



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED

Do you remember the beautiful Christmas program last year? All this beauty will be relived for you at this year's Glee Club Christmas program. The lovely stained glass window, the soft candlelight, the full glorious notes of familiar carols, will bring the full meaning of the Nativity close to you.

The program will open with the traditional candlelight procession. The familiar carols will be sung and then less familiar, but no less beautiful, numbers will be given.

Some of the soloists for this Christmas program are Hershel Keefer, Mary Jane Van Antwerp, and Norma Zimmerman.

Please tell your friends to come. The date is Dec. 17, at 4 o'clock.

## ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

Three John Adams High grads, Helen Butler and Virginia Trueax, June, '43, and Carole King, August, '43, have started the year eventfully at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Miss Butler, a sophomore, is an outstanding accompanist on the campus and has played at many social events. She is also a member of Eurodelphian Gamma, society for women.

Miss King, sophomore, and Miss Trueax, Freshman, are members of College Singers and have been selected to sing in the traditional Christmas Carol service in December. Miss King is also in charge of the college horseback riding club and is a member of Alpha Sigma Delta, women's society. Miss Trueax has participated in the campus bowling tournament.



The T.B. Christmas Seal Sale, which began December 4, is now in full swing. Contests are being held in all home rooms between the boys and the girls. Prizes and Health bonds will be awarded to winners.

On Thursday, December 7, two John Adams girls basketball teams will play each other. The game will be played as the preliminary game before the Thomas Jefferson Junior High School game. The girls are practicing hard for this game so let's have a big crowd there. The game starts at 6:45.

## WAR STAMP SALES

Week's total .....	\$ 2,755.15	
Total to date .....	10,822.90	
HIGH-POINT ROOMS:	Total	Per Capita
10B's in 102 .....	\$727.70	\$17.33
10A's in 208 .....	534.80	16.71
12B's in 205 .....	494.85	14.55
BAR-GRAPH Standing:	Total per Capita for four weeks	
10A's in 208 .....	\$43.22	
10B's in 102 .....	37.20	
12B's in 205 .....	17.72	
Adams participation in Stamp and Bond sales in November .....	93.5%	

PROM QUEEN VOTING CLOSSES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th

## ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Many interesting letters have been received recently from Adams boys in service.

S/Sgt. James Wendt wrote: "I'm receiving the Tower and wish to express my appreciation just as last year. It seems such a short time ago that I was one of Adam's students, rushing to make a class before the last bell or the buzzer buzzes because I stood in the hall talking to a friend. Those were the days. Who ever wrote "John Adams As I See It" was strictly on the beam."

S/Sgt James R. Wendt  
VMB 623  
9th M.A.W. FMF  
Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Pvt. Warren Booth sent these few lines: "Am receiving the "Tower" regularly and sincerely appreciate its brightening of the day. I'm in an Infantry Replacement Training Center and don't know what outfit I'll be in next. Have five more weeks of training and a boat ride in store though.

Pvt. Warren L. Booth  
Co. A 154 Bn. 92 Regt.  
Camp Hood, Texas  
ASN 35 90 6915

A/S Paul L. Smith, Jr. wrote as follows: "The John Adams "Tower" has probably been in many strange places and seen a lot of curious things. The Tower of November 15 was read in the shade of, not the "old apple tree" but the wing of an AT-6 advance training plane. Write Paul,

A/S Paul L. Smith, Jr.  
ASN 15344503 Sect. M  
Box 1569 "OLT" M.A.A.F.  
Tucson, Arizona

Tom Delahanty sent a very interesting letter from the Marshall Islands. Tom has been fortunate since in the service in that he has met some

Adams grads who too are far away from home. He mentioned Dick Troeger, Hubert Larson, Bob Hart and Bob Glunt. He wrote this paragraph which is well worth quoting: "I'm striking for radio man and should have it before long. Tell those young kids who want to quit school and join up to hold their places. This is no picnic and there is no use asking for something you don't have to take."

"Please be sure that the Tower gets to me, because it seems like I've got one foot in my backyard when I read it."

Tom's full address is:  
Thomas L. Delahanty S 2/c R.M.  
First Lieutenant Department  
Navy 825 o/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California.

Ralph Markward dropped a few lines from England to tell us the Tower was reaching him too. He is enjoying his work and feels he has learned more about the Allies since he has been in England than he learned in history in school. He ended his letter with these words: "If anyone cares to write me they will be sure to get an answer."

