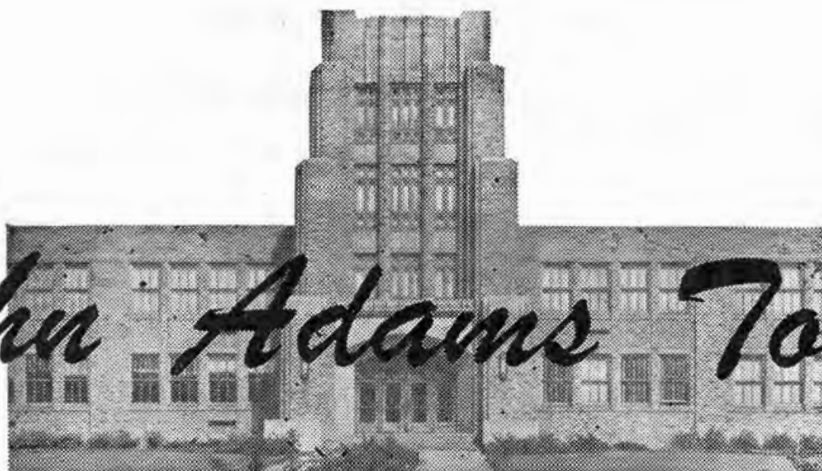


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Senior Class Votes For Officers Today

Final votes in the senior class elections will be cast today in all Civics classes. This year for the first time a class election is being correlated with class work and the plans have followed the pattern of a county election.

Any senior was eligible to seek an office after he had secured fifteen signatures on his petition and filed his application with the class sponsor, Mr. A. T. Krider. At press time James H. Miller and William Blue were candidates for the presidency; Paul Elliott, James Riddle, and Sandra Hoelscher for vice-president; Mary Wenger, Nancy Platt, and Geraldine Goepfrick, secretary; and Michael LeBurkien, Robert Shula, and Marilyn Wood, treasurer.

On Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m., a mass meeting was held in the Little Theater. Campaign speeches were given, placards carried, and parades held. Music was furnished by a make-shift band. The pre-election rally followed closely the pattern of a political rally and much enthusiasm was aroused. Results of the election will be announced in the next week's Tower.

Adams Orchestra Boasts New Members

A rapidly growing Adams organization is the orchestra, conducted by Mr. Paul Ellsworth. This year's new members include: Carolyn Lightner, Dan Smith, Dennis Cooper, Millard Thompson, Donna Hoffman, Bob Lott, Jack Keller, Sharon Lee, Elaine Rosenberg, Jerry Lupton, Jerry Badger, Ted Mortenson and Marlene Dahl. This musical group will give several concerts throughout the year, one of them to be held here at John Adams. Leading members of the orchestra will participate in the North Central Association concert on October 22.

Rehearsals for the full orchestra are held before school on Mondays, and the first hour on Thursdays. Special string rehearsals are held the first hour on Tuesdays.

Last year, for the first time in its history, the orchestra entered the State Music Contest, and received a first division rating.

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THE 1953-54 GLEE CLUB OFFICERS



Back row, left to right: Robert Johnson, David Engle, Terry Rothermel, and Robert Nelson. Front row: Barbara Neff, Ann Williams, Janet Burke, Jean Haefner, and Janice Schwier.

Other Clubs Announce Their Leaders

Officers elected at the close of last year to lead the various clubs during the 1953-54 school year are as follows:

Drama Club—President, Marylee Crofts; vice-president, James Miller; secretary, James Dincolo.

Hi-Y—President, Kent Keller; vice-president, James Miller; secretary, John Pence; treasurer, Robert Nelson; chaplain, James Hoehn; sergeant-at-arms, Lloyd Gearhart.

Library—President, Marilyn Cole; vice-president, Wanda Jo Hayes; secretary, Joan Misch; treasurer, Wanda Ritenour; historian, Kay Jensen; program chairman, Donna Hutchinson.

Jr. Red Cross—President, Janet Burke; vice-president, Jana Borecky; secretary-treasurer, Geraldine Goepfrich.

Ushers Club—President, William Waechter; 1st captain, Robert Harbin; 2nd captain, Richard Bast; acting secretary, Thomas Smith; recording secretary, Larry Rex.

