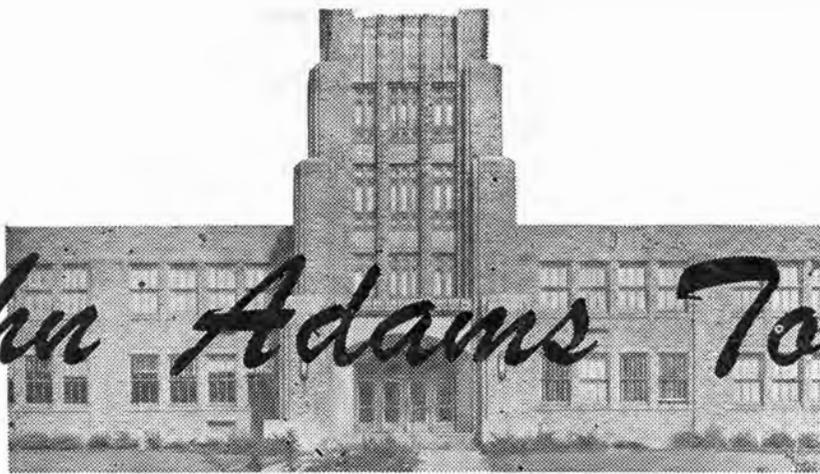


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## COLLEGE BOARD EXAMS SCHEDULED

College Board Examinations will be held this year on December 6, January 10, March 14, May 16, and August 12 at Central High School. The tests are designed to measure the scholastic ability and preparation of the high school senior. Miss Burns recommends that Adams students take the examination on March 14, unless otherwise directed by admission officers of the colleges of their choice.

The morning program is divided into two sections, one verbal and one mathematical. Each section is approximately one and one-half hours in length. In the afternoon program the student takes one test in English composition and one in each of two or more areas of his choice. The fee for the morning program is \$6, for the afternoon program \$8, and the combined fee for both programs is \$12. Reports of test results are sent free of charge to the three colleges or universities that the student requests.

All students planning to enter college in the fall of 1953 should ascertain whether or not the college he plans to attend requires the College Board Examination for entrance, and if so, what part or parts. Most eastern schools require the morning and afternoon program. Scholarship committees often use the results of the College Board Examination in deciding upon scholarship awards. No student will be fully accepted until results of the tests have been received by the college which he plans to attend.

There are no passing or failing grades on the tests. A score of 500 is considered that of the typical student. The highest possible is 800, but two thirds of those tested score between 400 and 600.

Persons interested in taking the College Board Examination should see Miss Burns for further information or write to the College Entrance Examination Board, P. O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey.

## Seniors Prepare Directory

The senior class is again preparing a student directory to be distributed before the Christmas holidays. The directory will give the name, address, telephone number, and classification of each student in John Adams.

Members of the committee assembling information for the directory are: Susan Peterson, Shirley Bull, Joyce Swingendorf, Dixie Day, Colleen Callsen, Shirley Lee, and Don Pearson.

## "B" TEAM CHEERLEADERS



Pictured above, kneeling, Sue Hawk; standing, left to right, Pat Wilson, Emalu Palm, and Gail Aspin, "B" team cheerleaders who will lead yells for all "B" team basketball games this season.

## Home Management Class Entertains Class of '69

Today sixth hour, the Home Management class is having a lesson to study child behavior and at the same time entertain the class of 1969.

The guests will be seated at a group of small tables where they will be served milk and cookies.

Background music will be provided by Hank Snow's Nursery Rhyme Records.

The class of '69 will take active part in coloring, modeling of clay, and playing ring-around-the-rosy.

The Home Management class is expecting the visitors to demonstrate newer methods of child behavior.

## SEASON TICKET SALE MOVING FASTER

By Friday, November 14, Mr. J. Gordon Nelson had sold 480 season basketball tickets; 380 to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and 100 to freshmen and students from elementary schools.

Students have been purchasing tickets a bit faster than they did last year. It would be a good idea to get season tickets again this year to insure your having a seat on the main floor, to be entitled to purchase a tourney ticket, to not have to wait in line, and to save a bit of money.

In years past our school has sold more tickets, percentage wise, to our students than the other high schools in South Bend.

## NATIONAL BOOK WEEK OBSERVED; "ROUND-UP WEEK" TO FOLLOW

National Book Week will be observed throughout the United States November 16-22. School and public libraries will stress the national theme: "Reading is Fun." John Adams library has adopted its own theme in addition to the national one. It is, "Round Up Time in the Library."

