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# Drama Club Presents "The Youngest"

### Newcomers Welcomed At First Assembly

Thursday, September 8, the new students at John Adams were officially welcomed at the "Back-to-School Assembly" sponsored by the Student Council. Terry Rothermel, president of Student Council, introduced the new Adams teachers. They are: Mrs. June Strickler, cafeteria manager; Miss Mary Ann Bamburger, physical education and math; Miss Mary Walsh, business education and TOWER; Mr. Joseph DeVine, community civics; and Miss Jane Horner, business education. The foreign exchange student, Marthe Glesener, was also introduced to the student body.

A highlight of the assembly was the presentation of 48 American flags, one for each classroom, by Sherman B. Eichorst, Past Commander of River Park American Legion Post 303. The Student Council raised \$150 last spring with the help of Post 303 to purchase the flags.

Also on the program was Jo Ann Dobecki who spoke for the freshman class stressing the fears of those entering high school for the first time.

Wayne Benner, Marilyn Schwanz, and Fred Stave, speaking for the upperclassmen, assured the freshmen they would have nothing to worry about. All upperclassmen would do their best to help the beginners get acquainted with the school and its regulations.

Among the other speakers were Adams' Principal, Russell Rothermel, and the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Alex Jardine.

#### Y-TEENS HOLD CABINET MEETING

On September 15, the Y-Teens held a cabinet meeting with Claudia Hemphill presiding as the newly-elected president. The cabinet discussed plans for a welcome party for new members and planned initiating activities to be held in October. The club also planned a trip to Chicago in October to see a stage play and visit different sites of interest.

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### Breakfast Held For Honor Students

Wednesday morning, September 14, at 8:00 a.m., students who received all A's on their report cards for the last semester attended a breakfast in their honor in the cafeteria.

The invocation was given by Gene Personett. Mr. Donald Dake, former principal of Riley High School, gave a very interesting talk on "Putting Yourself in the Other Person's Shoes."

Barbara Rohlff was the chairman for the breakfast. All students and faculty members received an attractive place card made in the shape of an A.

#### Harbin Guides Ushers

The Ushers Club is preparing for a busy season this year under the guidance of Bob Harbin as head usher and president of the club. The other club officers are Devere Guernsey, vice-president; Bob Wilson, recording secretary; Fred Stave, activities secretary; and Scott King, treasurer.

Three new members joined the club during the first week of school. They are: Don Guernsey, Tom Harbin, and LeMar Ritenour. New freshmen at Adams may join the club by contacting any one of the officers of the club and making application for membership.

### HI-Y MEETS

On September 8, the Adams Hi-Y Club held its first meeting of the new school year at the home of Jim

#### American Flags Placed In Adams Classrooms

Last spring, it was drawn to the attention of the Student Council that there was a lack of American flags in the classrooms. Short of funds and reeding outside help, the Council turned to American Legion Post 303 for aid. Post 303 accepted most graciously.

Looking for a means to raise money, Post 303 asked Mr. Gerald Vogel, of the River Park Theater to put on a special benefit show to help finance the cause.

The movie, "Stars and Stripes Forever," which was shown sometime last May, was a big success, thanks to the cooperation of the River Park Theater, Post 303, the Student Council, and all of the people who were good enough to buy tickets.

Receiving a percentage of the money from the ticket sales, the Council had ample funds with which to purchase the flags. Samples were sent for, the order was placed, and finally we had our flags.

At the back-to-school assembly on Thursday, September 8, Mr. Sherman Eichorst, a representative of American Legion Post 303, presented the flags to a representative of each home room.

Once again the Student Council with the aid of many wonderful people has accomplished a very worth-while project.

Brown. Topics were discussed for this year's activities and a membership drive was planned.

#### Curtain Time 8 P. M. Sept. 30 Adams Auditorium

On September 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the John Adams Auditorium, the Adams Drama Club and Thespians will present their annual play. This year's production is "The Youngest," a comedy in three acts. The play was written by Phillip Barry and the story revolves around the abuse of Richard, "The Youngest," by his family. As the play progresses, Richard gains an inheritance which enables him to dictate to his family instead of vice versa.