Monogram Club—President, Richard Wedel; vice-president, James Riddle; secretary, Edward Thompson; treasurer, Larry VanDusen; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Troeger.

Debate—President, Robert Bubenzer; vice-president, William Dean; secretary-treasurer, Geraldine Goepfrich.

Screen Club—President, Patrick Henry; vice-president, Charles Wintz; secretary, John Thilman.

BURKE AND MILLER ATTEND CONFERENCE

This week-end, Janet Burke and James Miller are going to attend DePauw University's fourth annual College Conference for High School Seniors.

The purpose of this conference is to provide another phase of educational guidance for high school seniors and to aid them in selecting a college.

When these two delegates return, they will relate to the seniors their experiences at one of the pre-college guidance meetings.

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Johnson & Schwier Head Choral Group

The newly elected officers of the John Adams Glee Club are: Robert Johnson, president; David Engle, assistant; Janice Schwier, vice-president; Janet Burke, assistant; Jean Haefner and Barbara Neff, first semester secretaries; Sharon DeRose and Sally Buchanan, second semester secretaries; Sally Stoops and James Dincolo, treasurers; Susan Angus and Mary Clark, librarians; Robert Nelson, song leader; James Hoehn, Joseph Rich, Shirley Rawles, and Nancy Bock, robe committee chairmen; Terry Rothermel, business manager; Barbara Rasmussen, decorations; Karen Jones, Jack Longley, Julie Harris, Karen Habart, Joan Fitzgerald and Charmain Burke, accompanists; Ann Williams, Tower reporter.

The following runners-up compose the executive board: June Bartels, Sally Kissinger, Margaret Sue Reed, John Coffman, Anne Bruner, Edward Hardig, Charles Bowman, and Jack Venderley.

The Glee Club opened its season with a 7:30 a. m. rehearsal the first day of school. They rehearsed two numbers, Richard Rodgers' "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Praise to the Lord" by F. Melius Christiansen, for the back-to-school assembly sponsored by the Student Council on Thursday, September 10.

Five Win D.A.R. Awards

Among the new students at John Adams are the D. A. R. Citizenship Award winners from Nuner, Jefferson, and Lincoln schools. They are Sandra Mitchell and Ronald Weaver from Nuner, Barbara Dickey and John Ross from Jefferson, and Nancy Thompson from Lincoln. We are always glad to welcome these students into the Adams family.



- Oct. 5—9th grade girls' Physical Exams
- Oct. 6—Tennis—Adams vs. Central (T)
- Oct. 8—Cross Country—Adams, Washington, Elkhart at Elk. Tennis—Adams vs. Riley (H) Freshman Football with Elkhart (T)
- Oct. 9—Football—Adams vs. Riley (T)
Pep Assembly, 2:55 p. m.

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THIS IS SCHOOL SPIRIT!

By Beverly Rupert

At every football game there are two battles fought. The team fights one on the field and the spectators fight the other one. The team fights for a touchdown and defends their goal. The spectators fight for a seat and defend themselves in the grandstands.

My experience at the average football game goes something like this: If I'm lucky, I get a seat. The seat is wet, of course, but that's only natural.



Whoever heard of a football game without rain? So I put a newspaper down to sit on. This serves the purpose for awhile, but it is removed when I stand up to cheer. (Probably to be torn up for confetti.) Of course, it doesn't do any good to stand up in the first place because the person in front of me is always about seven feet tall. After I sit down and finally find out from someone what happened, a person who sits way up at the top of the grandstand has to make a trip down for hot coffee. On the way back up he threads a little path upward in my direction. Even though I do move over, I still get stepped on, probably a splash of hot coffee down my neck, also. By this time I am really disgusted! Then one of our boys makes a touchdown and the old Scarlet and Blue boast my spirits. After this I can't stay mad, so I smile, look at the scoreboard (to see how badly Adams beat the other team), then say, "O boy! I can't wait till next week's game."

Fire Prevention Week Observed

National Fire Prevention Week, October 5 to 11, will be observed in South Bend in a rather unusual way this year.

The John Adams faculty and administrative staff have been asked to cooperate in this observation by showing films in classes, by distributing literature for the students to read and take home, and by conducting timed fire drills.

