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CHRISTMAS
SEALS

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BOWDEN 1942 GRID CAPTAIN

"HERO OF THE WEEK"

Again this year the first "Hero of the Week" is from John Adams. "The Hero of the Week" is a weekly radio program presented over WSBT by Dave Gallup in which he chooses the most outstanding South Bend high school athlete for the week. On November 26, after a suitable build-up, Gallup named our Hersh Wamsley a main factor in our dynamite team. He said that although Hersh has no special ability, small hands, and little height, he has the get-up-and-go that makes a team win games.

Last year Eddie Heitger, another member of our varsity basketball squad, earned the distinction of being chosen by Gallup.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

In 1920 the National Tuberculosis association started and has functioned successfully since then for twenty-one years. This year a life-saving party is being sponsored by the Red Cross. Everyday scientists, acquainted with Tuberculosis, work to overcome the dreadful disease which kills one person every eight minutes in the United States. New ways and means are being invented daily to wipe Tuberculosis off the face of the earth. Just how brightly the light of the lighthouse will shine, and how far it will penetrate depends on every individual. We all must do our part to raise the \$51,500 which the league has set as its goal for this year. Christmas seals are the only revenue of the Tuberculosis league, so it is absolutely necessary to raise this amount. Another point, when you buy your Christmas seals, use them. A few suggestions would be to use them in sealing Christmas gifts, sending party notes and letters, or as a theme for a Christmas party. Let the world know that you are doing your part to keep the Red Cross flag waving!

SPIRIT IS HIGH

Who said that Adams doesn't have school spirit? Who ever did, they're wrong. This has been proven by the amount of season basketball tickets that have been purchased by Adams' students. Two hundred and twenty-five tickets have been sold including those that are being bought on the installment plan. Students with season tickets will have the preference of sitting on the north side of the auditorium. Those without season tickets will have the choice of sitting on the end of the north side or going to the south side.

Congratulations students. With your school spirit Adams will always be ahead.

TEAMMATES HONOR THESE ADAMS STARS



Ray Bowden, John Ray, Pat Bailey.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AWARDS

For the first time in its two year history John Adams gave recognition to its men of football November 28 before an assembly of its students. This year Adams was the first high school in the twin city circuit to give awards. Now "Something new has been added," in our halls. The flash of the new football sweaters adds a bit of color as well as advertising our school and its athletic endeavors.

Nineteen boys gained enough playing time under the lights of School Field to win major monograms. The seniors who won major awards are: Captain Jerry Acito, Joe Danowski, Al Williams, Bob Murphy, Paul Bailey, Joe Fragomeni, Tom Matthews, John Doran, Kenny Follmer, and Ricky DeWells. Those who will be back again for another year or two with the scarlet and blue that also received sweaters are Vince Fragomeni, Jack Beverstein, Levon Ladyga, Jack Boswell, Pat Bailey, Dave Holmgren, Gerheardt Gerbeth, John Ray, and Ray Bowden.

As Coach Gale stated, a precedent was set up by giving Harold White-man a chevron and a major letter as he didn't have the necessary number of minutes in competition to earn the full award.

Juniors and sophomores who saw action were given minor letters. The recipients are Dick Granning, Don Allen, Dick Troeger, Pat Lane, Jim Ball, Charles Piper, Don Ransberger, Fred Nordblad, and Devon Lundberg.

Those who were on the squad this year and will be back for the 1942 season unanimously elected Ray Bowden, junior regular of the 1941 season, as captain of next fall's Eagle grid aggregation. Ray was much of the strength in the right side of the forward wall from his position at right guard.

Pat Bailey, junior left halfback, came under the wire ahead of Captain Jerry Acito. The first vote for determining the most valuable player of this fall's pigskin campaign ended in a tie between the two. Johnny Ray, sophomore left tackle, was considered by teammates as this year's most valuable lineman. Another year of football for Pat and two more for Johnny should net them some conference-wide acknowledgment by virtue of their ability.

Phil Ellsworth, the man behind the scenes, was given due recognition by Gale for his tireless effort on behalf of the team and was awarded a manager's monogram.

