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PARENTS TO ATTEND CLASSES

A new plan has been devised for the procedure at the annual P.T.A. Open House which will be held this year on Thursday, November 5. The plan is to have the parents follow the regular daily schedule of their child with the periods shortened to fifteen minutes each. An invitation will be mailed to the parents a week in advance, with the schedule of classes, the names of the teachers, and the time schedule as follows, enclosed: Home Room, 7:15 to 7:35; first period, 7:40 to 7:55; second period, 8:00 to 8:15; third period, 8:20 to 8:35; fourth period, 8:40 to 8:55; fifth period, 9:00 to 9:15; sixth period, 9:20 to 9:35.

It is thought that this system will do away with some of the faults of the procedure of previous years. Much time spent standing in line and short introductions will be eliminated. The new plan will provide the parents and teachers with a chance to get better acquainted in a shorter period of time than was required before. Also, the parents will be introduced to the course of study used by the teachers and will see the materials and equipment available in the school.

A. H. S. Students to Sing at North Central

Approximately sixty students from the John Adams Glee Club will sing in the 600-voice North Central Chorus on Thursday, October 22. The number of students from each participating Glee Club is determined by the size of the club.

Olaf Christiansen, director of the St. Olaf College Choir at Northfield, Minnesota, will lead the vocal group, and Edwyn Hames, head of the Music Department at Hillside College and conductor of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the combined high school orchestras.

The two groups will hold practice sessions at Central and Adams High Schools in the morning and afternoon and will present the numbers from the North Central Teachers Association meeting in the evening.

Because of Teachers' Institute, there will be no TOWER next week.

NCCJ Sponsors "Teen For Teamwork"

Members of the St. Joseph County Junior Round Table of Christians and Jews pledge themselves again to the task of making it a happier year for all by promoting teamwork among all the high school students of St. Joseph County—students of all religious, racial and nationality backgrounds.

The Round Table will begin their school year activities with a day-long institute on human relations. This will be the third such institute which gives the students of city and county schools a chance to talk over together their problems in human relations and to discuss possible solutions.

The institute this year will be held Friday, October 23 at Riley High School, South Bend.

Dr. Abraham Citron, eminent sociologist from Detroit, will direct the institute, assisted by members of the Junior Round Table. Informal group discussions are scheduled throughout the day. There will be a rumor clinic, discussion of what is the best answer to a prejudiced joke or remark, skits, and films.

All students are invited to attend and the reservations for twenty-five students from each school will be accepted. Students who will attend will be recruited through the Student Council.

U. S. HISTORY CLASSES TRAVEL TO DETROIT

Today and on October 21 and 30, the U. S. History classes will go to Detroit for the annual history field trip. This will be the sixth consecutive year the trip has been made. The students, accompanied by Mr. Roop, Mr. Rensberger, Mr. Rothermel, and Miss Bauer, will leave South Bend at 5 a.m. going to Dearborn, Greenfield Village, and the Fort Motor Assembly Plant. They will have lunch in the cafeteria of the Ford Motor Company.

On the return trip, the people going on the 16th and 21st, will stop for dinner at Michigan State Normal College. Those going on the 30th will come home via Fort Wayne, stopping to see the Adams-North Side game.

Adams Welcomes Petoe and Artus



GEORGE PETOE

"In America you spend more time in school and have more homework, but the school work in Hungary is much more difficult," said George Petoe when he was questioned about how he liked Adams.

George, a Displaced Person from Hungary, arrived in the United States with his parents and his sister December 27, 1949. After spending one year in New York, the family moved to South Bend and George enrolled at Washington High School. He transferred to Adams for his senior year so that he might take higher math and a fourth year of English.

Room 205 is the place George calls home each morning at 8:20. He told this reporter he can't see why we like baseball so much. He considers it "kinda silly." (This interview was during the World Series.) In Hungary the most important sports are handball, swimming, and fencing. They also play soccer and some basketball.

GLEE CLUB TO GIVE ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, October 21, at 8:25, the John Adams Glee Club will sing for the student body. The program will include various numbers from the North Central music, a vocal solo, piano selections to be played by the new accompanist, Karen Jones, and community singing to be led by Norman Grimshaw.

If you want to know what's going on, subscribe to the TOWER.

HERBERT ARTUS

"The buildings are so high," stated Herber Artus, a student at Adams, when he first arrived in New York on April 29 from Germany.

Speaking very good English, Herbert related some of the differences between Germany and America. The very first item he mentioned was that here there are such "big grass lands," meaning the ranges and pastures. In Germany every inch of land is put to use or is in forests.

