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A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE TOWER STAFF

"God rest ye merry gentlemen
And merry ladies too,
This staff has tried to please you
During 1962
With articles about our school,
About our classmates too,
We hope that the TOWER has
been a joy to you
That the TOWER has been a
joy to you!

"We've written many poems,
We've gone to many games,
Each Editor has edited
You all have worked so hard,
We've searched for gossip for Four
Corners
You've all been a help
We hope that the TOWER staff
was nice to you!
That the TOWER staff was nice
to you!

"The holiday's upon us
And we've done all our chores,
We hope that all the things you
want
Will somehow become yours,
And may you catch the spirit of
The Season and The Hour,
With a MERRY, MERRY CHRIST-
MAS to you ALL from us.
With a Merry Christmas from
us all."

—Cheryl Nichols.

NO, IT'S NOT SANTA CLAUS AFTER ALL. TOWER staff members being driven are, left to right, Reindeer Welber (Page 1), Reindeer Bell (Advertising) Reindeer Dix (Page 3), Reindeer LeKashman (Page 2), Reindeer Hoenk (Exchange) Reindeer Zoss (Photographer), and Reindeer Hemphill (Circulation). Santa Claus Cook (Editor-in-Chief) brandishes the whip she's often seen with every morning during first hour. Missing: Rudolph Sink (Page 4)—Santa hasn't asked him to guide the sleigh yet.

Spanish, Latin Students Celebrate Holiday Season

ETHICS SPONSORS AHS CLEANUP DRIVE

The Eagle Ethics Committee will again hold its annual pre-Christmas cleanup drive. The drive will be held today.

The schoolwide cleanup will consist of a thorough check of all lockers and desks. Students will be asked to empty all the refuse in their lockers on the floor of the hall after the 3:00 o'clock dismissal. Also, all desks will be emptied by sixth hour classes. The cleaning will be completed at today's dismissal and will leave the school in good condition.

The committee also honored the cafeteria and maintenance staffs this morning in a short ceremony in the library. Karen Bell is in charge of the cleanup drive.

JA Companies Now Producing Goods

Junior Achievement Companies, in which many Adams juniors and seniors are participating, are now producing and selling their various products. The purpose of these companies is to acquaint high school students with the world of business.

Placed in Companies

After turning in interest cards in October, students interested in working on JA were placed in various companies which meet on different nights of the week. The program is open to the entire city, and students from different schools are mixed together in the companies.

Some of the products being purchased are packaged Christmas wrappings, car "trouble lights," first-aid kits, packaged gravel for

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News In Brief

TOWER's back

again . . . with a special six-page Christmas issue in holiday green.

Seniors

who are interested in working on the first Adams Hours project for the March of Dimes should contact either Bob Tirman or Don DeGross.

School's out

today at 3:00 p.m. and will begin again on January 7 of next year at 8:10 a.m.

Be sure

to attend the **Holiday Tourney** and support the team!

Sorry!

The TOWER forgot to mention in the issue of December 7 that Richard Martin and Greg Mueller were assisted in their science projects by Eric Hanson, Joe Reber, and Richard Mueller.

The next issue

of the TOWER will be distributed on JANUARY 18, so please don't look for it before then!

Many thanks

to the Y-Teens, who are responsible for brightening up the Four Corners entrance with a decorated Christmas tree.

Spanish Christmas

Spanish classes will learn today of the Christmas customs of Spain and Mexico. Three of Miss Helen Law's and Mrs. Consuelo DeLago's classes will hold their own version of Spanish Christmas celebrations.

Third year class will represent the Posadas, a popular Mexican custom of celebrating the Christmas holiday. This custom is enacted every evening between December 16 and Christmas Eve, when groups of neighbors travel from house to house, until they reach the house where a fiesta is to be held. At this house, a lively celebration takes place. Carols are sung, there is much dancing, and the evening is highlighted by the breaking of the pinata. The final evening's celebration is the biggest, and following the fiesta, everyone travels to the church for Midnight Mass.

First and second year Spanish classes will learn popular Spanish carols.

AHS'ers Buy Seals

Results of the 1962 Christmas Seal Drive showed that Adamsites contributed \$168.02 to help fight TB, a sum slightly under that contributed last year. Five-dollar bonds were won by home rooms 122, 124, 214, 212W, 106, 119, 123, 22, and 222. Home rooms 217, 102, and 204 won ten-dollar bonds.

Latin Saturnalia

Latin classes of Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadomski and Mr. George Carroll celebrated the Roman Saturnalia yesterday in conjunction with Christmas holiday. The Saturnalia was an ancient Roman holiday in honor of the god Saturn.