### CAST OF CHARACTERS Mark Linn Wickizer

Richard	Danny Hoyt
Nancy	Rosemary Griffith
Muff	Carol Underly
Mrs. Winslow	Carol Weldy
Augusta	Sandy Weldy
Oliver	Duke Hobbs
Allen	Ronald Miller
Katy	Virginia Davis

The production staff is composed of the following members of the Drama Club: Barbara Rohlff, student director; Mr. William Brady, production manager; James McCoy, stage manager; Joan Jacobs, props; Alice Hennion, publicity; Mr. James Lewis Casaday, dramatics supervisor at Central High School, costumes; Helen Williams and Marilyn Schwanz, prompters; and Kay Frash, poster. per person. Mr. William Brady is The charge for admission will be 50c directing.



Sept. 23—John Adams Exchange Students . . . Football, No. Side (F.W.),

Sept. 26—C. C., Bremen, here . . . "B" Football, Central, there

Sept. 27—Tennis, Central, there Sept. 28—Physical exams, 9th grade

boys, 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 29—Pep Assembly, 2:55 . . .

Football, St. Joe (S.B.), there . . .

Freshman Football, Riley, there . . .

Tennis, Riley, there . . .

C. C., LaPorte at Goshen Sept. 30—School Play, "Youngest," 8:00 p. m., auditorium.

### Enjoy Yourself-It's Later Than You Think

This fall when you freshmen entered John Adams High School you experienced the thrill of at last being a high school student. You have spent the first few days finding your way around, meeting the teachers, and making new friends. It has all been very exciting and deep inside, you've loved every minute of it.

The upperclassmen are nice, but sometimes they seem to be a little distant. The secret is that they are jealous of you because their four years of fun and work are almost over and yours have just begun.

This is your school now. This is where you will do a great deal of learning and growing. You will learn to accept responsibility, win friends, and gain self-confidence.

You will have the fun of helping to plan your class dances, attending the many different sports events, and perhaps taking part in one of the plays which the Drama Club puts on, or singing in the Glee Club. There are many opportunities in high school to which you can apply your special talent.

When you stand in the "pep" assemblies with the rest of your fellow students singing your school song, you will be happy and proud to belong; and perhaps, will feel a chill run down your spine. All of this is a part of high

The rest of the school welcomes you and also the new students who have transferred here from other schools and towns. We know you will love every

Enjoy your years here as much as you can, for they are the best years of your life; and they pass by very, very quickly. -Lynne Thomas.

### What Does School Spirit Mean to You?

Do you have what we're looking for? Yes, I think all of you do, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike. SCHOOL SPIRIT! In order to have school spirit you must fully understand its meaning. A "first" in school spirit is loyalty. If we should lose a football game you should be able to take it gracefully and be ready to back the team, cheering louder than ever at the next game. Adams has so many extracurricular activities that you should be loyal to at least three or four, whether it be sports, dramatics, debate, TOWER, etc. Is it asking too much to spend an hour or two a week of your time for your own school?

As you know, the teachers at Adams are the "bestes'" as far as we are concerned! When they assign homework they expect you to fulfill the assignments willingly. Remember, respect for teachers is something that only you, as an individual, can learn to exhibit.

As a freshman, start out with your best foot forward - join some outside activities. "All work and no play makes 'Johnny Adams' a dull boy." And you sophomores, juniors, and seniors, it's not too late for you either. Start NOW in order to promote better school spirit at John Adams!

-Judi Sheets.

Et Cetera: Thanks to the Student Council and its representatives, Wayne Benner, Marilyn Schwanz, Fred Stave, and Jo Ann Dobecki, for the fine backto-school assembly. . . . Adams welcomes back to the fold Gwen Garwood, James Hoehn, Charmian Burke, and Joan Berry from their European stays. We'll expect a detailed report of your trip in the next issue. . . . Congratulations to the football team for their fine showings against Riley and Goshen. Riley's fourteen consecutive game winning streak was smashed! salute the Class of '59 on the excellent way they've joined the Adams family. . . Keep up the steam at the Pep Assemblies. Remember, the more we yell, the more we win. . . . See you all at the play September 30. . . . Don't forget now is the time to support all the Adams activities. . . . It was nice to see so many Adams alumni at the Riley game. We hope those who are still home will be back this week. . . . Congratulations to Kay Frash who did such an artistic job on the posters advertising "The Youngest." . . . The best of luck to the four new faculty members who have joined the Adams family. Hope you all have noticed Adams' "new face." The fresh trim on the windows and doors looks terrific.

