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PATRICIA CENTER AGAIN PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

Assists Casaday and Pate
In Second Operetta;
Third Major Job

by Pamela Hudson

When I found that Pat Center was going to be the student director for the operetta "Katinka," I thought an interview was in order. Pat is a veteran at this job, holding it for both the operetta "Patience" two years ago and "Straw Hat" last year. It's strictly "behind the scenes" work and few appreciate all the time and energy expended by a student director.

In a nutshell it's being a sort of chief cook and bottle washer to Mr. Casaday as far as Pat's concerned. Starting with the try-outs, she is at every rehearsal and takes over completely some of the lines and individuals, as well as a few of the after school rehearsals. She keeps an eye on all the committees—tickets, publicity, scenery, costumes, and properties. On that fateful opening night, Pat goes through all the stage fright and jitters along with the actors, while keeping peace among the overwrought geniuses participating.

Pat has worked with Mrs. McClure, Mr. Dake, and Mr. Cassiday. It always amazes her how much they can get done—how easily and quickly things shape up under their hands. She likes to work with the

Jeanette Jackson, Senior B, Comes 20 Miles From Ranch To School Each Day

Are you disgusted with life in the city? Do you get tired after walking eight blocks to school every morning? How would you like to get up every morning at five to begin a twenty-five minute ride to school?

Jeanette Jackson, a 12B, lives on a twenty acre ranch near Cassopolis, Michigan. She comes twenty miles every morning to attend Adams so that she can be with her friends and because Cassopolis High does not offer the subjects she desires for college. She is planning a major in science.

The Jackson's raise wild mallard ducks, ring neck pheasants and wild turkeys. The fowl are dressed and frozen and are shipped to all parts of the United States, Canada, Cuba, and Porto Rico. Through advertisements in SPORTS A-FIELD and FIELD & STREAM, they have had inquiries from Portugal and Hawaii. Although the majority of buying is done in large quantities, the Jackson's will sell you a nice 15-lb. dressed and frozen turkey for \$25 for Thanksgiving dinner.

The Jackson's have operated this farm for only a year, but in the middle of last summer at the height of the season they had over 1,000 mallard ducks and pheasants.

USHERS CLUB PREPARES FOR SECTIONALS

HALL BOY SYSTEM,
REVISED BY CROWE,
IS WORKING WELL

"Hall pass!" is the familiar sound heard in the halls lately. The hall system, revised by Mr. Crowe, has proved to be quite successful. Every student in the hall during class hours should be able to present a pass. The following are a few rules the hall boys must enforce:

a. Hall pass should be properly filled out and should be official passes of the school.

b. If pass does not fulfill the requirements the student should be sent back to the teacher who issued the pass.

c. Visitors are not allowed in the hall without a pass from Mr. Rothermel's office.

Mr. Crowe commented that the faculty is quite proud of the grand job the boys are doing. When visitors enter the building their first impression is naturally what they see in the halls so with cooperation from all we can remain proud of our fine school.

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kids, watching them develop from the try-outs and really become the characters they portray. Rehearsals are loads of fun, for there's never a dull moment—there are always plenty of "slips."

Tower Behind Brotherhood . . .

"Brotherhood—Believe it, Live it, Support it," is the motto of American Brotherhood week which is February 15-23. It is altogether fitting that this week should include George Washington's birthday, for he was one of our greatest believers in equal rights for all, which is the purpose of this week.

Brotherhood week is set aside for special observances on this subject by different organizations of all kinds. As Adams is having no special program, it is up to us, the students and faculty, to do a little "Brotherhooding."

Here at Adams, one can be proud of the basketball team which is itself an excellent example of what this week stands for. The boys of our team are not chosen because they are of a certain race or religion and, as a result, we have a good team. They work together as one, and the rest of us get behind and back them as a unit. We root for one and all regardless of color or faith, because they are our team.

So remember "Brotherhood—Believe it, Live it, Support it." Make this your special golden rule for this and every week.

BEAT ELKHART

Mr. Weir's Men Ready For "Annual Headache"

John Adams' Usher Club was the first school club formed in the new school in 1941. In the organization's six years existence, it has become an integral part of the school life.

