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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



R. A. Bowden S 2/c
Bat. 137 Hdqtrs. Co. 1
N. A. B. D.
Gulfport, Mississippi.

A/C Jack Beverstein
C. A. A. W. T. S.
Loras College
Dubuque, Iowa

Jack was transferred here recently from Monmouth, Illinois. He is now in the second phase of training to gain those "coveted navy wings of gold."

Ralph Markward, '43 is attending Armour school at Buckley Field, Colorado. Write to him:

Pvt. Ralph Markward 35559413
766th T. S. S. Brks. C-617
Buckley Field
Denver, Colorado

Bill Vollmer writes that the figure \$17,634.30, for Bond and Stamp sales at Adams sure looks good to the boys in service. Perhaps a letter or two from an Adamite would be well received too:

Wm. I. Vollmer S 2/c
Sect. G. Bks. 1
U. S. C-G. T. S.
Groton, Connecticut

Hubert Dickerson, of the Marine Corps tried hard to tell us about his life "over there" but oh, you censors. About all he could say was that he is seeing many fuzzie wuzzies, tropical fruits, and high mountain ranges.

Pvt. Hubert Dickerson, U. S. M. C.
A-Btry 1st Spl. Wepns. Bn.
1st Marine Division F. M. F.
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Various Art Projects Near Completion

The Art Room is always the home of interesting and varied activities. The latest undertaking is the making of a large thermometer which will tell us at a glance the weekly Bond and Stamp Sales at Adams. Watch for the thermometer. It will soon ap-

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GOSHEN BOWS TO EAGLES 39-35

The Adams Eagles won their first conference victory as Goshen bowed to them 39-35 at Goshen last Friday. Stormy Pfohl was Goshen's big gun and proved to be a thorn in Adams' side all evening. He collected 17 points for a good nights work. On our side the scoring was evenly distributed with everybody doing their share. We held the lead through most of the game, but not by more than 6 points at any one time. The last minute and seven seconds we stalled for a 39-35 victory.

pear in the main corridor.

For the past two weeks the Art I class has been sculpting and learning to glaze and fire their ceramic projects. Such articles as: a panda bear, the performing seal with a ball balanced precariously on his snout, barking dogs and many types of decorative floral pieces have been made by the students. The project will come to completion just before Christmas vacation so the students may give the items as Christmas presents to their parents or friends.

It takes a woman a very short time to know a man — but it takes him a long time to find it out.

CLIFF'S CATS RESIDE IN THE BOILER ROOM

Don't be alarmed if you see Miss Brown hustling to school some morning with a pound of horse meat under her arm. She and "Cliff" have been caring for a cat and four kittens.

The cat originally belonged to "Cliff's" son, but because she was neglected, he brought her to school. For almost a year now, she and her brood have been living in real style — in the boiler room.

The cat is now the proud mother of four baby kittens. Homes have been found for two of these kittens, but it would take quite a bit of coaxing to make Cliff part with another.

I visited the three in their subterranean haven, and they seemed to be more than content. One of the kittens, all black, except for a white mustache, has been nicknamed "Hitler" by our local "Bund Leader." The other, unnamed as yet, would win your heart in an instant. It is a soft grey with green eyes that reminded me of jade.

Any prospective cat owners might try to persuade "Cliff" to part with one of them. Maybe, just maybe, you will succeed!

MAUREEN DALY GIVES TALK IN MISHAWAKA

Probably many of you have read articles for teen age boys and girls written by Maureen Daly. On December the third, Dagny Lenon and I went to Mishawaka, and had the opportunity of hearing Miss Daly talk on "Cub Reporting."

Miss Daly has had over 100 short stories published, and she is now writing her second book. Her first literary attempt was published when she was 16. She is now a writer on the Chicago Tribune staff.

Her talk was one of the most fascinating I have ever listened to. She told how she once got a "hot" tip on a murder, and tailed some plainclothesmen to the scene of the crime. Much to her deep chagrin, she learned that she had naively been the victim of two seasoned reporters.

Her descriptions of individuals she had come in contact with were especially interesting. Among these were several "underworld" characters and a man named "Dynamite" who has been with the Chicago Tribune for over 18 years, and is especially valuable to the paper because of his numerous acquaintances in gunman's circles.

It is indeed unusual for a reporter to start his career on such a pretentious and well established newspaper as the Chicago Tribune, but Maureen Daly is no ordinary young lady as you would soon find out if you were ever to meet her.

—The Editor.



Wednesday, December 15
Christmas Musical Assembly — 8:35.

Friday, December 17
Basketball Game
Adams vs. Central

CHRISTMAS VACATION
December 17 to January 3.
Sunday, December 19
Christmas Concert—8:00 P. M.

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CHRISTMAS - 1943

The snow still falls, Santa still resumes his annual post on the street corner, red and green still make the shop windows colorful, and Christmas carols are still sung.

Bob or John can't be home this year so now we realize what war means and only last year it was just another word. Trees will still be trimmed, only the ornaments the kitten broke won't be replaced and that little vacant space spells war. Candy will still be on the table only perhaps we'll think a little more, appreciate it a little more, because we know it can't be wasted. Perhaps we'll be a little more satisfied now to receive War Bonds as gifts instead of nylon hosiery.

Even though we know these are serious times we shall still laugh and sing, still sleigh and skate, and be thankful for all we still possess.

And if to some the words "Merry Christmas" seem hollow, the future dim and hopeless, still each should do his large or small patriotic portion, pray or hope and then look — look farther ahead — for peace on earth, good will to men shall come — it must.

Yes, this is Christmas — Christmas Nineteen Hundred and Forty-three style.