## Jahn Adams Tower THE STAFF WENDY HERON Editor-in-Chief

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### EAGLE OF THE WEEK

Johnny Robbins is this issue's Eagle of the Week. A senior, he hails from the Cafeteria Mezzanine. He is 17 years old and was born March 20, 1938.

We all know him for his remarkable ability as quarterback on the varsity squad of the football team. He also participates in baseball and basketball and is a member of the Monogram Club.

Robby, as some of his friends call him, doesn't have one favorite TV show, but likes all musical programs. His favorite record is "Why Don't You Write Me" by the Jacks, and his favorite movie is "Magnificent Obsession." For his food favorite he prefers a juicy steak and golden French fries.

When asked his opinion of the football team he said, "I think that we have the best material. We look good when we bring it out."

Take heed, kids, his pet peeve is poor school spirit from the students.

After high school Johnny hopes to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State. If he doesn't go to college, he will join the service.

#### DEER PRESENTED TO BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

A deer has been presented to Mr. Ernest Litweiler, biology teacher, for mounting by Greg McGowan, a former Adams student who now works at the Potawatomi Zoo. The deer was found dead in the area which the mountain goats occupy; it had been pushed against the fence and killed.

Gary Miller, John Rothele, Dennis Morris, and Mr. Litweiler skinned the animal. Some advanced biology students, Dennis Morris, Delbert Beyer, and Tom Cox are now in the process of preparing the skin for a taxidermist to mount and stuff.

#### WALTONS MEET

The Walton League, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Litweiler, held its first meeting the 14th of September. The officers for this year are Robert Badger, president; Sandra Weldy, vice-president; Beverly Twigg, secretary; and Sandra Vandenburg, treasurer.

Fifteen members of the Junior Waltons helped serve a family dinner September 17 for the Senior Waltons. This year they plan to help with the building of the artificial lake being constructed at the Izaak Walton League, and they also plan to do some reforestation.

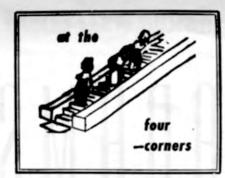
### Physical Exams Scheduled for 9B's

On the mornings of October 12 and 19 in the Little Theater the 9-B and 9-A girls will be given their physical exams. On the mornings of September 28 and October 5 the freshman boys will be given their physicals, also in the Little Theater.

Tenth grade classes received hearing tests in their health classes on September 19.

The Nurses Club and girls from study hall will help with the girls' physical exams, and the Ushers Club will help with the boys' exams.

Let's see as many of you at the Adams vs. North Side game tonight as possible!!!!!



Quite in evidence right now: Those li'l lost sheep called freshmen, the undecidedness about what to wear to school, summer togs or autumn skirts 'n' sweaters, the recent successes of our great football team, the transformation of last year's juniors into those mysterious creatures called seniors, and the weighted down look of those unfortunates who carry books

Andy Cobb and Bruce Gaffil (Culver) are goin' steady at present. Guess she'll keep the mailman busy traveling back 'n' forth between here and

On the date line we find: Paula Bryant and Bob Vargo, Bob Walker and Martha Brannan, and Judy Heron and Pete Sherman.

Cadillacitis: A man in anticipation of death bought the finest casket available, for delivery at the appropriate time. He told a friend what he had done, describing the gold fittings, teakwood carvings and other features, and mentioning the cost of the casket. His friend expressed horror and urged him to cancel the deal.

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Congratulations are in store for Wayne Benner, Marilyn Schwanz, Fred Stave, and Jo Ann Dobecki for delivering such fine speeches at the back-to-school assembly.