NEW CLUB ORGANIZED FOR STUDENTS WITH MUSIC INTERESTS

A new club has been organized at Adams, which has received very little publicity. This is, in part, owing to the fact that the club does not have a name.

This club is for people who intend to do something with music in the future, either professionally or as a hobby. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of every month at noon in the Student Lounge. The club has a membership of fifteen people at the present time.

At the last meeting, good radio programs were discussed and a list of these will be posted for the benefit of the members. In the future they will discuss musical advantages in South Bend, opera, the teaching of music, and other equally interesting topics.

This club is particularly for those people who think they will continue with music professionally and who would like to learn more about different phases of music, before deciding definitely. A prospective member should contact Mrs. Pate or Kathryn McVicker for other facts about the club.

COUNCIL HANDLES TICKET PROBLEM

Mr. Rothermel, sponsor of the student council, visited the group at their last meeting and explained that the administration and faculty were whole heartedly behind the smoking council idea. The plan is also so well received since no member of the faculty or even the sponsor had a hand in its forming.

At this meeting, the council also adopted the plan for sectional ticket distribution as outlined at a recent faculty meeting. No change was advocated by any member of the council.

FRIDAY LAST CHANCE TO ENTER CONTEST

The last game of the regular basketball season is Friday night in Elkhart. Consequently, this is also the last chance to hand in your prediction for the contest. Turn in your guess on this game to The Tower box in room 205 and maybe you will be the lucky last winner of the season and have a chance to compete for the grand prize at sectional time.

Officers for the 1946-47 school year are: Bob Smith, president; Kevin Navarre and Bob Krug, captains; Dewey More, recording secretary; Russel Olheiser, activities secretary; with Mr. Volney Weir, who has been the faculty advisor ever since the club's formation.

The forty-four members usher at school athletics and plays, Civic Music Assn. and South Bend Symphony concerts, and special programs sponsored by various civic organizations.

The jobs are many and varied for an usher. Perhaps the biggest job is finding the correct reserved seats. This will be a terrific headache at the coming sectional and regional basketball tournaments. The boys are stationed throughout the building to enforce smoking regulations, see that no cokes are brought into the auditorium, keep people off the basketball floor, allow only those with tickets into the auditorium, and generally keep the peace.

An award of one merit is given for every time the member works. After fifteen merits are earned, one chevron given, for thirty-five merits a second chevron, sixty merits earns a gold pin, and after eighty merits a white star. There are special awards given for those who accumulate more than this.

ADAMITES FAIL TO RAISE TOWER SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Tower drive this year has resulted in a total subscription of 425 copies of the paper. The 425 copies includes those sent to other schools, those given to the teachers, and other complimentary copies. There are 300 students that subscribed on a yearly basis and 85 renewals on the semester basis.

The number of copies sold during the second semester is always less than during the first semester. Even so, the number of subscribers is just about the same as it was during the second semester last year. However, if you want to subscribe for The Tower and haven't done so, there is still time.

Adams Elkhart	
Lorraine Hoover	42 39
Jean McCaffery	41 38
Bill McCann	39 37
Rita Stebner	38 36
Marshall Romine	40 47
Marylou Bowman	43 42
Lois Beck	38 39
Alex Fuller	36 37
Delores Brake	38 40
John Leonhard	39 35

BROTHERHOOD IS DEMOCRACY

"Just another week set aside for something or other," you say when someone mentions American Brotherhood Week to you. But, you're wrong, for this is not just another week set aside for something or other. It's a special week for promoting more tolerance and greater understanding among the people of our nation. We should not just practice these things during a certain time, but always at all times. This is the foundation of our democracy, the things which our fore fathers fought for, a brotherhood of all.

Yet you say, "Don't the people

in other lands need this more than we do? After all look at all the trouble they're having in Palestine." Here is our President's answer to that—

"Our own land can make no greater contribution to this troubled world than to establish brotherhood as the rule of life among all citizens of every religion, race, or national origin. . . . We cannot hope to commend abroad unless we practice it at home."

So in the words of Mr. Truman, it is up to us to spread brotherhood to all and let's keep it up the rest of the year. Are you willing?

NO PREJUDICE — REAL TRIBUTE

This year, on Armistice Day, we disregarded our tasks and at eleven A. M. stood at attention. We paused, faced the east, and heard the melancholy notes of "taps." We thought not only of the first World War, but of a second more ferocious one.

