

Christmas Vespers Sunday

National Merit Scholarship

Five Semifinalists Chosen from Adams

John Adams is privileged to have five semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. They are Jim Daniel, Arthur Hobbs, Douglas Gill, Manuel Silverman, and Thomas Price. They and the other 7,500 high scorers on the Scholarship Qualifying Test comprise one-half of one per cent of the national senior class.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a nationwide college aptitude examination which was given in 14,000 high schools on October 22, 1957. Four million dollars in scholarships are available, and such famous names as the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, International Business Machines, B. F. Goodrich, F. W. Woolworth, Gulf Oil, and Time, Inc., make the scholarships possible.

Take College Boards

The semifinalists face a three-hour College Board Examination on January 11, and at least 7,000 are expected to survive as finalists. The final competition is based on high school grades, extra curricular activities, leadership, and character, and on May 1, 800 Merit Scholars, who will be the ablest youths in America, will be announced. The other finalists will receive certificates of merit, and their names will be sent to other colleges and universities where their high abilities will make them eligible for thousands of awards.

The Merit Scholars may choose any college they wish and any course of study. The value of their scholarships varies with the need from \$100 to \$2,200.

Adams has had only one semifinalist in preceding years. He was James Kubiak.



The Candlelight Vesper Service is traditionally a part of the Christmas season. Members of the John Adams Senior Glee Club taking part in the service include: first row, left to right, LaRuth Helm, Joyce Bulhand, Mary Ann Kunde, Barbara Helkie; second row, left to right, Bob Grant, Marshall Nelson, Rodney Robison, Dave Getzinger.

Senator Capehart Speaks on U.S.S.R.

Adamsites were transported behind the "Iron Curtain" on Wednesday, December 11, as Indiana's U. S. Senator Homer Capehart spoke to the Adams student body concerning his recent visit to Russia.

Senator Capehart was in South Bend for the South Bend Tribune's Voice of the People dinner, held Wednesday night. He served on the "panel of experts."

The Senator also spoke at Riley, St. Joseph, and Mishawaka High Schools.

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WNDU-TV FEATURES CITY GLEE CLUBS

The John Adams Senior Glee Club will join with four other high schools in presenting a program of Christmas carols to be telecast on December 19, from 5:30 to 6:05 p.m. on WNDU-TV, Channel 16.

The program, sponsored by the First Bank and Trust Company of South Bend, will consist of familiar carols sung by all the school glee clubs combined, under the direction of Miss Barbara Kantzer, director of music for the School City. Approximately 150 voices or 30 from each school will participate in the program. In addition, each school will sing one special carol that is not so well-known. The Adams Glee Club will sing Jacques Come Here, an old French carol, for their selection.

With the arrival of the Christmas season the Senior and Prep Glee Clubs of John Adams will present their eighteenth annual Candlelight Vesper Service on Sunday, December 15, at 4 p. m. in the auditorium. A brass ensemble, composed of members of the Adams band, under the direction of Mr. Robert Ralston will open the program with a medley of Christmas carols. Immediately following this, the 115 members of the Senior Glee Club, carrying candles, will begin the unforgettable procession as they send ringing through the auditorium the carol In Excelsis Deo.

Program of Christmas Music

Among the outstanding numbers to be sung in the program are "Jacques Come Here," an old French carol, "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee," by Bach, "I Saw Three Ships," a traditional English carol, and Melius Christianson's "All My Heart," a modern number.

The Glee Club accompanist is Janet Rawles, and her assistant is Susan Shotola. Soloists featured in the program are Brenda Barritt, Shirley Otolski, Tom Miller, Mary Anne Kunde, Larry Thompson, Kent Wilkinson, Sandy Weldy, and Beverly Twigg.

In addition to this, "Sing We Noel," and "He Shall Feed His Flock," which is from the Messiah, will be sung by the girls sextet. The boys quartet will present "Christmas is Coming" and "We Three Kings."

Prep Join in Familiar Carols

As chimes are heard in the distance, the curtain on the stage will be opened revealing the 117 members of the Prep Glee Club who will accompany the Senior Glee Club in singing familiar carols of the yuletide season.

Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate is the director of these choral groups. You, your friends and your parents are cordially invited to attend this impressive Christmas service.

The settings for the programs are prepared by Mr. Paul Reber and Mr. Robert Seeley. The ushers club will assist in the program work under the direction of Mr. Clarence Stillman. Posters for the program were prepared by Mr. Charles Bonham and Joe Dickey. Publicity has been arranged by Miss Annajane Puterbaugh and Barbara Helkie. The candles were taken care of by Robert Grant, Carol Phillipoff, and Howard Rosenbaum. Marshall Nelson and LaRuth Helm were in charge of robes. The Glee Club business manager is Duane LaMar.

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In Memorium

Memorial services were held in the John Adams auditorium on December 6, 1957, in memory of Janet Light, who passed away on December 5.

Janet was born on November 29, 1940, and was a senior from Room 204.

She was affiliated with the TOWER and the ALBUM.

The TOWER, on behalf of the Adams student body and faculty, wishes to extend its sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Light and family.