Included Ceremonies

The Saturnalia festivities included ceremonies and sacrifices at the Temple of Saturn in the Forum, where the holiday was celebrated for three days by the populace of Rome. The reason for the three-day celebration was a calendar change; the Saturnalia was originally celebrated on December 19, but when Caesar changed the calendar, the day changed to December 17. As a result, the exact day was uncertain.

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Share-Their-Fare Drive Begins Jan. 9

The annual Share-Their-Fare Drive will begin on January 9 with the traditional kick-off assembly. The purpose of the drive is to raise money to help bring an exchange student to Adams and also to aid our summer abroad student.

Highlighted by Speeches

The assembly will be highlighted by speeches by Dave Martin, last year's exchange student from Adams, and by Edward Broms and Farida Agha, our exchange students from Sweden and Pakistan. Dave spent his summer in Finland.

The American Field Service, which sponsors the exchange program, provides a useful link between the United States and nations overseas. The exchange deals only with high school students.

Juniors Vie for Exchange Student

The junior home room collecting the most money for the drive will have next year's exchange student in its home room. There will also be class competition, and the class collecting the most money will be announced in the TOWER. Money will be first collected at the Share-Their-Fare assembly, and the amount for each class will be recorded.

Jill DeShon and Elaine Tomber are Student Council board members in charge of the Drive.

Big Storm Forces Tower Cancellation

The storm that hit South Bend on December 10 and closed the schools also forced cancellation of the TOWER's December 14 issue.

The TOWER copy is sent to Mirror Press for printing on Monday for the following Friday. Since schools were closed on Monday, the 10th, and no one could possibly predict when and if school would resume, it was decided that the sensible thing to do would be to cancel the issue.

The staff is sorry if you, the subscribers, feel cheated, and they hope to make it partially up to you in this special six-page Christmas issue.

'Tis The Season To Be Jolly

(Another in a series of satires written in English Classes.)

'Tis the season to be jolly . . . Whoopee! I'll say it is! I sort of wish John (That's my husband) hadn't been so funny last night at the office party. I wonder what his boss will think. Not that I care what other people think—not I—but you know how embarrassing it is. With a possible promotion in sight he's just got to watch it.

Embarrassing to Forget

I hope we didn't forget anyone on the Christmas card list. It's always so embarrassing to get a card from someone to whom you didn't send one. Next year I want to be sure to remember to get our names printed on the cards. Do you realize how much time it takes to sign your name when you have to do it three hundred times? It's pretty expensive to have the names put on the cards, though, and I certainly don't need any more bills.

It is my contention that the merchants are in a giant conspiracy, trying to see how much they can get out of us while we are fulfilling our gift-giving obligations. I wonder where all the gift-giving business got started anyway. I give and give and give, and in return, don't think I'm presented with the mink coat for which I have hinted strategically all my married life. I get but a few crudely wrapped peace offerings no doubt bought last July by my tightwad bargain hunter. Why do I always end up being the Santa Claus?

Not Only Santa Claus

I am not Santa Claus, but with the coming of Christmas I also become chief cook, hostess, and taxi service. It seems as if all I do during school vacation is cart my kids hither and yon. They are so much underfoot otherwise.

It seems to have become a Christmas tradition for me to entertain Garden Club, Sewing Club, and Ladies' Aid sometime during the holidays. This year they stuck me with the Blue Bird Mother-Daughter Tea, too. Joy!

When I myself am not entertaining, I am expected at someone else's house. I think I'll have to start refusing some of these invitations, too, because with all the magnificent holiday confections, my weight is becoming quite a problem. The Christmas Day turkey is getting to be a pain, too. There's always so much left over, and there is a limited number of ways I can rehash it so John and the kids will eat it.

Carolers Want Tip

What's that I hear outside? Carolers? How lovely! No, wait, they'll expect me to tip them. I don't like it, but I might as well hear them out. Little boys they are. What abominable music! This isn't the Little Town of Bethlehem, and don't try to convince me I hear the angels singing. I don't.

Oh dear! Christmas Eve means that I have to bundle up the kids and drive them to church. That takes a hunk out of my "leisure"

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Yuletide Long(!) Ago: AHS Teachers Reflect

When we asked Adams teachers the question, "What do you remember most about Christmas in your youth?" we expected to hear all about the old-fashioned days of home-made bread and sleigh rides. Apparently these generally acclaimed memories of the "good old days" made less of an impression on our Adams teachers as the shoveling of the snow and Santa Claus. Here are some of the comments—

Mr. Crow—"When I was a young boy living in the country, all Christmases were special events until I found out there was no Santa Claus. Now, Christmas has become commercialized and is just another day."

Mr. Seaborg—"I got a little scooter once."

Mr. Whitcomb—"Well, the only Christmas I can remember that stands out is the one nineteen-hundred and sixty some years ago 1 A.D."

