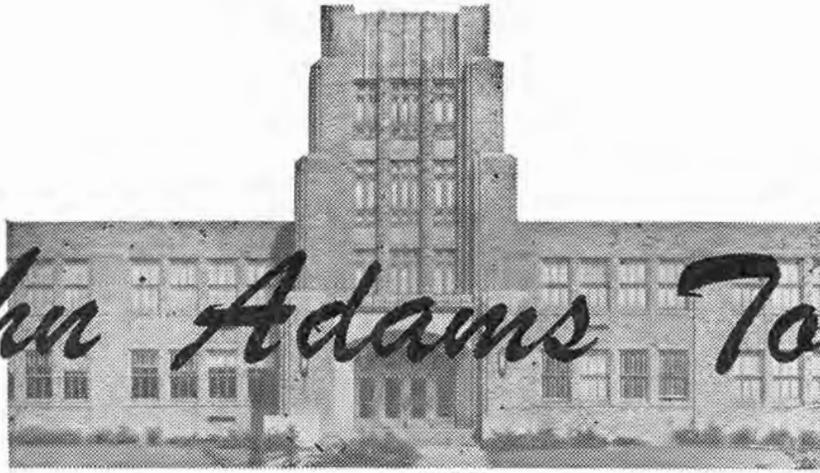


John Adams Tower



"BEVO" THOMPSON SETS NEW ADAMS GYM RECORD

Seasons Greetings

The TOWER staff wishes to extend to the entire student body and faculty of John Adams a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY TO BE GIVEN TODAY

Students to Conduct Program

By Marylee Crofts

One year ago Mr. Rothermel, the faculty, and the Student Council requested that the students of John Adams plan a Christmas assembly in which all of the students might enjoy together a program depicting the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. This type of program was suggested in lieu of the home room parties which heretofore had proved to be unsatisfactory.

This year a committee of upper-classmen has planned this program with the assistance of the senior English classes. Each of the students of these classes was asked to write a theme about the meaning of a Christmas symbol. The committee has read these themes and will use them as the basis of the Christmas program.

The assembly will be held in the auditorium this afternoon at 2:20. Candelabra will light a simple altar. The auditorium will be in semi-darkness throughout the program. The committee has asked David Engel, Edward Thompson, James Dincolo, Richard Green, Robert Shula, Robert Nelson, and David Beiser to conduct the service, speaking from back stage

where they will be out of view of the audience. This will allow our full attention to focus on the altar scene.

We are most anxious to provide this non-sectarian and non-denominational program for our school. It is the hope of this committee and the senior class to create in this Christian service an atmosphere wherein all of us can worship together, emphasizing the religious idea of the one God, and the concept that all men can be brothers in spirit.

FOODS CLASSES ENTERTAIN FACULTY, MAINTENANCE STAFF

The Foods classes, taught by Mrs. Joseph Baringer and Miss Antoinette Valenti, entertained the faculty and maintenance staff of John Adams at an annual Christmas tea on December 17, at 3:15 p. m. in the Foods laboratory. Refreshments consisted of egg nog, tea cookies, mixed nuts, and fruit cake.

The student planning committee was made up of: Joan Gersey, Bonnie Miller, Dolores Wicker, and Mary Etta Arnett. This committee appointed Julie Harris as chairman of serving; Marilyn Glesmer, decorations; Joyce Hammel, foods; and Mary Teeter, clean-up.

HOLIDAY TOURNEY TICKETS ON SALE

The annual holiday basketball tourney, in which Washington, Mishawaka, Washington-Clay and Adams will participate, will be held December 29 and 30.

Tickets may be purchased today at ticket booth "A" for \$1.00 for the four-game tourney. Student tickets will be sold for the main floor bleachers only. When the supply of student tickets is exhausted, tickets for the mezzanine or balcony may be purchased by students for \$1.50. Single session tickets may be purchased at the door only and the price of a single ticket is \$1.00.

Adult tickets may be purchased at ticket booth "A" or in the office beginning Tuesday, December 22.

Students who have not secured a ticket by today will be given an opportunity to do so by calling at the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 21, 22, and 23 between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 or on December 28 and 29 during the same hours.

BOOSTER CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

The newly-formed Booster Club has elected Ed Thompson, president; Sandra Hoelscher, vice-president; and Kathleen Brady, secretary-treasurer, to direct its activities for the 1953-54 school year.

To help these officers, the cheerleaders, plus three seniors and one representative from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes will comprise the club's board.

Booster Club membership cards are being printed. These cards will be distributed to all club members after Christmas vacation.

