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## 'Posados' Celebrated By Spanish Classes

Have you ever wondered how the Spanish-Americans observed Christmas? Miss Helen Law's Spanish III classes celebrated it in the same manner this year. The Spanish-Americans observe Christmas on December 16 through 25, representing the time of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. "Posados," meaning inn, is the Spanish name given to this joyous occasion. In order to re-enact the great difficulty that Mary and Joseph had in finding a place to sleep, the Spanish-Americans, as the Spanish classes did in a similar manner, form a procession made up of Mary, Joseph, and other friends and travelers. This procession goes from house to house supposedly seeking a resting place. Finally, at a chosen home, they are accepted where there is a beautiful nativity scene, or "nacimiento." Prayers are offered and all join in singing carols. The children serve a pastry to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds.

Those who took part in the program in the 3rd and 6th hours, respectively, were: la madre (the mother), Sue Bowman and Helen Williams; el padre (the father), Bob Howerton and Sidney Polk; los hijos (the children), John McCormick, Carol Boros, Suzanne Schwanz, and Dick Wattles; los peregrinos (the pilgrims), Barry Quimby, Bill Waterson, Trudy Hilburn, and Tom Swindeman; Mary, Cathryn Donahue and Karen Keller; Joseph, Ron Cohen and Charles Broyles.

Shortly before Christmas vacation, the Spanish III classes listed all the new Spanish words they learned from their study of the Spanish-American celebration of this holiday. The student who learned the most words will receive a prize. The Spanish I classes will play games, sing songs, and do other customs pertaining to Christmas.

### Hi-Y Prepares Baskets For Needy Families

Members of the Adams Hi-Y have prepared baskets of food for needy families for Christmas this year. Donations of canned food stuffs were brought to school during the past week, and today the members will fill the baskets with these donations. Tomorrow they will take the baskets to the Welfare Department who will then distribute them to needy families in this community.



# Christmas Assembly To Feature Play

The members of Thespians and the Drama Club under the direction of Mr. William Brady, sponsor, will present the annual Christmas school play today, Friday, December 21.

The presentation is a one-act play entitled, "The Littlest Shepherd," which was written by Ryerson and Clements. The cast is composed of Gayle Heyn as the narrator; Jim Weir, the littlest shepherd; Sue Stoner, the little girl; Mary Horning, Mary; Fred Kuemmerle, Joseph; Julie Ebeling, the angel; Howard Rosenbaum, Stuart Chaden, Bob Ziker, wise men; and Dave Brownell, Ron Medow, and Lee Chaden as the three shepherds. Linda Harvey is the student director.

Behind the scenes are others who have also contributed their time to the preparation of this play. Ron Weaver is the stage manager and his committee consists of Jim Weir, Ron Wallace, Janet Lovelace, Terry Lehr, Ron Medow, Barry Liss, and Dave Hartenbower. Helen Eby heads the costumes committee which consists of Beth Ryon, Pat Rusk, Mary Horn, and Carol Nace. The make-up com(Continued on Page 3, Column 1)

#### Pins Presented to Senior Class Officers

The 1957 Senior Class officers received class pins with guards symbolizing their office in a general class meeting in the auditorium on the morning of December 14.

The pins were presented to the officers by Sharon Gyorgyi, secretary of the Class of 1956. The pins were part of a gift which the Class of 1956 gave to the school upon graduation. A fund was set up for the purchase of senior class officers' pins by the Class of 1956 for future classes.

The officers of the Class of 1957 are Pete Sherman, president; Joe Barnette, vice-president; Sandy Mitchell, secretary; and Shirley Norton, treasurer. Pete Sherman also gave a report on the progress of the senior class project, "Adams Hours."

#### Saturnalia Held By Advanced Latin Class

Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek's second hour advanced Latin class held a Saturnalia celebration in class on Thursday, December 20. The Roman Saturnalia is similar to our celebration of Christmas. Carol Hertel is in charge of refreshments, and Kaye Jamieson is in charge of entertainment.

#### Latin I Classes Hold Roman Saturnalias

The members of Mr. George Carroll's Latin I classes celebrated the Roman Saturnalia which corresponds similarly with our celebration of Christmas. The members of the classes sang Roman songs which they had learned, played games, and learned about Roman customs. The room was decorated in a Roman motif, favors were made, and refreshments were served.

The general chairman of the first hour Saturnalia was Carol Schiller. Bill Hammes was in charge of the program, and Sharon Strong, refreshments; Kitty Clark, decorations; Cynthia Heritage, favors, and Mary Schmidt, clean-up, were other chairmen for their class.

The third hour class Saturnalia was headed by Tom Pearson who was also in charge of the program. Other chairmen were Howard Rosenbaum, refreshments; Pat Bezeredy, decorations; Ethel Martin, favors; and Mark Camblin, clean-up.

