

## LOOKIN' AHEAD

- Oct. 10—"Our Town," 8:00 p.m.  
 11—Football, Adams vs. Elkhart (here)  
 North Central Orchestra — Rehearsal and Trivents, 3:30 a.m.  
 12—"B" Football, Adams vs. Washington (there)  
 14—Cross Country City Meet  
 15—Student Council Leadership Clinic, 5:30 p.m.  
 16—P.T.A. Faculty Tea, 3:30  
 Freshman Football, Adams vs. St. Joe (here)

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# Council To Hold Leadership Clinic

## Ethics Presented To Eagles

### Assembly Explains Adams Ethics Code

Eagle Ethics, a code of ethics drawn up for John Adams students, was the basis of an assembly held Wednesday, October 8.

Adams students became re-acquainted with the code, as freshmen were introduced to it.

Reverend Harold Johnson, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, was the featured speaker. He discussed the Eagle Ethics, its meaning, and its application to the life of each student.

Jo Dobecki served as moderator. A (Cont'd on page 2, col. 2)

### Juniors Plan for Dearborn Jaunt

One of the highlights of the junior year at John Adams is the U. S. History trip to Dearborn, Michigan. The trips this year have been scheduled for October 17, October 22, and October 31. On these occasions students will have the opportunity to visit the Henry Ford Museum, The Ford Motor Company, and Greenfield Village.

Greenfield Village, included in the trip because it vividly demonstrates America's past, extends to students a chance to see many buildings which are representative of various phases in our history. In the village, students will view restorations of famous Americans' homes, the work shops of craftsmen, and the laboratory where Thomas Edison conducted his experiments.

A visit to the Henry Ford Museum will enable students to visit the street of Early American shops, the Fine Arts Galleries, and the Mechanical Arts Hall which are the three main sections of the museum. Students will also see architectural reproductions of Congress Hall, Independence Hall, and the Old City Hall of Philadelphia.

After lunch in the Ford Administration Building the students will (Cont'd on page 2, col. 3)



**THE ADAMS GLEE CLUB HAS BEGUN ANOTHER ACTIVE YEAR.** Leading the singers this year are, left to right: Duane LaMar, assistant president; Joyce Bulhand, assistant vice president; Larry Thompson, president; Joyce Resler, secretary; Jeanne Martin, executive committee; Marshall Nelson, business manager; Barbara Helkie, assistant vice president. Seated at the piano is Janet Rawles, accompanist and vice president.

### Adams Glee Club Preparing Music for North Central Chorus

Mr. David Foltz, of the University of Nebraska, will direct the chorus for the October 23 meeting of the North Central Teachers' Association. Preparing music for this occasion is the current project of the Adams Senior Glee Club since a portion of the organization will be chosen to sing with representatives from the other high schools in Northern Indiana.

Music is already being selected for the annual Christmas Vesper Service to be presented by the Glee Club on December 7 this year. Adams students will be given a preview of the program at the Christmas Assembly on December 5. The Prep Glee Club will join the Senior Glee Club in both of these programs.

As a new feature for the Tuesday night glee club rehearsals, volunteers furnish entertainment during a break in the singing. Some of these ensembles will probably be used in some of the future programs of the glee club.

This year, the glee club is fortunate to have several accompanists. They are Janet Rawles, John Winkelmann, Sue Shotola, Sandi Baker, Maryjane Ritter, and Janace Shoemaker. Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate is the director of both the senior and prep glee clubs.

### Adams Math Team Ranks 23rd in U.S.

Last spring, a team composed of Jim Daniel, Duke Hobbs, and Jerry Hobbs entered the National Mathematics Contest as representatives of John Adams. Indiana schools participated in Region VI which had 1,090 (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

### Evans Heads Student Leadership Session

Mr. Kermit Thompson, former industrial arts teacher at Adams and present principal of Coquillard School, will be the featured speaker at the annual Student Council Leadership Clinic on Wednesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. He will give a challenging message in the Little Theatre after dinner.

