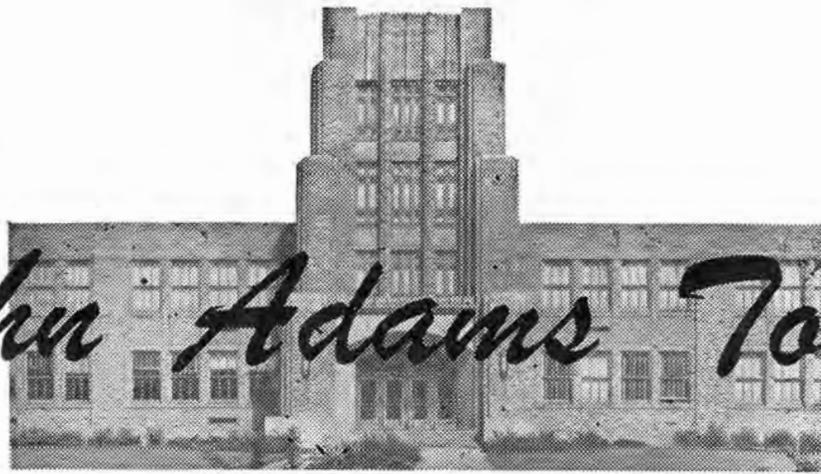


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## CHEERLEADERS IGNITE SPARK IN STUDENTS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerry Lindstrom, Janice Henson, Mike LeBurkien, Emalu Palm, Jerry Flanagan, Rosie Ferraro.

"Go, Adams, Go!" yell those six fellows and gals in the little blue suits — our cheerleaders.

**Rosie Ferraro** (the captain), a 12B from 109, is the only real veteran on the squad. She has been cheering since the fifth grade. An interest in sports was Rosie's motive for becoming a cheerleader. After graduation, Rosie plans to become a nurse.

A 12A, hailing from 204, is **Emalu Palm**. A year's experience in junior high made Emalu decide that cheerleading was a lot of fun, her reason for trying out at Adams. Post-graduate plans include college and a career in advertising.

**Janice Henson** is a newcomer to the squad. She tried out for the first time this fall, because she felt that she could better express her Adams

loyalty at games as a cheerleader. A 12B in room 203, Janice wants to be a beautician after graduation.

Along with Jack Moore and Jim Lavengood (Adams alumni), **Jerry Flanagan** decided that he wanted, in some way, to render a service to Adams. This 12A from 204 hit on the idea of cheerleading, and he has been doing just that for two years. Jerry aspires to a career in professional baseball.

Two male newcomers to the team are **Mike LeBurkien**, a 12B from 105, and **Jerry Lindstrom**, an 11A from 209. Jerry wanted to help out school spirit, his reason for trying out. "I don't know," was his answer to the question of future plans.

"It just didn't feel right sitting in the stands," says Mike. Oral surgery (dentistry to you) is Mike's field.

## T. B. League Board Activities Announced

Plans for the Christmas season were discussed at the meeting of the Junior T. B. League Board recently. Two projects decided upon were the sale of Christmas Seals, which will start December 2, and the sending of Christmas gifts to pen pals in Healthwin Hospital.

The board also learned that its School Press Project is well underway. In this project, any student may submit an entry on either of these topics: "What Do We Know About T. B.?" or "How Our Town and Community Fight T. B.?" The project will be in a December issue of the Tower and further information can be obtained from Evelyn Fuller.

The Milk Fund for undernourished children has been increased by \$799.49 as a result of donations received from spectators at two Notre Dame football games. To the following John Adams girls who helped in this project, Mrs. Marion Brown, the League sponsor, extends her thanks: Deanna Palm, Carol Wiltfong, and Barbara Goddard.

After the meeting, the speech contest was held. Only the county schools were eligible for this contest. There were eight speakers. Elizabeth Sheridan from St. Joseph won first place. Nancy Fleece from North Liberty and Margie Guendling of St. Mary's Academy tied for second place.

## Dick Green Elected Jr. Class President

On November 10 the Junior Class began proceedings for the election of class officers. The victors were: Richard Green, president; Kent Keller, vice-president; Margaret Sue Reed, secretary; and Naomi Ross, treasurer. These officers will work throughout the year with the Junior Cabinet.

