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TOWER STAFF SAYS "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Goal \$1967 In Annual Drive; Show You Care; Share Their Fare

Jan Crane and Richard Altman will serve as co-chairmen for the annual Student Council Share-Their-Fare drive.

The drive will be opened officially on January 4 with an assembly. However, many homerooms have been busy earning money since early last fall.

The assembly will feature speeches by Roland Perrenoud, AFS student from Switzerland, and Nancy Busch, Adams student who spent the summer in Germany. Roland will give his impressions on being an Adams student. Nancy has many interesting incidents to relate about her trip.

After the assembly, the students will return to their homerooms and the first collection for the drive will be made. The drive will continue until January 11.

Many homerooms have been earning money from car washes, bake sales, and candy sales. There is, however, no accurate record of the amount earned so far because none will be turned in until the drive has officially begun.

As in the past, the junior homeroom turning in the most money will be given the honor of having the exchange student. The winning sophomore and freshman homerooms will have the exchange student in their class for one week each.

Advance Language Classes Celebrate Traditional Christmas

Several Adams language classes are celebrating the season using the customs of the countries they are studying.

The Spanish classes of Miss Giannuzzi put on a play entitled "La Posada De Nochebuena." After rehearsing in the library basement, the members presented the play in the Little Theater.

This class will also have a party today. An authentic Pinata will be made by Crys Olson and filled with candy. In addition the class will play Spanish games and sing Spanish Christmas carols.

Mrs. Gadowski's fourth hour Latin class celebrated the ancient Roman Festival of Saturn.

The students acted out characters in Roman mythology and brought suitable gifts for these characters.

Refreshments were brought by members of the class. There was also a talent show by members of the class.

The traditional Saturnalia was held by the Romans on December 17 and lasted for five days.

The goal set for this year's drive is \$1,967. The theme will be "Show you care, Share their fare."

The money collected will not only be used for the AFS student next year but also to provide funds for Adams students going abroad and for trips to conventions and workshops for Student Council officers.

Several Student Council members and committees are aiding Jan and Dick.

In charge of marking and distributing the envelopes for homeroom collections is the committee headed by Sue Sommer and Linda Megee.

Dave Eastman is chairman of the group which will count the money and keep the records of the competition.

Publicity will be handled by Sally Ehlers and Lynn Denham.

A display at Four Corners will be put up by Roland Perrenoud and Cindy Roessler.

News In Brief

EAGLES MEET CONFERENCE FOE

Adams vs. Michigan City, there, tonight. See the Eagles at home tomorrow against Muncie South at 8:00 p.m.

GO MATMEN!

The city holiday wrestling tourney is tomorrow at Riley.

SWIM MEET TONIGHT

The Eagles travel to Michigan City. The meet begins at 4:00.

SEE THE 1970 STATE CHAMPIONS

Adams freshman swimming team competes in the city freshman meet tomorrow at Washington at 10:00 a.m.

START SAVING YOUR MONEY

The annual Share - Their - Fare drive will kick off Wednesday, Jan. 4, with an assembly at 8:15.

PEP ASSEMBLY

For the Michigan City game, today.

VACATION! VACATION!

As if you didn't already know, it begins today at 3:00.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

For the Holiday Tourney games on Tuesday and Thursday.

WE GET A VACATION, TOO

The next issue of the Tower will be published on January 20.



Decorating the tree for their Christmas party, the TOWER staff is, kneeling left to right: Patt Bickel, Beth Koehler, and Anne Bednar. Standing, left to right are: Jim Widner, Rhonda Kaley, Julie Hendrickson, Randy Smith, Jo Ann Von Bergen and Karen Peterson.

SANTA VISITS BAND & ORCHESTRA

Several Adams clubs have been celebrating Christmas with parties this year. Among these clubs are Future Teachers, Business Club, and Y-Teens.

The Future Teachers held their annual Christmas party in the library last Wednesday for the entire Adams staff. Coffee, punch, and cookies were served. Committee chairmen included Rosalie Thompson, Chris Larson, and Pat Shaw. Miss Charlotte Bramble is the sponsor of Future Teachers.

