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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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Adams Welcomes Student Booster Club

1953 Football Team to be Honored At Annual Banquet Thursday Evening

The fourfeenth annual football banquet, in honor of the 1953 John Adams team, will be held at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church on November 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Joseph Kelly from WSBT will serve as master of ceremonies. Guest speaker will be Mr. Paul Boehm, assistant director of athletics for South Bend School City.

Special guests will be Mr. Frank E. Allen, superintendent of schools, Mr. Forrest Wood, director of athletics for the city, and the coaches from our feeder schools, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Nuner. The faculty, parents, cheerleaders, and friends are cordially invited to attend this annual affair.

A representative from the Kiwanis Club will present the Kiwanis award to the boy who in the opinion of the coaches, the principal, and the Kiwanis Club Board best met the thirteen different qualifications specified by the Club. Richard Wedel, president of the Monogram Club, will present that Club's award to the most valuable player as voted by his teammates.

All reservations must be made with Mr. Ralph Powell, Adams athletic director.

Girls' Ensembles and Boys' Quartet Selected

An ensemble of twelve girls has been selected from the John Adams Glee Club to present numbers when a small vocal group is asked to sing. The first sopranos are Sally Kissinger, Jean Haefner, Antoinette Bolin, and Nancy MacIvor; second sopranos are Susan Armstrong, Sally Stoops, Julie Harris, and Carol Erhardt; the altos are Janice Schwier, Sally Buchanan, Mary Clark, and Barabara Rasmussen. Accompanist for this group is Charmain Burke.

The group practices at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays and after school on Wednesdays. The ensemble made its first appearance when it presented two numbers at the United Nations Assembly on Wednesday, October 21.

A triple trio, composed of the nine ensemble members who know the music best, will sing at the December P.T.A. meeting and will accept in-

FEATURE EDITOR INTERVIEWS MISS VAL LAUDER

By Janet Burke

Miss Val Lauder, who delighted the John Adams student body on November 5 with her helpful and amusing story of her career as a newspaper woman, is now making plans for a career in fiction writing.

Last year, after seven years as a successful reporter for the Chicago Daily News, the versatile Miss Lauder left the News for a lecture tour of the United States. The program she presented at Adams was typical of her enthusiasm and sincerity which has made her tour so successful with student bodies all over the country.

Miss Lauder was born in Detroit, Michigan, and attended high school in Lansing, Michigan. She furthered her education with two years at Stephens College and one year at Northwestern University. At the very young age of eighteen she began her career as a newspaper writer. Looking back Miss Lauder says, "I was very fortunate in having a career so young. I know it's going to be difficult to continue into a new field and it will be challenge to me to keep growing. I have done so much and seen so many things in so short a time that I feel my career should be ending. In reality, it's just beginning."

Miss Lauder will return to her home in Massachusetts after her tour is completed. There she will study short story writing and fiction. Her book will be in the form of an autobiography sketch of her life up to and including her newspaper career. Undoubtedly, she will write with the same vigor and enthusiasm she has shown as a columnist and lecturer.

vitations to sing for other outside organizations.

The boys' quartet, composed of David Engle, first tenor; Robert Johnson, second tenor; Robert Nelson, baritone, and James Dincolo, second bass, also sang for the student body at the United Nations Assembly. The boys practice at their homes and occasionally work with Mrs. Pate in the evening.

REV. L. H. EVANS TO ADDRESS STUDENT BODY

Thursday, November 19, at 8:25 a.m., the Reverend Lewis H. Evans will be the speaker at an assembly.

For twelve years, Dr. Evans was the head of the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California, during which time the congregation increased from 2,300 to 6,400 members. Dr. Evans' comment to this increase was: "It made a rancher out of me instead of a shepherd."

Last May, Dr. Evans became a minister-at-large for the Presbyterian Church. Since that time he has been devoting his time to preaching, talking over radio and television, and in churches and universities.

Dr. Evans stands an impressive 6 feet 4 inches and looks like a powerful athlete. (He was an all-state football and basketball player.) In his sermons, he occasionally uses the phrase, "Who's coaching your life?"

While he is in South Bend, Dr. Evans will also speak at the Sunny-side Presbyterian Church.

1,200 TICKETS SOLD BY DRAMA CLUB

This year the John Adams Drama Club had one of its largest ticket sales for its fall production in the history of the club. A total of 1,200 tickets was sold for the play, "The Imaginary Invalid."