"Only the dust returns to the dust; the spirit which Thou hast breathed into us returns to Thee, its everliving source."

Thespians to Initiate Members on Dec. 16

Seventeen drama enthusiasts at Adams will be initiated into Thespian Troup #1464 on December 16, at 7:30 p. m. in the Adams Little Theater.

These students have earned 10 points by working at least 100 hours in the Adams Drama Club. They are Marti Brannan, Nancy Brinley, Lee Chaden, Gail Gebhardt, Linda Hammes, Judy Hughes, Terry Lehr, Gail Levy, Fred Liggett, Barry Liss, Janet Lovelace, Judy Matteson, Ron Meadow, Dave Mickelsen, Marshall Nelson, Trully Thmpson, and Bill Williamson.

Thespians will initiate them in a candlelight ceremony featuring the formation of a "T" representing literature, music, theater, speech, Thespian, dance, and writing. Those tak-

ing part will be Rosie Griffith, Brenda Barritt, Beth Ryon, Andrea Dean, Arthur Hobbs, Sue Stoner, and Dave Brownell. Wendy Fischgrund will serve as clerk, Julie Ebeling as scribe, and Larry Thompson as usher.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 13—Basketball—Adams vs. Michigan City—Here
- Wrestling—Adams vs. East Chicago Roosevelt—There
- Dec. 14—Drama Club Chicago Trip
- Dec. 15—Christmas Vesper Service
- Dec. 16—Thespian Initiation—7:30
- Dec. 17—Wrestling—Adams vs. La-Porte—Here
- Dec. 19—Basketball—Adams vs. Greene Township—Here
- Wrestling—Adams vs. Hammond Clark—There
- Future Nurses Tea—3:30

Future Teachers Fete Faculty With 'Coffee'

A horn of plenty and decor centered around a Thanksgiving motif highlighted the recent teachers' "coffee" given by the John Adams Future Teachers of America. Held on Thursday, November 21, in the library, Adams teachers were feted by the club at this affair held semi-annually.

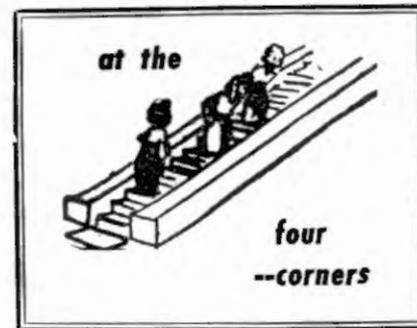
Jo Dobecki, president of the Future Teachers at AHS, poured.



Testing For TB



Just a prick of the needle will show whether these youngsters have been infected with the germs that cause tuberculosis. A positive reaction may lead to discovery of some adult who has active TB and is spreading germs without knowing it. Tuberculin testing programs are supported by the sale of Christmas Seals now being conducted by the tuberculosis associations throughout the United States.



Happy Friday the 13th. Hope you all are sporting your rabbits feet, four leaf clovers, and broken mirrors. Be very careful of walking under ladders you find in the hall, it may prove dangerous.

Alfred E. Neuman, the latest addition to hall decorations, is there to cheer up all Adamsites as they glance upon his toothless grin. Great job, **Bob Cooper**.

We hear that one of the B-team cheerleaders had some trouble cheering in a small space at the Goshen game. How about it, Sis?

Sue Stoner seems to be very interested in a great big bear. Who could he be?

Dave Hoyt has been claiming that he makes very good blueberry pies. All we have to say is, "if the apron fits, wear it!"

According to **Sandy Zoss**, **Pat Bolling** had a birthday she didn't know about. Sandy, what do you mean by asking a strange boy for his phone number. Were you in a trance?

What's this about an all-girl football team invading Potawatomi Park. Perhaps our team will have some new competition.

Congratulations to the wrestling team for winning their first match for the season.

Thanks to **Barb Kubisiak** and **Sheila Hoffman** for all the time and energy spent getting our "Eagle Mascot" ready in time. We appreciate it.

What's this we hear about Mr. Keiser willing to sell his car for 65c? Anyone interested can contact him first hour in room 212.

Well, **D. J.**, we admire your taste in Mishawaka cheerleaders. For example, **Judy Ragg**.

Gail Levy has been seen in a Boy Scout suit singing "Be Prepared." It's reported that Gail really wants to join the Boy Scouts, too.

Sue Altman got quite a surprise over Thanksgiving. **Chuck Broyles** came home from T.C.U. for the week end without letting Sue know beforehand.

We were leafing through a gift catalog the other day and discovered a few items which might prove interesting to you Christmas shoppers. (a) 25th anniversary glasses, celebrating the repeal of the 18th Amendment. (b) a Jayne Mansfield Hot-Water bottle (c) bottles of Phew!, Repel, and Channel No. 5 & 10 perfume (d) a navel brush, for those who have everything (e) Stimko soap (f) Bourbon flavored tooth paste (g) a teapot for two (h) Mink fertilizer. Believe it or not, these are legitimate gifts.

had a straight A average and she gives me a D. Wow, am I going to make her change my grade, even if I have to use violence.