As our thoughts rested upon one of the many boys who died in that war, we didn't wonder what his religion was, or his creed, or his race. We only remembered, perhaps, that he was a quiet, rather serious lad, who, had he lived, would have done a great deal for the world. As so many of us attempted to restrain tears, we thought only of how that boy died, how he felt as he died, what he died for.

As you and I and Americans all over the country stood in memory of those who gave their lives, there was no prejudice in our hearts or minds, no prejudice against color, race, or creed. During those few moments, they became a huge army of men, all one color, one race, and all one creed. They weren't Catholics or Protestants. They were only fellows with familiar faces, fellows of vigilance, fellows with great spirits that must never die.

The spirits of those men must prevail in this world for they demand equality and peace for all on earth. They had faith in the world, so much faith that they gave their lives for the assurance of its preservation.

If we now are prejudiced toward anyone because he is black, or because he is a Jew, or simply because he does not do things as we do, we will be sending a shameful roar of laughter into the faces of those men. We will be hastening the time when other men must suffer their fate.

To be prejudiced is to be hateful and hate narrows one's personality. If we will love and not be prejudiced toward our fellow beings, we will experience exaltation and peace of mind.

Only those who are selfish or who are afraid are prejudiced. Those people create fear and jealousy in the minds of others, making the world one of frightened egotism—a world weak in benevolence and peace.

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The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The true majesty consists in work. What a man can do is his greatest ornament.—Thomas Carlyle.

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THEY CALL THIS AUTHOR "THE DREAMER" - - - GUESS WHY?

The younger generation has decided how perfect school would be if:

School proceeded to open at 9:30 instead of the unhappy hour of 8:30. An extra hour of sleep on a cold morning does wonders for your depressed spirits.

The buses to school were provided with all the comforts of home. All except mother, that is.

No tests were ever given. Heavens, we always pass them anyway.

The younger generation is smart. Lunch hour was extended so there would be enough time for a short nap. We get so little beauty sleep at night.

There weren't gym classes five times a week. A healthy helping of Kasco Dog Food puts us in as good a condition as the agonies of gym class.

The entrance to school were equipped with revolving doors. It's rather a problem when about seven people, all abreast, try to squeeze through one little door. The chairs in the classrooms were cushioned. A hard chair is most disagreeable to the tired body.

As a last factor:

How perfect school would be if there were no school at all.

CLUB NEWS

DEBATE—The affirmative team represented by Mary Troub and Paul Chalfant went to Central Wednesday for a debate assembly with Central's negative team.

DRAMA CLUB—After finishing plans for the trip to Chicago, it was decided that all wishing to go should give their money to Mrs. McClure by Friday, February 7. During the remainder of the meeting, the first half of the records of *The White Cliffs of Dover*, read by Lynn Fontaine, were played. The last part will be played at the February 12 meeting.

USHERS' CLUB—During the week of February 3, William Lake received an Ushers Club white star.

Y-TEENS—At the Wednesday, February 5, noon meeting, songs were sung after a short business meeting. Two new members, Doris Taylor and Phyllis Loutzenhiser were taken in.

BEAT ELKHART

When a number of students at Adams were polled as to who was their favorite actor, actress, and movie in 1946 it turned out as below.

Actor	
Gregory Peck	33%
Peter Lawford	16
Gary Cooper	9
Rex Harrison	8
Alan Ladd	8
Dennis Morgan	8
Actress	
Olivia de Haviland	41%
Ingred Bergman	25
Bette Davis	25
Jennifer Jones	9
Best Movie	
To Each His Own	33%
Blue Skies	26
The Dark Mirror	17
Notorious	8
Sister Kenny	8
Spellbound	8

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Believe

Me!

by Pati Guyon

Believe me, among our noon-time romances are two tried and true couples. Bob Neilson meets his Phyllis Hertel every noon, and Bob Kruyer picks up Joyce Schleiher to take her to work.

These couples were seen at the Prog. dance Feb. 7: Georgia Drolle and Rusty Koenigshof, Laura Beth Miller and Don Crawford, Dave Gibson and Lenore Tucker, "Junie" Frash and Mary Louise Schwier, Peachy Lazarra and Rod Million, and Pat Hardy and Gene Ramsby.

