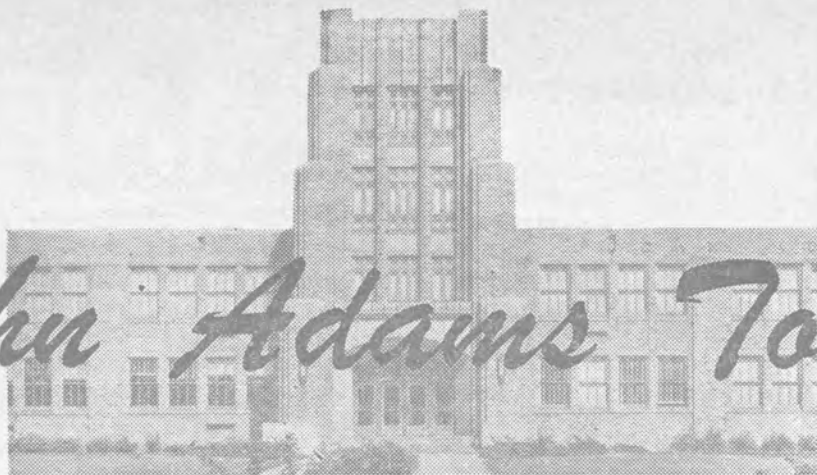


# John Adams Tower



## Vesper Service to Extend Christmas Message

The annual Christmas Candle Light Service given by the Glee Club was originally considered just a program by a high school glee club, nothing more. Now it is anticipated by people from all over the city as one of the outstanding features of the Christmas season. The Christmas spirit of man is renewed at this service. The Glee Club is proud it is able to do a small part toward stimulating in our community the good will which is, beneath all the fun and gaiety, the true essence of Christmas.

The Glee Club receives many invitations every year to sing for various community organizations, such as church groups, and luncheon clubs. It is necessary to decline many of these invitations because the group would miss too many of their classes. Mrs. Pate, Glee Club director, urges all members of the club to maintain scholastic standards.

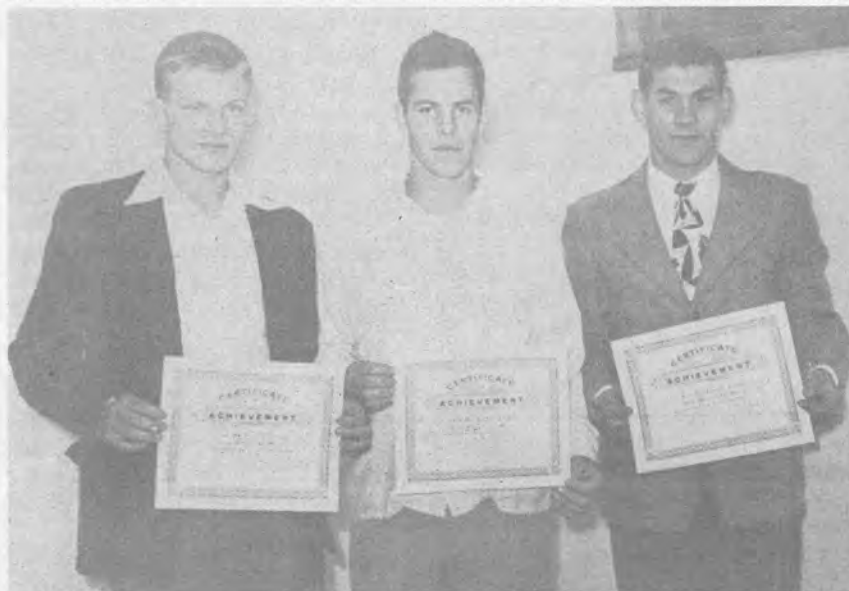
This year the Candle Light Service will be on December 11 from 4 to 5 o'clock. All students, teachers, parents, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Pat Cassaday Elected Chairman of Junior Class Board

On Friday, November 19, the first meeting of the Junior Class Board, under the sponsorship of Mr. Weir, was held in room 108. The board is composed of two representatives from each junior home room. At the first meeting, Pat Cassaday was elected chairman; Dave Sanderson, vice-chairman; and Margie Granat, secretary-treasurer. Members of the board include Ray Tepe, Barbara Swank, Fred Helmer, Jack Bussert, Rai Lowel, Bud Schwalm, Nancy Orzech, Sandra Gollar, and Dick Bothast.

