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COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 8—"B" Football—Adams vs. Elkhart (There)
- Oct. 9—Tennis—Adams vs. Ft. Wayne No. Side (There)
- Oct. 10—National Honor Society Induction 8:25 a.m.
- Oct. 11—Freshman Football—Adams vs. LaPorte (Here)
Cross Country—Adams & Riley at Elkhart.
- Oct. 12—Assembly—1:25 p.m.
Football—Adams vs. LaPorte (Here)
- Oct. 13—No. Central Orchestra Rehearsal 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Boys Attend Craftsman's Assembly

The males of John Adams were amused, entertained, and informed at an assembly on September 26, by Mr. Gordon Crimmons of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild.

The Craftsman's Guild offers \$115,000 worth of scholarships and cash awards yearly to boys who do outstanding work in car designing, styling, and craftsmanship in a model car contest which it sponsors. The awards are designed to inspire boys to use their creative ability, to obtain experience in the creation of either material things or ideas, and to challenge them to have the perseverance to stick to a job until it is satisfactorily completed.

Some interesting features on a car of the future displayed by Mr. Crimmons were a new metal which is stronger than steel and lighter than aluminum, a back tail fin, no door or trunk handles, television, and two control handles which replace the steering wheel.

Contestants who are building their dream cars are placed in one of two divisions which are the junior division for boys ages 11 to 15, and the senior division for boys aged 16 to 20 years old. Every boy had an opportunity to sign a membership card which entitles him to receive periodic information on automobiles and their progress.

Three Adams alumni have been successful in the guild's contest. This year David Cospier placed first in the senior division in the state of Indiana and also won a \$1,000 scholarship styling award. Richard Ensign placed fourth in the state of Indiana and won honorable mention. In 1954 and 1955 David Koto placed first in the state of Indiana, and this year he placed second in the state of Michigan and also won a \$1,000 scholarship styling award. These boys have proved that winning can become a reality and that it isn't just a dream.

Royal Typewriter Contest Announced in Roto

The Royal Portable Typewriter essay contest will run through the month of November. Any junior or senior high school pupil is eligible to enter the contest by submitting an essay on "What My Home Town Means To Me." Many prizes will be given for the winning essays. For the rules and more information on prizes, see the Scholastic Roto enclosed in this issue of the **Tower**.



Pictured above are several of the Glee Club officers for the first semester. Standing are Helen Williams, Librarian, Brenda Barritt, Secretary, Jane Martin, Librarian, Sue Metcalfe, Vice-President, Kathy Aaron, Secretary, Hal King, President, and seated at the piano Carol Hertel, Asst. Vice-President. --Photo by Bob Ziker

ACTIVITIES OF GLEE CLUBS TO BE NUMEROUS AND VARIED THIS YEAR

The activities of the John Adams Senior and Prep Glee Clubs are numerous and varied for the present school year. Three days after school opened, the Senior Glee Club participated in the annual Back-to-School assembly. At the present time, they are memorizing and rehearsing the music which they will sing at North Central Chorus on October 24. Each year both glee clubs present their annual Candlelight Vespers at Christmas time for the general public. Over 200 voices sing yuletide music at this service.

Next spring the Senior Glee Club assisted by the Thespians and the Drama Club will present their biennial operetta instead of their Spring Concert. The Prep Glee Club will join the Senior Glee Club in singing for the Easter program. At graduation time in June, the Senior Glee Club assists with the Baccalaureate and Commencement services.

The regular rehearsal times of the Senior Glee Club are 7:30 a.m. on most mornings and at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening. Both glee clubs are under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate.

Senior Boys Interested In NROTC Program Now Eligible To Apply

Applications are available in the guidance office for the Navy's ROTC competitive examination for their college training program. The mental examination is scheduled for December 8, 1956, and is open to all high school seniors and graduates who can qualify. Male citizens of the United States between the ages of 17 and 21 are eligible to apply for the aptitude test. The deadline date for receipt of all applications is November 17, 1956. Persons attaining a qualifying score will be given the midshipmen physical examination next February. From those who pass both tests, approximately 2,000 young men will be selected for appointment to the NROTC program and the college of their choice.

Successful candidates will start their Naval careers in college with substantial financial assistance from the government. After a normal college education, the graduates will be commissioned as regular officers for active duty in the Navy or Marine Corps.

