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ADAMS TO PRESENT 'OUR TOWN' OCT. 9 and 10

Adams Planning Eagle-Bear Hoopla

Besides exciting games, the football season also brings festivities with our downtown rival, Central. The annual Eagle-Bear Romp will be sponsored by Adams this year and will be held in the Little Theatre on October 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Preceding the dance will be a pep rally in Potawatomi Park for fans of both Adams and Central. Cheerleaders from both schools will be on hand to lead cheers, and many interesting guest speakers will comment.

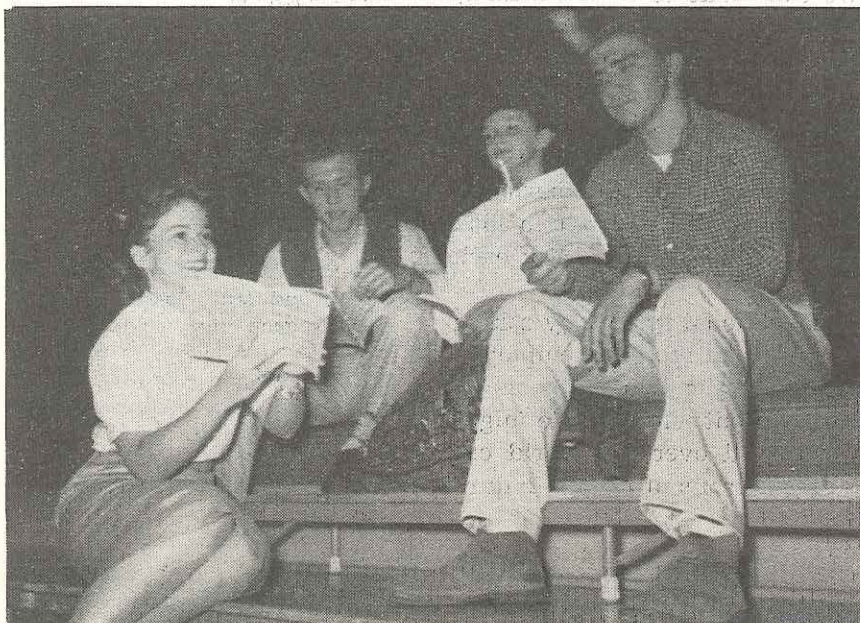
On Tuesday, sixteen girls were selected by the seniors to represent the eight senior home rooms in the contest to choose a queen from Adams. These girls will be introduced to the student body during the pep assembly this afternoon, and on Monday, the seniors will vote to select the eight girls, who will comprise the court. These results will be announced in next week's issue of the **Tower** with the name of the queen being kept a secret. The queens from each school will be crowned during half-time ceremonies of the Adams-Central game.

Joe Dickey of Adams and John Boyer of Central are co-chairmen for the affair. Other Adams chairmen are Judy Hughes and Paul Waechter, decorations; Marsha Hewitt and Denny Barnette, tickets; Dave Hoyt and Sue Shotola, crowns for court; Sue Schwanz, publicity; Jan Conrey, crown for queen; and Ron Medow, flowers.

Adams has been allotted 80 tickets for the dance. The cost is \$1 per couple.

Lookin' Ahead

- Sept. 26—Football, Adams vs. Mishawaka (here)
Audiometric Tests
- 29—"B" Football, Adams vs. Central (there)
Cross-Country, Adams vs. Niles (here)
- 30—9B Parent Welcome, 7:15 p.m.
Tennis, Adams vs. North Side (there)
- Oct. 1—Cross-Country, Adams vs. Penn Twp. (here)
- 2—Frosh Football, Adams vs. Central (there)
Cross-Country, LaPorte, Riley, Washington, at Adams
Tennis, Adams vs. Mishawaka (there)



Student director Beth Ryon, left, rehearses "Our Town" principals. Left to right: Fred Liggett, Sue Stoner, and Larry Thompson.

Students Promote Code of Ethics

The Eagle Ethics committee is hard at work already this year. Their first activity was to present the Code of Ethics to the freshmen on September 11 and 12. This gave the frosh an opportunity to become acquainted with the ethics upon arrival at Adams.

