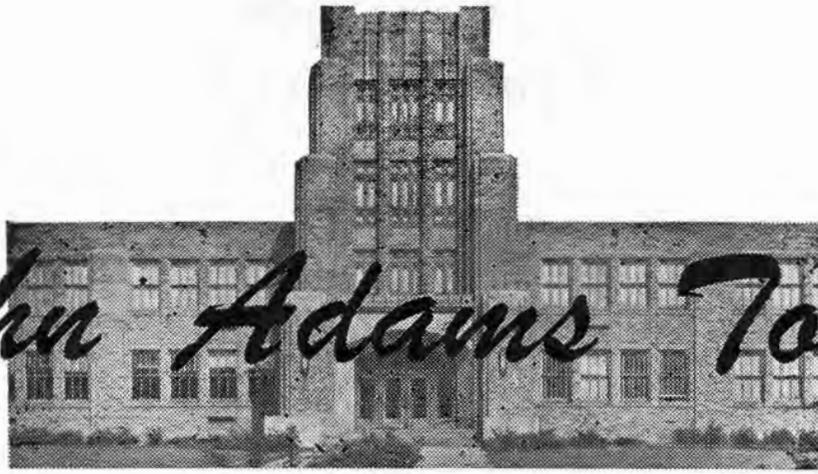


John Adams Tower



Senior Class Officers Announced



Pictured above are the 1953-54 Student Council Officers. Left to right: David Rogers, vice-president; Marylee Crofts, secretary; Sandra Hoelscher, treasurer; Norman Grimshaw, president.

Every Thursday morning, at 8:00 a. m. in the Little Theater, you will find the John Adams Student Council holding a meeting. Guiding its course is a corps of capable officers: president, Norman Grimshaw; vice-president, David Rogers; secretary, Marylee Crofts; and treasurer, Sandra Hoelscher. To help these officers carry out the projects of the Student Council is its sponsor, Mr. Kermit Thompson, and a board made up of Sally Stoops, James Miller, Kent Keller, Beverly Netherton, Robert Johnson, Janice Schwier, and Joan Moore.

Two of the best known projects of the Student Council are the freshman "Show-Ya-Round" and the sale of Adams hats. From the council membership committees are chosen to foster school spirit, arrange assemblies, and promote student welfare.

The council membership is composed of representatives and their alternates from each sponsor room as follows: 101, Ronald Farmer and Joseph Cissell; 102, Bonnie Hewitt and Harold Kind; 103, Richard Green and Richard Gibboney; 105, Harry Butler and Michael LeBurkin; 106, Dixie Douglass and Charmain Burke; 107, Donald Ball and Kathleen DeLeury; 108, Gwendolyn Garwood and Douglas Eichorst; 109, Jack Halpin and Rose Ferraro; 110, Thomas Horn and Mary Jane Green; 111, Tony Lacupo and Jane Martin; 112, Mary Ann Anderson and James Dincolo; 113, Thomas Troeger and Rita Stull; 114, Micah Ross and Robert Nelson; 201, Ina Cole and Thomas Angus; 203, Patrick Henry and Nancy Hertel; 204, David Beiser and Joan Misch; 205, Joan Moore and Janice Schwier; 206, Tim Petit and Gail Meyers; 207, Connie Kuhn and Lynne Lackman; 208, Barbara Waechter and Fred Williams; 209, John Waechter and Pat Woveris; 210, Jack Venderly and James Leighty; 211, Phyllis Stouffer and Mary Wenger; 212, Linda Rogers and Carol Weldy; 213, Thomas Sears and Marsha Root; 214, William Smith and Pete Sherman; 215, Robert Walker and Jeanne Weiss.

PRESS CONTEST TO BE HELD

The National Tuberculosis Association is sponsoring its seventeenth annual press contest this year. Any student in John Adams may enter. Entrants must write about "How Our Town Fights T. B." or "What Do We Know About T. B.?" Original titles may be used, but all material must be within the scope of the subjects. These articles must be published in November or December issues of our school paper.

In evaluating the papers, first considerations will be given to evidence of understanding the subject, factual accuracy, clear presentation, evidence of research, originality and good journalistic style.

Kovatch to be Honored At Adams-Riley Tilt

On Friday, October 9, the night of the Adams-Riley football game, the Veterans Council of St. Joseph County is sponsoring Ernie Kovatch Day in honor of this former Riley football player who has recently returned from a Korean Prisoner of War camp.

Before the game there will be a parade which will start at 7:00 p. m. at Madison and North Michigan Streets. The parade will proceed on Michigan St. to Jefferson Blvd., east on Jefferson to Eddy, and down Eddy to School Field.

