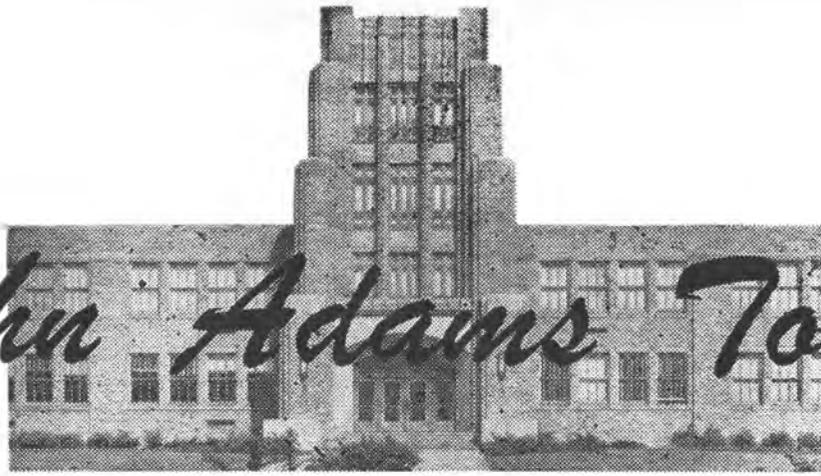


# John Adams Tower



## Tomorrow Night Is THE Night For Senior Prom

Tomorrow night is the Mid-Year Senior Prom! Tomorrow night is the first formal dance of the winter! Tomorrow night is the dress rehearsal for next spring's Senior Prom. Yes, tomorrow night is the night!

The Mid-Year Prom is held each year as a joint affair of the School City. All four public high schools' seniors are invited to the dance and all alumni of the four schools are also invited.

Bud Simpson and his orchestra will play for dancing from 9 to 12 o'clock in the Palais Royale Ballroom.

The dance, as always, is semi-formal. There will be no fresh flower corsages in accordance with a ruling of the School City.

Tickets are available for 12A's and 12B's. The cost is \$2.10 per couple. See your home room teacher.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS STARTS HOBBY DRIVE

The Junior Red Cross will conduct the week of December 11 to 15, a drive to gain "Hobbies for Happiness." The students are asked to help by contributing any hobby articles which they may have, i.e., books, buttons, stamps, movie star and sport pictures, etc. These articles will be sent to veteran's hospitals in this state or region. Students may take any contributions which they may have to Room 107 or give them to their home room Junior Red Cross representative.

## JUNIORS PLAN COLLEGE MIXER

The Junior Class has announced their decision to have a Christmas party for the entire class, instead of in-home room groups. The party will be a "college mixer" affair in the Little Theater from 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock on December 22. The party is open to members of the Junior class only.

Arrangements are being made by the class officers, the Junior Cabinet, and appointed committees. Bill Dieter, class president, has announced that there will be refreshments in addition to the fare planned on the program.

## Help Fight TB



## Buy Christmas Seals

### STALLMAN LAID TO REST

Wednesday afternoon, Ronald Stallman, a senior student in Mr. Thompson's home room, who was the victim of a gas explosion, was buried after funeral services in the Hollis mortuary.

Ronald died Monday morning after he had been severely burned when the fumes from the gasoline which he was using to scrub the floor in the gasoline station were ignited by the heat from a stove in the establishment. Ronald's brother, Roger, was in critical condition in Memorial Hospital at press time.

### Singers Ready Vespers

We hope that you are saving the date of December 17 for the annual Christmas Vespers presented by the Glee Club. The program will include the traditional candle-light processional and will consist of the Christmas anthems sung by the Glee Club and the familiar carols sung by the Glee Club and chorus on the stage.

The chorus is composed of members of the chorus classes. This service gives them a chance to participate in a school program.

Preparation for the program has been underway since the first of November and is now in its final stages. So save that date, Sunday, December 17.

## Xmas Seal Queen To Be Crowned At Game Tonight

One of the seventeen feminine pulchritudinous candidates for the Christmas Seal Queen will be crowned the Queen of 1950 at elaborate half-time ceremonies at the Adams-Goshen basketball game tonight.

For the past week students have been buying Christmas Tuberculosis Seals and voting for their choice for the honored position. Voting will continue to the end of home room period today, but the seal sale which has been greatly stimulated by the contest will remain open until the end of home room period Monday.

