central on April 13, became victories for Adams when Vitou, Central's first man, was declared ineligible. The forfeitures were because Vitou was not carrying enough solid subjects.

Playing host to Mishawaka on May 5, Adams suffered its second defeat from them by a score of twelve to three. Angus brought home all three points by scoring an 82 to 87 victory. This was the first individual triumph of the season for an Adams' player.

A triangular match was played on May 8 at LaPorte. Adams, LaPorte, and Hommond participated. Adams did not score any points.

B-TEAM WINS 4-2

The John Adams B-team traveled to LaPorte on Tuesday, May 5 and came back with a 4-2 victory. Bill Blue did the pitching chores for the Eagles as he held LaPorte to only one hit, although he had control trouble in the first inning.

LaPorte jumped off to a two-run lead as Blue hit four of the first five batters to face him. Adams then rebounded to score three runs in their half of the second as John Robbins got to first via an error on the pitcher, then stole second and third. Blue walked and Jim Staton pounded a long triple to score two runs. Then Bob Nelson singled to score Staton with what proved to be the winning run. Adams also scored a run in the third inning. The Eagles collected four hits in their winning cause.

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