College men enrolled in the NROTC program will spend their summers on training cruises and will receive \$600 annual retainer pay until commissioned. In addition to the normal college curriculum, the midshipmen will study a planned course in naval science. All tuition, fees, and books for this will be furnished by the Navy.

For further information about the NROTC, see Miss Agnes Burns in the guidance office.

Speaker Scheduled For Oct. 12 Assembly

Adams students will be privileged to hear Mr. Ray F. Monsalvatge, Jr. speak in an assembly on October 12, at 1:25 p.m. He will speak on "How Can A Runner-Up Become a Champion?" His formula is simple and has been proven, but he offers no short cuts to easy success. He tells how "effective living" is within the reach of anyone who desires it.

Mr. Monsalvatge was born in Savannah, Georgia, and he worked as a newspaper reporter during high school. Later he financed himself



Ray Monsalvatge

through college at Birmingham-Southern by doing part-time teaching in the physical education department. A popular figure on the campus he was elected the most outstanding student twice and was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges."

After graduating from college, Mr. Monsalvatge enlisted in the Navy during World War II and served as a seaman. When he left the service, he became a personnel counselor which started him in the speaking field.

Mr. Monsalvatge has written articles and booklets on club operation and on hobbies. His own hobby is magic, and he is a member of both the Society of American Magicians and the Brotherhood of Magicians. Mr. Monsalvatge is the area manager for the National Association of Foremen, and at the present time is on a limited tour of speaking engagements at high schools.

Attention Girls:

Your help is needed at Notre Dame on October 6 and 13. If your curiosity has been aroused and you are interested, contact Mary Quealy, room 210, or Dave Brownell, room 105. You may be lucky and win one of four cash prizes.



EDITORIALS

Many times the question is asked: Why are we required to take gym and study hall through all four years of high school?

From the point of view of the administration, study halls are set up to schedule classes and have them of normal size. From the point of view of the student they are set up to offer supervised and organized study. Without such supervision and organization some individuals would find it difficult to allow time in their schedule for study. Library privileges are also available to those in study hall for doing reference work.

In recent studies it has been proven that the American adolescent gets far less exercise than the adolescent of foreign countries. Our schools try to make up for this deficiency by offering courses in physical education. Every student who is physically fit must participate in this program at Adams and before graduation must have earned one credit in physical education.

A physical education program such as this offers a deviation from the routine of classes and gives one the opportunity to get rid of stored-up pep and energy. By the direction of the State Department of Education gym classes are scheduled according to the physical plant of the school and if Adams had enough room, physical education would be offered more often and possibly every day to all students.

Study hall and gym serve their purpose and there really isn't any reason for complaint on the part of the students. The next time you start to grumble when you go out for gym, remember, it's for your own good.

ET CETERA . . . Hope everyone gets the opportunity to see "The Royal Family" . . . Good luck, team, let's beat those Cavemen. It should be quite a game between the second and third rated teams in the state . . . Condolences to those in Mr. Krieger's English 7 classes who "aren't yet" and hallelujah to those who are . . . Poor work notices are sent out today . . . Remember—**KEEP THE CAVEMEN DOWN, WE WANT THE CROWN!!**

KNOW YOUR JUNIORS

This junior girl stands 5' 2", has brown eyes and long light brown hair. She is from homeroom 211. She has been with us for 16 years and previous to her education at John Adams, she attended John F. Nuner grade and junior high school. While at Nuner she once won first place for the high jump at "Play Day." Her favorite pastime is reading hot rod books (so she says.) One of her pet peeves is a girl who tries to cut in on another girl's boy friend. When asked what she liked about Adams, she said, "the football team." Here comes the give-away; this girl can usually be seen behind the wheel of a red and white Pontiac convertible.

From homeroom 109 we have a 5' 8", brown hair, brown eyed junior boy. On the football field he can be found wearing number 91. He is also on the wrestling and track teams. He loves to eat steak. He likes to see a girl in a white sweater, charcoal skirt, and bubble saddles. His favorite pastime is playing football. He feels that the success of our team this season depends partly on the amount of cheering done by the student body. His pet peeve is kids without school spirit. This boy is better known to many as "Getz."