After listening to Mr. Thompson's speech, students will be divided into four groups for discussions. Presidents and vice-presidents of clubs will listen to remarks from Mr. Kenneth Tanke.

Mrs. John Nelson, secretary of the P.T.A., will direct her remarks to secretaries of clubs, and Mrs. R. P. Ritter will speak to club treasurers. Mr. Nathan Levy will speak to students who are not officers and he will discuss ways to develop leadership.

After each discussion is completed all students will again assemble in the Little Theatre for a summary. Records in each group will give brief resumes of the remarks.

Officers of all clubs have received invitations from the council, but all students are invited. Reservations are \$1.25 and must be in as soon as possible.

Tony Evans is in charge of the Leadership Clinic and he has been assisted by Carolyn Bird, Judy Eich, Susan Nelson, Sherry Clarke, and Lillian Szweczyk.

### Last Performance Of 'Our Town' Is Tonight

The time is 8:00 p.m., the place is the John Adams auditorium, and the night is tonight. Yes, tonight is the final performance of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize winning play **Our Town**.

Those students who missed the opening performance last evening may still purchase tickets for the final performance tonight. Tickets for this joint production of the Drama Club and Thespians may be bought (Continued on Page 2, Column 5)



## A Year Not in Vain

Eagle Ethics. To some it means another assembly, a list, a nice wall decoration, or a waste of time. To others, it has significance and meaning.

One year has gone by since the code of ethics was introduced at Adams. Perhaps we have not noticed any drastic changes in conduct and attitude in the school as a whole. But we may have noticed some change in ourselves.

If one of us has been helped by the code, it is not in vain. If we have thought about its significance, it is a step forward.

Each trait of good character has a special meaning to each of us. We may lack ambition, honesty, modesty, self control. We can recall examples of insincere, disrespectful, and cowardly behavior.

Eagle Ethics has made us aware of the goals we want to attain. To solve a problem we must first define it. The code of ethics has done this to a certain degree. It was created to aid us in discovering what our problems are, to inspire us to work them out ourselves.

We must define each quality as it applies to us, not to the person sitting next to us. Mere definition, however, is worthless without application.

Eagle Ethics must become an integral part of our daily living.

## Attain Your Goals

An old Hindu proverb says, "There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self."

Most of us are aware of this, and are forever striving to improve ourselves, to correct our faults, control our habits, make the most of our abilities.

But self-discipline is not easy. Self-conquest, as every philosopher from Plato to William James has emphasized, is the greatest victory of all. "I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man I have ever met!" said Dwight Moody, the famous evangelist.

The greatest test of a man's character is how he takes charge of his own life. "No man need stay the way he is," says Harry B. Fosdick. The mold of a man's fortune, the shape of his life and destiny, are in his own hands. —Lillian Eichler Watson.

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## Ethics Committee Features Assembly

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piano solo, the **Ritual Fire Dance**, was played by Pat Rusk.

Eagle Ethics: Are these yours?

**AMBITION**—Make your mark, but mind what your mark is.

**COURAGE**—In a place where there are no men, strive thou to be a man.

**FAITH**—Believe in your creed, but believe.

**HONESTY**—Truth is the highest thing that man may keep.

**INDUSTRY**—Shun idleness — a rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.

**MODESTY**—When a "little man" discharges an obligation, the report can be heard for miles around.

**PATIENCE**—In order to see the rainbow, one must weather the storm.

**RESPECT**—Give to every human being every right and dignity that you claim for yourself.

**SELF CONTROL**—Greater is he who conquers himself than he who conquers a thousand.

**SINCERITY**—BE, rather than seem to be.

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

—Stephen Grellet.

## Adams Math Team

(Continued from Page 1, Column 3) schools entered. Although the boys did not win any prizes, they placed 23rd in the nation and 5th in their region.

Adams was one of two Indiana schools which placed in the top ten per cent in their region. The team score was 250.50 with Jim getting 85 points, Duke 84.5 points, and Jerry, 81 points.