Terry Lehr was the general chairman for the Saturnalia in the fourth hour Latin I class. Other chairmen were Pam Miller, program; Judy Carlson, refreshments; Dorothy Nemeth, decorations; Linda Farian, favors; and Bill Williamson, clean-up.

The general chairman of the sixth hour class celebration was Jim Galba. Chairmen of other phases of the celebration of the Roman Saturnalia were Joyce Longfellow, program; Sharon Rothenberger, refreshments; Janice Shoemaker, decorations; Cathy Fischgrund, favors; and Rodney Robinson, clean-up.

### CLUBS DECORATE ROOMS AND HALLS

Have you noticed the Christmas decorations around the school these past two weeks? The colorful story of "The Night Before Christmas" painted in murals, bells, snowflakes, wreathes, and Christmas trees in the home rooms all over the building are the results of the hard work of three Adams clubs. Tuesday night, December 11, the Student Council and the Hi-Y under the direction of Tom Horn, Student Council president, put up the Christmas decorations.

The members of the Y-Teens put up the Christmas tree at the Tower door entrance and decorated it. The tree and decorations will be up until Christmas vacation. The Student Council home room representatives were in charge of the decorations in the home rooms.



#### The Christmas Season

Christmas is a joyous and happy season. It is the season of snow, bells ringing, choirs singing, and most of all it is the season of giving.

Christmas isn't just seeing how many presents one can receive, or how much money one can spend, but it is the joyous and religious season. At Christmas time one can help many people, not just his friends. One way to do this is to support the Christmas Seal drive, or to give presents to the underprivileged children.

It doesn't mean just receiving presents, but it means the giving as well. Christmas doesn't mean going to parties, dances, and having lots to eat.

Christmas is the season of happiness. All of the sons and daughters are home from college, overseas, or to visit their folks. Everyone has the spirit of Christmas, and to me, that is what makes it the season it is.

-Barbara Horka.

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## The Shepherd's Calendar

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His birth bed shall be neither In housen or in hall, Nor in the place of paradise But in the oxen's stall.

He neither shall be rocked In silver nor in gold, But in the wooden manger That lieth on the mould.

He neither shall be washen With white wine nor with red, But with the fair spring water That on you shall be shed.

He neither shall be clothed In purple nor in pall But in the fair white linen That usen babies all!

As Joseph was a-walking Thus did the angel sing And Mary's Son at midnight Was born to be our King.

Then be you glad good people At this time of year And light you up your candles For His star it shineth clear.

> -From "Westward Ho" By Charles Kingsley.



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- -one petite mistletoe chapeau

## John Adams Tower

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At home we celebrate Christmas as a pure family event. It is the time of the year when we spend days not only with our own little families, but also with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins if they do not live too far

The four weeks in Advent leading into Christmas Eve, which we celebrate in honor of Christ's birth as all Christian countries, may be a little different from here.

In Norway almost every child has an Advent calendar. It is usually a square picture with doors in it. The doors have numbers on them from one to twenty-five, and the children open each day starting December 1. Small pictures inside the door symbolize different duties in connection with Christmas such as the decoration of the Christmas tree, wrapping of gifts, baking cookies, etc.

We also have a custom whereby many school children and families make a spruce garland with four candles, each symbolizing a Sunday in Advent. The first Sunday one light is burning, second Sunday two, next three, and finally all four.

In our home country in December yiu will find the stores all decorated up with Christmas decorations like here. Santa Claus is a permanent guest everywhere. In the streets we even have decorations, evergreen spruce with candles. On the marketplaces in every town, each year the communities put up a huge Christmas tree with a lot of bright lights, not colored.

In the homes every family has a tree, which isn't a Christmas tree if it isn't spruce, and natural green. In our family we usually have one which reaches the ceiling. We decorate our trees much like you do, with candles, glitter, flags, and colored glass bulbs, and on the top a star.

Christmas Eve day everyone stops working at noon, and the family event starts. In the afternoon at four or six o'clock there are services in every church, and everyone goes to these services. The people in Norway do not go to church very often and Christmas Eve may be the only day they find their way to church in the whole year. After a short service around the Christmas gospel, all church bells ring. Christmas has come and everyone wishes each other "Merry Christmas." Everyone then goes to their family dinners. Before it was a custom that everyone had a meal with a sort of fish soaked in lye, "lutefisk," but since no one seems to like it anymore, we usually have a dinner of steak. After dinner we sit and rest for a while until we are ready for coffee and cookies. When everyone seems to have gotten enough food, we all go around the Christmas tree for a while singing carols. Then the event to which all the children look forward to, has come. Santa Claus is coming with the gifts in a big sack on his back. After talking a while he starts distributing the gifts and everyone is happy.

