

VACATION DAYS BEGIN FRIDAY FOR TWO WEEKS

School Event Calendar Listed

Vacation, oh sweet sound! On the 20th of December the doors will close, and we will be free, free, free! Some of us no doubt will journey to other lands to visit our relatives, others will hibernate, and some will quietly change school drudgery to work. The ole Christmas ornaments will be dragged out and Santa will be around. Football equipment will be doled out in all families and the shopping rush will begin. Snow (?) will be falling and we'll all listen to Bing's White Christmas. Sweet Mistletoe will be put up. Formals will be held, and for those at home, a dance spree is in the making. Vacation will be one long week-end. But remember children—remember January 6! No doubt the ole Yuletide spirit will hit teachers too, and there will be no lessons for that day we have to come back. (hint).

Calendar of events until the next Tower issue:

Friday, Dec. 20—Adams vs. Central.

Friday, Dec. 20—Monday, Jan. 6, vacation.

Saturday, Jan. 4 — Adams vs. Roosevelt, E.C., season tickets honored.

Friday, Jan. 10—Adams vs. Mishawaka, there.

Sunday, Jan. 12—Baccalaureate.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 15—Mid-term exams.

GIVE THANKS FOR "LAND OF PLENTY"

This year our second post-war Christmas will be celebrated. You will probably be having a lot of things that you didn't have two years ago, but you have never been denied enough to know what want really is.

The English will not have a complete table of plenty, only just enough.

France is getting shipments of food and producing a little, but not enough.

As the German children gather 'round their Christmas tree, if they have one, they will be singing because it's Christmas, not because they are warm and full.

The little Italian children's gifts will be filled with sentiment, not material value.

When you open your presents and eat your turkey, or chicken, or ham, why don't you give a small prayer of thanks for what you have?

THE VERY SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

(A Christmas message to the schools, a guest editorial, written by Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)

At this season of the year, the skies are overcast, the trees are bare, the winds are cold, the snow flies, and we know the soil has yielded its harvest of grain and fruit and vegetables. Our homes are full of the good things of life to make each day a day of opportunity. Through nature's bounty, our material needs have been supplied, and the Christmas season is at hand!

We need to turn our thoughts to those spiritual values that cannot be measured by length, width, depth, size, or even in terms of the coin of the realm. Who can measure a mother's love, or the height or depth of the adoration of the Magi that night in Bethlehem, long ago, when the angels sang, "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men?" Or who can measure the power of peace, or the power of good will? Eternally, in the human breast there surges a desire for these spiritual values of peace and good will, which the Prince of Peace came to bring to earth from heaven.

Your book knowledge will profit you little unless you learn also the spirit of love and kindness—loving your neighbor as yourself. Your material benefits will never satisfy you unless you discover the luxury of giving and using your means for the benefit of others, "even the least of these," in a world of want!

Strange as it sounds, there is no actual getting for one-self except through the giving of oneself and one's possessions for the good of others. This abundant giving is the very spirit of Christmas! When every man learns to love his neighbor as himself, and to embody the very spirit of Christmas in his everyday life throughout the year, the golden age will dawn and "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men," will be a reality among men.

CHRISTMAS - - BIRTHDAY OF KING

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" was the message of the heavenly host at the Nativity. Yet this year has not been a peaceful one, in the land where the Prince of Peace was born. The explosion of bombs and the rattle of machine guns have spread blood of all sects on the sacred streets of Palestine.

Why has there been war instead of peace? Why has there been hate instead of love? Why has there been greed instead of kindness? Too many persons have neglected religion in preference to government. Too many persons have ceased to grasp the full meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is not merely a time of joy and mirth. Christmas means more than Santa Clause, holly wreaths, stockings at the fireplace, and peppermint sticks. Christmas is the birthday of a king and should be remembered throughout this blessed day. The blessedness and sacredness of the very site Christ was born should guide you to a better understanding of Christmas Day, for not even war can mar the religious and historical richness of that land.

Jerusalem has fallen thirty-five times to a besieger. From the hard-faced men of nomad tribes to the dust-grimmed Tommies in World War I it has maintained its celestial and traditional traits. Its ancient architectures, its softly illuminated streets, its shepherds, its market squares and its stone walls are chief examples of its unchanged features.

So, sometime during Christmas Day think of this Christmas City. Remember that even amid toil and tribulation the elements of religion gleam far brighter than those of greed and dissatisfaction. Even though truces are short in the birthplace of Christ, his teachings are eternal. Perhaps it would be good for a great many of us to retrace our steps to the well of the Magi, where shepherds still tend their flocks and watch the stars, to sit there in silence away from bickering, alone with our own thoughts of the Man who walked and suffered near by so many years ago.—Ex Scriptoribus, Veritas.