Week's total \$ 1,017.50
 Total to date 21,348.45
 HIGH-POINT ROOMS:

	Purchase Total	Per Capita
10B's in Drafting	\$219.25	\$5.10
12B's in 102	114.70	3.48
10B's in 204	110.80	2.77

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TOWER TALK

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Prunes are a favorite Christmas present 'round here. Carmon Sigerfoos said somethin' about them in Study Hall and we think she was talking about Christmas presents.

Perfect opposite: Harriet Haverstock and John Balok.

Flower of the week: Poinsetta.

Adams' new collector of trinkets is Lois McNabb — say no more chillun.

Jerry (rhymes with Merry) won't tell us her real name so we call her Jeremiah. Maybe Frank Wulf could tell us, he seems to know her pretty well!

Color of the week: Red and green of course.

The Army claims the attention of Mary Fabian; the Navy of Evelyn Devine; and the Marines are keeping Pat Crowe busy. Who said Adams was partial?

Is Tom a Glacier? Or doesn't Annabelle Weber know?

Question of the week: What can I get (him or her) for Christmas?

We state this with a whole bunch of hesitation . . . Pat Brown and — three guesses — Darwin Hoose, no less, are going together again!

Roving R's: Dan Dickens and Dominic Cantanzarite.

Been keepin' the old mistletoe busy. Can't let old Adams' tradition down!

"The Corn Is Green" — and with the seniors red faces the Christmas color scheme was right in style.

Ed Easley's been givin' our Christmas cards some competition at the post office — writin' to Marge and Elaine too.

A, B, C, Dee, Dee but what and where, Joyce? Doesn't the Adams alphabet please, Wynn-Dee?

Hum and Willy are by today's information going to Christmas Rainbow, however by the time this issue is in print — well, your guess is as good as ours.

Here's hopin' all you ex-Adamites get home for a beautiful, white Christmas. Come home with your thoughts anyway, 'cause we'll be thinkin' about you and wishing you a Merry, Merry, Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY FRIDAY MORNING

We are having our Christmas assembly on December 17. It will begin with a candlelight processional by the Glee Club, and from this, you may get an idea of the Christmas Vesper Service which will be given on the following Sunday. There will be scripture readings and then a community sing. The well known carols will be sung. It should be a very inspiring program.

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"THE ADAMS APPLES"

By
Two Fresh Men

Biggest rumor of the Week: Because of the man-power shortage, S. S. Kresge & Company has called upon our own Miss Bennett to grace its Santa Claus throne this yuletide. This year, the throne is located back in the corner by the gild(ie) fish bowl. The whiskers have been donated by Dickie (the quickie) La-witzke, who usually has plenty to spare. The Guard of Honor consists of two Senors, who are on duty at all times. They delight in handing the kiddies last year's Senor Basketball schedules, extracting a quarter for each one. This practice is always followed by a very appropriate story known as "The Golden Fleece." After this story hour, the tots are led up to the throne where they are consoled by Santa. The climax of the interview comes when Santa hands out Superman comic books. This is the only part of the melee which does not agree with the Senors. These boys are ardent fans of the "Blue Beetle."

... IN OLD CHICAGO ...

It was Friday morning, Dec. 3, 1943, and the John Adams social living class was enroute to Chicago to determine just what happened to the White Sox this year. Each student reclined comfortably in the plush seats of the South Shore Limited. The Limited means one drink of water to each customer. "Will we be on time mister conductor, sir?" panted one timid fellow as he looked up from the brake rods on which he was riding, while trying desperately to hang on. "Ha, ha, chuckled the conductor as he playfully stepped on the lad's head. "We're always on time, son. We never miss." He was speaking of missing rails no doubt.

Because they had all missed morning classes the students were busy reading. So eager were they for knowledge they literally tore the books from one another's hands while screaming: "Come on, it's my turn to read Captain Midnight!"

Presently Chicago loomed into sight and the members of the class slipped off the rods just before the authorities caught sight of them. "Goldie" rubbed the sand from his hands and suggested they make Marshall Field's their first stop. As our merry little group sojourned down State St., a few of the bolder lads thought they'd try their luck and look up Lois De Fee. It seems that Mr. G. had a tough time explaining to some of the fellows that Chicago did not consist of just Grant Park. After seeing all of the sights on the list, and a few more besides, the (W)eiry travelers climbed into "Bouncing Belinda" and were whisked home in the amazing time of three hours and twenty minutes.

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EAGLES MEET FIRST INTER-CONFERENCE LOSS

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As the second half began, Riley started pulling away slowly but surely. They started flipping one-handers which were frequently near enough the basket to be considered lay-ins. Adams naturally dribbled the ball down and passed our valuable time away near the center circle seldom getting much closer to the basket. Coach Powell substituted freely all during the second half in an effort to find a combination that would click on the floor. During the last three minutes our team began to look better but it was too late in the game to do any serious threatening as Riley coasted to a 40 to 30 victory. Nearly the entire team saw action and should be commended for their fine spirit shown even in defeat.

The Adams "Eaglets" met a superior team in their first game on last night's program. Many players saw action as Wulf and Howard shared the spotlight.

ADAMS

	B	F	P
F McIntyre	3	3	0
F McKinney	0	0	2
F Barnbrook	0	2	1
C Goldsberry	0	2	2
C Ray	1	2	2
G Houston	0	2	1
G Karlin	2	0	1
G Andrews	2	2	3
G LaPierre	0	1	0

RILEY

	B	F	P
F Berebitsky	0	0	0
F Husvar	2	2	4
F Merriman	0	0	0
F Swantz	3	0	2
F McDaniels	2	1	0
C Sauer	1	0	2
C Rush	2	1	1
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