



## JUNIOR GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Panel discussions, skits, and talks by various speakers are being planned for the second semester of the year by the Junior Guidance Council. On February 15, a panel discussion will be held on Pulp Magazines. A discussion on Mental Health will be given by an outside speaker on February 22. In March, the topics planned are Budgeting Time and Finance, and Summer Employment.

From March 15 - May 10, each junior homeroom is to be responsible for one of the following topics: Adjustment to School, Adjustment to Parents and Home, Boy and Girl Relations, Adjustment to Church, and Getting Along with Friends. The homerooms will either give a skit, conduct a panel discussion or have a speaker discuss their topic. Each homeroom group will then go to the other junior sponsor rooms and present its topic. Concluding the series of topics, on May 17, a panel of senior class sponsors and students from the present senior class will give a panel discussion on Adjustment to the Senior Year.

## Seal Sales Reaches \$209

Home room representatives to the Junior Red Cross, who were responsible for the annual Christmas Seal Sale, collected \$209.03. Room 109 collected the highest amount—\$43.15. The home room held a paper drive and a bake sale while the drive was in progress and turned over the receipts to help fight T.B. Home rooms 209, 113, 102, and 111 followed in that order. More money was contributed this year than in previous years.



**Jan. 25**—Final exams for 4th, 5th, and 6th hour classes.

**Jan. 26**—Final exams for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hour classes.  
Pep Assembly 11:25-11:40 a.m.  
School dismissed at 11:40 a.m.

**Jan. 27**—No school.

**Jan. 28**—Report cards issued at 8:20  
Mid-Year Prom 9:00-12:00 p.m.

## Singer Company Announces Scholarships

The Singer Manufacturing Company, South Bend Works, announces the formation of two four-year college scholarships of two hundred and twenty-five dollars per year each. To be eligible, recipients must be sons or daughters of employees of the South Bend Works who were employed as of April 7, 1954. They must be high school graduates, having graduated in the upper third of their class in 1954 or 1955. Scholarships will be available for the school year, 1955-56 and for the succeeding three school years, providing the recipient maintains an 80 average with no deficiencies. They will be awarded for use only at an accredited four-year American college or university.

Need for financial assistance will be given consideration, as well as scholarship record and ability. Two candidates will be selected and two alternates named in order of their selection. Recipients and alternates will be notified of their selection by July 15, 1955. Scholarship chairman for John Adams is Mr. Russell Rothermel.

Application forms will be available in the principal's office and at the Singer Manufacturing Company offices by February 1, 1955. All applications must be completed and submitted to Mr. Rothermel no later than June 15, 1955. As part of his application, each applicant will be required to submit a statement, not exceeding 500 words, as to why he desires to be a recipient of this scholarship. If a recipient fails to complete any part of his four-year college program for any reason, the alternates named, if they are desirous and needy of assistance, shall be awarded the balance of the scholarship.

## James Dincolo Wins First Place in Speech Contest

John Adams High School, at the annual Extemporaneous Speaking Contest of the St. Joseph Valley Forensic League, won a first place. James Dincolo, speaking about The Effect of Free Trade on U.S. Labor, was awarded first place by the five judges.

Each of the five schools attending was allowed two speakers. Adams' other speaker was Janet Golba. The general topic for the session was "Free Trade Among Friendly Nations."

Other Debate Club members attending the contest were Joan Jacobs, Michael Phillips, and William James.

## NATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY ORGANIZES AT JOHN ADAMS

A National Thespian Society is being organized at Adams in connection with our Drama Club. There are 27 members of the Drama Club who, having earned 10 points through work in the club, are eligible for membership in Thespians.

Thespians is a national club organized for the purpose of promoting interest in dramatic arts in high schools. Mishawaka, the only school in this area with a Thespian Society, will initiate our group the second week in February in the Little Theatre. Members of the Adams Thespian Society will be required to act in one dramatic production each semester. Dues will be 75 cents a year. Mr. Brady will be the club sponsor.



**Miss Jane Horner**, a senior at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana, will be a student teacher here from January 17 until March 11. Miss Horner will divide her time between Miss Puterbaugh's business education classes and Miss Moberg's library duties. She will teach Typewriting II, Shorthand IV, and assist in the library.