The girls and boys' ensembles under the direction of Mrs. Janet Leninger held a caroling party December 9. They went caroling and then trimmed the tree at Mrs. Leninger's house.

The Adams Business Club held their party December 13 in the cafeteria mezzanine. Activities included a comedy film and a scavenger hunt. Chairmen for the event were Diane Hahn and Carol Hacker.

The Y-Teens, with Janna Reichart in charge, held their party

ETHICS COMMITTEE HONORS CAFETERIA & CUSTODIAL STAFFS

The cafeteria staff and custodial staff will be honored today by the Eagle Ethics committee. The members of the cafeteria staff will receive corsages, and the custodians will be given boutonnieres in gratitude for the services which they perform daily for the Adams student body.

John Rummel, chairman of the project, will read a statement over the public address system recognizing them for their services.

This is only one of the many annual projects sponsored by the Eagle Ethics Committee to remind students to observe the Ethics.

Officers of the committee are: Anne Bednar, chairman; Brenda Nelson, vice-chairman; Rhonda Kaley, secretary; Kathy Huff, treasurer; and Patt Bickel, historian.

Tuesday. Each guest brought a can of food to make up a Christmas basket for a needy family. Cookies and punch were served.

As a special treat, Santa Claus will visit the band and orchestra on December 16. All good little musicians should be prepared to tell Santa their wishes.

During Christmas vacation, the Waltons have an outing planned.

Perhaps the most bizarre party will be held by the Debate Club on Christmas Eve. They plan to disguise themselves as Christmas trees and parade down main street at midnight. As yet, this is unofficial.

Student Council Plans Annual Migrant Childrens' X-mas Party

In keeping with the Christmas spirit the members of the Adams Student Council are planning a Christmas party for Spanish-speaking children of this area. These are the children of migrant workers on local farms.

The party will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Little Theater.

During the party the children will play games and have refreshments. A special treat will be a visit by Santa Claus, Roland Perrenoud. Also included in the festi-

Platner Elected State Treasurer Of The DECI

Several Adams students with their advisor Mr. Leonard Buczkowski attended the Distributive Education Clubs of Indiana state convention last month.

One of these students, Sue Platner, was elected state treasurer of DECI.

Prospective candidates for state offices were given tests on parliamentary procedure and the history of DECI. These and the results of personal interviews were used to select the two candidates for each office.

The personal interviews were conducted by a screening committee comprised of advisors, college professors, and past officers of the DECI.

Candidates then made speeches before the representatives of clubs all over Indiana. About 800 students attended.

Besides her duties as state treasurer, Sue is kept busy as president of Adams Distributive Education Club.

In the first part of April Sue will attend the state DECI convention at Indiana University. At the national convention to be held at the end of April in Chicago, Sue will have an opportunity to run for a national officer.

Other Adams students attending the meeting were Glen Sanner, Duane Pascoff, and Ross Colbert.

Jackson Sponsors Journalism Day

The third annual High School Journalism Day will be held January 14 at Jackson High School. The Jackson chapter of Quill and Scroll, National High School Journalism Society, will be the host this year.

Plans for the event were made at a meeting of representatives of the area high schools held December 1. Jim Widner, TOWER sports editor, was the Adams representative. Keith Klopfenstein of Jackson will serve as chairman.

Staff members and advisers of publications from all the public and

ities will be several pinatas, paper mache figures of animals filled with candy and toys.

Serving as general chairman of the party is Laurie Levatin. Decorations will be put up by members of the committee under Dave Eastman. Sharon Kelly is in charge of the games, and Patty Keating's committee will take care of refreshments.

More students are still needed to work at the party. Anyone wishing to help should contact Laurie Levatin in homeroom 146.

Other area high schools such as New Carlisle and LaVille may also send representatives.

The program will include a guest speaker, writing contests, lunch, journalistic workshops and panel discussions.

Any students interested in attending should see Anne Bednar, Tower Editor.

I STILL BELIEVE IN SANTA

I still believe in Santa Claus, but that is not so shocking cause I believe in the Wizard of Oz and Never Neverland and miracles — and the Christmas Spirit — and that's what Santa Claus is — just a little tiny bit of the Wizard of Oz and Never Neverland and a whole lot of miracles and Christmas Spirit.

