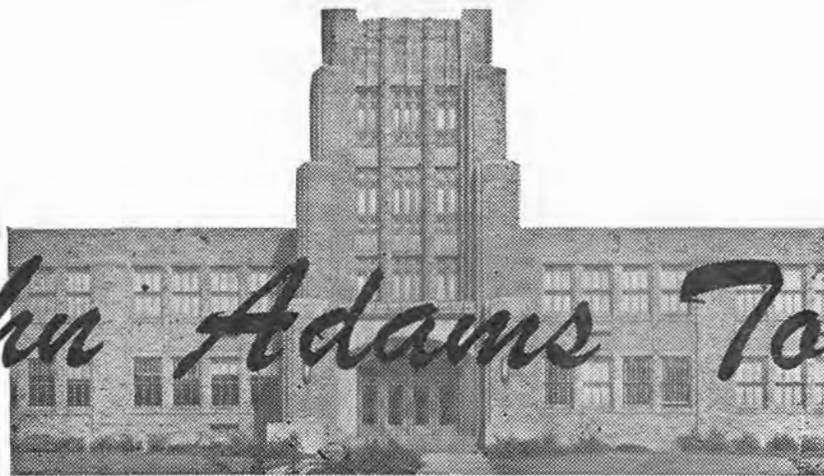


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New Students Come To Adams From All Parts of Country

Approximately one-half of the student body at John Adams is enrolled in the freshman and sophomore classes. The majority of these 450 students entered from Lincoln, Jefferson, Nuner and St. Joseph Grade School.

From our neighbor state to the north, Michigan, we welcome Agnes Kroshinsky, Cecil Robbins, Naomi Ross, Micah Ross, and Martha Keim. Norma Hall attended school in Glendale, Ohio last year. Shorewood, Wisconsin gave us Barbara Fine. From Illinois comes Dudley Willis and Marcedis Wynns. The near and far west also contributed students. Jean Cummings attended school in Kansas City, Missouri last year. Ned Dugdale and George Roeger lived in Minnesota, Maurice Tanner attended school in Hutchinson, Kansas, and Sharon White went to school in Denver, Colorado. Sondria Rodman attended school in Phoenix, Arizona last spring. Eastern states are also represented at Adams. Last year Joan Shotola was in school in Torrington, Connecticut. Shirley Bull called Manchester, New Hampshire, her home. New John Adams students from Indiana outside the South Bend area include John Brandt, Ronald Burcham, Carol Coleman, Norma Cooper, Jack Cromer, Robert Demler, Irene Kaiser, Daniel Kovach, Nancy Parker, David Pihl, Norman Pihl, Bruce Thompson and Carol Wilson.

"High School Day" Again on I.U. Campus

On October 6, Indiana University is again sponsoring "High School Day" on the campus. It will also be Indiana Band Day with bands of many high schools in the state presenting a half-time exhibition during the I. U.-Pittsburgh game.

Guided tours of interesting places on the campus will start at 10 a.m. The next highlight will be the game at 1:30 p.m. Students' admission to the game will be 75 cents.

John Adams is not sponsoring this activity providing transportation for students who plan to attend—everyone is on his own—but Miss Burns should know by Monday, October 1 who plans to attend so she can send a report to the University.

A. H. S. Welcomes Exchange Students



It is unnecessary to introduce Ingrid Schonauer, a four week veteran of John Adams. Ingrid is an exchange student from Mondsee, Upper Austria. Ingrid, a junior B, arrived in the United States in August and came to South Bend to live with the Kintner family. This opportunity was made possible through the Exchange Activities section of the U. S. Army of Vienna. She was one of the four students from Austria to come to the United States. The Brethren Service Commission of New Windsor aided Ingrid in finding a foster home during her stay.

The differences are many between schools in Austria and our American schools. To begin with, Ingrid's school, which was not co-educational, has no flowers or lawn as it is situated in a downtown district. The school has 350 students in comparison to our 900. Adams, scholastically, must be a dead pipe cinch to Ingrid. She carried thirteen subjects in Austria in sharp contrast to the four solids she has here. The biology class is especially interesting to her because of the abundance of equipment. The typing room is also new to her.

Another sharp difference between Austria and the U. S. is the dating situation. Ingrid says that dating isn't usual until a couple is practically engaged.