Y-TEENS — "HANGING OF THE GREEN"

In keeping with an annual custom, the Y-Teens of John Adams joined with the other school's clubs and celebrated the "hanging of the green" last Sunday.

The gathering started with the singing of carols and doing other

holiday activities in the gym of the Y.W.C.A. At the conclusion of this meeting, decorations were passed out to the girls who put them on the front of the building.

This gala holiday affair was whole heartedly supported by the Y-Teens of Adams according to Nancy Ellsworth, president.

COAL SHORTAGE DECREE CANCELS VESPER SERVICE

Cut Program Presented To Students

After much controversy, the Christmas Vesper Service was held on Friday, December 13 at 8:30 A. M. It was very disappointing to members and friends of the Glee Club not to be able to hold the program on December 15, as previously planned—because of the coal shortage and in compliance with Mayor Dempsey's decree, the Sunday date had to be given up. Nevertheless the Friday program was well received by a crowd of Adams' students and friends.

The program opened with the traditional candlelight procession. Members of the glee club started from four points in the mezzanine, descended to the first floor, marched around the edge of the auditorium, and down the middle aisle so everyone would have a chance to see the lovely spectacle.

The program was shorter than originally planned but it was impressive. It opened with the singing of "Adoramus Te" followed by "I Wonder as I Wander" and the "Cherubim Song." The triple trio sang two numbers "In Dulci Jubilo" and "He Shall Feed His Flock," with solos by Barbara Stanz, Lois Lenon, and Nancy King. An impressive Bach number "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee" was followed by a new number "Song of Mary." "Christmas Day" was a novelty number combining familiar carols with solos by Jerry Gibson, Bill Grounds and Bill Gooley. Martha Craig and Katherine DeLong's piano duet "Malaguena" was well received. "The Holly and the Ivy," "Coventry Carol" and "Almighty God" completed the first part of the program. Ned Mastak played Christmas Carols on his xylophone while Glee Club members took their places on the stage.

The second half of the program was sung from the stage, before a beautiful stained glass window of the Madonna and Child, painted by the art department under Mr. Faust's direction. This second half consisted of familiar Christmas carols sung by the glee club and soloists.

Band members of the brass section also helped with the program when they played numbers for the procession.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Santa Claus — Spirit Of Christmas

by Nancy King

Passing by Robertson's Department Store the other day and viewing the jovial Santa Claus in the window, reminded me of when I was a very little girl.

There is much joy in being a child, especially around Christmas time. I can remember how I stood in line for so long, waiting to get a glimpse of dear old Santa. I was rather a timid child and did not go too close, for his huge body, all adorned in red, frightened me somewhat. However, his kindly smile looked down upon me and his lengthy arms held me comfortingly, as he asked me the ever-familiar question.

Unusual Conversation With Santa

In his deep, friendly voice he asked, "Now little one, have you been a good girl?"

Rather timidly I responded, "Yes, Santa."

"Well, that's fine. Then I suppose I can ask you what you want me to bring you for Christmas."

Enthusiastically I said, "Oh Santa, I want a dolly and a sled and a big brown teddy-bear."

Santa replied, "All right, my dear. You keep on being a good little girl and I'll see what I can do for you."

"Oh, thank you Santa," I said and I jumped down from his knee.

I went home and that night I had lovely dreams about my new dolly and the nifty sled Santa was going to bring me. All I had to do was be a good little girl.

Christmas Finally Comes Around

From then on until Christmas, I was a little angel. Mother thought I would never stop asking her how Santa came and if she thought he would bring me my new dolly. Finally she was relieved, because Christmas Eve arrived. I went to bed very early, but didn't fall asleep for hours. I was waiting to hear Santa come in his huge sleigh pulled by the beautiful reindeer. However, the heaviness of my eyes became too much, and I was asleep before I could enjoy the bliss of hearing Santa. I felt terribly bad about it the next day, but soon got over it when I saw a beautiful new doll under the tree. And I got the sled, too. I was so very happy, I couldn't think of anything else.

Christmas day was the most wonderful day of that year. The hours went by so fast and soon bed time approached. I dragged my new doll along to bed with me and tucked her under the smothering covers.

All Good Things Must Always End

Before mother kissed me good-night, she explained something to me. It was a great disappointment and I still can feel how depressed I was. She explained that dear old Santa, whom I loved as all children love so dearly, was only a spirit. The huge figure in red is just a way of bringing joy to the little ones at Christmas. For when a child, you are not able to grasp and understand spiritual things. A child must see things in the flesh. So it was with me. I told mother I understood.