The school system in Germany is very rigid. It is necessary to pass a difficult high school entrance examination; and even upon admittance to high school, students have no choice concerning subject matter. The school he attended in Germany was operated in two shifts; he was enrolled in the morning session from 8 to 1 and had six classes of forty-five minutes each. He spent his afternoons doing homework which he stressed as being much more difficult than that given at Adams. In Germany there are no co-educational classroom situations, and some of the pupils live so far from the school that it is necessary for them to ride the train to school. However, Herbert, like most German students, rode his bicycle to classes.

A member of the Boy Scouts in Germany, he indicates that his favorite sports are soccer and handball. However, he has seen a few football games since arriving in South Bend, and he states that he is enjoying them very much.

DO YOU SUPPORT ADAMS ENTIRELY? KNOCK, KNOCK,

Almost all of you reading this paper think you are loyal John Adams supporters. In the support of a school, you are in turn supporting a very complex team. Adams consists of many small teams all of which are parts of the school. The Math, English, Language, Science, Social Studies, Music, Art, and Physical Education Departments all unite to form half of the team. The other half is composed of extra-curricular activities; one of which is the "TOWER."

This year your school paper is being sorely neglected. Thus far, the subscription list contains only 366 names. This is approximately one-third of the entire student body. Are you satisfied with this poor showing? We of the "TOWER" staff are very disappointed. Broken down, here is the situation at hand:

Of 1006 students, 366 subscribed to the "TOWER"; of 284 freshmen, 94 subscribed; of 258 sophomores, 75 subscribed; of 262 juniors, 95 subscribed; of 202 seniors, 102 subscribed.

Figures don't lie, and as shown by the above, the seniors are the most reliable in spite of room 204 with no subscribers. Home rooms 105 and 205 (home rooms of the three editors and the sponsor) are leading the pack with 32 and 27 subscribers, respectively. Recognition should also be given to 9B home room 215 with 22, and 11B home room 112 with 23. What is wrong with the sophomores? They seem to be running a poor race.

The subscription period will be lengthened one more week. Meanwhile, let's see if you can talk someone into subscribing to the "TOWER." The "TOWER" is a paper by and for the students. It is your paper, too!!

Afterthoughts - We are not losing sight of the single-copy purchasers we do appreciate your interest and if 10 cents per week is easier than \$1 per semester, keep on buying weekly. -By John Pence.

EUROPE AS I SAW IT

By Mrs. Hazel McClure

At the best, all one can gather as he travels rapidly from country to country are impressions. What follows are merely one tourist's lingering pictures of the people she met casually in Europe.

IRELAND

The Irish people have a genius for turning everything into a lilting song, or a bit of lyric poetry, or an amusing quip. As we were viewing the cemetery in Dublin (and cemeteries throughout Europe are very important places to be visited) our guide quipped - "This, ladies and gentlemen, is the dead center of Dublin." Perhaps, it is this ability to see their difficulties and problems with the eyes of poets and with an unusual sense of humor that makes it possible for these people to make an almost pathethically courageous effort to live in the midst of poverty and struggle; also, it may make it possible for them to talk about the days of the tragic sufferings they endured while fighting against the English rule with the understatement the "troubled times in Ireland." Only in Ireland could one feel the reality of the "wee people." and be moved to bring home little leprechons as being symbolic of the country. There seem to be fewer class differences in Ireland than in any other country I visited except Hol-

SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND

When I reached Scotland and England. I began to feel the dignity and formality that accompanies the kind of living that is done in great castles and palaces. For generations the life in the towns and villages has centered around and been dependent upon the possessors of the local lands and castles, not only for actual livelihood, but also for protection. There does not seem to be resentment toward those who are high-born, but rather a nostalgia for the former days of regal grandeur. I sensed this by the tone of voice used when it was explained to us that "this was the palace of Lord So-and-So, but because of the high taxes he has had to sell it to be used as a hotel." There is still great respect shown for formalities and tradition.

Those who are in the professions still are given outstanding dignity. They wear to their offices bowlerhats. striped or grey trousers and dark coats, and carry a Chamberlain umbrella and a brief case; thus they are set apart as someone special. The English are very proud of their history, and I felt that Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth I, and William Shakespeare were all very much alive in England today. Perhaps, this was responsible for the feeling I came away with that the English will not change very much, will always be self-contained, and will wear their sturdy English tweeds and elegant Scotch woolens with great dignity even though the sleeves of the jackets become threadbare. They have the poise of those who are descended from a great and prominent family.