The last junior hails from homeroom 114. She is 5' 7 1/4" tall, has brown hair and brown eyes. This gal is very active in extracurricular activities. Some of these are: Glee Club, Booster Club, TOWER, and Junior Waltons. The mailman frequently drops letters in her mail box from one of our graduates, Bob Badger. In her free time she likes to water ski, sew, and write letters. At Adams she especially likes the extracurricular activities and the friendliness of the student body and faculty. Her pet peeve is when her older sister, who looks very much like her and is a senior here at Adams, gets in the driver's seat of the car before she does.

DAFFYNITIONS

Punctuality — the art of guessing correctly how late the other person is going to be.

Anatomy — the study of a gnat tummy.

Oleomargarine — take it for butter or worse.

Fashion News — Little change in men's pockets this year.

Statuesque Showgirl — an eyeful tower.

EAGLE OF THE WEEK

Joe Barnette is this week's "Eagle." A 5' 11", 150 lb. senior from homeroom 101, Joe's many activities include senior class vice-president, student council vice-president, and secretary of Hi-Y. This season Joe is going out for cross-country and swimming along the sports line.



One of his most memorable occasions at Adams was being elected a senior class officer.

On the lighter side, Joe has just started taking saxophone lessons as a hobby. His taste in records is rock n' roll, and Alfred Hitchcock and Ed Sullivan rate high on his list of TV programs. "Steak, mashed potatoes, the works," was Joe's comment on his food preferences.

Although still undecided about his choice of a college, this 17-year-old senior plans on a business career.

Joe thinks Adams is a great school, and he has really enjoyed his years here.



Miss Jean Giddens, a student teacher for Mr. William Brady, who hails from Grosse Point, Michigan. She is a senior at St. Mary's of Notre Dame and is majoring in speech. She enjoys teaching at Adams very much. Her interests outside of school are swimming and working in the theatre. Her favorite food is hamburgers.

Miss Mary Turner, who hails from Oak Park, Illinois, and is senior at St. Mary's College. She is studying social science and government. Miss Turner has been observing the history and social living classes of Mr. Robert Rensberger. She will do her student teaching in the social living class. Miss Turner thinks Adams is a fine school and she likes it very much. Her favorite sport is swimming and she loves pizza.

Bouquets and Bologne

Bouquets to all of those who bought tickets to that terrific play, "The Royal Family," presented by the Drama Club.

Bologne to you who are really missing something and haven't bought a ticket.

Gardenias to those who have made an effort to get acquainted with Drude and Edgeir.

Garlic to you who are missing a chance to meet some really interesting people.

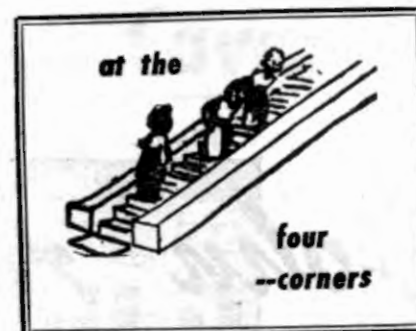
Gardenias to everyone who has tried to make our new teachers feel welcome.

Garbage to those who have left the welcoming up to someone else.

Bouquets to all those who have subscribed to the TOWER.

Bologne to those who expect to read a smart subscriber's TOWER.

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June Verhostra really did things up right for the game Friday night when Drude and she decorated June's "black bomb" for the game. They wrote all of the ball scores of our football games this year in white paint on the sides of the car.

A compliment is due for all the kids who came to school after the game to yell and watch the team come back after their fourth victory.

Hear tell Miss Horner's third hour shorthand class had a very unusual and very unexpected guest. The visitor even fell asleep in class. What do you say to that?

Good luck to Janice Givens in her new home in Muncie. By the way Jan' what does Tom think of your being right near the Ball State campus?

The trip to Fort Wayne on the bus was little less than a riot. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. How did you enjoy it Helen?

Question of the week: What makes Joe Barnette's ears turn a bright shade of red?

Tim Brown is quite the card shark at the Student Council board meeting.

Football season always brings sad tidings to those ever faithful football widows. Among the group this year are Kay Mundel (Bob Mitchell); Billie Jean Woodall (Ron Cohen); Jan Conrey (Tim Brown); Sue Schwanz (Bob Magnuson); Janet Rawles (Bob Sheets); and Donna Huffman (Jim Messick).

