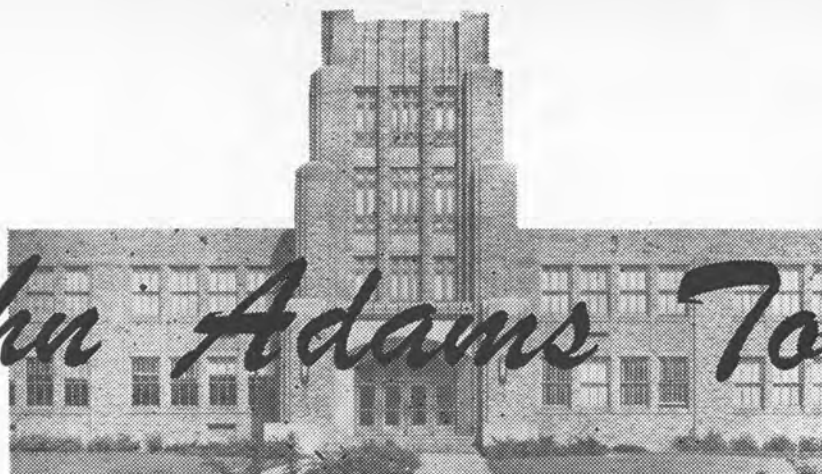


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Christmas Vespers Sunday

Play and Sing To Be Held Next Friday

On the afternoon of December 22 the Public Speaking Class will present a play, and a community sing program will follow as the Christmas assembly.

The play "The Happy Journey" by Thornton Wilder was given for the River Park Business Men's Association at the Zion Evangelical Church on November 30. The cast consists of: Ma Kirby — Marcia Donoho; Arthur Kirby — Ed Ashley; Carolyn Kirby — Su Hastings and Carol Spindler; Pa Kirby — Roy Tepe and Bob Bartol; Beulah — (the married daughter) Pat Casady; Neighbors — Garnetta Turner, Su Hastings, and Carol Spindler; and Stage Manager, Wayne Schrader.

"The Happy Journey" is a comedy describing a typical holiday trip taken by an ordinary family. It is produced without sets or properties. It is an excellent example of Wilder's art in portraying ordinary people.

The community sing will follow in charge of Mrs. Pate and the Glee Club. After the singing of familiar Christmas Carols, the group will go to class parties.

BOLT AND TURK SHUT IN AND OUT BY WINTER ICE

Winter has its perils and ice! So Nancy Bolt and Barbara Turk have found out. The story:

On the blustery morning of December 7, Nancy Bolt and Barbara left school during second hour to go downtown to the Pridy-Tompsett Studios on Album business. When they got to the car they found the doors frozen closed. After fifteen minutes of trial, Willard Harris, the head janitor, finally got the doors open.

When the girls got near Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, Barbara nonchalantly tried to open the door, put it was frozen shut! She climbed out the window and banged the door until it opened.

In the end they decided to return to school and forget about the Album business.



Members of the Glee Club all dressed up for Sunday's Christmas Vespers. They are: left to right, Sharlee Cissell, Bob Bartol, Mary Lou Tait, Bob Thompson, Jean Gooley, Bob Pfaff, Carolyn Johnson, Marty Weissert, and Sylvia Moran.

Home Room Parties To Be Next Friday

This year the home room Christmas parties will be Friday, December 2. The parties will begin at 2:10 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. They should last no longer than three o'clock since many pupils and teachers have to leave for holiday vacations with parents and friends.

Some of the home rooms have decided to go together to have a party. Rooms 105 and 205 will join forces for singing, dancing and games. A committee of Del Briggs, Mary Alice Barnes, Carole De Clark, Jim Leng, Jerry Sefranka, and Dave Sanderson is in charge of arrangements.

JAYCEES SPONSOR CONTEST

For the second consecutive year the Junior Association of Commerce is sponsoring a residential Christmas lighting contest. Nine prizes will be offered for the best of three residential classifications. The classifications are houses up to \$10,000 in value, homes of \$10,000 to \$20,000, and houses \$20,000 and over.

Both unusual eye-catching entries and simple yuletide scenes will be considered by the judges of the contest. Entries will be judged particularly on originality and beauty. The deadline for entries is December 23.

Annual Program Will Feature Holiday Music

Once again as the season of snow, warm hearts, and good cheer approaches, the students, faculty, and friends of John Adams are looking forward to the Glee Club's annual Christmas Vesper Service which is to be given Sunday. There is no way more fitting and beautiful to express the joy of this season than through the many wonderful songs which have become a part of the tradition of Christmas and many of which are featured in this year's program.