The club hopes to have a card section ready for our first home game following the Christmas vacation. Any student in the sophomore, junior, or senior classes who is interested may sign up with Mr. Vincent Laurita in room 113, or any of the officers today. The first 120 students to sign up will be chosen to participate in the card section.

Announcements concerning card section rehearsals, club meetings, and club dues will be made at a later date.

ADAMS FORWARD SCORES 48 POINTS AGAINST WARSAW

By John Pence

Jerry Thompson, a senior, exploded for 48 points against the "surprised" Warsaw Tigers on December 12, as he led his team to a 73 to 52 rout. This new record replaces a 44 point effort by a Bloomington High star in the 1949-50 season against the Central Bears. Of course, Jerry says, "I couldn't have done it without the rest of the boys." Jerry started off with 17 points in the first quarter, added 12 in the second, 4 in the third, and finished with 15 points in the fourth frame.



JERRY THOMPSON

The crowd was hoping for a record-breaking splurge from the very beginning when "Tony" scored 14 of our first 16 points. However, when only 3:50 minutes remained, the tension and anxiety of the crowd reached a fervent pitch, as they started to stand up in an effort to show their interest and appreciation. At the sound of the gun, the team hosed Jerry to their shoulders as the students and adults went berserk.

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I. U. EXTENSION TO HOLD DANCE

The Indiana University Junior Alumni Association invites members of the senior class of John Adams to the Third Annual Intercollegiate Christmas Dance. The dance will be held December 25 at the Progress Club. Walter Hubbard will provide the music from 9 to 12. Tickets, which are \$2.50 a couple, may be purchased at the I. U. Extension Centre office in Central High School or at the door.

The Star — the Symbol of Hope

And the shepherds left their flocks and followed the Star of Bethlehem to the manger where Jesus lay. Henceforth the Star of Bethlehem has led men from desolation and despair to love and understanding.

Desolation and despair haunted the world preceding the birth of Christ. The Romans caused much of this human suffering through their ruthless taxation and persecution. Much desolation of spirit was caused by the code of justice prevalent during that time. There was little love or respect among men. Almost everyone watched out for himself and no one else. In a world like this there was a great need for a leader to help men end this desolation and despair, and establish a new code of justice.

As the Star of Bethlehem shone down upon the manger where Jesus lay some men knew that God had sent the Messiah. Men now rejoiced and prayed as the Redeemer freed them from the bonds of desolation and despair and showed them how to live. He taught men to respect one another, but most important of all He restored their faith in God and the Christian way of life. As His disciples later wrote in their books, Christ had released the world from despair and cruelty and had instituted love and understanding.

He had said to them, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

Jesus Christ lived a short life of thirty-three years and even though He was the greatest of all teachers, men needed a symbol to follow after He returned to Heaven. When God gave men the Star of Bethlehem He gave them the symbol of hope and love that they might never fall back into despair and desolation.

—Robert Bubenzer.

THE JOY OF GIVING

By Julie Harris

God gave the earth His noble Son
That man from Him might learn
The law of love and righteousness
Which would bring the world harmony in return.

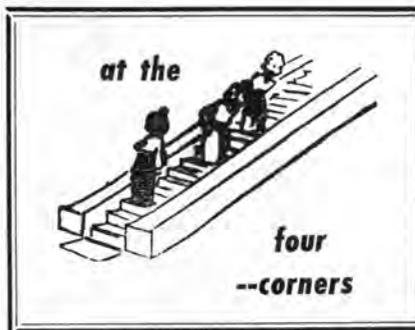
The day the Christ Child humbly came
To free the world from sin
The earth was filled with hope and peace
Which thrilled sad hearts within.

The wisemen and the shepherds on bowed knee
By the cradle small and worn
Laid small gifts beside Christ, the Child
And rejoiced for the King new born.

When the child grew up to be a man
He healed the world of sorrow
And blessed His loved ones all around
Who now had hope for a better 'morrow.

He taught the poor and rich alike
The spiritual side of living
One way to win the love of God
Is not in receiving, but giving.

This year when Christmas rolls around
Let this thought remain within you:
The spirit of Christmas is not to receive
But to share with others around you.



Today's the day! The eighteenth of December and no school 'til January 6. Um, boy! Paradise, here we come. But to gals like **Jan Schwier, Jean Haefner, Julie Harris, Mary Ann Anderson, Maggie Reed, Sally Buchanan, Emalu Palm, and Barb Goddard**, Christmas vacation also means vacation for their college men! 'Course for Adams girls who are dating Notre Dame students from outside South Bend, vacation looks pretty black. Whatever the feeling is to the average Joe and Jane Adams, Christmas vacation means dances, parties, sleeping 'til noon, no homework, holiday tourney, and fourteen days of just plain laziness.

