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Glee and Drama Clubs to Give "Hi Jinks"

Adams PTA Helps With Play Costumes

If you have been near the student lounge lately you've found it bustling with activity. Women of the Adams P.T.A. are busily working on costumes for "Hi Jinks."

During the week of February 15, Mr. James L. Casaday, who designed all the costumes met with Mrs. Paul Green, chairman, Mrs. Harry Badger, co-chairman, Mrs. Louis Bourdon, Mrs. Carl Rose, and Mrs. Raymond Nelson to organize committees and plan costumes.

Every day since February 22, five to eight women have sewed from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. So far they have made or refitted about 130 dresses and have tailored many pairs of trousers for the boys. The costumes range from fashionable 1913 style bathing suits to exotic-colored short French waitress dresses.

The only money-making project of the P.T.A. is the ticket selling campaign for the operatta. Proceeds from \$1 reserved-seat tickets go into the P.T.A. treasury.

Hi-Y to Present Easter Assembly

The annual John Adams Easter assembly, sponsored by the John Adams Hi-Y, will be given in the auditorium April 7, at 8:25 a.m.

John Pence, secretary of the Adams Hi-Y group will give the scripture, and Charles Bowman, Chaplain, will give the benediction. Rev. Daniel W. Fowler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by Kent Keller, president of the club.

The Prep Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate, will sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Dykes; "Christ the Lord is Risen" by Casey; "Sanctus" by Gounod; "No Man is an Island" by Whitney-Kramer, and the "Sevenfold Amen." (This musical portion of the program is given by the Prep Glee Club the year the Senior Club is rehearsing for their musical production.)

BULLETIN

The Student Council announced that the Korean War Orphan collection amounted to approximately \$510. Details of the three-week drive will be given in The TOWER next week.



Pictured above is one of the many choruses featured in "Hi Jinks" which will be staged in the Adams Auditorium April 8 and 9.

"DANCING IN THE DARK," SENIOR PROM THEME

On May 14, the Adams Senior Class is sponsoring the thirteenth annual Senior Prom. This year, "Dancing in the Dark" has been chosen as the theme.

The dance will be held at the Indiana Club from 9 to 12 p.m. Tickets will sell for \$2 a couple. Tony Rulli and his band will furnish the music.

Myrna Cordtz and Richard Quealy have been selected co-chairmen for this event. James Miller is in charge of decorations. The ticket chairman is David Beiser. Ann Williams and Susan Armstrong will handle the publicity. The program, invitations, and chaperons chairmen are Mary Clark, Sally Stoops, and Mary Wenger, respectively. Robert Shula and John Steinmetz were responsible for securing the band.

John Adams Tags On Sale

This spring the John Adams TB League representatives are selling licence plate tags for their annual money raising project. The tags which are red and blue are lettered with "John Adams" and "South Bend" and they cost 20 cents each.

The money raised will go for the patients at Healthwin Hospital. Our representatives are Evelyn Fuller and Robert Walcott, and they are assisted by one member from each home room.

"Hi Jinks," by Friml, will be presented by the John Adams Glee and Drama Clubs on Thursday, April 8; and Friday, April 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 50 cents for regular seats and \$1.00 for reserved seats.

The plot is typically musical comedy style with the characters involved in complicated situations. Hi Jinks is a perfume which makes everyone, no matter how cranky he is, see the world through rose-colored glasses. "Hi Jinks" takes place in France in the pre-1920 era. Some of the hit tunes are "Loves Own Kiss," "Ting-a-Ling-a-Ling," and the "Bubble Song."

The following students have been chosen as leads and understudies: Adelaide, Janice Schwier and Linda Heitger; Dick, Cliff Salkeld and Terry Rothermel; Jeffreys, Ed Hardig and Kent Keller; Sylvia, Julie Harris and Elaine Brown; ChiChi, Sally Kissinger; Mrs. Thorne, Jean Jennings and Elaine Brown; Dr. Thorne, John Coffman and Jim Dincolo; Madame Rabalais, Naomi Shulman and Susan Armstrong; Monsieur Rabalais, Bob Nelson and Kenneth Stanek; Fritz Dave Engel and Charles Bowman. In many cases, the understudy (second name listed) may play one night. A few of the choruses are: Nurses, Brunette Visitors, Blonde Visitors, Tango Dancers, Waiters, Patients, and Bathing Girls.

