



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 17

## ADAMS ARMED ALUMNI



Dear Mr. Sargent:

I've received several school papers and I sure enjoy getting them. I've seen some of the fellows from John Adams and South Bend: Bill and Dick Sayers, Clem Kuespert, and Bob Glunt. Tom Delahanty, Dick Troeger and Bob Hart were here but are doing duty in Washington now. They all miss good old Adams and we realize now how important High School is. Although Adams is not doing so well in football, I bet the student body is still full of spirit. I sure would like to return home in time to see a few of the basketball games, but I've only been over here 17 months now and that's not quite enough time to get home on. I received word that Paul Bailey had been killed in action and I guess he is the first Adams student to lose his life for his country. I guess it is time to sign off. Please give my regards to the teachers and students responsible for sending the Tower to the ones in the service.

Yours truly,  
H. C. "Red" Larson, SC 2/c

Here's a letter from Don Zimmerman:

October 26, 1944

Dear Miss Roell:

I received the Tower a few days ago and was sure glad to read it again.

The Tower staff is really doing a swell job this year, I'm sure they'll keep it up.

I say "Hello" to the teachers I had, Mr. Krider, my good old home room teacher, Mr. Reber, Mr. Goldsberry, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Thompson, and that study hall teacher that always kept me studying. I think her name was Mrs. Landis. I also say "Hello" to all the kids that know me, most of them are seniors now.

I'm in the reconnaissance section of our battery and we have plenty of chances to use math. I'm sorry I didn't take more.

If the weather was as hot as the war over here in Germany it would suit me just fine and a bunch of other guys too.

Thanks for sending the Tower, I'll always look forward to the next copy.

As always,

Don.



Corrine Firth, Pat Lidecker, Marilyn Kuhn, Eleanor Moore, Mary Erhardt, Nancy Bartol, Pat Annis.

## PROCESSION TO FEATURE CANDLES

A new way for the candlelight procession to enter, a robed choir of ninety, plus a large group of choristers, plus beautiful and inspiring carols! What a perfect recipe for a wonderful Christmas program! And wonderful is just what this program is going to be.

The Glee Club and Mrs. Pate have worked very hard on this program because it is felt that this year we must bring especially close to all people the meaning of Christmas. A lovely number, "No Candle was There," will be sung by a group of fifteen girls. It explains the nativity. Dick Guin, will have a solo on "O Holy Night", a carol that all hold dear. Norma Zimmerman has an especially lovely solo from the Christmas hymn "Sleeping the Christ Child Lay."

"The 150th Psalm", a eulogy of praise for the Lord is only one of the impressive and beautiful numbers that will be sung. One unusual number is almost like a chant. It was written by a Russian, Peter Tkach.

All types of Christmas carols and hymns are to be sung. If you'll come, I'm sure you'll find your favorite among them. Please tell your parents and friends about this program and don't forget to tell them the time and date: December 17, at 4 o'clock. There will be no admission charge.



The custom of singing Christmas carols is an old one; the oldest printed collection of English Christmas carols bears the date 1521. But the practice of singing songs during the sacred festival is considered as established as early as the second century.

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The medium through which you may fight tuberculosis is T. B. seals. This sale of seals is held each year at Christmas time. It's now Christmas time and those seals are again ready. Are you ready?

## PLANS MADE FOR SENIOR PROM

The big day is almost here. Are your plans completed? Do you have a date? Do you get the car? With whom are you doubling? Where are you going after the dance?

Just as a reminder the Senior Prom for the four high schools is Saturday, December 16. The Indiana Club is the place. Any 12B or 12A or alumnus and his or her guest may attend. The price is \$1.50 per couple.

## GRADUATION CALENDAR

Senior Prom .....	December 16
Cap & Gown Day .....	January 12
Final Exams .....	January 15
Baccalaureate .....	January 21
Commencement .....	January 22

## CHRISTMAS IS AT ADAMS

Mr. Christmas Spirit has entered the halls and class rooms of Adams. Of course you will never be able to see him but when he comes near you he leaves his unforgettable mark and has the situation well in hand.

Many Adams students have gone into their classes feeling tired and blue and all of a sudden pep up, get a thrilling sensation as they look to thoughts of Christmas and the New Year.