Santa Claus is a spirit. A spirit of love, of kindness, and of friendliness. I hope that no one will ever forget this spirit. Keep it always. For the children, Santa will always be in the flesh. But for the elders, he will always be an ever-glorified spirit.

As Was The Beginning ---

A star shone above a humble abode in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Through it some of the celestial peace that like a mantle, enveloped the still night was transfused into the hearts of all men of good will.

Jesus was born. As the wonder of a rainbow signifies calm after a storm, so the coming of the Saviour was the sealing of a new past between the Creator and this troubled world.

True Christianity has striven all through the ages to achieve that peace which is our heritage through Christ, but the hearts of

all men are not fused in the same crucible. There still lies dormant in most of us that primitive lust for power and ambition by which the Angels fell. As in the beginning, the forces of Evil shall not prevail, and that Spirit of the First Christmas which we so vaguely feel at this season of the year shall eventually rise gloriously over the chaos and destruction wrought by men of bad will.

Let us remember: Hark the Angels sing; Glory to God on High and Peace on Earth to all men of Good Will.



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"DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY" FOR ACHES AND BRUISES

About this time of the year, one of the things foremost in our minds is Christmas shopping. It is said that giving is a wonderful thing, so taking everything into consideration, this buying of gifts sounds like a most satisfying and enjoyable way to spend a day, right? O.K., so it's wrong, but just for the record let us look into a typical shopping expedition.

The first rule of a good shopper is to get there early. To have sufficient money always helps too, so after breaking into little brother's piggy bank, one hops on the bus and is on the way.

Sales Girls "Beat"

The first store has one of those modern, efficient, (also bonecrushing) revolving doors, and after about the third attempt one finally reaches it only to be spun around right back at the starting point, except this time not standing. Gathering up all remaining courage, the next attempt is good. It just takes persistence, that's all. One look at the sales girls sets you to wondering what has happened. They are all dragging around with hair mussed, broken fingernails, and smeared lipstick. Tornado?, riot,—no just the usual holiday rush.

Get little brother's gift first, after all, it is his money, and since toys are on the sixth floor the elevator would be most practical. A few hours later the elevator stops, and in the next instant you are knocked down and trampled upon by scores of frightened, screaming women all running for the nearest exit. (They're still trying to find the little boy who thought it was so cute when he let Wilber, his pet mouse, loose in the car.) After pulling together, to make a last desperate dash for the door, it is slammed in your face. Well, why let a little thing like this upset you?, after all, what's six flights of stairs more or less? After walking, staggering, and finally crawling up them, nothing wanted could be found, (typical woman!).

Nothing Accomplished

The next hour and a half is spent fighting from store to store, and back again with nothing to show for it but battle scars. In the course of the afternoon you finally get about half of what was intended, but a human being can stand just so much and having stood it, you decide to leave the rest for another day and go home.

The bus is sighted about a block away and so one must start on one of those well practiced dashes so common when the bell rings after sixth hour classes. You get in just as the door closes and after persuading the driver to let your arm in with the rest of you, it's then completely up to fate.

After all this, we sometimes wonder if it's really worth it. It is, only isn't it wonderful Christmas comes but once a year? It takes the other three hundred and sixty-four days to recuperate!

Believe

Me!

by Pati Guyon

For this Christmas issue of The Tower your editor turned inquiring reporter and asked this question: "Who, or what, would you most like to find in your Christmas stocking?" These are the answers I received:

Barbara Becht—"A man." Joe Howell—"Betty Grable." Norma Shilts—"My Foot." Merrill Donaho—"Cookie." Charlotte Dinges—"A certain boy's I.D. bracelet." Mr. Dake—"A 35 millimeter enlarging set. Since it only costs \$300, I'm sure I'll get it!" Dave Gibson—"A subscription to Mutt and Jeff Comics!" Pat Kissinger—"A red Cadillac convertible." Ann Vander Beck—"A \$1,000." Bob Miller—"An A in geometry." Mr. Crowe—"A football team." George Swintz—"A cute blonde." June Zesinger—"A shiny black coupe with red leather upholstery." Phyllis Spradlin—"A certain someone from Mishawaka." Bud Witt—"The Goldwyn Girls." Rosemary Kelly—"A doll in a pink dress!" Lois Haslanger—"Number 37 on the N. D. football team (translation: Terry Brennan)." Rosemary Talbot—"A senior from Riley." Paul Chalfant—"Anything in feminine form—well, almost anything." Joan Dressel—"Aladdin's Lamp (she's looking into the future!)" Joan Wine—"A ride with Santa Clause on Christmas Eve." Helen Getzinger—"Marc." Mary Gentry—"A green '47 Studebaker." Joan Mann—"A date for the 28th." Micky McVicker—"A cashmere sweater." John Leonhard—"Cynthia Ahlbrandt." Alberta Addison—"Just guess!" Rodney Million—"Christmas spirits." Martha Craig—"Money, money, and then more money." Melita Jo Brehmer—"Bill." Barbara Stanz—"Kilroy." Joan Dibble—"Want me to stretch my socks." Dave Cox—"Yvonne De Carlo (hub-ba!)" Betty Hulbert—"An insurance policy to cover my driving." Doris Eberhardt—"A man, natch!" Jerry Freels—"Jody Screes and a ton of mistletoe (for my pet cow!)" Lois Lenon—"Dick." Nancy Bartol—"A big white, soft teddy bear." Pat Hardy—"A leopard fur coat." Don Morningstar—"My foot." Bob Moore—"The quarter Paul Wolf-ram owes me!" Keith Zeider—"A dolly I can call my own."

