

# ADAMS COULDN'T BE PROUDER OF ENIHSC CHAMPS

## MALCOLM, WYGANT, ROBBINS, ROTHERMEL, BAIRD, EICHORST, SZABO, AND LEIGHTY CREATE GRID TRADITION

God bless our football team for finally winning for John Adams High School a football tradition. Our men played their hearts out this season to make a place in the football world for their school. We're in now, kids; we're really in! I am far from being any kind of a football expert, but I, with all confidence, recognize the John Adams football team of 1955 as one of the best football teams ever. Those boys, every one of them, never gave up for one second. They fought to the finish in every game with all of the courage, strength, and determination they possessed.

It all started back in 1953, when our senior players were sophomores on the team. They started to develop with the help of boys like Tom Goldsberry, Sam Rice, Cecil Robbins, Dick Wedel, Ray Loar, Ed Thompson, Pat Dampsey, Paul Elliot, Dave Beiser, and Chuck Oberlin. The season ended with four wins and five losses. The team defeated Gary Wallace, Michigan City, Goshen, and Fort Wayne North Side, and they put up a terrific battle against Central, losing by a score of 6 to 0.

In 1954 things really began happening. Our team, including Larry VanDusen, Terry Heater, Tom Troeger, Don Ball, Dave Rogers, Arnie Johnson, Don Quimby, Fred Dressel, and Bob Collins, the senior players at that time, fought for and earned the best season's record that John Adams has ever had. They knocked over Gary Wallace, Mishawaka, LaPorte, Portage Twp., Michigan City, Elkhart, and St. Joseph, Again, putting up a terrific battle against Central, Adams tied the team with a score of 13-all. Beating Mishawaka was also one of the main stepping stones in the fight for football recognition. The 1954 season drew to a close with seven wins, one tie, and one loss, which was to Riley.

The 1955 football season has closed with a record of eight wins and two losses. We defeated Riley 19 to 6, Goshen 26 to 0, Fort Wayne North Side 14 to 6, St. Joseph 27 to 6, Mishawaka 12 to 0, LaPorte 21 to 13, Washington 14 to 7, and Elkhart 13 to 6. Central defeated us by a score of 23 to 12 and East Chicago Roosevelt defeated us by a score of 13 to 7. To



**BACK ROW:** Dick Nichols, Dick Szabo, John Robbins, Larry Wygant, Jim Leighty, Don Severied. **SECOND ROW:** Keith Malcolm, Terry Rothermel, Jim Dilman, Gene Phillips, Jerry Williams, Jim Hylman, Barry Grady. **FIRST ROW:** Doug Eichorst, Terry Conley, Bob Magnuson, Jim Sostack, Bill Baird, John Turner.

top off this season's wonderful record, our men won for us a tie for the Eastern Division football championship, and Coach John Murphy and his well-known thumb won the flip for the playoff of the championship game against East Chicago Roosevelt. Also, adding another and perhaps the final step to football recognition for John Adams, the Eagles beat Riley and Washington for the first time in Adams' football history.

The senior men on our football squad, after much hard labor, have accomplished their mission. Captain Keith Malcolm (end), Co-captain Larry Wygant (halfback), John Robbins (quarterback), Terry Rothermel (center), William Baird (halfback), Douglas Eichorst (guard), Richard Szabo (guard), and James Leighty (end) have completed their mission with courage, strength, and determination. Thank you men! Thank you for having set up a football tradition for John Adams High School. We will never forget what you have done for the school. The responsibility now rests upon boys like Bob Magnuson, Gene Phillips, Dick Nichols, Jim Hylman, Terry Conley, Jerry Williams, and Johnny Turner to carry on our newly acquired football tradition. Good luck to you boys!

Congratulations to the team and the coaches for a marvelous football season. Thank you very much for all that you have accomplished, and good luck to you in the future.

—Sharon Gyorgyi.

## Annual Program to be Held

The annual Thanksgiving musical program will be held November 22, at 3:20 in the Little Theater. This amateur program is given for various reasons: enjoyment, sharing of talents, and gaining experience. This gives an opportunity for students who take private lessons, who do not have voices strong enough for solo parts in the auditorium, or are not accompanists for the glee club, to gain experience in performing before an audience.

There are usually a varied selection of numbers such as solos, both instrumental and vocal, readings, novelty acts, etc. The entire school and faculty are cordially invited.