Mr. Christmas Spirit will soon enrapt all the students at Adams and you will then be eagerly awaiting the thrilling prospects of dear old Santa, the ever familiar Christmas trees with their gay colored lights winking at each other as old and cherished Christmas hymns are heard in the background, and the thrilling sights of soft, white snow making a fairyland out of the most prosaic scenes, blotting out all ugliness and replacing it with beauty, in snowfalls and landscapes.

It is the small things like the twinkle in a child's eye, that makes our Christmas in America THE Christmas of the world.

It is the Democracy that is practiced in America that gives us the opportunity to worship our God in the religion of our choice on Christmas morn.



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## G. I. CHRISTMAS

Christmas eve on a battlefield. Not the first, unfortunately not the last. Just another G.I. writing a letter to the folks back home. This letter written on a scrap of paper with a stub for a pencil, will travel across many miles of ocean to bring a spark of joy to an old couple in a small town in America. He pauses in his writing to glance up at the sky. It is a clear night—such a night when almost two thousand years before a solitary couple rode into a small town in Palestine to ask lodging of an innkeeper. There is a lull in the bombardment—a strange silence in a hell of death and terror. The Jerry is quiet tonight. The soldier goes back to his letter: "Dear Mom and Dad, I'm writing this letter in a little foxhole near — well I can't tell you where but it's mighty near the front. All day the Jerry has been bombarding us but please don't worry about me. Right now it's quiet but that won't last long. Mom, remember last Christmas when we were all together at home? You and Dad and Bill and the rest of the family—all of us together. I sure wish I was back there now. Remember how we went to church Christmas, how Rev. Davis said we must look to the future? He really has something there. I never really realized it until I saw a load of German prisoners going to the rear. You know those Heines still think they're going to win the war. Not much doubt about who is going to win now. What I and a lot of my buddies are worried about is When! Maybe you've heard about the ammunition shortage at the front. Well, it's true. It certainly gives you a helpless feeling to run out of ammunition when you're up here. Well, I'm going to try to get some shut eye now. Please write and tell me what's going on at home.

Your son,

—Bob



Week's total ..... \$ 6,963.35  
 Total to date ..... \$17,786.25  
 HIGH — POINT ROOMS:

	Total	Per capita
10B's in 102 .....	\$2,630.35	\$61.17
12B's in 105 .....	\$1,298.60	34.17
11A's in 207 .....	\$1,016.05	31.75
10A's in 208 .....	\$ 555.35	17.35

Leading in BAR GRAPH race:

	Total per capita for five weeks
10B's in 102 .....	\$98.37
10A's in 208 .....	60.57
12B's in 105 .....	44.34
11A's in 207 .....	33.39

PROM QUEEN VOTING ENDS  
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th at 3:30!

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## TOWER TALK

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

I have a problem. How can I make Ward Groves date me?

Anxious

Dear Pat Lea:

You might lure him with a package of gum. If he won't accept, Bob B. will.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

My problem is this. Who does Regina Freels really like? I'm all mixed up about it.

Confused

Dear Jimmie McNeile:

No one can tell you who any girl really likes, especially your girl, Regina. Last time we saw her, though, she was with Bob Annis.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

I wrote a note to Carol Roberts. All of the Chem class plus almost half of John Adams read it. My life is ruined. What shall I do?

Worried

Dear Jackie Jennings:

Was the note interesting? I missed it, darn. Maybe you shouldn't write notes the next time you have something so important to say.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

My one desire in life is to attend the Senior Prom. Why am I not invited?

Disappointed

Dear Frank Wulf:

Now that it is known that you are not going, I am sure you will be deluged with invitations.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

Bob won't go to the Senior Prom unless I teach him how to dance. We've had company every night this week, so I can't teach him at my house. He refuses to learn when anyone is around. I do want to go so very much. What shall I do?

Hopeful

Dear Pat Annis:

You might ask Mr. Nielsen to bring his lunch and teach him some noon hour, or borrow some neighbor's front room—we want you to go too!

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

I am always being kicked out of one of my classes because of the presence of a girl who sits in back of me. How can I avoid trouble?

Thoughtful

Dear Jack Weil:

Move your seat.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

I, too, want to go to the Prom but I wrecked my last formal so completely Mom refused to ever get me another. I can't wear sport clothes to the Prom, so what shall I do?

Concerned

Dear Elaine Graf:

Why don't you borrow one from one of your girl friends and take Johnny and just go.

