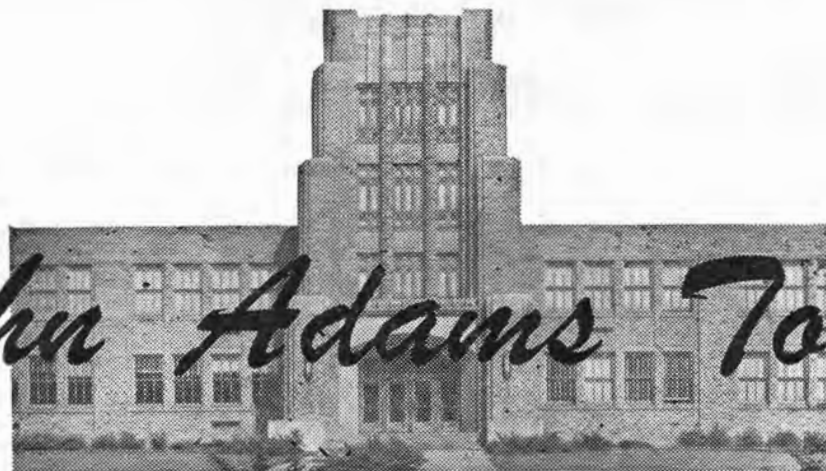


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## VESPER SERVICE TO BE DEC. 13

The fourteenth Christmas Vesper Service will be given by the John Adams Glee Club on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. The program will open with a brass ensemble number by band members under Mr. Cecil Deardorff's direction.



Pictured above, left to right, front row: Susan Armstrong, Tim Pettit, Sally Stoops; left to right, back row: John Coffman, Nancy Bock, Jim Dincolo, and Terry Rothermel.

A highlight of the program will be its traditional lighted processional by the one hundred members of the club. Among the numbers to be presented are a new composition by Olaf Christiansen, "Sing Noel"; a Bach Chorale; an anthem, "The Shepherds' Story"; and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a novelty ensemble number. The program will include selections by the Girls' Ensemble and Boys' Quartet. Some of the soloists will be Julie Harris, Sally Kissinger, John Coffman, and Bob Nelson. Jack Longley, Karen Jones, Ruth Jones, and Sylvia Moran, an alumni, will accompany the singers.

After these numbers, the stage curtain will rise, disclosing the one-hundred members of the Prep Glee Club in singing the familiar carols which will conclude the program.

## American Male Chorus Formed by Servicemen

The American Male Chorus, which sang before the John Adams Student Body on December 2, was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, in 1945, an aftermath of World War II. This group, representing nearly all branches of the Armed Forces, was founded by its conductor, Lewis Bullock.

The group was established to sing for the servicemen in the Orient. In 1946, the War Department sent them on a tour of the Army hospitals. At present, they are traveling on a National Good Will Tour, singing nine months out of the year in over 400 cities in the United States, Canada, and Pacific Area averaging forty to fifty appearances a week.

The high points of their career as a chorus have been singing at the Independence of the Philippines in 1946 and at the inauguration of President Eisenhower in 1952.

The members of the chorus, who average twenty-five years in age, number fifteen and represent a cross-section of the United States. With the

## Glee Club Extends Thanks; Invites Public to Program

The Glee Club wishes to thank Mrs. Hazel McClure, Mr. Robert Seeley, and Mr. Paul Reber for arranging the setting for the Vesper Service. The club also invites everyone to attend the Sunday Vesper Service, December 13, at 4 p.m. A portion of the service will be presented to the student body in today's assembly.

**Mr. Leo Hauptman of Ball State Teachers College will be at John Adams, Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 9:00 o'clock to talk with students who have expressed an interest in attending Ball State. The meeting will be held in the Little Theatre.**

exception of the conductor, Mr. Bullock, all are bachelors. The organization, which travels by bus, is run on a democratic basis with each man having a job to do.

Each member of the chorus has had extensive musical background and has been added to the group by passing a rigid musical audition and a set of personality and character tests.

## Tower Editor Chosen D.A.R. Good Citizen

Myrna Cordtz has been chosen by the senior class and the senior home room teachers as the Adams D. A. R. Good Citizen for 1954.