In high school Miss Horner won first place in a county typing contest with 80 words per minute and second place in shorthand with 140 words a minute. In college her highest typing speed has been 135 words a minute. During her high school days, Miss Horner was the basketball queen for two years, prom queen, and carnival queen.

Miss Horner is a member of PI Omega Pi and Pamorista Who's Who honor sororities and is active in the Student Council and class activities. She is also a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority and the Alpha Beta Alpha Commerce Club. After graduation from college, Miss Horner plans to teach business education.

## Jr. T. B. League Schedules Talk

At the regular monthly meeting of the Jr. T. B. League held in December, it was decided to have Kent Keller, of Adams, talk to the group at their January meeting on his experiences in Europe this past summer.

## MID-YEAR PROM TO BE HELD JANUARY 28

### Mickey Isley to Play

Each of the four public high schools in South Bend has a special assignment for the All-City Public High School Prom to be held Friday, January 28, from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Indiana Club.

Central has made arrangements with the Indiana Club and with Mickey Isley's band and will make the financial report of the prom. Riley is in charge of tickets, and Washington is handling invitations and the Grand March. Adams is taking care of publicity with Donald Smith, senior class president, acting as chairman. Posters are being drawn by Larry Weaver, and Mary Ann Anderson is in charge of newspaper and radio announcements.

Tickets are now on sale for \$2 a couple. One member of each couple must be an Adams senior or alumnus.

Since the dance is a school-sponsored affair, no fresh flowers will be permitted.

Tickets may be purchased from the following people until 4:00 p.m. on the 28th: Linda Heitger and Janet Golba, 103; David Bessler, 107; Kay Oedekerck and Robert Nelson, 108; Pat Bourdon, 112; Sandra Wright, Library; Donald Smith and William Waechter, 209; and Mary Kline, 22.

## Waltons Resume Work

One of the newest projects of the Adams Waltons is to secure sufficient funds for housing and providing food to sustain birds through the winter months. "For the Birds" is the inscription accompanying the miniature gunny sack in Biology room 208. Funds placed in the gunny sack will be used to provide for homeless birds.

The Waltons' Christmastime project was to fill food baskets for needy families. Each member was assigned to bring certain foods for preparing a well-balanced and well-assorted Christmas food basket.

In addition to this, a supplementary Christmastime project was to go caroling. The caroling was in conjunction with the distribution of the food baskets.



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## GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

For those of you who are reading this editorial because you deem this particular column worthy of some attention, read no further. It is not necessary that you heed the following. But to those of you who have absorbed all the gossip, humorous stories, other feature and sports articles, and are reading this for lack of anything better to do, bear with me.

The intentions of this paper are many and varied. We constantly aim to inform you. The first page of the Tower presents information about school functions, meetings, plays, student accomplishments, the weekly calendar, etc. Along in the information department we have sports articles on the fourth page. These may include recounts of previous games, and listings of future games, and accounts of the swimming, track, and wrestling meets besides football, basketball, and baseball. Supplementing our informant articles are the features to be found on pages two and three. They are intended to amuse, puzzle, and sometimes even surprise you. The gossip column does inform people from week to week about the current dating combinations and events concerning Adams students.

The majority of John Adams students read only the gossip column and the sports items. Once, when the suggestion had been made that we dispense with the gossip column, any number of Adamites firmly stated that they would not subscribe to the paper in the future. Certainly features are eye catching as are the sports items, but very few of you realize what you are missing when you glance over news articles or editorials aimed at helping you. How many times a week do you pester your home room teacher with questions concerning future school events? How many times is it necessary for special notices to be put in the weekly bulletins about keeping the school grounds clean, or when you will be able to buy tickets to an up-and-coming play? Not nearly so many repetitions would be necessary if you would simply pay more attention to the news aimed to arm you with information. Try to remember the next time you pick up your Tower to read the news, as well as the rest of the paper!

—A Tower Reporter.

## MY CREED

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon — if I can. I seek opportunity — not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia.

I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a hand-out. It is my heritage to think and to act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations, and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. All this is what it means to be an American.

—By DEAN ALFANGE  
From Reader's Digest.