Mr. James Lewis Casaday is directing the dramatics and staging the production. Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate is in charge of the vocal music and Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek is the dramatic coordinator. Mrs. Phyllis Wampler is in charge of the orchestra and Miss Helen Bodine will provide the piano accompaniment. Student directors are Kathleen Brady and Wendy Heron. Barbara Dickey, Carol Weldy and Karen Jones have assisted the accompanist.

The Drama Club will handle the staging of "Hi Jinks." The committee chairmen are: Stage, Jim Miller and Jim Dincolo; Production, Mr. Seeley, Dick Darr, and Bob Nelson; Sets, Bob Johnson and Dave Engel; Properties, Marylee Crofts and Janice Schwier; Publicity, Susan Armstrong and Janet Burke; Posters, Dave Engel; Sewing, Nancy Hertel; Tickets, Myrna Cordtz and Sharon Beebe.

In the Glee Club there are two teams competing for sales. Dave Engel and Terry Rothermel head the Frimlites and Bob Johnson and Jim Dincolo head the Hi Jinkers. All members of the Glee and Drama Clubs are selling tickets.

PYGMIE STAR TO RUN AGAIN

It has recently been announced to the American newspaper staffs, that David Rogers will again compete in the 1956 Olympic games. Of course, the unfortunate thing about the whole situation is the fact that Dave will again pass-up the American team in favor of the Pygmie team from South Africa. Dave informed us that he will report for training in South Africa on about January 1, 1956. The majority of the training program consists of African head hunts.

As most of you know, Dave runs in the 26-mile marathon race. In his 1952 record run, Rogers ran the race in one hour and 40 minutes. Rogers said that the secret of his success lies in the fact that his legs are shorter, and therefore get less tired than the legs on a taller person.

Among Dave's honors are twelve firsts in the Olympic games and more than 100 awards in international track meets.

The strange thing about Dave Rogers is — he won't run for Adams.



FERRARO TO CAPTAIN DETROIT LIONS

Rosie Ferraro, captain of the Caroline street football team for the past three years, has been invited to join the professional Detroit Lions of the American Football Conference. When Rosie was approached with the same offer at the end of the past season, she declined because she couldn't be captain. However, after Detroit thought it over, they decided that her quarterbacking ability was too valuable to pass up. Last week, the Lions business manager came to South Bend and offered Rosie \$56,000 AND the



title of captain. Immediately, Rosie accepted the offer.

Although Rosa is a girl, she still has enough power and finesse to outclass the majority of the boys in the league. She guided the Caroline crew to an astounding 105 to 0 victory over the Washington Panthers. This en-



The Seeley's will leave tonight for a one-half day vacation at Seaborg's Riverside Resort. They will return their noses to the grind Monday.

Weir. The bride's dress was designed and executed by Mr. Krider's Clothing I class and was a divine creation of combined burlap and canvass. Attending the bride were Miss Helen Law, Mrs. Hazel McClure and Miss Flor- ence Roell. Giving the groom moral support was Mr. Volney

Mr. John Murphy. The ceremony, held in the Magazine Room of the Library, was performed by the most Rev. Dr. Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate. The touching music selections "Richochette Romance" and "Stranger in Paradise" were sung by golden throat Goldsberry. He was accompanied at the organ by Mr. George Libber. The organ by Mr. George Libber. The organ by Mr. George Libber. The organ by Mr. George Libber.

JOHN PENCE

By It's Not This Way

We are happy to announce to the Adams student body that you have been selected the best student body in the state of Indiana. This announcement came from the office of L. V. Phillips. Mr. Phillips, in his presentation speech, gave special credit to the cheerleaders, the student leaders, and the newly-formed Booster Club. The trophy that the school has been awarded will be placed in the showcase to the right of the auditorium doors. The trophy is said to be two times as large as the state championship trophy.

The board of trustees, who is responsible for this award, is composed of the principals of the 10 largest and 10 smallest schools in the state. In the final voting for winner, Adams received 6 votes, Fort Wayne North Side 5, Milan 4, Elkhart 3, and South Bend Central 2.

Mr. Phillips said that the fine sportsmanship shown by our student body all through the season, win or lose, was the pathway toward our honor. This award has been instigated for the purpose of developing finer student sections as well as keener interest in the game itself.

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abled her team to secure the top spot in the state poll.

Here in Adams, Rosie has won the weight-lifting title for three years in a row in addition to being Queen.