Attention will also be called to the October 5 demonstration that the fire department is sponsoring that evening on West Washington Street between Michigan and Lafayette, and the demonstration the Bendix Corporation is sponsoring in conjunction with the fire department on the Bendix ball diamond on October 8, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Marvin Naftzger Returns to Adams

Perhaps you looked forward to the first day of school with dread. To you, summer seemed short and school came to swiftly. But for Marvin Naftzger, September 8 couldn't come fast enough. He had been waiting four months to get back to John Adams to see the kids, to go to classes, and to say hello to the teachers. Well, he's back, saying hello to the teachers and going to classes with the kids. He's absolutely the happiest Adamsite around.

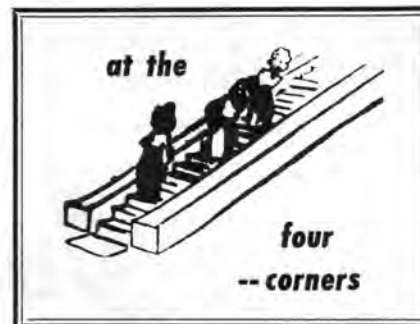
Last year at this time, Marvin was coming to school every day, playing football, and holding down a job. One Friday morning he awoke not feeling well. He was sick to his stomach and it seemed that his whole body ached. The next morning, he was taken to Memorial Hospital for a spinal tapping. The test was positive. A few hours later he entered Northern Indiana Children's Hospital, a victim of polio.

He entered the isolation ward, got in bed and read comics all afternoon and evening. Next morning he was paralyzed. Looking back, Marvin says, "I think the worst feeling was waking Sunday morning and not being able to move my legs — it was a terrible feeling." In addition, his left arm was "gone" and he was unable to turn over or eat. Since gamma globin had not been discovered at that time, Marvin was given only dope to relieve the pain. He remained in isolation eight days. During this time he was allowed to see no one, not even his parents and family. He was told nothing of his case or his chances of recovery. "I was scared stiff. I didn't know what it was or what would happen to me. If the Tribune could have written articles on polio telling what it's all about, telling what chances I had against it, it would have relieved my mind so much"

Marvin was taken from isolation into the rehabilitation ward. A considerable number of hours a day were spent re-educating the muscles in his legs and arms. Various methods were used: force, heat occupational therapy, and electrical stimulation. Each added a little and day by day the doctors noted with satisfaction his progress. Gradually he learned to roll over and to eat. He made belts, model engines, and other objects supplied by the therapy department.

Progress was slow but finally on May 1 he was released to go home after eight months of hospitalization. All summer he went daily from 11 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon for his therapy treatments. He has made a remarkable recovery. He can do almost everything any one else can do but in his own way — using different muscles for different purposes. His therapy now includes electrical stimulation three times a week.

Since he wasn't able to obtain sophomore tutoring, Marvin took junior course. Now he is classified as an 11B. He hopes to catch up in summer school so he can graduate in 1955. After high school he has hopes of going to Purdue, probably majoring in mechanics.



We understand Don Biggs is in a state of shock. It seems that "Rebe" "shot" Pat Moynihan with his gun while Don was doing an experiment. They're still picking the pieces of glass off the floor.

Now get this! Steve Gumz was a bit reluctant to recite in English class last week. He claims girls have never whispered sweet nothings in his ear. Now Steve—

Seen around and about lately: Jackie James and Jim Riddle, Joanne Koher and Bob Shula, Barbara Goddard and John Stancoti (Cent.) Sue Hawk and Ken Tepe (St. Joe High), Nancy Champaigne and Bob Klowetter, Julie Harris and Steve Ziegner, Nikki DeRose and Jerry Thompson, Pat Moynihan and Dick Swayzee, Marcia Hoeschler and Bobby Walker, JoAnn Bartels and Dave Rogers, Kathleen Rose and Bob Heiland.

Say, Carol Wiltfong, who's that N. D. student that's a cousin of Julius LaRosa's, or is he his cousin?

It seems Chuck Taylor really takes a liking to the new girls. Ask him about Barbara Dooms.

Just a reminder — when you get a chance you might listen to Adams answer to Eartha Kitt, the C'est si bon girl — Phyllis Anderson, with her two hour rendition of Phillie' Andre'.

