

Salesmen Top Goal

\$1,800 in Tickets Sold By Adams for 'Good News'

Four enthusiastic and energetic teams of ticket salesmen compiled a very impressive report on the sale of tickets for "Good News." Two teams from the Senior Glee Club, one from the Prep Glee Club, and one from the orchestra comprised the competing teams. Tickets sold for the three performances brought in a total of \$1,823.60.

Widman Leads List

The member selling the greatest number of tickets was Judy Widmar who sold 48 tickets. She received a season basketball ticket as first prize. Brenda Barritt was runner-up with 35 sales, receiving a year's subscription to the TOWER as second prize.

In the two Senior Glee Club teams, the one led by Shirley Otolski and Duane LaMar sold the greatest amount, totaling 569 tickets. The three highest salesmen on the team were Judy Widmar, Brenda Barritt, and Anita Walter. The other Senior Glee Club team under the direction (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Daniel, Gill, Hobbs, Silverman, Price Named National Merit Finalists

Five seniors at John Adams have been awarded Certificates of Merit as a result of their outstanding performances in the 1957-58 National Merit Scholarship Program.

James W. Daniel, Douglas R. Gill, Arthur M. Hobbs, Thomas H. Price, and Maneul Silverman have received the Certificates which attest to the high academic promise of the students. High scores on two college aptitude tests led to the nationally recognized academic honors for the five seniors. Less than one-half of one per cent of the seniors in each state received the awards.

1,000 Finalists to Be Named

The local seniors are among 7,300 finalists in the current National Merit Scholarship competition which began last October with the testing of 256,000 of the nation's most able high

school seniors. Over 1,000 of the finalists will be awarded \$5 million in Merit Scholarships, as a result of final judging now being conducted. Winners will be announced about May 1, 1958.

The names of the students will be sent to over 1,500 colleges, universities, and other scholarship-granting agencies for consideration for thousands of other scholarships.

Four-year Scholarships

Merit Scholarships are the most sought-after award on the high school academic scene. Each is a four-year award and each Merit Scholar may choose any accredited college in the United States and any course of study leading to baccalaureate degree. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



- Mar. 1—Sectional Tourney
- Mar. 4—P.T.A. Meeting—7:30 p. m.
- Mar. 5—Y-Teen Initiation

Jr. Red Cross to Hold Bake Sale

The Junior Red Cross Council of John Adams will undertake a grandiose project in the form of a bake sale on Saturday, March 8, at the Farmers' Market. Margie Lloyd is chairman of the committee that is handling the sale.

All the South Bend high schools will hold bake sales on forthcoming Saturday. The money from these sales will be used to sponsor an all-city project, such as a dance.

Messick Heads 'Adams Hours'

Adams seniors are well on the way toward achieving their goal of 200 Adams Hours with 115 already to their credit. Jim Messick, vice-president of the senior class and chairman of the Adams Hours program, and his able-bodied crew have been donating their time to Logan School and the Children's Aid Society.

Each senior who works one hour at these places adds one more hour to the Adams Hours project. Boys who have been working with Jim are John Bock, Peppy Hirou, Tom Kaiser, Dave Getzinger, Terry Cates, D. J. West, John Thompson, Paul Goodwin, Ed McKinney, Bob Oler, Bill Esterline, Joe Root, and John Davis.

Senior girls will soon begin work at the Cancer Society.

Hobbs Wins Honor In Science Search

Arthur "Duke" Hobbs, John Adams senior, received word recently of an honorable mention awarded him in the Seventeenth Annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghoused Science Scholarships an Awards. This was sponsored by the Science Clubs of America. Duke was one of 300 high school students in the United States to win an award in this contest.

Honored at Graduation

His entry was a 1,000 word composition titled "Rotors, with Reference to the Minimum Area Problem." Duke will receive a certificate of honorable mention at the senior awards assembly.