The Junior Class Constitution of 1948-49 was voted on and accepted with an amendment changing the number of officers from one to three. In the future the constitution will be further amended and then read to each junior class to acquaint the students with it.

## FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS



### NEW YELLS RESULT OF TRIP TO BLOOMINGTON

Nine cheerleaders, Kelly Kindig, Sheila Fitzsimmons, Pearl Coffman, Joyce Timothy, Karen Kindig, Nancy Guisinger, Carol DeClark, and Gayle Freels represented Adams at the cheerleading conference held at Indiana University, recently. Miss Bauer accompanied the group.

The program consisted of cheers by the I.U. leaders who demonstrated how to "put over" cheers, cheers by each of the high school groups represented, addresses on sportsmanship and school spirit, and a dance at the Union Building.

The group had a most enjoyable trip. At the same time, they feel they learned much and will show the Adams student body something new in cheerleading at all basketball games.

### GUIDANCE LECTURES TO SOLVE P.-G. PROBLEMS

The graduating seniors have participated in a guidance program designed to help them with post-graduation problems. The seniors divided themselves into two groups: college bound and employment seekers.

Those students planning to enter the business world saw a series of films: "I Want a Job," "Finding the Right Job," and "Choosing Your Occupation." Miss Nellie Boggs of the Boggs Business Service spoke to the group on job opportunities. She also talked about job applications and gave a demonstration interview.

The college bound group had an opportunity to hear about the kinds of colleges—what are accredited continued on page 3, col. 2

## Grid Team Honored At Annual Banquet

November 21, 1949, in the River Park Methodist Church, the John Adams football season was officially concluded at the tenth annual football banquet. Though the Eagles won no title this year, speakers, coaches, faculty, parents, students, and guests, all seemed well pleased with their record and fostered the belief that this "49" team has laid the foundation for a new found school spirit and a successful and effective athletic program at Adams in the future.

The evening's activities commenced promptly at 6:30 p.m. when Dick Bennett introduced the Reverend Carl C. Bosse, who pronounced the invocation. Following dinner, Dick Bennett introduced the toastmaster, Gordon Nelson. He in turn started the evening's program off by presenting Frank Allen and Fred Helmen, who both spoke highly of the football team's progress this year. A few of the guests were then starred as Mr. Nelson introduced Bill Mueller, supt. of School City grounds; Bob Towner, South Bend Tribune; Forest Wood, athletic director of the school city; Frank Crosiar, WHOT; Frank Walker, school field public address announcer; Ralph Powell, John Adams athletic director and in charge of the banquet; Dave Gallup, Tribune sports writer; and Ernie Borrer, the South Bend Journal.

The Gilbert Award was presented to Bill Daugherty by Frank Bratina, the Reco Award for the best lineman was given to Frank Downer by Bill Lubbers, the Kiwanis Award was presented to end Bill Weatherly by Roland Obenchain, Jr. The president of the Monogram Club, Dick Bennett, honored Bill Daugherty with the club award, and Ernie Borrer made the presentation of the South Bend Journal certificate to Frank Downer, Jim Lahey, and Bill Daugherty.

Coach Crowe then introduced the players, the managers, the parents, and guests: Gene Dykes, Mishawaka Coach; Bob Jones, Central Coach; Spike Kelly, Riley Coach; Sam Wegner, Washington Coach; Mr. Aarons, Nuner Coach; Joe Lauber, Lincoln Coach; Al Vincent and Steve Horvath, Jefferson coaches; continued on page 3, col. 1



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### PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

We are basing this philosophy on the premise that whatever occurs in connection with any part of the school's activities is a part of the learning process. This learning may result in either positive or negative outcomes. Therefore, all school procedures<sup>1</sup> should be planned to produce desirable learning. The inclusion or exclusion of any part of the curriculum or activity of the school should be based upon the quality of its contribution to the objectives<sup>2</sup> of the school.