The D. A. R. winners from the St. Joseph County schools took an examination Saturday, Dec. 5. From these a county winner, then a state winner will be chosen from one of the 92 county winners to be Indiana's Good Citizen.

The other D. A. R. winners were Marilyn Fitch, Riley; Kathleen Wilmore, Central; Rita Witucki, Washington; Nancy Kleinrickert, Washington-Clay; Nancy Swihart, North Liberty; Dorothy Hostetler, New Carlisle.

Last year Indiana was second in the nation with 492 good citizens.

## ADAMS EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHIES

The entire John Adams student body wishes to extend their sympathies to the following people: Claire Kaysen, an Adams junior, on the loss of her mother; and to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rosburgh and Mr. and Mrs. James Forester on the losses of their sons William and James, respectively, who were killed in an automobile accident at Kokomo, Indiana. The boys were students at Riley High School.

## TOWER APOLOGIZES

The Tower wishes to apologize to James Alward and Nancy Kelly for having omitted their names from the Honor Roll, which was printed two weeks ago. Jim received 3 A's and 2 B's and Nancy had 3 A's and 1 B.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

### DE PAUW

Adams students interested in attending DePauw University and who are eligible to compete for the Edward Rector and the McMahan scholarships are invited to do so.

Any young man, a graduate of a commissioned high school who ranks in the upper ten per cent of his graduating class, is eligible to become a candidate for the Rector Scholarship. The awards are made on the basis of character, scholarship, personality, and leadership.

McMahan Scholarships are awarded to young women ranking in the top ten per cent of their graduating class.

The value of the scholarships range from honorary awards to \$1,800 (\$450 per year) applied on tuition for the Rector Scholarship and \$1,000 (\$250 per year) applied on tuition for the McMahan Scholarship.

Candidates must compete in the competitive examinations which will be held on the DePauw campus on March 20, 1954.

Further details about the examinations may be secured from Miss Burns in the guidance office.

### INDIANA COLLEGES

Seniors who plan to attend Indiana colleges and universities and who wish to apply for scholarships are urged to take the scholarship examination which will be given at John Adams the last week in January. The cost of taking this three-hour test is 25 cents; the expense involved in printing and mailing the forms.

The test order must be placed in December and all students who plan to take the test must indicate their desire to their home room teacher before December 10.

The schools in Indiana participating in the testing program as a means of awarding scholarships are: Anderson College, Ball State Teachers College, Butler University, DePauw University, Earlham College, Evansville College, Franklin College, Goshen College, Hanover College, Hunkytown College, Indiana Central College, Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana University, Manchester College, Marian College, Marion College, Purdue University, Rose Polytechnic Institute, St. Francis College, St. Joseph's College, St. Mary's College, Taylor University, University of Notre Dame, Valparaiso University, Vincennes University, and Wabash College.



## Santa's Workshop Visited by Adams Student

By Nancy MacIvor

"Hi there, Mrs. Claus! We're from Adams High. We just arrived on the 5:15 I-cycle from Chicago's half-way ice port. Do ya' mind if we come in and toast our tootsies for a while?"

"Come right in. This certainly is a surprise! Why Santa and I were just talking about you a moment ago. I'm afraid I have some bad news for you."

Oh, h, h, h!"

"Now, now! Don't feel downhearted. Santa just had to economize on your presents a bit — inflation, you know. Let me see! Where did I put that Christmas list from John Adams? Oh me, here it is, under Nick's calorie books. He's really watching his weight now, you know. I'll get this list out from under here in just a second. Here, I've got it! Let me see. Now, who's first."

To Ida Ill we give a pill  
When fun's around there's Ida still,  
But when there's work  
She's much too ill  
What, work? Oh no, she never will!

Charles Cheat! Oh, what a dear!  
He asked of us a pair of  
Telescopic lens bifocals clear  
So sorry, sir, we're out of those.  
By popular request, however,  
We, for you, a pair of donkey blind-  
ers chose.

Herbert Ha Ha, laughing boy  
Delights to torture everyone  
With jokes from 'round 'bout nine-  
teen one  
A new joke book with N2O  
We feel is very appropo.