Committees of three people visited the Community Civics classes and led discussions on the code. Students who participated in these discussions were Gail Levy, Sandy Zoss, Judy Hughes, Kent Hedman, Pat Bezerey, Bob Ingalls, Vic Vargo, Carl Phillipoff, Larry Thompson, Sue Jacobs, Sam Kulp, Jo Dobecki, Mary Lisk, Dave Mickelsen, Eileen Schultz, Lynn Ehlers, Linda Cobb, Arlene Eader, Sue Valentine, Mary Reber, Dave Sink, and Norm Mitloff.

Posters to Have Frames

The Student Council is paying for the framing of the Eagle Ethics posters. The frames are being made by students of Mr. Clarence Stillman's wood working classes.

Larry Thompson is chairman of a committee whose function is to further the idea of the ethics. They hope to do this by announcements over the P.A., hall posters, and **Tower** editorials. More identification cards are being printed to remind everyone of the ethics.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt is the faculty sponsor and advisor for the committee.

Newcomers Hail From All Over the World

In addition to the 256 freshmen at Adams this fall, we are welcoming other new students into our midst. There are thirty-seven upperclass transfer students who represent seven states and three foreign countries. California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee are the states from which these students hail. The three visitors from across the sea are Jan de Vries Robbe from the Netherlands, Michele Engel from France, and Helga Schifferdecker from Germany. Helga is a cousin of recent Adams graduate, Fred Stave.

Students transferring from local

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Parents to be Oriented By Faculty and PTA

Each semester the John Adams Parent-Teacher Association sponsors a Parent-Counselor Dessert Meeting for the parents of students enrolled in high school for the first time. This year the meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 30, and it will begin at 7:15 p.m.

The purpose of this affair, which has become a tradition at Adams, is threefold. First, it is designed to provide an opportunity for parents to become acquainted with their child's

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'Our Town' Means Anywhere, U. S. A.

Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," described by New York reviewers as "One of the great plays of our day," will be presented here at Adams on October 9 and 10.

The hauntingly beautiful play of tremendous power portrays the life of any human in any town from the cradle to the grave. This makes it one of the most unconventional presentations in the American theatre.

No attempt is made to create an illusion of reality on the stage. Instead, the Pulitzer prize winning play presents the significant events in the lives of two families in a way that makes the audience seem to be a part of the play.

The universal qualities of youth, courtship, marriage, and death are depicted through appropriate scenes as they affect the lives of the Gibbs and Webb families in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, around the turn of the century.

Stage settings are absent, as Fred Liggett, in the unusual role of the stage manager, guides the audience through the lives of the Gibbsses and Webbs. The understudy for the part is Lee Chaden.

Other cast members are as follows:

Dr. Gibbs	Lee Chaden
Joe Crowell	Bob Grant
Howie Newsome	Mike Krueger
Mrs. Gibbs	Carol Hegg
	Andrea Dean
Mrs. Webb	Martha Henz
	Carol Schiller
George	Larry Thompson
Rebecca	Beth Ryon
	Gail Levy
Wally	Port Laderer
	Ron Medow
Emily	Sue Stoner
	Gail Levy
Professor Willard	Barry Liss
Mr. Webb	Mike Seedorf
	Bill Butler
Mrs. Soames	Janet Lovelace
	Jane Phillips
Simon Stimson	Fred Kuemmerle
Constable Warren	Marshall Nelson
Si Crowell	Sam Kulp
Joe Stoddard	Dave Mickelsen
Sam Craig	Terry Lehr

The play, presented by the Drama Club and Thespians, is under the direction of Mr. William Brady. Beth Ryon is student director and Dave Mickelsen is stage manager. Mike Seedorf is in charge of props; Sue Welber, programs; Sue Stoner and Terry Lehr, publicity; Marshall Nelson and Bill Williamson, tickets; Freya Finch and Judy Hughes, costumes; and Judy Kelley, make-up.

Welkom — Bienvenu — Willkommen!

In any language a warm smile and a friendly hello mean "welcome." We, the student body, are proud to welcome our three foreign students, Michele Engel from France, Jan de Vries Robbe from Holland, and Helga Schifferdecker from Germany, into our midst. They are fast becoming an integral part of Adams, and their contributions have already added immeasurably to student life.

They want to get to know us as much as we want to become acquainted with them. Learning about the interests and ideas of others is one of the greatest benefits derived from the exchange student program. Those of us who do not know Michele, Jan, and Helga should go up to them and introduce ourselves, as they are interested in meeting each and every one of us.