The responsibility of our school should extend beyond the mere preserving of the "status quo."<sup>3</sup> Therefore we should provide those experiences which will lead students to desire to produce a more effective way of living than we now enjoy.<sup>4</sup> As we attempt to attain our objectives, this goal should be kept in mind.

Each child should be given an equal opportunity to achieve an adequate education to provide for his particular abilities and needs because our school is an agent for learning in a democracy. It is our duty to inspire and to train for effective leadership as well as to develop a responsible citizenry<sup>5</sup> in order to preserve our democratic way of life.

Man must realize that the world is fast becoming interdependent, and a concept of the growing necessity of living together harmoniously must be developed if man is to preserve himself. Therefore, our school should emphasize the art of wise understanding necessary for satisfactory human relations.

It must be remembered that the school which is to function in carrying out the ideas expressed in any philosophy consists of a building,<sup>6</sup> administrators, teachers or particular subjects, students, their parents, and the community in which the school is situated. All learning which takes place in any particular school will be colored by this composite group. Therefore, an attempt should be made to develop these separate influences into as constructive a whole as is possible.

1. The following items are examples of what is meant by all school procedures:

- a. the academic curricular activities
- b. classroom experiences
- c. methods used to administer activities
- d. club activities
- e. extra curricular activities
- f. school social affairs
- g. attendance controls
- h. disciplinary regulations

2. The objectives will be stated in detail in following issues.

3. Status quo means present conditions and standards of living.

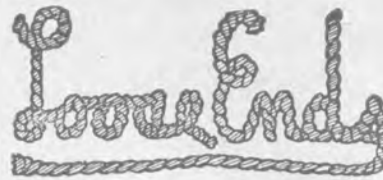
4. Examples of what is meant by "to produce a more effective way of living" are:

- a. to produce responsible citizens for the future
- b. to develop attitudes which will promote understanding among individuals
- c. to develop workmen who will give true values and services
- d. to learn to win without cheating
- e. to develop a taste for good music, literature and art. In brief, to develop those attributes necessary to produce a society which can live abundantly and happily.

5. In a democracy the leaders are chosen by the citizenry. To provide good leadership, persons possessing qualities for leadership must be trained to be intelligent and wise. To insure the choice of good leaders a wise and intelligent citizenry must be developed. Unwise and ignorant people may and do choose poor leaders. Ignorant and unintelligent people are easily led by corrupt and harmful leaders. Therefore, a responsible citizenry is necessary to choose and follow effective leaders.

6. One of the biggest factors in the carrying out of the school program at John Adams is the use of this building as a civic auditorium. The following activities of our school which are interfered with in this way are:

1. regular gym classes; 2. athletics; 3. dramatics; 4. music; 5. assembly programs.



There has been a demand for more middle names from the students. Maybe it's interesting to know that Allene White's first name is Amanda, or that Jacques Devon Bussert was shortened to Jac.

Do you know a girl by the name of Charlotte Cissell? We have a sophomore who has a very simple name—Jay Miller. Nicely sandwiched betwixt those two names is Ellsworth.

Our little girl who is sandwiched into a ten-pound cast is Maxine Alexis Baim.

There has been a request to hear Carroll Dickenson play his saxophone. Carroll doesn't stop at making sweet music. He also makes a sweet girl happy. She is Alvado Green from Washington.

I've often wondered just what goes on in the bookkeeping class. There seems to be a lot of laughter. What is Kent "the caser" Bolton up to?

Sharon Chambers is studying music very hard and is thinking seriously of singing in opera some day.

If girls from the fourth hour gym class look slimmer lately, it's no wonder. Miss Tash has been giving some pretty rough exercises.

Do you know that Don Carson is to have an audition on the Morris B. Sachs amateur Talent Television program? That is certainly an honor. Congratulations, Don.