Mr. Reber—"Christmas????????!!!!!! We don't celebrate Christmas at our house. When Joe was eight years old, I shot Santa Claus with my gun (the one he now keeps at school to shoot chemistry and physics students who don't hand in their lab experiments). That way I have saved hundreds of dollars. Christmas is a day to shovel snow."

Mr. Mutti—"Santa Claus."

Mr. Brady—"That was so long ago, I can't remember too much. All Christmases then were special events and even now I like to look forward to Christmas rather than back on previous ones."

Our teachers have told theirs. What was your most memorable Christmas?

—Fran Price.

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No sooner have we lain down to digest our Thanksgiving turkey, and sometimes much sooner, than the merchants sweep the shelves clean of useful items and stock up on gift selections. Whole departments are moved aside to make room for Santa on his throne, surrounded with mountains of gifts for good little boys and girls whose parents are going to leave a lot of money at the store to pay for the toys Santa promised.

Available Items Useless

And, as if in December the only buying done is for others, the only items available are those useless things we buy for others to figure out what to do with. Loud-speakers are set up, from whence come the discordant strains of good will and peace on earth to assail the ears of the shopper. The newspapers and the mailman's bag are stuffed with advertisements to send the populace thronging to the stores in a wild crowd to mill around counters and impoverish itself in a mad rush of extravagant buying.

Raw Silk Gown?

Madam, shouldn't your husband buy you a raw silk floor length gown, encrusted with diamonds, for those intimate little evenings? Sir, how about two dozen fifths of Scotch, individually cartoned and wrapped in a satin bow, imported from the island of Tasmania, for that bachelor friend, or, for that matter, for yourself? What kiddies wouldn't cherish a nine foot Teddy bear, with real bear teeth, that shoots Polaris Missiles at the next-door neighbor's scale-model air base?

These days we can't look at a newspaper or open the mail without finding a multitude of exhortations to buy, to spend, to give. To go downtown is to be swept into a flurry of crowding commercialism. It's hypocritical, it's crass, it's as false as Santa's beard and—I love it! It's Christmas as I've always known it.—Lois Hacker.

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With the holiday season rapidly approaching, you might be hard up for a gift for one of these Adamsites. If so, think about the following:

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- Mrs. Weir**—Chalk.
- Julie Veach**—Nylon stockings without runs.
- Mr. Schutz and His Government Students**—Summaries of the summaries after the chapters in the government book.
- Sandy Wilson (Sr.)**—Smile.
- Verna Adams**—Hairdo Mr. Reber likes.
- Barbara Levin**—Latin I pony.
- Steve Szabo**—Old canvas notebook.
- Linda Kindt**—Peanut butter sandwich.

—Gary Schlesinger.

Christmas Nuts

1. A nut made from cream—Butternut
2. A sea-shore nut—Beachnut
3. A vegetable nut—Peanut
4. A nut that is the side of a room—Walnut
5. What nut is uncooked bread?
Donut
6. A nut imported from South America—Brazilnut
7. A nut named after a girl—Hazelnut
8. A nut popular in Ohio—Buckeye
9. What nut is a vegetable can?
Pecan
10. What nut is a box? Chestnut
11. What nut is a hot drink?
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12. What nut should be given to naughty children?
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Barometric pressure that's extremely low. . . . Accompanies this precipitation referred to as snow. Crystals microscopic to the naked eye. . . . On my circular driveway. . . . There they lie, Inspiring sonnets, which in every part Are written by poets straight from the heart.

Irving Berlin actually thought he was right When he wished that my Christmas would be merry and white. Though I'll accept the merriness with open arms, To me, falling particles possess no charms. For my hatred of the cold is to such a degree, That the thought of such weather brings shudders to me.

Accusations I must say are not apropos, Concerning my dim view on the beauty of snow. It's just that I'd rather, if I had a voice To live in a region where the climate is choice. But let's face the fact that on our dear sphere, Most places aren't tropical the whole darn year.

—Mary Dee Liss.

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Beagles Rebound After First Loss

The Adams basketball B-team was edged by Goshen December 7 by a score of 44-43. The Beagles' undefeated string ended on a 1 and 1 free throw opportunity for Goshen. With the B-team leading 43-42, a Redskin player converted the two free shots to upset Adams. Emerson Carr led the Beagles with 17 points.

In the B's next encounter on December 8, they returned home to rap the Nappanee Bulldogs 63-40. This kept their record at home a perfect one, winning three games in as many tries.

From the opening tip-off, Adams was never behind, as they rolled up a 23-8 lead at the first stop. Again the Beagle regulars saw little action in the second half as the rest of the squad continued to roll up the margin. Vic Butsch and Emerson Carr led the Beagles with 12 points each and Dick Foley collected 10.