It is a very enlightening and interesting experience to talk with these three and with Gail Levy, Adams senior and American Field Service representative who spent this summer in Germany. They have many ideas and observations that they want to share with us, just as we also have contributions we can make to their thinking.

Jan, Michele, Helga, and Gail welcome our questions about their experiences. It is interesting to learn about the dating customs in other countries, but there are other questions that will aid us in taking a good long look at ourselves — our values, our goals, our philosophies. The so-called "American way of life" is not the only outlook on living in existence. International peace and harmony will only be achieved as the people of the world attempt to look at different points of view and increase their understanding of each other.

We can gain insights into our own educational system by asking these students about the educational goals and methods employed in their countries. We can better understand our own problems by talking to them about the teenagers of different nations. We might discover, surprisingly enough, that youth all over the world encounter the same conflicts, possess the same traits of human nature that we do.

Michele, Jan, and Helga — welcome to Adams. We sincerely hope that your stay is proving to be as educational and enjoyable to you as it is to us. Adams is your school now, too.

Aftermath of a Football Game

A football defeat usually divides fans into three classes. You will undoubtedly be able to recognize each of these types, perhaps even by looking in the mirror.

"Who can we blame?" says the first person. He then proceeds to blame the coach for giving all the wrong instructions, the team for playing such sloppy ball, and everyone else from the cheerleaders to the pop corn vendors. He is the type of person we would like to see on the field or on the bench. How well would the team do under his direction?

The second person analyzes in morbid detail how it happened. He judges every play, often hinging the entire game on what he considers one unsuccessful move. If football resembled a game of checkers, he might have some justification. He may become so discouraged by the "how" that he takes on a "we-lost-the-Washington-game-so-our-season-is-shot" attitude which infects those around him and may even touch the team.

The third person asks "What can we do now?" He knows that what's done is done and no amount of fault-finding can change the score. He is more concerned with keeping the morale of the team and the student body on a high level.

Tonight's game with Mishawaka has taken on a greater importance than ever. Coach Murphy and the players need all the support and confidence we can give them.

The one who seeks a scapegoat, the one who can tell you where everyone went wrong, the one who looks to the future with confidence in the coach and team: Which type are you?

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Woes and Worries Of Adams Seniors

Hey, underclassmen, enjoy yourselves while you can. Don't dream too much of becoming a SENIOR, because it will come soon enough. Seniors have many extra problems to cope with — and they're sooooo important. For example:

1. How to still read comics, be a member of the Mickey Mouse Club, wear a Zorro uniform, play tiddly-winks, have tantrums; and still get away with it.
2. When it rains, how to get out of class with a better excuse than that stale "I've got to roll up my car windows" trick.
3. How to keep from overstudying and still get straight A's.
4. How not to be shown up by the underclassmen.
5. How to buy a football season ticket, more books for classes, enough gas to keep the car running, get five sweaters out of lay-away, stock up enough of "our baby wrapped in green" gum to last the week — on a five dollars weekly allowance.
6. How to read both *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* and every issue of *MAD*, and still classify them as equally good literature.
7. How to prove to friends and teachers that we are adequately prepared to take our place in the wide, wide, wide world.
8. How to make an underclassman realize that it's great being a SENIOR.

Juniors Learn Big Business In J. A.

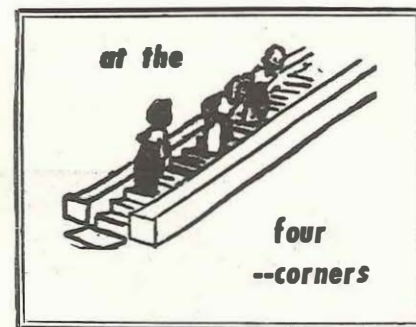
An assembly only for members of the junior class was held on Wednesday, September 16, to explain the Junior Achievement program. Mr. Robert E. Riedel, executive director of J. A. for South Bend and Mishawaka, explained the J. A. program.

Marshall Nelson, a delegate to the National Junior Achievement's Management Conference, talked about his experiences, and then Mr. Riedel told the juniors how they can join the program.

Junior Achievement is a national educational program for young people 15 to 19 years old. They meet one night a week during the school year and run their own small scale business enterprise. This year, over 60,000 youngsters are running 3,600 businesses in which the 15 people who form the corporation act as board of directors, the working staff, and the sales staff. They are guided and counseled by adult advisors from the world of business and industry.