Nicotine Nick would never smoke  
'Cept 'neath the clear and open street  
But when in Adams, 'neath our noses  
We smell a smell that's not of roses  
But rather of his smoke-filled  
clotheses  
A silver lighter is our gift  
With light of T.N.T. and Air Wick  
sweet.

From Pate's Glee Club we have a girl  
Sweet Sally Songstress is her name  
By humming tunes in class and hall  
She's earned a dubious fame  
This eardrum breaker we declare  
Her Christmas gift she's earned quite  
fair

Ann and Andy Average are  
Just usual Adams kids,  
They need no gift except the one  
Which all kids will receive  
A very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year's Eve.

"Aw gee, Mrs. Claus! This is horri-  
ble. I get a loaded lighter."

"And I get a new joke book, equip-  
ped with a whiff of laughing gas."

"No, now! Don't worry, my dears.  
You know the game isn't lost 'till the  
very last second. There's still a long  
time till Christmas. This is just the  
present temporary list. If you go back  
to Adams and behave like nice little  
eaglettes maybe Santa will change his  
mind. Good bye, I'll see you Christ-  
mas Eve when I come back-seat driv-  
ing in Santa's sleigh."



Dec. 13—Christmas Vespers  
4:00 p.m., auditorium

Dec. 18—Annual Christmas Assembly  
2:15 p.m., auditorium

Dec. 18—Basketball, Mich. City (c)  
8:00 p.m., auditorium

## LOST: The Perfect Gentleman

If he stands up straight, laughs when he should, and can shake hands, he's called a perfect gentleman; and the mothers encourage their little daughters to take notice. But these guys are few and far between. Most guys do what they want to do, when they want to do it, and all the girls "eat-um-up." The guys of today certainly aren't the perfect gentlemen they were fifty years ago. But don't think we're complaining, because what would we girls do without these crazy males around to keep us com-  
pany?

If you were to go to a dance, the perfect gentleman would take your coat and check it. But these guys, who are typical of kids today, run out to the car and throw it in! What they won't do to save a dime.

Can't you imagine a perfect gentleman at a dance with a "real gone" band, and while requests for "Tuxedo Junction" and "Mr. B's Blues" were shouted, requests the "Minute Waltz," PLEASE! I am sure his originality wouldn't be appreciated.

But a perfect gentleman is much admired and respected, and we could always have more of them. The boys of today are such a far cry from perfect gentlemen that it is very funny to think of them as such.



## THE TRUE BOOSTER CLUB SPIRIT

Webster defines booster as one who advances or promotes a helpful, optimistic attitude, as toward a plan. Without such an attitude the school sponsored clubs here at Adams would soon fail completely.

Much more of the student body's attention is focused on athletic activities perhaps, than on any others. A great sense of pride in the athletic accomplishments of our school is felt by all.

Fortunately, the team spirit and enthusiasm does not end with athletics entirely. Although a great deal of stress is put on such events, emphasis is also placed on school clubs, such as the Glee Club, the Band and the Orchestra, the Tower, the Drama Club, and many others. These comprise many of the extra curricular activities during your high school years. It is natural to assume, then, that they must be given full support with the same helpful, optimistic attitude displayed toward sports. They provide an opportunity for self-expression, as well as the enjoyment of being a participant in a group.

Let's remember that sharing with one another the entire support of all activities represents the true Booster Club spirit!

—Wendy Heron.

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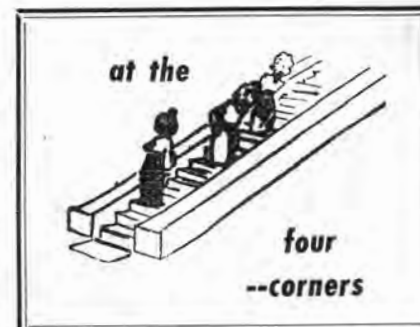
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They say the average girl is like the average candy bar — half sweet and half nuts. But girls aren't the only ones. Get this — Flash! After twelve weeks of intense study in physics class, **Chuck Oberlin** has found that the center is usually in the middle.

This is a paid commercial: **Pat Rich** hasn't had a date in six weeks. She wants this printed to prove to **Miss Bauer** that she does stay home and study history.