CHRISTMAS ETHICS

AMBITION—know what you want for Christmas and make sure you get it.

COURAGE—in a place where Christmas shoppers are many, strive thou to fight your way to the cashier.

FAITH—believe in a Santa Claus, but believe.

HONESTY—the most potent foe of Christmas shoplifters.

INDUSTRY—shun the Christmas spirit—a curse that attaches itself to people who are crabby the rest of the year.

MODESTY—when a penny-pincher gives you an expensive gift, you can be certain there is something wrong with it.

PATIENCE—when the mailman knocks the wreath off the door, hang it around his neck where it belongs.

PERSEVERANCE—in order to see the Christmas tree, one must weather the masses of wrapping paper.

RESPECT—give to every other human being to enjoy—a piece of your mistletoe.

SELF-CONTROL—a sucker is he who gives twice as many gifts as he receives.

SINCERITY—something useful in making New Year's resolutions but annoying when trying to break them.

Frosh Win Third Over Elkhart Foe

Coach Don Truex's freshman squad evened their season's record at 3-3 (two weeks ago) by stretching their win streak to a pair.

On Thursday, December 6, Elkhart Roosevelt invaded Eagle territory, and Adams came away with a 36-33 triumph. The Eagles never trailed as they hit 40% of their field goals and 12 of 16 from the charity stripe. At many times the Eagles held as much as a six-point lead. Chuck Superczynski and Bill Spain led the scoring attack with 11 and 8 points, respectively.

The frosh hosted Mishawaka in their only action this week. The game, another league tilt, was scheduled for Thursday, the 20th.

NOEL, NOEL

(A theme of Christmas written by a child of eight)

I like Christmas day. I go here and there. I eat cake, gingerbread and other foods. I have many good times. One Christmas we went to five houses. First we went to my Great-Grandmother Gray's for breakfast and a Christmas tree. Then we went into our living room to open our presents. We went to our Grandmother Gray's. We went to Grandmother Stewart's for Christmas dinner and more presents and a Christmas tree. Then we went to Great-Grandmother Hawkins' for supper. Then we came home. Mother threw up.

—The New Yorker.

'Tis The Season

(Continued from Page 4, Column 1) evening. They have to sing in the children's choir.

Too Tired for Church

But don't expect me to go to the church service. I'm too tired. I'll have to rest now, because the kids will surely be up at the crack of dawn to see what Santa Claus has brought. Church-going doesn't have anything to do with the real meaning of Christmas; the light-heartedness, fun, and gaiety. Maybe it would have worked two thousand years ago, but it won't in this day and age.

You know, this rat race doesn't seem like the sparkly time of year I remember so nostalgically from my girlhood. I wonder what's wrong with Christmas today?

—Jan Hadley.

Seagles Win First Two, Break 8 Marks

The John Adams swimming team, under the second-year coaching of Don Coar, began its 1962 season by defeating the tankers of both Penn and St. Joseph, Michigan. On Tuesday, December 4, Penn visited our swimmers at their Washington High School home pool and returned to Penn on the short end of a 56-39 score. On Friday, the 7th, the first week of competition was successfully concluded with a 57-48 Adams victory in the spanking new St. Joe pool. In both of these meets, the Eagles held a good enough lead going into the last two events that Coach Coar could swim reserves in them and still maintain a comfortable margin.

Assault on Record Book

In the process of winning two meets, an assault was begun on the school record book and the record books of the pools that the team visited. Chuck Busse and Dan Jones established new school standards in the Penn meet with dashes of :24.0 and 1:05.2 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, respectively. Busse also won the 100-yard freestyle to reign as the meet's only double winner.

New School Marks

At St. Joseph the Seagles had an opportunity to work over the records of a new pool and on this occasion sophomore Bob Nelsen led the way with two new school marks in the 200-yard freestyle and grueling 400-yard freestyle with times of 2:05.0 and 4:45.5. Joining Bob as the meet's other double winner was again Chuck Busse. This time Charlie also picked up two St. Joseph pool records with a 2:22.6 in the 200-yard individual medley and :56.1 in the 100-yard freestyle. The other two St. Joseph pool records set by the Eagle swimmers were by Lee Wise with a :59.8 clocking in the 100-yard butterfly and a 1:50.9 gave the medley relay team of Dan Jones, Al Callum, Lee Wise, and Tom Condon the other.

MATMEN BOW TO CENTRAL, THEN WIN

The Adams wrestling team, under Coach Morris Aronson, ended their second week of action with a 2-2 record, as they were downed by city rival Central, but rebounded to defeat East Chicago Roosevelt.

Central Visits

On Wednesday, December 5, the Eagle matmen were visited by the Central grapplers and Adams came out on the short end of a 26-23 score. The meet was close all the way and it took a controversial call of a draw in the last match for a Bear victory.