Something Old: Bill Fultz and Lorraine Edmonds.

Something New: Bill Reinke and Rosemary Talbot.

Something Borrowed: Shirley Williams.

Something Blue: Joan Dibble.

Believe me, Sam Jennings and Betty Granat are certainly happy when they're together.

Nancy Gioidano was with Jack Weil at the John Adams-Riley game.

Joyce Bulla and Bob Grodey have now been going steady for five months.

Keeping pretty steady company lately are Joan Inglefield and Bob Manby and Pat Thompson and Jim Bowlin (alumnus).

Myra Roberts seems to think Central has more to offer than Adams, for she and Don Lambert have called it "quits" at least for the time being.

Seen at the Hi-Y "Swing-Heart-Sway" Feb. 14: Bill Screes and Barbara Stanz, Fred Wegner and Betty Lou Bryant, and Fred's brother, Bob, and "Punky" Kint.

Believe me, when the Hi-Y reviewed it's new members "bright-boy" Bob Waechter insisted on knowing which ones had big sisters!

Pity the poor people in St. Joseph's Hospital! Ann McNamee and Frank Elliott are now working there. But don't worry, Mary Kayser is also there so the patients won't be too neglected.

Life is not a having and a getting; but a being and a becoming.—Matthew Arnold.

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OUT-OF-TOWN BALL GAMES REQUIRE PLANNING

Facts About Team Travels Prove Interesting

A game out of town for the Adams basketball team entails a lot of previous planning. This planning dates back to the time when the contract for the game was signed sometimes two years before the actual game is played. Officials, must be contracted six months or a year before the game.

A few weeks before the game is played other details arise. Transportation, usually a chartered bus, must be found. Thirty people usually go on these trips so arrangements for eating must be made ahead of time. Another important item is the time factor. Mr. Rothermel, who arranges most of the details, has to decide how long the traveling, eating, and dressing will take, and set the hour of departure accordingly.

A day or so before the game the team managers start to work. They must pack all the equipment needed, such as shoes and suits.

It is easy to see that team work starts before the game is played. Team work starts when the first arrangement for the game is made.

BOYS GAIN HI-Y HONOR

Ten new members were voted into the Adams Hi-Y club last week. Several others made application but were not accepted because of the limited number that could be taken in according to the membership quota.

Details of the initiation service held last night will appear in next week's Tower.

Those accepted were: Ray Seifer, Gene Wright, Bob Parker, Bill Stanfield, Al Lohmann, Mac Busert, Dick Carlson, George Swintz, John Horvath, and Bob Wegner.

A broken friendship may be soldered, but will never be sound.

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WRITER CAPTURES A FEW OF THOSE TALL, TALL CLASSROOM TALES

School has its drudgery and toil, but it does have its humorous incidents, too.

This story is told of Miss Kaczmarek's Latin class: The fair teacher called on one of the brighter boys of the class (it couldn't have been Jerry Gibson, could it?) and asked him what a mental reservation was. "Well," he said, pausing for deliberation on this profound subject, "an Indian reservation is a place where they keep Indians, so a mental reservation must be a place where they keep mental patients." Oh, the originality of that statement!

Yea, Mary Kayser
 Mr. Goldsberry tells the story of his last social living trip to Chicago. The "social livingites" were visiting one of the very worst slum districts of Chicago. The streets were deplorable, the houses were deplorable, the people were deplorable! A man walked out of one of these houses (?) and seeing Mary Kayser, spoke to her in the friendliest, "Oh I'm glad to see you again" way. Hmmm—Nice boy friend this gal had! Of course the whole class teased her about her friend all the way home. She blushingly tried to give them some tale to the effect that he had bought something from her in a store where she worked. Are you still blushing, Mary?

Bill "Wheel" Green
 Speaking of "Goldie," he seems to get a big kick out of making his gum chewing students stand on tiptoes with their noses circumscribed by a chalky circle drawn on the blackboard. That's not so funny to the delinquent student; people get more pug noses that way!

One day Miss Bennett asked Dewey More to cite a moral problem of South Bend. He said, "There is always the immortal problem of delinquency." Wonder what Dewey got in Civics!