Cowboy boots, spurs, and a lasso will be used in the decorations to emphasize the westward movement. A special display, in keeping with this idea will feature western stories and/or stories by western authors.

A second and third "Round-Up Week" is planned for John Adams from November 24-December 6. During this period there will be a "Round Up" of lost books. During that time boxes will be placed in the corridors where lost, strayed, or stolen books and overdue books may be returned without anyone being aware of the facts concerning their absence from the library.

## VAN DUSEN CHOSEN D.A.R. GOOD CITIZEN

Every year the Indiana Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution present a Good Citizen Award to a girl whom the school finds best qualified for the award.

The senior students choose by vote, three girls in their class who possess the following qualities to an outstanding degree: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

From the three girls thus chosen, the high school faculty selects one who becomes the Good Citizen of the school. Sandra Van Dusen has been chosen for this year's award at John Adams. Sandra will compete by written examination with the Good Citizens of all the other Indiana high schools for the state honor; then if she wins, she will have an opportunity to compete with the winners of other states for the national Good Citizen Award.

## Five Receive Tower Pins

Recently five students were presented silver Tower pins. They are: Mary Agnes Gingrich, Nancy Kenady, Micky Jamison, Marilyn Moran, and Jo Ann Rapp.

Students who work regularly on the Tower and fulfill every assignment to the best of their ability for four semesters are entitled to receive silver pins. If they continue their good work for two more semesters, they may exchange their silver pins for gold pins at graduation.

## SEAL SALE OPENS

Again this year the Jr. Red Cross will sponsor the sale of Christmas seals. Council members will be responsible for the sale in their respective home rooms from December 3 to December 10.

Posters have been placed in the home rooms to remind students of the sale. On Tuesday, December 2, members of the public speaking class will speak to the home room groups to help promote the sale.

This is the only solicitation made from the students during the year.

The annual Glee Club Thank-giving program will be presented Monday afternoon, November 24, at 3:30 in the Little Theatre. Included in the program will be selections by the Boys' Quartette and the Triple Trio, piano solos, vocal solos, and piano duets. Plan now to attend.

# John Adams Tower



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### WITH MY COMPLIMENTS . . .

Next Thursday families throughout the nation will be celebrating Thanksgiving day, a time to bow our heads and thank God for the countless blessings He has bestowed upon us. This same spirit of thankfulness was expressed by George Washington in his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789.

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;

"Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors, which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

"And, also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

**Afterthoughts:** Apologies to Mary Ann Mills and Don Smith for omitting their names on the Honor Roll. Both students had 2 A's and 2 B's. . . . The next issue of the TOWER will be distributed on December 5. Have a nice Thanksgiving vacation.

## THERE'S METHOD IN HIS MADNESS

In this rip-snorting 20th century of ours, when Einstein-like beings are able to calculate such things as the density and temperature of solar bodies millions of miles away, and the frequency with which gamma rays are emitted from radioactive material, we humans are apt to become just a little smug and self-satisfied with all our super developed brain power. We begin to look down our long noses with disdain at fellow inhabitants of our world, such as the lowly cock or cock-roach, because of their inferior mental facilities. These so-called lower animals have a lot more good old-fashioned horse sense than most people realize. They are just too smart to let on to the people how intelligent they are.

Since in a few days we are going to be stuffing our stomachs with luscious steaming turkey meat, let's take Mr. Turkey as an example. He's a fat, jolly old fellow with a fine cultured voice and ultra fashionable attire; however, he does seem rather dense and stupid. Our hypothetical turkey was born at a very tender age. He was lovingly cared for by his mother and taught with the best educational methods available by the elders of the turkey tribe. When at last he was grown to the stature of full adulthood, he assumed the responsibilities of a family. He did better in that respect than our modern human generation; for every time his wife began to crow a little too long or loudly, he'd give her such a sound peck on the Po-Po that it would keep her bill shut for days. This marital intelligence is all well and good, you might say, but what about the way those turkeys calmly lay their necks on the block just after witnessing the execution of friends on the little guillotine? A normal animal does not forfeit his life without a struggle so maybe this indicates that turkeys are dumb. Possibly that is true; yet, perhaps there is some hint of method in the madness of turkeys.