## National Thesians Troupe Initiates 14 Members

A formal initiation of new members of National Thesians Troupe 1464 of John Adams was held at 7:30 p. m. on November 17, 1955 in the Little Theater. Invitations were sent to the parents of the initiates, Mr. Russell Rothermel, the Adams faculty, and Mr. James Lewis Casaday.

The initiates who have earned meritorious honors in dramatics are Kay Frash, Helen Williams, Carol Weldy, Carol Tarvin, Marlene Olson, Michael Stowers, Linn Wickizer, Robert Ziker, Sandra Weldy, Dan Hoyt, Carolyn Underly, Rosemary Griffith, Ronald Miller, and Arthur Hobbs.

The initiation ceremony will be (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

## SOCI. STUDENTS TO VISIT WINDY CITY

At 5:30 a. m. on December 2, thirty-three social living students, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rothermel, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rensberger will leave South Bend for a day in Chicago. This trip is taken annually by seniors enrolled in social living classes. For the second year in succession, a trip is being made in the fall as well as the spring when the majority of seniors take "soci."

The group will leave South Bend via Indiana Motor Bus and will arrive in Chicago about 9:00 a. m. Their first stop will be at the Board of Trade. Here they will visit the Lecture Room and the Observatory.

The next stop will be Marshall Field's. They will be served lunch in the Veranda Room and will be given some time to shop.

They will then visit the Swift Meat Packing Plant where they will be led on a conducted tour of the plant.

They will again board the bus and drive through Chinatown and Maxwell Street. While in Chinatown they will have dinner at Guey Sam's. After dinner they will drive through skid row, South State Street, and Halstead Street.

From skid row they will return downtown where they will see the hit play, "Tea House of the August Moon."

The cost of the trip is \$13. This includes transportation both ways, fees to enter the observatory, meals, and the theater ticket.



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2 A's-2 B's Adkins, Judy Fitzsimmons, Robert Garwood, Gwen Metcalf, Robert Olson, Marlene	2 A's-1 B Aaron, Kathy Hertel, Carol Norton, Shirley Wallace, Ronald Weldy, Carol	2 A's-2 B's Brannan, Martha Daniels, James Harvey, Linda Hauguel, Carol King, Scott Maurer, Susan Shore, Paul Weldy, Sandra Wieczarek, Joan Wozniak, Pat	

**LETTER OF THANKS TO STUDENT BODY**

Dear kids,  
On behalf of the team, coaches, managers, Mr. Russell Rothermel, and Mr. Ralph Powell I would like to thank you for your fine support during the past season.  
The turnout you have made at both home and away games really makes the team feel good. I don't think you fully realize how important a supporting student body is. It takes more than just a team to win games. Without a good cheering section and kids who are proud of their school and team, an athletic team has nothing to win for.  
I think the outstanding thing you did this season was being present at the school to greet the team after the home games. After the Central game, you really showed your support by being at the school after a fine bunch of players from Central defeated us. I know all of you felt pretty downhearted, but then you should take into consideration how badly the team felt even though they had played a marvelous ball game.  
I don't want to forget the cheerleaders, booster club, student council, band, or band directors either, but words alone can't thank them enough for the part they have played.  
I know I play a very small part concerning the team and the school, but when someone asks me what school I'm from, I'm proud to say I'm from Adams and proud to be the senior manager of the football team.  
Sincerely,  
Larry Barnes, Senior Manager.

**John Adams Tower**



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**Rinky Winks . . . the Game of the Year!**

By BILLIE WOODALL

(Part I)

As we walk into the coliseum, every seat is filled and from every fan is heard strains of "Go, Tiddly, Go!" This is the championship game between the two best teams in the state, the Rinky Winks and Tiddly Daddys.

As the gun goes off and the game starts, we see in the starting lineup Winky Dink, the star player for the Rinky Winks and Bo Tiddly for the Tiddly Daddys. This game is a real thriller with tiddly winks flying all over the floor. At the end of the first quarter the Rinky Winks are leading 5-0, but what is this? There seems to be a little trouble with members of both teams. The Rinky Winks are kicking last year's state champs all over the floor. What's mada, boys? You say the Rinky Winks took your blue tiddly? The Rinky Winks have been penalized five turns for hocking the Tiddly Daddys tiddly.

Ah—the official finally got the situation under control and the second quarter continues.

Ladies and gentlemen! This has really been the outstanding tiddly tug of the season. When you put two teams like these together you really have excitement—and excitement it is as we see Winky Dink (alias Hawkeye) sink a beautiful, somersaulting tiddly from about six feet out. This Dink really has a powerful thumb!

