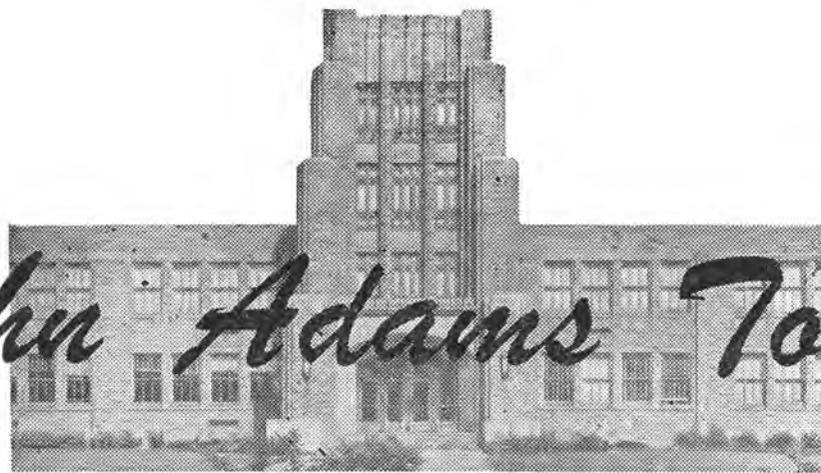


# John Adams Tower



## TWO ELIGIBLE FOR AFS SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Adams students are eligible to be candidates for the American Field Service 1953 Summer Scholarship Program. To qualify, a student must be at least 16 years old, preferably from the junior class, and have had two years of study of a foreign language. The student will be selected by the student body and the faculty and two responsible members of the community. The application papers for each of the candidates must be sent before February 1, 1953 to the American Field Service in New York where final selection will be made.

The AFS is an organization of volunteer ambulance drivers, formed in France during World War I, which also served with the British and French armies in World War II. Since 1947 it has continued as an organization to promote goodwill among nations by offering scholarships to foreign teen-age students. American teen-agers are being offered scholarships made possible by the enthusiasm of former AFS foreign students who are eager to give Americans the same opportunity to know their countries as they had to know the United States.

A student chosen to go abroad on this scholarship is afforded more than a routine sightseeing trip. He lives as a member of a family and as such, has the opportunity to gain friendships and learn about the people and life of the country. The AFS committee in each country is responsible for finding and screening families with whom the student will live, for placing the candidates in the home, and acting as official hosts to the Americans.

AFS will arrange for all students to travel to Europe as a group and will handle details and instructions concerning passports, visas, insurance, necessary clothing, etc. They will arrange travel from New York to destination and return. The travel expense which will not exceed \$400 must be borne by the student or his sponsor in the community. A student should plan to take approximately \$300 for pocket money. A student has no expense for room and board as the host family takes care of this.

The students will leave the United States around the middle of June and return in late August or September.

The countries to be visited are: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, France, and Greece.

Students interested and desiring further information should see Miss Burns.

## COMMITTEE PLANS FOR VESPER SERVICE



Pictured above, clockwise from center, are Fred Laas, Robert Nelson, Pat Holland, Robert Bock, Julie Harris, Jo Ann Rapp, Carol Hudson, Richard Northrop, Lorena Rose, and James Worley. These students assumed the responsibility for all the details for today's Christmas Vespers. They distributed posters, prepared the flashlights, made arrangements to have post cards addressed, and prepared Tribune and Tower publicity.

## High Rates of Speed Achieved in Typewriting

Excellent rates of typing speeds have been achieved by Jill Jacobson, Pat Grundy, and Shirley Jaqua in the Typewriting III class. Jill wrote sixty words per minute and Pat and Shirley are writing in the fifty-five to fifty-nine bracket.

Other students who have also typed at high rates of speed are Vivian Boggs, Colleen Callsen, Dolores Mueller, and Shirley Shaftick.

In the Typewriting II class Greta Grayson, Mary Kline, Martha Heil, Jack Longley, have achieved rates of speed with scores ranging from forty-five to forty-nine. Carol Nieter and Kathleen Trethewey have typed more than fifty words per minute.

## P. T. A. MEETING HELD

The regular monthly meeting of the John Adams P.T.A. was held Tuesday, December 2 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Mrs. Floyd Troub, president of the P.T.A., presided at the meeting at which time new by-laws were adopted.

The Ladies Chorus from the Kaley School P. T. A. sang several selections.

Dr. John Vahinger spoke on "The Emotional Needs of Adolescents." Refreshments were served following the program.