Then there was the time Miss Bennett asked a Civics class what a "whip" was in Congress. Bill Green decided he was a "wheel" or a "gun." Not so far wrong either!

So Is Gibson
 Dave Gibson had the last word one day in history—to tell the truth he didn't get to finish! So the next day Miss Bennett asked him to review what he had been saying on the previous day. He deliberated, then said, "I don't know, but I'm sure it was good!"

Then there's the master's room—105—. (Amen.) All Mr. Krider could tell was this funny, but tragic tale:

"The Master's" Trick
 Last semester the final exam for his English VII class was to write a soliloquy of Hamlet and comment upon one of its lines. He then left the room. We wouldn't like to infer that the students copied, but somehow those papers were strangely similar. Therefore, they had little time to write on the comment of a chosen line. The catch to the story is that Mr. Krider did not read the soliloquy (oh what a sly trap, and they fell for it.) for he was only interested in what the students themselves had to say. Take a lesson from this article, kiddies—few people are interested in what you have memorized, but rather what you have learned.

PREDICTION CONTEST ENDS FRIDAY

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

by Pat Hardy

ALLEGAN HIGH SCHOOL—ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN—Students of Allegan were instrumental in making The March of Dimes a success in their city. They put on two basketball games for the public, and the proceeds were donated to The March of Dimes. The seniors at this school also have a trip to Chicago, but not quite the same plans are followed—they go by boat.

RILEY—Riley is working hard on its annual year book, "The Hoosier Poet." Pictures of all the home rooms are now being taken. Social chairmen from each of the senior home rooms met recently to make plans for the annual senior sport dance which was held last night in the Riley gym. The dance was titled, "The Last Chance Dance," due to the fact that Lent starts today.

WASHINGTON — The career minded west side school is sponsoring additional talks this month for its students. For the first time, the junior class will be entitled to present a three-act play to the public. This event marks the first time such a thing has taken place at Washington. The title of the play is "Going On Seventeen."

LAPORTE — "Superman" visited LPHS two weeks ago in the form of Mr. Cedric Erickson, Laporte grad, who plays the part of the wonder man in WGN's serial. He told the sociology class how movie and radio plays are made.

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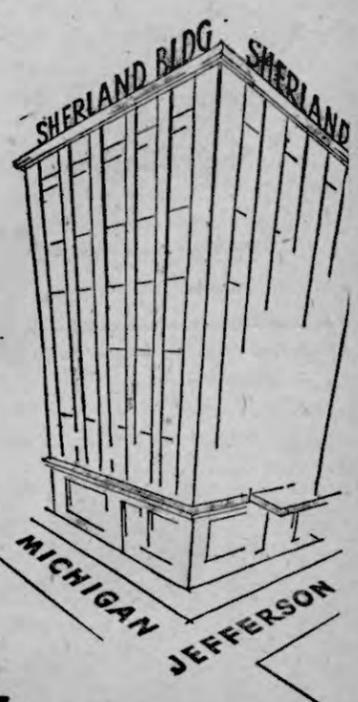
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WILDCATS BLUSH AS ADAMS PULLS "PINKIE" WITH FIRE-WAGON BALL

Adams pulled a naked reverse on Riley's Wildcats and really showed them some "fire horse" basketball in winning an overtime nerve-racking contest, 45-44. It was the third straight time that Riley had been shut out from victory from Adams and the second game which was decided in an overtime period.

The Eagle lads stuck to the sub-zero weather and gave the Rileyites the "cold shoulder" for the majority of the game. Adams led most of the way by a very slim margin, but it wasn't until the final stanza that the 'Cats really put on the pressure. Cliff Foster and Lora Overholser kept the 'Cats in the winning all the way. Foster was highly successful on his pivot shots. Overholser's "scat" antics kept the Eagles on the hump the entire game.

Those high-arch shots of Personette's that just miss scraping the ceiling were clicking like clock work. One of Glenn's successful tosses was from way past the ten second line.

All questions such as "What's happened to the Adams team," went out the window in a game which saw the Truex Twins run wild, "Moe" Ziker "stealing" the ball like Al Capone and all the Adams players working in unison. "Hillie" Howell was retired by personals from the game early in the second half, after scoring 12 points. Rollie Fye was in for a while but when he decided to take things in his hands, he also was "asked" to "please" leave the floor by one of the referees.