Well, that about sums up the Christmas desires of some of your fellow students. May you all get your wishes and enjoy a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

P.S.—One guess on what I want—Mr. Editor.

RIVER PARK — Ends Tomorrow

"Sentimental Journey"
Friday and Saturday
John Wayne Jean Arthur
"A Lady Takes a Chance"
Plus "Dick Tracy"

LIBRARY CLUB HOST
TO LAPORTIANS

Members of the John Adams' library club were hosts Thursday, December 5 to a group of enthusiastic Laporte librarians. Fifteen members of the Laporte organization and their librarian, Miss Mary Evelyn Guinn, visited both South Bend and Mishawaka High schools to see how it's done out East.

After the workings of our library were thoroughly explained by various staff members, they conducted a tour through the environs of our collection such as the basement storeroom. When all was said and done it was found that the two libraries were run similarly, although the staffs were working under very different systems. Laporte's students are a class while ours is very definitely a club.

This school building itself, especially Miss Ostrander's department, was termed by the many admiring comments as "beautiful, wonderful, and efficient."

The Laportians were all looking forward to their next visit to our fair city the 13th when the Slicer's basketball team invaded the Eagle's court. They were pretty confident, now that the football boys are on the basketball team, and they said that they would provide us with our first set back. We know at this reading if they were right or not.

A POEM OF CHRISTMAS

by Dale Litherland

You will excuse me if I doze
While I try hard to compose
A poem about Christmas.
Please don't try to diagnose
For you may find this is prose,
This poem about Christmas.

Old St. Nick will soon be here,
He's coming with his eight reindeer.
It's getting close to Christmas.
I hope that none of you have fear
Because the end is drawing near,
Of the poem, not of Christmas.

RUGGED OUTDOOR MEN FELL YULE TREE



Carrying in the Christmas tree, which is now in the main hall, is the job of these Hi-Y officers.

Don Howell, sergeant-at-arms, is seen 'totin' a wicked looking axe that supposedly cut down the evergreen, although the retail cost is in the office ledger.

Left to right around the tree are: Bill Screes, vice-president; Don Howell; Paul Wolfram, treasurer; Bob Walsh, chaplain; Jimmie McNeile, secretary; and Fred Wegner, president.

The Hi-Y had charge of the seal sale at John Adams this year.

HI-Y DIRECTS SEAL SALE

The Hi-Y acting in its capacity of a school service club, took over the sale of Christmas seals this year. A Hi-Y member was selected in each home room to act as salesman. Various other members were selected to go into those rooms in which the club was not represented.

If of this thing you can make sense,
Please come and tell me through the
fence,
I can't even get out for Christmas.
But if I continued each night hence
This thing would just become more
dense.
So I'll end this little poem, about Christ-
mas?

Working in close co-operation with Miss Kemski, who is chairman of the drive, the club has set a goal of \$175. The 1945 total was \$169 or a per capita amount of \$.25.

The sale of seals was unofficially opened Monday, December 9. The drive was formally inaugurated the next day with speeches by members of the public speaking class, Miss Collmer, a representative of the St. Joseph County Tuberculosis League, and Fred Wegner, president of the Hi-Y club. The sale ended last Monday, but as yet official tabulation has not been procured.



There will be a pep assembly Friday, just before the Central game. This will be an assembly arranged by the student council committee for pep assembly planning.

Jimmie McNeile and Ed White are on that committee.

Dave Gallup of the South Bend Tribune sports staff will speak. The school song will be practiced and two new yells will be introduced.

In an intra-school game played last Wednesday at the Y.W.C.A., a picked John Adams group of volleyball players were defeated and outnumbered by a strong Central team. Kathleen (Boots) Bumann paced the losers who fought hard but ended on the short end of a 41-37 score.