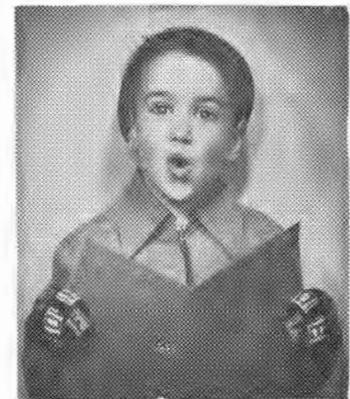
The Cabinet consists of two representatives from each junior home room. They are: Mary Kline and Dave Mikesell, 22; Richard Green and Susie Frehse, 103; Eric Greenhut and Kathleen DeLeury, 107; Steve Brannan and Judy Cobb, 112; Larry Vandusen and Sandra Wright, 113; Naomi Ross and Robert Nelson, 114; and Nancy Smuts and Tom Smith, 209.

The main project of the Cabinet for the year will be the presentation of Stardust Cafe, the annual Junior Class Dance.

## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE HEADED BY JR. RED CROSS

This year as in the past the John Adams Junior Red Cross, under the direction of the officers, Janet Burke, president; Geraldine Goepfrich, secretary; and several council members, will sponsor the annual Christmas Seal sale from December 7 to 14. Posters announcing the sale will be placed in the library, home rooms, and in the hall show cases.

On December 7, the opening day of the sale, students of the Public Speaking classes will visit each home room and give short talks about the drive.



Danny Custer, six-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Custer, of Healthwin Hospital, posed as the 1953 Christmas Seal. Elmer Jacobs, Chicago illustrator and designer, who is this year's Christmas Seal artist, stated, "The happy singing child on the 1953 Christmas Seal symbolizes the spirit of a season which is the children's own — the child seems to symbolize Faith, Purity, and Love — all things that should be foremost in our thoughts during the Christmas Season."

## PREP GLEE CLUB OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

This year's Prep Glee Club, which meets each Thursday after school, is led by the following recently elected officers: Ray Woodward, president; Andy Hoshin, assistant president; Joan Miller, vice-president; Linda Malmberg, assistant vice-president; Jeanne Weiss and Joan Jacobs, secretaries; Marilyn Swantz and Mary Horning, librarians; Joseph Cissel, business manager; Pat Hamilton and Jay Stackhouse, robe committee chairmen.

The runners-up in the election compose the executive board. They are: Iris Kendall, Sharon Clark, Billy Woodall, Linda McChisney, Henry Spangrole, Dennis Cooper, and Carimae Penrod.

The club will join the Senior Glee Club in singing the familiar Christmas carols which conclude the Vesper Service, Sunday, December 13.

## DEBATERS WILL TRAVEL TO PURDUE TODAY

Seven members of the John Adams debate team will travel to Purdue University December 4 and 5.

On this annual trip, Robert Bubenzer, president of the Adams team, Janet Golba, Don Biggs, Sharon Pritz, William Dean, Nancy MacIvor, and Geraldine Goepfrich will be driven to Purdue by Mr. A. E. Goldsberry and Mrs. William Dean, Bill's mother.

The group will leave South Bend around 6:30 a. m. to arrive in time for the opening session at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening the group will attend a banquet, hear a noted speaker and the Purdue Glee Club. They will be the guests of various fraternities and sororities for the night. Saturday they will listen to champion debate teams from high schools and colleges and see a production by the Purdue Drama Club.

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## History Courses Offered at Adams

The History Department at John Adams is divided into four areas — United States History, World History, Civics, and Social Living, each area having its own purposes.

United States History strives to mold better citizens by creating an understanding of the building of America up to the present time. This course treats the colonial period, the constitution, the wars, the development of education, the development of labor unions, and our present economic problems. A year of United States History is required for graduation.

The study of World History is a summary of Social Studies treating the periods from the earliest civilization through World War II and The United Nations. It is a study of world affairs with much stress put on the cultural backgrounds.

Civics and Social Living are courses required of all senior students. Civics is a study of The United States government — local, state, and national governmental functions and procedures. Many speakers in government positions visit the classes and a trip is taken by the students to the court house. Social Living prepares the student for relationships with all people and for marriage. The students study the attitudes of each other and they examine their own personalities. The pupils take a trip to Chicago to visit the slums and Skid Row.