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

When does Christmas Vacation

## DATE QUIZ

1. You and Johnny are returning from a date. You've had a super time. You are saying goodnight, but it's still early so would you say:

a. "Won't you come in and have a snack?"

b. "Goodnight Johnny, I had a wonderful time."

c. "Gee, I'm glad we got in early. I'm awfully tired."

2. You are at a party that is rather dull should you:

a. Sit around and wait for someone else to start the ball rolling.

b. Excuse yourself and leave the room.

c. Suggest a game or a good topic for conversation.

3. You have had a swell time on a date, but you have exceeded the time limit set by your parents, however, it is your own fault, should you:

a. Act unfriendly towards your date and blame him.

b. Not go home but stay at Susie's house.

c. Go home and take the punishment you deserve.

4. You are going out with your dream man and he has never met your folks. When he comes after you do you:

a. Run up and powder your nose and give him and the family a chance to learn to know each other.

b. Seat him in a chair with a magazine.

c. Introduce him to your parents, talk for a while, and then leave.

5. You are walking down the street and you meet two boys whom you know. They continue to walk with you. Should you be:

a. Between the two boys.

b. Next to the curb.

c. On the farthest side of the boys away from the curb.

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begin? I'm sleepy and need some rest?

Drowsy

Dear Ned Mastack:

December 19 is the date but does Glee Club alone make you so sleepy in the morning? You couldn't be keeping late hours, could you?

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

Gene just won't run during the passing time between the fifth and sixth hour. It always makes us late to class. Is there any way to force him to run?

Slowly yours

Dear Betty Jo Douglas:

Have you tried giving him a hot foot?

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

Last week was my birthday. I received a one pound box of candy from a friend as a birthday gift. Now my steady is angry because the friend who gave me the candy was a girl. What can I do?

Dear Herschel Keefer:

Maybe if you would offer Marilyn a box like the one you received it would smooth things over.



## CLUB COMMENTS

As ever, the Drama Club is getting in their share of activities. December 6, at the regular Wednesday meeting, Mr. Reber demonstrated stage lighting to the interested members. Wednesday, December 13, Mr. Sargent will talk to the group. The club plans a trip into Chicago on January 26 to see "Harriet" starring Helen Hayes. Yes, anyone belonging to the Drama Club has a variety of interesting activities to keep him busy.

Now we come to the Library Club. We have all noticed that the library is handsomely decked in its Christmas trimmings, and Miss Brown plans to have a Christmas tree this year if she has to chop it down herself. She has also admitted that a contest is being planned for the week before Christmas, the winner getting the book of his or her own choice. The library is receiving many new books and your home room representative will be telling you about them soon.

The Glee Club members are working very hard these days practicing for Christmas Vespers.

Let's all plan to save Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 P. M. for them.

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**Thursday, December 14**

Band practice 7:45 A. M.  
Basketball game: Riley vs. Mishawaka, at Adams

**Friday, December 15**

Band practice 9:00 A. M.  
Glee Club 7:30 A. M.  
Christmas program 8:35 A. M.  
Central vs. Adams, at Adams

**Saturday, December 16**

Riley vs. Richmond, at Adams

**Sunday, December 17**

Christmas concert, 4:00, Adams' Auditorium

**Monday, December 10**

Bulletin  
War Stamp Sale

**Tuesday, December 19**

Band Practice 7:45 A. M.  
Central vs. Rochester, at Adams  
Vacation begins

**Thursday, December 28**

Invitational Tourney

**Friday, December 29**

Invitational Tourney

**Saturday, December 30**

Invitational Tourney

**Wednesday, January 3**

Vacation ends  
Glee Club 7:30 A. M.  
Band Practice 9:00 A. M.  
Drama Club 3:45 P. M. Room 103  
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**MARY MANN** — A brand new ski sweater (with a man in it).

**HERSCHEL KEEFER** — A red head from Riley with the initials B. L. P.

**PHYLLIS HERTEL** — A tall curly headed boy from Riley.

**CHARLES ORTT** — Special Stamp Book from the West Indies.

**JOY HODGE** — A stocking full of dates with B. L.

**NORMAN RADICAN** — A Choo-Choo!

**GERTRUDE DOMBROSE** — A sail-or suit with a six-foot sailor inside.

**DON SELBY** — A watch to get me to work on time.

**LORRAINE NICHOLS** — A red wagon with green side wall tires.

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# CATS WINS NON-CONFERENCE TILT

## ADAMS FOULING LOSES GAME

In the non-conference game the Riley "Wildcats" played Tuesday night with Adams, Riley seemed to have the good luck necessary to win. Although only one man was acquitted for fouls, the winning factor for Riley was our fouling.