It has been said in the days of yore, when pilgrims trod the land stalking Indians, that The Great Beyond was a happy hunting ground. Here on earth, of course, turkeys are always hunted; however, in the happy hunting ground, the turkeys do the hunting. They know this so that is why they are so eager to bid the earth adieu. Man isn't that smart, is he?

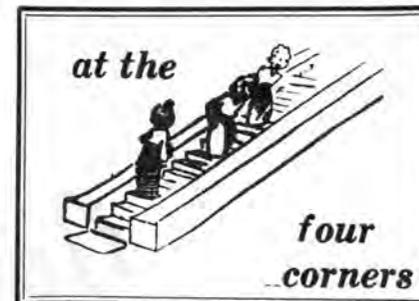
The moral of my little story is, "Have a nice Thanksgiving and don't eat too much turkey or else you'll find yourself running around with your neck on a block."

—Nancy MacIvor.

### LET US GIVE THANKS

On November 4 I saw men and women of all walks of life come to the polls to vote for a leader. Some drove up in Cadillacs while others came on the bus. Some were well dressed, but others were shabbily attired. However, they all had one thing in common. They stood up straight and had a self-assured look, because they were playing a vital part in an important drama.

What I saw made me feel that a day of Thanksgiving in America rests upon very real and very deep bless-



Reports are heard that Nancy Platt has turned tutor. Tom Goldsberry and Pat Dempsey are her willing students. We wonder if Jack Sostack considers himself enrolled in the Friday evening classes.

The steady list is growing at a great rate. New additions include Janice Taylor and Bruce Stickley, Karen Connert and Dick Bauer, Darlene Miller and Jim Heierman (Valparaiso University), Mary Anne Anderson and Roger Jurgovan, Ursula Ries and Jack Schuck (Central), Judy Weiss and Les Selig, and Joyce Barrell and Tom Cagley (N.D.).

Conversation seems to be a big thing around here. Seen chatting in the halls are Beverly Graeber and Fred Cowgill, Pat Maynihan and Phil DeLong, and Rosie Ferraro and Quinton Everest.

Dates of the week: Evelyn Scholz (Central) and Chuck Oberlin, Rosie Kester (Central) and Bill Witwer.

Quite a few of the Adams guys and gals have been enjoying the social spree, and especially so at recent dances. We have seen Phyllis Anderson with Ed Heidi (Goshen); Jana Borecky and Tom Sternal; Mary Ann Hawblitzel and Chuck Oberlin; Sharon Reber and John Pence; Jean Haefner and Steve Gumz; Ann Bruner and Jim Dincolo; Phyllis Stouffer and Bob Mortenson; Gingie Steinmetz and Dave Williams (alum.), Kay Cantwell and Bob Shields; Mary Orzech and Dave Rogers; Pat Wilson and Joe Barnes; Janice Henson and Dale Gibson; Sue Armstrong and Chuck Sonneborn; Dixie Nidiffer and Bill Gooding (P.U.); Mary Dring (Central) and Pat Dempsey; Kathy Brady and Norm Grimshaw; LaDean Beistle and Dennis Lovelett; Mary Lou Hibner and Joe Cline (N.D.); and Junie Guyoles and Jack Brandt.

Perhaps we can be sued for libel, but Pat Moynihan and Mr. Reber have been having some pretty strange conversations about people on the floor.

We close with a message to several of our Adams girls (of whom we are not at all proud), and hope that the Wrigley Company will suffer an appreciable loss of business in the area.

The gum-chewing girl  
 And the cud-chewing cow  
 Are somewhat alike  
 Yet different somehow.  
 And what is the difference?  
 I think I know now,  
 It's the clear, thoughtful look on  
 the face of the cow.

sings. Our government provides for the freedom of the individual as long as he harms no one. Yet, with all the individuals and their differences we are able to organize them into one United States. Sometimes the organization doesn't run perfectly, but on the whole we have a wonderful country. I'm going to give it a thought before I eat my turkey on Thanksgiving.

—Sybil Boorda.

# Thanksgiving Dinner With the Faculty

Thanksgiving's here, and what a day,  
Just listen now to what I say,  
My dinner will be big and gay,  
For all the food will come my way.

The cooks will all be extra fine,  
Because you see, they earn a dime,  
Their names are in the highest class  
Of Adams High School's teaching staff.

My butler "Rebe" now rings the bell,  
His aide, my maid, is called Miss Roell.

I march to eat, it smells so good,  
I love the food, just as you would.

My dinner guest is Mr. Crowe  
His feet propped up and eating slow,  
He's brought along his pal, Miss Law,  
Who laughs at all his jokes, he! haw!