There are two hundred and sixty pupils in the United States History classes taught by Miss Bauer, Mr. Rensberger and Mr. Roop; forty-seven in World History taught by Mr. Seeley; one hundred and seventy-seven in Civics taught by Mr. Rensberger and Mrs. Goldsberry; and twenty-one in Social Living taught by Mr. Goldsberry.

## To Eat or Not to Eat, That Is the Question

She got up and stepped on the scales, noted she had gained two pounds and immediately decided to lose five pounds that week. She stepped off the scales and hurriedly made her way back to her bedroom. She had to dress rapidly because it was late.

She slid into her clothes and much to her surprise her new blue skirt wouldn't zip. Since she was in a hurry, she didn't change but pulled and pulled and finally got it zipped. No breakfast for her this morning — she was on a diet! She didn't much care for breakfast anyway.

In school that day she felt kinda funny. She didn't have much pep, and during third hour her stomach growled so loudly that the guy behind her laughed. Her skirt was so tight she was sure everyone could notice her red face and her eyes about ready to 'pop' out of her head.

She couldn't understand why she had gained those extra two pounds. At supper the night before she had eaten a well-balanced meal. (She had carefully placed an olive on her knife, placed a grape on the olive, and a maraschino cherry on the grape and had eaten it before it toppled over.) Well, maybe it could have been the stuff she ate at the Oriole after school and all those potatoes she ate at dinner.

Finally, it was time for lunch! She was starved — oh, no! She could only have a little salad, a napkin, a straw, and a glass of water. That would fill her up.

When it came her turn in line, she closed her eyes when she passed the "good" food, but opened them again when she came to the salads. She could hear one of the cooks laughing to herself, but she didn't care. She was on a diet!

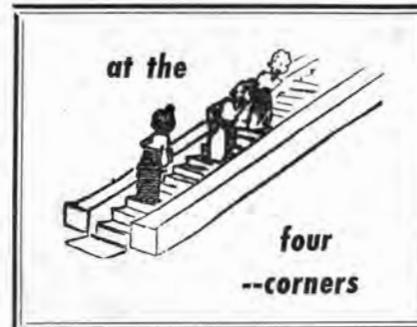
She picked up the prettiest salad she could find, got her straw, napkin, and water and paid the 15c for her lunch.

All the girls laughed at her when she sat down. They said she didn't need to diet. They were just as fat as she was. But she ate her salad anyway, drank her water, wiped her hands on her napkin, and said "he loves me, he loves me not" on her straw. It came out "he loves me" and she thought her diet was working already.

She lasted the rest of the day like this, somehow, and before going to bed that night, she very gaily hopped on the scales expecting to have lost five pounds. But much to her astonishment, she weighed the same.

As she lay in bed that night, she thought and thought of what to do. All at once she jumped up, stumbled her way into the bathroom, knelt down, and very carefully set the scales back two pounds. And every since then she hasn't worried a bit about losing weight.

Sam's girl is tall and slender  
Mine is fat and low.  
Sam's girl wears silks and satins,  
Mine wears calico.  
Sam's girl is fast and speedy;  
Mine is pure and good —  
D'you think I'd change my girl for  
Sam's?  
You know darn well I would!



The situation is becoming desperate when a poor defenseless senior girl is forced to let down her seniorly pride and advertise for a boy: "Wanted: One senior boy, 6 feet tall, to walk senior girl to classes. If interested, apply for interview at locker 460 at 3:15.

Mr. Rensberger asked in History class: "Who is the Secretary of Labor?" Kay (Crazy-Little-Mixed-up-Kid) Cantwell answered: "Miss Valenti!" (True, true, but!)

Spotlighting the Thanksgiving festivities were the Alumni dance after the Gary game, annual Comets dance at the Indiana Club on Thanksgiving night, a dance at "Shula Hall," and the progressive jazz of Stan Kenton at the Palace Theatre.

Tonight many seniors and their dates will be tripping the light fantastic along with couples from Central, Riley, and Washington at the annual mid-year prom.

With Thanksgiving past, our thoughts turn to the Christmas season with its contrasting opportunities for prayer and thought and fun and gaiety. With this in mind, we would like to devote this portion of the "Four Corners" to the activities surrounding Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 13, the John Adams Glee Club and Prep Glee Club will present the annual Christmas vesper service. The place is the Adams auditorium and the time, 4:00 p.m. There will be no admission charged.