A contest was held to see who could sell the most tickets. This year, James Dincolo, a junior from room 112, sold 32 tickets. He was awarded a basketball season ticket. Right behind Jim, tied for second place with 30 tickets sold, were Patricia Connolly, a senior from 105; and a freshman, Mary Horning, from 102. They each received a one semester subscription to the TOWER.

Elaine Brown placed third by selling 27 tickets. Robert Ziker and Marylee Crofts sold 20 and 19 tickets, respectively.

Have you secured your Basketball Season Ticket?? First homegame November 25 with Gary Lew Wallace.

Seniors Responsible For New Group

For the first time in the fourteen-year history of John Adams, a student Booster Club has been formed.

The idea of a Booster Club was presented to the senior class by the first hour civics class in the form of a bill. The bill was passed unanimously by the seniors and then submitted to Mr. Rothermel for his signature. After Mr. Rothermel signed the bill, each civics and social living class elected two members and two alternates to represent each room at the board meetings.

The board members and their alternates are: Tom Sternal, Donna Tennyson, Nancy Hertel, Audrey Dempsey, Kathleen Brady, Ed Thompson, Bob Shula, Mary Clark, Myrna Cordtz, Frances Hutchins, Dick Swayzee, Dick Lomatsch, Joe Rich, Sally Stoops, John Pence, Sally Kissinger, Marilyn Wood, Beverly Seymour, and Larry Spradlin.

The following information has been announced by the board members:

- The Booster Club will be added to the other extra-curricular activities at Adams; therefore, the Club will hold meetings outside of school time in order to organize the cheering sections.
- 2. Mr. Vincent Laurita will be the Club sponsor.
- 3. Two sections in the south bleachers have been reserved for a card section.
- The Club is open to the entire student body, but students who wish to be in the card section must be season ticket holders.

Further information will be announced later.

"Get-Acquainted Dessert" To Be Held November 19

Parents of new students at Adams will be invited to attend a "get-acquainted dessert" meeting in the Adams cafeteria Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations will be taken so that home room teachers can be seated at the table with the parents of their home room students,

Following the dessert, the group will reconvene in the Little Theatre (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

National Book Week to be Observed

By Mary Ellen Rosenthal

The week of November 14-24 has been set aside as National Book Week. You will be seeing such posters as "Travel Via Books" and "Good Books for Wise Owls" in our library.

National Book Week was started in 1915 when Franklin K. Matheiws, chief librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, thought reading should be encouraged for young people. He compiled a list of books for boys, and persuaded book stores in several cities to promote reading in a certain week in November. The idea was dropped and forgotten during World War I and revived in 1918 when the idea was discussed with Fredrick C. Melcher, secretary of the American Book Sellers Association. He approved of the idea, but thought girls should be included. The American Library Association became interested and the first book week committee was formed and the first official Book Week was held in 1919.

Next week, our library, the South Bend and Mishawaka Public Libraries and branches will have National Book Week displays. A Book Fair, "The Miracle of Books," will be held in the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. There will be a display of more than 3,000 books, and Chicago and other Cook County schools will visit the display during the week. Anyone visiting Chicago on the designated week-ends is cordially invited to visit the exhibition.

SHOPPING ABROAD

By Mrs. Hazel McClure

It has been said that it is a question whether the tourist gets the greatest thrill from seeing the sights he goes to see or shopping. Regardless of whether this question is ever settled satisfactorily or not, the average tourist can scarcely wait to descend upon the shops wherever he finds himself. Shopping becomes a wild fascinating game to which one rises with renewed fervor every time the opportunity presents itself. The change in currency from country to country creates a problem for the shopper because prices quoted have to be translated from pounds, shillings, francs, marks and lira into dollars, Added to this obstacle is the fact that the tourist party is no more than deposited in the midst of a lush shopping field before the guide announces, "Ladies and gentlemen, this bus will leave in exactly ten minutes," so then begins a wild snatching for whatever one can grab from under someone else's nose. At the post-mortem after each shopping spree the person — and it is treachery to the entire party to conceal either articles or prices - who can come up with the best for the least is the hero or heroine of the attack. So armed with slide rules, money exchange tables, multiplication and division tables, and handfuls of strange foreign money and a minimum of time, the average tourist plunges into the daring adventure of shopping abroad to take back home the plunder which proves to his fellow travelers and the home folks that he has been a great success in finding bargains in foreign markets.

