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## JOHN ADAMS THESPIANS DISPLAY BRIGHT COSTUMES



The pictures shown above include some of the cast of "The Straw Hat" which is hard at work so that a finished production will be ready on October 22. Pictured in the group of five are: Georgia Drolle, Joan Heddens, Jerry Wineberg, Shirley Williams and Fred Wegner. Included in the group of six are: Cynthia Albrant, Dave Gibson, Fred Gebler, Gene Yunt, Betty Lou Bryant and Fred Wegner.

These people and others have been working hard and deserve a vote of thanks, for come October 22 we will all be wondering just how they managed to put on such a finished production.

Fred likes his plaid suit so well that if you see him coming to school in it don't be surprised. How about that Fred?

Mr. Gebler also looks pretty sharp in his bow tie as far as clothes are concerned.

Buy your tickets now, and be sure and save October 22 as your night to step out to see "The Straw Hat."

## BACKSTAGE GOSSIP FROM YOUR "STRAW HAT" REPORTER

"Betty Lou haven't you forgotten something?" shout the rest of the cast at rehearsal one night. "Why no," says Miss Bryant, "I haven't." But then comes the scene, for as she looks around, Betty Lou finds her skirt at one side of the stage and she is at the other. Now this was very tragic for Betty Lou, but the rest of the cast plus Mr. Dake howled with laughter.

A week ago Monday evening, costumes were given to the main cast and the extras under the direction of Mr. Cassidy. Almost all the girls costumes have skirts with hoops that collapse every five minutes and to see Gene Yunt in his bright blue army uniform is a sight for sore eyes. "Bev" Watson was heard complaining that while all the other girls always got beautiful costumes she always had a maids or a working girl's costume.

Pat Center has a big job as Student Director and is beating her brains out every night until 6 o'clock trying to make things run smoothly.

Everyone is working hard trying to make the play a success and you can help also by remembering that on October 22, next Tuesday, you are going to see "The Straw Hat" in all its glory.

### CAST MEMBER VIEWS PLAY

By Virginia Erhardt

As October 22 draws nearer and nearer, the members of the cast for the "Straw Hat" grow more and more tense. Play practice has been in full swing for about a month and the play is developing slowly but surely under the able direction of Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Drake, and the student director, Pat Center.

During the last week there has been a change in the cast. The part of the Baroness, which was played by Joan Feldman, will now be taken by Shirley Williams.

There will be an assembly tomorrow morning in which costumed members of the cast will present cuts from the play.

Tickets will go on sale this morning in all the home rooms. All profits go to the sophomore class.

## WILD LIFE MOVIES SHOWN BY DAVE WILLIAMS AT ASSEMBLY

Mr. Dave Williams, the eminent authority on Wild Life, spoke at an assembly Friday, October 4 at 8:30 in the school auditorium.

His talk consisted of an explanation of a movie that had been taken during the past six years spent in the Hudson Bay region.

The first picture concerned the life of deer in the cedar swamps, and deer hunting in Canada. The second picture had to do with moose, in a new public park region erected for the enjoyment of the tourist. The third was about the hunting and trapping of bears, and the fourth concerned the capturing of timber wolf and coyote.

While showing the pictures, Mr. Williams told of many interesting experiences he had been through.

### BULLETIN

The Seven-Day Wonder column will not appear this week because of lack of space due to "Straw Hat" publicity. It will be continued next issue.

## Father Flanagan Blames Parents For Delinquency

Delinquency of children was blamed on parents Friday, October 5, by Rev. Edward Flanagan of Boys' Town, Nebraska. Speaking at John Adams, Father Flanagan, as we know him, discussed delinquent children. He was brought to South Bend by the Civitan Club, an organization to assist youths of this community. Father Flanagan spoke of the neglect of parents for their children. He stated, there were no bad children. Children did good in their own eyes, for they followed the example of their parents.