The score is now 6-0 in favor of the Rinky Dinks and that shot really fired up the Tiddly Daddys and it looks as though Bo Tiddly is going to do something about it.

Folks, this is really what I call tiddly-tizzy. You've never seen anything like it! This Bo Tiddly is really in action now, his winks are seen everywhere. This boy's defensive work is what's so amazing. He is constantly "bumping" off the Rinky Winks' winks in mid air.

As the closing minutes of the first half roll around, the Rinky Winks are still in the lead, but now by a slim margin of 7-6. And there goes the gun to end the first half with a bang

We'll be back in a few minutes with a guest interview, but first this station break . . . This is station W-I-N-K on the air for all the tiddly wink games in this area. We are brought to you by the makers of "The Flippety-Floppety Tiddly Wink Company" of Round Town, Indiana. And now back to our announcer A. Cheet with his guest for today. . . Thank you, Chester, and good afternoon once again, folks. We have here Bo Tiddly, star player of the Tiddly Daddys. "What do you think of this great game, Bo?"

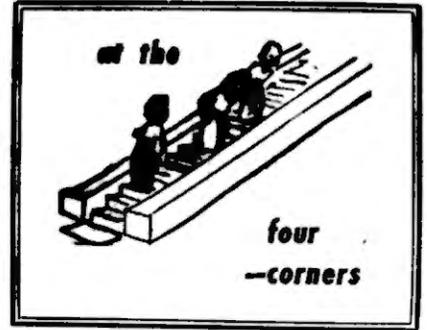
"Pretty rough, Archibald, pretty rough!"

"So glad to see you are so enthused over this game. Do you think the Tiddly Daddys will win?"

"Yah, we've got it in the bag!"

Well, folks, there you have it, and now back to the game. With a quick look at the scoreboard we see the score reads 7-6 in favor of the Rinky Winks. And now on with the second half. . .

(Continued next week)



Congratulations to our new queen, **Judy Adkins!!** It just topped off a perfect weekend except for two things. The team lost and so was the crown. But the memories of the bonfire, dance, and all the rest of the weekend's activities will stay with us.

**Joann Laure**, why all the interest in St. Joe all of a sudden? Couldn't be a certain senior boy, could it! **Lynne Thomas** has been counting the days until **Charlie** gets back. How many more, **Lynne**? It's in the 30s, isn't it?

**Sandi Schwalm** was seen at the Notre Dame Homecoming and Victory Dance with some guy that she has been seen with quite frequently. What about this guy, **Sandi**?

Congratulations to **Paula Bryant** and **Bob Vargo**. They started going steady about two weeks ago.

**Judy Jacobson** has been trying to forget a special guy at Adams for a male from Washington. Good luck, **Judy**, but may the better man win!

Also seen at the N.D. Victory Dance was **Nancy Moeller**. Who is this apple of your eye, **Nancy**? And what is this scheme that **Martha Brannan** is working out on a **Jim**?

Some newcomers on the Adams steady list are **Carolyn Lightner** and **Jim Lambert** (Wash.-Clay), **Judy Uvardy** and **Bill Wray**, **June Verhoshtra** and **Jim Kritz** (Wash.-Clay), **Marilyn Rainier** and **Jim Warner**.

The word has gotten around that **Liz Fodge** has stopped going steady with **Ed Van Kick** (Wash.-Clay) and is free and dating now. By the way, **Liz**, how is a certain guy with the initials **D. G.**?

We hear that **Andy Cobb** is looking forward to the Thanksgiving weekend because she is spending it at Culver and will be going to the Military Ball.

It seems that **Nancy Seider** and **Pete Soureiro** have been writing quite steadily these days. I wonder why!

Seen having a wonderful time during the weekend of the Adams vs. Central game were **Beverly Twigg** and **Fred Kahn** (Central). He sure is cute, **Bev**, and you weren't the only girl who had her eye on him.

Some couples seen spending quite a bit of time together lately are **Judie Johnson** and **Bob Cebrat** (Cent. Alum.), **Carolyn Underly** and **Bill Lawson** (I.U.), **Sharon Barts** and **Rich Szabo**, and **Sue Barbara** and **John Solmos** (Wash.).

It seems as though **Bonnie Hewitt** learned the hard way that she can't play the radio in the car while she, **Helen Williams**, and **Joan Jacobs** take their time eating at **Bonnie Doons**. They were rather embarrassed when a tow truck came to pull their car away because the battery had run down.

Gals dating N.D. guys are **Carol Noble**, **Nancy Seider**, **Connie Schuler**, **Sue Hoffmann**, and **Toni Bolling**.