## Gazing Into Our Crystal Ball . . .

If we were to visit the hallowed halls of John Adams in the year three thousand, we would find it very different at first glance. After exploring for awhile, though, we would find many similarities to John Adams 1958. The circumstances would be the same—only the words used would be changed.

For example, the following might be heard over the radar controlled P. A. system: "Students are not allowed to park their spaceships in the faculty parking lot on top of the school. Students should refrain from throwing the heated sandwich wrappers (designed to keep sandwiches hot indefinitely) on the multi-colored grass recently purchased from Venus. Students should be properly outfitted—as this is a place of business. Belts should be worn on all space suits, and the wearing of low-necked oxygen tanks is prohibited (even to those of you who commute from other planets).

"It is necessary that students do not exceed the speed limit of forty miles per hour during passing periods. Knowing that you realize that these atomically propelled seats were designed for your comfort, we hope that you will not abuse this privilege by destroying others.

"The mechanical custodians express the wish that the students realize that just one push on the button will sufficiently open the lockers. A fast kick will not only be of no help in opening the door, but it will also shorten the locker's life span.

"The teachers feel that there is no need for making a mad scramble to the new automatic cafeteria, as there are plenty of pills for everyone.

"A special notice to the biology students: The field trip to Mars has been postponed until Monday, October 14. I repeat—there will be no trip to Mars today.

"You are now excused to your first hour class."

## Last Performance Of 'Our Town' Is Tonight

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from any Drama Club member or at the door for only 50 cents apiece.

**Our Town** portrays the lives of two New England families, the Gibbsses and the Webbs. It is a masterpiece of originality and simplicity. Although it takes place in the 1900's, its message applies to each of us today.

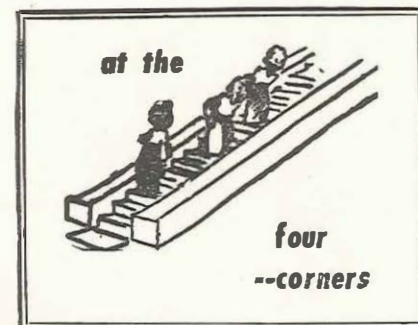
## History Classes Sponsor Trips

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tour the Ford plant and see the modern production methods of today.

A capacity number of students have registered for each trip. Buses, which will be the means of transportation to and from Dearborn, are scheduled to depart from school at 5:30 a.m. and return about 11:00 p.m. All students planning to make a trip are required to attend one of the briefing meetings which will be held prior to each trip in an attempt to inform all participants of the various details.

Sponsors include Mr. James Roop,



Wasn't that last pep assembly absolutely the coolest? Many thanks go to the cheerleaders and all of the students for making it such a success. That's the way ALL pep assemblies ought to be. Let's make them that way!!

Well, **Dan McCoy's** really rising in the world. It seems that he has been cast as a dog in a Spanish play. Just think—a great actor over night.

Tell us, **Freya Finch**, what cute little junior has captured **Brian Butler's** attention?

Now we've heard everything. What would you think if you had the nickname "Chops"?

What's this we hear about Ben Endres talking to a grasshopper?

**Kathie Dunbar's** best talents seem to be displayed during lunch hour. What are they, Kathie? Also, what's this we hear about you being sweet sixteen and never been . . .??

Agreed upon by most girls: An average girl would rather have more beauty than brains, because the average boy has better eyesight than intelligence.

Report from third hour gym class: There is a contest taking place between **Miss Farner** and **Miss Bauer**—who will be the Hula-Hoop champion?

Say, boys, what do you think about some of these knee-length sweaters? Are they attractive, or are they attractive?

**Susie Nelson** and **Carol Nace**, did you ever get all of your "crucial" notes sent out? How many showed up to have them translated?

All of us are anxious for a ride in the Big Black Buick. How about it, **Mr. Seeley**? Line forms at the right.

**Mr. Reber's** before dinner thought: Did you know that there are twenty thousand little bacteria walking around in each quart of milk?