Each country and community has its own distinctive merchandise to offer. Florence, Italy, is an exciting place to shop and it has built up a reputation as one of the favorite shopping centers of Europe. On the Straw Market, which is an open-air market, one bargains with the dealers for the silver, leather goods, and linens for which Florence is famous, and with which, at much higher prices, the more exclusive shops are filled. Also, in Florence are found beautiful hand-made embroidered blouses and handsome gloves.

In Venice one goes by boat to shop which is an experience in itself. Here one finds delicate and exquisit Venetian glass at the factory where he sees it being made after his gondola has been parked at the shop's landing posts. Also, in an old Venetian mansion with its windows opening on the Grand Canal, furnished with heavy old Italian furniture and the walls covered with original murals, one meets Madame Niva who makes an art of displaying her hand-made linens. There are choice tablecloths and napkins which have been designed by her. It is difficult to keep the purse-strings tightly drawn here because of her charm, the charm of the place, and the charm of the rare linens.

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Are You Guilty of "Superstitionitis"?

By Wendy Hero

Attention, all you cats! (Especially black ones.) Word has it, that today is one of "the craziest!" Seems Friday is usually a favorite among us teens 'cause it means a big weekend coming up: date nights, no homework (well, not too much, anyway), football games, or parties. This one, however, is "the most, to say the least." It's the thirteenth!

If your tickers just skipped a beat at this announcement, you have a strange malady - peculiar to this day -called "superstitionitis." Now, I ask you, when else, except on this day, does such a catastrophe, as breaking your poor old mom's back, result from stepping in a crack? Or why does one walk six blocks out of his way to avoid meeting some harmless, black pussy, when, any other day, you'd walk on or over it? Why do barbers cringe at the thought of using a straight edge razor today, because any other time, you're the one who's cringing! Should mirrors be any more susceptible to breakage on this day than any other? Of course not! We, cool moderns that we are, just laugh at all this "gone chatter." Just because you gals leave your compacts and mirrors at home, you boys don't shave, and I won't go home 'cause my address is 1313, doesn't mean we believe in Friday, the 13th! It's just another finish to a school week, and I, personally, scoff at those who think differently.

By the way, if you find a bicycle left on the sidewalk near my house, please return it to me. I just couldn't seem to get it under that ladder!

Dod Pass Your Code Around — Stay Homb!!

When I went to get my tardy slip
In Miss Burns' office today
I noticed the attendance sheet on the
desk
Which was put there for display.

It seems that there are too many colds

It seems that there are too many colds Being passed around our school Now Adams kids once were healthy But someone's broken the rule.

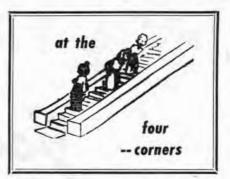
Take Junior, for instance, in perfect health

Who came to school one day He was careless and wore no coat And he caught a cold that way.

Next day Mary went to school With cough-drop and Kleenex for aid And spread her cold as fast as lightning

To all the kids in her grade.

And thus are colds caught and spread And so our attendance fell Because of kids like you and me Who don't stay home 'til we're well.



Friday, the thirteenth! Thank goodness no report cards today! We'd probably all flunk.

Tonight the seniors play host to the Adams student body as they launch the "Superstition Swing." Dancing, games, goodies for everyone! Don't miss it!

At a recent party (recent—two weeks ago is more like it) at the home of Audrey Dempsey, twelve spooks gathered to celebrate Halloween: Nikki DeRose, Jerry Thompson; Pat Moynihan, Dick Swayzee (last time we looked just dating, not steady); Sandy Moritz, Jack Shipley; Sally Stoops, Dick Smith; Gladys Miller, Paul Rice; Sue Armstrong, Paul Elliot; and of course, Dave Good and Audrey Dempsey.

There have been many comments about the number of items women carry in their purses. I'm beginning to think they're true. Sandy Moritz found a rabbit's intestines in her's last week. Who was the joker?

Dating, or so we hear: Kay Conley, Phil Lee; Mary Lee Crofts, Norm Grimshaw; Janet Burke, Steve Zeigner; Jim Kissell and Jo Ann Koher; Punky Crowe and Dick Green; Sonja Hoover and Jim Grant (Cent.) Sally Buchanan and John McNamara; Karen Jones and Jack Longley.