The following Friday, the Eagles trounced East Chicago Roosevelt by a score of 37-11. The only losses suffered by the Eagles were in the 103-, 133-, and 145-pound weight classes.

Boost Records

Norval Williams and Mike Slabaugh gained a victory in each meet to boost their season records to 4-0. Williams pinned both of his opponents to give him three pins for the season.

The Adams' B-team was defeated by the Central reserves to leave their record at 1-2 in the still early season. They did not participate in the Roosevelt meet.

Mistletoe Madness

(Continued on Page 3, Column 2) tree from the ceiling in the middle of your living room—trimmed with the necessary mistletoe. All visitors will be quite curious and eager to get a better view of this strange sight, and in doing so will stand directly beneath it.

Some of you may desire a more dramatic approach to this scheming. Then you must take the part of Cupid in the Saturnalia. Your arrows, however, instead of being made of gold will be made of mistletoe. The prediction? A direct hit for you!

Some people may want to "deck their halls with holly" . . . why not try mistletoe? . . . it's more fun!

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Varsity Beaten By Goshen, Nappanee

Coach Warren Seaborg's Eagles suffered their first two defeats of the season on Friday and Saturday nights, December 7 and 8, at the hands of Goshen and Nappanee by scores of 58-45 and 71-46, respectively.

Redskins Cop Fifth

The Goshen Redskins captured their fifth straight win as the Eagles opened their ENIHSC campaign on the Goshen court. The Eagles jumped off to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter and at the end of the period it was 14-11 Adams. In the second quarter the game was tied three times before the hosts took a 26-24 halftime lead.

The Eagles stayed close and tied Goshen 37-37 at the end of the third quarter. But in the final stanza, the Redskins whipped in 21 points to only 8 for Adams.

High-point Men

High-point men for Adams were Ken Bradley and Bob Gilbert, each with nine. The contest marked the first action for junior star Bill Fischer since the season opener. He has been out with a knee injury.

In the fifth game of the season, the Eagles were beaten 71-46, by the visiting Nappanee Bulldogs. Adams was extremely cold at the outset and fell behind 7-0. The first quarter ended with a score of 18-6. The Eagles managed to match Bulldogs' 14 points in the second period, but Nappanee rolled up a 58-32 lead at the third period stop. Jerry Lambert of Nappanee paced the victory with 22 points, while outside shooter Tod Lehman added 19.

Leading Scorers

Gilbert with 12 points, Fischer with 9, and Ken Bradley with 6, were the leaders in scoring for the Eagles.

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And, as if in December the only buying done is for others, the only items available are those useless things we buy for others to figure out what to do with. Loud-speakers are set up, from whence come the discordant strains of good will and peace on earth to assail the ears of the shopper. The newspapers and the mailman's bag are stuffed with advertisements to send the populace thronging to the stores in a wild crowd to mill around counters and impoverish itself in a mad rush of extravagant buying.

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These days we can't look at a newspaper or open the mail without finding a multitude of exhortations to buy, to spend, to give. To go downtown is to be swept into a flurry of crowding commercialism. It's hypocritical, it's crass, it's as false as Santa's beard and —I love it! It's Christmas as I've always known it.—**Lois Hacker.**

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Beagles Rebound After First Loss

The Adams basketball B-team was edged by Goshen December 7 by a score of 44-43. The Beagles' undefeated string ended on a 1 and 1 free throw opportunity for Goshen. With the B-team leading 43-42, a Redskin player converted the two free shots to upset Adams. Emerson Carr led the Beagles with 17 points.

In the B's next encounter on December 8, they returned home to rap the Nappanee Bulldogs 63-40. This kept their record at home a perfect one, winning three games in as many tries.

From the opening tip-off, Adams was never behind, as they rolled up a 23-8 lead at the first stop. Again the Beagle regulars saw little action in the second half as the rest of the squad continued to roll up the margin. Vic Butsch and Emerson Carr led the Beagles with 12 points each and Dick Foley collected 10.

CHRISTMAS ETHICS

AMBITION—know what you want for Christmas and make sure you get it.

COURAGE—in a place where Christmas shoppers are many, strive thou to fight your way to the cashier.

FAITH—believe in a Santa Claus, but believe.

HONESTY—the most potent foe of Christmas shoplifters.

INDUSTRY—shun the Christmas spirit—a curse that attaches itself to people who are crabby the rest of the year.

MODESTY—when a penny-pincher gives you an expensive gift, you can be certain there is something wrong with it.

PATIENCE—when the mailman knocks the wreath off the door, hang it around his neck where it belongs.

PERSEVERANCE—in order to see the Christmas tree, one must weather the masses of wrapping paper.

RESPECT—give to every other human being to enjoy—a piece of your mistletoe.