Hope you all noticed the two banners, "EAGLES FLY HIGH" and "GO ADAM GO." Our thanks to the Booster Club.

**Beverly Johnson**, a request has been made that you be a little more quiet in study hall.

Why is it that the students in **Mr. Keiser's** English class don't want to see "Our Town"?

Who is that big hunk of man who broke the tackling dummy?

**Don Stanfield**, who's that crazy girl who insists that you keep the top down on your convertible?

You who are adept at falling up stairs as well as falling down them are to be congratulated.

And I leave you with the distinguished words of a notorious FRESH-man: An apple a day makes three hundred and sixty-five a year.

Mr. Robert Rensberger, Mr. Devon Bates, Mr. J. Gordon Nelson, Miss Mary Jane Bauer, and Mr. Russell Rothermel.



## Two For The Size of One

One small locker isn't large enough  
To hold two people and all their stuff.  
You're all crammed in,  
You just can't win,  
You've really got it tough.

When you open the door and the  
books fall out,  
It's time for the hourly wrestling  
bout.  
You clear the floor—  
And slam the door—  
You've kept the wrong book — no  
doubt.

You run like mad for chemistry,  
But the book you have is biology.  
Rebe is nice  
And says, "No dice,  
Don't tell your troubles to me."

Your partner has her troubles, too—  
The coat she wore home  
Belongs to you.  
You find that even your boots  
Are not among the loot.

But sad is the partner who  
Awakens one morning quite blue  
Only to find—  
Ah! love is blind  
Three now occupy the space of two!

## PTA Sponsors Faculty Tea

All Adams faculty members have been invited to the Faculty Tea to be held next Thursday, October 16, in the school cafeteria. The P.T.A. annually sponsors this affair in order to acquaint each teacher with his room mother as they will be working together on membership for the fall Open House. Mr. Russell Rothermel will make the introductions. It is hoped that all teachers will try to attend this tea which will begin at 3:15 p. m.

Mr. Stanley Gilbert discussed the fundamentals of proper dress at the first regular meeting of the John Adams P.T.A. on Tuesday evening, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. Devotions were led by the Hi-Y.

A piano-flute duet provided by Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Kiel highlighted the evening.

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## German Student Impressed By Adams, Confused By English Language

Eagles are privileged this year to have in their midst not one, not two, but three students from foreign lands. In addition to our two A.F.S. students, we have Helga Schifferdecker, 18, from Germany.

Helga is a cousin of Fred Stave, a '58 graduate of Adams who is now attending Purdue University, and she is living with Fred's parents while she stays in the United States.

"It was hot!!" This was Helga's comment when asked what her first impression of America had been. You see, she arrived on May 10 when it was warm in the U. S. but cold in Germany. Helga flew from her home in Trittau, a village near Hamburg, to the United States by way of Shannon, Ireland, and Gander, Newfoundland. Her plane landed in Chicago so Helga has not seen our largest city, New York.

### Flies Over Chicago

Cities in Germany that Helga knows are not really very large she says, so she was very impressed when her plane flew over Chicago for fifteen minutes before landing. The large number of trees in town was another thing that impressed Helga for in Germany the trees grow outside of town.

Helga hopes to be in America for one year, and while she is here she wants to put her English study to practical use. Although she had taken five years of English in her German school, this had consisted mainly of translation and had not contained much oral work. Therefore, Helga found the actual speaking of English to be difficult. However, in the short time which Helga has been in the States she has been able to pick up the language quickly.

In Germany, Helga has finished her education at the Middle School which is equivalent to our high school. Middle School is in between elementary and high school in Germany, but is more advanced than our junior highs. High school is a prerequisite to attending a university in Germany and can be finished in either one or two years. When Helga returns to Germany she will not return to school but instead will work in her father's office.

At Adams, Helga is taking English VII, typing, clothing, and foods. She finds the English course difficult, especially the recent study of *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, but also remarked that typing is rather difficult since the German people have a larger alphabet that is different from ours.