The program was well done, opening with a twenty minute concert by the John Adams Band. Their repertoire included, "Rusticon," "Students March Song," and "Lincoln Lyric, Overture." Rev. Frank Cavanaugh, C. S. C., gave the invocation. Mr. Allen was master of ceremonies. Mayor Dempsey welcomed Father Flanagan. Technicolor movies were shown of the last Civitan Halloween party. Mr. Sessler of Notre Dame introduced Father Flanagan.

## SCHOOL BAND, UNDER DEARDORFF, OFF TO BIG START

Cecil Deardorff, director of Adams instrumental music, has commented frequently on the advancement of the organization from last year. Mr. Deardorff seems to think that the band is "off to a good start."

The band has played for all the home football games. The intricate bicycle and merry-go-round novelties as well as school initials have required a great deal of practice. The band also provided

music for the Civitan sponsored speech by Father Flannigan on Friday, October 4 held at John Adams.

The schedule has been a busy one to say the least, and the future is to be equally as busy. Plans to travel to Elkhart for the football game there on October 18 have already been made, and a clever novelty is to take place during the half with Elkhart's band.

The high goal the band has set

for itself is the eventual state contest victory. It will try its skill again this spring at that contest.

The orchestra and dance band are off to a good start also, with the last having scheduled a performance in the near future. All of this takes a lot of practice and the rehearsals are numerous. Band practice is held sixth hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as well as Tuesday and Thursday

mornings. Orchestra is scheduled for Wednesday morning, and dance band Tuesday and Thursday sixth period, and on Friday morning.

This work obviously takes a capable director, and Adams has been privileged to have Mr. Deardorff for three years. He was recently promoted to head the instrumental part of the school city's music department. He is assisted by Mrs. Lewellen here at Adams.

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## WHY I AM AT JOHN ADAMS

(Joseph Howell, is a student in one of Mrs. McClure's English classes, gave the following speech on "Why I Am at John Adams." Joe is a sophomore A, and already has shown fine qualities of sportsmanship and desire to do right for his school and friends. He and his brother Don, who was elected senior class vice-president, are certainly a credit to their race.—Editor, Tower.)

One reason why I am in John Adams is; when I was a small child, I had always wanted to go to Central High School. Three of my brothers graduated from Central. When they came home from school every evening, they would talk about their pleasant experiences they had had during the day. When I had progressed in school up to the point that I was able to attend Central, I found that the people of my racial group were not doing the things which were right. I went to Jefferson in hopes that when I had finished my course of study at Jefferson that the boys and girls of my racial group would have quieted down, and I was right, they had. During my stay at Jefferson I met so many friends and had so much fun with them that I could not leave them to go to any other school.

Another reason is that I like real competition. Whenever I was chosen for a team or had my choice of whose side I would like to be on, I hardly ever tried to get on the best side. A man who has to work hard for what he gets will enjoy it more than the man who gets the same or better results half-trying. When a powerful team conquers a weak team, it is nothing new, but when an underdog overcomes the powers of a great team, that is a victory that will remain in your mind forever. These are the reasons why I'm in John Adams today.

When a man is no longer anxious to do better than well, he is done for.  
—Benjamin Robert Haydon.

### DRAMA CLUB NEWS

The Drama Club has gotten off to a good start this year. They have lost many good seniors but have also taken in quite a few promising "sophs."

There was a big crowd at the Coke on October 2. Mrs. Garwood gave several readings and Mrs. Loring accompanied her on the piano.

Already the committees for the big play are working their fingers to the bone, so that the stage will be decorated with some nice-looking scenery. The costume committee sees to it that the costumes actually fit the person and don't bag. The prompter's job is also difficult as they must know the whole play and all the gestures and pauses. You've heard that saying, "A prompter can make or break a play." And what would the actors and actresses do if they didn't have those all-important articles, known as properties? Each committee has its own faculty sponsor, so you see what is meant when they call "The Straw Hat" an all school play.