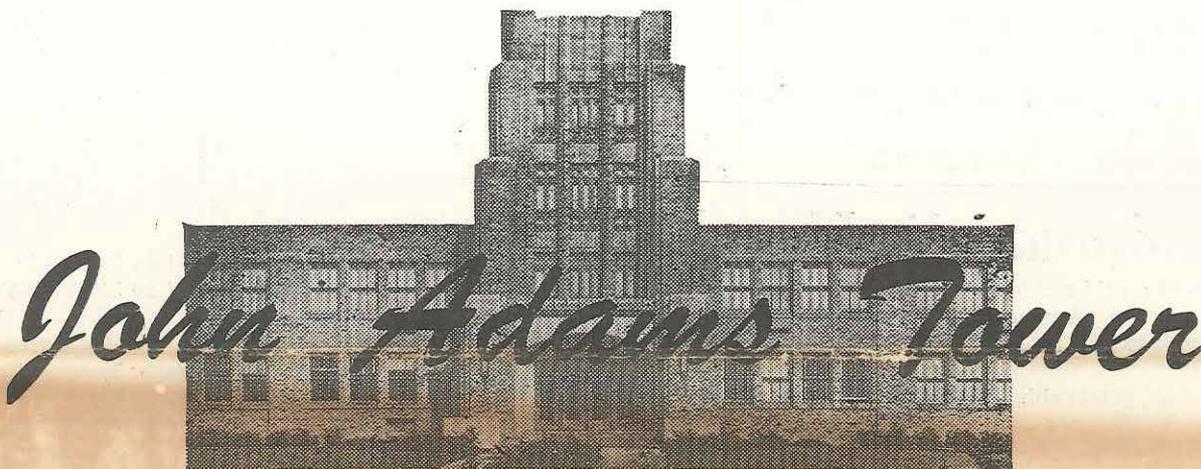
Teenage Problems to Be Portrayed in P.T.A. Play

The highlight of the March 4 P.T.A. meeting will be the play, "New Fountains" by Leo Gilmore, under the direction of Mrs. Edward H. Morse.

The one act play concerns a problem vital to all teenagers. The cast includes Mrs. Ira Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ryon, Mrs. Reginald Carpenter, and Mrs. Warren Mickelsen.

The devotions for the evening will be given by Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, and music will be provided by the John Adams Glee Club Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate.

Following the play a discussion is planned. It will be led by Mrs. Nathan Levy.



Adams Waltons Construct Bird Feeders To Aid Nature During Winter Months

The gay chirping of our feathered friends which may be heard emanating from Potawatomi Park may be due in part to the efforts of the Adams Junior Waltons.

This year the Waltons have undertaken a bird-feeding project. Under the leadership of Dennis Morros Walton members made bird feeders and placed them in the park. They keep the feeders well-stocked throughout the chilly winter months. Fritz Aichele has the special job of caring for a feeder for quails.

Mr. Elmer Rogers recently attended a meeting of the Junior Waltons, bringing sample bird feeders with him. He explained the project and aided the Waltons in their undertaking.

Dennis's committee includes Kent Ramsey, Gary Miller and Jim Mueller.

Aim is Conservation

This is only one of the many services rendered by the Adams Waltons. Sponsored by Mr. Ernest Litweiler, AHS instructor of biology, the club carries on many activities concerning wildlife and the outdoors. The purpose of the club is to "safely defend the forest, waters, wildlife, soil,

and minerals" as the Conservation Pledge of the club states.

Bob Wilson serves as Waltons

president. Other officers are Duane LaMar, veep; Judy Struck, secretary, and Judy Mould, treasurer.



ABOUT TO SET OUT ON AN EXPEDITION into Nature are the Junior Walton officers pictured above. Top row, left to right, Duane LaMar and Bob Wilson. Judy Struck and Judy Mould comprise the first row.



What Is a Friend?

"Your friend is your needs answered. Seek him with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need but not your emptiness. And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." —Gibran.

What is a friend? Is he one with whom you share your locker, eat lunch, or cram for a test? None of these are true friends.

A true friend is a diamond. Nothing in the world is more precious than a friend in whom you can place your trust with the assurance that he, too, will place his trust in you. Not only secrets are placed in his trust, but your problems, disappointments, and joys. If you are disappointed by the loss of a game or of an election, the sharing of these disappointments will make them seem less important.

Like diamonds, friends are costly. The cost is not material but is the love and confidence you must pay for friendship. Your heart must feel for the affection and distresses of your friend, and self-sacrifice should be willingly given.

Friendship is also beautiful and strong as a diamond. The bonds of friendship are mighty and are able to resist the strongest strains and heaviest assaults. Idle gossip or jealousies which may mar the beauty of friendship are easily erased by the bonds of love. So long as we love, we serve. So long as we are loved by others we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

Unhappy? Wacky? You Aer a Teen

Maladjusted? Feel disgusted? Situation: deplorable. Life is horrible. From this we glean you are a teen.