FRITH AND CARTER ADDRESS STUDENTS

Students taking Health and Safety were privileged yesterday to hear lectures by two well-known South Bend doctors. Dr. Frith, psychologist for the school city, spoke to the girls. Dr. Frith was already known to some of the students, as she has visited Adams twice (November 13 and November 27) to speak to the Junior Class on the subject of Personality. Dr. Carter, head of the Board of Health, spoke to the boys. These doctors will return tomorrow to deliver the second and last of these health lectures.

TROUBLED?

All ye lads and lassies have that grief-stricken look on your radiant faces again. And it's not love this time. Is it? No sire! It's worse. Dad just cut your allowance. It seems you won't have any more dates for awhile, and that new formal is definitely out.

Now, what's the cause of all this woe? Poor workslips!!! The postman just will leave those little notes to remind us that we had better get busy—and soon. Those final grades are already taking shape. Let's not have any shaped like this — F.

ADAMS STUDENTS VISIT PURDUE

On December 5th and 6th a group of 12 Adams students and Mrs. McClure attended the joint sessions of the second annual student legislative assembly and the 12th annual debaters conference at Purdue University.

Four representatives, Lillian Toth, Dave Holmgren, Jack Yuncker, and Fred Watson; and a senator, John Reitz, were selected by the group to attend committee meetings and legislative sessions. The opening session on Friday morning of the student legislative assembly was addressed by Governor Schricker. The Senate presiding officer was Mr. Fred Eickhorn, Chairman Indiana Public Service Commission, while Mr. James Knapp, Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives presided over the House. These students also attended two other sessions of the Assembly and one committee meeting.

Adams students in addition to the assembly members were Gene Gardner, Kaye Lewis, Suzanne Martell, Marjorie Parrish, Carol Kline, and Phyllis Reed. They attended sectional meetings in dramatics, radio, and voice improvement.

Friday afternoon the entire group attended the intercollegiate debate between Wisconsin and Purdue, and later heard a critique of the debate. Friday evening Dr. E. C. Elliott, president of Purdue, was toastmaster at a banquet given for the students. There they were entertained by the Purdue University Concert Choir and by the Purdue Playshop which presented "The Petrified Forest."

Saturday's program was as varied as that of the preceding day. The group spent a full two days at Purdue, having left South Bend by bus, with pupils from Central and Riley high schools, at 6:30 Friday morning and returning to this city Saturday evening.

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DO YOU STUDY?

One of the "ear-marks" of a good school is the provision for proper study of book facts by those students who desire such accommodations.

In order to make this provision possible more care must be taken than to provide only the room and physical equipment necessary for housing pupils. The behavior of those involved in a study hall is the chief concern in providing proper environment for efficient study.

Our behavior is governed largely by the habits we form. We do not become genuine scholars or reckless, careless, entertainers over night. It is, therefore, imperative that we form proper habits of study if we are to have a study hall at John Adams which will be an asset to pupils in their effort to become scholars and good citizens.

The responsibility of study hall conduct lies with the individual student and not with the group.

Did you notice how easily Johnny is disturbed? The slightest ruffle of a paper or the leafing of a book will distract his attention from what he is doing. The habit of concentrating on what you are doing to the exclusion of things around you is a habit very valuable to good scholars.

It is impossible for any student hall teacher to force good habits of study upon any pupil. Students may pretend to study for periods, but never read a sentence. Students, likewise, often kid themselves into believing that they are studying. A habit of this type is not necessarily a hindrance to other pupils, but a great handicap to those who think they are working.

Here is another pupil who insists upon whispering to his neighbor about any passing thought. He can not suppress these rambling expressions. He does not consider his responsibility to his fellow students. He helps to break habits of concentration for others and destroys what might have been a perfect hour of work. He has destroyed perhaps, a good theme, a challenging thought, or retained fact.

The rambling whisperer enlarges the scope of disturbance in a study hall as waves spread from a stone dropped in quiet water.