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Seems **Steve Ziegner** has a friend in East Chicago whom he met during the summer. She was asking for him at the Washington game there.

Want to see **Ken Papp's** face turn red, orange, yellow, purple, and pink? The magic word is **Janet McGuire**.

Over the Christmas holidays a small caravan of Adams aces will wend its way down to Lafayette. **Chuck LaPierre**, **Larry VanDusen**, and **Dick Smith** will escort three girls: **Janet Goodnight**, **Donna Riggs**, and **Nancy Ramsey** on a hayride(?) **Dick Quealy** is serving as chief fixer-upper and chauffeur.

**Mr. Reber** claims he has some candid photos of **Sandy Hoelscher** that contain some facts.

Spare the purse strings and help the mailman. The **Hi-Y** will bring season's greetings to anyone in the building if Christmas cards bearing two Christmas seals instead of the regular postage stamp are deposited in the mail box at the Four Corners. Mail your Adams greeting cards no later than December 17.

**Connie Kuhn** has her Rainbow Dance date lined up early. The lucky guy is **Fal Harris**. **Connie** knew she had to ask early to get the person she really wanted to take.

At a pre-dance coke party before the Mid-year prom: **Barbara Jensen**, **Ray Loar**; **Nancy Longbreak**, **Dick Wedel**; **Nancy Smuts**, **Dave Beiser**; **Emalu Palm**, **Bill Cole** (Riley); **Deanna Palm**, **Jim Riddle**; **Pat Moynihan**, **Dick Swayzee**; **Sue Armstrong**, **Paul Elliott**; **Ed Thompson**, **Portia Troyer** (Riley.)

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# Harris to Get Chair; Quealy Pardoned

## Juries Acquit Jackson and Riddle

Miss Julie Harris, convicted gun slayer, will die in the electric chair on April 4, 1954, for the murder of her boyfriend, Norman Asper. The sentence was handed down by Judge Alonzo Goldsberry before a tense packed courtroom.

The brown haired, blue eyed Miss Harris sat solemn faced as the twelve member jury filed into the courtroom and took their places. But as the foreman rose to announced the verdict, Miss Harris trembled and wrung her hands. The verdict was "Guilty!"

Many in the courtroom cheered; others booed. The slayer of I. U. student, Asper, stood with knees knocking before Judge Goldsberry and heard herself sentenced to death in the electric chair. As Miss Harris was led from the courtroom by the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, Ed. Hardig, jumped into the air and clicked his heels. Mr. Joseph Rich, the defense counsel hired by Miss Harris' mob, collected his fee and paid off the jury. (Nothing crooked about that trial.)

Thus ended one of the hottest trials in the history of crime. Tickets for the execution can be obtained from her attorney, Mr. Joseph Rich.

Another trial which held nationwide interest was brought to a close last week. Richard Quealy, recently living in South Bend, after operating in subversive activities in West Lafayette, Indiana, for seventeen years, was convicted of the rifle killing of Edward Hardig. Shortly after Judge Goldsberry sentenced Quealy to life imprisonment with Jackie James his moll for the last month), one of Quealy's henchmen, Jack-trigger-finger-Halpin, confessed to the murder. It was rumored that since Quealy is playing basketball for Adams High School and wants to finish the season he would have to hire one of his mob to take the rap for him. Allegedly, Quealy was charged with shooting rival henchman, Ed. Hardig, with a rifle and driving a car containing Hardig's

body over the Darden Road bridge. The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Robert Bubenzer, questioned states' witness, Pat Corban, who told the court he had seen Quealy steal the murder car, a 1953 Buick Roadmaster. Although defense attorney, James Miller, fought back with supporting convincing evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty as Charged."

When Halpin confessed to the crime, Quealy was immediately pardoned by the Governor, and he was released to the custody of Miss James.