These steadies growing steadily steadier: Sharon Kerner and Bill Marohn (Cent.); Lynn Lachman and Steve Strange; Carolyn Dempsey and Ron Schmanske (Cent.)

"If you ask him he could write a book _____ T. M." (for translation see, Jewel Reitz.) If Pat Dempsey never leans another thing in school he'll know all there is to know about T. M. That's what we like, educated people.

It seems that **Meredith Metcalf** has some old "Flames" from Central who come in handy to some Sophomore girls. Wonder who?

Larry Simons is a fast man with medal. One week to the day and he had her. Her name is Joan Pasman from Riley.

Right now we'd like to devote a little time and space to the ever faithful "football widows" of John Adams. We saw them sitting with the girls cheering the loudest when their "big moment" came through on a play. From time to time the number of the little organization has increased or decreased but for the most part the number has included such notables as Nancy Smuts, Barbara Jensen, Longbreak, and Sue Wood. With the starting of basketball season the "Football Widows will be replaced by "The Royal Order of the Basketball Practice Watchers."

Those basketball season tickets are on sale! Do you have yours?



"How do you think the TOWER could be improved?"

Julie Harris - "Have more news articles concerning important events in our lives, and more feature articles with our (student) names.'

Shirley Rawles - "Have different people in "Four Corners."

Jerry Thompson - "Get more pictures.

Paul Elliott - "More complete

for the TOWER. Editors.)

Mary Wenger - "It throws too many dirty hints at too many people.* Have it show more human interests."

Tom Troeger — "Use cheaper paper and more of it."

Marylee Crofts - "Have more byline articles.'

Jim Dincolo - "Give us more 'social' news."

* Please explain, Mary.

sport news and build Adams up more." Nancy Platt - "Have a "blue box" where anyone could drop gossip in. That way there would be more gossip concerning everyone." Mike LeBurkien - Quote: It has grown decadent and is a mere tool used to influence the innocent minds of the Adams youth . . . used by our educators. - Unquote (Mike writes

DINCOLO AND GOLBA ELECTED TO POSTS

Two Adams students, James Dincolo and Janet Golba, were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Indiana Junior Academy of Science at its annual conference November 7 at Earlham College. The newly elected vice-president of the organization is Lawrence Kinsey from Howe High School, Indianapolis.

A total of 247 students attended the conference; Adams having the greatest representation, forty-one. Mr. Russell Rothermel and Mr. Ernest Litweiler accompanied the students to Earlham College.

James Dincolo gave a report on "What Happened to Carlie?" the taxidermy project of the Junior Waltons. Charlie you'll remember was a lion at Potowattomi Park.

Next year the conference will be held at Purdue University.

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Approximately 35 members of the John Adams Glee Club will sing for the Family Night Banquet at the Zion Evangelical Church on Wednesday evening, November 18. The program will include a solo, Boy's Quartet and Triple Trio numbers, and songs by the ensemble.

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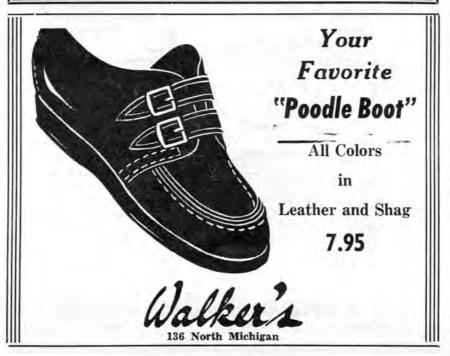
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NEW COURSE MAY BE OFFERED AT ADAMS

There has been a request for a Music Appreciation class at John Adams. This course will meet five days a week and a student may earn one elective credit.

To secure this new class, it will be necessary for twenty students to sign up for the course.

Students who are interested in enrolling should see Miss Agnes Burns or Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate before Thanksgiving vacation begins in order to have the course listed for next semester.

GET ACQUAINTED DESSERT

(Cont'd from page one) where explanations concerning the policies of the school and the guidance program will be given by Mr. Rothermel and Miss Burns, respectively. Parents will also be given an opportunity to ask questions.

THINK THAT OVER

"Young man," said the angry father from the head of the stairs, "didn't I hear the clock strike four when you brought my daughter in?"
"You did," admitted the boy friend.

"It was going to strike eleven, but I grabbed it and held the gong so it wouldn't disturb you."

The father muttered, "Dawgone! Why didn't I think of that one in my courting days!" - Bennett Cerf, Anything for a Laugh.