Last week each home room chose a candidate for the crown. The representatives are: Joyce Balko, Karol Hudson, Nancy Lochsmondy, Katherine Sears, Virginia Steinmetz, Jill Jacobson, Jacqueline Clemmons, Clara Ferraro, Barbara Lennon, Jo Ann Turner, Donna Leng, Edwina Tucker, Sharlee Cissell, Johanna Jaffee, Jo Ellen Morris, Nancy Smith and Carol Simons.

## STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE NOW SET FOR FEBRUARY

The Student Council post-game dance first scheduled to be held after the Riley game, December 1, and later to be held December 8, has again been postponed because no orchestra was available. It will now be held February 17 after the Fort Wayne North Side game. Dancing will be in the Little Theater and the John Adams swing band will provide the music.

## ADAMS ALUMNA TEACHES HERE

For the second consecutive year Adams has a student teacher who is a graduate of this school. Last year we had Mr. Plotkin, and this year we have Betty Lou Bryant.

Miss Bryant, who is a senior in the College of Education at Indiana University, will spend the next eight weeks at John Adams doing her practice teaching in English. She will graduate next June.

She says that it is "very good" to be back, but she feels "very strange" to be back in the role of a teacher.

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## From the Editor's Pen

Among the school newspapers on the Tower exchange list is the State Highlights, published by Western State High School in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ordinarily I don't have the time to read these papers thoroughly, but I took time out to read one story in the Highlights entitled, "Are We High-Hat?"

It came to me that State High in Kalamazoo is facing a problem very similar to ours here at Adams in South Bend. Students from Central and St. Ann's in their town look upon State students as high-hats and snobs, just as students from Central, Rilley, and Washington look upon us as high-hats and snobs.

In this editorial, "Are We High-Hat" the writer seemed to think that if the Kalamazoo School System would approve inter-school projects, such as dances and meetings, that their problem could be cured in just a short time—but we can tell them right now that it won't work!

Year after year organizations sponsor social affairs between schools, such as post-game dances, the city-wide Halloween Dance, and the mid-year senior prom. For several years now the Forum of Student Affairs has met and they have started the "Junior Town Meeting of the Air." The Glee Club sings with the other glee clubs; the band plays with the other bands; and the Y-Teens have joint meetings but still we are looked upon as high-hats and snobs. Even our faculty gets the brunt of the attack from other school faculties as being "the hand-picked faculty."

The kids from the other schools fail to realize that we are just ordinary kids going to a typical American high school. They seem to think that just because Whitcomb and Keller speaks so highly of Sunnynede and that River Park has their own newspaper and theater and downtown district that we are "untouchable." They seem to be convinced that just because Adams is the newest school in town, that only the best kids can go there. Of course, we think that we are a swell bunch of kids, going to the "best school in town," but gosh, doesn't everyone feel that way about his school!

Maybe our athletic teams aren't as good as some of the other schools; maybe our records in sports aren't as impressive as some of the other schools. Is that any reason why our students should be judged high-hats?

Just because we pride ourselves on our beautiful building, on our fine band and glee club, on our dramatic productions, is no reason that we should be called snobs.

We're going to have to tread lightly! One slip by the student body may mean a bad reputation for Adams till the end of time. When we lose an athletic contest, lose most graciously and don't stick your nose up in the air with that "Don't they think they're smart" attitude. And when we win, let's be good winners, be happy and joyful, but don't walk out with that "Well, I guess we showed you" attitude.

Nothing will help to promote good will between schools more than wholesome, friendly relationship between the student bodies.

## Comic Page Fan Tells Love Affair Of Smeraldina

Ah—at last—the last class is over! I am free! I can go home and read the funnies!!

Oh the funnies, the comics, the cartoons! They keep me alive and happy throughout the week, they give me my taste of adventure, romance, mystery, suspense, and humor—such a high class of humor. It's really very educational to get caught up on all the jokes I missed by not being born 25 years ago.

All the time while I am running my 15 blocks home I keep thinking "Will Hawkeye Guninvestpocket escape from the packing box that he has been put in by his two arch enemies Cabbagehead and Bananose before the bridge on which the box is resting is blown up by a shark which is accidentally swimming by the cord which is fastened to the dynamite and might set off a spark?—oh! how my heart is racing pitter-pat, pitter-pat as I run lipperly lipperly on my way home.