Speaking of dances — "Holly Fantasy," the Junior Progress Club dance is this coming Monday evening. It's not too late to ask a date. As far as we can tell, everybody and his granny is going. Don't just hear and read about the Christmas dances. Get a date and go!

Bob Walker is looking forward to Christmas vacation in a big way. **Anne Woolverton**, attending Abbott Academy in Massachusetts will be home! Bob seems to be well supplied with Adams admirers, too!

December 26 is the date when another so-called confirmed bachelor will bite the dust. What was it Caesar said? "I came, I saw, I conquered!" Guess that was the technique **Miss Valenti** used on **Mr. Laiber**. Anyway, all of us at Adams are writing Santa, telling him to bring them both all the best wishes and happiness possible.

Look for **Phyllis Stouffer** and **Dick Smith** at the Prog dance! (If you were wondering, Dick and **Sally Stoope**s are all washed up, through, broken up, worlds apart, caput. What I'm trying to say is, they're no longer dating as of December 10, 12 noon in the cafeteria!) Sally doesn't seem to feel too bad about it, though, because she's planning to go to the dance with **Jack Stostack** (Air Force).

Congratulations to **Craig McCowan**, Kiwanis Club representative from Adams, who replaced **Dick Wedel** for the second nine-week period.

If you can, picture a moonlite garden, the scent of roses, violins playing softly in the background, and a couple sitting side by side holding hands gazing up at the stars. The girl is **Helen Salmon** from Benton Harbor High School and the boy is none other than God's gift to womanhood, **Mike "mow-'um-down" Le-Burkien**. We're just joking, of course, but Mike wanted it announced a little differently than "just-dating."

Mr. Reber's definition of knee socks: a sweater with legs!

In the public speaking classes we have **Harry Butler** selling instant coffee; **Jan Schwier**, cosmetics; **Pat Moynihan**, a hair dryer; **Tom Gerber**, shoe polish; **Dick Swayzee**, aluminum cooking utensils; and **Jerry Thompson**, a pressure cooker.

DRAG YOUR OWN NET!

(dum da dum dum)

It was Friday, the fourth, at 10:05 a. m. I was setting in 206 arguing with Reber. Suddenly I heard a big crash and one of my detectives entered looking very worried.

(dum da dum dum)

"Hey Boss, there's a guy in this place that should be brought in on a 4095632." "Can you give me a description, sir, of this person, sir?" "All I can find out," he said, "is that he's tall, has dark hair, and a Senior." "Aha, a clue, sir. Go see if you can find out who he is, sir."

(dum da dum dum)

At 11:08 a. m., while standing in my "stall" in 106, a suspicious looking character passed me. "Stop, sir," I said. "Have you seen or heard of anyone violating rule 4095632?" "Yes, I have," he said. "Tell me, sir, who is he?" "I can't tell you." "Why not?" "I'm too young to die and he is the head of the syndicate." So I questioned another seedy looking creep. "Sir, can you tell me who the person is who is violating 4095632?" "No." "Are you sure?" "Positive." "Why not, sir?" "The syndicate!"

(dum da dum dum)

Suddenly I felt a gun in my ribs. "Listen buddy, keep your nose outta dis business or you'll get yerself hoit." "Tell me, sir, are you the violator of 4095632?" I asked. "No," he screams in protest, "Not me!" At that point a gun banged and he fell dead at my feet. "Aha, another clue."

(dum da dum dum)

At 3:03 p. m. I stood in the mezzanine watching basketball practice when the idea struck me. "Here comes Santa Claus," I yelled. Everyone stopped except one person. This was my final clue.

(dum da dum dum)

At 3:09 p. m. I wound up the case by arresting the culprit—Dick Quealy. "You can't pin that murder on me," he said. "If I believe in Santa, may I have a red candy for Christmas?" asked Dick. "You can have anything if you just ask Santa." "O. K. then, I believe in Santa," replied Dick. "He must have a heart of gold." "That's about the size of it," I replied.

Dum da dum dum DUM!!!

—Nancy Platt.

Dating, we have **John Coffman, Phyllis Walcott, Jerry Pohling, Cynthia Plotkin** (Mish.), **Larry Tamandli** and **Nancy Horn** (Riley); **Barbara Waechter** and **Jim Warner**; **Kay Frash** and **Ron MacGregor**.

Hats off to **Doris Hensler** who typed 71 words per minute to break all former Adams records.

The \$64 Question — Did the recipients of the "Order of the Sun" at the Demolay Dance get up in time to see the sun the next day? **Sharon Pritz** and **Bob Bubenzer** really made out on the Purdue trip. Bubie hasn't snapped out of the trance yet. In fact, they're going steady!