The German people are in a difficult position, and the victims of having followed a leader who led them to ruin. Near the Dutch border on the West as far east as Coblenz on the Rhine, the devastation of the people seems to be almost as great as that of the buildings and the countryside. I noticed the contrast in expressions on the faces of the people we saw as we progressed up the Rhine and into the Black Forest from those further west. It seemed as though where industry had gotten back to being more nearly normal, and the people were constructively busy and could see some results from their industry, they were more relaxed and happier. No matter who brought the destruction upon the world and caused so much suffering through ruthlessness and cruelty, one cannot but feel sorry for the plight in which the German people are now. They did not seem to be resentful against the occupation forces, but, of course, that would be difficult for an American tourist to determine.

WHO'S THERE?

I was extended an invite to a real gone blow out at a friend's quaint cottage. When the time came I swaggled up to the indented cement (stairs) and rapped the oaken frame Says I, "Knock, knock." (door). From behind the oaken frame came, "who's there." I said, "Dishes," 'Dishes who?" "Dishes Mike Le Burkien, let me in." Yes, you guessed it, a real crazy clambake where every body articulated by "knock, knock" jokes. What an evening that was! Every ace at Adams was there telling his favorite "knock, knock." Here are a handful of "ferinstances":

Ida, Ida know, Teresa, Teresa crowd. Utah, Utah me crying in the chapel. Pillsbury, Pillsbury me not on the lone Prairie. Adolf, Adolf ball is what you hit with a dolf club. Emerson, Emerson pretty legs you got there. Amos, a mosquito bit me. Andy. Andy hit me again. Osage, can you see? Tarzan, Tarzan and stripes forever. Chester, Chester song at Twilight. Arthur, Arthur any more like you at home? Orange Juice, Orange Juice sorry you make me cry? Wendy Wendy moon comes over de mountain. Isabelle, Isabelle necessary on a bicycle? Little Old Lady Who? I didn't know you could yodel! Arch, Arch who. Geshunhit. Kilroy, Kilroy Rogers, I'm a Gene Autry fan. Don don, don, don, don. Edward, Edward, take more than pack of wild horses. Underwear, underwear my baby is tonight. Oswold, Oswald my bubble gum. Louisville, Louisville you pass the sauerkraut? Ether, Ether bunny. Yasmin, Yasmin that's my baby. Freda, Freda you, two dollars to anyone else. Dick, Dick um up, I'm a dong died dowboy.

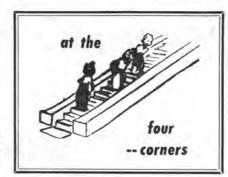
Man, this can go on all night. So I" hang my close on this line, Elsie, Elsie you folks later.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

Every cloud has its silver liningeven trousers have a shiny side.

Isn't it odd, when the head swells the mind stops growing?

Making people happy is a simple thing. Fill the child's stomach, fill the woman's wardrobe, fill the man's



Hurrah for The TOWER! Best circulated high school paper at I. U. As a result of reading the last issue, Norman Asper came all the way home to see Julie Harris. (Guess he was worried about Steve.) Well, Norman, now that she's wearing your ring you can relax.

Last week-end was pretty important to a few in our midst. Nikki De-Rose took a little trip to Northwestern to see her Dave. Well, a posy to anyone who can keep the DeRose love

Last week-end was brightened also by a havride attended by Glen Reinecke and Andy Cobb. Dave Rogers and Joanne Bartels, Lynn Wickizer and Gwen Garwood (nice to see them back together), Dave Mikesell and Lynn Heintzelman (Riley), Pete Sherman and Marcia Hoelscher, Wayne Benner and Diane Smith, Jim Kanouse and Mardi Kline, Bill Blue and Judy Cobb (back on the steady list), Charlie Morse and Diane Halpin. Another point of interest: Jackie James really hooked a big one this time - Dick Quealy, brand new this semester from Lafayette Jeff.

Right here and now we'd like to stop and bring to light a few very interesting facts. Seems at the Elkhart game Jerry Flanagan got "kissed"! Yes, indeedee - and by a gal from Elkhart. Guess that'll teach him to lean out of bus windows!! What we can't quite figure out is whether it was the uniform or just his S. A. that did the job.

Four Adams gals with rings on their third fingers, left hand: Donna Tennyson, Patt Pask, Sue Stevens. and Shirley Worley.

Couple of steadies to add to our ever-growing list: Sharon Coe and Richie Thorton (Mish. alum.), Nancy Longbreak and Dick Wedel.