But I really don't have too much time to worry about Hawkeye because my mind is crowded with thoughts of the dramatic love affair between Smeraldina and Nathaniel—after going steady for 10 years they've been broken up because Smeraldina's niece Esmarelda who is 18 and a sultry, exotic, beauty has been suffering from chronic heart burn and has been visiting the drugstore so often getting "Anacia" that Nathaniel who is the first assistant registered pharmacist has fallen in love with her out of pity. Only Smeraldina, her sweet, virtuous aunt knows that Esmarelda gets her heartburn from drinking so many chery cokes at the rival drugstore down the street where handsome Spike Musclebound is soda jerk. Last night Smeraldina was just about to tell about her niece's past to Nathaniel when she got a telegram from her rich aunt who is in Southbound, Madagascar. I could hardly concentrate on my studies all from the suspense of wondering what would be in that telegram.

Here I am at my house now—I think I shall faint—my father, because of the high cost of living, has cancelled our newspaper subscription.

## Adams Hit Parade

"Some Enchanted Evening" — night before exams.

"Mule Train"—bus after school.

"It Only Happens When I Dance With You"—Rojean B. and John H.

"Music, Music, Music" — Mrs. Pate.

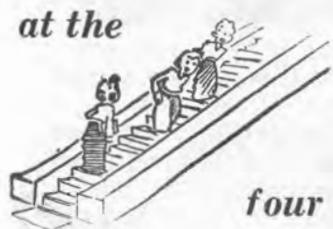
"Three O'Clock in the Morning" —Glee Club.

"Whispering Hope" — Whisper and Hope Crowe doesn't catch you.

"It's Magic"—Some of the smells the chemistry class cooks up.

"Old Faithful"—Kenny and Norma.

"Time Will Tell"—Joyce S. and Bob B.



## four corners

Seen at the Alumni Dance:

Dale Gibson and Pat Holland  
 Sheila Fitzsimmons and Roy Tepe  
 Miriam Bender and Speede Netz-el ('50)

Phyllis Sells and Mel Edgerton ('50)

Su Hastings and Dick Wysong ('48)

Margaret Carter and Jon Olheiser ('50)

Margie Granat and Bob Wegner ('50)

Jean Selby and Bill Hudson  
 Dick Sanderson and Jill Jacobson

Mickey Jamison and Bob Parker

Our steady list grows longer and longer each week—this week we add Connie Lamont and Fred Helmer, Dan Broderick and Barbara Futter (S.M.A.), and Tom Vermande and Pat Goddard (Jefferson), Mary Brotherson (S.M.A.) and Jack Troeger.

Beware—Fred Laas is dangerous! He has been known to knock out people's front teeth. Don't get too close to him. Also watch Bill Clark he bites.

Jeff Trethewey must be preparing for a long hard winter, he spends his lunch hours down in the Little Theater—Knitting—

Who lives on Clover street that interests Rosie Orban so much? Could it be Ted V.? How 'bout it, Rosie?

We see that Roy Tepe and Jack Troeger walk with Mary Alice Barnes on her sixth hour rounds to collect attendance slips.

Fad of the week: Bleached hair in the masculine sex! So we notice in Bill Hudson, Jerry Graf, Jill Jacobson, Joe Kline, and Dick English.

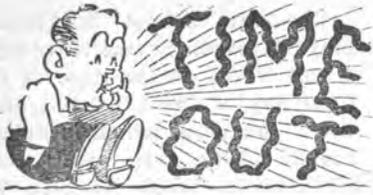
We are of the understanding that Jo Turner has a secret admirer in her home room! (?)

The three W's—Walking: Weisert and Walke.

We hear that Burton Toepp is a big game hunter. He bagged one rabbit. The story goes that he got it after it rammed into a tree.

Lost—One house with seven gables. If found please return to Joan Rawles. Reward. Joan does want an English grade.

Have you noticed all the girls with their Tonis? That's the work of Joan Tarr—our school beautician.



By Dave James.

December 7 marked the anniversary of one of the most vicious and underhanded acts of aggression ever launched against a nation. It is well that this memorable date be burned into our memories, keeping us constantly aware of the fact that it can happen again. Much has been restored and forgiven since that first day of war; and yet, much has been destroyed that can never be restored. Many lives have been lost, many unforgettable sorrows have been suffered, and many vows have been made that such as had happened on that December day will never occur again. Yet it can happen again. Peace today can be nothing but an all out, full-time effort. Only with tremendous amounts of prayer, sincerity, work, courage, and diplomacy can we possibly steer ourselves away from another world catastrophe.

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**Adamite of the Week—David Sanderson**—Dave is a very active and well-known student around John Adams. He is enthusiastic about dramatics, being President of the Drama Club and having participated in such John Adams productions as the "Bat" and "The Dragon." Dave is also a member of the John Adams Debate Club. He has done well academically too, being on our honor roll. You will see Dave in our Senior play "The Ghost of a Show."