The amount of freedom permitted in any study hall depends upon how students use that freedom. The amount of talking, moving about, and working together must be controlled to benefit the greatest number of students. If pupils insist upon disturbing those about them, he or she should be promptly excluded from that hall. It may be the fault of a poor habit that you made B's instead of A's or D's instead of C's. It may be your fault that your fellow pupil failed to get the most out of his school day. Be the master of bad habits by forcing good ones. Here are some habits you might do well to cultivate.

1. Plan your work for the day.
2. Bring all essentials for the completion of your work to study hall.
3. Sharpen pencils at intermission if possible.
4. Concentrate on your own work during the study hour.
5. Sit as to maintain an efficient and healthful posture.
6. Place all scrap paper in the waste baskets.
7. Replace chairs at desks or table when you leave.
8. Give those in front of you a chance to get out of the room without being pushed.

I would like to commend the many students who are cultivating fine study habits and who are chiefly responsible for the fine atmosphere which prevails in the John Adams study halls.

Paul E. Weddle.

"SCHOOL IS GREAT"

Being a senior, it won't be long until I will regard dear old Adams as my Alma Mater. Believe me, that isn't a pleasant thought. True, I have at times considered school a pain in the neck, but that has been on one of three infrequent occasions: Namely, when I have been compelled to roll out of bed early on a cold Monday morning after a busy week-end and little homework done. Secondly, it has been disagreeable cramming for final or other important exams when I had been lax in previous reviews. Thirdly, it has been hard when homework required that I burn the midnight oil. Of course report cards haven't fostered any love either, but I don't intend elaborating on that in this article. As I have mentioned before, these few obstacles have occurred on but rare occasions and bear little or no weight in a final analysis of enjoyment.

"School is Great!" Although this fact becomes more and more evident as we pass from freshmen to sophomores to juniors, it isn't truly realized until its end arrives in our senior year. For, unfortunately, we don't fully appreciate anything until we are deprived of its luxury—our laughs in class, the sporting teachers, athletics, actual work, contests, and associations. Can you imagine how few persons you would know if it weren't for school.

I repeat, "School is Great" and it can be made even more enjoyable, by eliminating or limiting the amount of necessary homework through a more profitable use of study halls. I refuse to discuss study hall manners as teachers do that constantly, but they can be improved by concentration.

Don't miss any of the fun school offers. There are dozens of extra-curricular activities available. You have but four years of high school. It flies by. So take advantage of it while you can.

Kenny Follmar.

FACULTY FACTS

MR. WEIR

One of our teachers of Geometry and Algebra is called (deep breath) Voleny Cleland Weir. He is an unobtrusive sort of gentleman whose kindnesses everyone around school takes somewhat for granted. Mr. Weir was born in the year of our Lord 1904 and made his residence in the small town of Little York, Ind. Mr. Weir's own words, just in case you didn't know, Little York is quite close to Scottsburg which is in walking distance (30 miles) to Louisville. Little York, still using that same reliable source, once possessed the total sum of 100 citizens but upon Mr. Weir's departure (no doubt against the approval of the Chamber of Commerce) the grand total diminished to a scant 99.

Teaching being his choice of a career he endeavored to broaden his knowledge on that subject by entering Hanover College in Indiana. Proof of his success in acquiring the needed information is shown by his A. B. degree and his two Master Degrees, one in Math and the other in education. In 1933, when the sun was beating down (in Conga time) on the campus of Indiana U., Mr. Weir encountered the woman he loved. The feelings must have been reciprocated because a seven year stretch of matrimonial bliss lies behind these two. A special fondness for the All American dish, ice cream, dominates Mr. Weir's culinary side. Can you imagine he has it every single day, winter or summer. My Goodness!