The Lions have announced that they will build a shower stall at the opposite end from the male showers. Rosie has already been appointed chief scout in the off-season to try and get more girls on the team. Rosie tells us that there is a number one prospect at Adams in Sandra Moritz, her teammate on the Caroline team.



BRA-OTHER! LOOK AT THOSE DOLLS!

Shown above is a sneak preview of what is to come when the Junior class presents its annual Stardust Cafe on April 30. Included in the floor show will be acts by Frank Sinatra, the Hilltoppers, and Liberace.

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Student Takes Bean Bag Test And Survives . . . But Flunks

Gee, the other day we were having a chapping good time in my Bean Bag I Class and all of a sudden that heavy hullabaloo of a teacher, standing before the weary class, announced that his unintellectual students were going to be presented with a Bean Bag test; and peering through my microscopic glasses at

all my bean-bags I had made, I was struck with the thought that I had never had a test on bean-bags so I was in quite an awful panic and wringing my sweaty hands and settling down in my seat, I took my feather quill pen and purple ink out of my knotted satchel and prepared to answer my fabulous teacher's questions, but do you know, they were very simple; just questions like how many beans do you put in a bag and what is the size of each bean and all sorts of other easy stuff; after that was over, I thought I was an ace at manufacturing bean-bags, but now at the end of my semester, I'm very sorry to report that I could not progress to Bean Bag II because I made a drastic mistake and what a mistake that was, because it happened that I had made all my bean bags with the kakki inside out instead of kakki outside in and now I'm so depressed because I have to make bean bags again with new on-coming amateurs.

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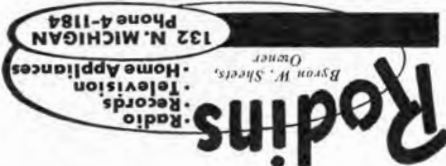
Ex-English Teacher Signs Year Contract

Miss Betty Farner, former English teacher at Adams, has signed a football coaching contract for the 1954-55 season. The announcement was made by John Adams principal, Mrs. Laurence T. Pate. Miss Farner's appointment was made on the brink of the new faculty assignment listings. Those affected by the change and their assignments are the following: Mr. Krider, clothing and foods; Mr. Goldsberry, chorus and Glee Club; Mr. Carroll, Band and Orchestra; Miss Roell, girl's gym; Mr. Reber, music appreciation; Mrs. McClure, basketball coach; Miss Farner, football coach; Mr. Laiber, English VII and VIII; Miss Puterbaugh, wrestling; Miss Kaczmarek, etiquette; Mr. Murphy, French; Mr. Seaborg, Latin; Miss Law, calculus; and Mr. Seeley, chemistry and physics.

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 - Pretend it's part of the dance and do it again.
 - Tell them that that is where you work. Get out your hanky and start scrubbing the floor.
- If you burp while on your first date:
 - Ask if it's lightning, too.
- If you get TB while sitting in a movie:
 - Ask about the weather and say you'll run outside and see if it's raining.
 - Pretend that you've lost something and start crawling around on the floor.
- If someone catches you with your eyes closed:
 - Tell them it's past your bedtime.
 - Tell them it's so dark you can't see either way.
 - Tell them it's a new game and ask them to join in.
- If he tries to kiss you on your first date:
 - Pretend that you don't know anything about it and say, "If you must spit, lean out the window."
 - Ask him if he had onions for dinner.
 - Tell him you're sorry he doesn't feel well.

—Riley Hi-Times.



Doodle
of the
Week:
Chorus
Line
As Seen
by a
Midget

At The Four Squares

Seen walking and talking: Mike LeBurkien and Diane Myers, Jim Kanouse and Barbara Hutton, Tom Goldsberry and Sue Armstrong, Jerry Thompson and Punky Crowe, Mary Clark and Paul Elliott, Arthur Hahn, and George Roeger.

As viewed by chemistry students, it looks like Steve Gumz and Sandra Moritz are really more than chemistry partners. They've just announced their engagement and everybody's invited to the wedding.

Who is it that swoons when the name Jim Alward is mentioned? I think her initials are Sarah Walton.

New steadies to add to the list: Pat Connolly, Ronnie MacGregor; Chairman Burke, Jerry Lupton; Sam Rice, Dolores Wicker; Paul McKelvin, Barbara Deepe; John Pence, Pam Keller. Adams' answer to Liberate: Lynn Wickizer.