## STUDENT DIRECTORY SOLD BY SENIORS

The Student Directory, prepared by the Senior Class, was placed on sale in each homeroom this week. The directory, with cover design by alumna, Mary Swingendorf, contains the names, addresses, phone numbers and grade classifications of all the students and teachers.

Susan Peterson, the chairman, wishes to express her appreciation to Joyce Swingendorf, Jill Jacobson, Dixie Day, Shirley Lee and Shirley Bull for the help they gave her in preparing the directory. Don Pearson solicited the financial aid from the clubs.

If you have not already secured a directory, copies can be secured from Mr. Carroll, senior class sponsor, in room 101.

## Display placed In Library

A display, symbolizing the drive for the sale of Christmas seals, has been placed in the library by members of the Junior Red Cross. A large poster reminding students to buy seals is in the center. To its left is the book, "Crusade of the Christmas Seal", while to the right is a large green paper wreath on which is pasted a sample of each year's Christmas seal, from 1907 to 1952. The committee arranging the exhibit consisted of Susan Nuss and Joyce

## GLEE CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTMAS VESPERS

This morning at 8:30 the Glee Club will present a portion of its Christmas Vespers, with its candlelight processional, anthems, and familiar carols. A complete performance of this program will be presented for the public Sunday, December 14, at four o'clock.

The 110 voice Glee Club will sing such familiar numbers as: Now Let All the Heaven's Adore Thee, A Lovely Rose Is Blooming, All My Heart, Beautiful Savior, Guiding Star, Shepherds Carol, Lullaby on Christmas Eve, Carol of the Bells, When Angels Sang of Peace.

Later in the program the Prep Glee Club will appear before the stained glass window to join in the singing of such well-known carols as: Silent Night, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Joy to the World, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Birthday of a King, O Holy Night, Deck the Halls, The First Noel.

The following people will sing solos: Doris Phillips, Sharon Watson, Dale Vermillion, Agnes Kroshinsky, John Coffman, Pat Holland and Julie Harris. Lynn Whitman will play a piano solo, "Polonaise No. 1," by Chopin.

For added pleasure and practice, a small group of singers have sung programs for the Zion Evangelical and Reform Church, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, All Saints Church and The National Bank.

## Classes Gain Experience

The Typewriting III class taught by Miss Puterbaugh has been gaining practical business experience in addition to keeping up with its regular class work.

For the school the class addressed envelopes used to mail Poor Work slips and Open House Invitations, typed sixteen copies of the home room attendance sheets for each teacher, and cut stencils for teaching units and tests for teachers. For the Children's Aid Society the class addressed envelopes used by the Society in their annual solicitation drive.

The Typing II class addressed the post cards inviting John Adams parents and friends to the annual Christmas Vespers December 14.

Barrell, who urge all John Adams students to look at the display and to buy Christmas Seals.

# John Adams Tower



Editor-in-Chief . . . . . Luce Williams

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## CANDIDATES --- ARE YOU ONE?

Will John's ear come off the next time he pulls at it? What is the tune Tom is drumming out on the table? Will Miss Brown's beads break next time she twists them? Will Jim's foot fall off and roll on the floor next time he swings it? Ahhhh, yes. These are the questions running through my mind as I sit in school and watch some of the nervous habits of my classmates. Judging by their performances, one might think they are candidates for an institution. After watching the girl in front of me tie knots in her hair, and after listening to the constant drumming on the desk behind me, I sometimes think I belong in a straightjacket. You have probably had a similar experience.

Undoubtedly you have sat in class trying to concentrate when you noticed the boy next to you jiggling his foot. You watched for awhile, not really interested, but just wondering how long he'd keep up the vibration. Suddenly your attention was focused on a boy two seats ahead. He was quietly drumming out a rhythm on his desk. If you looked hard enough, you could have found a girl tapping her foot to the same rhythm. All you needed was a vocalist to make the band complete. Wait a minute! The girl behind you is humming! Wonderful!

About this time the teacher, who has just circled the room for the eleventh time and arranged the books and papers on her desk for the eighth time, began asking questions. Her first question was answered by a boy who did a good job of ripping the sole of his shoe while scratching his ear. A comment was made by another boy who busily tore up a little piece of paper into smaller pieces and paked them into a little hole in his desk. The next question was answered by a girl who was either trying to tear her English book in half or was testing a judo hold. The girl beside you asked a question, but you couldn't understand it because she was trying to chew all ten fingernails at the same time. Honestly, some people! But just wait a minute. What were you doing all that time? Playing with your ring? Snapping your fingernail? Smearing your lipstick, twisting a button?