Participating in the parade will be all veterans groups, the Adams and Riley bands, the 40 and 8 Engine, the Army and Navy Union, and all legionnaires in the vicinity. There will be convertibles carrying Ernie Kovatch and his family, Pfc. Donald Paul of Mishawaka, Mayor Scott, Mayor E. Spencer Walton, and Officers of the Commanders Council.

During half time, Mr. Louis Anderson will serve as Master of Ceremonies and all who participated in the parade will assemble on the playing field. The Welcome Wagon will present gifts to Mr. Kovatch, and the Commanders Council will present a gift to Mr. Kovatch and Mr. Paul.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a Memorial Service will be held for all the Adams and Riley veterans who did not return.

Thompson, Wedel Chosen

Following a tradition at Adams, the Junior Rotary and Junior Kiwanis representatives were chosen during the past week.

Jerry Thompson was elected by the senior class to be a representative for the next eighteen weeks to attend the Rotary luncheons every Wednesday at the Oliver Hotel. Jerry is active in the Monogram Club, participates in basketball and track, and is president of room 204.

Richard Wedel, a senior from room 204, was chosen by the faculty and Mr. Rothermel to attend the Kiwanis luncheons every Thursday for the next nine weeks at the LaSalle Hotel. Dick is president of the Monogram Club and captain of the football team. He is also on the track team.

Victors in the senior class election held October 1 and 2 were: James Miller, president; Paul Elliott, vice-president; Mary Wenger, secretary; Robert Shula, treasurer.

A pre-election rally was held Wednesday, September 30, in the Little Theatre. The rally began at 7:00 p. m. with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. The invocation was given by Joyce Fox, after which John Pence was appointed permanent chairman of the convention.

Following the election of the chairman, each candidate was given five minutes for a campaign speech and a demonstration. In the demonstration period the senior members of the band furnished the music, some of the candidates were lifted to the shoulders of their supporters and were triumphantly "carried" around the Little Theatre. Placards of all shapes and sizes were on display and all sorts of noise-makers were used to back the candidates.

Not any of the candidates won by a large majority as all the office-seekers were well qualified for the position they sought.



The announcement was made this week in all senior home rooms that the eighth nation-wide competitive examination for the Navy College Training Program has been scheduled for December 12, 1953.

All high school senior boys between the ages of 17 and 21 are eligible to compete. If a student passes the aptitude test he will be interviewed and given a physical examination; then if found qualified his name will be submitted to state and territorial selection committees.

If accepted by the NROTC college or university of his choice, the boy will be enrolled as a midshipman. He will receive \$50 per month to assist in defraying his expenses, but the government pays his tuition, the cost of textbooks, and other instructional fees.

Qualified graduates will be commissioned Ensigns in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Further details can be obtained from Miss Burns in the guidance office.

English Courses Offered at Adams

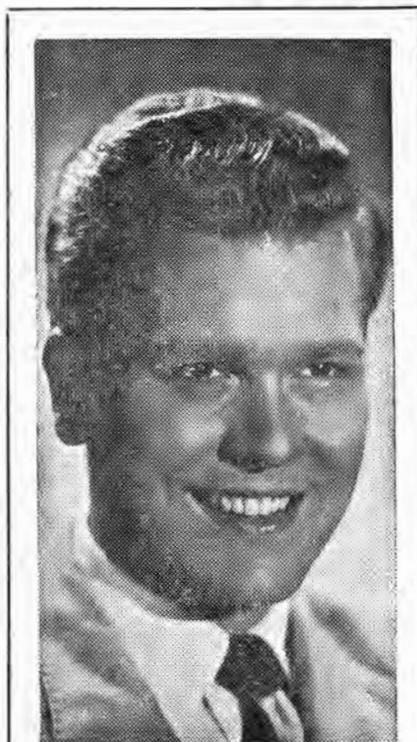
(This is the first of a series of articles planned to acquaint the students and their parents with the offerings at John Adams.—Editor's note.)

The purpose of the English teachers at John Adams is to improve each student's ability to communicate through practice in writing and speaking; in which case he is the sender, and through practice in listening and reading, in which case he is the receiver or the interpreter. Our teachers deal with increasingly complex ideas in order to enlarge the horizons established in the grade schools. Through the English classes, the teachers increase the student's vocabulary, correct his grammar, and help him to appreciate literature.