## Beware of Too Much Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving! A week from today and all of our huge Thanksgiving suppers will be over. We will have to put aside all our work and spend a day relaxing and settling our food.

I don't want to discourage you and wreck this holiday for you, but you must realize that too much turkey and fattening foods can make you awfully uncomfortable. Even if your appetite is huge and your mother is a very very good cook, you'll feel much better if you don't eat too much. On the eve of Thanksgiving, it would pay to quit eating altogether. If you did, then your stomach would be empty and a huge meal would be a pleasure.

—Gwen Garwood.

### IT'S IN THE BOOK

While glancing over popular books, both new and old, I was prompted to make the following comparisons.

**GONE WITH THE WIND**—summer vacation.

**FROM HERE TO ETERNITY**—your mark and the highest in the class.

**LARGER THAN THE SKY**—list of excuses for being late.

**LAST OF THE MOHICANS**—survivors of the lunchroom stampede.

**NOT AS A STRANGER**—going to the nurse.

**HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME**—book-laden student.

**CALL OF THE WILD**—voices issuing from the cafeteria.

**KING SOLOMON'S MINES**—goodies stored in the lockers.

**THE PATHFINDER**—one succeeding in reaching the water fountain between classes.—Charlotte Brambel.

### According to Webster . . . or is it!

Dick Ensign  
Terry Rothermel  
Judy Adkins  
Marthe Glesener

Adams football team  
Miss Bamberger  
Office  
Gene Phillips  
Book  
John Adams High School  
Track  
Eagles  
Jim Hoehn  
Wendy Heron  
Johnny Robbins  
Pencil  
Wendy Fischgrund

Miss Horner  
3:15  
Basketball  
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an article that makes your mistakes the Student Council president  
little birds you can find in our halls the reward for Share Their Fare the reason why many boys take typing a house with no roof has been dating Jim Dillman our favorite time of day the new love after football season ends the Tower editor



"What is your favorite TV program and why?"

**Dianne Smith**—"The 'Bob Cummings Show' because I think Bob's nephew is a doll!"

**Jo Anne Bartels**—"Climax' because it always has good stories."

**Sandi Brecht**—"It's a Great Life' because it's very humorous."

**Al Flack**—"I like Red Skelton because he's all messed up."

**Sue Metcalfe**—"Sixty-four Thousand Dollar Question' because I like to see the large amounts of money on the checks."

**Bob Walker**—"T.V. football games because I get a 'kick' out of them."

**Dan Hoyt**—"I like to watch 'You Are There' because it makes me feel older."

**Joe Barnette**—"Howdy Doody' because its so adventurous."

**Terry Conley**—"I like either Robin Hood' or 'Western Playhouse' because they are so 'crazy.'"

**Chris Fogerty**—"I like 'Climax' because it has good plays."

**Andy Cobb**—"Super Circus' because they usually have seals. Onk! Onk!"

### SEASON TICKETS SOLD

Monday, November 14, at 8:00 a. m. 1955-56 basketball season tickets went on sale. The price for students is \$2.50 for the nine home games. Band members may purchase tickets at a discount depending on the number of games at which they will play. Adults will be charged \$6.00 for their season tickets. Adult applications have been mailed to 193 last year ticket holders. If you have friends or relatives who did not get an application, you may get applications in the office.

### Thespians Initiate 14

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conducted by the officers, Barbara Rohlff, Joan Jacobs, Mary Horning, and other troupe members, James Hoehn, Charmian Burke, Gwen Garwood, Joan Berry, Alice Hennion, and Beverly Prohaska. Mr. William Brady is the troupe sponsor.

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Gene Phillips — Mr. T. D. of A. H. S.  
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John Adams High School — Twyckenham Palace  
track — a sport made especially for Drivers' Education  
Eagles — little birds you can find in our halls  
Jim Hoehn — your friend and mine, the giant  
Wendy Heron — the Tower editor  
Johnny Robbins — the Senior Class president  
pencil — an article that makes your mistakes for you  
Wendy Fischgrund — has been dating Jim Dillman  
Miss Horner — the reason why many boys take typing  
3:15 — our favorite time of day  
basketball — the new love after football season ends  
open house — a house with no roof  
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## ROOSEVELT'S LINE PLAY DECISIVE

East Chicago Roosevelt held back the Adams attack for almost four quarters, winning 13 to 7. More than 9,000 people jammed into School Field to see the conference champion crowned.