I guess none of us has much to say. We all have some nervous habit of occupying our time and at the same time driving those around us crazy.

--Janet Burke

### THEY KEEP SAYING—

**Phyllis Anderson:** I like it, I like it.  
**Mary Clark:** Gee, I wish my name were O'Houlihan.  
**Tom McNulty:** Oh my, such a problem.  
**Mr. Crowe:** I haven't taken roll yet, so I hope it can wait.  
**Sharon Reber:** There's nothing with Central.  
**Mr. Krider:** I love you, but!  
**Paul Butler:** Pretty cheap.  
**Paul Rice:** I'm goin' to sleep.  
**Pam Marlin:** No, seriously though..  
**Mr. Neff:** That's tops.  
**Mrs. McClure:** One-hundred years ago when I was a girl . . .  
**Sally Buchanan:** Yes, ol' girl.



Joseph James Laiber, born in July 1920 of Hungarian-American parents, is a native of ye old South Bend. He attended Washington grade and high school where he participated in football and basketball. After graduating from high school he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame. While working for his Bachelor of Science degree he won monograms in football in '40 and '41. After he completed his practice teaching at Washington High School he served three years with Uncle Sam's Army and received the Purple Heart. As a civilian he continued his teaching career at Lincoln School and ultimately came to Adams. At present he is, for the second year, teaching health and coaching football and swimming.

Mr. Laiber enjoys reading current events; hunting and fishing; his steak well done; and "big Buick—with everything". As for musical entertainment he prefers light opera, "The Barber of Seville" in particular. In the field of popular music his favorites are "Star Dust" and the "Notre Dame Victory March". His favorite band is Sammy Kaye, and he enjoys music sung by Perry Como and by Dinah Shore.

When asked what colors and styles he prefers, Mr. Laiber expressed his dislike for ankle-choke tapered pants and butch hair cut with a bald spot. He likes to wear a grey suit, white shirt, narrow four-in-hand tie, loafers and no hat. He likes to see a woman in a suit, high heels, plain jewelry, and no earrings. He finds her most attractive feature is a pair of "pretty big eyes". Mr. Laiber has a dislike for the expressions "what cha say" and "shut up" and admires honesty, loyalty and friendliness.



What do you think of our basketball team?

**John Maurer**—Pretty poor  
**Bill Reinecke**—They sure surprised the coach!  
**Bill Bickel**—A red hot gang of bucket shooters.  
**Dale Gibson**—They're pretty darn good!  
**Bob Shula**—If they win the next two games they'll go all the way.  
**Ed Quinn**—I don't know, what do you think of it?  
**Judy Hunneshagen**—I like it when they pretend to make a basket and then fake.

**Joe Kreitzman:** Well, ah'll be.  
**Ed Hardig:** Why shore.  
**Mr. Nelson:** Get with it.  
**Ed Quinn:** I'll match ya.  
**Jim Miller:** I don't think so.  
**Sally Kissinger:** You bet 'cha.  
**Mr. Carroll:** . . . and the like.  
**Sue Armstrong:** By gum.  
**Paul Hawblitzel:** Would I.  
**Mr. Reber:** You guys talk too much.  
**Mr. Weir:** What's it.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . . .

. . . . . Fifty per cent of all absences are caused by only ten per cent of our students?

. . . . . One student out of every ten will be absent as much as the other nine together?

. . . . . The average student does not miss school?

. . . . . South Bend taxpayers were penalized \$3,000 last year because of John Adams absences?

. . . . . Approximately fifty per cent of these absences from school could be prevented?

These are the statistics for John Adams. They aren't very complimentary, are they? If John Adams students had achieved perfect attendance last year, the School City would have received \$3,000 more from the state than it actually received. If each of South Bend's twenty-one schools had a similar experience, the entire loss to the School City would be \$63,000.

In terms of dollars and cents it is very important that students be in school every day they possibly can. Money from the state general fund is allotted to school corporations on the basis of attendance not enrollment. We are slowing down every year. In 1949 our record of attendance was 98.36 per cent, but now in 1953 it is 96.86 per cent. Our sophomores rank highest with 97.89 per cent while our seniors are second with 97.58 per cent. The other classes are below the second average of 96.87 per cent. Only you as an individual can remedy this condition. Let's all try from now on to be in school as regularly as possible. The habits of punctuality and dependability, acquired by being on time and present in the classroom daily are the rewards of regular school attendance.