Ingrid has had no occasion to feel like a stranger likes Adams and its friendly spirit

BAND JUDGED EXCELLENT AT RIVERVIEW

On August 30 at 3:30, sixty members of the John Adams Band left South Bend to compete in the annual Mardi Gras Marching Contest held at the Riverview Amusement Park, Chicago.

After the contest, in which our band received an excellent rating, a treat was in store for band members. Free rides were furnished by the Amusement Park. To top the evening off, the band stopped at Michigan City for a well-deserved midnight snack.

There were many favorable comments on our uniforms and Adams has good reason again to be proud of its band.

Arthur Kubo, another newcomer to Adams as well as to this country, is a sophomore in home room 203. His mother is an exchange teacher from Hawaii, working at Franklin school. Arthur, whose hometown is Honolulu, finds both the new city and school quite similar to the ones in Hawaii. His school which had 300 students, went from the seventh to the twelfth grade. They had many practice teachers in their classes, having two or three student teachers plus a supervisor for each subject.

Arthur has joined the band here at Adams and enjoys the facilities of Mechanical drawing and the machine shop. Although Arthur seems to be happy in his new surroundings, home will be welcome when the time comes.

P.T.A. to Feature Panel Discussion On Student Needs

The Adams Parent-Teacher Association will present for its first meeting of the 1951-52 year, on October 2, a panel discussion with one parent, one teacher, and one student participating. A committee of four seniors, Judy Cambell, JoAnn Turner, Bud Parker, and Fred La Cosse will choose a representative from the students to present their views on "What the Student Needs From Parent and School." Mr. Kermit Thompson, of the Adams faculty, will tell "What the School Expects of the Parent" and Mr. Elmer Wiseman, a member of the P.T.A. and general chairman for the evening, will present "What the Parent Expects of the School." Mr. Alonzo Goldsberry will act as moderator of the forum. Mr. Howard Moore is in charge of the music for the evening.

This program, special for the Fathers' Night meeting, is open to all Adams parents, students, and teachers.

N.R.O.T.C. Bulletin

The sixth nation-wide competitive examination for the Navy College Training Program has been announced. The examination which is open to high school seniors and graduates will be given December 8, 1951. The winners will be given a four-year college education at government expense and will be commissioned as officers of the Marine or Navy Corps after graduation.

Any male citizen between the ages of 17-21 is eligible to take the test. Those who successfully pass the aptitude test will be interviewed and given a physical examination. If they qualify, their names will be given to state and territorial selection committees.

The students selected will be assigned to the 52 Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps units which are located in various colleges. They will be made Midshipmen, U.S.N.R., and will have their books, normal fees and tuition paid by the government. After receiving a commission the men are required to serve two years in active duty.

Further information may be obtained from Miss Burns.

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From the Editor's Scratch Pad

With our increased enrollment, one of the biggest problems seems to be getting to know everyone. This is the reason for the Friendly Campaign.

The campaign was started by a committee from one of Mr. Goldsberry's civics classes. The civics classes each have a planning committee which governs the activities of its class. The democratic form of conducting a class has heightened the responsibility of each student as the success or failure of the experiment lies within the individual. Various skits have been staged, one of the most recent ones being a law of the United States stating that "Every person, student and faculty member of John Adams High School shall attempt to be friendly to each other in school or on the grounds of J.A.H.S. during the first week of introduction and indefinitely there afterwards."

Although the campaign will only last a week the feeling should linger on. It's amazing how many wonderful kids you don't know just because they don't happen to be in your classes or in the clubs you have joined. There may be a date in the offing or maybe just a good friendship just from lowering the angle of your nose, opening your eyes, and offering a smile to all.

Lots of times two people, let's say a boy and a girl, will come down the hall in opposite directions. They are the only two people around. The girl says to herself, "Hmmm, he's kind of cute, wonder who he is . . ." and the boy at the same time is wondering, "Now she looks familiar, seems to me I've seen her around . . ." As they pass, the girl finds something else to look at and the boy stares straight forward. Just like the song "She Lived on the Morning Side of the Mountain, But He Lived on the Twilight Side of the Hill." It seems so simple—all they had to do was speak or at least exchange smiles.

At first it might seem a bit strange or even embarrassing, but after awhile it will be surprisingly easy. Funny thing, after you get to know them, people are awfully human. Just smile and you'll see.

Et Cetera . . . Let's all see if we can't help Mrs. Earl with her job of keeping study hall quiet. If we don't talk, no help is needed. . . Congratulations to Central for their victory over Mishawaka. . . Be sure to subscribe to the TOWER . . .