Sharon Reber and **Steve Gumz** can't make up their minds between feudin', fussin', and fightin'; or I love truly.

We hear **Phyllis Anderson** is said to be using an adding machine to count the days 'till **Steve Morse** gets home.

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CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

In **Spain**, during the Christmas season the streets are lined with stalls full of goodies, like oranges and melons. They also have flowers and toys. The children run and play from one stall to another.

Before midnight mass the small children dress in peasant clothes and continue the Christmas Eve custom of dancing to the tambourines around the Nativity while the older people look on.

Since the Spanish kids have no Christmas Tree and don't hang up stockings, they hide slippers and shoes for Balthasar and the Wiseman to fill with goodies. They then get up as we do to look around to see what they got.

As **Palestine** is the place of Christ's birth, many people go there for Christmas. On Christmas Eve a procession is formed. In front of the procession is a horseman holding a streaming banner. Policemen follow and then a man standing on a coal black steed, carrying a cross. At the end of the procession are churchmen. The people then move to the place where Christ was born. This place is marked by a silver star.

Ireland has a most beautiful and quaint way of celebrating the Christmas season. On Christmas Eve the Irish place a candle in each window of the house and leave the doors ajar. These are to assure the Irish people that a couple seeking shelter would find it. These candles may be snuffed only by a person with the name, Mary.

On Dec. 26 the Irish celebrate St. Stephen's Day. The children catch a bird, and set it in a cage on a furze bush while they collect money for charity.

In **France** the holiday season is opened on St. Barbara's Day (Dec. 6). Water-soaked wheat grains are placed in dishes so that they might germinate. If it grows quickly it is said to be a sign that the crops will be good.

The French children arrange a small nativity scene in the living room. It is then lighted and hymns are sung while incense is burned and bells are rung. Then they go to midnight mass.

The "Santa Claus" of France is called Melchior. It is a large wicker figure, with a basket on its back and dressed in odd clothes. It is put on a donkey and led from door to door gathering foods. It is then taken to the church where all the poor may come and receive the gifts.

To the people of **Czechoslovakia**, Christmas means the ending of quarrels. They believe that they should start the New Year among friends.

In Czechoslovakia, St. Nick, so it is believed, descends from a golden cord, led by an angel, dressed in white. All the children go to bed early so that he'll be sure to stop.

In **Holland**, St. Nick rides a white horse. In order to be sure the horse has food and water the children put hay and carrots in their wooden shoes with a bowl of water beside them. The next morning small gifts, toys, and other surprises take the place of the hay.

Many of our customs came from **Germany**. Perhaps the greatest of these was the Christmas Tree. In Germany it would be decorated in secrecy and then lighted on Christmas Eve. Hand carved toys were very important in the children's lives. There are such things as horses and cows, houses and stables, wild animals and carts, and wagons. The immortal Christmas carol, Silent Night, Holy Night and the legend of Kris Kringle also came from Germany.

The Christmas season in **Sweden** starts on December 13. St. Lucia, dressed in white with a red sash and crown of pine boughs haloed with the light of seven candles, goes around and wakes everyone up and gives them cakes and cookies.

In Sweden the belief is that the ancestors return to their former homes. Therefore the living must act as intruders.

The Swedes also have a Christmas Tree. On Christmas Eve they trim the tree, dance, sing, and open the presents which had been sealed with red wax.

Samichlaus arrives on December 5 in **Switzerland**. Samichlaus has a long white beard, fur-trimmed robe, red mask, gray sack, and a staff.

In the mountain hamlets Samichlaus is heralded with a procession. It is made up of choir and clergy. The Cross Bearer and Banner Boys wearing high peaked hoods and masks lead them.

The customs of the **United States** are all the others combined. We have candlelight services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning, Carolers, Christmas Trees, mistletoe, presents, and of course Santa Claus are part of our Christmas. The children eagerly wait for Santa Claus, all dressed in red, with a long white beard and a big bag of toys. They all hope that they were enough to get toys instead of "ashes and switches."

No matter where or how Christmas is celebrated it still means, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."
—Betty Clark.

CHRISTMAS UN-WANTS

Bill Smith — Another big brother.
Pat Wilson — Homework.
Karen Babart — Pink elephants.
Wendy Heron — Are you crazy?
Barbara Jensen — I don't want anything but Ray.
Emalu Palm — A broken neck.
Ed Hardig — A boat trip to China.

Marilyn Wood — I don't want anything.
Steve Brannan — A cadillac (Silly boy)
Bev Bartell — Red underwear.
Barbara Neff — My two front teeth.
Ken Stanek — Mama kissing Santa Claus.