The State of Indiana requires three years of English, and John Adams highly recommends a fourth year. In the first two years the student pursues the basic skills. Every freshman is expected to buy a handbook which will be a private source of English reference throughout his high school career. English V and VI stress the study of American Literature—the meanings of freedom, democracy, patriotism, etc. The fourth year of study is optional. The student prepares himself for college and further polishes the basic skills. Emphasis is put on formal grammar and the study of straight thinking. Many fourth year students, by taking a placement test, receive advanced standing in their college English courses. Approximately one-half of the Adams seniors elect senior English each year.

There are at John Adams 296 pupils in English I and II taught by Miss Farner and Mr. Kaeppler; 263 in English III and IV taught by Mrs. Tash, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Krider; 237 in English V and VI taught by Mrs. McClure, Mr. Krider, and Mr. Carroll. Mr. Krider has 94 in his senior English classes.

FUN ON THE KEYBOARD



JAMES WELTY

A unique showman and musical artist, James Welty, will present an assembly program on Thursday, October 14, at 8:25 a.m. in the auditorium.

Mr. Welty's program, entitled Fun on the Keyboard, proves he can do three things well. He plays a remarkable piano, he can sing with the best professional entertainers and he is a consummate actor.

Whether he is mimicking a famous artist, singing a parody, laughing up his sleeve at grand opera or stumbling through a musical reading like a grade school boy, or playing tricks on the keyboard, he is giving his audience some real entertainment.

Apologies

The TOWER staff wishes to apologize to Mr. Litweiler and the Jr. Waltons for not listing their officers in the October 2 issue of the paper.

The ninety-member group is headed by James Dincolo, president; Janet Golba, vice-president; Gerald Badger, secretary; Michael LeBurkien, treasurer.

Europe As I Saw It

By MRS. HAZEL MCCLURE

(This is the first of a series of articles to be written by Mrs. Hazel McClure and Mary Lee Crofts telling of their experiences and impressions of Europe as they observed them this past summer.—Editor's note.)

The scenery of each country has as much individuality as each person whom one meets. Perhaps, one of the most impressive impacts made upon the American tourist in Europe is the luxuriant growth of flowers everywhere he travels.

IRELAND

When we landed from the tender at Cobh, Ireland, we were greeted with glimpses of bright-colored flowers covering the walls, in gardens, and in window boxes. Also, as we drove from Cork to Kilarney, the roadside was ablaze with fuchias, rose of sharon, wild roses and holly bushes of all varieties. The distinctive thing about the gardens in Ireland was that each one boasted calla lilies, just as each house proudly displayed its brass knocker shined to its gleaming best. Added to this, the picturesque thatched-roofed cottages along the roadside made the Emerald Isle a sheer delight.

SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND

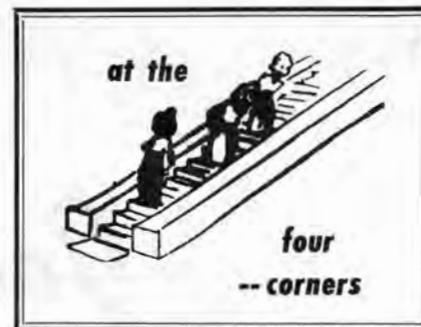
The gardens in Scotland and England were extravagant with roses and delphinium, and not matter how small the front yard; it was dignified by its formal hedge and planting of flowers. It was easy to understand where Percy Grainger received his inspiration for "Country Gardens." As we crossed the Trossachs from Glasgow to Edinburgh, we again were thrilled with the pictures of the "lochs" resting in the hollows between somewhat more rugged hills than those of Ireland. Perhaps, the most charming architecture in Britain is the Elizabethan, which one finds at Warrick and Chester and the towns passed through as London is approached from the north.

FRANCE

France was the birthplace of the formal garden, and there the most beautiful ones which we saw were at the Tuilleries and Versailles. We were very fortunate because the spectacular fountains were playing at Versailles on the day of our visit. This happens only once a month and upon special occasions because of the huge amounts of water which are need for the display. The foyer of The Paris Opera House is breathtaking with its lavish crystal chandeliers, marble stairs and columns, and gilded mirrors. On a trip down the Seine by boat we discovered that the bridges are each decorated with distinctive sculpturing at the river level. We said farewell to Paris by watching the lights come on over the city, and this was a truly dramatic experience.

HOLLAND

Holland was a charming place with its canals and windmills. The quaintest place which we saw was the village of Delft with its old Dutch houses. At night the main canal was lighted with electric lights placed in flower boxes just above the water level. The gardens in Holland were not as formal as those we had seen before, but there were the inevitable flowers everywhere. Mostly roses and (CONT'D ON PAGE 3, COLUMN 2)



Hooray, it's Friday again; no school for two whole days. But before you run off let's take a look at the chatterin's of this har student body.