In other trials of the week, an Austin Jackson High School student, who was charged with the brutal killing of Latin-English teacher, George Earl Carroll, on September 24 was acquitted last Friday and released by Judge Alonzo Goldsberry. The seventeen year old senior at Adams High School was charged by Charles Sonneborn, prosecuting attorney, with beating Carroll to death with a lead pipe, stuffing his body into a football equipment bag, then burning the body in the school incinerator. The jury, confused by testimony given by blonde dancer, Fi-Fi "loose-hips" Dobbins, who testified that she danced with Carroll in the Northside Cafe in Chicago on September 26, returned a verdict of "not guilty," this freeing Jackson.

The twelve member jury deliberating on the Potawatomi Park slaying of Phyllis Andrews, Friday, returned a verdict of "Not Guilty." On trial for the slaying of the seventeen year old high school girl was dark-haired James Riddle also a student at John Adams. The charge was made by Miss Myrna Cordtz, prosecuting attorney of fifth hour civics class. Riddle's attorney, Mr. Jerry Wiseman, famed criminal lawyer, in skillful cross-examination succeeded in convincing the twelve-member jury of Riddle's innocence.



"What was the greatest thrill in your life?"

**Deanna Palm** — "Going to the Purdue Homecoming."

**Kay Cantwell** — "Haven't had it yet."

**Pat Moynihan** — "I'll never tell."

**Alverna Douglas** — "Meeting Don."

**Bob Brown** — "I don't know."

**Jim Hoehn** — "I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate me."

**John Coffman** — "Riding steers in a rodeo contest."

**Cliff Salkeld** — "When my Dad let me drive for the first time."

**Joanne Gersey** — "Do I have to answer that?"

**Mr. Litweiler** — "Hearing a lynx scream in the North Woods."

**Gene Personnett** — "When I got 17

## Spins & Needles

"Time Will Tell," a new release by the Hill Toppers, is a dreamy little tune written by a Chicago disc jockey. It has just ordinary, not-to-exciting words, but is done in the typical Hill Topper fashion.

A song made popular by Eartha Kitt, "C'est Si Bon," is given a new twist by Stan Freeburg.

Bing Crosby and the Cass County Boys have a new platter out. "Y'all Come" is a song with a rowdy southwestern drawl done up and tied with a Crosby bow.

"Heart of My Heart" is done with a quiet band and a velvety vocal. It's called old fashioned harmony. The style is "Sophisticated Swing," which is the name of a new album by Les Elgart.

points when I played in an elementary basketball game against Lincoln."

**Marsha Root** — "Cutting a rabbit up in biology (Ha)!"

**Karen Runyon** — "I don't remember."

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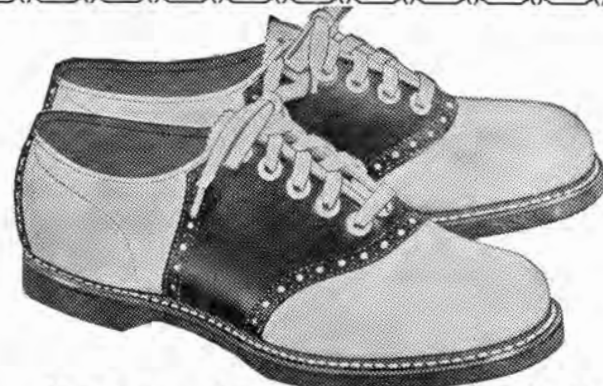
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# EAGLES UNDEFEATED; CONFERENCE GAME TONIGHT

## Team Nips Seantors

The John Adams Eagles started and finished their game against East Chicago Washington in champion-like style to run our unbeaten streak to three games. The game was played on the East Chicago Roosevelt floor on December 1.

The Eagles started very fast, and with only 3:30 minutes gone, they had piled up an 11 to 2 advantage. However, the Senators came to and pumped in 8 quick points. The rest of the first quarter was evenly played with the score ending 16 to 14, our favor.

In the second quarter East Chicago began to pull away, and at one time they led 30 to 20. However, fine floorwork by Tom Goldsberry, Bob Klowetter, Chuck LaPierre, and Larry Van Dusen kept the Eagles within 7 points at halftime, 35 to 28.

In the third quarter, the Senators again began to pull away, but fine rebounding by Dick Green, Dick Quealy, and Jerry Thompson gave the Eagles control of the ball, and a chance to narrow the lead. The quarter ended with the Calumet team commanding a 47 to 42 score.