S/Sgt. Ralph M. Markward  
35559413  
493rd Bomb Group 861st Squadron  
APO 559 o/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Hugh McVicker, from deep in the heart of Texas, asked that his name be added to the list of Tower receivers. Hugh is now at Rice Institute, having been transferred there from Terre Haute, Indiana. His address:  
Hugh B. McVicker, Jr.  
A/S; U.S.N.R.  
N.R.O.T.C. Unit Section 4  
Rice Institute  
Houston, Texas

## ADAMS WINS BOND FLAG

John Adams has recently received the coveted Schools-At-War flag. In order to keep the flag, we must maintain a percentage of War Stamp purchases at 90% or above. Our percentage which won the flag was 93.5%.

The flag, which is white with thirteen black stars surrounding a minuteman, in black, is hung on the wall of the main landing between first and second floor. Let's keep it there by keeping our purchases at a level of 90% participation. Why can't we make it 100%?

## STUDENTS TO HEAR HEALTH TALKS

It is a custom at Adams that all students who take Health and Safety be privileged to hear health talks. This year these will be given on the 4th and the 7th of December. All students taking Health and Safety this semester will be excused from whatever class they are in at 10:00 A.M. to hear these talks.

The boys' speaker will be Doctor Nicholas Carter, the City Health Officer. The girls' speaker will be Doctor Frith. The place for these talks has not yet been announced.

## ENLIST YOUR PENNIES IN THE DRIVE

Adams has been participating in the annual T.B. Drive for two weeks. Many appeals have been made to students; appeals that are well worth listening to.

The tiny one-cent stamps that are so familiar to all of us, have behind their stickum more power than many of us imagine. These little pieces of paper enable the National Anti-Tuberculosis League to fight a disease so deadly that none of us are safe from its clutches.

Do we, who spent that nickle for ice cream last night, have the right to deny some person, suffering from T.B., the happiness that comes with good health? Each penny or nickle helps to win the fight against Tuberculosis.

Your Home Room Agent is waiting for you to enlist your change in the drive. Go to him and volunteer the services of that dime, you know, the one with which you planned to buy a new hair ribbon or a chocolate coke.

The fight of the helpless T. B. sufferer is your fight too. We must win that victory.

TOWER THE STAFF TOWER

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TOWER TALK

Once upon a Monday dreary,  
 While I wondered blue and weary  
 O'er many a volume of forgotten  
 studies  
 Suddenly there came a tapping,  
 As if some one, gently rapping  
 Quote the Eagle

*Congratulations to John Goldsberry for being picked for both the Tribune Twin City and The Eastern Conference Football Teams. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on any South Bend player.*

NAVY CHOOSES BOND WEEK

December 7 is the third anniversary of our entrance into the war. Let's buy bonds in this sixth war bond drive to make sure there will be no other anniversaries of that sneak attack.

Our Navy has a special and personal grievance against the Japs and our boys in blue have selected the days of Dec. 1 to Dec. 7 inclusive as their particular Bond Week.

We read of a hundred B-29 Superforts flying 3000 miles to bomb Tokyo. Just think of the gasoline alone we need for such a trip. We must furnish the liquid sinews of war just as surely as we must furnish the bombs and the shells.

Pearl Harbor must be avenged and America will certainly do the job and do it well.

There is a selfish angle to bond buying, too. Right now when luxuries and gew-gaws are expensive and of poor quality it is just good common sense to put our money in the best investment in the world—war bonds. When this war is over we will have a post war nest egg which pays back four to three.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

- . . . Post-war employment in the following occupations have excellent prospects.
- . . . Architecture. How's your Math, Mechanical Drawing and creative imagination?
- . . . Building Trades. There is a definite shortage now. Think of the building that will be needed when the G. I. Joes and G. I. James return.
- . . . Commercial Air Transportation. May be still competition here, lots of men have had training in these jobs.
- . . . Engineering sales promotion of Electronic equipment, Plastics. Both men and women will be employed here.
- . . . Gasoline filling stations. Imagine "fill 'er up". No ration stamps.
- . . . Highway Construction. Super highways and the old ones unlumped.
- . . . There are at least forty good post-war occupational fields. Start reading, and preparing. Make your education and training count.
- . . . There is opportunity for women in foreign relief and rehabilitation work in the post-war period.
- . . . One hundred forty-one colleges and universities are now offering training courses for work in these fields.
- . . . These courses range from one course to a comprehensive integrated program allowing major specialization.
- . . . The fields covered in these courses are: Health Problems; Social Welfare Problems; Administrative Techniques in Relation to Repatriation, and other mass problems.
- . . . It sounds serious, and big, and worthwhile. Ask for more information in our library.