He Sprang to His Sleigh and Yelled "Oogley, Oogley"

'Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the abode,
Not a reptile was animating, not even a toad.

The nylons were hung on the chimney real crazy
In hopes Santa would come on this eve so hazy.

The kiddies were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of Marilyn danced in their heads.

When out on the chlorophyll arose a gone sound
And out of the "Posture Pedic" I abound.

Away to the window I flew like a thrush
And in my face I got some mush (slushy snow.)

When all out of the orange colored skies
Pops eight snow darlings (not reinder) to my surprise.

With a little old cabbie so lively and quick
I knew at a moment it was St. Nick.

As fast as the John Adams Eagles they came
He whistled and hollered at every name.

Now Masher, Pasha, Sour Cream, and Blintzen,
On Meteor, Cupid, and Dandruff don't sitzen.

To the top of the antenna, to the top of the T. V.
Dash away, dash away, dads, you send me.

As mad cats, clothed real neat
They came along with a steady beat.

So up to the abode cover they flew
With toys and of course St. Nicky too.

And then in a twinkling I heard in the street
The clopping and crashing of big sloppy feet.

As I pulled in my cranium and turned towards the east
Down the chimney fell a hairy ole beast.

He was wearing a bikini suit and sported a tan
I asked him, "Where did you get that glorious tan."

His teeth were like stars they came out at night
His cheeks were rosy, he sure was a sight.

His mouth was covered by a white beard
Gosh, he looked very weird.

He had a pipe in this mouth
Santa asked, "How are things down south?"

He had a broad gluteous maximus, a voice real mellow,
When Nicky laughed it looked like cherry jello.

A wink of his eye and a twith of his nose
Made me wonder and suppose.

He didn't say anything while at work
I figured he really was a quiet jerk.

Sticking his finger in his eye
Up the chimney he started to fly.

He sprang to his sleigh and did "oogley, oogley,"
The snow darlings replied with a "Ushubi Dubi."

And I heard him articulate on his flight,
Happy Christmas to all and to all a goofy night.

—Mike LeBurkien.

THE NAME'S THE THING

Last night Mary I went to a **Christ-**
man party. She was **Blue** and rather
Teed off at me. I thought I'd better
Walker over to the party, but couldn't
because of the **Showers** outside. I
was **Rich**, so I put my **Hatton** and
went to pick her up in a taxi like a
Noble lad, even though it was a
Payne in the neck. On the way to
the **Ball** we drove through a **Forrest**
Grove filled with **Flowers**. We arriv-
ed at the **Greenhut** deep in the **Oakes**
Wood, where my friend lived. The
Locke was on the door, so I blew my
Horn and the **Butler** answered. Mary
was thirsty, so I went to **Brewer**
a drink, but the cupboard was **Bare**,



except for **Champaigne**. After a **Good**
evening I took Mary home. I was
going to **Parker** for a while, but her
dad caught me **Kissinger**, so I **Wisely**
went home.

FOUND IN SANTA'S MAILBOX —

Dear Santa Claus:

It is not every Christmas Season that you receive a letter from a senior in high school. My requests are not as common as most, but I hope you will be able to fill some of them.

Please bring to President Eisenhower the wisdom to guide our country toward world peace; to Premier George Malenkov, a new attitude toward his fellowmen; to Premier Laniel, a unified France; and to Winston Churchill, a successful world conference to climax his long and eventful career.

Now my requests on the less serious side.

Please dig down in your bag of tricks and bring Mr. Murphy a Johnny Lattner; Mr. Seeley an art student who appreciates modern art; Mr. Crowe a pack of gum; Miss Bauer a nice quiet sixth hour gym class on Tuesday and Thursday; Mrs. Pate a black book big enough to put all her "things to do" in; Miss Valenti and Mr. Laiber a happy married life; Mr. Krider an English student who can think of a good topic sentence and develop it adequately; Mr. Seaborg a Bevo Francis; Mr. Reber a chem student who can balance an equation in 20 seconds flat; Miss Mangus and Miss Green successful teaching careers; Mr. Nelson an automatic ticket seller; and to all the members of the John Adams student body and faculty the merriest Christmas ever.

Yours truly,
PAT MOYNIHAN.



Dear Santa:

Please send me for Christmas the perfect boy!

- Personality — **Dave Beiser**
- Sense of Humor — **Dave Engel**
- Eyes — **Charlie Morse**
- Nose — **John Steinmetz**
- Hair — **Larry VanDusen**
- Mouth — **Jim Riddle**
- Physique — **Tom Troeger**
- Feet — **Tom Goldsberry**
- Brains — **Jim Miller**
- Appearance — **Bob Shields**
- Attitude — **Bob Johnson**
- Reliability — **Jack Halpin**
- Smile — **Jim Kanouse**
- Teeth — **Dick Quealy**
- Enthusiasm — **Jerry Flanagan**
- Dimples — **Steve Gumz**
- Charm — **Ronnie MacGregor**
- Height — **Dick Smith**
- Talent — **Bob Yarborough**
- Hands — **Jack Venderly**
- School Spirit — **Mike LeBurkien**
- Hoping that my request is filled,
JANA BORECKY.