Last Friday night there were many happy faces for this was the night of the annual mid-term prom which was held at the Palais Royale. Mickey Isley and his band from Elkhart played for dancing from 9-12. Adams was well represented on the crowded floor, for many tickets were sold here.

Mr. Pierce Knox, a blind xylophonist, played at an assembly on December 5. He was sponsored by the National Transcribers Society for the Blind, Inc.

Some of the music he played was part of the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 and To Each His Own. He also included a medley of tunes. As an encore he played Tiger Rag.

A demonstration of braille writing and the braille system was also given. A collection for the society netted \$94.64.

ADAMS STUDENT DELEGATE IN NATIONAL
CONFERENCE HELD IN LOUISIANA

It was early on the morning of November 21 that Jean Webb, a senior at Adams, boarded a train for Louisiana. The reason—she was appointed as one of the delegates for the N.A.A.C.P. Youth Conference in New Orleans.

BAND PREPARES CONCERT
FOR JANUARY

The Adams band is planning a concert for January 30, 1947. The numbers selected so far are: Egmont, Embraceable You, a march, Flirtations and a novelty not yet selected. This wide variety of numbers should provide an interesting and entertaining evening for those attending the concert. Flirtations is a number featuring a cornet trio with band accompaniment. Embraceable You is a band arrangement of the popular number, and Egmont is an overture of deeper variety.

This concert is being played for the benefit of the organization. The annual band contest held every spring will demand a lot of the players and it is hoped that this concert will also add to their ability. Appearances at various basketball games is also on the activity list. These plans will better the band and further its hopes for the spring contest.

The N.A.A.C.P. is a national organization which is known as The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. There are thirty-three college chapters and two hundred councils of this organization in the United States.

Jean relates that there were about one hundred and fifty delegates representing twenty-two states at the conference.

The main topics discussed were civil rights, veteran's problems, right to vote and many others equally important to this young group of American citizens.

Many outstanding leaders attended this conference and their presence added much to it.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a reception and dance was held. It adjourned Sunday, November 24 until November of 1947.

Besides meeting various people of different groups of the country, Jean gained much from the educational standpoint as well.

BRUNT, FLICKINGER WIN
PREDICTION CONTESTS

Winners in The Tower's prediction contest soared after the two games played last week. Nancy Flickinger was only two points off in winning the Adams-Goshen game with a guess of 40-32. Oscar Jones and Jack Kelly missed by three and four points respectively. Delores Brunt took the honors Tuesday night when Adams whipped Riley 33-29. Her guess was 34-32.

	Adams	Central
Bernadette Latoski	49	46
Joyce Liebig	32	30
Mary Kasdorf	38	36
Jean Webb	32	28
Betty Lou Rupert	28	26
"Pidge" Simper	42	38
Chuck Furnish	42	40
John Scheibelhut	38	35
Tom Shulmier	38	26
Jim Cox	46	44

Adams-Roosevelt, E. C., Saturday, January 4.

	Adams	Roosevelt
Christine Scott	34	28
Betty Dunbar	48	30
William Lake	38	44
Dick Davis	40	38
Maurice McFarland	36	32
Dick Wyson	32	28
Phyllis Nelson	42	36
Joan Mann	44	36
Joan Erhardt	38	26

Adams-Mishawaka, Friday, January 10.

	Adams	Mishawaka
Nancy King	32	28
Irvin Whitehead	40	35
Jay Myers	36	40
Dick Worth	45	38
Pat Smith	48	36
Penny Niesbo	36	24
Mary Jane Butler	40	38
Marg Bolden	38	24
Bob Trimble	40	38
Jerry Gray	42	34

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KILROY WROTE THIS CHRISTMAS DITTY

As I walked into the house last night, I took one horrified look and dove to the nearest shelter just in time as little brother yelled "timber" and a six foot evergreen tumbled on the floor.

"It's time to put up the Christmas tree," he screamed, and added that he was only trying to help by carrying it into the room.

After wrestling with it a while, kicking over a lamp, knocking down a picture, and moving half of the furniture, the family finally got the tree into its stand and then they congratulated one another until the lady of the house announced dinner.

The meal time turned all thoughts to a peaceful evening until the minute Uncle Willie dropped in to "help decorate the tree." He just didn't see how we could get along without his assistance.

One look at the Christmas tree lights gave Uncle Willie that old gleam in his eye and he rolled up his sleeves to begin work on the wiring. He thought he knew all about such matters since he went to electrician's college for three days, (which was several years ago) but the real truth is that he was expelled after the principal's chair was wired.

Anyway, a couple of seconds later, the roof was shattered by a loud terrifying scream and we all turned to see Uncle Willie two feet off the floor with his finger stuck in the light socket.