These are the green years. Wonderful in-between years. Unforgettable? How regrettable.

Dejection, rejection; confusion, delusion. Don't be pessimistic; be realistic. This is youth.

Freedom, responsibility; effort, futility. 'Round and 'round we go in life's show.

In this spinning time called youth. —Northerner.

National Merit Finalists

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Gaining admission to college is each scholar's responsibility.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation was established in 1955 through grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and Carnegie Corporation of New York. The current program is the third that has been conducted. Some 1,400 Merit Scholars from the 1956 and 1957 programs are now in college.

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WHY ADAMS?

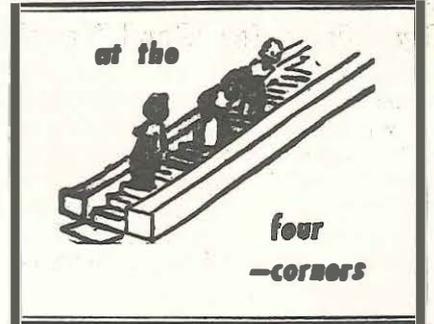
Have you ever wondered why our illustrious institution is called John Adams instead of Grant, Coolidge, or Truman High School? We have, so we thought that you might like to know a few facts about John Adams.

John Adams has been hailed as the very archconservative, and in many ways he was; but in the ordinary sense of the word he was no conservative in pedagogical theory.

Our second president taught school for one year after his graduation from Harvard where he was at the top of his class scholastically but was put in the lower half because his family was not of the highest social position. (In those days the honors were reserved for the highly born.)

To John Adams, a child was not simply an empty vessel to be filled with assorted knowledge by what ever means the teacher might find expedient. A child was a person, a unique soul and the duty of the teacher was to bring out the best in him. It was about one hundred and fifty years later that this idea was accepted generally.

His career as a president was not outstanding, no world wars were won or lost. However, as an intelligent individual and personage he contributed much to the greatness of our country.



With most of the seniors humming "Halls of Ivy" and "Pomp and Circumstance" we have decided to help prick the bubbles of senioritis by limiting this week's column to the lower forms of life, namely the juniors and other unmentionables. (Sorry, but a few senior names did slip in by mistake.)

Plans for the Junior Prom are underway under the co-chairmanship of **Brad Eichorst** and **Terry Gerber**.

The latest discovery of the male portion of J.A.H.S. is **Judy Cutler**, a cute junior from Nap Town (Indianapolis).

Who is **Ben Endre's** secret admirer from St. Joseph's High?

Denny Barnette, how did you ever manage to fit twelve people in your car after the premier of "Good News?" Did those two in the trunk survive?

Speaking of "Good News", why did **Charles Kirshner** buy a ticket for two performances? Who is she, Chuck?

Couples seen at an ice-skating party: **June Schubert** and **Bob De Crane**, **Barb Jones** and **Jim Wiseman**, **Karen Keller** and **Fred Christie**, **Joyce Bulhand** and **Bill Mack**, **Jinny Foltz** and **Dick Hess**.

Latest fan club — The Trojans (Lakeville admirers) composed of **Donna Diamond**, **La Ruth Helm**, and **Karen Dobbins**.

Sheila Hamburg has been fatally attracted by a Central Bear, **Bill Frame**.

Diane Kovatch was the hostess at a hen party recently. **Rose Kasa**, **Jennifer Harlow** and **Maribeth Davidson** were there.

Those couples attending the Junior Achievement dance (Feb. 21) include: **Ann Bennett** and **John Stackhouse**, **Pat Scott** and **Pat Donahue**, **Del Beyer** and **Barb Much**, **D. J. West** and **Phyllis Farkas**, **Dave Getzinger** and **Debbie Thomas**, **Judy Widmar** and **Larry Thompson**, **Jan Rawles** and **Bob Sheets**, **Vicki Ostrander** and **Brad Eichorst**, **Gail Levy** and **Bob Ingalls**, **Sandy Severens** and **Denny Murphy**, **Ann Kluessner** and **Fritz Aichele**.

If this column weren't devoted to the underclassmen we would comfort **Mike Badger**. It isn't your fault that hot chocolate was all over the seat covers, Mike. But this is strictly for the lower orders so we won't say a thing.

We hear that **Mary Lou Alberts**, **Carolyn Bird**, **Susie Nelson**, **Judy Eich**, and **Marcia McCall** had a ball rolling down a hill.