The program which has become traditional here at Adams will open with a medley of carols played by the Brass Ensemble featuring those familiar carols which bring to mind the very essence of Christmas.

The Glee Club will march in the impressive candlelight processional winding through the balconies to take their places on the risers in front of the stage. The Glee Club dressed in their robes of blue and holly red will feature in their program such numbers as "The Holly and the Ivy," and "A Joyous Christmas Song." The program, according to custom, will open with a number by Bach and will feature a song by Christiansen, "All My Heart." Soloists for this year are Bob Pfaff, Bob Thompson, Rex Edwards, Carolyn Johnson and Sharon Chambers, to mention but a few. The Glee Club will be accompanied by Lynn

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TOURNAMENT TICKET SALE WILL START MONDAY

Tickets for the second annual holiday tournament will go on sale Monday. The bleacher seat tickets will be \$1 and they will all be reserved. The tickets are for four tournament games, not just one session.

The tournament will be held on December 28 and 29 with Adams, Michigan City, Riley, and Washington participating. The drawing will be made tomorrow night.

The adult tickets and all tickets for seats in the mezzanine and balconies will be \$1.20.

HI-Y WILL DECORATE TREE

In accordance with Adams tradition, the Hi-Y again will set up the John Adams Christmas tree. It will be removed from the auditorium to the Tower entrance immediately following the Christmas Vespers, Sunday.

The Hi-Y will provide the decorations and do the decorating.

**Don't Forget
The Christmas Vespers
4 o'clock SUNDAY 4 o'clock**

IN MEMORIAM

The Tower, on behalf of the John Adams student body, wishes to express deepest sympathy to Tom Yoder on the death of his father.

MILLER PLAYS AT CONCERT

Jay Miller, principal of the cornet section in the John Adams band, played a cornet solo at the Jefferson Junior High Band Uniform Benefit Concert on Thursday evening, December 7. He played "The Carnival of Venice."

Jay won a first place in the Indiana High School solo and ensemble contest at Indianapolis last winter and he will be the soloist with the Adams band at the second annual McKinley Concert on January 24.

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From the Editor's Pen

GUESTS SHOULD BEHAVE

We at Adams have always prided ourselves on our beautiful building. We have always tried hard to keep the halls and rooms looking their best and we make a point to keep the auditorium looking very neat.

Year after year Adams students are put at disadvantages, so that other schools may use our facilities for their basketball games. Now these students from the other schools are taking advantage of their privilege to use our school.

To me it doesn't seem right that these people should even be allowed in our school if they think they own it. It is hardly their place to do to this school just what they please.

All they seem to care for Adams is that it is a place for them to hold their basketball games. Their players spit on the gym floor; their student body "boos" even when we plead with them not to; they are asked to remain in their seats until the game is over and they get up and leave; and they smoke in the rest rooms, against the state law, and deface our walls with lipstick. Why should we have to put up with those kind of people?

I think that we really do enjoy having other schools use our gym, but when they start acting like fanatics, it is time something was done. We won't put up with the marring of our building, and it is just about time that our visitors take heed.

We want no more writing on the backboard pads and no lipstick on our walls. May we ask for cooperation?

BOOS

The display of poor sportsmanship by the Adams cheering section last Friday night at the Goshen game was inexcusable. About half of the cheering section was booing constantly towards the end of the game at the slightest provocation.

It was just about a year ago when our student body was being lauded for their fine sportsmanship in the face of defeat at the hands of Goshen. Now, Goshen comes to South Bend and acts like perfect guests and we practically booed them out of the auditorium.

However, I'm not blaming the students nearly as much as I am the occupants of the seats in the mezzanine, the adults. I don't think that our students would have booed, had it not been the adults who started it. The "grown-up" people have not learned how to act when the count is against them. It's these same people that protest to no end when a student gets a ticket to the Holiday Tourney and they don't. They actually believe that they should be given preference over a student who knows enough not to boo.

Let's show the adult members of the Adams cheering section that we mean business when we say, "We don't boo, how 'bout you!"

Jottings: The orchids this week go to Queen Johanna and her court and their escorts.—Congratulations again to Dean Richards and Jack Nordblad, who received honorable mention on the All-State Football team.

Perils of Pauline Or What Not To Do On Christmas Eve

The modern occupational art of baby-sitting is not what it's cracked up to be. Never let anyone tell you that it's one of those easy-money, catch-up-on-your-sleep, or have-company - while - you - supposedly work jobs.