Honderlick Smith From Lower S. B. to Adumandsubstractum

Perhaps this story will help you to enjoy and appreciate Adams more. "Once upon a time in a land called Lower Southbendia, there lived a poor little orphan girl named Abbysentia von der Honderlicker Smith. (They called her von der Honderlicker Smith for short.) Now, poor little Abbysentia worked very hard in the coal yard all summer so she could go to school in the fall (What a nut!) As the first day drew closer she became very excited. Soon she would be able to go to school, which was fifty miles away and called John Addumandsubstractum High School.

"On the first day she was up at 4:00 a.m. After eating her breakfast of black bread and water, she started out. Two weeks later she arrived at school, out of breath but very excited. (She probably had run all fifty miles.) In the school yard she greeted her best friend, Iva Odor. They entered the school together. The door clicked shut and locked behind them.

"All day long Abbysentia labored, breaking rocks with a sledge hammer and digging ditches. Through all this Abbysentia was happy. Her one aim in life was to be the head of a road gang. 'Ahhhh,' she often thought to herself, 'what a life!'

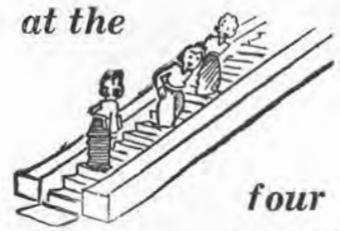
"Every night she curled up in the school yard and went to sleep (probably dreamed of rocks and sledge hammers.) Abbysentia never complained; even though her teachers cracked whips and screamed at her, she never said anything. (Nobody had taught her how to talk yet."

"On her 65th birthday, Abbysentia graduated from John Addumandsubstractum High School, and lived happily ever after on her old age pension." Janet Burke.

"FULL MOON FROLIC" IS SENIOR CLASS SUCCESS

On Saturday night Adams held its first school party of the year, the Full Moon Frolic, sponsored by the Senior Class. There were all kinds of activities sponsored by many of the school clubs. The Glee Club had a coke bar; Album, Weight Guessing; Hi-Y, a Basketball Shooting Contest; G.A.A., hotdog sandwiches and home made cake; Tower, a Fortune Teller; Drama Club, tickets for the play; Y Teens, fudge and cookies; Ushers Club, a Nail Driving Contest; Jr. Red Cross, home made candy and cookies; Debate Club, a Miniature Golf game; Screen Club, a movie; and the Senior Class a dance featuring the Gordaon Smith's trio. Chairmen from the Senior Class were: Dave Boldon, records; June Crawley, decorations; Mary Ann Kenady, publicity; Fred LaCosse, booths; and Jack Noyes, clean up.

The party, the first of its kind to be held out of doors was a real success. At least 400 students attended and all reported they would like a repeat performance.



at the
four corners

Wanted: A girl with a South South Bend Symphony ticket to accompany **Bob Stone**. Must have ticket or need not apply.

Seen at "Polly With a Past": **Sonja Hoover, Chuck LaPierre; Joan Moore, Bob Shula; Jackie James, Mickey Young; Kay Mitler (Riley) Rick Messick; Pat Wilson, Jack Longly; Sue Angus, Norma Grimshaw; Sally Buchanan, Jim Cierzniak; Budy Cobb (Nuner), Bill Blue.**

Studies: **Sharon Kerner, Paul Szymanski (Central); Jo Ann Kohler, Dave Biser; Linda Heighter, Don Blackford (Washington-Clay).**

Walking and talking: **Bill Dieter and Phyllis Sells; Mary Ann Anderson and Jim Dincolo.**

Congratulations to **Jim Martin** for learning how to shake hands in one easy lesson!

How about sending a few cards to **Sam Rice**, our football player who is ver yill?

Seen at a recent hayride: **Judy Hunnhagen, Dick Shaw; Colleen Callsen, Dale Vermillion; Jan Schwier, Bob Stone; Sally Kissing-er, Don Ball; Charlotte Copper (Central), Joe Kreitzman; Kathy Sears, Jim Carithers.**

What's poor **Mari Anne** going to do now that **Lennie's** away?

By popular vote the bubble gum blowing champion of the school is **Miss Gwendolyn K.** She even has a promising pupil to carry on her skill. Her name is **Mrs. Hazel McC.** The two gave an exhibition at the Full Moon Frolic September 15.