My doorbell rings, I go to see  
The person who would visit me,  
I'm glad to say it was McClure,  
She's starved and hungry at my door.

"Hello, come in" is what I say,  
"I'm glad to have you here today,  
The turkey's big, and so's my heart,  
The eatings just about to start!"

Invite your friends to share the bone,"  
So off she goes to the telephone,  
Calling Nelson, Krider, "Kazzy" and Pate,  
(The latter bringing her tuneful plate!!)

Guests galore did fill my room,  
There was "Goldie," Carroll and Daniel Boone,

So many more, that I cannot tell,  
Because my eyes begin to swell.

I'm thinking of all my blessings today,  
How lucky we are to laugh and play!  
With friends about us we eat and eat,  
I hope that each one was aware of his treat!

—Nancy Habart.

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The following are members of the marching band: **Clarinets** — Nancy Platt, Shirley Jaqua, Gail Mottice, Charles Taylor, Donna Tennyson, Doris Hensler, Robert Lent, Richard Gerbeth, Mary Lou Baker, Ruth Davis, Pat Lupton, Robert Bubenzer, Sharon Pritz, Ronny Tompson, Judy Cobb, Joy Fox, Barbara Hanson, and Frances Hutchins; **flutes** — Marlene Olson, Joan Berry, Elaine Rosenberg, Sharon Lee, Kathleen Brady and Carol Mechling; **oboes** — Marlene Dahl and Mike Palmer; **saxophones** — Patricia Grundy, Gerald Vascil, Jeanne Laure, and Dale Hensler; **horns** — Jerry Jennings and Tom Trethewey; **trombones** — Shirley Jester, John Thompson, Carolyn Mahler, James Alward and Don Leslie; **baritones** — Richard Hendrickson, Charles Lightner, William Blue and Ken Stanek; **cornets** — Norman Asper, Dixie Nidifer, Nancy Dugdale, Roberta Badger, Carl Fisher, Joyce Fox, Kenneth Papp, Sandra Hoelscher, Larry Bassoon, Richard Mortenson, Jerry Lupton and Naomi Ross; **bases** — Robert Mortenson, Robert Osmon, Don Smith, Jack Sostack, Gerald Steinfield and Dale Vermillion; **drums** — Jerry Badger, Ina Cole, Judy Ranschert, Paul Rice and Mary Ellen Shulmier; **bass clarinet** — Leroy Baker.

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Mrs. William Carmichael, a member of our biology and physical education departments, isn't bothered by aches and pains after those strenuous exercises she does in gym with her classes; since she also teaches Biology, she has to be able to stand up under the odor of dissected cats.

Mrs. Carmichael hails from Terre Haute, Indiana, where she attended Garfield High School and graduated in 1944. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State Teachers College in 1948.

After teaching three years at Washington-Clay, Mrs. Carmichael (then Miss Burt) came to Adams in September 1951. She was married the past summer and now she spends almost all her free time learning to cook. If she happens to have any extra time, she enjoys reading a good book.

Mrs. Carmichael likes Adams very much. She says, "The students of John Adams have a very beautiful building, but I feel that they do not appreciate their building. They have less school spirit than any group I have ever seen. The students also have a very competent faculty but I feel that they don't appreciate their teachers either."

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What, to you, would make the ideal Thanksgiving Day Dinner?

**Karol Kintner**—Steak, French fries, pie and ice cream. I don't like turkey.

**Sybil Boorda**—I don't know. I just ate breakfast.

**Nancy Rosenstein** — Roasted hobgoblin.

**Pat Dempsey**—It won't be food.

**Bob Berta**—Bar-b-que'd Laiber.

**Joyce Swingendorf**—A blond with a crew-cut.

**Larry Kedzie** — Sour cream and weiners.

**Dick Sessler**—Goose, if you'll pardon the expression.

**Hubert Goodin** — Some of John Blair's cupcakes.

**Rocky Ferraro**—Goodies.

**Jerry Thompson**—Hungarian goulash.

**Tom Goldsberry**—Some of Rocky's spaghetti.

Over the doorway of a certain English chapel are two words: THINK-THANK. If we stopped to think more we would stop to thank more.

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## NEW SPIRIT TALKED OF MOST AT BANQUET

On November 11 the 13th annual John Adams football banquet was held in the River Park Methodist Church dining room. After the invocation given by Mr. Goldsberry, the guests were served a wonderful meal by the ladies of the church.