We are wondering which shines more, the sparkle in Phyllis Loutzenheiser's eye or the sparkle of her engagement ring which she received from Dick for her birthday.

The boys in Public Speaking class seem to be quite musically minded. Sometimes before class a quartet is heard giving out with its best melodies, and Ed Higgins often renders a selection on his harmonica.

At the big dance at the Erskine Park Country Club we saw Jim Sears and Nancy Jena from Central, Kelly Kindig and Judy Roelke, Bill Tait and Barbara Fleming (Central), Bob Northrop and Sue Hastings, Bill Baranowski and Mary Butler (Central), George Chrsty and Virginia Schuck (St. Joe Academy), Paul Green and Marian Lory, Jo Grubbs and Will Johnson, Su Green and Dick Moore, Jo Green and Marlin Miller. Carole Ann Crowe won the door prize which was an orchid and three very attractive scatter pins. Her escort, Bob Parker (alumnus) received a \$5 gift certificate.

Xavier Cugat was in town that same night. Evelyn Estes was dancing to his music with Al Slutsky and Gloria Ziker was the guest of Arnie Shavel.

At the Progress Club Sox Hop these couples were seen in their stocking feet: Jo Kissell and Skip Gasensmith (Central), Mary Swingendorf and Tom Smithberger ((alumnus), Barbara Turk and Fred Helmer, Shirley Rogers and Bill

## SEIFER Yourself; You MAE ad MEYER This WOLF

The WEATHERLY was beautiful. The leaves were changing from GREEN to BROWN and ALBRIGHT colors. But the CROWE was not happy, for he had a GROSS problem: for NYE on six months, he and his friend, the WOLFE, had done nothing but DANCE, and now with winter nearing, they had no food stored away to keep them through the WHITE cold months.

"What in the DICKENSON will we do!" exclaimed the CROWE. "How can we jump this HERTEL? I know, we can go to the MILLER and he will give us plenty of food for the LONG winter ahead." But the MILLER turned them away, saying, "I have only enough for myself and my BROTHERS."

The WOLFE cried, "We've not EATON for MOORE than three days. We must find work, then we will be RICH and can buy food." Oh! That was splendid. The CROWE could find a STOUT tree and HEWIT, while the WOLFE SELLS it to the BOWMAN; but, alas, the tree seemed to be made of GRANAT. The truth was that the CROWE and the WOLFE had played for so LONG that they did not have the endurance to work. Even the WEAVER, the TAYLOR, the TUCKER, and their LAYMAN could not teach them a trade for a MILLION dollars.

The CROWE and the WOLFE could be no DOWNER and out than they were. But suddenly an idea struck them! Yes! They would go to the KING himself and BECK for mercy. The BOATMAN guided them across the river. From the HELM of the ship, the CROWE sighted the fields of the EARL of FERRARO and hailed the CROWE to come up from the HATCH to see the royal land.

When they reached the EDGERTON of the river, they went straightway to the KING and told their story to him. The KING said, "You have played and danced while others worked and toiled. You will be hungry and cold, but they will be well-fed and sheltered. From this day forth, you will each wear this SHAW or surely my kingsmen will LYNCH you."

The CROWE and the WOLFE each left the palace in a SHAW, and it was a GRIMSHAW, too, for everyone recognized their sins by the sight of the SHAW. And so, the CROWE LAHEY down to die, and the WOLFE could only find a rose to lay beside his grave before he himself fell to sleep in death. And there they lay, the CROWE and the WOLFE, with only a ROSEN-SWEET peace their reward.

Voor, Bruce Million and Barbara Taylor, Beth Smithberger and Don Corillo.

Do you know that Coach Crowe can run around the gym floor five times in a row, stop and remain standing? Try it yourself sometime.



### Monogram Club Sponsors First Awards Assembly

At the first awards assembly of this school year, a new type of letter was originated. Instead of presenting the traditional South Bend Monogram to those worthy of a letter, a new Adams monogram was presented in the form of a big "A". The Monogram Club was in charge of the assembly and will be in charge of all such assemblies throughout the school year. Dick Bennett, president of the club, presided. Coach Ralph Powell announced the Cross Country awards. Those receiving letters in cross country were: Paul Green, John Kelly, Jerry Olhman, and Wesley Strong. Jack Bussert received the captain's star and a certificate, having received his letter last year. Elliot Weinberg, senior manager, received a chevron.