Still insistent after recovery, Willie wanted to help brother put rope tinsil around the tree. On the third turn, it was discovered that the rope was around Uncle's neck, and father cried out "Rosco, don't you realize how much a funeral costs?" Feeling a little insulted

1947 Football Schedule Released

The Adams footballers will open their 1947 football season in a home game with South Bend Catholic's Lions on the school field turf. Coach Jim Crowe's charges will play a nucleus of out of town games. The farthest of this sort will be against Fort Wayne South Side in a non-conference tilt on Saturday afternoon October 4 in the town that is the name sake of General Anthony Wayne. Only three games will be listed as Adams home games though five of the

Eagles' matches will be played here in South Bend.

A total of six conference games will be played. Washington and Elkhart were dropped in order to make room for South Bend Catholic and Fort Wayne.

THE SCHEDULE

Sept. 5—South Bend Catholic	H
Sept. 13—Central*	T
Sept. 19—Goshen*	T
Sept. 27—Riley*	T
Oct. 4—Ft. Wayne So. Side	T
Oct. 10—Plymouth	H
Oct. 17—Mishawaka*	H
Oct. 24—Laporte*	T
Oct. 31—Michigan City*	T

* Conference

but still determined, Uncle Willie announced that he would place the angel ornament at the tree top as he had done last year. Hearing those words, the poor angel started shaking and screaming in its box!

The job was finally done by the old stand-by—father, who was

Propaganda is the other side's case put so convincingly that it annoys you.

putting the finishing touches on the tree while we held the ladder. Just then the phone rang, and the ensuing dash upset ladder, tree, and father, who amid broken ornaments and blinking lights, sobbed, "No, no, never again!"

YULETIDE TRADITIONS PROVE AMUSING, BUT SOMETIMES WISE

by Cynthia Ahlbrandt

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care," says Clement Moore. But strangely enough his first Christmas stocking was not set out for gifts, it was merely put there today. By accident one of the gold bags which St. Nick was supposed to toss down the chimney of poor men fell into the stocking instead of on the hearth. So ever since people have hung up their stocking on Christmas eve in hopes of the same good luck.

According to legend the Crown of Thorns was made of the then white-berried holly. After the crucifixion these berries turned red as drops of blood. It was also said that he who first brings holly into the house at Christmas will rule the home that year.

Legend has it that when Christ was born, Satan died, and that the bell in the church was rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the great birth.

The first of all Christmas carols was that sung in the Heavens by the Angels "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill towards men." Historically, many say that Francis of Assise was the first to make the carol popular.

There is an old Yorkshire superstition relating to the person who first enters the house on Christmas morning. A woman or girl was thought to bring ill luck while a man or boy usually brought good luck.

Santa Claus is our name for that mysterious kindly Christmas gift given who appears in so many places during the holidays.

And believe it or not he only recently came into being. Washington Irving first describes him; Thomas Nast first drew him as he is today, reindeer and all.

WHICH ARE YOU?

Great minds discuss ideas; mediocre minds discuss things; small minds discuss people — Walter Winchell.

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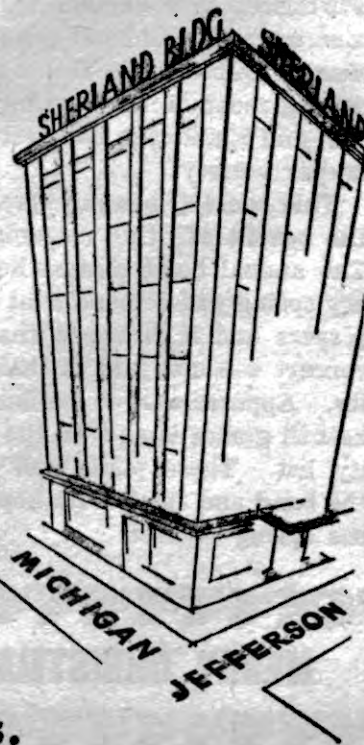
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Club News

DEBATE—During the week of December 2, the debate team devoted its time to some actual debating on the debate topic. The debaters, two at a time, one affirmative and one negative, took turns speaking and refuting the other's argument. Thursday, December 12, the debate teams of the newly organized debate conference, held an extemporaneous speech contest and a round-table discussion at Riley. The members of the conference are Adams, Central, Riley, Washington, Mishawaka, Laporte, Elkhart, and Nappanee.

DRAMA CLUB—After a short business meeting on December 4, the new sophomore members of the Drama Club presented a program including selections of the violin, the reading of "The Night Before Christmas," a Christmas story, and a piano solo. Mrs. McClure announced that the trip to Chicago had been postponed until after Christmas because of the coal strike and all money would be refunded.