SELF-CONTROL—a sucker is he who gives twice as many gifts as he receives.

SINCERITY—something useful in making New Year's resolutions but annoying when trying to break them.

Frosh Win Third Over Elkhart Foe

Coach Don Truex's freshman squad evened their season's record at 3-3 (two weeks ago) by stretching their win streak to a pair.

On Thursday, December 6, Elkhart Roosevelt invaded Eagle territory, and Adams came away with a 36-33 triumph. The Eagles never trailed as they hit 40% of their field goals and 12 of 16 from the charity stripe. At many times the Eagles held as much as a six-point lead. Chuck Superczynski and Bill Spain led the scoring attack with 11 and 8 points, respectively.

The frosh hosted Mishawaka in their only action this week. The game, another league tilt, was scheduled for Thursday, the 20th.

NOEL, NOEL

(A theme of Christmas written by a child of eight)

I like Christmas day. I go here and there. I eat cake, gingerbread and other foods. I have many good times. One Christmas we went to five houses. First we went to my Great-Grandmother Gray's for breakfast and a Christmas tree. Then we went into our living room to open our presents. We went to our Grandmother Gray's. We went to Grandmother Stewart's for Christmas dinner and more presents and a Christmas tree. Then we went to Great-Grandmother Hawkins' for supper. Then we came home. Mother threw up.

—The New Yorker.

'Tis The Season

(Continued from Page 4, Column 1) evening. They have to sing in the children's choir.

Too Tired for Church

But don't expect me to go to the church service. I'm too tired. I'll have to rest now, because the kids will surely be up at the crack of dawn to see what Santa Claus has brought. Church-going doesn't have anything to do with the real meaning of Christmas; the light-heartedness, fun, and gaiety. Maybe it would have worked two thousand years ago, but it won't in this day and age.

You know, this rat race doesn't seem like the sparkly time of year I remember so nostalgically from my girlhood. I wonder what's wrong with Christmas today?

—Jan Hadley.

Seagles Win First Two, Break 8 Marks

The John Adams swimming team, under the second-year coaching of Don Coar, began its 1962 season by defeating the tankers of both Penn and St. Joseph, Michigan. On Tuesday, December 4, Penn visited our swimmers at their Washington High School home pool and returned to Penn on the short end of a 56-39 score. On Friday, the 7th, the first week of competition was successfully concluded with a 57-48 Adams victory in the spanking new St. Joe pool. In both of these meets, the Eagles held a good enough lead going into the last two events that Coach Coar could swim reserves in them and still maintain a comfortable margin.

Assault on Record Book

In the process of winning two meets, an assault was begun on the school record book and the record books of the pools that the team visited. Chuck Busse and Dan Jones established new school standards in the Penn meet with dashes of :24.0 and 1:05.2 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, respectively. Busse also won the 100-yard freestyle to reign as the meet's only double winner.

New School Marks

At St. Joseph the Seagles had an opportunity to work over the records of a new pool and on this occasion sophomore Bob Nelsen led the way with two new school marks in the 200-yard freestyle and grueling 400-yard freestyle with times of 2:05.0 and 4:45.5. Joining Bob as the meet's other double winner was again Chuck Busse. This time Charlie also picked up two St. Joseph pool records with a 2:22.6 in the 200-yard individual medley and :56.1 in the 100-yard freestyle. The other two St. Joseph pool records set by the Eagle swimmers were by Lee Wise with a :59.8 clocking in the 100-yard butterfly and a 1:50.9 gave the medley relay team of Dan Jones, Al Callum, Lee Wise, and Tom Condon the other.

MATMEN BOW TO CENTRAL, THEN WIN

The Adams wrestling team, under Coach Morris Aronson, ended their second week of action with a 2-2 record, as they were downed by city rival Central, but rebounded to defeat East Chicago Roosevelt.

Central Visits

On Wednesday, December 5, the Eagle matmen were visited by the Central grapplers and Adams came out on the short end of a 26-23 score. The meet was close all the way and it took a controversial call of a draw in the last match for a Bear victory.

The following Friday, the Eagles trounced East Chicago Roosevelt by a score of 37-11. The only losses suffered by the Eagles were in the 103-, 133-, and 145-pound weight classes.

Boost Records

Norval Williams and Mike Slabaugh gained a victory in each meet to boost their season records to 4-0. Williams pinned both of his opponents to give him three pins for the season.

The Adams' B-team was defeated by the Central reserves to leave their record at 1-2 in the still early season. They did not participate in the Roosevelt meet.

Mistletoe Madness

(Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

tree from the ceiling in the middle of your living room—trimmed with the necessary mistletoe. All visitors will be quite curious and eager to get a better view of this strange sight, and in doing so will stand directly beneath it.