ADAMS FORUM

If you are interested in discussing social and philosophical problems, on world affairs, you belong at the Forum Club meetings every other Thursday. "Immortality", and "Shall America Fight?" have been among the recent topics of discussion. Tomorrow the club will meet to "Write a Peace Treaty for World War Number II," the members acting as representatives for the different countries involved. This club is open to all Adams students, and incidentally, at the present time is interested in acquiring several active and interested members. The forum, in informal discussion, tends to bring out the ideas and views of the members on the various topics. The topics are chosen at the preceding meeting, and can be in any field. Frequently a guest speaker is asked to attend, and he too joins in the discussion. The meetings are held every second Thursday in the home of one of the members at 7:30 P. M. If anyone is interested, Mr. Krider or Kay Lewis will gladly furnish them with particulars.

We like to see fat people laugh, because there seems to be so much of them having a good time.



Tom Matthews, senior class treasurer, occupies the spotlight this week. When it comes to treasury work, Tom is a specialist. He has held the office of class treasurer for the last three years and spent the greater part of this summer behind bars as the result of a little bank job. Teller, bookkeeper and odd job man to be exact.

Tom was born in South Bend and attended McKinley and Jefferson before coming to Adams.

Activities here include being a student council representative, advertising manager for the yearbook, and a writer for the Tower. He just received a major letter award in football.

His favorite studies are the sciences and his plans are to take up either finance, journalism or medicine at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. However these plans may be changed and if a certain forthcoming dance doesn't go over, he plans to enlist as a Russian volunteer in Siberia.

He would like to see the senior class establish some noteworthy precedents such as having a good senior class play and sponsoring the selection of a school queen to reign over commencement.

A rugged individualist in many ways, the most outstanding of his physical traits is his unique walk, which definitely sets him apart.

He is not a quiet type like his fellow class officers but is equally well liked and popular throughout Adams.

The Spartan youth used to return with his shield, or on it.

The modern youth returns with his windshield or through it.

SLAP STICK

A slap stick is someone who doesn't know enough to come in out of the rain. He may do queer, eccentric things such as: jumping over seats in the auditorium, crossing the street when light is red, walking against traffic in the halls, walking four or five abreast so that no one can get by, pulling chairs from under people, and thinking he's so funny and such a card.

A slap stick may be someone who drives on all roads where a sign reads: "Road under construction—travel at your own risk."

A slap stick is someone who bought a sweater last year which buttoned down the front and wore it reversed, and this year bought one which buttoned down the back and wears it reversed.

No, a slap stick doesn't know enough to come in out of the rain. Oh, it is raining, isn't it? I'd better go inside now.

ASSISTANT FEATURE WRITERS.....	Barbara Munro, Ruth Ann Mock, Pat Barlow, Vicki Dix, Rosemarie Lubbers, Joyce Marx, Janet Wondries.
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TOWER TALK

Hi, raisin brains!

Yep, Grandma says that once in a while, there's nothing like a good ole-fashioned barn dance to put the "I love you" gleam in somebody's eye, and rheumatism in the limbs. So, every senior got all excited and dashed out his back door in some farm duds and "turkeyed in the straw" nigh on till eleven o'clock. Why, Slats Ramer was a perfectly darling hillbilly and Jack "dude rancher" Yuncker cut the rug all evening long. (No, that wasn't his pajama top.) Don Claeys claimed he danced with every cute girl at the party, (wonder why I was left out but, gosh, I catch-on now.) Driving home, the fog was so terrific that we hear Bob Murphy practically ran into somebody's house. Well, sure, some of us didn't get in till . . . (of course, you don't know how really late it was, but then you aren't supposed to.)

I say that was a jolly good dance held the other night . . . Did you see John Yahn waltzing around with—oh, you know who . . . Pretty gay, yes indeed. Why, I know one little gal who had her picture smack on the society page just because she was "truckin to the dance" with a guy in a red jacket, who thinks she's plenty swell and is a member himself. Then, Dean Robertson even broke down and danced with a little blond . . . but, whoops he was off again with another lambie-pie. I'm telling you, what doesn't go on behind your back!

Heard about the box social Saturday night? No? Hm . . . why Tom Matthews and Phyl Van Houten had the grandest time . . . He bought her box . . . lucky boy.

This hurts my dignity, but . . . Joan Hiss wants everyone to know she is not unclaimed at all and is very much "a steadying." So my information was wrong. Oh, well . . . you can't always be right.