The Progress Club Christmas dance, "Holly Fantasy," will be held at the Progress Club on December 21 from 9 to 12. Music for the semi-formal dance will be supplied by Tony Rulli. Tickets for the dance will be sold by members of the Junior Progress Club.

Order of Rainbow will hold its annual semi-formal Christmas Dance December 30 at the Indiana Club. Music will be furnished by Bobby Wear. Tickets may be secured from Rainbow members.

Herb Germann will supply the solid beat for the Demolay Christmas Dance to be held December 28 at the Indiana Club from 9 to 12. This too will be a semi-formal dance and tickets are being sold by the officers of Demolay.

The Handy Andy Club of Central High School will hold its dance, "Moon Mist," on January 2 at the Progress Club from 9 to 12. This semi-formal dance is open to all students and tickets are available from Handy Andy Club members. Music will be furnished by Mac Hall.

These activities are open to all students. Most probably Adams will be well represented at all of them. Next week we'll again pick up the gossip and who's who of Adams.

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## Buy Christmas Seals



## Seven New Pictures Selected for Adams

Seven new pictures, chosen by Mr. Robert Seeley and Mr. Russell Roth-ermel, have been purchased for the school. The modern masters whose paintings were selected are Leger, Feininger, Davis, Moore, Mondrian, Kokscha, and Grasz. All except the reproduction by Grosz are oil paintings. This is a water color. These artists are representative of many periods of painting.

One of the pictures will be placed in the art room, one in room 207 where it can be seen from three rooms, one in the hall across from the drafting room, and others in prominent places in the halls.

These seven paintings bring the total number of pictures purchased for John Adams in the last two years to eighteen. Since our school facilities are used for community activities, the decorations we have are appreciated by many people other than the students. Adams is noted in the state for its art exhibit.

Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lesson afterward.

He: "May I hold your Palmolive?"  
 She: "Not on your Lifebouy."  
 He: "Aw, let's Lava little."  
 She: "Nope, Ivory formed!"  
 He: "Vel, then, I guess I'll be Drefting along."  
 She: "I don't care what you Duz."

## Senior Worries

1. How to choose a proof that doesn't make him look like an utter square.
2. How not to be shown up by an underclassman.
3. How to run a car, buy a cashmere sweater, a sweat shirt, a hat, a Chem cram book, a basketball season ticket and a mid-year prom ticket on a \$5.00 a week allowance.
4. (girls) How to fake out Miss Bauer when gym inspection comes around.
5. (boys) How to find a girl who likes him well enough to ride in his car.
6. How to keep from "over-studying." (Let's hear another funny!)
7. How to study for a Civics test, learn thirty Chem symbols and valences, write an English paper, memorize fifty Latin vocabulary words, read two hundred pages of History, spend 2½ hours at the Parkette and be in bed by ten. (If you find out, let me know!)

Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person. --Mark Twain.

## GLEE CLUB GROUPS ACCEPT INVITATIONS

Each Christmas season, ensembles from the John Adams Glee Club sing for various organizations through out the city. Some of the programs in which the group has taken part so far this year are: a banquet at the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, November 18; the Adams P.T.A. meeting, December 1; the Christmas meeting of the Women's Association at the First Presbyterian Church, December 3.

The group will also present numbers from the Christmas Vesper Program at the P. E. O. meeting on December 8, and at several banks the week preceding Christmas vacation.

Beware of a half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half. ----Wesley News.



Are you for or against going steady?

Deanna Palm—"Why tie yourself down—playing the field is more fun."  
 "Bones" Cantwell — "I'm too young."

Phyllis Anderson—"Definitely no—too much trouble."

Barbara Hatton—"It would be OK. if it was with Hynie."

Dick Swayzee—"I'm neutral."

Mary Ann Hawblitzel—"I'm very much in favor of it."

Joanne Gersey — "It depends on who with!"

Ann Williams—"I think its a good idea."

John Coffman — "It's all right if you can do it."

Jim Hoehn—"Why?"

Tom Harka—"It depends."

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## Defeat Clay by 17

The John Adams Eagles opened their 1953-54 cage season with a powerful 59-42 victory over the Washington - Clay Colonials. The game was played on November 20, at the Clay gymnasium. A near-capacity crowd of 2200 witnessed the tilt.