Boys will be boys, but girls these days are running them a clothes sec-

The senior class is happy to welcome back Meredith Metcalf into the fold. She moved to Birmingham, Michigan last spring, but her family is returning to South Bend permanently.

This modern electro-mechanical age is getting to the point where it's just too complicated. Take the man in Eldorado, Ill., who had a new air conditioner installed in his home, turned it on and blissfully retired for a comfortable night's sleep.

But, when the conditioner brought the temperature down to a delightful 68 degrees, his furnace automatically switched on.

Crepe hangers this fall, who are anxiously awaiting the ever-popular postman are: Sue Wood, Lynne Lachmann, Lynne Thomas, JoAnn Bartels, Melinda Malmberg and Wendy Heron.

Sign at a Seminole Indian village along Florida's Tamiami Trail: "Genuine handwoven Seminole Indian blankets. AC or DC."

Survived the summer: Gwen Garwood and Paul Edgerton. "Edgie," you aren't the only one happy to see our sunny Gar back again! We all missed her, too!

It's wonderful to see Charmian Burke, Joan Berry, and Jim Hoehn back in our hallowed halls again also. We understand Joanie was a very thrifty miss, but Jim wasn't in the least. He arrived home with only four dollars in his pocket

### Know Your Seniors

Home room 201 . . . 5' 10" . . . 162 pounds . . . brown crew cut . . . green . . president of the Student Council . . . plays center on football team . . . has 2nd hour civics . . . treasurer of the Monogram Club.

Home room 201 . . . 6' . . . 157 pounds . . . auburn, wavy hair . . . brown eyes . . . Student Council vice president . . . loves to play basketball . . . a sharp high jumper . . . secretary of the Monogram Club . . . crazy about cheeze pizza.

Home room 106 . . . 5'5" . . pounds . . . brown eyes . . . brown hair . . . Student Council treasurer . . on Booster Club Board . . . leads our cheers . . . loves to keep busy.

Home room 113 . . . 5' 21/2" . . . 120 pounds . . . the gal with the Pepsodent smile . . , wavy blond hair . . . blue eyes . . . dimples . . . secretary of Student Council . . . spent the summer in Europe . . . feature editor of TOWER . . . "Edgie" and she are a "veddy" steady pair.

### OFF THE RECORD

- 1. Learnin' the Blues-Mr. Krider's English VII classes.
- 2. Mr. Touchdown, U.S.A.-Johnny Robbins.
- Autumn Leaves-then "Old Man Winter" arrives.
- 4. Rock Around the Clock-8:20 to
- 5. The Longest Walk in the World -from room 215 to room 22. 6. Lonely, Lonely Nights-in store
- for the senior girls. 7. Moment's to Remember-Summer
- nostalgia. Popcorn Song-Seems like every-
- one's "too pooped to pop!"
- 9. Black Denim Trousers, Motorcycle Boots, and a Black Leather Jacket with an Eagle on the Back -Anyone seen Brando buzz by?
- 10. Show Me the Way to Go Home -Common plaint of the Fresh-
- 11. Holiday-Not a single one in

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Left to right — Miss Mary Walsh, Miss Mary Ann Bamburger, Mr. Joseph Devine, Miss Jane Horner. Miss June Strickler was absent when picture was

This year five teachers have joined the faculty of John Adams: Miss Mary Ann Bamburger, Miss Jane Horner, Miss Mary Walsh, Mr. Joseph Devine, and Mrs. June Strickler.

Miss Bamburger is a graduate of Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, where she majored in physical education and mathematics. She teaches physical education and algebra. Her hobbies are reading and sports.

Miss Horner is no stranger at Adams as she was a student teacher here last year. Miss Horner attended Indiana State Teachers College where she majored in business education and library science. She is teaching typing and shorthand. Her interests outside of school are sports and music.

Miss Walsh is a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin. Before coming to Adams, Miss Walsh taught in Lakeville, Indiana, and Madison, Wisconsin. She teaches bookkeeping and typing and is the faculty advisor for the TOWER. Miss Walsh enjoys playing bridge, sports, and knitting.