The benefits of this program are many, for young people are given an opportunity to develop a realistic understanding of the organization and operation of a business. The youngsters also learn that business as a career requires equivalent skill and merits the same prestige as any profession.

The program helps teen-agers to build self-confidence and develop leadership ability by making business decisions in simulated business situations. They are able to gain a keen insight into the responsibilities and rewards of enterprise and initiative.



Decisions, decisions, why must we have to make so many? Especially such important ones, like this week's biggest problem — whether to continue wearing summer clothes, or haul out the boxes and boxes of sweaters and winter skirts? Ah, such is life!

Congratulations are in order for **Barry O'Connell**. It seems that he was the first one to break something in chemistry this year. What a distinction.

Ivy Carlson, where'd you get that "glow-in-the-dark" lipstick, and why?

NEEDED: One explanation of the notes from **John** to **Andrea**.

Watch out fellow Adamsites. **Jim Hartke** is on the loose again — with a NEW car.

A traitor in our midst—**Jeff Butler**. What was he doing supporting Central on the same night that Adams played? Show up at the Adams vs. Mishawaka game, **Jeff**, and all will be forgiven.

Say there, **Sheila Hamburg**, who pays for those hour long phone calls from Hammond?

What is that THING you made for Spanish class, **Dan McCoy**? Some called it a "huacal."

How does it feel to be locked in the "college room," **Port Laderer**?

Vicki Ostrander, are the Central games sooo important? We sure don't want you to be eaten up by a BIG BAD BEAR.

Jan Van Faasen, what is your secret life-long ambition?

The prize for losing the most money via the pay phone goes to **Beth Ryon**. But who is he, **Beth**?

The **TOWER** wants to make sure that none of you commits the unforgivable crime of mistaking a freshman — for an upperclassman, so we willingly provide you with an adequate description of one of THOSE: "Hello! I'm Freshman 1958. You shouldn't have any trouble finding me. See those wide eyes? See me glancing at my map and up at room numbers?"

"You can find me in great numbers seated high in the balconies at assemblies — soon, many of me may appear with opera glasses. Look for me walking in knots down the halls, or wandering singly, oblivious of the world, and then jerking, turning abruptly, and dashing into a classroom ten feet back. You may see me gazing at my Adams pin and stroking it lovingly, or some of me may be found sitting placidly in a senior English class — 'till I notice that there's nary a frosh face in sight — and flee fearfully.

"Please don't call me green even though I know I am — remember, you were like me once, long, long ago. Just look for me and offer a big friendly smile — for the Senior 1962!"

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Eagles Seek Victory Over Cavemen

BEAGLES DEFEAT LA PORTE SLICERS

The John Adams football B-team played LaPorte last Monday afternoon, September 22, and beat them 14-6. Jim Bunyan led the team to both of Adams' touchdowns in the second quarter.

Late in the first period Adams recovered a LaPorte fumble on the Adams 45. After three first downs, Dave Stout drove over from the four. Jim Bunyan added the point and the score stood 7-0.

Stout kicked off and after three plays, the Slicers were forced to punt. The kick was blocked and Billy Roberts recovered the ball on LaPorte's nine-yard line. Stout rammed over guard to the three and Bunyan went over for the score. John Weiss added the point and the score stood 14-0 at the half.

Adams got two more golden opportunities to score in the second half but they failed to materialize. Midway in the third period Adams had the ball on LaPorte's one-yard line but they were set back by an illegal procedure penalty. Again in the fourth quarter, a 10-yard touchdown run by Bunyan was nullified by another illegal procedure penalty and the ball was set back to the 15. The Beagles then drove to the two-yard line of LaPorte and gave the ball up on downs there.

LaPorte scored their only touchdown with ten seconds left in the ball game on a long pass which was good for 40 yards and the score. The extra point kick attempt failed and the game ended with Adams on the heavy end of a 14-6 score.

TENNIS TEAM GAINS FOURTH VICTORY

The tennis team continued its winning way Tuesday, September 23, against Elkhart with a 3-2 victory. This was the Eagles' fourth victory without a defeat this season.

Burke Jackson won his singles match 6-3, 0-6, 6-0; Jan Robbe lost his match 2-6, 2-6 and Brent Coy won his singles 6-1, 6-1. Jackson and Robbe fell in their doubles match 3-6, 6-4, 4-6 while Gary Wallman and Jim Fischer won 6-1, 6-2.