## Daffynitions

- Adult** — One who has stopped growing at both ends, and begun growing in the middle.
- Bolder** — What a girl becomes when she finds she is not the only pebble on the beach.
- Cashier** — A man that really counts.
- Quartet** — Four men singing together with each one thinking the other three can't sing.
- Police Station** — Where you can sleep in a pinch.
- Lady** — A girl who makes it easy for a boy to be a gentleman.
- Husband** — The one who wears the pants, only with an apron over them.
- Zoo** — A place where peaceful animals are protected from savage human beings.
- Mummy** — One who has just suffered a long coffin spell.
- Ignoramus** — A fellow who doesn't agree with your point of view.

## Know Your Juniors

Weight, 150 . . . height, 5'9" . . . eyes, brown . . . on cross country team . . . homeroom 208 . . . brown hair . . . first hour English . . . quite the man about town . . . drives a '53 Studebaker . . . always trying to get rid of his dog.

Height, 5'5" . . . eyes, blue . . . blonde hair . . . homeroom 113 . . . came from Nuner . . . has U. S. History first hour . . . her theme song is "He's in the Army Now."

Blue eyes . . . surly brown hair . . . height, 6'1" . . . on football team . . . goes steady with Sharon G. . . captain of next year's football team . . . came from Nuner . . . homeroom 205.

Long brown hair . . . blue eyes . . . wears glasses . . . height 5'4" . . . weight, 112 (nicely distributed) . . . homeroom 205 . . . 2nd hour Latin V . . . studies Chemistry constantly . . . always saying "It's just as leave."

## MISS WOOD ANSWERS HER SOB MAIL

Dear Miss Wood:

I'm slowly going crazy. My boyfriend refuses to go with me because I'm so dumb. I try to be intelligent but it just doesn't work. My boyfriend told me to go back to school — but the teachers told me the classes weren't simple enough for me to attend.

I'm so irritated. Will you help me?  
Your friend --  
Irma

Dear Irma:

John Adams will be glad to have you, I'm sure.

Fire Wood

Dear Miss Wood:

Everytime I take a girl to the show she always wants me to get up and take her home when it's about half over. She always has an excuse to tell me. Sometimes she is only allowed to stay out a short time, or she has a headache, or her hair needs washing, or she has to do it up, or some other excuse that I know isn't true. Can you please help me?

Freddy

Dear Freddy:

I advise you to carry a box of aspirin and a glass of water with you.

Fire Wood

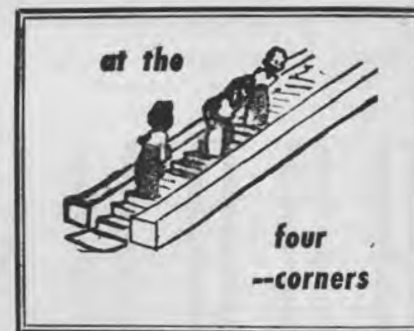
Dear Miss Wood:

I am a private secretary to a millionaire. I am hopelessly in love with him. There is only one trouble, he has a wife and eight children. I always try to be helpful to him to make him notice me. Why, just the other day I put his pipe and slippers by his desk. He doesn't smoke, but I read where a good wife always has her husband's pipe and slippers by his chair when he comes in. He was very mad though. A big client slipped on the slippers and broke his leg and is suing my boss for \$40,000. Can you help me win this man away from his wife?

I. Want Money

Dear Miss I. Want Money:

Where did you say you worked?  
Fire Wood



Hello again! Four corners is in the usual frenzy once more 'talkin' about the all-too-quick passing of Christmas Vacation into the blue, the flashy finery our chicks and guys are sporting, the departure of the collegiates and the sudden droop of their gals' shoulders, the still-sore tootsies from all the dances, the problem of keeping crumbling corsages; and, as usual, basketball, basketball, and more basketball.

Bill Smith has staked his claim 'fer' sure in the freshman class. Our assayer's report shows her to be **Beverly Tompkins**. Congratulations.

Date duos for one of the last dances of vacation were **Jim Kanouse** and **Judy Heron**, **Wayne Benner** and **Lynne Heintzelman**, **Charlie Morse** (Ashville) and **Lynne Thomas**, and **Nancie Hultin** and **Don Caron**.