The always-in-a-difficult-mood-children greet Pauline with, "We're going to play cowboys and Indians—you'll be the cowboy I lure into my pit of starving bobcats." If and when the dear infants get to bed (Pauline should live so long) the parade begins "Din a' wa-wa." "If Mrs. Woods calls, the folks have gone to Timbuctoo."

All of three minutes have elapsed when the Ameche jangles wildly. Did it wake the little darlings? Silence reigns—then the jangling—more insistent this time. Could it be that there is a real, live date in the offing? Hel-lp? This is Mrs. Doofuddy—how is the baby, etc., etc. Then — "We won't be home for a few hours yet, but you can sleep if you like." Oh, sure—but Pauline has chem, to study, nails to polish, and hair to put up.

An hour later Pauline retires. Five minutes later Pauline is up, answering questions, changing diapers, and then deciding she is hungry. What's in the refrigerator? ½ pint butter milk, 2 pieces stale cheese, 1/3 small apple.

Oh well, her waistline couldn't take it anyhow. Now to sleep—using a coat for a blanket. Five minutes pass — Ding-dong-ding. "We're Home!"

Anyone need a baby-sitter?

Thinking It Over

I wish I were a lofty senior
Instead of a lowly soph
Then all the girls would make love to me
As they do to Pfaff.

If in Mr. Krider's room
I were an English seven
I know Mr Krider'd keep me
Any place but in heaven

If I were like the seniors
Who in the Glee Club sing
Maybe with Marty Weissert
I'd discover Phil Harris', "The Thing."

If I were a big tall senior
Who could play basketball
I'd help Oakes and Dillon
Win sectionals and all.

If I were Fred Helmer
President of the senior class
I'd declare no geometry
For any lad or lass.

If I were Jack Troeger
And president of the Monogram Club
When I had to preside over assemblies
I'd look for a sub.

If I were Dave Sanderson
A student of the Drama

Madam Adam

Soothes Your Heart When It Breaks Apart

Dear Madam Adam:

There is a girl who likes me. She always calls me up, writes me love notes and other things to show her affection towards me. I have grown fond of her and I would like to take her out, but I would be ashamed to be with her in public because she is so fat. How can I date her without being embarrassed?

The Thing.

Dear Thing:

If you really like the girl, ask her for a date. It doesn't have to be such a big date—so as not to embarrass you. If she likes you now, maybe having a date with you will make her a little bit flustered. Enough so, perhaps, to lose a little weight. Love can do wonderful things, they say.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

I got a man now, but I don't want him. How can I tell him without hurting him.

Tweetie.

Dear Tweetie:

Perhaps the easiest way to get rid of someone is to turn tables and have him get rid of you. Show him all of your unpleasant moods, maybe even throw a tantrum. That way, at any rate, he won't be hurt, but possibly you will.

Next time, when you get a man, pick and choose so you won't have to go to all this trouble again.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

What do you think of the boys bleaching their hair?

Red.

Dear Red:

To quote some of the adjectives used by some of the bystanders, "Disgusting . . . crazy . . . I think they're nuts . . . they could at least do a good job . . . (and then there's always this one) . . . I think it's kind of cute." Oh well, it's a man's world anyway.

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

I have noticed a boy and he has noticed me, too. But he has made no attempt to date me. What shall I do—just sit and wait?

Rag Mop.

Dear Rag:

Maybe just noticing you isn't enough. Why not use the three "H" system. Hunt, hint, and help. Hunt your man, hint for a date, and if he doesn't take the hint, help him. Ask him. You can't lose anything by trying

Madam Adam.

Dear Madam Adam:

I like a certain boy, but I don't exactly know him very well. How can I get acquainted?

Oh Babe.

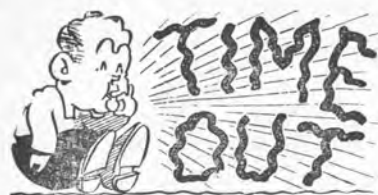
Dear Oh:

Introduce yourself.

Madam Adam.

I know it wouldn't take me long
To find out why Lana's so "glama"

If I were editor of the Tower
As is Jim Considine
Right now I'd write the gossip column
Instead of this rhyme.



By Dave James.

If you hear that several John Adams students have been tried and convicted of murder, don't burst out in a cold sweat; just remain calm and impassive. Judge Goldsberry and his crew of Civics students have recently held several criminal trials to put into practice rules and procedures learned in the Civics text book.

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Preparations for presentation of "The Ghost of a Show," the senior class production, are in high gear. It is to be presented January 12, 1951.