Some of you may desire a more dramatic approach to this scheming. Then you must take the part of Cupid in the Saturnalia. Your arrows, however, instead of being made of gold will be made of mistletoe. The prediction? A direct hit for you!

Some people may want to "deck their halls with holly" . . . why not try mistletoe? . . . it's more fun!

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Varsity Beaten By Goshen, Nappanee

Coach Warren Seaborg's Eagles suffered their first two defeats of the season on Friday and Saturday nights, December 7 and 8, at the hands of Goshen and Nappanee by scores of 58-45 and 71-46, respectively.

Redskins Cop Fifth

The Goshen Redskins captured their fifth straight win as the Eagles opened their ENIHS campaign on the Goshen court. The Eagles jumped off to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter and at the end of the period it was 14-11 Adams. In the second quarter the game was tied three times before the hosts took a 26-24 halftime lead.

The Eagles stayed close and tied Goshen 37-37 at the end of the third quarter. But in the final stanza, the Redskins whipped in 21 points to only 8 for Adams.

High-point Men

High-point men for Adams were Ken Bradley and Bob Gilbert, each with nine. The contest marked the first action for junior star Bill Fischer since the season opener. He has been out with a knee injury.

In the fifth game of the season, the Eagles were beaten 71-46, by the visiting Nappanee Bulldogs. Adams was extremely cold at the outset and fell behind 7-0. The first quarter ended with a score of 18-6. The Eagles managed to match Bulldogs' 14 points in the second period, but Nappanee rolled up a 58-32 lead at the third period stop. Jerry Lambert of Nappanee paced the victory with 22 points, while outside shooter Tod Lehman added 19.

Leading Scorers

Gilbert with 12 points, Fischer with 9, and Ken Bradley with 6, were the leaders in scoring for the Eagles.

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Eagles Bomb Wabash After Loss to City

The Eagle varsity split two games last weekend in its last action before the holiday tourney. They were defeated by the Red Devils of Michigan City and then thrashed the Apaches of Wabash by scores of 87-55 and 92-44 respectively. Adams' record now stands at four wins and three losses.

Last Friday at Michigan City Warren Seaborg's squad was beaten as the sixth-ranked Red Devils gained their sixth win against no losses.

City was paced by senior guard Vernon Payne, who scored 28 points. Forward Dale Phillips added 18. The victory put the Red Devils in sole possession of first place in the ENIHSC with two wins.

The Eagles played a fine first half, trailing only 15-14 at the first quarter break and 40-31 at half-time. Adams hit 50% of their shots in the first 16 minutes, while City managed 43%.

But in the second half, the hosts pulled away. Payne's 12 points led City to a 63-42 third-period lead, and the reserves lengthened it in the last quarter.

High-point men for Adams were Bob Gilbert with 13 and Don Schultz with 12.

Adams blasted Wabash the next night on the home court, rolling up a 57-point second half, in which they hit 22 of 36 field goal tries. The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Eagles.

The game was very unusual, as an official arrived late. Also, Wabash players were wearing different color uniforms in the fourth quarter, when two B-team players were sent in to try and stop the massacre. On top of that, junior guard Charlie Creamer tallied eight fourth quarter points, on a pair of four-point plays.

Adams led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 17-12 and kept pulling away to win. The Eagles hit 38 of 72 from the field, while Wabash scored only 16 of 57 from the floor.

Mike O'Neal paced an evenly balanced scoring attack for Adams by scoring 16 points. Bill Fischer and Don Schultz added 15 each, while Bob Gilbert contributed 14 and Jim Anderson 10.

SEAGLES RIP HOWE FOR THIRD VICTORY

The John Adams swimmers remained undefeated after three dual meets with a relatively easy 55-40 win over Howe Military Academy at the Howe pool last Friday night. Coach Coar didn't need to use available Adams talent in the 400-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, or 160-yard freestyle relay enroute to the win.

The rewriting of the record book continued, as Bob Nelsen and Dan Jones lowered the times on their school records set last week to 2:04.0 and 1:04.9 in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke respectively. Chuck Busse remained undefeated, was the meet's only double winner, and set a new school record of :18.6 seconds in the 40-yard freestyle. The fourth new standard of the evening was set by the medley relay squad of Dan Jones, Al Callum, Lee Wise, and Tom Condon, who posted a 1:26.0 in giving Adams both a new school and Howe pool record.

Other Adams results:
200-yd. freestyle—(3) Wachs.
160-yd. individual medley—(2) Decker and (3) J. Condon.
Diving—(1) Scheer and (2) Poulin.
100-yd. butterfly—(1) Heck.
100-yd. freestyle—(1) Busse.
100-yd. backstroke—(2) Swinsick.
400-yd. freestyle—(2) J. Condon.
100-yd. breaststroke—(1) Reuter.