Off the steady list: Glen Reinicke, and Andy Cobb. Can't say for positive but 'pears to me that the thoid party in dat split up was Kay "get-um-or-bust" Frash. 'pears to me also "Louis" MacGregor sort of stepped in where Reinicke left off. Anyway, Andy's well taken care of.

Question of the Week: "Did Goldy really leap in a casket down at his uncle's funeral home?"

Sorry to inform you, but you kids really must know the truth about Jim Hoehn. He's got legs like a piano, quote Mr. Casaday.

Sharlene Polk is really looking forward to the I. U. Homecoming weekend. Hmmm, boy! That'll be a jim-dandy of a week-end all right.

Belated welcome to Jim Carlson. Nice to have him back cheering for the old Alma Mama. Jim had a battle with polio, in case you didn't know, but his was not the paralyzing type.

One Man's Fish Is Another Man's Poison

By F. Robert Becker

The Gallic phrases on the carte
Are far beyond my ken.
Is table d'hôte a kind of wine
Or breast of guinea hen?

But look! The figures on the right
Are all so crystal-clear.
Next time, instead of going French,
Let us go Dutch, my dear.

INTRODUCING:

Mr. Clarence Stillman

Mr. Clarence Stillman, our new Industrial Arts teacher, comes to John Adams from Harrison School. He attended Purdue University.



In his spare time, Mr. Stillman is building a house for his wife and himself. He likes everything but impolite and conceited people. He thinks Adams is the best equipped school in which he has ever taught.

INQUIRING REPORTER

As a freshman, what was your first impression of Adams and the student body?

Bob Eikler — "Tops, and the kids too, but I can't get used to the short lunch hour."

Judy Sheets — "Real swell; not one complaint."

Linda Malmburgh — "It scared me at first, it was so big, but now I like it."

Donna Hogan — "We had heard the upperclassman would be horrible and tell us the wrong way all the time,

Three Students Attend State Conventions

HERTEL VISITS GIRLS' STATE

Each year, from the 23rd of June to the 1st of July, the American Legion sponsors the Girls State Convention at Indiana University. This summer, Nancy Hertel, an Adams senior B, was chosen by River Park Post 303 to attend.

The convention is set up as an imaginary state, with mythological political parties — the Federalists and the Nationalists. The purpose is to educate girls as to governmental procedure.

This year seven hundred and twelve girls were grouped in nineteen "cities." Each "city" elected its officials. Each party had a platform, staged demonstrations, and wrote campaign songs. There was a House of Representatives and a Senate where they learned to write and present bills. At the inauguration of the officials, Governor Craig spoke.

Nancy was elected councilman from her "city" and spoke for the Federalists party platform. She feels that the convention excellently served its purpose by putting the procedures of democracy into action.

but now I know they don't, they're swell."

Bob Watkins — "Too many girls."

Jim Rhoads — "Too many upper-classmen."

Sonneborn and Bubenzer Travel to Boys' State

During the week beginning June 13, Charles Sonneborn and Robert Bubenzer represented our community at a convention held at the Indiana State School for the Deaf. They and boys from other communities, neighborhoods, and schools banded together to practice the ideals set up by "Boy's State."

The purpose of "Boy's State" is to acquaint the youth of our state with the mechanism of democracy and the fact that our nation does not consist of Swedes, Poles, or Frenchmen. This seems necessary, because our people come from different races, religions, and nationalities.

Chuck and Bob, from last year's Junior class were chosen for outstanding ability in both leadership and scholarship. American Legion Post 303 chose these Adams students from the many names presented to them.

Bob Bubenzer, not content with being a delegate was elected to positions of appellate court Judge and State Senator from St. Joseph County.



This coming week has been set aside as National Newspaper Week. At this time, The TOWER staff would like to invite the students of John Adams to write "Letters to the Editor" if they have any gripes or praises they would like to have printed. If you do want a "letter" to be published, you must sign your name and home room number. If you do not wish to have your name printed, please state this, and your wish will be complied with.

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Eagles Invade Elkhart in Third Conference Tilt

Tonight the Eagle eleven will travel to Elkhart to face the rugged Blue-Blazers. It will be the third conference game, and the first away from home game for Adams this season.