Adams Alphabet:

Jolly—Helen Williams
Optimistic—Bob Ziker
He men—Football Team
New—Freshmen

Actor—Pete Sherman
Daring—Terry Conley
Artist—Ernie Sessler
Muscles—Joe Jacks
Sweet—Sara Smith

Enthusiastic—Cheerleaders
Ancient—Seniors
Going away—Janice Givens
Likable—Sue Lawrence
Eyes—Mr. Hunter
Smelly—Chemistry room

Congratulations to Janice Hartz on her engagement.

Word has it that Miss Bamberger will be in town this weekend.

MATHEMATICS PUZZLE PROBLEM

Answer to last week's problem: four.

Problem: A boy slipped into a market one night and stole a sack of bananas. The market was guarded by three watchmen. On his way out he met the three watchmen one after another, and to each in turn he gave half of the bananas he then had, and two besides. When he got home he found he had one banana left. How many bananas did he steal?

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What would you do if you saw a diminutive Nemeitea* on the way to school?

Sue Welber—"I'd ask it if it wanted a ride to school."

Tony Lacapo—"I'd pick it up and put it in my pocket."

Tom Horn—"I'd run, wouldn't I?"

Larry Smith—"What in the heaven is it?"

Janet Rawles—"I'd give it to Bob for lunch."

Dave Chizek—"I'd ask him what his name was."

Billy Wiley—"I'd ask him what his nickname was."

Hal King—"I'd go ape!!!"

Bev Tompkins—"I'd ask him if he does that Mickey Mouse, huggy bear stuff."

Terry Conley—"I'd ask him what he was doing there."

Pete Sherman—"Duck back in the alley."

Dave Getzinger—"I'd probably step on him or eat him."

*Diminutive Nemeitea is a small worm.

Rogers and Barnette Attend Conference

Seniors Joe Barnette and Linda Rogers were delegates to the College Admissions Conference held at DePauw University September 28 and 29. The schedule of events included panel discussions led by DePauw students. The discussions were "Choosing a College" and "Preparing for College Life." This information will be given to the seniors during the guidance period, October 9. Dean Robert H. Farber of DePauw University spoke on "Planning for College" at the general session for delegates and counselors.

SENIOR CABINET MEMBERS SELECTED

Each senior homeroom has elected two students to serve on the Senior Cabinet. The cabinet members are Kathy Aaron, Tim Brown, 101; Marcia Hoelscher, George Hennion, 102; Jane Martin, Dick Nichols, 111; Sherry Quealy, Wes Rachels, 210; Iris Kendall, Jim Hylman, 212; and Nancy Thompson, Ron Weaver, 215.

GIRLS AID IN THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

A group of girls at Adams give up one of their study halls each day to perform a service for the school. These girls are known as attendance clerks and can be found in the attendance office. Their duties are to collect the absentee slips from each room during each period and record the names of those students who are absent from each class.

The attendance clerks for this semester are Nancy Thompson, Brenda Barritt, Sue Schwanz, Pat Barker, Kay Jamieson, Betty Whisman, Jane Weidler, Barbara Keller, Sharon Shulman, Carolyn Winslow, Sharon Longbeak, Sandy Mitchell, Joann Stouffer, and Kathy Aaron.

Students Service the School As Hall Guards

Students of Adams aid the teachers during the three lunch hour shifts. These students give up their study halls to act as hall guards and to help keep the halls clear during the lunch hours. The hall guards are stationed at different places in the halls and make sure that students do not disturb the classes which are in session.

This semester the hall guards are Charles Barnett, Russ Thomas, Ken LaPlace, Robert Davis, Richard Condon, Buddy Ernsberger, Jackie Rathwick, Sandy Yerke, Donya Meridith, Jerry Keller, Joe Root, Ray Wilson, John Wilcox, Ron Leshner, Jeanette Griman, and Lynette Fisher. These are just a few of the students who perform services for the school during their free time.

Five Adams Freshmen Are D.A.R. Winners

Adams received five of the six D.A.R. award winners of the eighth grade from the three feeder schools. Barbara Anderson was the winner of the award from Lincoln. The recipients of the award from Nuner were Carol Wilcox and James Cseh, and from Jefferson the winners were Sue Nelson and Mark Eberlein. All five of these people are freshmen at Adams this year.