What's this we hear about **Joni Lindale** going steady for one day?

Karen Kimball who is **Phil**? Despite school being closed last Tuesday, no one was too snowed in to get out and do something.

Indianapolis Here We Come

It was a cold morning February 18 as about 80 Adamsites—Glee Clubbers and Orchestra members—boarded Buses 1 and 2. Their destination was Indianapolis to give a performance of "Good News" for the National Conference of High School Principals. Equipped with cards, poker chips, comic books, nail polish, potato chips, brownies, and gum, we settled down for the four hour journey to the state capitol. Just as we settled down for a nap—the booming voice of Marshall Nelson, Bus No. 1's checker-inner, cried out our names to make sure we were there—we were.

Off At Last

We smelled the delightful odor of exhaust as Bus 1 led the 5 other busses to Highway 31, our route to the big city. As soon as the bus got underway a poker game was also begun. Dave Getzinger, self-appointed dealer, dealt the cards into the eager hands of Dan McCoy, Dave Hartenbower, Ron Meadow, and Bob Grant. While the poker game was underway, Janet Rawles and Barb Helkie were having a bubble gum blowing contest. Janet, who is quite thrifty, gave the funnies on the wrapper to Mrs. Pate and Mr. Walton, instead of throwing them away.

What, No Snow?

We looked out of the window and surprise—the ground was snowless, we must be nearing Indianapolis. We soon arrived at our destination, Ernie Pyle Grade School. Unfortunately, our lunch was not ready. With growling stomachs we were herded into the auditorium for a little entertainment. We all roared at Larry Thompson's jokes and loudly applauded Pat Rusk's Greig concerto.

Who Said We Didn't Eat?

At long last our spaghetti lunch was ready. After the fine repast we again boarded our bus and were transported to the Murat Temple for a rehearsal. We gasped as we saw the theater—plush seats, boxes—quite different from Adams or Central. We rehearsed for about 3 hours and again were loaded on the busses to travel to Manuel High School. The school is about 5 years old, 3 times as large as Adams, and the most beautiful high school we had ever seen. Our dinner was really delicious, we even got coffee.

On With The Show

We had an hour before show time. After dressing and being smeared with make-up, we assembled for the opening number. With gleaming smiles we greeted 2,100 principals with "Students are we of dear old Tait College." Before we knew it we were singing "Come right here to me good news" for the finale. There was a mad dash to the dressing rooms to remove costumes and make-up (we were given 20 minutes). As we loaded a bus a surprise awaited us—sandwiches, milk, apples, and brownies—what a delight to our hungry tummies.

Homeward Bound

Although we were all tired, a few of our number apparently suffered from insomnia. Barb Jones, Mary Ann Kunde, and Sandy Borkowski provided delightful harmony but kept us all awake. As one of the philosophers aboard said, "If you can't fight 'em, join 'em." Consequently this trio became a sextette. Home at last, 2:30 a.m. We were tired but we knew it would be hard to forget this trip to Indianapolis.

Trapped -- Man Against Nature Su Mauer -- Water Bug Senior Snitches

The quicksand oozed ominously in his boots, squishing and gurgling softly between his toes. It was an uncomfortable feeling.

"Heck!" he said.

A bird called—snirk-snirk, snirk-snirk, snirk-snirk. It was an unnerving cry—that relentless snirk-snirk.

"Darn!" he said.

The quicksand was up to his knees now. The flesh on the back of his legs began to ache. He wanted to sit down. He was tired.

"There's no sitting down here," he said to himself.

He looked down at the slimy muck inching up his legs. A large mosquito swam about his head and bit him fiercely. He'd almost forgotten about the mosquitoes.

He remembered the time when he dropped the diploma at the high school graduation and everyone laughed.

Then there was the time his brother asked him what he was going to do with his life and he answered, "Oh I don't know."

These things and many more came back to him like a poof from the past and became more meaningful.

He was now wallowing up to his chin in the thick slime. It was useless to fight—besides he had forgotten to take his hands out of his pockets.

He laughed at the sloppy cold muck tickling his bottom lip.

Suddenly an idea came to him. He turned to the crowd standing on the shore and screamed—"Help."

--Jack Olatern

It is unknown to most of the populace of John Adams, that Su Maurer is a first rate skier (both water and snow) and has proven this fact in many meets.