—Mari Ann Reish.

### Help Fight TB



Buy Christmas Seals

### ANNE ENJOYS PODUNK PASTIME

Dear Sis,

Last Saturday Podunk University played the big game of the year with Dotre Name.

During the first quarter, neither team scored even though there was some spectacular plays by the Dotre Name players (I heard a fellow behind me say so).

In the second quarter Susie came into our section in her new cashmere coat; immediately it turned noticeably colder. The team also earned a penalty. That means they had to go backward after they had gone forward. We girls didn't understand why, but that's okay.  
Halfway through the game all the players ran off the field. I guess they got hungry. The band came out and ran all over the field making funny pictures.

The teams soon came back and started running into each other again. A man who still had his prison suit on dropped his hankie. Nobody picked it up for him so he blew the whistle to stop the game.

I heard the fellow behind me tell the man next to him that there were only a few minutes left to play. And just then a darling player (number 32) ran all the way from one end of the field to the other end. And then the most terrible thing happened. All the other players chased him but he could run faster than they so he made it safely.

I guess he must have done something wrong because they made him kick the ball over that "H" at the end of the field. It was too bad, but the ball went into the stands where all the people were sitting. He kicked it too hard, the poor darling. Then up on a big board they placed (7) after Podunk's name. I suppose this

### Are God and the Soul One and the Same

Space is infinite, Time is eternal  
Space is eternal, Time is infinite  
Space and Time are one and the same.

The Soul is infinite, God is eternal  
The Soul is eternal, God is infinite  
Are God and the Soul the same thing?

A moebius strip is infinite  
It has no beginning or end  
It represents time and space  
Which have no beginning or end.

Now, if time may be represented thus  
Then the future runs into the past  
The past runs into the present  
The present runs into the future

But, if past, present, and future are simultaneous  
How can an individual die?  
And if an individual does never die  
Then what is heaven for?

What is a soul, What is God?  
What are time and space?

Barbara Fine

### EAT TODAY, FOR TOMORROW WE DIET

While leafing through my calendar  
One early morning gay,  
I noticed that Christmas  
Was already on the way.

I always eat a lot of food  
When holidays are here,  
There's only one thing I can say,  
I'm glad they're once a year.

Cause people always laugh at me  
Whenever I'm around,  
You see they're always saying  
That I show every pound.

I wish I were as thin as some  
So I could eat and eat,  
Then I'd never have to worry 'bout  
What's being held up by my feet.

But people may make fun of me,  
Though Christmas is coming soon  
I don't care if I should grow to be  
As round as a balloon.

Now that I have no worry  
'Bout what or how I eat,  
I can almost see that turkey  
And all that good white meat.

Julie Harris

was to remind the people that the  
victory dance started at seven.

Well Sis, I have to get ready for  
the dance now. I'll write and tell  
you all about it.

Love,  
College Annie

First GI (sightseeing in Germany)  
—They tell me this castle has stood  
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been touched, nothing altered, nothing  
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**Sincerely Yours**—What we put at the end of our business letters

**Accent on Rhythm**—Adams band

**Big Sister**—Senior girl

**What's Cookin'**—In the Chem lab

**My Friend Irma**—Phyllis Anderson

**Escape**—Playing hookey

**The Lineup**—Gym roll call

**House Party**—When juniors get together

**Luncheon Club**—Little Theatre from 11:35 to 12:25

**Broadway's my Beat**—Hall guards

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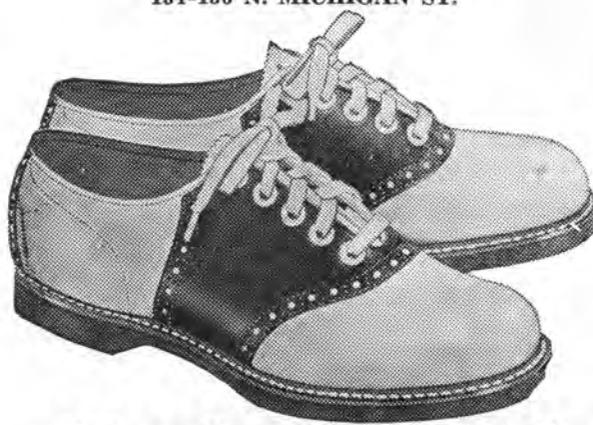
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## CULVER TIPS EAGLES AS TIME RUNS OUT

For the second straight year Culver's Jim Kowatch provided the big guns to lead his team to victory over the Adams Eagles. Kowatch, in proving that he was as good as they said he was, scored 23 points, 12 of them in the last quarter. The Indians led 16-12 at the end of the first quarter mainly on the eight points of the second Culver guard, Snyder. The Indians upped the lead to 34-26 at the half as Snyder hit five more points. In the first half Kowatch got only six points.