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## STUDY HALL DRAMA HORRIBLE THOUGHT FOR PEACE LOVERS

By Lois Lenon

Every hour in the day finds the delightful sunshine room number 106 filled with merry students happily engaged in devouring their text books. Mr. Crowe, our football coach, is divine ruler of the realm until the 6th hour, (that's the hour when all the other classes are enjoying chocolate malts and marshmallow sundaes to refresh themselves) when our school counselor, Miss Burns, takes over. Statistics from the "Blurb and Gulp Survey," show, without a doubt, that sixth hour study hall is the hardest one to teach. Instead of finding merry studious people you find the fugitives from a 6th hour pass, whose grades aren't high enough or couldn't find a job.

### QUITE A CLAMBAKE

When "Burnsie" takes the attendance a deadly silence rains over all. (Man do we get wet). Then she thunders "All set"—the boys shake hands and our able basketball team dashes into the library for choice seats. There are always some exceptions to any rule and we have some in this case. The exceptions are those smart boys who know it is useless to move into the library because they would only be requested to leave that silent cubicle to search for other fields of conquest. Some of the imps who are not quite so wise never learn. An example of this kind (Mr. Krider says not these kind) of boy is Pat (better known as Patricia) Biggs. With daily regularity Pat moves—then re-removes—and can be seen at about 3:05 slowly meandering back to home ground. Another fellow who has the same trouble is Dick Hammond, who in better circles is known as "Miss Ostrander's Pet Peeve."

Then we find the variety of person known as the "study-hall sneaker"—too cowardly to risk the chance of being kicked-out of library but brave enough to risk a reprimand from the presiding officer. The "sneakers" just have to get their Algebra (Giordano and Graf) or just have to get their civics (Wegner and Ziker) or just have to get something or other. Usually what they get is a gentle vocal nudge to "SHUT UP." A variation of this variety are the people who sit all hour and talk to themselves. These people are annoying because when asked who they are talking to they say "George." (This is absolutely no reference to the Hierens case!) These people can also be found reading joke books and laughing madly to themselves.

### "BRAINS" NOT HERE!

Then there are several other varieties of people that I will mention briefly. There is the guy who, on the days he is in school sixth hour, is located in the little office across the way trying to set his absence of the day before straight. You see his poor dear grandmother died for the ninth time, not insinuating she was a cat or any-

## Believe Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, the week-end of the 4th certainly left quite a few kids dragging low from lack of sleep. Huh, Pat Center and Doris Hardy?

Speaking of missing sleep ask Bob Kruyer, Byron Donohoe, "Potsy" Walters, and Forrest Smith how it's really done. They didn't hit the sack at all Friday night and left home at 5 o'clock Saturday morning to go squirrel hunting. Incidentally, they came home with one measly little animal!

Believe me, I would suggest that Ted High and Nick Nichols keep an eye on their two girl friends Joan Wine and Pat Bonnell. They might also watch out for a couple of senior wolves, Bob Schultz and Bob Smith.

Seems as though a few kids believe in keeping friendship locked in a tight little circle within their own families. For instance, Joyce Schlieger has been seen with Mary Kaiser's brother, Hugh, and Nan Bartol with Bob Giodano, Nancy's brother.

In the "Nickname" article last week there was one noticeable exclusion, "Woody" better known as Betty Cole. If you hear a quaint noise drifting through the corridors that resembles a woodpecker tapping away at a telephone-pole, don't be alarmed, it's merely "Wood" Woodpecker Cole.

Believe me, Joan Hasson was one of the happiest girls you've ever seen the week of Sept. 29. Cass, her "fella" from the army, was home on furlough.