Mr. Devine is a graduate of the Rhode Island College of Education and the University of Notre Dame. Before coming to John Adams, Mr.

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Devine taught at the State Sanatorium of Rhode Island. He teaches the new freshman course, community civics. Hie hobby is photography.

Mrs. Strickler is a graduate of Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She previously was a cafeteria manager in Detroit and at Washington-Clay. Her only hobby is her family.

#### Dear Miss Higgenbottom:

My boy, Lenny, came home from school yesterday, very much perturbed that he was unable to write the answers to a number of the questions you submitted orally. I, too, was perturbed that I could be of no help to the boy. Here are a few that stumped him. I wonder if you would furnish me with the correct answers.

Name a Latin poet who was famous for his gray toads.
 In what section of the country do they make the most men swear?
 In what year did the nude eel make its appearance?

make its appearance?

How does it feel to be a senior?

Wayne Benner - "I like it, but I don't feel any different.'

Lynne Thomas - "I don't know, I don't have 'Senioritis' yet."

Bill Walton - "Am I? So what?"

Liz Fodge - "I'm too new to know vet, but I like it!"

Nancy Champaigne—"Impossible!" Carol Noble - "I don't know, how do you feel?"

Lynn Lachman-"Nice but lonely." Pat Hamilton-"Just the same."

Dick Ensign - "I don't know yet; wait until I've been one a couple of

Ed Edwards - "Excruciating!"

Ron MacGreogor - "Oh, so fine!" Carol Hartman - "Casual!"

Kay Frash - "It doesn't seem possible, but it's about time."

Bob Fitzsimmons - "Weird"

Garlan Fugate — "It 'do' feel nice." Jackie Hackett - "Terrible, I don't have Terry to walk me to my classes

anymore. Posy Flowers - "I think it's grand and I'm looking forward to it."

- 4. Name three ingredients of a
- 5. What is the scientific name for a wee cart?

Sincerely, BURGE BUZZELLE.

Taken from Post Script.

#### ANSWERS TO KNOW YOUR SENIORS

- 1. Terry Rothermel
- 2. Gene Personett
- Judy Adkins
- Gwen Garwood



# North Side Third Victim? EAGLES CLAW GOSHEN

Tonight at School Field our Eagles face Ft. Wayne North Side in the second conference game of the season. The men of Adams are looking for their third victory, while North Side is fresh after a convincing victory over Michigan City. (Adams first game with Riley was not a conference tilt.) Both teams are undefeated as yet this season.

### EAGLES BREAK WILDCAT HEX

Two weeks ago today, Coach Murphy's Eagles showed a brilliant offense to the School Field patrons as they dealt the Riley Wildcats a 19 to 6 defeat. The Adams team finally managed to break the hex which Riley has held over them for 14 years. The Eagles used a light but fast line and an extremely fast backfield to shoot past the bigger Riley team. John Robbins played his quarterbacking position almost flawlessly. The ends, Leighty, Malcolm, and Magnuson kept Riley running down the middle, where Hylman, Conley, Szabo, Eichorst, and Rothermel awaited them.

John Robbins kicked off to start the game and Riley, not being able to do anything with the ball, punted to the Adams 27 yard line. Two plays later the Eagles fumbled and Riley recovered. Within the next few plays a Howley pass and then a lateral went for a Riley tally of 6 points.

In the second quarter Adams put together two drives; the first fell short when Robbins fumbled on the 20. Riley moved to the thirty, but a penalty set them back, and on the kick Phillips returned the ball 20 yards to the 18. Robbins then threw his only pass of the game to Malcolm for 10 yards. On the next play John carried it over and kicked the extra point.

In the third quarter an Adams fumble on the 50 gave Riley a good chance. Riley drove to the 7, where the Eagles stiffened and took over. Adams then started to retaliate with Robbins going for 14 yards and Phillips for 12, but on the 50 yard line they had to kick. The punt was fumbled by Riley and Bob Magnuson recovered on the 21. Robbins was caught back of the line by four Riley

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#### TENNIS TEAM WINS FIRST TWO MATCHES

The varsity tennis team handed Ft. Wayne North Side and Mishawaka defeats in their first two matches on September 13 and 15. The Adams squad dealt the defending conference champs, Ft. Wayne North Side, a defeat of 3 to 2. Singles winners were Bob Fisher and Bob Chriest. Doubles winners were Tim Pettit and Fisher.