The most confusing thing about Adams to Helga was the changing of classrooms for each period. It seems that in Germany students stay in the same room for each different class. However, Helga soon became used to this and now likes Adams very much.

### Wants to Share Ideas

Helga also likes America and



Helga Schifferdecker

would like to stay here for a longer period of time than she is allowed. However, like all teen-agers, she misses the family she left behind in Trittau and is anxious to return to it.

Like most students from other countries, Helga has many ideas and experiences to share with all of us in exchange for our ideas and experiences. We of Adams can learn much from Helga, Michele, and Jan if we just make the effort. So talk to our representatives from Germany, France, and the Netherlands. They will leave you with new concepts concerning people and will take your ideas back across the sea with them.

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## Senior Snitches

Last week's Eagle-Bear Romp was well represented by our distinguished SENIORS — such as: Melinda Gaylor and Jim Fett, Gail Levy and Bob Ingalls, Sue Stoner and Terry Gerber, Sue Shotola and Vic Szabo, Bev Bowers (Riley) and Larry Thompson, Sue Barts and Dick Bowyer, Susie Nelson and Jim Hartke, Shirley Krug and Ward Harlan, Carol Nace and Paul Waechter, Anne Kluessner and Pat McNamara, Chris Olsen (Riley) and Fritz Aichele, Mary McNamara and Jerry Foley (N.D.), Dixie Davis and Dave Gunn (Riley alum.), Bobbie Brooks (St. Mary's) and Denny Barnette, Valerie Wood (St. Mary's) and Port Laderer, and Eileen Schultz and Rod Robison.

Many congratulations are in order for our QUEEN — Eileen Schultz. By the way — all of you who are on the court — how did you like those Thunderbirds? Pretty cool, I'd say.

Seen displaying their talents with the hula hoop during homeroom were Dixie Davis and Denny Barnette.

Andrea Dean, where did you get such a beautiful voice? Comments from your neighbors report that your nightly singing was "simply enchanting."

A few of our luckier SENIORS are on the receiving end of various phone calls from DePauw and Indiana University. Let us in on the details, girls.

Jan Conney's desire to ride in the school's wheelchair must have gotten the best of her last week on the stage stairs. Result: She had her tonsils out.

Jim Hartke is real proud of his upholstering job — says he's going to run Barry out of business.

What group of SENIORS has dared (Continued on Page 4, Column 1)

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# Eagles Face Blazers In Grid Tilt

## Central Defeats Adams, 20-18

The Adams Eagles dropped a hard fought gridiron battle to Central Saturday night, October 4, 20-18. This well-played game demonstrated the great competitive spirit of all Bear-Eagle contests.

The Eagles started the game off with a sustained march from their own 20 to the Central 18-yard line where they gave up the ball on downs. Neither team could move the ball, and at the start of the second period a Central punt traveled only 14 yards to set up the first Adams score. Thirteen plays later Ken Marvel smashed 8 yards into the end zone. The point failed as Adams led 6-0.

Central then rebounded for their first score on a 54-yard gallop by Joe Wesley. The extra point was good as Central went into a 7-6 lead.

In the second period Bob Hall made an amazing steal of the ball and ran an 89-yard sprint for Adams' second score. The point was no good, as Adams took a 12-7 lead.

Ben Endres kicked off to begin the third stanza of this spine-tingling drama. This led to a Central drive deep into Adams territory. The threat was halted when Hall again came through by recovering a fumble on the 17. The Eagles were forced to punt. Deep in Bear territory Connelly risked a pass which was intercepted by Gene Phillips. Two plays later Ken Marvel swivel-hipped through three Central would-be tacklers to score Adams's third touchdown of the night.

Marvel's attempt for the extra point was stopped and Adams seemed out of reach of Central's grasping fingers, the Eagles leading 18-7 with only 5:02 remaining. But the Bears came surging back on a 47-yard run by Walls. The kick was good, but Adams still led 18-14.