Dear Santa:

Here it is getting real close to Christmas and I've a Christmas list at least ten feet long. Of course, I know I can't get them all so these are things that will make the rest of my sophomore year interesting:

1. A boy — I'm not one of those particular girls who has to have him tall, dark, and handsome. (A blonde will do!) The only thing I'd like him from Adams, not the North Pole.

2. A watch — this is because I just barely make it to Mr. Nelson's class on time every day and I'm always late to Mr. Laiber's class.

3. A mechanical brain — I need this especially because I haven't found a way to talk on the phone and do my homework at the same time.

4. A twin — someone who will fill up my bed covers and fool my parents for me when I want to stay out late. Also, she can decorate the wall for me in Mr. Crowe's study hall.

5. New clothes — of course, any girl wants them.

Well, Santa, for the last week I have tried to be a good girl by not skipping classes, running down the hall, forgetting my homework, or chewing gum (especially in geometry.) Please hurry to my house on Christmas Eve because I'll be waiting up for you.

With my fingers crossed,
SUE WOOD.

- M** ary Clark
- P** aul **E** lliott
- M** y **R** na Cordtz
- M** a **R** ty Kline
- E** dd **Y** Thompson
- C** arol Wiltfong
- C** harlie Morse
- J** anet **B** u **R** ke
- A** ust **I** n Jackson
- S** usie Hoffman
- R** u **T** h Davis
- S** a **M** Rice
- P** a **m** Marlin
- S** haron Beebe
- S** haron Barts
- M** a **r** y Lou Baker
- P** at Corban
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- N** ancy Hertel
- S** u **E** Carlson
- J** e **W** el Reitz
- C** harm **Y** Burke
- W** e **N** dy Heron
- L** a **r** ry Simons
- C** lai **R** e Kaysen



Earl to bed,
Early to rise,
And your gal goes out
With six other guys.

FIELD'S HOUSES MOST TALKED-ABOUT TREE

"How big it is!" "Where did it come from?" "How did they get it up here?" ask all the starry-eyed Santa Claus admirers as they look at the huge Christmas tree that stands three floors high in Marshall Fields store. This tree is probably the most talked-about tree in Chicagoland. It stands in the Walnut Room on the seventh floor at Marshall Fields.

In early fall, several men go into the North Woods and search for the perfect tree for the coming season. It is picked for its deep green color, perfect needles, and symmetrical shape. Once it has been selected, it is "Fields" and cut down and prepared for its long ride to Chicago in early December.

A year in advance the plans for the decorations are made, and when the tree arrives, the ornaments are made to scale, having the small ones at the top, and the eight-inch ones around the base. This year the color scheme is ice-blue and silver.

Since the tree is so big, the only way to bring it into Marshall Fields is to take down the Randolph Street doors. It is taken up its seven-story ride in a Well, similar to a big elevator shaft without the elevator.

After it has been erected in the Walnut Room in the place where the fountain is during the rest of the year, three scaffolds are put up in four sections. The base of the tree is in an irrigated stand to keep it green and life-like.

Then on a Sunday afternoon, usually a month or three weeks before Christmas, a large crew of men climb the scaffolds and begin the actual decorating. Each star is placed on the tree exactly according to the plan. With a lot of help, only two hours are needed to decorate it.

Thousands of people come to Chicago to shop in Marshall Fields just to admire this tree which has taken so much planning and preparation. The people who work behind the scenes have put in a lot of time to spread a little Christmas cheer, and the sight of this green giant isn't easily forgotten.

—Gwen Garwood.

ADAMS SINGS NOEL

Silent Night — Someone's making out!

Jingle Bells — Their joyful sound at 3:15 p. m.

Deck the Halls — With Christmas Seals!

Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town — Let's get serious now.

White Christmas — Look at it pour!

Oh How Joyfully — We'll greet the vacation.

Joy to the World — We're free for 14 days.

Merry Christmas Is Here Again — Finally I'll get some sleep.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen — Study Hall.

Jolly Ole St. Nick — "Goldie" (Jr. and Sr.)

Shepherds Shake Off Your Drowsy Sheep — The bell rang!

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones — Basketball widows.

The Angel and the Shepherds — Mr. Reber and his "mad" chem friends.