On September 15 the squad, coached by Mr. Ernest Kaeppler, made it two in a row by smashing Mishawaka 4 to 2. Tim Pettit, Bob Chriest, and Bob Fisher all triumphed in the singles matches. Tom Marquis and Bob Fisher won one of the doubles

All home matches are played on the Potawatomi Park courts.

#### TENNIS SCHEDULE

Sept.	13	North Side	$(\mathbf{H})$
Sept.	15	Mishawaka	(H)
Sept.	20	LaPorte	<b>(T)</b>
Sept.	22	Goshen	(H)
Sept.	27	Central	(T)
Sept.	29	Riley	(H)
Oct.	4		pen
Oct.	6	Elkhart	(H)
Oct.	11	Michigan City	(T)

men and decided to run, and run he did, from the 25 yard line to pay dirt. John missed the conversion.

Riley started on their own 30 in the fourth quarter and marched to a first and ten on the Eagle 8 yard line, but on the fourth down they were on the six. Terry Rothermel then thieved a desperation pass by Riley to end the threat. After another kick and an intercepted pass, Grady went 25 yards, and Phillips uncorked a 40 yard run to score the final touchdown.

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### **Runners Defeat New Carlisle in Opener**

Adams found the going smooth in their first cross country meet of the season. Thursday, September 15 the Eagles raced to a 20 to 11 win over the New Carlisle runners.

Pete Smith finished first in the two-mile meet with a time of 10:31. Also scoring for Adams were B. De-Crane, C. DeCrane, Ed Ross, and E. Edwards. The team is coached by Mr. Ralph Powell. The 'B' team was also victorious.

#### CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept.	20Michigan City (H)
Sept.	22Michigan City at No. Side
Sept.	26Breman (H)
Sept.	29LaPorte at Goshen
Oct.	3Michigan City (H)
Oct.	6Central at Mishawaka
Oct.	17City Meet
Oct.	25Sectional Meet
Nov.	5State Meet

#### Frosh Down Mich. City

In its opening game of the season, Adams Frosh defeated Michigan City 24 to 0. Scoring for the freshman team were Joe Jacks, Tom Townsend, and Ken Marvel. Marvel went over the opponent's goal line twice. None of the tries for the extra points was successful. The freshman team is coached by Mr. Casimer Swartz.

Displaying alertness and a good offense, Adams defeated Goshen's Redskins in their first conference game of the season. The Eagles successfully downed the Redskins 26 to 0 last Friday night at School Field.

Speed again paved the way for the Adams victory. On the fourth play of the game John Turner ran a punt from mid field to the Goshen 4 vard line. On the next play John Robbins, the Eagles speedy quarterback, dashed over the goal line to make the score 6 to 0. The Adams team was never headed. Goshen found itself running into a stone wall of defense lead by John Turner and Jerry Williams.

In the second period, it was Robbins again on a keep-it-play from one yard out. The touchdown was set up on a pass play, Robbins to Magnuson, on which defensive interference was called. Johnny's placement this time was through the uprights giving Adams a 13 to 0 lead. Other scores were made by Barry Grady and Bud Goddard on short plunges. On the final touchdown Robbins converted to make the evening's total 26 for the Eagles and 0 for Goshen.

The Eagles rolled to a total of 226 yards for the second victory in two games.

#### BEAGLES DOWN CITY

The opening game of the Adams B' football schedule was played on the Adams field September 12 against Michigan City. The Eagles trounced the Red Devils by a score of 37 to 7.

The Eagles led 19 to 0 at helf time and in the third quarter the Red Devils scored their lone touchdown when Adams had only ten men on the field.

Touchdowns for the Eagles were scored by John Turner, Bed Goddard, Tony Lacopo, Tom Kaiser, and Kenny Menzie.