The Eagles will be out to tie up a five game series between the two squads. Thus far the Eagles have won one and Elkhart two. The 1951 game resulted in a 6 to 6 deadlock. We won the 1945 game 13 to 7, but in 1946 and 1950, Elkhart won 31 to 7 and 20 to 19.

Both teams have fairly good records to date, and tonight's game promises to be a real close tussle.

The kick-off is slated for 8:00.

ADAMS MAULS CITY

The Adams football squad mauled Michigan City last Saturday night for our first conference win, 33 to 0. The first quarter was very slow, but in the second quarter the Eagles chalked up 19 points with Goldsberry, Wedel, and Guard Pat Dempsey providing the punch. Adams also dominated the third quarter play racking up six first downs and Ray Loar scoring the fourth touchdown.

Coach John Murphy then replaced the varsity with the second and third teams. This combination, led by the Robbins' brothers did equally as well, making numerous gains. Their play was highlighted by a TD flip from C. Robbins to Bill Baird.

BASKETBALL BULLETIN

Many hopefuls for the 1953-54 edition of the basketball team turned out yesterday at the opening session. However, Coach Seaborg has related to us that any boy, regardless of height, weight, or size is welcome and strongly encouraged to join the practice sessions starting tonight. For more information, you are urged to talk to one of the coaches.

There is also a need for Freshmen managers.

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by JOHN PENCE

From my perch in the press box across the field from the South Stands, it appears to me that the cheering section is composed entirely of girls. With the exception of possible a handful, the boys are either uninterested in the outcome of the game or they are preoccupied with thoughts that require a great deal of quietness.

As I was sitting only about 10 feet from the bulk of the Central "booster section," I observed that the short, fast, stimulating yells such as the "Go-go" yell and the "Fight" yell and the "Ziggy" yell are started and carried through by the boys. When they stand up, the rest of the student body senses a yell and are ready to chip in with their fullest. Are the boys of John Adams going to sit by and watch while the other schools surpass us, or are they going to chip in to make our cheering section one to be copied and respected by our opponents?

After thoughts . . . A cheer to the girls who are carrying the load of the entire school in cheering . . . Three cheers for the Central pep session; even the boys yelled. What happened at the game, fellas? . . . A tip of the hat to the students and the adults who attended our first three football games, and swelled our attendance near to the entire total of last year . . . Let's get a parade of cars and all of us attend the game tonight in Elkhart.

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Racquetmen Defeat Redskins, Cavemen

On September 22, the Adams' netmen racked up their second victory of the season by downing North Side, 3 to 2, at Potowatomi. Chuck Christman and Steve Ziegner were both victorious in their singles matches, as was the doubles team of Christman and Dick Green.

On September 24, at Potowatomi, the Eagles came from behind to edge Mishawaka by a 3 to 2 score. Adams copped both the doubles matches and scored their third and final point as Ziegner won his fourth consecutive singles match.

The overall record of the team this season now stands at three victories against only one defeat.

Cavemen Clip "B's" 7-0

On September 21, the Adams "B" squad suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of a tough Mishawaka eleven at Mishawaka.

Following a hard fought, scoreless first quarter, the Cavemen scored in the second quarter after recovering an Adams fumble. The rest of the game was played on even terms with both teams showing some very fine defensive play.

The "B" team's next game will be at LaPorte, October 5.



Richard Fredrick Wedel was born November 26, 1935. He is a 12A from home room 204, seventeen years old and captain of the 1953 football team. Dick plays left halfback during the football season and is a 100 and 220-yard dashman during track season.

Dick has green eyes, measures 6 feet tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He is now the president of the Monogram Club, a member of DeMolay, and the Ridgedale Presbyterian Church.

His plans for the future include college, on a football scholarship if possible, with a major in industrial arts and engineering.

Dick spends his spare time listening to football games on the radio. He also likes to play football because he enjoys being with the fellows and he thinks the game is good for a person physically and helps one attain mental alertness as well.

Dick's favorites in the movie world include John Wayne and Marilyn Monroe and his favorite food is chicken. He dislikes people who are conceited and who talk too much.

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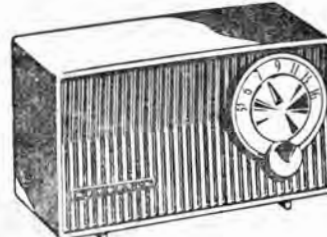
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