In a match with Riley, the B-tennis team was victorious 6-3.

Gridders Surrender Hard-Fought Battle To Panthers

The Adams Eagles suffered their first loss of the season Saturday night as they dropped a 20-12 decision to a strong Washington team.

After receiving the kickoff, the Eagles could not get going and were held on downs, being forced to punt.

The Panthers marched 51 yards in the next 12 plays for the first score of the game. The try for extra point failed and the Eagles were on the short end of a 6-0 score.

In the early minutes of the second period Washington punted to the Adams 43. In the following nine plays, Adams marched 57 yards, containing a 16-yard run by Gene Phillips and an 11-yard gain by Ken Marvel. Phillips climaxed the drive, scoring on a 3-yard smash through the middle. The extra point was missed.

After failing to move the ball, Washington punted and Gene, on a reverse handoff from Marvel, galloped 60 yards but a clipping penalty put the ball at midfield, Eagles first and ten.

Again after six plays, Phillips belted over for Adams' second score. The extra point again failed and the half-time score was 12-6.

As the ball switched hands, Adams was forced to punt. Ken Marvel's punt was blocked and Washington ran the lost ball back for a touchdown. The extra point was good and the Panthers led 13-12.

Dave Christman was then forced to go to the air and on a pitch-out pass to Bob Hall to Tom Townsend, interference was called on the Panthers which put the ball on the 25.

But again fate was to control the tide of the game as a Marvel pass was intercepted and run back for the game's fifth touchdown. The extra point was good as Adams bowed to Washington 20-12.

Nelmen Down Riley, Keep Perfect Record

The John Adams tennis team won their third match in as many tries Tuesday afternoon by downing Riley, 5-0, on the Studebaker Park courts.

Burke Jackson, who still hasn't lost a match while playing for the Eagles, defeated Wilson of Riley, 7-5, 6-2. In the second singles, Jan Robbe defeated Chapman, 6-1, 6-1. Brent Coy finished strong to win his third singles match, 4-6, 6-3, 8-6.

In the first doubles match, Jackson and Robbe defeated Wilson and Perkins, 6-1, 6-2. In the second doubles, Gary Wallman and Jim Fischer combined to defeat Kramer and Vucho-vich, 6-2, 6-2.

Our tennis team currently is leading the conference.

Frosh Represent Several States and Area Schools

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schools include Jackie White, Sharon DeBarbara, Michael Kreig, Eugene Janzewski, Thomas Erhardt, Jack Davis, Joan DeShon, Dommer Caurro, Charles Nemeth, John Peterson, David Richer, Kathleen Schaefer, Julie Ann Johnson, Ronald Ege, Helen Hill, John Carpenter, William Hinebaugh, Mary Rose, Rebecca Dillon, Lawrence Wolfson, Ronald Fisher, Carolyn and Jane Taylor, William Nottage, Patrick Sharpe, Helen Bready, Marshall Slutsky, John Myers, Rita Holmes, Nancy Smith, William Collier, Jerry Trump, Edward Evans, and Virginia Thomas.

Twenty freshmen have come to Adams from schools outside of South Bend. They are Sandra Dietl, Elizabeth Hodes, Julia Toothaker, Bob Johnson, Ken Able, Coleen Fitzgerald, Carol Sleeth, Lee Sulkey, Betty and Joyce Bernhard, Margaret Thomas, Jan Peterson, Donald Ansley, Dennis Goodman, Laura Lee Byers, William Moore, Dale Hjerpe, Ted Getzlaff, Jerry Evans, and Agatha Knight.

Both Teams Carry 2-1 Grid Records

Adams will be seeking a return to winning ways tonight when it takes on Mishawaka at School Field. The Eagles, who own a 2-1 record, a 1-1 ENIHSC record, will be after their second conference win and third win this season.

Mishawaka carries victories over St. Joseph and Riley and a loss to Central into tonight's game.



Adam's loss to Washington dealt a serious but not fatal blow to Eagle ENIHSC title aspirations. It is possible for the Eagles to tie or even lose another conference game and still win at least a share of the conference title. It is also possible for the Eagles to win their remaining conference contests and have no more than a tie for the title.

It is never enjoyable to lose, but at the same time this loss should not completely mar this year's campaign. There is no reason why the Eagles may still not have an excellent record and a successful season.

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