It does not really bother me that Santa Claus arrives downtown before Thanksgiving or that Christmas specials are advertised with the first snow — because these are not the Santa Claus or the Christmas in which I believe.

My Santa Claus exists year around and makes no special appearances for stores or parades. Let little old men in red with white beards and huge mustaches run around the city and call themselves Santa Claus — but they will never be Santa unless they too believe in him. And if they do believe in him, then they will spread his spirit to those who do not believe.

Maybe I'll never grow up — like the inhabitants of Never Neverland but I still believe in Santa Claus. He is a great big miracle — the miracle of love.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are you faculty? At the games? Yes — you are there, just sitting. It is rather doubtful that you have heard of School Spirit.

Our job is to boost the school's spirit. You are certainly of little help to us. In our classes on game nights you say "Now let's see everyone at the game." We are there, are you? Why do you even bother to come to the games if you do not yell, or even sing the school song?

The guys on the team need your support to win.

We realize the students need more spirit, too, but the faculty is in a worse state — almost beyond help. With all 101 of you, you should be able to provide a little spirit at the games. Why should we cheer if you don't.

B.C.

Dear Editor:

As a senior in the school, I am greatly disappointed in the outcome of the Christmas seal sale. Although more seals were sold this year than in recent years, I still feel the sale was not a success. The purpose of the Christmas seal sale is to raise funds for research and to detect cases of tuberculosis, a disease that may effect any of the members of the student body at any time. It should be a matter of concern to every student.

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Swiss Christmas Tradition Celebrates "La Saint Nicholas Day" and New Year's Day

"Merry Christmas," is a universal greeting for this time of year even though it is said in many different languages. Christmas is also celebrated in many different ways depending on the country, its people, and its traditions.

The Christmas in Switzerland is much like the Christmas here in the United States, according to Roland Perrenoud, the foreign exchange student at Adams this year. Although he does not know quite everything about how Americans celebrate Christmas, he does know that quite a few things are similar.

The Swiss, like us, have Christmas trees in their homes each year and they decorate them much like we do. They also exchange presents at Christmas, but the children do not give things to their parents for as Roland said, "They are just us-

ing their parents' money to buy the gifts, so there is no sense in it."

The Swiss Christmas also differs from ours in some ways. They do not hang wreaths on their doors or fireplaces and they do not hang mistletoe all around, nor do they give it any special significance. Oh, they don't know what they're missing!

Santa Claus is a tradition there, and on December 6, they all celebrate "la Saint Nicholas" day. It is on this day that Santa Claus distributes small presents to the younger children, such as candy or little toys. Santa saves the big presents for later.

The religions in Switzerland are mainly Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, so their beliefs about Christmas are the same as ours.

The Swiss New Year's celebration is somewhat larger than ours and is quite a big family affair. Instead of having all your friends over and going out for the night of

December 31 to January 1, the people of Switzerland have all of their family get together at one person's house and on January 1 they have their celebration.

Roland said that New Year's Eve is quiet. Then on New Year's day, they all have a big family dinner and tell jokes; mostly the older folks tell the jokes. Everyone brings a present and later on in the day, the family plays a card game to see who gets what present. In the afternoon, the father usually works and then at about 5:00, the family sings for awhile. They don't have any big parades going in Switzerland like our Rose Bowl Parade.

Although Christmas is celebrated somewhat differently around the world, the meaning and feeling is essentially the same. So to Roland who will celebrate his first American Christmas this year, Merry Christmas!

The Wonders of a Christmas Tree

Two blue eyes alive with light
Smile in wonder and delight.
Gazing at the Christmas tree,
One small child looks on with glee.

Shining balls of red and blue
Reflect with beauty those who view.

One small child on bended knee
Smiles at this, his Christmas tree.

One bright light, a star behold
Shimmers above in white and gold.

This star placed high above,
Is the sign of God's great love.

Love reflected in the eyes
Of a child with whom peace lies,
Smiling, happy, never fearing,
Wishing love and peace all year.
Anne Rhoades

Christmas Shopping?