Dick Truex sunk the last three points scored in the overtime by Adams. The last was a charity toss with about 30 seconds left to play. The game was the seventh overtime game in Adams' history and the fifth in which Adams was victor.

Adams' Eagles, previous to their victory over Riley, lost a close encounter with Culver's "red hot" Indians. "Powell's pack failed to come back," in the last quarter with enough points to win. The final score read 41-37 Culver.

HEY, B TEAM — BOB PULLED THROUGH!

by Bob Gross

John Adams' Eaglets chalked up their 13th and 14th wins of the campaign in 18 starts by trouncing Culver 28-14 and Riley 19-7.

Culver took an early 6-5 lead, midway in the initial stanza, but it was short lived; Adams 21, Culver; still 6. Adams reserves coasted in the final period.

The Riley encounter got off to a slow start, Adams leading 3-1 and 7-3, at the close of the first two periods. In the closing half, Dave Coker threw in eight points to spark Adams' drive. He copped scoring honors with three more than the whole Riley aggregate, aided by 4 of 5 charity tosses.

The team is striving to top last year's team, which won 15 of 19 games. There are two more games remaining.

TABLE TENNIS TEAM WHIPS WASHINGTON

by Jerry Shulman

John Adams' table tennis team won a match from Washington 5-0 in the latest league game.

Five players are on each team and each plays a match with a player of the other team. The score is decided by the number of boys winning and losing their matches.

Ronald Lynch, Dick Everts, and Bill Rummell each won one match and Paul Lyons won two. The "B" team also won by a score of 5-0.

In another meet the Eagles floundered under the Central attack mainly because the best players were not able to be at the match. Adams lost 0-5.

LONGFELLOW, DADDY OF CONFERENCE COACHES, HOST TO EAGLES FRIDAY

The dean of the eastern division coaches, John Longfellow, will floor one of his upset teams when his Blue-Blazers throw out the welcome mat this Friday over in Elkhart. Adams' Eagles will be the visitors to the Longfellow machine.

Elkhart, paced by Jim Linn, Harold Heeter and Ed Longfellow, will be the favorites. They hold a two point victory over South Bend Central in the Hammond holiday tourney and are even sharper on their home "banks."

Adams couldn't be considered a doormat for they only lost out to Central by one point. The game should prove interesting with Adams using almost an entire under-graduate varsity. Under grads, who are showing well for Coach Powell, are, Moe Ziker, Don Lambert and Dick and Don Truex.

HIGHLIGHTS by HIGHBERGER

Jack Michaels and his "body guard" Jack Stauffer hold the title as the most consistent Adams fans. Neither of the lads has missed a single Adams' basketball game all year.

Nick Nichols, former prize fighter, lost in his last fight by means of a sneak attack on the part of his opponent. Nick didn't hit the canvas, but he was surprised by a terrific slap to the face by his "flabby" handed pursuer.

Teddy Smith now answers the phone in his "quiet" Lincoln Way East estate with the following phrase "Ted Smith, uncrowned champ of the Paper Weights, speaking."

Definition of Charles Ortt: "A poor man's Joe Boland."

From a most reliable source comes the story that there has been some dissension on the Mishawaka team lately. It seems that a personal feud between the two "Pecks

bad boys," Noble Rhoutsong and George Harley, is brooding. Harley is quite peeved at Rhoutsong scoring more points than he, and this has caused a great deal of grief for Coach Wukovits. It seems that when the two are in the game together, one refused to pass the ball to the other. This is the main reason for Harley not starting the last few Mishawaka games.

"Coach" Gordon Barclay of the Adams table tennis team recently added another trophy to his collection. The latest was won at Des Moines, Iowa.

Look a likes: Bill Rummel and "Glimpy" of the East Side Kids.

Lynn "Angel" Wright, the "Jack Armstrong" of Adams, is one of the many up-and-coming wrestlers in 4th hour gym class. "The judge" recently pinned five opponents in one period.

Exclusive: Paul "Tiger" Lyons has gotten a hair cut. Many of his closest friends, including "Quitie" Rummel were just about ready to buy "Tiger" a hair net to keep his golden locks from falling over his ears.

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