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The passivity of the American people toward international events is amazing. Despite the turmoil and ominous events in other parts of the world, we still continue to do our Christmas shopping with our usual tremendous extravagance; we still play and spend and gossip and joke as in the past; and we still show little care or interest for the light of the world today.

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Words With Weight: A ton of regret cannot retract an ounce of thoughtless words.

VESPER SERVICE SUNDAY

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Whitman and Sylvia Moran. The Triple Trio will also be featured in two numbers.

For the second half of the program, the Glee Club will go to the stage to combine with a chorus of seventy in singing the familiar carols we all love. The numbers will include "The Birthday of a King," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Holy Night," and "Silent Night."

Invite a friend to come with you Sunday at 4:00 o'clock to hear and see the John Adams Christmas Vespers.



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Report of Conference Attended by Debaters

Early Friday morning, December 2, twelve John Adams debaters Dr. Sanderson, and Mr. Goldsberry left South Bend for West Lafayette to attend the eighteenth annual Indiana High School Debaters' Conference. Students attending were: Edwin Dean, John Smith, Fred Laas, David Sanderson, Marilyn Burke, Evelyn Troub, Karyl Kitner, David Hessey, Bill Witwer, Esther Kennedy, Ann Donker, and Roger Stouffer.

A message from Governor Schricker started the day's activities with a challenge to the youth to make the most out of this year's session because of the sacrifices being made all over the world to make education and all democratic beliefs possible.

In the afternoon the group divided into two sections: the inexperienced debaters attended a

clinic on the principal fundamentals of debating; and the professionals attended a clinic on the more technical analysis of debating. The highlight of the afternoon was an actual debate on the question of this year, staged by the Michigan and Ohio champions of last year. The question is: Resolved, "That the American People Should Reject the Welfare State." The debate was won by the negative team from Ohio. An excellent critique was given by the head of the Speech Department of Marquette University.

In the evening the group assembled in the Union Building for a banquet held annually by Purdue for the debaters. President Hovde spoke a word of welcome and the main address was given by Dr. Whitehouse of Albion College. After the banquet, some of the group went to Fowler Hall to see a play, "Pappa Is All" produced by the Purdue Playhouse. Others attended the concert of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra from London, England under the direction of Sir Thomas Beecham.

Saturday morning the groups reported to various clinics and discussions on both the negative and affirmative sides of the question were held. Distinguished speakers from the fields of history, government, and economics had been secured to make these sessions highly enlightening. The last general session was held Saturday morning and a very interesting forum was given by Dr. Finer of the University of Chicago.

Ann Donker.

Adams On The Shelf

"Little Women"—Rosemary Orban and Sue Robertson.

"Little Men"—Sherman Naftzger and Don Oakes

"Jack and the Bean Stalk"—Jack Noyes and Bruce Parker

"The Three Musketeers"—Dave Sanderson, Bob Bartol and Marty Weissert

"Live With Lightning"—Physics

"Toward the Morning"—Finishing homework

"Excuse My Dust"—Rushing to Glee Club at 7:30

"The Eagles Gather"—Assemblies

"Nothing So Strange"—Chemistry

"Not Without Laughter"—Mr. Carroll's English class

"Anything Can Happen"—Foods class

"Gold in the Streets"—Don't we wish!

"The Big Secret"—Report cards

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Mr. Davis—Have a key made so when I gave it back, I could still get in.

Jim Martin—give it to Carithers to paint.

Fred La Cosse—give it to 'Uncle Joe.'

Bob Reinke—I'd let all the orangutangs in.

Gayle Freels — join the lyre's club.

Dave Scruggs and Duane Rowe—sell it and give the money to H. Graf so he can take Jo out more.

Gerry Graf—make St. Peter let me in when I was ready.

Dave Williams—I'd put it on the front of my car.

Paul Stewart—sell it to a farmer.

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Free Throw Success Beats Culver 41-38

With a rally in the fourth period, which netted twelve points, the Adams Eagles down a small but fast Culver team. The Eagles were trailing entering the fourth quarter but quick baskets by Bob Pfaff and Don Oakes put the Eagles in the lead for good. It was the accuracy at the free throw line that won the ball game for Adams. The Indians hit on fifteen field goals compared to fourteen for the Eagles. The difference was at the seventeenfoot line where the Eagles hit on thirteen while Culver was successful on only eight.

Don Oakes was high point man for the Eagles and was followed by Bruce Parker with ten, Bob Pfaff with eight, and Ken Dillon with four. Bill Dieter and Larry Soelinger dropped in a free toss for the Eagle cause. Marty Weissert closed out the Eagles scoring with a field goal. Oakes hit for fifteen points, and fouled out in the fourth quarter as did Pfaff. Weissert fouled out in the third period.