Nancy Flickinger was seen leaving the Washington game early to meet her new friend, Jack Houston. A late-comer at the same game was Dave Cox, who came to meet Lois Lenon. Both couples were headed for the Palais Royale and Frankie Carle.

thing, but she's just been so-o-o lucky. And last of all we will consider those people first mentioned in this little piece, those people the teachers think so much of, those people who study. The few "book-beaters" in this hour are scattered sparsely throughout the study hall at various tables. All the other "brains," have tried to get any hour but this because they know what sixth hour study hall is like. Their books are always open and their crammed heads are bowed as if in prayer for those of us who are not quite so industrious. After considering the many different types of people we come to the end of the day in "106" and at 4:00 we often find a choice few who just couldn't bear to leave this haven of sunshine and peace. And so, without further ado we say—

"God Bless You all,  
In Study Hall Brawl."

To keep apples from spoiling, they should be placed in a cool room in the house occupied by a family with eight children.

**DORIS MOXLEY TREKS SOUTH IN VACATION**

Many have gone to various places of interest this past summer. Doris Moxley, for instance took an interesting trip to Savannah, Georgia.

On June 23 she left South Bend for Chicago where she boarded a plane to Savannah, Georgia. It only took from 12:30 P. M. until 5:00 to reach the destination. Imagine! and usually it would take at least twenty-eight hours! The feeling she had while on the plane was hardly explainable. Ears buzzing, head aching, but all in all it was loads of fun, she says.

While in the South, Doris along with her cousins, took a trip to Florida to spend the day at the Atlantic ocean. There were many sand dunes at the beach where she visited which made the scenery even more beautiful.

Doris inhabited Savannah for six weeks. During her stay she met many friends and went to various places of interest.

The trip home was much more interesting than that to Georgia. She was accompanied by her cousins who drove back. First of all they crossed the Savannah River. Next they visited Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. It is the oldest college for women in the United States. They crossed Mt. Eagle and Signal Mountain around Chattanooga, Tennessee. Chattanooga is surrounded by mountains which makes it a beautiful city. One of its most interesting is Lookout Mountain. From this mount you can see seven different states. Settled on top of it is a regular city. Travelling to the top she said her ears buzzed more than when she was in the plane. As a matter of fact, the height of these mountains was equal to the altitude of an airplane. The mountains were interesting especially for the vegetation and numerous hillbillies who inhabited them.

In Nashville, Tennessee they stopped at Fisk University and Meharry Medical school.

The next place of interest was Cave City, Kentucky with its underground caves.

After driving from Louisville and arriving in South Bend at 5:30 A. M., August 8 she was happy to be home but happier because of her delightful experiences.

**HOW'S THIS—FOR SENIOR GIRL?**

- HAIR—"Peachy" Lazzara.
- EYES—Carolyn Deardorff.
- FIGURE—Pat Thompson.
- NOSE—Betty Hulbert.
- LIPS—Barbara Sheehe.
- SPEAKING VOICE—Joyce Huffman.
- CLOTHES—Delores Brunt.
- PERSONALITY—Betty Lou Bryant.
- SMILE—Bobby Stanz.
- BRAINS—Kathryn McVicker.
- COMPLEXION—Idamae Fisher.

**HOW'S THIS—FOR SENIOR BOY?**

- HAIR—Bob Holcomb.
- EYES—Bill Thoner.
- NOSE—Rod Million.
- BUILD—Roland Fye.
- VOICE—Bob Kruyer.
- CLOTHES—Bud Geleide.
- PERSONALITY—Dewey Moore.
- SMILE—Dick Jensen.
- BRAINS—Jerry Gibson.
- WALK—Bill Green.
- MOST ATHLETIC—Don Howell.

**SCHOOL THERMOMETER**

- Kruger-Giordano—hot.
- Million-Bryant—Cloudy.
- Donahae - Hardy — unforeseen changes ahead.
- Joris (alumni)-Addison — continued fair.
- McNeile-Guyon—no showers—fair and warmer.
- More-Gradecki—Winds in the northwest.
- Haney (N. D.)-Gentry—continued mild.
- Trim-Flickinger — storms expected.
- Personette-Center—Snowstorm-warm weather expected soon.
- Smith - Clark (alumni) — cool breezes; fair and warmer.
- Fye-Peterson—drop in temperature-early frost.