What was the most unusual gift you have ever received for Christmas? This was a question asked of many youngsters as they did their Christmas shopping. The replies varied from a flat "I don't know" to a "box of tooth picks."

One answered, "A new baby sitter." Another shopper said, "An electric toothbrush." One spirited youth revealed, "A dog." When asked what kind of dog he regarded as being so unusual he replied, "A Heinz 57 variety."

A small girl, when asked what her strangest Christmas gift was, responded, "A doll with a wig." Still another young fellow answered, "A shoe horn." A cute little boy who also happened to be a big story teller said, "A teddy bear that was ten feet tall." A chubby toddler decided, "A doll that could crawl and talk at the same time."

One mischievous looking boy answered, "A spanking." When asked why, he said because he had a look at his presents ahead of time. Still another youngster mentioned that he had received "A jacket with Donald Duck on the back."

This list of odd Christmas gifts is endless. But if you are all lucky, maybe you will find more than a box of tooth picks under your Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

During the Christmas season, the work of most people increases. However, the work in certain occupations increases more than others. Below are a few of these occupations and the feelings of the people as Christmas draws nearer.

One of the occupations of which people are not too aware is that of the bank teller. During the Christmas season their work brings them very much into contact with the public. The first job they have to do is to mail the Christmas Club checks to the people. This, naturally, brings about the job of cashing the checks.

Another task which must be done is that of helping people to send checks to friends and relatives overseas. So, as you can see, the job of the bank teller does not include just sitting around the bank all day counting money.

Although the Christmas rush doesn't appear to have started in earnest in the stores, the clerks are prepared for their work. One of the biggest problems appears to exist in the customers themselves. If the customers do not have respect for the clerks, then the clerks may become irritable with other customers.

Mailmen seem to have the biggest job of all. During the Christ-

mas season, they work about 12 hours a day. Most of the problems stem from the fact that the mail is improperly addressed, making it necessary for the mailmen to try to find the true address of the person.

Since the work is so difficult, the mailmen often find that it is hard to have a festive spirit. However, the mailmen feel that their work is often made more easy by the people on the route, since they offer them food and want them to join in their Christmas celebration.

No Christmas would be quite complete without a Santa Claus, so we asked one how he felt about his job. He stated that he enjoyed his work, despite the fact that it gets a bit hectic when he sees about 100 children in one hour.

Although there are a lot of little children that are afraid of him, there haven't been any that have tried to pull off his beard, but he keeps an eye out for them anyhow.

One Santa had a different technique than others. He tells them he knows how bad they have been and that he wants them to improve. Hopefully, their behavior improves for a couple of days. All in all Santas have a lot of fun in their work and enjoy it very much.

Buzolitz Represents Adams On Teen Fashion Board

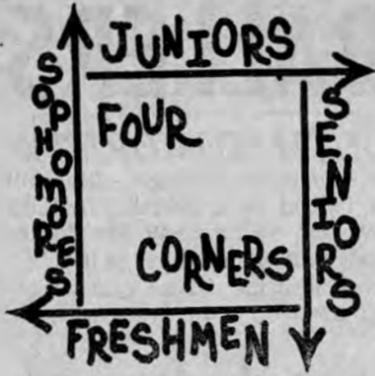
Leading the teen taste and touch in clothing is Robertson's Teen Fashion Board. Glamorous projects include presenting fashion shows on the sixth floor and more informal shows on the third floor in the junior department.

Representatives are selected from the area high schools. Those selected must have a B+ average. A list of girls qualifying is submitted to one of her teachers whereupon the teacher narrows the list down to three girls. These girls are then interviewed in the seventh floor office at Robertsons. From the interview, one girl is chosen to

represent her high school. Representing Adams is Carol Buzolitz, who is also president of the Board.

The teens on the fashion board aid professional models in their fashion shows. During the Christmas season, three girls on the Board are picked to be Smokey the Bear, a clown, and a Court Jester, amusing children.

Other plans include issuing a newspaper to all high school girls, representing the latest spring fashions in a spring FASHION SHOW, presenting annual formal and back-to-school shows, and a swim suit fashion showing.