Others seen at the Frolic were: **Bruce Parker with Jill Jacobson and Gingie Steinmetz with Fred LaCosse.**

According to the Frolic fortune teller, **Rocky Ferraro** is destined to become another Costello! (Watch him.)

The Adams players are so talented that they don't have to play in a game to get bruised—they can get run down in their own back yard.

Ahhhh . . . the library—romantic rendezvous for **Sue Pascoe** and **Paul Geiger.**

You've heard of faces that stop clocks—but **Sue Bennett's** will do even better. Ask her about the time the South Shore came to a screeching halt when she looked at it.

Another outside interest: **Jim Kanouse** dating **Linda Lowe** (Beiger—Mish.)

IN MEMORIAM

The Tower on behalf of the student body of John Adams wishes to express deepest sympathy to **Mr. Casimer Swartz** on the death of his mother.

Priorities Needed At Fountains: Adams Still Grows

The seniors will tell you, and the juniors will tell you, but they're the only students left here who can say they came to Adams when it was a small school of six-hundred students. The halls weren't too crowded, or even very noisy—but now look! The drinking fountains are surrounded by people, ten or twelve deep. Getting a drink now almost demands a priority. Pity the poor soul who has to go from the second floor to the Little Theatre or gym class. He must fight his way through the mob, and is hardly in condition to sing or to do any exercises after all that.

Of course, we knew there would be more new students this year than last—that's almost always the case. But we forgot about quantity "X." There are six or eight people in front of your locker each morning—to see you?? No, they belong to the four lockers next to yours, the ones that were empty last year. They talk about things like English I, and Mr. Hunter, and "next year when we're sophomores . . ." then you realize they're freshmen. You knew there were little people in this world, but you never dreamed that an Adams student could, much less would, duck under Mr. Krider's arm as he holds the door open to welcome his senior English students.

Even though one must plow his way through the mob at Four Corners at the end of each hour, there is something missing. What can it be? . . . oh, last year's seniors. It's going to be terribly lonesome without them. But who's that darling fellow over there?—he looks like a senior—maybe he's from out of town. Discreet investigation discloses the following facts: He's 6'2", weighs 170, plays football (Coach Murphy says he's very promising) is only fourteen years old and is a freshman of all the rotten luck.

Yes, things have changed here at Adams. New teachers are seen popping out of corners, little blurs at the end of the hall turn into students as they come nearer, and it seems that we share textbooks now instead of having two copies—one for home and one for school. We

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Rotary and Kiwanis Representatives Chosen From Seniors

The Junior Rotarian, chosen by the 12A rooms to represent John Adams at the weekly luncheon meetings, is Ed Conrey from room 103. Besides enjoying the good food, and hotel atmosphere each week, Ed will participate in any activities the organization plans for the Junior Rotarians.

Larry Wickizer from 106M is the senior representative for the Kiwanis Club's Thursday luncheons. Larry will attend with boys from the three other high schools and will take part in the program planned by the organization for their junior members.

A very small boy came home almost in tears from his first day in school. "Ain't goin' tomorra," he spluttered.

"And why not, son?" his mother asked.

"Well, I can't write and I can't read, an' they won't let me talk, so what's the use?"

Poise is the art of raising the eyebrows instead of the room.--Anon.

do miss our alumni, and maybe we wish we could be one little family again. Really though, we're happy to see that Adams is now eight hundred eighty strong—and will grow, and grow, and grow.

—Mickey Jamison

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The Week's Eagle

FRED LA COSSE

This illustrious contributor to John Adams student affairs is a 12B in room 106; was born June 22, 1934; has dark blond hair and blue eyes; weighs 155 pounds; stands five feet, ten inches tall and if you say it nicely, will answer to the name "Pitty Pat."

Fred is president of our Glee Club, vice-president of the Student Council, vice-president of the Hi-Y, our Junior T. B. League representative, and a member of our baseball team. Outside of school, Fred is president of his Sunnyside Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, plays American Legion Baseball, and is a De Molay.

Fred enjoys playing the piano or quartet singing; his favorite food is porter-house steak; his favorites in music are: "Rhapsody in Blue," "Stardust," and choral music by Bach. His favorite subject is Civics because "I learn about what I've believed in for the past seventeen years." His pet peeves are 'high hat' seniors and girls who open doors, put on their own coats, etc.



WWhat do you look forward to in fall?

Alice Barry—The football games.
Sharon Rickert—My "wonderful" school studies.