The mailman is being kept real busy with the letters circulating between Phyllis Anderson and Steve Morse (Williams), Mary Ann Anderson and Roger Jurgovan (Purdue), Pat Moynihan and Elton Borecky (Purdue), Janice Henson and Fred LaCrosse (Wabash), Jan Schwier and Bob Stone (Nor. West.), Emalu Palm and Joe Landgraf (I. U.), Marylee Crofts and Joe Kreitzman (Hanover).

Hear there's a new athletic award being offered. It's called the "Bauer Award" and it is given to Senior girls in the sixth hour who are extremely peppy and athletic while playing softball.

Among the "nursery crowd" we find: Diane Halpin, Charlie Morse; (Two that seemed to have survived the summer); Nancy Hulton, Don Caron; Connie Kuhn, Chuck Ransford (soon to be leaving South Bend for New York); Lynne Lachman, Bruce Dwyer; Tom Sears, Paula Bryant (steady); Lynn Thomas, Bob BonDurant (Culver); Joan Berry, Tom Thompson (Central).

Question of the Week: Who fought in the Spanish-American War? (If in doubt, ask Sam Rice).

Orchids and carnations to the senior members of the band for supplying music for the "Senior Pow-wow." Never have we heard so much noise out of so few. Thanks loads!

Wow! Three weeks — three girls! For one guy, Dick Swayzee certainly gets around. Wonder what happened to the cute little Fisher twin!! Oh, well, one girl's loss is another one's gain.

Flash! LOIS VANCE BREAKS CAMERA! Latest report has it that while taking Lois' picture, Priddy's camera went whoffff! Say, now!

Hear tell that we have two in our midsts who are authorities on certain matters. Kathleen Brady can tell you all about "guess-who telephone calls" and Mike LeBurkien knows all about "Calling girls for dates." Wonder where they got all their information. Experience is the best teacher!

Tripping the light fantastic at a recent N. D. Victory dance: Sally Stoops, Ed Haley; Alverna Douglas, Phill Twigg; Joan Moore, Paul Hawblitzel.

Warning — Sophomore and Freshman girls!! (Ronnie McGregor is out casing. (dum, dum, dum, dum).

Question of the Week No. 2. (Directed to Sue Angus). How is it possible to take shorthand with a bicycle?

An Adams cheer for Bob Badger and Terry Tetzlaff who received "Outstanding Paperboy Awards" from the South Bend Tribune.

See you at the game tonight.

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Mr. Robert Rensberger, a native of Nappanee, has joined us at John Adams as a history teacher and a basketball coach.

In his spare time, Mr. Rensberger enjoys sports and wood working crafts.

He has no definite likes and dislikes; however, he admires persons who do everything to the best of their ability.

Mr. Rensberger thinks Adams is a fine school and is very pleased to be a part of it.

I. U. DAY TOMORROW

All Adams students are invited to Indiana University, where on Indiana High School Day, October 10, the Indiana football team plays Marquette University at 1:30 p. m.

The program for High School Day will start at 10:00 a. m. in the auditorium from which guided tours will be made to the visitors' favorite departments.

Student tickets for the game will be 80c. Adults can get in for the same price on the ratio of one adult to each five students.

Europe As I Saw It

(Continued From Previous Page) carnations were for sale on the flower stalls and at the flower market.

GERMANY

In Germany the war scars on the faces of the cities have not as yet been remedied by the plastic surgery of reconstruction as effectively as they have been in England.

As we passed through the valleys of the Black Forest, I felt as though I were traveling through a fairy tale

country, for the houses looked as though they must have come directly out of the pages of a book of "Hansel and Gretel."

SWITZERLAND

And then came Switzerland—the mountains with which each of us is so familiar; the charming chalets which cling to the sides of the slopes; the waterfalls which gush out of the rocks and plunge far below;

ITALY

Italy, in her turn, although she is much older and more wrinkled and frowsy than most of the other European countries, had her own sources of beauty.

came conscious of lemon and orange groves, and bougainvillea and hibiscus adding color to the landscape. As we clung to the side of the precipice on the famous Amalfi Drive, with the blue Mediterranean far beneath us and the white houses with their red tile roofs among the vineyards and citrus groves along our way, a feeling possessed me of wonder of the world, and miraculous way in which man has found his paths in it.

So there were hills, mountains, lakes, rivers, waterfalls, cities, buildings, war scars, but there were calla lilies, roses, delphinium, geraniums, too, each one of which in its own way gave to each country a personality of its own.

LOST—Sterling silver name bracelet with names, Mother, Daddy, Jerry, Naomi, Michael, and Ursula plus three armed forces emblems. Lost in south balcony of the auditorium between room 201 and girls dressing room. Return to Naomi Shulman, room 114. Reward.