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Indians Score "Upset of the Year" in 7-6 Win

Neither freezing weather nor the role of underdogs could stop the Saint Joseph Indians from racking up their first undefeated, untied season, at the expense of the Eagles. The "upset" took place November 6, at School Field.

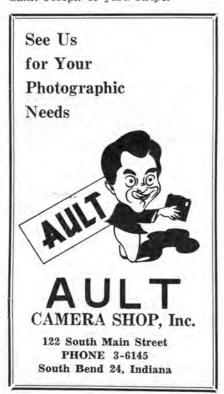
Saint Joe opened up the game with a fumble on their own 38-yard line early in the initial quarter, but the Eagles were stopped after one first down. The rest of the first quarter was marred with many other fumbles.

In the second quarter, the game became more intense, and there were far less fumbles. However, in this quarter, the Eagles penetrated the Indians line as far as the three-yard stripe, only to be halted on downs by a determined Saint Joe line. At the end of the first half, the game was in a 0-0 deadlock.

With the start of the third quarter came a "rejuvenated" Saint Joseph Their many plays began to click; the best play being a spot pass from Tepe to Dick Pohlman. This play was executed successfully six times for a total of 60 yards. After five minutes of the third quarter, Saint Joe started a 71-yard march, which three minutes later resulted in an Indian touchdown. Highlighting their sustained drive to pay dirt was a 29-yard pass from Ken Tepe to Pohlman. Tepe scored the touchdown on a one-yard quarterback sneak.

However, Adams was not to be counted out, and with only three minutes remaining in the game, Tom Goldsberry threw a 31-yard pass to Dick Wedel on the 25, and Dick ran the rest of the way for a touchdown. Tom Goldsberry then attempted the extra point, and it was wide to the right of the goal post.

Saint Joe took possession with only three minutes remaining, and kept the ball until there were only 30 seconds left. In this half minute, Goldsberry attempted two unsuccessful passes, and as the gun sounded to end the game, Adams had possession of the ball, second down on the Saint Joseph 19-yard stripe.



RAY LOAR VOTED MOST-VALUABLE

Ray Justus Loar, jersey number 82, who plays right half back on the Adams eleven, has been chosen "Player of the Year," by his team mates. Ray has been the work-horse of the entire team and this opinion is shared by many others. His spirit, drive, and good sportsmanship shown



RAY LOAR

on the field well-merits him this title. Ray has been playing football since the seventh grade (Lincoln); his other sports include wrestling and intramural basketball.

His favorite teams (in addition to the Eagles) are the Professional Los Angles Rams and the Collegiate Ohio State Buckeyes. However, his favorite player is Ralph Guglielmi, from Notre Dame. Ray's qualities as a football player are summed up well by Mr. Murphy, "Ray has a wonderful attitude."

Outside of school, Ray is a member of Monogram Club and Order of DeMolay. For entertainment, he likes to listen to Dragnet by Ray

Compliments Eagles Booster

"B" TEAM ENDS SEASON

The "B" team ended a very sucessful season Monday, November 2, with a smashing 32-18 victory over Riley.

Riley led 6 to 0 at the end of the first period and then the Eagles broke loose for a 26-point second quarter. Adams added another TD in the last quarter and Riley added two more scores.

The Eagle scores were made by Larry Wygant, Bob Root, John Robins and Jim Leighty. Leighty scored twice.

The team's record stands at 5 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

Anthony and hillbilly music. He enjoys watching "Toast of the Town" on TV. A blue skirt and blue sweater is his favorite combination on a member of the opposite sex. Ray respects a person who knows when to keep quiet, is one of the gang, and has a sense of humor. He dislikes people who are constantly teasing.

In Ray's opinion, the 1953 school spirit is better than that of any other school year. Like many of the varsity football players, the thrill of his life was his first high school football game.

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Nov. 25-Lew Wallace, Gary (H)

Dec. 1-East Chicago, Wash. (T)

Dec. 5-Culver (H)

Dec. 11-Goshen (T) C

Dec. 12-Warsaw (H)

Dec. 18-Michigan City (H) C

Dec. 29-Holiday Tourney (H)

Dec. 30-Holiday Tourney (H)

Jan. 7-Mishawaka (T) C

Jan. 14-Central (H) C

Jan. 16-Hartford City (T)

Jan. 22—LaPorte (T) C

Jan. 28-Riley (T) C

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