Wrestlers Draw With Gary Squad

By ED MIKESELL

On Wednesday, December 12, the Adams wrestling team traveled through the ice, snow, and cold to Gary Roosevelt, but the best the grapplers could come back with was a 24-24 tie. This deadlock left the Eagle matmen with a 2-2-1 record. They have seven dual meets left this season.

Two especially bright spots in the meet were the victories of Norval Williams and Mike Slaugh. These victories left both boys with a perfect 5-0 record for the season.

The B-team did not make the trip to Gary.

Due to the adverse weather conditions, the Adams-LaPorte meet, scheduled for December 11, at LaPorte, was postponed.

B-team Splits Two For 5-2 Record

On December 14 the John Adams B-team dropped their second game in six starts to the strong Red Devils of Michigan City by a count of 59-45. Beagle guard Vic Butsch was high point man for both teams, accounting for 22 of the 45 points scored by Adams.

Coach Bob Rensberger's squad was quick to rebound from this defeat, as they shellacked Wabash 43-19 on Saturday, the 15th. The Beagles never trailed during the contest. At the first quarter the B's led 11-7, and it was 25-10 at the midway mark. From then on the remainder of the squad took over and in the final two quarters Wabash managed only nine points.

Vic Butsch, Dick Foley, and Tim Hostrawser led the Beagles with six points each. The Adams' record now stands at 5 and 2 for the season. However, an unblemished mark of 4-0 still stands for them at home.

Freshmen Lose to Bears, Wildcats

Coach Don Truex's frosh lost two games last week as their record for the season dropped to 3-5.

On Tuesday, December 11, the freshman team journeyed to Central and came away 48-23 losers. The Eagles fell behind at the outset and never caught up. The tall, hot-shooting Bears raced to an insurmountable 38-6 halftime lead.

In the second half the Eagles began to jell and committed fewer offensive mistakes. The Bears continued unbeaten in seven games.

The following Thursday the Eagles invaded Riley territory and again were walloped, this time 52-30. Once more the frosh were up against a taller team. The Wildcats got the opening two points on a 10-foot jump shot, but the Eagles tied it with four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Eagles Play in Mishawaka Meet; Other School Teams Busy Over Holidays

Coach Warren Seaborg's varsity basketball team participates in their fourth consecutive Mishawaka holiday tournament on Thursday, December 27. The other squads taking part are Penn, North Judson, and the host Cavemen. The tourney will be a one-day affair with two games in the afternoon and the consolation and championship games at night.

Adams is the defending champion of the tourney, as they whipped Penn and Mishawaka a year ago. The Eagles topped the Kingsmen 50-34 and the Cavemen 57-56 in the title game. In the latter contest Adams blew a 17-point halftime lead and used baskets by Bill Helkie and Bill Fischer in the last minute to pull out the win. The 1961 championship is the only one that Coach Seaborg's squad has won in the three previous attempts.

The Eagles, who meet both Mishawaka and Penn later in the season, now own a 4-3 record for the campaign. The Cavemen of Bob Smith have posted a 6-2 mark and play Marion tomorrow night at Mishawaka before hosting the holiday event. Penn, with losses only to Elkhart 60-52 and Central 66-57, has a 4-2 record and played their seventh game against St. Joseph, Michigan, last night. North Judson appears the weak member of the quartet, as they suffered two more defeats last weekend, one a 69-40 loss to Nappanee, a team that Adams knows all too well.

It is hoped that Adams can bring home their second straight holiday tournament title next Thursday, but to do it, they'll need the support of all the Eagle followers!

The varsity has two other games before the next TOWER issue on January 18. The first is at St. Joe on Friday, January 4. Then the Eagles host Mishawaka on Friday, January 11.

The B-team plays in a holiday tourney at Elkhart on Friday, December 28. Adams plays St. Joe, while the host Blazers tangle with Goshen.

Coach Don Coar's Seagles are at Washington today against LaPorte in a meet starting at 4:00. They also host Valparaiso on Tuesday, January 8, and Goshen on the following Friday, the 11th. Then the swimmers participate in the Kokomo Invitational on Saturday, the 12th.

The wrestling team takes part in the city holiday meet at Studebaker School tomorrow with sessions in morning, afternoon, and evening. After vacation, the matmen host Elkhart and Hammond on January 8 and 11.

The freshmen also participate in a tournament but it is not until Saturday, January 12. The city schools compose the field in the tourney, to be held at Adams in morning and afternoon games. The frosh play Washington and Michigan City Barker on the 8th and 10th at home, and travel to Elkhart Central on January 17.

After that point the Eagles trailed most of the game. Chuck Superczynski was high point man for Adams with eight points.

The freshmen now have a conference record of 1-3.

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