Who says you can't string two men along? Now, Pat Kasdorf claims it can be done if one is at Adams and the other at Culver . . . anyway, Jack came all the way home just to prove his love last week-end! So there!

"I don't love you anymore" dept:
Lois Jessup and Stan Dubicki.
Genevieve Curran and Roy Hoover.

"You and I" dept.:
Rita Schmitt and Paul Bailey.
Nadine Schrader and Bud Emerick.
Connie Minzey and Jack Boswell.
Charlotte Whiting and Jack Berstein.
Mary Jane Mischker and Lou Turnock.

You know, it seems to me that Marilyn Sunderlin is awfully sweet. Not to mention Barb Moore. But, when it comes to the other half . . . well, Bill Steinmetz is so . . . gosh, I said I thought that once before. Incidentally, anybody knows who Gloria Gundeck's heart beats for? I'm still trying to find out.

Those Murphy kids surely get around. Beverly is mighty cute with George Pfaff and Bob . . . why, Bob just can't decide . . . Elaine? Carol? Well, I'm no professor quiz, chillun, so I've got to scoot . . .

Be seein' you,

Daisy.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Senior Cap and Gown committee has yet to come to a decision on the color of the academic robes to be worn at commencement on June 1st. A vote taken in each of the senior sponsor rooms resulted in a tie between blue and grey as first choice.

The question has arisen about a Senior Play. All dramatic productions at Adams are to be open to all students, but if the Seniors desire to add to their class fund they may appeal to the Activities committee for the privilege of pushing the ticket sale for the spring "all school production," and thereby receive a percentage of the profits.

Seniors are to make deposits on announcements and name cards with the people who are in charge of this in each of the home rooms. The representative will return to take more orders on or about December 10.

Work on the yearbook is in full swing. As yet a suitable name is wanted. Place your suggestion with Marilyn Beal or Mr. McNamara. If you are interested in working and we think that we can use you, you will be welcomed to the yearbook staff, but we don't want anybody who is going to rush up sometime in April and say, "I'm ready to work." Come now to room 107!

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Is someone dead?"
"That is my roommate's towel."

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WYMAN'S



This article was written just after our first defeat at the hands of Washington-Clay. Although disappointed in the first half showing and the final score, your writer was impressed at the fine exhibition of basketball that took place during the second half.

This second half showing, along with that of the Woodrow Wilson game, at least showed that our boys have overcome one of last year's weaknesses. In many of the games last season, our team would hold a margin at the end of the first half only to lose it in the second.

The Washington-Clay game must have been an off day for our team, since they made only two out of thirty-two shots in the first half. The Washington-Clay boys, on the other hand, were really hot, making 75% of their shots. I doubt whether that team will ever be as hot again this year. If we should happen to play them in the sectional, we might see a different situation.

The Sayer twins, especially Bill, put on a fine showing in our second half battle. They both had plenty of scrap and Bill's shooting average was better than any of his teammates.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Who is your favorite senior?
 Ruthanne Reed—John Doran.
 Jack Boswell—Connie Minzey.
 Jack DeMoss—Come back in one year.
 Jack Rice—She's at Central.
 Lois Feldman—Ed Heitger.

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Richard Alabaugh made his debut into this "civilized?" world in 1926 in South Bend, Indiana. He started his education at Nuner, where he went from kindergarten to the second grade. The Alabaugh's moved to Lakeville where Dick went from the third to the sixth. Moving back to South Bend, he re-entered Nuner where he remained until coming to Adams.

While in Nuner, Dick enjoyed all sports, especially basketball, football, and track. Of these, he prefers basketball.

Dick measures 5' 10½" and holds the scales at 160.

He has shown considerable improvement over last year and will undoubtedly play a lot of ball this season. We will be fortunate in having him back next year.

After leaving the portals of Adams, Dick intends to take a physical education course at good old Indiana University. He looks forward to playing basketball while at the university.

Dick's favorite food consists of a heaping dish of turkey. His favorite entertainment is watching basketball games.

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