Seen around on cloud nine lately is **Mardine Kline**. She and **Paul Szymanski** (I. U.) began the new year by going steady. Best way we can think of.

**Barb Hatton** is thinking of trying to stretch all of her rope pearls, end to end, across the United States from New York to San Francisco.

**Sandi Brecht** seems sky bound since **Bruce Dwyer** asked her out last Saturday night.

**Sue Wood** and **Wendy Heron** claim to number among the very few who have a two-humped camel in a farm barnyard! Come on now, girls, 'fess up!

Longer hair rates as the trend of the moment. Now, are there any suggestions as to how to make it grow faster?

**Andy Cobb** seemed to have her eye on **Bob Bondurant** (Culver) those last waning days of vacation. We're in the dark about the situation as to how positive or negative the results were though.

Hear tell quite a few Adamsites looked forward to coming back to school for a "rest" from vacation.

**Judy Weiss** was heard saying, "It is a crime we have to come back to school the day after vacation."

**Lynne Lachmann's** vacation was complete when **Larry Kedzie** (Army) greeted **Klowie** and her with his favorite introductory salute. She wouldn't reveal what it was, but you might try quizzing either **Klowie** or **Wendy**.

Our advice goes to **Diane Allmon** this week: Be good — and what's the rest?

**Margaret Sue Reed** is sporting some "new jewelry" as of Christmas eve. **Dick Shaw** (alum.) is the owner.

That's all for now, with the parting reminder, keep up your team spirit and really back up the basketball boys!

## Know Juniors Answers

Bill Walton.  
Jackie Hackett.  
Keith Malcolm.  
Alice Hennion.



## WHAT IF . . .

Janice were a monk instead of an Abbott?  
 Larry were a butcher instead of a Baker?  
 Dick were dressed instead of Bare?  
 Joan were a baritone instead of a Bass?  
 Nancy were vodka instead of Champagne?  
 Dick were an admiral instead of an Ensign?  
 Carl were a hunter instead of a Fisher?  
 Mildred were a spear instead of a Lantz?  
 Larry were a high man instead of a Lowman?  
 Carol were a coward instead of Noble?  
 Janice were acorns instead of Oakes?  
 Shirley were a pauper instead of Rich?  
 Phil were a walker instead of a Rider?  
 Joe were a tinker instead of a Taylor?  
 Nancy were a bib instead of a Tucker?

Bob baby sit  
 Baby cry  
 Bob Walker

Yvonne hear  
 Yvonne get angry  
 Yvonne Popp

Larry work too much  
 Larry get tired  
 Larry Crabb

Bob suspicious  
 Bob sly  
 Bob Hood

Don cry  
 Don weep  
 Don Ball

Bob lay in sun  
 Bob get sun tan  
 Bob Brown

Maureen forward  
 Maureen outspoken  
 Maureen Frank

Jo Ann kiss  
 Jo Ann hug  
 Jo Ann Buss

## How to Make Yourself Unhappy

1. Think about yourself.
2. Talk about yourself.
3. Use "I" as often as possible.
4. Mirror yourself continually in the opinion of others.
5. Listen greedily to what people say about you.
6. Expect to be appreciated.
7. Be suspicious, jealous, and envious.
8. Be sensitive to slights.
9. Never forgive a criticism.
10. Trust nobody but yourself.
11. Insist on consideration and respect.
12. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.
13. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favors shown them.
14. Shirk your duties if you can.
15. Love yourself supremely.

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## THE PUN

"A pun is the lowest form of wit," It does not tax the brain a bit; One merely takes a word that's plain And picks one out that sounds the same. Perhaps one later may be changed Or others slightly disarranged, This to the meaning gives a twist, Which much delights the humorist; A sample now may help to show The way a good pun ought to go: "It isn't the cough that carries you off, It's the coffin they carry you off in."

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## WASHINGTON RETAINS HOLIDAY CROWN

Washington's Panthers retained their holiday crown by rolling over St. Joe and edging Mishawaka in a double overtime, 51-49. Ed Jerzak made himself the most popular man at Washington by dropping in the winning basket in the sudden-death overtime.