Many students at John Adams have been misled as to how our Physical Education classes are conducted. The rumor is about that Mr. Neff and Mr. Powell never go into a Physical Education class without a rubber life raft. When the class is over, they inflate it and float out in a stream of blood and sweat, given freely by the members of the class. Now, of course, this is nonsense. Where could they get the rubber life raft?

There is also the story circulating that when the students finish gym class they feel as if they had been hit by a truck. This is also nonsense. Where could they get the gas to run the truck?

I will now try to tell you how a gym class is conducted.—Mr. Neff's class is the one under consideration. The boys come running into the dressing room with happy faces and an over abundance of energy. (ha) Mr. Neff greets them with a cheery smile. Tom (crib boy) Bothast gives them their gym shoes, bobby socks, and little white luxed shorts. After dressing, they take the elevator down to the gym. The boys sit around on the bleachers and exchange the latest dirt. It's worse than an old hen's convention. The most popular subject is: "The Bond Queen." According to the boys, the school is in for a big surprise. Who will be the Queen?

Mr. Neff calls the class to attention. He looks them over very carefully. He tells them that due to a hectic week-end he will give them a free period. The boxing gloves and basketballs are passed out, and the mat laid.

Frank Elliott never misses an opportunity. He runs to the stage, where the girls' gym class has just begun. He yells, "Oh, chickey, lovey pie, it's swoony Franky boy." Then out from behind the curtain steps Beverly Turpin. They sit on the edge of the stage and talk the whole period.

Ward Groves and Elmer Winters go into a desolate corner and talk about Thanksgiving.—I think it was Thanksgiving — they mentioned chicken and tomato a couple of times.

The boys on the mat were having quite a time of it. They all got on their hands and knees and someone would blow a whistle. They all charged each other at once. If any part of the body touched off the mat, they were out. After a furious battle the bodies were stacked up. Among some of the victims were Bob Horvath, Jack Jaqua, Bill Bachman, Bob Swilley, Bill Dolde and the winner and still undefeated physical wreck, Bob Geiger.

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The equilateral triangle, Jean Steinmetz, Dale Douglass and Joan Steinmetz is really causing a lot of speculation. Which is it Dale, Joan or Jean???

It certainly is lucky that the Adams lockers aren't any larger 'cause I'M afraid they would be occupied all the time (quote Mr. Primmer). Isn't this right Jean B. and Wade R??

Lois Lenon and Jerry Gibson seem to be "dueting" not only in the Glee Club!!!

We have some more steadies to add to our list this week. Andy and Phyl are still leading with Clip and Nancy running a close second. Ida-mae Fisher and Bill Granning (sophs) are coming along quite nicely. Thistle kill ya—Pat Annis and "Romea" Martz, Pat Lideker and "Sinatra" Stephens (Oh those Glee Club boys). "Bertie" Addison and Is he is or is he ain't my "Fye," Susie LaFollete and Handsome Dick Poyser, Jack Dempsey and Bebe Turpin (steadies), Louie LaPierre and Mary Erhardt.

Joyce Witwer is still a Black Sheep. Notre Dame is again on the march with Elaine Lubbers and her boy friends little brother following. Bev Watson is being hounded by Jack Miles!!!

Talk about true romances, this takes the cake. An air cadet now "deep in the heart of Texas" writes daily to his Adams cutie and it goes deep in the heart of Janice VH."

Jean Jackey seems to be number one on Bill Bachman's hep parade.

Last Friday it seems that the Erhardt, Kline, Sunderlin, Kindig, Stanz, Lubbers, etc., gang had a jive session at the Isaak; with all of our tall-dark and Handsome men!!!

It seems that "Oklahoma" made such a big hit with the boys, especially Fred Wegner. Just call him "Surrey with the Fringe on the Top!"

Now that football season is over Harriet Haverstock doesn't have to play "second fiddle" to football. Jim Bowlin is really giving all a thrill but I hear that Regina really counts. Cal Joris—Jack Jaqua and Jack Weil are still on the loose. Last but not least—Will Goldy ever find the right girl or should I say a girl??

The old love gleam is really shining in Bob Lea's eyes for Shirly Powell. Last seen at the Adams-Mishawaka game.