Su began her skiing "career" at the age of 10 when she got up on water skis on her very first try. She then proceeded to master the art of using a saucer in place of skis, adding to the saucer a step ladder or small barrel on which she would stand on her head. The final step in the mastering of this sport was becoming a good jumper.

Ski Meet Champ

At the ripe age of 15, Su decided that she was able to enter competition without disgracing herself. In 1956 at the Mid-West Ski Meet, Su walked away with a second prize in jumping, and a second in the Over-All. She also entered the National Ski Meet in LaPorte.

Onward to Fame

In the summer of 1957 at the Hoosier Ski Meet, which is considered the Indiana State meet, Su floored the judges, taking the Over-All title in the Junior Girls Division, a first in jumping, second in tricks, and a second in slalom. Later at the Lake James Ski Meet, Su won the first in jumping, second in slalom, and third in tricks. Honors in store for her at the Mid-West Meet in Wisconsin were a first in slalom, second in jumping, and second in Over-All.

Eighth in the Nation

The National Ski Meet was held in San Diego with Su entering as the only girl from the entire Mid-West or East in the Junior Girls Division. There Su placed eighth in the nation. "It was really tough," says Su. "Most of the kids entering lived in California, Texas, or Florida where they can practice all year."

Next year Su plans to enter the Women's Division in many more ski meets, including the National where she will be competing with the group from Cyprus Gardens.

I had posed the question in my first attempt at writing this column: Why did **Bev Twigg** suggest that the Industrial Arts plaque be brought up to date? Without Bev's permission, I print the answer. **Fred Osmon**. Fred was the recipient of the I. A.'s award, and Bev enjoys doing things for him. By the way notice Archies' sharp all-white argyles sometime.

Oh, to Be Young Again

Remember, Senior gals, when we were the underclassmen dating the Seniors? 'Twill be no more. **Jim Toeppe** and **Bob Fischer** are two guys contributing to the delinquency of underclassmen girls. And we must view this disgusting sight as we peek over our pens writing to the servicemen and Joe Colleges. I only hope that the Senior girls outnumber the "youngsters" at the Senior Prom.

Goony!

John Thompson asked me to put his name in this week. John Thompson. I would like to remind everyone that he made a touchdown in the Adams vs. Michigan City game. He says that no one believes him anymore. I did see the game and can assure you that it is true. "T. D." also gave a quarter a day to Share Their Fare. A good example of the product of four years of high school.

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A.H.S. Ticket Sales Exceed Goal For 'Good News'

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of David Hartenbower and Virginia Davis sold 450 tickets. The three who sold the most tickets on this team were Joyce Resler, Janet Rawles, and Wilma Stewart.

Marshall Nelson supervised the ticket sales for the Prep team, which sold 412 tickets. First, second, and third places on this team were held by Nancy Stoler, Judy Bennett, and Shirley Marko.

The orchestra team brought in \$241.50 under the leadership of Pat Scott.

Adams is also credited with the Thursday evening sale of tickets at the door. This added \$250 to the total.

The ticket sale was a great success and all members of the cast and various ticket teams wish to extend their thanks to the student body for their wonderful cooperation.

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Swimming Team Ends Highly Successful Season

Dribblers End Season Lose to Fort Wayne

The Adams quintet lost their last game of the season 61-48 against Fort Wayne North Side a week ago today. This made the final record of the Eagles 10-10 with a 4-5 conference record. The record of the Fort Wayne team stands at 5-15 for the season.

Early Lead

Adams took an early 6-2 lead and with six minutes gone in the game were still leading 8-2. However, that lead was chopped off when the score was tied 9-9, then 11-11 with but a few seconds remaining in the first quarter. The quarter ended with Adams leading 13-11.

The two teams traded a few fowls to start off the second quarter. The score was again tied. This time 13-13, then 15-15. The first lead for North Side came in the second quarter. With 3:50 left they had a 20-19 edge. Nearer the end of the half Jim Rea sank a long outsider and the half-time score read 27-24 in favor of Adams.

In the third quarter Gene Phillips once again executed the sleeper play and sank the ball for another two points. The playing steadily increased and it finally looked as if Adams was going somewhere. Then the ceiling fell in. After a good 38-33 lead for Adams the North Siders tied the score 38-38 and finally went ahead 41-40 to end the quarter.

North Side Taffes Off

North Side never lost this lead. The steadily increased the score 48-41, then 52-43 and finally the final score of 61-48. During this quarter even some of the lay-ups the Adams men tried did not go in the basket.