Sing Men of Old — Senior Boys.

Carol, Children, Carol — Freshmen Boys.

O Christmas Tree — In the Hall.

O Holly Night — Christmas Eve.

Love Came Down at Christmas — That Christmas Eve kiss!

Merry Christmas — To one and all.



"What miracle would you like to have happen this Christmas?"

Janice Henson — "A world united in peace."

Nancy Armstrong — "Christ would be given a larger role in Christmas."

Kathleen Brady — "Never another war."

Sandra Hoelscher — "No more wars so the boys could all be home for Christmas."

Joyce Fox — "Album receipt books that balance."

Bob Johnson — "Swimming team would have a successful year."

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Eagles Face City; Defend Holiday Crown

Tonight the Eagles will carry an 8 to 5 series lead into their game with Michigan City Red Devils. This will be the second conference game of the current season. The game should prove to be one of the finest of the entire year. Thus far the Michigan City five has been very impressive in their outings, routing all of their foes. Both Adams and City have played Culver, and each of them defeated the Indians in excess of forty points. If this is any indication of the outcome of tonight's game it shows that a real tough game is in store for our Eagles. This game will be the last tilt before Adams defends its Holiday Tourney championship against Washington, Washington-Clay, and Mishawaka.

The pairings for the Holiday event on December 29 and 30 are: 1st game Tuesday night, Washington vs. Washington-Clay; 2nd game Tuesday night, John Adams vs. Mishawaka; 1st game Wednesday night, loser of game No. 1 vs. loser of game No. 2; and 2nd game Wednesday night, winner of game No. 1 vs. winner of game No. 2 for the trophy.

The Michigan City game will start at 8:00, and the Holiday Tourney games will start at approximately 7:15 and 8:45.

Eagles Score First Conference Win

B's WIN SIX STRAIGHT

By Jim Hoehn

Adams "B" squad lengthened its winning streak to six straight, with wins over Culver, Goshen, and Warsaw. In winning over Culver, Coach Rensberger used the entire bench, and they won easily 52-31.

The squad traveled to Goshen for its first conference game and brought back the bacon, 44-31. The game was close in the early stages; but two technical fouls, an intentional foul, and the removal of a Goshen player because of roughness put Adams out in front at the intermission, 28-16. Don Moffett was high scorer with 14 points.

The following night, Adams returned to their home court and turned back a game Warsaw team 34-26. Don Severeid had high-point honors with seven points.

The "B" team will participate in a Holiday Tourney on the afternoons of December 29 and 30. They will play against the "B" teams from Mishawaka, Washington, and Washington-Clay. The games will begin at approximately 2:00 p. m.



By John Pence

Are the various John Adams athletic teams conscious of the fabulous facilities provided them by the South Bend School City? Whether you realize the fact that Adams has some of the finest facilities remains to be seen. For instance, the fine playing turf at School Field can only be wholly appreciated when you have to play on a bumpy, curved turf like the field at Fort Wayne, North Side. The dressing rooms are also among the finest in the state.

The basketball team, however, should be the most appreciative of the entire lot. Our fine floor, seating arrangement, and backboards cannot be rivaled by many in the State of Indiana. There are few gyms that can boast a house capacity of 3,000 plus, glass backboards, and a floor that is kept in tip-top shape.

The John Adams student body, in my opinion, is very proud of its facilities. To prove this point, I would like to cite the case in which the students are always very careful to stay off the floor and to keep others off the floor, too. However, when our students travel to other gyms such as Goshen, Mishawaka, and Elkhart they pass judgment much too quickly. As far as the smallness, the poor seating arrangement, and the "loose" or steel backboards are concerned, we must keep in mind that four schools consider our gym as their home playing site. In these other towns there is only one school and the town's tax money is far less than South Bend's.

The students of John Adams should not let the fine facilities "spoil them" into belittling rivals; rather they should be thankful for the exceptional facilities we have.

Afterthoughts — Let's fill the gym tonight in an effort to beat Michigan City—the conquerors of state champs—Central.

- Adams 29, Washington 26
- Adams 48, Nappanee 20
- Adams 52, Washington-Clay 28
- Adams 35, Central 51
- Adams 21, Mishawaka 51

In the freshmen's win over the Panthers, Jim Smith sparked the Eaglettes with his high total of seven points. Larry Smith proceeded to lead the team in its next two games with Central and Nappanee with 11 and 12 points, respectively.

In the freshmen's loss to Mishawaka, Bob Magnuson was able to amass only four points to lead the team's scoring. In their final game, Bob Walker led their attack on Washington-Clay with a 13-point splurge.

The freshmen lost to the Goshen freshmen on December 11, and thus their record now stands at three wins and three losses.