June Carothers seems to be on clouds as far as we can see, her engaged sailor, Donn Ransberger (alumnus) is home. Also along our engaged line runs Al Brunt and Shirley Pearson.

Now that Ken is back in school, Jean Ann Finnerman seems to be happy again.

QUOTE the EAGLES — NEVER-MORE!!!

TOWER MINOR STAFF TOWER

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# EAGLES ANNEX SECOND DEFEAT

## MAROONS OUTSCORE ADAMS 26-24

In its third non-conference game Adams basketball team met its second defeat of the 44-45 season. After looking not too good in the first game and a little bit worse in the second, we without a doubt looked decidedly bad in our third encounter. It seems as if Adams is having their annual slump early this year. Though defeat is harsh enough in itself, it is best that Adams get all the losses out of its system before it takes on conferences matches.

Twenty of our twenty-four points were scored by three out of the seven players that participated. These high point men were Karlin and Goldsberry with seven points apiece, and McKinney with six. Andrews and Personnet accounted for the other four points. Our record at the charity stripes was not too commendable, as we missed more than we made.

It can truthfully be said that we didn't look too much like an Adams ball club that night. Adams throughout this region has been known for its ball handling and passing. Usually when Irv and Andy brought the ball down they would pop a long field goal or set up a play that scored. In our last couple of games they have neither been hitting the long ones nor setting up the plays often enough. Still Louie McKinney retained the high quality of play seen at the right forward position. He fired side count shots and went around for one handers accurately and effectively. Oddly enough on offense, Goldsberry didn't get to touch the ball for minutes at a time. In like manner he went two whole quarters without shooting.

With a swell crowd extending up into the top balcony, Adams started the game with Nitz, Goldsberry, Howard, Karlin, and Andrews. Mishawaka got the tip and immediately scored. Their defense being extremely tight we passed some time away passing back and forth, until Karlin on a pass from Goldy scored on a lay in. McKinney came in for Nitz, and scored to end the quarter 11-4, their favor.

Our defense was leaking like a G. I. raincoat; to make matters worse Mishawaka was really on. Personnet and McKinney both scored a long shot apiece to boost the Adams failing effort. Meanwhile the Cavemen

## MISHAWAKA DOWNS ADAMS "B" TEAM, 26-17

The Adams "B" squad using the same line up as the previous week failed to stop a larger and older Maroon team. The Cavemen took the lead and were never really threatened by Adams. At the half time Mishawaka enjoyed a margin of seven points and gained more as the game progressed, until they finally won with a nine point margin.

Don Howell played a very outstanding game at guard, scoring eleven of the seventeen points. Wagner, at the other guard post, accounted for two more points by free throws. Dave Cox, forward, also made one from the charity strip. While Fye and Gibson failed to tally, they played well before they were taken out of the game. The other three points were scored by very capable reserves who played a large part of the game. Stevens made a field goal at his forward spot while Walters held the other with Smith playing at center.

This game was a non-conference tilt, so it doesn't count against our standings. The boys want to win all their conference games so let's give them our support.

were tossing 'em in like mad. The spirit surmounted and the crowd became chaotic as Andy's lay-in finished the half 19-11.

A three minute mixup, in which neither team scored, started the uneventful third quarter. The mixup ended with a hook shot from the foul circle by McKinney. Irv. ended the third period with two more points. As the last quarter started the situation looked pretty glum for us. Then Goldy on his second shot of the game scored with a pivot shot. Seconds later he reiterated. With 6½ minutes to go we trailed by two points. Within 1½ minutes Karlin tied up the game. Time raced on as they scored and again took the lead. Goldsberry on his third consecutive shot scored again to tie up the game. Karlin finally placed us in the lead with three minutes remaining.

The rest is history. Mishawaka scored and with a one point lead commenced to stall. Andrews trying his hardest to break it up fouled his man which lead to one more point. The final gun sounded and blew the bottom out of every Adams fan's heart. The score 26-24, their favor.

## DATE SET FOR BASKETBALL CLINIC

Definite plans have been made for the All-Girls Basketball Clinic. The date is to be Wednesday, December 13 at 7 o'clock.

There will be a display of written material, actual playing equipment and also a demonstration period. Mrs. Clara L. Hester, an outstanding girls basketball coach will be the speaker. She is connected with Indiana University.

The climax of the evening will be representatives of Adams, Riley, Central and Washington High Schools playing in an all city basketball game.

Miss Beldon and Miss Bauer from Riley will be co-chairmen of the program. A grand program has been planned so let's have a lot of you girls here.

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