Killing time is not murder—it's suicide.

**Complete "Blow by Blow" Account of "Kid Brother"**

By Margaret Ford

Gather around all you girls for here is a little dope on boys. Not those tall, dark and handsome ones, but those little darlings called brothers.

We all love our brothers—especially on Friday night when our honey comes to call with a couple extra quarters or maybe fifty cents for special.

"A Daily Week With Brother" usually starts with a bang. My sister and I are awakened with a crash and a bang of doors, to make sure we are not asleep. After this how could we be. School takes up most of his time. Goody! Goody! Arriving home after school we are met at the front door by the blaring of the radio. He must listen to Dick Tracey and Superman. After having a long argument on who is going to the store, it usually ends up to be us. When we reach home with our arms filled with packages, who bumps into us and knocks us down, but brother. When our girl friend, Agnes comes to chat with us guess who is at the key hole. Hard isn't it? Hearing the latest gossip he tip-toes into the kitchen to tell mother that Hank kissed Helen and also stopped the car and put his arm around her. Also, Helen said it was heavenly. When Bing Crosby is on he must practice his singing lesson, not because he wants to, but because he thinks he's better than Bing. His allowance is taken care of on Friday and Saturday nights by Tom, Dick, and Harry. He always charges five cents for every minute not already counted for. At 9:30-10:00, sigh, peace comes at last. After one day, need we suffer through any more?

Girls, if you don't have a brother you are really missing something. What you are missing I really don't know. But try to guess.

**REMINISCING OVER ALL THOSE LITTLE THINGS**

What would Adams be without: Mr. Neff's Pepsodent smile? Our usual amount of steadies? Twenty gals struggling to see the mirror before advancing to their classes?

The Voice and his way with gals? (Meaning Gooley).

A girl's sixth hour gym class during the football season? (How about that Joy H. and Ginger R?)

Mr. Krider, his plaid shirts, and his fascinating ties?

Bobbie socks and bangs? Mass traffic and last minute dates between classes?

The lounging couch in the library? (I'm certain Bill Grounds has a priority on it.)

Piles of schoolwork over the week-ends?

A few broken bones and spirits in the attempt of boarding a school bus?

Glee Club rehearsals where Wade and Bradley come in late every time?

Teachers and books? Someone forgetting to return an overnight book?

Tall handsome seniors everywhere you look?

Mr. Reber's jokes? Poor work slips?

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### EAGLES SENSE FLICKER OF ELKHART BLAZERS

Team Invades Blue-White Gridiron Friday Night

A gang of rejuvenated Blazers will be hoping to make their victory flame grow a little higher come this Friday night when John Adams' Eagles invade the Elkhart-an's green pastures to gain their first conference victory.

Starting the season in a terrific slump, the Elkhart gridders looked hopelessly in the cellar, but the new coach has pulled his team up from way down and gained considerable respectable attention when they scored three times against Laporte.

At this reading it is possible that the Eagles tasted victory in Plymouth, but if not, they will be just as hungry for a little of the Blazer's meat. Last year's battle, the first of the series, was won by Adams, 13-7.

From all indications it looks like a battle royale and plenty of good football for all attending.

### WASHINGTON WINS 31-6

The Adams Eagles fell to the "Fighting Green Wave" October 5 by a score of 31-6.

Persistently throughout the first half Adams proved hard to score on.

After Bill Stamer broke away on an 11-yard end sweep and the Panthers took a 7-0 lead, Barritt came back on the kickoff and was downed by the last possible man between him and paydirt.

A couple of plays later, Joe Howell cut outside his own right tackle and sprinted 67 yards for a touchdown.

Don Howell, Joe Howell, and "Moose" Barritt played the entire game. Joe Plott and John Bowman alternated at quarterback. All of these boys but Don are Sophomores.