After dinner Joe Kreitzman introduced the master of ceremonies, Mr. Nelson, who gave a brief talk before introducing Mr. Frank E. Allen. Mr. Allen, superintendent of the South Bend schools, complimented the team on their record and their improved spirit.

Dick Shaw received the Kiwanis Club's award for citizenship, scholarship, and sportsmanship from Mr. Herbert Solbrig, a member of the club.

Coach Murphy thanked the press, radio, faculty, maintenance department, and cheerleaders. Mr. Murphy also discussed the changes this year in comparison to last year. He said the biggest improvement was in the enthusiasm of the student body and the attitude of the players. He also said that the only thing that kept Adams from having a better season was the lack of confidence during a game.

Chet Bussert presented gift certificates to the three varsity coaches, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Laiber, and Mr. Laurita, while Don Severeid presented a gift certificate to Mr. Swartz on behalf of the freshman team. Mr. Joe McArdle, assistant coach at Notre Dame, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Guests included Ross Stevenson of Central, Sam Wegner from Washington, Spike Kelly of Riley, Adams feeder coaches Ted Birch of Lincoln, Morris Aronson of Nuner, and Al Vincent and Del Coate of Jefferson.

Other guests were Bob Towner of the South Bend Tribune, Bill Ether-ton, Station WHOT, Forrest Wood, director of health and physical education for the School City, and Galen Sargent of the School City purchasing department.

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## RESUME OF "FROSH" BASKETBALL PRACTICE

From the moment we crowd into the packed dressing room until the time we leave the bare dressing room, basketball practice is filled with enjoyment and hard work. We generally have a period of about 15 minutes to get warmed up. Then we form two lines and work on our drive-ins. After that we have a period when we work on fundamentals. Some of these fundamentals are two on one, three on two, and offensive and defensive maneuvers. We sometimes work on fast breaks and a figure eight with five men. Then we have a rest period while we watch the varsity scrimmage. Next we find ourselves scrimmaging sometimes against the "B" team and sometimes against members of the "C" team. After about fifteen minutes of hard scrimmage, we have either a talk on basketball or individual pointers on the preceding scrimmage. Soon we find ourselves moving toward the dressing room and then trudging wearily on our way home.

In the past two weeks, the "C" team has been holding practice at seven o'clock in the morning. With this early morning practice we do not have excessive time but the "C" squad should have a very good team this year.

Our Adams' frosh squad has 18 games scheduled, among them are Central, Riley, LaPorte, Michigan City, and the Conference Tourney.

—Tom Angus - Jim Hoehn.

### CORRECTION

The John Adams "B" football team defeated Washington-Clay by a score of 6-0. The score given in last week's summary was incorrect.

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## NETMEN DEFEND CITY CROWN

The Adams netmen successfully defended their mythical city championship by defeating Central and Riley in regular season play. Although the Eagles were able to dominate city tennis, they were not so fortunate against out-of-town opponents, winning only one of six matches. Scores of the eight conference matches are:

Adams 1—Elkhart 4  
Adams 5—Michigan City 0  
Adams 0—North Side 5  
Adams 0—Mishawaka 5  
Adams 1—LaPorte 4  
Adams 1—Goshen 4  
Adams 4—Central 1  
Adams 4—Riley 1

For the greater part of the season the team was composed of: Mike Palmer first man, Chuck Christman second man, Jim Miller third man, and Dick Green fourth man. Bob Mortensen and Jim Karling also played. Of these six, all but Mortensen will be returning next year.

—James Miller.

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## Swimming News

The swimming season will open for the John Adams team, December 10, at Culver in a dual swimming meet. This will be only a "warm-up" for Coach Laiber's boys as the team starts their regular season after the New Year.

The swimming team will be stronger for this year's first meet than it was at any time last season. Returning from last year's team will be Wiseman, 200-yard freestyle; Jurgoven, 40-yard freestyle; Jennings, 100-yard backstroke; Grimshaw, 100-yard breaststroke; Hiland, 100-yard freestyle, and Bob Johnson, diving.

Trying out for the squad this year are sixteen hopefuls. Most promising among these are P. Butler, Strang, and Britton. These nine boys along with the rest of the team are practicing from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. at the Y. M. C. A.

For this year's squad, Don Fischer has been selected as manager. For the regular season, the Eagles will meet Central, Riley, Washington, Gary Froebel, and will try to schedule a meet with Howe.

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