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CLUB NEWS

STAMP CLUB

The Adams Stamp Club has elected officers for this year. They are Dave Mickerson, president; Jim Weir, vice-president; Carol Polk, secretary; and Karen Kruse, treasurer. The meetings are held on the first and third Friday mornings of every month.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. Some of the members are planning to attend Purdue University to meet with members of other library clubs in Indiana. The officers for this year are Dixie Frost, president; Marilyn McKnight, vice-president; Linda Bourdon, secretary; Judy Mould, treasurer; Ernestine Jackson, historian; and Barbara Liggett, social chairman.

GIRLS RECREATION

The Girls Recreation Club meets every Wednesday in the gym at 3:15 under the leadership of Miss Mary Jane Bauer. This year they are planning to participate in volleyball, bowling, trampoline, and other sports in competition with other schools. There will be a section leader for each sport. Marilyn Webster is the leader for volleyball which they are playing now. Any girl interested should report on Wednesday at 3:15 in the gym.

SCREEN CLUB

The Screen Club has also elected officers for this year. They are Bob Wetter, president; Art Schipper, vice-secretary. The members show movies to classes during their study halls. They learn how to operate and care for the movie projectors. The operators are Nancy Olschewsky, Bob Wilson, James Seedorf, Karen Kruse, Margie Lloyd, Jeanne Martin, Bob Thompson, Ronnie Shapero, James Mellanda, Terry Leinen, Bob Piper, John Winklemann, Nicki Tompsett, and Larry Holstein.

BOOSTER CLUB

Another in a series of fall sports clinics will be presented at the regular Booster Club meeting tonight at 3:15 in room 106. Tennis will be discussed tonight and members are asked to bring questions. There will also be an election to elect a freshman

Two Represent Adams On City Youth Council

The South Bend City Youth Council was recently formed to help plan activities for the teenagers of this area. The purpose of this council is to provide recreational opportunities for teenagers and to help them meet other teenagers from other schools. Two students are chosen from each high school to represent their school. Bill Freshley and Larry Smith, seniors, represent Adams on the council. Two of the council's officers are students at Adams. They are Danny Hoyt, treasurer, and John Ross, parliamentarian and sergeant-at-arms.

Any Adams student interested in joining the council can contact the two representatives or the two officers for more information and the times for the meetings. The council hopes to plan many new activities and hope they are as successful as the dance which was held on September 15.

Bouquets and Bologne

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Gardenias to those who wait their turn in the lunchline.

Garlic to the "WEASELS."

Red and Blue Banners to all of you who go to the football games and cheer for our team.

Black and Blue Bows to those who leave the supporting and cheering to the other fellow.

Answers to Know Your Juniors

Lynne Steele, Dave Getzinger, Sandy Weldy.

member for the board. Last week a football clinic was held at the meeting and Mr. James Crowe spoke on that sport. The Booster Club Board met last week with Central students to start plans for the annual bonfire and dance preceeding the Adams-Central football game on November 3. A queen and court from each school will be chosen to preside at half-time.

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Eagles Clash Saturday With Undefeated Cavemen

Tomorrow night our Adams Eagles will encounter a big, rough Mishawaka team. The Mishawaka Cavemen are currently the No. 2 team in the State while Adams is rated No. 3. Mishawaka has won four easy victories. They have beaten Elkhart, Ft. Wayne South Side, Hammond, and Riley. During these games the Cavemen regulars have seen very little action in the second half. All this information leads up to the fact that our Eagles will need your support Saturday night at School Field.

EAGLES CLAW INDIANS 21-0

The John Adams Eagles snapped St. Joe's two game winning streak last Friday night at School Field by bumping them off 21-0. The Eagles now have won four straight and are rated third best team in the State.

Adams kicked off to the Indians to start the game and St. Joe controlled the ball for five minutes moving it down to the Eagle 35 before losing the pigskin on downs. The Eagles immediately went to work with Phillips and Grady doing most of the running. Then Johnny Turner took a pitchout from quarterback Dick Scott and scampered 39 yards for the first Adams' tally of the evening. Turner also ran for the extra point and Adams had a 7-0 edge over the Indians.