In the line Nick Nichols, Ellis Robbins, Lynn Wright, Dave Irwin, John Leonhard, and Dick and Don Truex saw action at the end posts. Captain Bill Gooley, Earl Troger, Manual Jackson, and Tom Lane filled in the tackle positions. At the guards were Jack Wegner, Bill Roberts, "Marv" Seaman, Dewey Moore, and Keith Zieders. The centers were Don Simon and Bob Dieter.

### CHAMPION GOLFERS FINISH SEASON WITH VICTORIES

With two victories in the final week of play, the Adams golfers finished second place in the conference. The season wound up with four victories and two defeats.

Following a win over Washington and annexing the "State Tournament" at Laporte, the golf squad finished in quite a winning streak.

Newly elected Captain Jim Sennett, teamed with Johnny Weissert, Paul Bumann, and Ernie Mendler, to make it three straight, by dropping Mishawaka 11½-½. Sennett, Weissert, Worth, and Million made four straight by landing Michigan City a 9-3 defeat.

In the Mishawaka duel Sennett shot an 84 and won his round 2½-½, while the other three won their rounds 3-0. At the end of the 18 holes, Weissert had 81, Bumann 85, and Mendler 80. Ernie Mendler's 80 made him medalist.

In the Michigan City contest Sennett shot an 83, Weissert an 86, Worth a 92, and Rod Million shot an 84. Sennett's 83 made him medalist.

### TOWER SPORTS COLUMN

by Jack Highberger

Understood our editor, Jimmie McNeile, and his shadow Pati Guyon really received a royal welcome at the Washington "pep" session, on the morn of the "big" game.

As you know lately there has been a great deal of chatter on school spirit. I believe all that we need is a shot in the arm of some "victory serum" (Washington, Riley, Central, Mishawaka version) and then the students would really support their team. To date we have been so victory starved that any loyal student's spirit would be dragging bottom. Coach Crowe promises a good team within a year or two and I, for one, am willing to stick with him. How about you?

LaMar May has been just short of a Gunder Hagg in leading our Cross-country teams to victories this fall. Nice going La Mar!

Dick Trim is lost for the remainder of the season with a broken knee. Richard is expected to be among the "missing" next semester, as he is moving near Ann Arbor as soon as a house is available.

How do you like that band leader Ted High getting a free plug over the P. A. at the Adams home games? Let's look into this!

Some rumor going around that said a kid named Sennett played on the Adams golf team was quickly eliminated by your wide awake reporter. Where did that idea come from?

Bargain: A transaction in which each party thinks he has cheated the other.

### "CRAZYLEGS" JOE HOWELL ATHLETE OF WEEK



"Joe Howell goes sixty-seven yards and an Adams touchdown." Those were "golden" words that came from the announcer on the

public address system at the Adams-Washington game. Joe's run was one of the longest touchdown gallops in Adams history.

Joe, due to a heart ailment didn't start to run hard until a year ago. He was a terrific ball carrier at Jefferson where he paced the squad to a 21-0 victory over Nuner last year. Joe scored twenty of those points.

"Crazylegs" also excels in basketball and baseball. Joe is only a Sophomore A and has two big years of varsity competition left.

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### ROTARY REPRESENTATIVE INTERVIEWED

South Bend's Rotary Club, which meets every Wednesday noon at 12:15, entertains a different speaker each meeting.

Last week the Director of Music at Purdue University spoke before the members of the club. Strickland Gillian, the noted humorist of Washington, D. C., will be the speaker for next Wednesday's meeting.

The senior representative from John Adams for the Rotary Club is John Bennett, who is a senior A.

What do the members of the club do at the meetings? There is always the question of food, so naturally they eat. Their attention is then given to the speaker for the present meeting.

Mr. Bennett was asked about the duties he performed at the club meetings, he replied that at present there were none. He may be called upon to give a speech sometime though.

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