**Words with weight**—Never before in the history of the world have we needed men who can think without emotion and prejudice as we do now.

**Light Day, Young Filley, Olds Ford, Swank Deal:**

It was **Light**, and just as the cock began to **Crow** and the **Bell** went ting-a-Leng-aLing, all the **Young** ones and the **Olds** arose and the **Rush** of a new **Day** began. The man of the family put on his **Robe**, **Walke-d West** to the **Barnes**, **Rapped** on the door, pulled up the **Bolt** on the **Fugate** and went to milk the **Brown** and **White** cows. After **DeLong** task was finished, he at **Laas** returned to his house made of **Oakes** and **Stone**. He saw his wife and **Kinsinger** he sat down to his **Bole** of **Bakos-ed** apples. This **Eaton** and after the coffee that had been **Perkins** on the stove was down the **Hatch**, his wife told him about his **Young** daughter's bad behavior. He replied, "Well **Carter** down here and I'll **Bender** over my knee and **Tanner!**" His wife's face turned **Rose** then **Vermillion** then **Ashley** pale and the **Sears** rolled **Downer** cheeks. "Oh, please," she said, "**Turner** over to me and I'll have **Sharp** words with her—I hope she can **Barret.**" He **Scruggs** his shoulders—"All right, but that **Young Filley** can't make a loud **Noyes** with her **Gugle** on **Eberly Street** in **Towne**, said the **Wise** father with the **Witt** of a **King**.

After this he went out to his **Ford** and drove **Coverdale Enfield** and **Lea** to the **Boggs**. But **DeFord** broke down, and after failing to fix it with his **Rench** he decided to **Parker**. Since he was **Strong** and a good **Wader** and **Walker** he soon arrived at **Demos** likely place to put his **Steele Geiger** counter down. "Why **Watson** the ground?" he said, and began to dig with a **Twigg** he found. But he **Bourdon** bored **Moran Moore** but with no result. But he didn't give give up **Coswell** he was **Weissert** than you might think. At length he struck a box filled with a **Gross** of gold **Buckles**. He also found a paper dirty enough to go to the **Landry** written in many

colored **Inks** and not in **English**. "This must have been buried here by a **Turk Long**, long ago," he thought.

Upon arriving home all **Tucker-ed** out, he saw his daughter in the **Hall** and realizing how much he'd **Neiter** he said, "**Helvey** are **Rich**, so why should I give you the **Dickens?** I **Grant** you that I have **Morgan** enough gold so I will **Gibson** to you. Be my **Valentine?**"

"It's a **Deal,**" she said. "Because I am so **Swank-ful** I will buy an ice-cream **Cone** from the place that **Sells** them for everyone in the **Bock** and we **Selby** happy ever after."

**TAKE HEART SENIORS, YOU WERE SOPHS ONCE**

Remember this fall when the 10B's came to Adams? Remember how humble and lowly they were? They were groveling at the feet of the juniors and seniors—only to glad to swim the deepest ocean for them. But now look at them.

Shoving and pushing, brassy and bold, they careen down the hall, plow into their classrooms, slam their books down on their desks and rush out into the hall again. This repeats itself throughout the day. Juniors and Seniors scatter for shelter and wonder at the new-found dignity and extreme self-respect displayed by the once lowly sophomore. Alas poor Sophomores! What has happened to you since the first day of school? Alas! Alas! What a change has come over the once humble, sniveling and cowardly sophomore since the semester was young. Ah, well, Juniors and Seniors:

Remember, you were once a Sophomore.

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What would you do if you had just one month to live?  
Jay Miller—live for thirty days.  
Shirley Helvey—dig my grave and buy my tombstone.  
Pat Holland—I'd make the best of it!  
Louise Niespo—do everything my mother said "no" to.  
Jim Leng—spend all my money.  
Bob Stone—get my health notebook caught up.  
Marilyn Stebner—No doubt, I'd make a fool of myself.  
Sharon Watson—I'll never tell.  
Jack Noyes—quit school, get married, find an oil well in my backyard.

**ANOTHER POEM TO FILL SPACE**

I think that I shall never see  
A seat upon the bus for me.  
I think I'll never escape the dooms  
That are held for me in these four-wheeled toms.  
Oh, who can save me from the plight  
That is mine to suffer every night?  
And who will find a resting place for me  
Upon the bus? (oh, hear my plea!)  
But hush my mouth, I'll stop this talkin'  
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# Improved Eagles Down Wildcats

## 46-35

Adams fans and students who witnessed the Riley-Adams tilt last Friday night got a welcome spectacle of victory. It was a disappointed Adams group of followers who came from the Washington-Adams game, but an extremely happy crowd of Eagle rooters who left the Riley game with a glimpse of a somewhat brighter future. It was the second win for the Eagles in four non-conference starts. Spirit on the team appeared to be high when an all senior quintet first hit the hardwood. The Adams offense was harder charging, and the defense was a much scrappier one. Actually, the team looked to be vastly improved.