East Chicago kicked off to the Eagles who returned it to the 31. Three running plays netted nothing and John Robbins was forced to punt. Robbins' punt rolled dead on the 31-yard line of Roosevelt. From this point the Roughriders put together four first downs and marched the 69 yards in 13 plays. Fullback Jack Davidson and halfback Bob Ploski on this drive were continuously pounding out the short gains. The final four yards were picked up by Ploski. Joe Hus converted and the Roughriders from East Chicago led 7 to 0 with about two minutes remaining in the quarter. Bill Baird returned the boot to the 34-yard line of Adams. In four tries at the charging line of East Chicago, the Eagles made their first down. This ended the first quarter's action and Roosevelt led 7 to 0, but the Eagles had the ball.

The ball was on the Adams 45, first and ten, when the second quarter started. Again it was this big charging line of Roosevelt meeting the challenge. From then till almost the end of the quarter it was an exchange of punts, each team punting three times. With moments remaining, halfback Bill Baird proceeded to scamper 17 yards around end to the East Chicago's 43-yard line, for Adams' longest run of the game. On the last play of the half Robbins was nailed attempting to pass.

The second half saw the fine Adams running attack somewhat come to life. Roosevelt returned the kick-off to their 40-yard line. The Eagle line play also perked up, spearheaded by Terry Conley and Jim Hylman, holding the Roughriders. East Chicago punted to the Eagle 14. After a 7-yard run by Baird, fullback Larry Wygant was hit by a smash-

ing tackle and fumble. Roosevelt recovered and got the first big break in the game. On the first play from scrimmage the fullback spinner series was used and wingback Dick Nellenmann went the distance. The score then read 13 to 0. Action somewhat ceased till late in the fourth quarter, from the spectators' standpoint.

With about six minutes remaining in the championship game, Adams' hopes looked dim because they were held and punted only to the Eagle 45-yard line, where East Chicago took over. On third down and 4 on the 40 the Roughriders fumbled and the Eagles took over. From the 46, quarterback John Robbins hit end Keith Malcolm with a perfect strike, who ran to the 32 where he was hit. When the ball squirted loose, with players from both squads standing in a daze, alert fullback Gene Phillips scooped up the ball and raced the remaining 32 yards. Robbins' try for the extra point was perfect and East Chicago led 13 to 7. With the clock running out the Westerners, after returning the kickoff to their 40, also made a first down to mid-field. With second and five on the Eagle 45 the Roughriders fumbled and Jerry Williams recovered giving the Eagles a chance to win this game. Attempting to execute a reverse, the ball got loose and a Roosevelt lineman recovered and held Adams from being mythical state champs. The Roughriders then proceeded to run out the clock. The Roughriders, with their fifth championship in ten years, 13, the Adams Eagles, in their first playoff game. 7. Statistically the East Chicagoans only out gained the South Benders by 56 yards. The South Bend John Adams High School varsity football team finished the 1955 football season with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses, bettered only in the state ratings by East Chicago Roosevelt.

—Bob Ziker.

## Congratulations!

The sports staff of the TOWER would like to congratulate the finest football team that John Adams has ever fielded. We felt that the football team has brought a lot of respect to John Adams and its students. The team's record of eight wins and two losses does not show the fighting heart and the tremendous spirit of this team. The story cannot be told in statistics; you have to watch a team in defeat and in victory to know what kind of team it really was. We feel that we are correct in saying that although a couple of teams were better than ours on certain nights, none had more spirit nor played harder than the John Adams Eagles. We would also like to congratulate Mr. Murphy, Mr. Laurita, Mr. Laiber, and Mr. Swartz. The coaching staff has done a lot in bringing us this victorious season. It took many tiring days, in the cold and in the heat, for both the coaches and the team to bring each victory. The way has not been easy and it has taken everyone from the managers to the lowest scrub to bring Adams this season. A famous sports writer once said that "When the one great scorer comes to mark against your name, He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the

game." Adams deserves a good mark because they played the best way they knew how, and we think it was pretty good.

—Ron Wallace.

## Cage Season Opens

The John Adams Eagles will open their basketball season tonight against the Washington-Clay Colonials. The cagers are hoping to be as successful as the football team was. The Eagles have two returning lettermen from last year, Paul Edgerton and John Robbins. The game will be played at the Washington-Clay gymnasium. The Eagles have been practicing for several weeks, but several of last year's team have been out for football and have not yet had a chance to practice. The team will probably not be up to full strength for several weeks because of this. We certainly hope that the basketball team has a good year.

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