With 2 minutes remaining, Central kicked to Adams. Unable to move the ball, Coach Murphy sent in the fake kick play which failed to net the 3 yards needed for the first down. On the first play for Central a Connelly pass was caught in the end zone by Walls to make the score 20-18.

Adams was unable to move the ball after Central kicked off. A fourth down pass was incomplete as Central took over on the Adams 34. Central ran out the clock to gain their fifth straight victory. This makes Adams's record 3-2, and 1-2 in conference play.

We compliment our team on the great job they did. It was one of the cleanest games ever to be played at School Field, as both teams were penalized a total of only 20 yards.

## 'B' Team Batters Bears, Frosh Hold 1-1 Record

The John Adams "B" football team defeated a Central team which had been neither beaten nor scored upon in three previous games this season. This was the first time that an Adams "B" team has beaten Central.

The first touchdown of the game came in the second quarter when Mickey Stricklen went over the goal line on a keeper play from the three-yard line. The extra point attempt failed and Adams led at half time, 6-0.

In the third quarter, Adams scored its second touchdown on an eighty-yard pass from Stricklen to Andy Mihail. Buddy McKnight added the point and the score remained 13-0 until the end of the game.

The "B" team now has a record of two wins and one defeat. The boys took on Elkhart Monday at Elkhart.

The John Adams freshman football team has thus far racked up a 1-1 record. They have beaten Washington 14-0 and lost to LaPorte 13-7.

There are twenty-five boys playing for the frosh team.

## BACK THE CHEERING BLOCK!

### Senior Snitches

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to lower their dignified status as to deem it necessary that they must "march" out of the room row by row? Shame on you. I certainly hope that the situation will have improved by next week.

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## Tennis Team Takes Title

The John Adams tennis team this year captured its second straight ENIHSC title. Tuesday after school the Eagles downed LaPorte 4-1 to finish the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record.

In the LaPorte match, Burke Jackson won his singles match 6-1, 6-3, Jan Robbe won his singles 8-6, 6-1, and Brent Coy won 6-1, 7-5. Gary Wallman and Jim Fischer combined to win their doubles match 6-2, 6-1 and Vic Vargo and Jim Hull lost 2-6, 6-1, 2-6. After the match, Burke Jackson and Gary Wallman were chosen this year's co-captains.

Tuesday's victory was the twenty-first without a defeat for Adams tennis teams. The 1956 squad finished its season with four wins and last year's team won nine matches without a loss. This year's 8-0 record raises the total to twenty-one. Burke Jackson, in his two years of varsity tennis, has won seventeen matches without a loss. Gary Wallman and Jim Fischer have won eight doubles matches this year without a loss.

Adams will face Hammond Clark at Hammond next week for the NIHSC crown.

Last week's victories over Mishawaka and Fort Wayne North Side were both shutouts, the netmen making the score 5-0.

Against Mishawaka, Burke Jackson won his singles 3-6, 6-0, 6-0. Jan Robbe won 6-2, 6-2 and Brent Coy won 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Jackson and Robbe won 6-4, 6-2. Gary Wallman and Jim Fischer won 9-7, 6-1.

At Fort Wayne, Jackson won 6-3, 6-1, Robbe won 10-8, 6-3, and Coy won 6-3, 6-4. Jackson and Robbe won their doubles 6-1, 6-1 and Wallman and Fischer won 6-2, 6-4.

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## Adams Seeks Return to Winning Ways Tomorrow

Adams is seeking its second conference victory against two defeats tomorrow night when it takes on Elkhart at School Field. Elkhart owns a 3-0 conference record.

The Eagles will be trying to even the score of last year's loss to Elkhart. Adams is currently tied for fifth place in the ENIHSC with Mishawaka and LaPorte.

## A.H.S. COACHES BEGIN BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Basketball practice began at John Adams last Monday. Any boys interested in trying out for freshman, "B" team, or varsity basketball should report to the gym Monday after school.

Basketball coaches this year are Mr. Warren Seaborg, varsity coach, Mr. Robert Rensberger, "B" team coach, and Mr. Robert Scannell, freshman coach.

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