Riley first took the lead but Goldy came back with our first goal. The score changed hands back and forth all through the first quarter and finally ended in a 14-14 deadlock. Early in the second quarter Riley went out ahead six points in the space of 1½ minutes. A basket and a free throw, followed immediately by another basket and free throw, gave them this lead. We came close several times again during the course of the game but failed to get a substantial lead and hold it. Several times Riley would make a basket, be fouled, and then make the free throw.

Our team played well, except for fouling, and probably the outstanding performance was submitted by Andrews who accounted for fifteen points. Karlin didn't start hitting until later in the evening when he accounted for two shots to make his total three for the evening. Louie McKinney played well at his forward post giving the Riley boys someone to worry about. Bob Nitz was second high scorer and he also played a good game on defense. Goldy played his usual game, working hard controlling the backboard against higher opposition. He also did some excellent ball handling on offense.

When February 3 rolls around the boys will be waiting for the fouled "Wildcats." This will be the conference encounter, the one that really counts.

## FIGHTING "B TEAM" DOWNED BY "REDSKINS"

It seems our "B Team" is just luckless. Saturday night they dropped their third consecutive game, the second by one point.

Mr. Neff presented the same starting line-up as in the previous games. Goshen took the lead by a free throw and Gibson broke the ice by

## EAGLES RAP REDSKINS 43-39

## ANDREWS TAKES TOP HONORS WITH 17 POINTS

The Adams Eagles with a quick start annexed the rule of the John Adams Gym last Friday night. What's more important they kept it and reigned with an iron hand. Prior to the game Adams fans were plenty worried. Goshen had been said to have the best team they have had in years. They had proved this by winning their first four games.

In the first quarter Adams scored right and left and it began to look as if the game would be a walkaway with our team piling up at least fifty points. After tallying a 12-4 lead, by the end of that period, our boys told Goshen that the game was already started and that they were slightly behind. This didn't have much effect on the Redskins for they still lagged behind miserably.

Andy was having the time of his life as he poured buckets in continuously. He certainly made up for his flimsy performance in our past game. Howard moved as he never moved before. Timmy really was aggressive as he battled every minute he played. Goldy cut his 6 foot 7 inch opponent down to his size while he captured most of the rebounds. The team as a whole gave a grade A showing.

In the second half Goshen decided to start playing. They picked up 13 points to our eleven as we started coasting in for an easy victory. For a few minutes toward the end of the game it looked as if Goshen might still win. They scored more than twice as many points as we did in the last quarter; many by foul shots. Finally our boys took hold of the situation and pulled in with a close 43-39 margin.

making the first goal. From then on Adams led, keeping a good margin most of the time. Teamwork was excellent, Wegner and Howell working the ball in to Cox, Fye, and Gibson, who in turn did some "nifty" ball handling and shooting. Goshen staged a desperate fourth quarter rally and finally edged out ahead by one point, when the gun sounded. Final score: Goshen 24; Adams 23.

## SOUTH BEND JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY INVITATIONAL TOURNEY DECEMBER 28, 29 and 30, 1944 Seven Teams: Adams, Central, Mishawaka, Nappanee, Riley, Washington and Goshen or Michigan City

SEASON TICKETS (4 sessions) .....\$1.50 tax incl.  
SINGLE SESSION ..... .50 tax incl.

ALL SEATS RESERVED			
DATE	GAME	TEAMS	HOUR
Thursday, Dec. 28	1.	Team 1 vs. Team 2	7:30 p.m.
	2.	Team 3 vs. Team 4	8:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29	3.	Loser game 1 vs. Loser game 2	7:30 p.m.
	4.	Team 5 vs. Team 6	8:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30	5.	Winner game 1 vs. Winner game 2	1:30 p.m.
	6.	Winner game 4 vs. Team 7	2:45 p.m.
	7.	Winner game 3 vs. Loser game 4	7:30 p.m.
	8.	Winner game 5 vs. Winner game 6	8:45 p.m.

OFFICIALS: DEVON EATON and OMER BIXEL

## DATE QUIZ ANSWER SHEET

1. a .....
2. c .....
3. c .....
4. c .....
5. c .....

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