The Eagles started fighting early in the game and never let up until the last few minutes of play when their defense seemed to crumble. This last minute relaxation could have been purposeful as the Wildcats were well snowed under. The second quarter was under way before Riley was able to pop more than one ball through the hoop. After they did, their team began to pick up momentum and though the Eagles were still fighting hard the Wildcats caught fire and threatened the Adams lead temporarily. The third quarter came and went and Adams forgot to have its third quarter slump, but instead scored fifteen points to continue to suppress the Wildcats. However, the Eagles were called for traveling several times.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Riley seemed to fall apart and Adams drove hard and succeeded in putting the game on ice. In spite of persistent tries for fifty points from the sidelines, Adams was unable to get more than a very healthy forty-six, which more than did the trick. Hotshots in the Adams spotlight again include Don Oakes who scored fifteen points on six baskets and three charity shots. Dillon managed to tally eight and Weissert had seven. Parker had five and was very effective on under-the-basket tip-ins. In twelve attempts at the charity circle, the Eagles made eight.

# BY LINES - - - by Bartol

## Corby Davis Relays News of Fort Wayne Hospitality

In the last football game of the year, played with South Side Fort Wayne at Fort Wayne, a very generous and gratifying gesture was made on the part of the South Side team. The day was cold and rainy and the mud was no joy to play in. On the very first play of the ball game, Duane Rowe was hurt. Without delay, an Adams manager was sent to bring aid from the Fort Wayne side. It is customary that when an out-of-town team is playing another team, the home team is to furnish the doctor. Fort Wayne South Side did more than this. The school doctor came over to the Adams side with a pair of stretcher bearers and a stretcher. Rowe was carried to the dressing room for observation, which indicated he needed further treatment. An ambulance was summoned and with a police escort, Rowe was sent to a warm hospital. He was there X-rayed and treated. He remained in the hospital for the duration of the game, whereupon he was again put in an ambulance and returned to the field of play with a complete report of his condition.

Coach Davis, along with the other coaches, players, and administration were very grateful for this wonderful display of hospitality on the part of the Fort Wayne team.

They only hope that they can someday return this welcome gesture of kindness. This article is somewhat late because of the limited space on this page in the last few weeks.

## Summary of Comments And Happenings

Coach Warren Seaborg has these views about the basketball team at the present time . . . He believes there is a marked improvement as evidenced in the Riley game, even though this may have partially been due to extreme Riley weakness . . . He is still trying to find a consistent starting five . . . Until he does, you may see any combination of boys grouping for the center jump . . . He thinks that the next four games with Goshen, Culver, Michigan City, and Warsaw could go either way . . . He understands that Goshen has a very good team . . . This will be our first conference start and he would like very much to win that game.

The Holiday Tourney will include Michigan City, Riley, Washington, and Adams. Mishawaka will travel to LaPorte for a tourney there.

We certainly are glad to see Coach Rollo Neff back with the smile and spirit of determination that is so typical of him. It is also reassuring to once again hear his encouraging voice projecting from the team bench.

**I.H.S.A.A. BULLETIN.**  
The high school basketball playing season begins November 1 and closes on the date of the final day of the I.H.S.A.A. sectional tourneys, which is February 24, 1951, this year. **ALL STUDENTS WHO DESIRE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SPORTS UNDER I.H.S.A.A. RULES MUST CONFINE THEIR INDEPENDENT PLAYING TO THE PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1 AND ENDING ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE I.H.S.A.A. SECTIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNEYS.**

## B's WIN FOURTH STRAIGHT 23-21 OVER RILEY

The Adams and Riley "B" teams came to blows last Friday night and the Eagles emerged victor by a close 23-21 score. The game was close all of the way with the score being tied several times. With only a few seconds left, Larry Kedzie drove through the Riley defense and pushed a one-hander in from behind the free throw circle. That basket put the game on ice, but Steve Morse added a free throw to the winning tally after the final gun had sounded.

High point men for the Eagles were Joe Krietzman and Larry Kedzie with six points each. Rocky Ferraro fouled out in the fourth quarter.

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