Culver started things off quick with a couple of layups and was leading 14-10 when the first period ended. They held a four-point lead at the half, but the score was 24-20. The Indians lessened their pace in the third period and got only seven points while the Eagles were getting no more than nine. That cut their lead to 31-29 going into the final stanza which proved victory for the Eagles.

The Eagles pulled a very early stall when they froze the ball with four minutes to go. This stall was successful and brought victory to Adams as the Culver team tried to gain possession of the ball and fouled the Eagles in trying to do so. Adams made good on these shots and went out ahead 41-38. Only once did Culver take the ball away from Adams when stalling. On this one time a Culver man went down court for a lay-in that threatened to tie up the game, but the shot was perfectly blocked by Dick Shennenberger. The entire Adams squad got into the ball game.

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Eagles Lose Loop Opener to Redskins, 44-42

Last Friday night was the scene of a rough and tumble ball game on the John Adams hardwood when the Goshen Redskins clipped the rather disabled Adams Eagles 44-42. The ball game was almost a replay of last years' battle with the Redskins when a close fight ended with Goshen the victor by a 41-40 score. The Eagles suffered greatly from ill players Friday night. Those on the sick list included Marty Weissert, Don Oakes, Dick Shennenberger, and Bob Pfaff. There may possibly have been others. Whether this resulted in Adams losing the game cannot be ascertained, but it definitely didn't aid the cause.

The game started with the Eagles looking far better than they had in their previous games. They were driving hard and kept the ball in continuous play. They employed a very tight defense and appeared to be fighting like fury. However, towards the end of the quarter their vigor and vitality began to run down and their efficiency of ball handling was less as wild shots for the basket failed to hit. In spite of this, the Eagles were still on top at the end of the quarter by a 12-8 score.

The beginning of the second quarter began to look bad for Adams as their defense began to be less effective and illness seized them as Shennenberger was forced to leave the ball game. The end of the quarter brought a mad tussle, but Adams remained on top by a one-point margin with the score reading 25-24. Dillon made the prize shot of the game in attempting and making an over the head shot from the left side of the court.

By the third quarter, it was apparent that the Adams boys were

not playing the type of ball they were capable of as they continued to lag behind a hard driving Goshen five. In spite of their difficulties, the Eagles were not yet to be counted out and the quarter ended with Goshen in the lead by a slim 37-35.

The first few minutes of the fourth quarter brought a wild scramble for the ball and the Eagles began trying valiantly to recover and tally another win. With 59 seconds remaining in the ball game, Pfaff scored the tying basket, but an official's ruling denied Adams the basket because of a foul. The Eagles had several other chances to tie the Redskins, but all was in vain as the Goshen boys won a real thriller.

Oakes was again high point man for the Eagles with nine points on four baskets and one free shot. Weissert had eight points and so did Dieter.

B TEAM NIPS GOSHEN, 28-25

The Eagle B's ran their unbeaten streak to five without a loss Friday night in the Adams gym. Goshen was the victim by a 28-25 score. With help from Larry Kedzie and Joe Kreitzman, who hit for seven points each, the Eagles hit in every period but midway in the fourth when they had a comfortable lead and substitutes were put in, but were unable to score.

Jim Brennan started things out with two quick buckets and Adams took a comfortable lead when Rocky Ferraro and Bob Stone began to hit. The Eagles' lead melted to one point in the fourth period, but Joe Kreitzman rounded out the scoring with a tipin.

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Eagle B's Whip Culver For Sixth Win

The Adams "B" team added Culver to its list of six straight Saturday night at the Culver gym by a score of 31-11. The Eagles were never surpassed as they took a 9-6 half time lead and scored 22 points in the final half.

The game started out a slow moving affair and stayed that way until the third quarter when the Eagles took a 20-7 lead. The fourth quarter was even more exciting as Adams seemed to hit from everywhere and scored eleven points.

Jim Brennan started things off fast with a layin after Rocky Ferraro hit on a free throw. Brennan hit on another layin as soon as Adams got the ball again. Stone hit on two straight shots and after that L. Kedzie and Ferraro took charge and scored three buckets each with a onehander by Joe Krietzman coming in between.

Bob Stone fouled out late in the fourth quarter and the substitutes came in and continued to score. Dale Gibson tipped one in and Dick Sessler put in a one-hander after Wayne Derring put in a free shot to finish out the scoring.

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