Seven Student Teachers Begin Work at Adams

Eight lucky teachers are enjoying additional help with their classes while student teachers from Indiana State, Ball State, Indiana University, and Notre Dame are at Adams this year.

English seems to be the most popular choice of the teachers-to-be as four of the seven are studying and teaching it.

Student teaching in the English Department are: Barbara Brewer from I.U. with Mrs. Weir; Fred O'BRIAN with Mrs. Herring; Doug Higgins with Mrs. Polizzotto, and James Lopach with Mr. Carroll, all from Notre Dame.

Barbara Schrader of Ball State is assisting Mrs. Lemontree in the Home Economics Department and Dale Emmons is teaching industrial arts with Mr. Bonham. He is from Indiana State.

Donald Hess of Ball State is teaching health and physical education with Mr. Planutis and Mr. Szucs.

In 113 study hall, John Jacobs was asked to open the window. He climbed all over the sills, pulled and snapped the shades, and made lots of noise causing Mr. Bull to remark, "Jacobs, your show is good but your talent is lousy."

Mr. Schutz was telling his sixth hour class about the Mormons. He commented that Brigham Young had twenty-two wives . . . also, Mormon girls tended to marry young.

One of the answers to a test question in Mr. Schutz's government class, was "guerilla." When asked to repeat the answer, Mr. Schutz said it was guerilla, as in "Gorilla of my Dreams."

John Kreisle poked Beth Mosher in Mr. Coar's 1st hour class and she hiccuped in surprise. Mr. Coar said, "Hey you in the corner, isn't it a little early to be hitting the bottle?"

According to John Kaiser, it never snows outside. Those little white things are just styrofoam flakes.

JEWES CELEBRATE CHANUKAH, THE FEAST OF THE LIGHTS

From December seventh through the fifteenth, the Jewish people this year celebrated the Feast of Lights, Chanukah. Meaning dedication, Chanukah is celebrated every year beginning on the twenty-fifth of the Jewish month of Kislev and is celebrated for eight days.

Chanukah is a festival which commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Syrian King, Antiochus, in 165 B.C.E. Not only was this a momentous victory for the Jews, but it was the first battle in history fought for religious freedom.

The leader of the revolt was Judas Maccabee, whose father had been one of the first men to disobey the King's orders to bow down to their pagan idols.

The reason for celebrating Chanukah for eight days is one of legend. Supposedly after the battle had been won, the priests of old, while cleaning the destruction in the temple, found only enough oil to kindle the eternal light for one day. But a miracle occurred, and the small cruse of oil burned for eight days. Thus, we have the eight days of Chanukah.

In the Jewish home, candles are kindled everyday during the festival as a commemoration, and it is traditional for children to receive Chanukah "gelt" or money. Today gifts have taken the place very often of "gelt".

Another symbol of the festival is the dreidel, which is a top. On the four sides there are four Hebrew letters which stand for four words which translated mean "A great Miracle Happened There." The game is one mostly of chance and is usually played with pennies or nuts.

It is also traditional on Chanukah to eat a special kind of food called a potatoe latke. This food is basically a pancake made from potatoes, eggs, and oil.

The source of this festival is not found in the Old Testament, but rather in the Apocrypha which were writings also of the Biblical times, but not included in the Bible.

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CENTRAL	
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Of the seven other teams in the Holiday Tourney, the Eagles have met, and defeated, two. St. Joe fell on November 18 by a score of 88-22 on their home floor in the season opener for both teams. Since that game the Indians have dropped five more games, while winning only one.

Clay Also

The only other tourney hopeful Adams has met is Clay. The score of the game was 75-52 and it was played on the Eagle court. Like St. Joe, the Colonials have won just one game in seven starts. Their lone victory came over Culver Military Academy.

South Bend's two newest schools will also be competing in the event. Jackson has also lost all but one of their games this season. Last Friday night they shocked the Clay team, 59-57. LaSalle, one of the city's two winningest teams, sports a fine 5-1 record. Their only loss was to tough Elkhart.

More City Teams

Rounding out the tourney field are Central, Riley, and Washington. These three schools, along with Adams, were once the only so-called "city" teams, but this has changed now and eight schools come under this heading.