The Eagles started off very strong, and after the first basket of the game, we were never headed. At no time after the half time intermission, was the outcome in doubt. At one time the Eagles extended their lead to 26 points. The team pased, set up plays, and shot very well for their first game. The most notable weakness of the Eagle five was their inability to control the backboards. Dick Quealy, John Waechter, and Tom Treoger were sidelined for the first game because of injuries. Those playing for the Adams' cause were: Jerry Thompson, Larry Van Dusen, Tom Goldsberry, Bob Klowetter, Dick Green, Dick Smith, Sam Rice, and Chuck LaPierre.

Highlighting the game was the 30-point splurge by forward-center, Jerry Thompson, and the 11-point effort by Larry Van Dusen.

## Culver Here On Sat.

Our John Adams Eagles will face the Culver Indians tomorrow, in what promises to be a close, hard fought game. Thus far in the eleven game series between the two squads, the Indians lead 7 to 4. Culver is one of the very few teams that holds a series edge over the Eagles.

Last year, in Culver's pint-sized gym, Adams suffered their first loss of the season 64-62. The game was very close and as the gun sounded, Adams scored, however it was ruled no-good because the gun had already sounded.

Tomorrow's contest will begin at 8:00, with the B-game starting at 6:45. Season tickets will be honored tomorrow!

## Beat Hornets by 19

While the John Adams basketball team was mauling the Gary Lew Wallace quintet by a 56 to 47 count, Jerry Thompson racked up 29 points to run his two-game total to an amazing 59 total. Also contributing well to the Eagles cause was junior-forward, Dick Green who potted 13 points in the evening's contest.

The game started very slowly with both teams looking very rusty. However, in the wailing moments of the first quarter, the Eagles started rolling, as they piled up a 12 to 6 first quarter advantage. From that time on, the Hornets had their hands full trying to stay within shouting distance of the Eagles.

With Green and Thompson accounting for 42 of the 56 total, the remaining fourteen points were shared by Tom Goldsberry, Bob Klowetter, Larry VanDusen, and Dick Quealy.

The team improved a little in getting control of the backboards, but the close-in rebounding seemed to be controlled by the visiting Gary Lew Wallace five. The floorwork of the team was good for this early in the season, and the problem of setting up plays was done well by the entire team.

The B-team won their second straight tilt also, in a very lop-sided contest.

## INTRAMURAL BOYS START NEW LEAGUE

The intramural basketball program has been changed for the 1953-54 season. On Monday of this week, the season opened. This year, because of the great number of boys that signed up, the program has been divided into two separate leagues. The seniors and the juniors compose the first and the sophomores and the freshmen compose the second. The two leagues will both play on Monday evenings. The upperclassmen will play on the "big floor" and the underclassmen will play on the "stage floor."

The captains for the upperclassmen teams are: Tom Sternel, Jim Riddle, Steve Ziegner, Jerry Flanagan, Bob Shula, Dick Bauer, Terry Heater, and Ken Kramer. The underclassmen captains are: Jim Dillman, Dick Humbarger, Fred Williams, Bob Vargo, Lloyd Gerheart, Linn Wickizer, Jim McDonald, and Keith Malcomb.

Driver training pupil learning how to drive on a narrow road said to Mr. Powell, "Quick, take the wheel, here comes a tree!"

## FALL SPORTS AWARDS

### Letter Sweaters

(Football) — Dick Bauer, Dave Beiser, Paul Elliot, Dave Kollar, Ray Lowman, Jim Leighty, Chuck Oberlin, Cecil Robbins, John Robbins, and Dave Rogers. (Cross Country) — Chuck DeCrain, Dick Diedrich, Dick Dillon, Dean Miller. (Tennis) — Dick Green, Jim Miller, Steve Ziegner, and Dave Freedburg.

### Cheverons or Certificates

(Football) — Pat Dempsey, Tom Goldsberry, Terry Heater, Ray Loar, Sam Rice, Ed Thompson, Tom Troeger, Larry VanDusen, and Dick Wedel. (Cross Country) — Jerry Wiseman.

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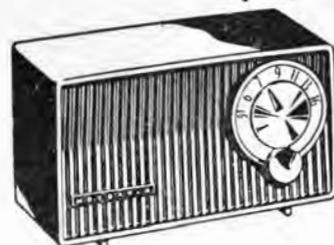


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