BEAT GOSHEN, 65-57

The John Adams Eagles won their fifth straight game, and scored their first conference win in as many starts. The game was played in the very small Goshen High School gymnasium on December 11.

Adams started very fast, as they piled up an 11-2 advantage in the first three and one-half minutes of play. However, Goshen's Redskins struck back with an 18-point barrage while we were scoring only three points. In the second quarter, the Eagles tied up the score and went ahead before the Redskins were able to score. The rest of the second quarter was played on even ground, as the score stood 31-28 at half time. In the first half the Eagles were led by the scoring of Dick Green and the excellent backboard work of Tom Goldsberry and Jerry Thompson.

During the third quarter, the Eagle five extended their lead to as much as 15 points, as Thompson began hitting, but a last-minute splurge by Goshen cut our lead to 49-40 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Tom Troeger came into the game and did some wonderful backboard work. The Eagles continued to control the boards; their most impressive asset of the evening. Goshen then came within four points in the final eight minutes. The game ended with a flurry of points for both teams. Jerry Thompson ended up with 21 points and Dick Green with a very commendable total of 17 points for the evening. Bob Klotz led the defensive attack, holding Bassett, with an average of 22 points a game, to a mere seven points in a fine defensive effort. As a result of this win, it placed the Eagles right behind Fort Wayne, North Side in the conference standings. North Side has won two.

"BEVO" THOMPSON

(Continued from Page 1, Column 4) This record-setting event, however, could not have taken place without the cooperation of the entire team in the final quarter. They constantly fed the ball to their tall star, and on many occasion Jerry passed the ball back, but to no avail, as his great teammates returned him the ball in an effort to get Thompson to shoot.

In the first quarter, our defense held the Warsaw quintet to a mere 5 points, while our offensive unit was totaling 21. The second quarter changed the story very little, as our team hiked the score up to 41 to 16. Warsaw managed to match the Eagles point for point in the third quarter as the score ended 54 to 29. However, in the fourth quarter Warsaw, led by John McCoy with a total of 21, out-scored us 23 to 19. The final score read 73 to 52.

**GO ADAMS,
BEAT CITY**



Larry VanDusen, 16-year-old junior from room 113, is an all-around athlete. Standing an even 6 feet and weighing a solid 195 pounds, his muscular body is well co-ordinated and agile. He has an alert mind which is so essential to an athlete. Thus far in his two years at Adams, Larry has won two football letters and one basketball letter. He also participates in baseball.

Above a pair of broad shoulders are a friendly grin, a pair of blue eyes, and a blond crew cut. He is a member of the junior cabinet, treasurer of the monogram club, and president of his Sunday school class at the Church of Christ. He was born on January 24, 1937, and is a native of South Bend. He has been playing basketball since the sixth grade when he first became interested at Nuner School. He enjoys listening to instrumental music, preferably "Wabash Cannon Ball," and eating anything, and lots of it. His time off the athletic field is spent at home shooting baskets or playing football in the yard. His favorite basketball team (besides Adams) is the Harlem Globe Trotters, and his favorite player is "Goose" Tatum.

Larry's main fault, he feels, is: "I can't hit the broad side of a barn." As for the team and its chances he says: "We're hoping to go down state." Larry feels that the team's greatest weakness is, "There is too much individualism. The team isn't taking the game serious enough. They're each playing for themselves and not as a team." Larry agrees that Jerry Thompson is the main strength of the ball club.

Intramural Standings

By Jim Miller

On Monday, November 30, the Intramural leagues started action with the following results: Kramer over Flanagan, 37-14; Riddle whipped Sternal, 27-22; Heater nipped Bauer, 32-28; Zeigner over Shula, 25-8; McDonald trounced Vargo, 63-27; Szabo over Gearhart, 39-25; Freshley beat Dillman, 39-25; Williams tripped Baird, 28-27. McDonald was high-scorer for both leagues with an amazing 35 points.

In the second week of play, Heater, Kramer, Bauer, and Shula won in the Senior-Junior league. The Sophomore-Freshman league winners were: McDonald, Freshley, Baird, and Vargo.

The Standings:

Heater	2-0
Kramer	2-0
Riddle	1-1
Zeigner	1-1
Bauer	1-1
Shula	1-1
Flanagan	0-2
Sternal	0-2
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McDonald	2-0
Freshley	2-0
Williams	1-1
Vargo	1-1
Szabo	1-1
Baird	1-1
Dillman	0-2
Gearhart	0-2

Frosh Win — Lose Three

By Ron Wallace

The John Adams "A" Freshman team defeated Washington, Nappanee, and Washington-Clay while losing to Central and Mishawaka. The scores of the five games were:



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