The attendance at this game was almost nil. The "B" team and two Adams students viewed the varsity game. This was opposed to about 800 or more students from North Side.

The "B" team also lost their game to North Side 52-46 in quite a close game.

If the team won Thursday there should be a good backing from Adams at the Saturday games of the tourney. Remeber, "GO, YELL, FIGHT, WIN."



Since the first game Adams played in the tourney was after the TOWER went to press, no comment can be made. However, I sincerely hope that if we play tomorrow the team can be as proud of the student body as the student body should be of the team. Let this week's motto be "GO, YELL. FIGHT, WIN."

I'm sure all of you have by now seen the new pictures of the championship team that are hanging in the hall by the boy's athletic o ce. There are still a few more to be hung, so keep watching for the new ones.

The 'Deacon' Preaches

Roland "Deacon" Davis, the only graduating senior on the starting five of our basketball team feels that so far this year the team has not played up to its full ability. He claims that the team could have a perfect record. According to "Deacon" the team plays best against the better teams. "We're beginning to live up to pre-season predictions," he says.

Because of the large number of good teams participating in this year's sectional "Deac" feels Adams has an excellent chance of winning the Tourney. He maintains that Central's chances of repeating as State Champs are not too good since they have to get out of the Sectional first.

Roland's biggest thrill in his entire career of playing basketball came in last year's Mishawaka game. In this game he hit a last second basket to nip the Cavemen 59-57 in a thriller.

The team is helped greatly by a large student backing "Deac" says. He added that all good teams have a large student backing.

SEAGLES 3rd IN STATE

SEASON COMPLETED

The Adams' swim team captained by Jim Wiseman placed a very strong third place in the State Swim meet at Lafayette on Saturday, the 23rd. They placed a man in every event, but failed to qualify a freestyle relay team. Their final total was 39½ points compared with state champs Riley's total of 60 points and runner-up Columbus's total of 57 points.

Tony Kowals was the highest finisher for Adams in the individual events taking a second place in the 100-yd. backstroke. Tom Olander placed third in the 150-yd. individual medley. The Adams medley relay team of Kowals, Tom Brandley, Jim Busse, and John Olander placed second.

Of the 39½ points the Adams team scored, 35½ points were scored by underclassmen. This is an indication of good things to come next year. The seniors who scored points were Doug Gill, fifth in the 200-yd. freestyle and Bob Wilson, fifth in the diving contest.

The team would like to give special thanks to Coach Joe Laiber. Mr. Laiber worked the team very hard, and, as a result, got the team into tip-top shape for the meets. The team would also like to thank their captain, Jim Wiseman, for the excellent job he did this year.

The boys who earned their monogram this year are Dan Reynolds, Jim Busse, Bill Hammes, and Jim Toepp. Boys earning chevrons were Bob Wilson and Ward Harlan. Boys who earned their swimming award already will receive certificate at the awards assembly are Tom Brandley, Jim Wiseman, Doug Gill, Tom Olander, Jim Hartke, Ton Kowals, Jon Olander, and Jim Fett. Of these, 14 swimmers will be back next year to take another crack at the State Championship.

The Adams swimming team has completed a truly remarkable season. Last Saturday the tankers swam in the state meet at Lafayette. Adams came in third, in a field of 17 teams, behind city-rival Riley and a down state rival Columbus.

The entire season was filled with thrills. The biggest, says the coach, Mr. Joseph Laiber, was beating Riley for the city championship. When the "Seagels" beat Riley, it broke a 24-meet Wildcat winning streak. The same Riley team dealt Adams their lone regular season defeat a week later. The Adams team possessed an 11 and 1 record going into last Saturday's meet.

Coach Laiber had praise for Jim Fett and Tom Olander who really gave the team that extra spark. There are four seniors graduating from this year's team. They are Jim Wiseman, Jim Toepp, Bob Wilson, and Doug Gill. Mr. Laiber is looking for a diver and four freestylers for next year, but he has a couple of younger boys, Randy Welch and Don Hartke, who could be good in a few years. It has been a triumphal season for Mr. Laiber and his boys and the future looks bright.

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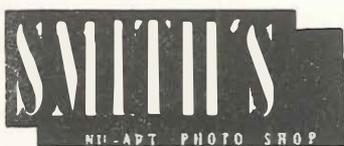
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