The second Eagle tally came about when alert reserve quarterback Kenney Marvel intercepted a St. Joe pass and ran 40 yards to the Indians' 15 yard line. Phillips bullied his way to the eight yard marker and Turner than ran for his second touchdown from the 3 after a five-yard offside penalty against St. Joe. This time Grady ran over for the point and the Eagles, with 1:30 remaining in the first half, led 14-0.

Adams' longest drive of the game started when Turner took the second half kickoff on his own 11 and ended as the Indians took over on downs on their own 20.

The Eagles third tally TD started when St. Joe was forced to punt again after their first one was nullified by a penalty. The second punt attempt was blocked by hard charging Adams' lineman Jerry Williams and the Eagles had the ball on St. Joe's 11 yard line. After moving the ball to the four, Barry Grady went the rest of the way to six point paydirt. Phillips' perfect kick made the score 21-0 in favor of Adams.

With the game nearing completion, reserve end Bob Sheets recovered

NETMEN LOSE TO WILDCATS, 3-2

The Riley tennis team, who are defending state champions, edged the Adams Eagles 3-2 on the Riley courts on September 25. This defeat made Adams' record stand at two wins and three losses. The Wildcats swept the singles action as Dave Kramer beat Bob Fischer, Danny Barnes nipped Bob Chreist in three sets, and Tom Marquis defeated John Ross. The Eagles came back, however, to take both doubles matches as Fischer and Gary Wallman beat Kramer and Larry Wilson; Chreist and Ross teamed up to whip Marquis and Merl Boyer.

The Eagle netmen now have remaining matches with Elkhart, Michigan City, and Ft. Wayne North Side. If they are successful in these three matches, they should place no worse than fourth in the conference race.

Cross Country Team Defeated by Bremen

The Adams cross country team lost in meet with Bremen by a score of 23 to 33 last Monday, October 1. Winning for Bremen was B. Yanan in a time of 10:28. Bremen also placed second.

Placing for Adams were Bob Petzke, third; Edgeir Benum, sixth; Ward Harlan, seventh; Jerry Barnette, eighth; and Tom Kaiser, ninth. This loss gives the Eagle harriers a record of two wins and four losses for the season.

an Indian fumble on St. Joe's 23 yard line for what looked like the start of another Eagle tally. The reserves couldn't quite get the ball over and the Indians took over on their own two yard line as the game ended.

BEAGLES DEFEATED BY CENTRAL, 19-12

The Adams "B" football team met its first defeat of the season at the hands of Central team by the score of 19 to 12. The Beagles had the ball only seven times the whole first half. The Central team, however, scored three touchdowns and one extra point for a half-time score of 19 to 0.

At the beginning of the second half Central kicked to the Beagles, but after the second play Central recovered an Adams fumble. Then the Beagles again took control but were stopped at about mid-field. Central, after being held for a series of three downs, kicked but it was blocked by Ron Cohn and Adams took over on their own 36-yard line. The Beagles, sparked by the beautiful running of Jerry Alford and Jim Dowdy, marched 64 yards for a touchdown. Dowdy took the ball on a quarterback sneak for the score but the attempt for the extra point was missed.

After a series of plays by both teams, the Beagles finally got another drive going and Tommy Townsend ran the final play of the drive over right tackle for the touchdown. The kick for the extra point was missed again.

Harriers Split with Goshen and LaPorte

On September 27 the Eagle Cross Country team split in a double dual meet between LaPorte and Goshen. Adams beat Goshen by a score of 22 to 38 and then lost to LaPorte 38 to 23. The winning harrier was Barkey from LaPorte in a time of 10:52 which is considered very good for the Potawatomi Park course. Bob Petzke and Edgeir Benum placed third and fourth respectively for Adams. Benum is the foreign exchange student from Norway and is doing a fine job of running for the Eagle cross country team.

Some of the others who placed in the meet were Bob Fisher, Dan Gregory, and Jerry Barnette.

Everyone is urged to attend the home meets which are held on the Potawatomi Park course.

EAGLETS TIE ELKHART 0-0

The Adams Eagles' third game of the season resulted in a 0-0 tie. They played Elkhart Roosevelt at Elkhart on September 27 and the defensive of both teams was better than the offensive as most of the action took place around the 50 yard line, and neither team was able to score.

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