Pat McIntyre—The return to dances and social life.

Jerry Wachs—Football season and the start of the basketball season.

Joan Spillman—Loads of homework.

Charlotte Kronewitter—The beginning of senior year and out of school.

Edwina Tucker—Basketball games.
David Bessler—Football.

Gladys Miller—More football and the Rainbow doings as well as the Horizon meetings.

when on a date. Qualities that he admires in a person are friendliness and "a person who acts natural." When asked what he liked best to see a girl wearing he said, "Usually a bathing suit." Then, "Depending on the girl!"

After high school Fred plans to enroll in either Hanover College or Indiana University and eventually to become a dentist.

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Slicers Take Eagles In Conference Tilt

Still looking for their first conference win, the Eagles dropped their second N.I.H.S.C. tilt to the LaPorte Slicers on Kiwanis Field September 21. The Slicers rallied for three touchdowns in the final to defeat the Eagles 25-7.

The Slicers started things off by scoring on the opening kick off. After that they were practically stopped by the Eagle defense. Dick Nideffer reeled off on a first down on the opening play for the Eagles. However, a fifteen yard penalty nullified a 20-yard pass completion, and Adams punted. LaPorte returned a punt and once again the Eagles piled up yardage. Most of the yardage was eaten up by Harold Pipke, who broke away on a 30 yard sprint and a Bill Dieter to Jim Brennan pass which was good for 20 yards. The Eagles lone break came when LaPorte fumbled on their own 20. Dave Scruggs recovered for Adams and after Pipke lost four yards Nideffer took the pigskin to the nine yard line. Pipke circled the end for the score. Dieter's toe put the Eagles out in front.

Both teams were held scoreless in the second period, but the Eagles piled up yardage. Harold Pipke ran thirty yards and Brennan went 35 after taking a pass from Dieter. The Eagles' line play was very good but they were again outweighed.

Cross Country Meet Adams, Riley, Central

Our triangle Cross Country meet with Riley and Central proved to be an exciting race. In the varsity race, Carles came in first for Central with the time of 11:13; second was Riley with a time of 11:32; Jones came in third for Adams with the time of 11:36. The Eagles placed as follows: Jones, Connon, Thomas, Kreitzman, Jurgoven, Good, and Grimshaw. During the first turn a Riley man was spiked. Even with this injury, he came through to finish second.

The "B" string didn't fare as well as the varsity, but they were at a disadvantage because most of them were inexperienced material. Central was first with the time of 12:05. Our first man on the "B" squad was Kimble; he came in in thirteenth place. The final score was Central 22, Riley, 26, and Adams 68.

We still need more men out for Cross Country. If you are interested, see Mr. Powell in the Boys' Athletic Office.

The farmer sidled up to the booth set up on the courthouse lawn.

"How about a chance, mister? We're having a raffle for a poor widow."

"Nope," replied the farmer glumly.

"'Twould be a waste of money. My wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

"B" Team Fails in First Try of Season

Adams "B" squad looked very good on defense in the first quarter as they held the Panther eleven scoreless in their September 25 game with Washington. On the first play of the second quarter, Washington scored from 58 yards out on a pitch-out to their left end, Griffin. The extra point try was wide and they led 6-0. Late in the second period Adams recovered a Panther fumble on the mid-field stripe, but time ran out before they could move the ball.

The third quarter saw the ball change hands several times with both teams stopping each others drives. In the last quarter, Adams had three good chances to score but failed each time. The game ended with Washington in possession of the ball on their 15-yard stripe.

"B" SCHEDULE

- Oct. 1—Riley, H.
- Oct. 8—Mishawaka, T.
- Oct. 15—Michigan City, H.
- Oct. 22—LaPorte, T.
- Oct. 29—Central, H.

The reason there are so few good talkers in public is because there are so few thinkers in private.

--Anon.

Tennis Team Loses To N. S. Fort Wayne

The Adams tennis team, coached by Mr. Reber, has won one match and lost three this season. The most recent game was with North Side of Fort Wayne in which Adams lost by the score of 2-3. In other matches this season Adams beat Riley by the score of 3-2 and has lost to Elkhart and Michigan City by scores of 1-4 and 0-5, respectively. The team is composed of Dick Peterson, Garry Puckett, Dick Beebe and Jim Kuntz. They play in this order.

Every match that the team plays is composed of three single matches and two doubles. The singles are played by the first three men on the team and the doubles by the first and third man and second and fourth man.

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