Did you know that Sandy Hoelscher really is Bob Osmon's sister? The fact is out — must be true. Dick Smith, who we've always thought was 6'5" is really only 4'1". His secret? Elevated shoes. You don't believe it? Neither did we at first.

Congratulations to Bob Shula — hear he's been accepted at Stephens College. Also congrats to Sue Angus and Nancy Hertel who will enroll at Wabash next fall.

Jana Borecky leaves June 8 for the Army. She will be stationed down South.

Because the painters will be painting the pool up on the third floor, all swimming, boating, diving, and submarine classes will be held in the large water fountain at the South end of the hall.

Seen at Shudi Jects party—Paula Bryant, Don Ball; Kay Jensen, Ed Thompson; Sharon Beebe, Joe Rich; Steve Gumz, Nancy Champaigne.

Seems Mr. Laiber had a hard time getting into his trousers the other morning. His first hour class sewed his pants legs shut.

Ronnie Farmer is quite a magician when it comes to pulling cows out of his math desk.

Quote Mr. Crowe: "Winter, love, biology classes, and Dorothy Teeter and Jack Heller make up the perfect combination."

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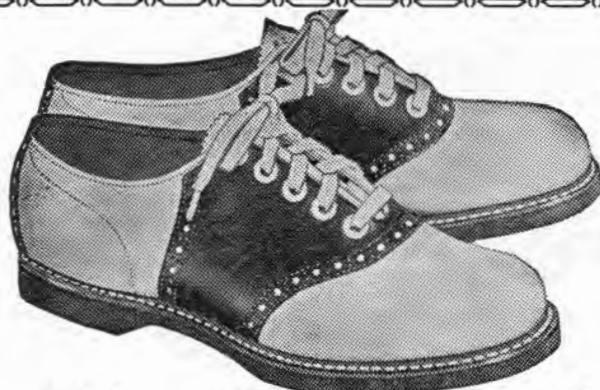
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Randall: "I suppose you think I'm a perfect idiot?"

Roberts: "Oh, none of us is perfect."



ADAMS STUDENT FATALLY SHOT

A John Adams High School student was fatally shot and two others were seriously wounded when a malted milk was spilled on the upholstery of the assailant's car.

Held without bail for the fatal shooting of Miss Janet Burke and the serious wounding of Miss Jewel Rietz and Miss Julie Harris is their fellow senior classmate Miss Marylee Crofts.

The shooting occurred at Bonnie Doon's Drive-in on Lincolnway at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 26. The girls who had been at a Glee Club rehearsal were seated in the car driven by Miss Crofts and were eating their "goodies." Suddenly Miss Burke who was seated in the back seat of the car accidentally spilled her malted milk on the upholstery. Whereupon Miss Crofts grabbed a sawed off shot gun from the glove compartment and sprayed her with lead. Miss Harris and Miss Rietz were hit by stray bullets.

Miss Crofts told reporters, "I did it and I'm glad. I'll probably burn for it but I don't care. She spilled her malt on John's car and nobody can do that and get away with it."

Do you have your tickets for "Hi Jinks"? Get them today from Glee Club and Drama Club members. Only 50 cents a person!

SPORTS WITH CORDTZ

Attention girls! The Board of Directors of the Indiana High School Athletic Association has announced the lifting of the ban on girls particularly those participating in sports. This move was designed to increase the athletic ability of the female sex. Here are the coaches' reactions to this announcement:

Miss Betty Farner, head football coach at Adams, feels that the lifting of this ban will bring many girls out for spring practice next week. She said, "I feel sure this move will revolutionize football!"

Mrs. Hazel McClure, basketball coach had this to say, "I am confident that with the addition of some girls to the team, we are sure to take 'The Prettiest Squad' trophy. You know how coveted this award is, and how much it means to the team that takes this honor. With Babyface VanDusen, Dolly Troeger, Pinky Green, Babs Klowner, and Toots LaPierre coming back next year, the award is almost won." I thoroughly agree with Coach McClure's theory.



Adams wrestling coach, Miss Anna-jane Puterbargh had this to say about the new rule, "I am thrilled at the idea of having girls participate in all athletics. As you know, girls have been enjoying the privilege of wrestling with the boys for many years. In fact, Adams had two state winners this year. Jana Borecky and Barbara Rasmussen took the 165 lb. and 185 lb. honors, respectively. Everyone here at Adams should be overcome by their winnings."