The tennis awards were next presented by Coach Paul Reber. In order to get awards in tennis it is necessary for the team to win three fourths of their games. They won 6 out of 8 this year and thus qualified for the awards. Dick Bennett and Marlin Miller had won letters before and so received certificates and Dick Bennett was presented with the captain's star. Gordon Barclay and Bill Baranowski received letters.

Coach Crowe then honored the football players with their awards. Those receiving letters were: Roger Bennett, Dick Bolesky, Ken Calloway, Gerald Graf, Harold Graf, Melvin Heigter, Dave Kelly, Will Netzel, Jack Norblad, Gene Richards, John Shafer, Dick Stanton, and Gene Wright. Carroll Dickenson and Herbert Kelly were presented with chevrons. Certificates were given to Bill Daugherty, Carroll Dickenson, Frank Downer, Jim Lahey, Bruce Million, Paul Rodgers, Jack Troeger, and Bill Weatherly. Frank Downer was also given the captain's star.

Senior managers Bill Tait and Jim Sears received letters as managers and the other senior manager, Neil Van Houten, was given a new minor award. It was announced that Bill Hudson would be the senior manager next year. Don McClusky and Del Briggs were given minor awards as retiring junior managers.

Mr. Sargent then made a short speech on behalf of the school, following which, minor awards were presented to: Ed Conrey, Bill Dieter, John Helvey, Dick Nidiffer, Bob Reinke, David Scrugg, Harold Pipke, Bud Parker, Sherman Naftzger, Gene Smith, John Lederer, Jack Landry, Walter Lantz, Will Johnston, and Jack Horvath.

Pinch hitting for Coach Harry Koss, Mr. Neff explained the rule changes, the players potentialities, the possibilities of the basketball team this year. He praised Mr. Koss as a coach very highly.

The cheerleaders then took over the assembly and with the help of the band explained and demonstrated the new cheers which the band and the cheering section will do together this year. Coach Crowe then explained a bit of the life and attitude of the officials and shed a little more light on the officials actions.

A good way to keep the kids out of the cookie jar is to lock up the pantry and put the key under the soap in the bathroom.

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### Adams Loses Decision To Lew Wallace in Last Quarter

An Adams squad looking improved over their first game lost their second game to Gary Lewkets. Lew Wallace jumped to an Adams by scoring only twelve bas-early lead and was leading by seven points at the end of the first quarter. However, the tables were turned in the second quarter as Adams was leading 17-15 at the end of the half, Lew Wallace only having scored two points. Adams was still ahead at the end of the third quarter, but the margin was but two points. The margin was by four points at the end of the game were awarded thirty five chances n favor of Lew Wallace. The Eagles total of seventeen, which accounted to shoot free throws and made a for a large part of their score.

Scoring honors go to three players who each scored ten points, Dick Bennett, Marlin Miller, and Dick Moore. The fast break was considerably more prominent in was getting a large part of the rethis game, although Lew Wallace bounds. Dick Moore and Don Oakes both hod to leave the game with five personal fouls.

### Adams Takes Alexandria in Season Net Opener

Adams started the '49-'50 basket-ball season off right by defeating Alexandria by a full twenty points. Adams led the opposition throughout the game, but gradually edged away from them in the fourth period to cinch the decision. One of the most interesting factors of the game is that all but one Eagle player scored at least one basket. The fast break wasn't too prominent on Adams part as the Alexandria defense prevented them from using it.

All the varsity played in the game. They are: Dick Moore, Jack Troeger, Bob Pfaff, Larry Soelling, Melvin Edgerton, Dick Bennett, Marlin Miller, Kenny Dillion, Don Oakes, and Marty Weissert. Marlin Miller led the scoring with fifteen points and Melvin Edgerton loomed second with eleven points.

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