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Eagles Try for First Win Against Riley Tonight

Kick-off Time at 8:00

The Adams-Riley football series has been a long and unsuccessful trek for John Adams. Thus far in the thirteen games series, Riley has won thirteen games. The series started in 1940 when Riley defeated us 13 to 6. Since then the scores have ranged from a 6-0 defeat in 1942; to a 43-0 defeat in 1944. Thus far in a comparative score, Adams beat Gary Lew Wallace 32 to 13; Riley blasted Gary Froebel 36 to 0. When the two Gary teams met, Lew Wallace trounced Froebel 26 to 6. If that score is any indication of tonight's outcome, it promises to be a very hard fought game.

ELKHART RALLIES TO DOWN EAGLES

The John Adams Eagles, with an upset in their minds, finally bowed to the Elkhart Blue-Blazers in the fourth quarter. The game boys from our school out-maneuvered the Elkhart boys for three quarters, before giving way to Indiana's 6th rated team, 18 to 13.

From the opening kick-off when the Eagles marched 60 yards to their first score, until a Goldsberry pass was intercepted with only 30 seconds remaining, the Eagles remained in contention. For our first score, Tom Goldsberry plunged over right guard for one yard. Tom also converted to make the score 7 to 0. Elkhart, however, came back within three minutes when Glassburn went over from the two. The first of three extra point tries was wide, and when the quarter ended, we led 7 to 6. Then we again took possession of the ball and marched 80 yards to our second score by Loar. The extra point was blocked.

The third quarter was even, but in the fourth and fatal period, Erich Barnes sprinted for two touchdowns to shatter our visions of a first-class upset.



Patrick James Dempsey, who has been playing football since 9th grade, holds down a guard position for the Adams eleven. He also runs the 220 and the 100-yard dash in track and participates in wrestling. Weighing 165 pounds, he stands 5'9", has sandy hair, and blue eyes. He was born on March 19, 1953, and attended St. Monica's (Mishawaka) and Nuner Schools before coming to Adams. At present he is an 18-year-old senior from home room 109.

Quoting Pat: "I like football for the simple reason that it makes a guy feel he's doing something not only for the school, but for himself."

School spirit is great! Just hope the performance of the team can encourage the student body to keep coming to the games."

Pat's main interest is football, but his time off the gridiron is spent hunting and fishing. He likes to watch musicals and comedies and his favorite "screen queen" is Debbie Reynolds. His food favorites include polish sausage, spaghetti, and chicken.

As for the future, Pat is still undecided. He would like to attend Western Michigan College and take up the study of air conditioning or refrigeration. After graduation from college, he hopes to find a position in a company or corporation operating in one of these fields.

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Cross Country Team Defeats Bremen, 25-33

On Tuesday, September 28, the Adams Cross Country team defeated Bremen in a dual meet at Potowatomi, 25 to 33.

Dick Dillon won first place with a time of 11:10.5. Dick is a competitor for the City Crown from John Adams. Second and third places went to Bremen. Adams won the meet on the strength of first, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth places for our 25 points. Bremen's best five included second, third, sixth, tenth, and twelfth places.

The correct way to score a Cross Country meet is to give first place one point, second place two points, etc. Any number may compete from one school, and the first five men to finish from each school figure in the scoring.

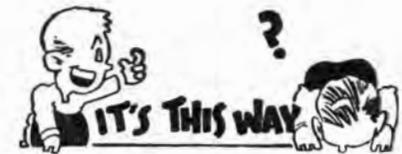
"B" SQUAD TAKES CITY

The Adams "B" team copped their second game of the season by defeating Michigan City 7-0. We marched 80 yards to a touchdown in the third quarter, with the drive being spearheaded by Bill Baird and the Robbins brothers. The touchdown was scored by Cecil Robbins, and the extra point was added by his brother, John.

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By JOHN PENCE

I am sure that most all of you at one time or another have heard a person say, "That score doesn't tell the true story." When we hear that phrase, most of us shrug our shoulders and say, "Oh, he's always complaining about something." On some occasions the person isn't justified, however, I found out the hard way that the Elkhart score (18 to 13) doesn't really tell the true story. The John Adams football squad, I believe, was a much better team than the score indicates. Our boys were leading 13 to 6 with only ten minutes remaining. Only in the final minutes did our defense show any signs of weakening. The most noticeable weakness was the inability of the offensive line to hold back the on-rushing defense of Elkhart.

Afterthoughts . . . Hurrah for the cheerleaders who put on a gallant show in an effort to get us to yell at the Elkhart game.

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