Washington possesses the best record of the three teams with a 5-1 mark. Riley has a 3-1 slate, while Central is even with a 3-3 record.

Records Fall As Swimmers Roll On

By KURT HEINZ

Tonight Coach Don Coar's swimmers will travel to Michigan City in an attempt to bring their season mark to 5-0.

Last week the team was successful in each of their three outings. They defeated Jackson 57-38, Culver Military Academy 52-35, and Elkhart 59-32.

In the Jackson meet, held at Jackson, Mike Fitzgerald set a pool record in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.2.

Against Culver, Adams pool records were set by Scott Madison in the 200-yard freestyle, Jim Herreman in the individual medley, Frank Fahey in the butterfly, and Bill Fitzgerald in the 400-yard freestyle.

Three more Adams pool records were set against Elkhart. Madison turned in a record-breaking performance in the 200-yard freestyle. Mike Fitzgerald and Scott Wise set records in the backstroke and breaststroke, respectively.

Matmen To Defend Title Tomorrow

Tomorrow in the Riley gym, Coach Morris Aronson's wrestlers will take to the mats in hopes of winning their third straight City Holiday Tourney championship. This year, however, the Eagles rate as slight underdogs to the Central team which will be favored for the title. The Bears defeated Adams in a dual meet two weeks ago, 25-19.

Last year the Eagles ran up 111 points and won six weight divisions en route to the team title. Horis Russell won the 112-pound class, but has moved up to the 120-pound division this year. Tom Kruyer, runnerup at 180-pounds last year, is wrestling heavyweight this time around.

In action last week, the matmen boosted their season record to 3-1 by downing Gary Roosevelt and Mishawaka. Gary fell for the fourth year in a row by a score of 29-19, as did the Cavemen, 32-13. By winning both of their matches in these meets, Captain Horis Russell and Tom Kruyer kept their personal records perfect.

FROSH WIN; LOSE

By winning and then losing, Coach George Griffith's freshman basketball team brought their record to 3-1 last week.

In an overtime game on Tuesday, they downed Riley by a score of 53-49. In another overtime battle on Thursday, though, they were not quite so lucky. St. Joe won that game, 40-39.

CITY TONIGHT - SOUTH TOMORROW

The 1966 Indiana State basketball champions, Michigan City, will host Coach Don Barnbrook's Eagles tonight in a Northern Indiana Conference tilt. The Devils will have last year's 60-49 loss to the Eagles on their mind and they definitely will want to avenge it.

A tough Muncie South Side team will visit the Adams gym tomorrow night. The Rebels, who always come up with a strong team, downed the Eagles 79-51 last year.

The Adams cagers dropped their second straight game of the year last Friday night at Goshen, 65-43. The game was close only for the first quarter. The first stop saw the Eagles leading 20-19.

Disaster struck after that, and the Eagles could not get moving again. Kent Ross led the scoring attack with 13 points.

The following night, winning ways were regained against Nappanee, a team that had downed Goshen a week earlier. The Bulldogs jumped to a quick 12-2 lead and stayed ahead until Bob Storm hit a jumper to give the Eagles an 18-17 lead.

See-Saw Battle

From then on it was a see-saw battle with Adams seeming to hold a slight edge in most departments. The end of the third period found Nappanee leading 45-42, though.

Led by Phil Williford, the team hit eight shots in a row at the beginning of the final quarter and were never behind after that.

Williford led the scoring with 23 points. Bob Storm finally found his shooting eye in the second period and finished with 12.

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Beagle Record Stands At 5-1

Michigan City Imps will host Coach Dave Hadaway's "B" basketball team tonight, before Muncie South Side's reserve team visits the Beagle court tomorrow night. In games against these teams last season, the Beagles won and lost.

City handed Adams a 40-34 setback in South Bend. The following night, though, Coach Hadaway took his team to Muncie and watched them turn back South, 38-37.

Last week the Beagles brought their record to 5-1 by downing Goshen and Nappanee. Terry Schaper's 24 points were exactly one-half of the team's 48 against Goshen, who could manage only 37. The following night Nappanee fell 54-43.

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