However, the second half was a different story, a story of Adams and Kowatch. Led by Larry Kedzie with nine and Jerry Thompson with six points, Adams moved to within two points of the Indians late in the third quarter; but a basket by Baker and a basket and a free throw by Kowatch, while Rocky Ferraro was getting a free throw for Adams, allowed the Indians to enjoy a six point 50-44 advantage at the end of the quarter.

It was at this time Kowatch decided to take a hand in the proceedings. Starting with his field goal just before the clock ran out in the third quarter, Kowatch scored 14 of his teams last 16 points.

The Eagles tied the score 56-56 midway in the final quarter on the strength of eight points without return. Then after Kreitzman's two free throws, again tied the score at 60 all, Kowatch hit 4 straight free throws to put Culver ahead 64-60 with 15 seconds to go. Larry Van Dusen hit a longshot and the Eagles intercepted the following throwin by the Indians but, a jump ball ate up the time and the game ended 64-62.

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## SWIMMERS OPEN YEAR AGAINST MUNCIE

The Adams swimming team opens its season at the Natatorium on December 12 with Muncie Burris. Though Laiber has only five meets scheduled at the present he hopes to have ten or 15 meets for a full schedule.

The group has selected as its captain for the 1952-53 season Roger Jurgoven, a senior and also a veteran from last year's squad.

Scoring in a swimming meet is tallied by five points for first place, three points for second and one point for third in individual events. In team relays the only score is five points for first place. A complete capture of the point is 67.

## "Frosh" Teams Split

On Friday, November 28, the Adams "A" freshmen won their third straight basketball game defeating Mishawaka 36 to 22. Adams led 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, and at the half 18-12. After this period Mishawaka seemed to fall apart and the Eagles had little trouble in winning.

Fal Harris was acting captain for this game; Tom Angus and Don Severeid tied for high point honors with 10 points each.

The "C" team seconds lost their first game in two outings to Mishawaka 36-25. The Eagles held the lead only once, early in the second quarter when they led 6-5. Jim Hoehn led the Eagle scorers with 10 points, while Glenn Reinecke acted as captain.

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## "B" Team Wins

Led by Troeger, with nine points, the "B" team walloped Culver's reserves by the count of 39-20. The Eagles could not get the ball in too successfully for lay-ins in the first half so they shot long and were fairly consistent as they went ahead at half time 23-10.

During the second half Coach Rollo Neff used reserves only. These boys were led by Kanouse with six points, and proved to be far too fast. They outsmarted their downstate opponents on several occasions with their faster tactics. This was the "B's" third straight victory with no losses.

Score by quarters:

John Adams	13	23	33	39
Culver	5	10	15	20

## Eagles Vs. Redskins

Tonight the Adams Eagles tackle the Goshen Redskins in their first conference game of the 1952-53 season. The Red and White, under Coach Hugh Jones, will bring a varsity team composed of three seniors, seven juniors, and two sophomores, in addition to a "B" team made up of ten sophomores. The Eagles will be looking for their fourth win in five starts. The Redskins are not tall, having just three players in the six-foot or better bracket, all of whom are 6' 1".

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## INTRAMURAL

The first week of intramural basketball got under way on Monday evening, December 1 under the direction of Mr. Powell. The league is composed of eight teams, the captains of these teams as appointed by Mr. Powell are: Ed Quinn, Louie Finch, Fred McCallister, Paul Hawblitzel, Jim Halterman, Bob Berta, John Dyszkiewicz, and Dave Jones. Each team plays every other team twice. The games are on Monday nights from 7-9 o'clock, and are composed of two fifteen minute halves.

This weeks results show Halterman beating Dyszkiewicz 22-17. Halterman was high man for the winners with 11, while Beale led the losers with 10. In the evenings second contest McCallister drubbed Hawblitzel 22-15. McCallister, with 8 points, paced the victors, while McHenry's 7 was high for the losers. In a hard fought game Finch squeaked past Quinn 26-25. Finch and Butler led the teams respectively with 8 points each. In the final game Berta trounced Jones 28-18. Berta was high with 9 for the winners and Worley supplied 7 in the losing effort.

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