In the fourth quarter the Eagles stayed 5 points behind until only three minutes remained. In these three minutes, free throws by Goldsberry, Van Dusen, and Thompson proved to be the margin of victory. Two of these points came as a result of a technical foul called against the Senator's coach.

This win snapped a previously unbeaten record of the East Chicago team, and set their record at 1-1. Jerry Thompson and Dick Green led the Eagles scoring with 24 and 14 points respectively.

## Varsity Routs Culver

The John Adams Eagles romped to their fourth straight win as they smashed the Culver Indians by a score of 67 to 25. Coupled with losses by Riley and Washington, this leaves Adams the only undefeated team in the South Bend-Mishawaka area.

The December 5 game started very

fast with Jerry Thompson scoring 6 points in the first 2 minutes to send the Eagles ahead to stay. At the end of the first quarter of play, Culver had been able to score only 8 points. With Dick Green, Tom Goldsberry, and Jerry Thompson controlling both backboards, the Indians scored only 4 points in the second stanza, as we led 34 to 12 at halftime.

The third quarter didn't change the story at all, as it took Culver 5 minutes and 46 seconds to score. Meanwhile, Thompson kept scoring, and by the game's end Jerry had amassed 32 points.

The fourth quarter was much the same, with Warren Seaborg using the entire team. Adams "practiced" stalling the last three minutes, and it proved very effective.

Tom Troeger, Paul Edgerton, and Gene Personett donned varsity uniforms for the first time this season, and they all scored.

## TEAM FACES GOSHEN, WARSAW OVER WEEKEND

Tonight the Eagles will face their first conference foe in the Goshen High School gym. On Saturday the team will play host to the ever-tough Warsaw quintet, in what appears to be a real battle.

Adams bolsters a seven to six series edge going into the Goshen game tonight. The Redskins thus far have been very unimpressive, and the Eagles should bag their first conference win of the current season.

In tomorrow night's game the team will sport a two to one series edge. Last year the Eagles won from Warsaw on the latter's floor, and we are expected to win tonight and run the series edge up one notch.

Both tilts will begin at 8:00 with the B-games starting at 6:45.



Junior-forward, **Richard William Green**, known to his teammates as "Whitey," is one of the most promising players the team has produced in several years. Thus far this season his scoring ability and drive have been of great value to the team.

Dick stands 6'2", weighs 170 pounds, and has very light blond hair. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 2, 1937. His family moved to South Bend when he was seven years old. Although Dick's basketball years date back to the sixth grade at Jefferson school, he said, "I really didn't find myself until this year." His other sports activities at Adams include tennis, in which he won a letter, and baseball.

Most of Dick's spare time is spent listening to swing records, preferably by Glen Miller. His favorite meal consists of ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy. His plans for the future include a course in Engineering at Purdue.

We would like to state that the omission of Tom Goldsberry and Tom Troeger in the coming series "Player of the Week" is intentional because of their recognition in the football series.

As for our chances this year, Dick says, "Everybody on the team has the ability and drive to win. We can beat all the city teams, or they could beat us. If the Booster Club will provide the school spirit to back us up, we'll be able to come through. It means a lot to the team members to know that the school is behind them all the way."

## B-team Wins Three

The B-team won their first three games of the season with victories over Washington-Clay, Lew Wallace, and East Chicago Washington. The starting team for the games was Eugene Personett, Tom Angus or Fal Harris, Paul Edgerton, Don Moffett, and Walt Poehlman.

Personett paced the B-team in their win over Washington-Clay with 14 points as the team won 46 to 38. Harris was the high-scorer in the Gary Lew Wallace game with 7 points as we won the game 39 to 19. In our 41 to 33 win over the Senators from East Chicago, Moffett led the scoring with a total of 14 points.

## Swimmers Start Monday

The swimming team, captained by Norm Grimshaw, will start their season with a meet against LaPorte Monday in the Public Natatorium. The "mariners" will also travel to Culver on December 16 to meet the Culver Military Academy team in a dual meet.

A total of 21 boys are on the team's roster. After Christmas the team, coached by Mr. Joseph Laiber, will open up a more extensive schedule.

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