The 1,800 fans saw little excitement in the first two games of the tourney as Mishawaka defeated Adams, 60-49, and Washington downed St. Joseph. However, Thursday night the fans were treated to a scoring spree by Adams as they blasted the Indians, 82-47. Washington and Mishawaka staged one of the most exciting games of the year with the Panthers double-overtime defeat of Mishawaka.

Adams' 82 points was high for city schools so far this season. The Indians of St. Joe never enjoyed the lead as Adams pulled away through the whole game and ended the game with a 35-point margin.

Washington led Mishawaka through the whole game, but the Cavemen managed to tie the score at 47-47 at the end of the regular game. In the first overtime, Mishawaka scored first to make it 49-47, then Hill made a beautiful lay-up to knot the score again. Both teams had two or three chances to end the game in the sudden death overtime before Jerzak took a long pass from down court and scored the winning basket with nary a Caveman near him.

### Intramural Standings

#### Junior - Senior

|              | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Ball         | 4   | 0    |
| Freedberg    | 3   | 1    |
| Quimby       | 3   | 1    |
| Johnson      | 2   | 2    |
| Kramer       | 2   | 2    |
| Heater       | 1   | 3    |
| Mikesell     | 1   | 3    |
| Vanderhayden | 0   | 4    |

#### Freshman - Sophomore

|          | Won | Lost |
|----------|-----|------|
| Conley   | 4   | 0    |
| Pence    | 4   | 0    |
| Freshley | 3   | 1    |
| Magnuson | 3   | 1    |
| Mitchell | 1   | 3    |
| Rhoads   | 1   | 3    |
| Mabrey   | 0   | 4    |
| Nichols  | 0   | 4    |

### Matmen Lose Match

The Adams wrestling team lost their first match of the season 24-20 at Crown Point, December 17. The Eagles won six out of the twelve matches. The difference in the score came when Crown Point won more matches via the pin route.

Collecting points for Adams were —Hogan, 103 lbs., Ross, 112 lbs., Skodinski, 138 lbs., Baird, 154 lbs., Quimby, 165 lbs., and Heater, heavy-weight.

The Eagles last match was held January 12 with Howe Military but the results came to late to print. Adams will have their first home meet next Monday against Niles.

## Tankers Beaten

In their first conference meet of the season, the Eagle swimmers lost to LaPorte, 40-35. Captain Steve Strang took first in the breast stroke and tied for first with Zieke of LaPorte in the individual medley. Adams medley relay team of Henneon, Fitzsimmons, and Olander also won.

In a pre-season meet Culver's state champions downed the Eagles, 57-15.

### Eagles Host Airedales

Hartford City will invade John Adams tomorrow night for the Eagle's thirteenth basketball game of the season. This will be the second meeting of the two teams. The Airedales won last year's game, 53-52, in overtime.

The Eagles will have revenge in mind against a team which has one thing that has been the most troublesome to the Eagles this year, height. All members of the Hartford City team are 6 feet tall or over including Cecil Beeson, a sophomore, who towers 6' 5".

The "B" game will start at 6:45 and the varsity game at 8:00.

## Mishawaka Edges Cagers

A seemingly throwaway shot spelled the difference between a probable victory and defeat as Dallas Acrey hit a field goal from mid-court at the end of the first half. The two points seemed fairly unimportant at the time but later proved to be the difference in score as Mishawaka downed Adams 63-61, January 6. The victory was the second Mishawaka has had over the Eagles this year, including the Holiday tourney. Leroy Johnson scored 30 points for Mishawaka, 22 in the last half, and took scoring honors for the game.

The first quarter saw the lead change hands several times with the score tied at the first whistle, 14 apiece. The Eagles hit only nine points in the second period and the score at the half was 28-23 in favor of Mishawaka. The Cavemen increased their lead to 8 points at the end of the third quarter. Scoring a brilliant 25 points in the last quarter, the Eagles closed the gap but couldn't quite catch Mishawaka.

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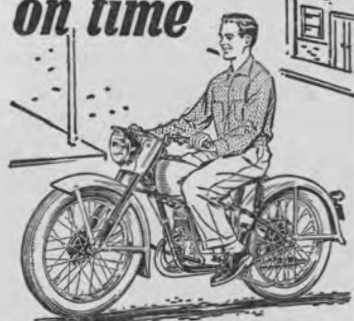
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