On Christmas Day we have a big family breakfast, with a lot of special delicious Christmas food. Afterwards the family usually goes off to church. Both in our Lutheran State Churches and other smaller churches there are services at 11 a.m. Coming home (Continued on Page 3, Column 2) s

Christmas in Norway The Christmas Holiday

The most joyous and blessed day of the year is December 25, when Christmas is celebrated all over the world.

On Christmas Eve in Bethlehem, a long procession winds through the narrow streets. At its head march the church dignitaries and priests. Their magnificent robes glisten in the light of their candles. They carry a tiny cradle, in it is an image of the Infant Jesus.

Christmas is a joyous religious feast. Fortunate American youngsters enjoy an exciting day of gifts, sparkling Christmas trees, red and white candy canes, and a wonderful Christmas dinner.

Giving presents is part of Christmas. The custom goes back to the ancient Romans, who distributed gifts during their mid-winter festival. In the Bible, the wise men brought gifts to the Christ Child the 12th day after His birth.

Several scholars belive the Christmas tree began in early Rome, also. Tree worship was common in Scandinavian countries. When the pagans of North Europe became Christians, they made their sacred evergreen trees part of the Christmas celebration and decorated them with golden nuts, candles, and apples to symbolize the sun, stars, and moon.

Traditional songs, called carols, add to the beauty and fellowship of the Christmas season. They probably began in the early church, when, accompanied by songs of joy, told of the Christ's birth. Through the centuries, musicians wrote new carols, some sacred and others in celebration of the feasting.

Preparations to make the yule season the cheeriest of the year begin long before Christmas Day. Right after Thanksgiving the stores put on their very best decorations. Street lights are gayly decorated with candles. On every street corner you can see and hear Salvation Army booths, which play Christmas carols all day long.

The Christmas celebration helps thousands of persons make a living. They range from American manufacturers to glass blowers in Germany and Japan, who make ornaments.

Christmas is indeed a joyous time let's all try to make this Christmas the best Christmas ever.

## BEST OF THE MONTH

Song-"In the Garden of Eden" Couple-Sue Metcalfe and Terry Conley.

Movie-"The Girl He Left Behind" Dance-"Castle Rock" Assembly—Christmas Vespers Project-T. B. Seal Sale Senior-Joe Barnette Junior-Phyllis Plotkin Sophomore-Ron Cohen Freshman-Susie Nelson Book-"Merry Xmas, Mr. Baxter"

#### **Mathematics** Puzzle Problem

Answer to last week's puzzle: 369,570.

Problem: The combined ages of a factory and its annex are 40 years. When the factory building was as old as the annex is now, it was twice as old as the annex was then. How old is the building and the annex?

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### Chistmas Assembly -- Cont.

mittee consists of Brenda Barritt, chairman, Mary Horning, Caryl Fitz-simmons, and Fred Kuemmerle. Wendy Fischgrund and Sue Welber are in charge of properties for the play.

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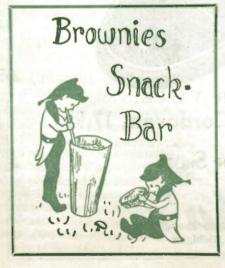
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## Christmas In Norway

(Continued from Page Two) again we sit around and read a new book or maybe play a new game. Soon, however, another traditional dinner is here, and we eat again.

It is not considered proper to visit friends the first day of Christmas. It is a family event. However, we have a second day of Christmas. Then we usually go around and visit friends and talk.

All kinds of Christmas parties and dances all start now. Different clubs for children have parties where most of the time they go around the Christmas tree singing. Of course, Santa Claus appears, too, and they have a good time together. On all these parties Santa Claus brings a little bag of goodies to every child.

In the period between Christmas Day and New Year's Day the families can also risk to be visited by some crazy looking kids or grown-ups, dressed like Santa Claus in many cases. They go around from house to house and want some goodies like you have it on Halloween. Sometimes they sing Christmas carols for the family in return.

Christmas in Norway is not actually over before the 6th of January, when everyone throws their Christmas tree out, and starts looking forward to next Christmas.

-Drude Koren Edgeir Benum.

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Drude Koren—Receiving the A.F.S. Scholarship.

John Thompson—Being asked for my opinion for the Inquiring Reporter when I couldn't think of anything to say.

Joe Root-I agree with John.

Charlene Cox—Winning the championship.

Nancy Hile—The bus trip to Hammond—bus 7.

Pat Rantz—Beating "ole Central."

Jacquie McKinney—My "itty bitty"

party.
Judy Leach—Not in the past but in the future, December 27 and 28.

Phyllis Plotkin—Dropping my tray in the cafeteria at the University of Michigan.

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Dave Getzinger—"I resolve to absolutely and positively stay away from girls. There are too many pitfalls."