G.A.A.—Last Wednesday, the G. A. A. decided to sponsor a basketball tournament for all girls interested in playing the game. This tourney is a separate one from the intra-class play that starts this week. G.A.A. monograms were given to Marie Fitzgerald, Kathryn Klink, and Lois Biastock, while Carol Cormican, Ruth Keb, and Anna Marie Fitzgerald received numerals for service.

HI-Y—The Hi-Y is taking charge of the seal sale this year. It is hoped that a goal of \$175 will be reached. Each homeroom has a Hi-Y representative with \$5 worth of seals to sell. (See story). A report on the Older Boy's Conference held in Kokomo was given by Keith Hall and Bob Walsh at the December 5 meeting. Collecting paper and magazines was suggested as a means of raising funds.

LIBRARY CLUB—The Library Club's last meeting was entirely devoted to preparing the library for the visit of the Laporte library club members. (See story).

USHERS CLUB—The Ushers Club elected Kevin Navarre activities secretary, and Jim Wilson was awarded his gold Ushers Club pin at the last meeting.

Y-TEENS—The latest Y-Teen project was a trip down to the Y. W. C. A. to make knic-knacs for the orphan children's Christmas tree. The Y-Teen ceremonial being over, the hanging of the green around the Y. W. C. A., is now being rehearsed. (See story).

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

by Pat Hardy

WASHINGTON-CLAY

The question for the week out at Washington Clay was "How soon should we have a new school; two, three, or five years?" The answer from most students was "as soon as possible." Just how soon a new school can be built is unknown yet, but in time the answer to this problem will be found. Meanwhile the results of the poll were as follows:

2 years	78%
3 years	12
5 years	10

RILEY

Christmas approached Riley as well as Adams last week when the annual Christmas Seal Sale began. Charles Hafron was named chairman of the drive and assemblies were held with students speaking on the topic. Riley got behind the drive and made it a huge success just as Adams did.

NAPPANEE

The students of Nappanee High have been very busy lately as many activities have been planned for the few school weeks remaining before Christmas. On December 4 the Drama Club presented the

play "Do, Re, Mi," and it was a huge success. A Christmas Pageant is also planned for this week. The Y-Teens have increased their membership to 30 members, and many new activities have been planned.

The Tower has instigated a new plan which consists of exchanging papers with many out-of-state schools. The news we receive should promise to be very interesting. Marion High School of Marion, Illinois was the first to send us their paper.

MARION HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the Dramatic Club presented a short radio play for the veterans at the Marion Veterans Hospital. The play was very well received. It was a nice gesture on the part of the school.

Students of Marion were privileged to have Chief Red Eagle, a full blooded Sioux Indian come and speak to them on the "American Indian."

A new idea in clubs out Illinois way is the Chesterfield Club which has for its purpose the idea that manners should be taught in the high school. This club has been very well received by the student body.

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ZIKER HIGH SCORER FOR TWO GAMES; TEAMWORK LACKING IN VICTORIES

Redskins Defeated 40-30

An Adams team whose minds were wandering on another game (perhaps Central) were entirely out-classed by a supposedly sub-par Goshen team in the first half of their recent encounter in the Adams arena.

The Adams boys had a hard time in the first quarter holding Goshen to an 8-8 deadlock. The Redskins gave them even a worse time of it in the second quarter when they walked from the floor at the intermission holding a 14-11 lead.

Coach Powell must have given his "Fearless Five" a real tongue lashing during the half for the boys roared back to hold a one basket lead at the end of the third stanza.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles really turned on the gas and wilted the Redskins in a 16 point barrage. Even though in winning 40-30 it wasn't the same team that beat Lew Wallace. The playing lacked team work.

The victory was of the conference variety. As scoring went Harold Ziker, though he was having an off night, was, for the fourth time in four games, high point man with nine points. The scoring was exceptionally even with "Hilly" Howell close behind "Zike" with eight points. Green and Fye got seven. Personette got credit for five points with Lambert and Granberry getting three and one points respectively.

INSPIRED RILEYITES NIPPED BY FREE THROWS

19 of 29 Hit At Foul Line

With the absence of Glenn Personette, who was lying home in a sick bed, the Adams Eagles felt the hot breath of a game Riley team on their neck. However, the Eagles, who won the game from the foul circle, kept driving and won out in a "corker" of a basketball game 33-29.

The Eagles would have starved if they were to depend on field goals. They hit for only seven field goals in the entire game. The Cats were paced by a speedy little guard by the name of Overgolsa who played the game, of a king. Tom Keiser, who is the Cat's only returning letterman, was open too frequently to be of any help to the Adams boys. He would steal the ball and barrel down the floor wide open to score.

"Moe the Smoe" Ziker again was high man with eleven points. The scoring was evenly divided with each of the seven players that participated for Adams scoring, with the exception of one.