Have you ever heard of anyone holding hands with the wrong boy? (Cont'd on page 3, col. 2)

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"GOLDIE, THE GARBAGE COLLECTOR," RELIEVED OF POST

The garbage-collecting career of A. E. Goldsberry was brought to a close last Wednesday, October 7, at 12:25 p. m. Charged by Miss Janice Schwier, Miss Janet Burke, and Mr. Edward Thompson as being incompetent, noisy, messy, and causing an unpleasant odor, "Goldie, the Garbage-Collector" was defeated by Mr. Edward Thompson in a recall election.*

Charges were heard in the 4th hour Civics Class with Miss Kathleen Brady presiding. The complaints came as a surprise to the 200 pounds long-time garbage-slinger who also teaches Civics and Social Living at John Adams High School.

Also nominated for the post were: Jean Haefner, John Heller, and Robert Shula. The newly elected garbage collector, Mr. Edward Thompson, has promised to collect garbage promptly at 6:30 each morning and to put into use his newly invented "non-slip" garbage pails. He also promises to treat your garbage cans with care. His salary will be the usual "\$20 a week plus all he can eat."

*In demonstrating a recall election, which is the right of the people to remove officers from their posts because of unsatisfactory work, the 4th hour Civics class removed so-called "Goldie—the garbage collector" from his post.

ACCUSED

Professor: "Young man, are you the teacher of this class?"

Student: "No, sir."

Professor: "Then don't talk like an idiat."



ADAMS LIBRARY CLUB ATTENDS CONFERENCE

The John Adams Library Club attended the fifth annual conference of the Hoosier Student Librarians Association at Purdue University and West Lafayette High School, October 10.

While in Lafayette, the group viewed library exhibits and attended a musical program presented by the Purdue Music Group, in addition to participating in the business sessions and election of officers.

Students from Adams, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Moberg, librarian, who attended were: Marilyn Reith, Wanda Ritenour, Kay Jensen, Karen Runyan, Yvonne Popp, Marilyn Cole, and Vivian Kurtz.

THE FOUR CORNERS (Cont'd)

(Continued From Previous Page) Well, you name it, **Stoops** can do it! Must have been pretty embarrassing, huh. Sally?

Somebody ought to clue **Don Biggs!**Wabash is strictly a "Boys" school!

Puddles of tears for Mr. Nelson! He certainly has a hard time making his sophomores understand geometry. Back up, Mr. Nelson, that's life, I guess.

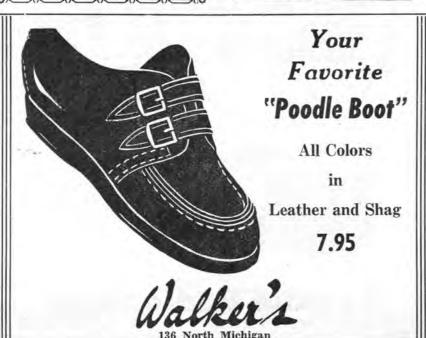
Have a nice week-end; hope to see you all at the game.

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INTRODUCING

John Adams has a new office clerk, Mrs. Richard Lightfoot. A graduate of Lakeville High School, Lakeville, Indiana, Mrs. Lightfoot also attended Wheaton College, in Illinois.

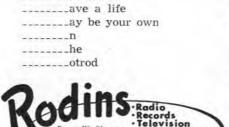
She and her husband, who is in the Navy, have just returned from a year's stay in Oakland, California, where she worked for the Oakland public schools. Some of the students will remember her husband, Dick Lightfoot, a former basketball star at Lakeville a few years back.

Mrs. Lightfoot thinks the students at Adams are congenial and she thinks she will enjoy working at Adams.

The TOWER staff, on behalf of the entire student body, wishes to extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Lightfoot.

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PORTRAIT OF MR. SARGENT ON DISPLAY IN SHOWCASE

The portrait of Mr. Galen B. Sargent, which is temporarily on display in the showcase at The TOWER entrance, was donated to the school by the Class of 1953. This picture, made at the DeGroff studios, was presented at the Senior Awards Assembly on May 27, 1953. The permanent location for the portrait has not yet been decided, but it is probable that it will be placed in the library.

Mr. Sargent was the principal of John Adams from 1940 to 1951. The Class of 1953 chose this portrait as their gift to the school because they were the last class to know Mr. Sargent as their principal and work under his able administration.

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 17—FB—Adams vs. Washington, School Field

Oct. 22, 23—Teachers Association, No School

Oct. 25—Civic Music, Robert Merrill, Baritone, Auditorium

Oct. 26—FB—"B" Team—Aams vs. Washington, (H)

Oct. 29-PTA Tea for Faculty

Oct. 30—U. S. History Trip FB—Adams vs. North Side (T)

Globe Trotters (H)

DIAMONDS - JEWELRY - WATCHES

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Eagles Hope to End Panther's Supremecy Tomorrow

With five games already behind us, the Eagles renew their home-stand tomorrow night with the Washington Pathers. Thus far, Washington tops the city teams in competition with 5 wins and no losses. Along with their fine record, the team is ranked third in the State-wide poll.