Ray Woodward—"But, Dave, what a way to fall!"

Bob Fischer—"I resolve not to make a New Year's resolution."

Carol Boroz—"I resolve not to tease Jim about his little ole' Studie."

Jim Downs—"I resolve to be a good boy and do the opposite of what Getz is going to do."

John Wilcox—"I resolve to drive slower."

Fred Stave—"I resolve not to run up people's porches."

Henry Spagnola—"I resolve to give up spaghetti for breakfast."

Linda Ebeling—"I resolve to love my sister like a good girl."

Mike Badger—"I never think of the future, it comes soon enough."

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#### CITY HANDS EAGLES 1ST CONFERENCE LOSS

Michigan City evened the Adams basketball conference record at one win and one loss last Friday 53-39 in Michigan City. The Eagles took an 11-10 lead in the first quarter but never threatened City again. James Bechinski's accurate long shots pulled the Red Devils away late in the first quarter. The halftime score was 31-17.

Ken Parker, Jerry Alford, and Larry Smith led the Eagle defense attack while Wes Rachels again was high-point man with 12 points.

Adams managed to outscore the Red Devils in the last quarter but it was too late.

#### Netmen Downed By East Chi. Washington

The Adams hoopsters were defeated by the Senators of East Chicago Washington 72-59 on the evening of Wednesday, December 12.

Wes Rachels, Kenny Parker, Roland Davis, Gene Phillips, and Buddy McKnight, the Eagles' starting quintet, hustled and scrapped the entire game, but couldn't overcome the sharp-shooting, taller Senators. Davis and McKnight began the festivities with two quick baskets, thus giving the Eagles their sole lead of the night.

John Dull, a 6' 3" senior Senator, was the outstanding scorer for East Chicago. He deposited twenty-five points in the basket to capture high scoring honors.

The half ended with the Senators possessing a 38-33 lead over the Eagles. This closeness was a result of some clever point making by Eagle center and high-point man for the night, Roland Davis.

The Senators employed a set offensive pattern throughout most of the tilt. The Eagle cagers fought to the final second and displayed excellent spirit.

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#### MATMEN DOWN RILEY; LOSE TO ROOSEVELT

On December 12, the Adams wrestling team easily defeated the Riley matmen. The Eagles won a total of ten matches while only losing two. The Eagles who won their matches are:

#### PINS

Codgell in 49 seconds
Hoyt in 29 seconds
Mabrey in 2 min. 19 sec.
Barton in 5 min. 17 sec.
Scott in 3 min. 26 sec.
Mitchell in 3 min. 8 sec.
Williams in 2 min. 27 sec.
Conley in 43 seconds
Fogarity by default
Magnuson by default

East Chicago Roosevelt defeated the Adams matmen 25-19 on December 14. The Eagles won 5 matches and lost 7

Dan Hoyt will be out for the season with a back injury. Returning letterman Dick Scott was elected captain for the year. Adams victors were: Williams who pinned his man in 6 minutes and 33 seconds and Conley who pinned his in 2 minutes and 43 seconds. Rupert, Scott, and Magnuson won their matches by decision.

#### Eaglets Win 3rd Victory

The Adams Eaglets trounced the LaPorte Slicers 55-48 to gain their third victory of the young season on December 13. Robert Hill led the Eaglets' attack with 14 points while Johnny Harris tallied 11 points.



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## Eagles Host to Riley, Washington, and St. Joe For Holiday Tourney

The Holiday Tourney which is to be played at Adams on December 27 and 28 is said to be a toss-up. St. Joseph, undefeated in 6 games as of this writing, plays Riley while Washington plays your writer's choice in the tourney, Adams.

Mike Wroblewski, Fritz Fischer, and Kevin Weinberg have been the St. Joe Indians' mainstays. Riley, who owns an overtime win over Washington, is led by their classy gurad, Dan Barnes. Washington's Brooks and Ross are the Panthers main hopes for a victory over Adams.

Adams has not only been hit by missingites, but injuries have held the Eagles at bay. Wes Rachels, with an injured shoulder, and Ken Marvel, out of the last four games with the flu, hope to be in shape for 1956's final games.

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#### Imps Defeat Beagles; Senators Beaten 42-36

Last Friday, December 14, Coach Robert Rensberger's Beagles lost to the Michigan City Pink Imps 51-42. Adams started fast, scoring the games first ten points with Tom Townsend scoring the first 8. The Beagles were ahead at half time 26-24. High-point man for Adams was Townsend with 12.

On Wednesday, December 12, the "B" team threw together a tremendous fourth quarter to beat East Chicago Washington 42-36.

The Beagles made 11 of 28 shots and 20 freethrows while East Chicago Washington made 12 of 41 shots but only 12 freethrows.