BEES MAKE IT THREE FOR FIVE BY TWO WINS

by Bob Gross

John Adams' Bees added two more victims to their record last week, burying Goshen under a 38-15 onslaught, and felling Riley 34-20. It was their third success in five starts.

The Eaglets, concentrating their attack in the closing half of both games, won easily, and also used numerous substitutions.

Don Truex set the pace in the Goshen tilt, hitting four fielders and three charity shots. Don Simon, playing in the last quarter, counted five times.

John Keller poured ten points through the hoops in three-fourths of the Riley encounter to lead the attack. The game see-sawed back and forth in the opening half, but a slam-bang third quarter led by John Weissert, Dick and Don Truex, and John Keller put the Eaglets into a comfortable lead.

The second team, led by Don Simon, played well and should see considerable action this year.

Moonshines Brew Victory In Tourney

Kriesel's Moonshines beamed through the darkness with brilliance associated only with victory when they won the annual girl's intra-class volleyball tournament last week.

The darkness the winners had to come through was the eighteen teams in the affair which started early in November and came to a climax when the "Moonshines" whipped Joan Wine's team 41-31.

Girl's physical education instructor, Miss Bauer, started the play by having her classes choose team captains and the captains selecting their team members. Each team had a squad of eleven, with only eight playing at the same time. Every girl in the six hours of gym classes participated in the play. Official (Miss Bauer's) rules were followed.

Winning captain Marguerite Kriesel and her team mates Marilyn Wintz, Mary Traub, Betty

Optimist — A coach who moves into a district and doesn't save the crates for his furniture when he unpacks.

Faculty meeting — A pedagogical huddle where ways and means are devised to keep the halfback eligible. A grandma-funeral type of excuse for dismissing classes early.

BIG, BAD BEARS' FEROCIOUS SNARL GROWS

LOWDER AS FRIDAY'S ENCOUNTER NEARS

The "biggest" game on the Adams 1946 basketball schedule will be played off this Friday evening. This battle is the last before vacation but not the least game our Eagles play, for it is against one of the most feared teams in the Eastern division—Central's "snarling" Bears. Coach Powell's "Fearless-Five" of Ziker, Fye, Lambert, Personette, and Howell will be gunning for an Eagle victory.

Adams will be out to avenge that 48-41 loss to the Centralites in last winter's sectional.

The Bears have four of their first six men back from their sectional champions. Gene Ring, Ernie Bond, and George Clauson are usually high point men. Plus these, they have a huge center in "Swede" Jensen and a smooth guard in Jerome Perkins. All of these give the downtowners a well-woven team.

The Bears are dangerous from any where on the floor. They are a highly geared quintet. Adams, featuring a quick break and good rebounding, will have to play their best ball to win from Coach Bob Primmer's squad. The game will be played on the Adams floor though it will be scheduled as Central's home game.

HIGHLIGHTS by HIGHERBERGER

Billy Cook, who has seen almost as many basketball games as Mr. Reber, says he thinks Adams can take Central. We hope you're right "Cupcake." Gordon Speth during the past several football seasons has been a messenger at Notre Dame's home games. His station was in the press box where he was a jack-of-all-trades. "Gordo" has met many well-known sports writers including Bill Stern. Some job (and he got paid for it).

Viv Crowley who is our most persistent "pest" for publicity, we hear is quite a pool-shark. I'll bet he can't beat Roger "scratchie" Wade though.

ODDITY OF THE WEEK:

"Coon" Feltes was first string on the Nuner elementary basketball team in the seventh grade. Everything was going fine until handsome "Coon" was wide open under the basket one time and as usual yelling for the ball, John Keller feeling sorry for his teammate threw Bob the ball. "Robbie" leaped into the air and sunk a very beautiful basketball. But as "Coon" was congratulating himself on his accomplishment the coach "yanked" his star from the game. For you see the mighty Feltes had scored, but for the wrong team. It seems that in the confusion Bob had shot for the wrong basket. That's O.K. Bob, we still love you.

From now on in I'm taking the advise of an expert. "Moe" Ziker said that I was too over confident when I said we would take Riley from 15 to 20 points and I guess he was right.

Better hurry and get those Central tickets. I predict that Adams will be trailing most of the game by two or three points but will give the Bears a typical Powell finish and win out 44-41.

Some of you observing people may have noticed the new "head" on this column. It has been thought for a long time that this sports column has needed some sort of a monicker so, now it finally has one.

The "Washington Hatchet," the Washington school paper, says that the Washington football B-team which completed recently a most successful season (as usual) had to play their best ball to beat Coach Corby Davis's squad. The writer says it was Washington's toughest game all season.

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