The John Adams Eagles have yet to beat the Washington squad in their ten-game series, originating with a 25-0 loss in 1941. Last year when the two teams met, the Eagles came out on the short end of a 39 to 7 count. There has been one "common opponent," but let us forget Central to base a prediction. One thing is sure; when Washington invades Adams, there is a spirited game in store for the fans.

Kick-off time-Saturday 8:00.

RILEY WALLOPS ADAMS FOR FOURTEENTH TIME

The Riley Wildcats blasted our hopes of winning our first game against them again this year. Their passing game was superb, and we couldn't do much to stop it. The entire first quarter was played in Adams territory, with Riley advancing the ball as far as our 21. Late in the second quarter, the Adams line pushed through to trap Kudlaty who was attempting to pass. Kudlaty was chased 20 yards behind the line of scrimmage, and then in desperation he heaved a long pass; and Odusch caught it among three Adams defenders on the one, and his momentum carried him over for the score. The extra point try was wide.

Early in the third quarter Adams took over on their own two, and six plays later, Odusch intercepted a pass and ran 16 yards for the final touchdown. The rest of the game was a relentless see-saw battle that saw neither team do much. The final score read 13 to 0.

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Thomas Albert Troeger, 6'2", 185 lb. fullback, is a member of the Student Council and is sargeant-at-arms of the Monogram Club. He was born on July 14, 1937, is 16 years old, has black hair and brown eyes, and if you say it with a smile, will answer to "Moose." Tom has been playing football since seventh grade. He also plays basketball and participates in the shot put and broad jump in track.

An 11B from 113, Tom is now majoring in English, Science, and Math. After graduation he is considering either Engineering or Medicine.

"Moose" spends his spare time (what little there is) watching TV (preferably the Jackie Gleason Show), and eating his favorite foods (steak and french fries or hamburgers "mit" catsup and pickle.) He likes to listen to the song "Ebb Tide," Ray Anthony's orchestra, and songs by the "Four Aces."

Tom likes to see a girl in a black skirt and black sweater. He particularly dislikes the "bootie" shoes so popular among the girls. He admires a person who is sincere and who is willing to state his own opinion. He dislikes a person who makes a "mountain out of a mole hill."

About football, Tom says, "It enables a guy to meet many people and it's a good way to test yourself against competition. Football also teaches you that the only way to get any place is through your own hard work."

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"B" Squad Mauls LaPorte Slicers

On October 5, the Adams "B" squad smashed out a 32 to 13 win over La-Porte at LaPorte. Bill Baird ran for 35 yards and a touchdown and Keith Malcolm grabbed a pass for the second TD in the first quarter. Both conversions failed.

Both teams scored in the second quarter to make the score 19 to 6. Adams scored twice more in the second half on runs by Bill Baird and Bob Collins. LaPorte added another TD in the fourth quarter. Arthur Herd made our two conversions.

Runners Drop Tri-Meet

On Wednesday, October 7, the Adams Cross-Country men journeyed to Fort Wayne for a triangular meet with North Side and Goshen. Adams lost to North Side, 15 to 48, and to Goshen 19 to 38. Adams best man was Dick Dillon who grabbed a 3rd and a 6th place. North Side was victorious over Goshen 19 to 39.

Tennis Season Ends

The John Adams netmen closed their season with a bang, as they defeated Central 4 to 1, and Riley 5 to 0. This marks the third straight year that the tennis team has copped the mythical city championship. This year's mark of 5 wins and 3 losses also marks the most successful season in years. A summary will be found in a later issue.

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by John Pence

Today, the "Miller-Halpin Civics Law" goes into effect. This is certainly a step in the right direction, and I'm glad to say that seniors of John Adams finally got on the ball and promoted something worthwhile for school spirit.

For the benefit of the underclassmen, the "Civics Law" states that every member of the Civics classes must wear the school colors on the day of an Adams sporting event. The articles that are eligible include: pins, hats, sweatshirts, school sweaters, and ribbons of scarlet and blue.

This law originated in last year's Civics classes, so maybe that is an indication that this practice will become a tradition throughout the years to follow.

The consequences for not wearing the "colors" are to have your name pinned on a "stuffed dummy" set up in the corners of rooms 214 and 109. However, knowing most of the members of our senior class, I can assure you that there won't be many "dummies."

Afterthoughts . . . Seniors! Watch for the "K-P Law" . . . Wasn't that ridiculous to rate Riey 19th in the state-wide poll? . . . See you tomorrow nite at the game!!!

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