Action: Oh, hello Miss Smith, I just left my books in my desk.

Threat: See, Mary Jones over there, well I'd like to take her down a peg or two. She really thinks she's most beautiful thing on earth, always prancing around like a stuffed ostrich.

Action: Oh, Mary, that dress is just beautiful.

Opportunity Knocks But Once; It Is Up to You To Open the Door

Why are you attending school? Isn't it to get a chance—an opportunity—for an education? High school in itself doesn't give you an education—only the opportunity to obtain one. When a student plunks himself on a chair in a class room, he is taught, not learned. The teacher only presents the opportunities for the student to learn. Many people seem to feel that schools give education. This is not so.

We have revised the adage "Opportunity knocks but once" with the addition of "it is up to you to open the door." We feel that this new version is very applicable. No matter how many opportunities may present themselves to you—nothing will result if you don't take advantage of them. Being the recipient of a million dollar check does no good if you do not cash it.

Have you noticed the bulletin board outside the office? It contains the names of those students who have opened one door. They have taken the opportunity for a good education. (True one's education cannot always be measured by his grades. But can one who is educated fail to show it in his grades?)

Did you also notice how many names were on this list? 138. This is rather an impressive number. However, when you consider that there are 1,296 students at Adams and that only two A's and two B's are needed to be eligible, this is not too good an average. (About one in every nine.)

Let's all open the door when opportunity knocks!

Prep Glee Club

The John Adams Prep Glee Club composed of 116 members and directed by Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate is a busy, hardworking organization. Throughout the year they participate in many activities, one of which is the annual Christmas Vesper Service. At present, they are preparing a number of familiar carol selections to sing with the Senior Glee Club. They will sing, among other selections, "The First Noel," "O Holy Night," and "Deck the Halls."

Their officers for the 1957-58 term are Larry Robison, president; Pat Boger, vice-president; Mary Lisk, Arlene Eader, secretaries; Pam Miller, Bill Butler, librarians; Sandy Sultz, Nancy Gerber, robes; Doug Weddle, business manager.

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What Is Tuberculosis?

The tuberculosis story today is the story of great hope — mingled with fear. Of great strides forward — and of great obstacles still to be overcome.

Tuberculosis can strike anyone — it can kill at all ages. It doesn't have any definite symptoms in the early stages. Prolonged tiredness, indigestion, loss of weight, a cough that hangs on may be attributed to other causes. Fever and hemorrhages usually appear only in later stages. Poor general health lowers the body's resistance to TB germs. Frequent exposure to infections, inadequate diet, poor housing, and other health problems make it possible for the germs to gain a foothold because the body is unable to overcome the infection.

HOW TB IS FOUND

Doctors use a combination of four methods to find tuberculosis:

- (1) A tuberculin test, which can show if there are TB germs in the body.
- (2) A chest X-ray, which can show if TB germs have done any damage.
- (3) Laboratory tests to find out if the germs are growing.
- (4) A thorough physical examination.

Everyone 15 years of age or older should have a chest X-ray taken every year, particularly if his tuberculin test is positive.

CAN TB BE PREVENTED?

Yes, TB can be prevented. We are well along the road to prevention when we realize that TB is not only an individual problem but also a community responsibility. The prevention program includes:

- (1) Teaching the facts about TB and interesting people in doing something about it.
- (2) Finding the person with TB early.
- (3) Improving the living conditions and general health of all people.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

In 1907, a few doctors in Delaware ran out of money while trying to cure eight charity patients sick with TB.

Emily Bissel, a cousin of one of the doctors, had read about a Danish postmaster who, three years earlier, had originated the idea of selling a Christmas stamp to help some sick children. Why couldn't America raise money to help these sick children?

America could and did. Instead of the \$300 she expected, Emily Bissel raised \$3,000.

And so it has gone ever since. From this small beginning in 1907 has emerged the organized fight against TB, supported by the millions of people who buy Christmas Seals bearing the emblem of the double-barred cross. Do your part, buy Christmas Seals.

That's Telling 'Em!

Threat: I saw him at the movies with Ann last week-end. He broke the date because he said he had a cold. Boy, that just about kills me, does he ever have nerve. Just you wait till I see him, he's really going to get it from me!

Action: Hi, John.

Threat: Fifty dollars worth of parts, ten dollars for labor, what a racket. The car still sounds like a cement mixer. When I see that mechanic I'm going to make him fix it up free, this time.

Action: Still rattles a little, Joe.

Threat: Wait till I talk to Miss Smith, do you know she gave me a D. I

Voodoo Time

The following are instructions taken from a genuine Voodoo Kit. Follow the directions carefully and results are inevitable.

I. The Self-Satisfier—Hate yourself in the morning. Here's revenge at last. Go to sleep with two needles clutched tightly between the teeth. Upon arising, spit the needles at the Voodoo Kit doll, which has been propped up against the alarm clock. As the splinters from the needles hit the doll say this twice:

Oo ee ah oh uh uh ouch.
Ah blong kwik on sy-ho couch.

This will immediately transfer your hate from yourself to us for sending you this kit.

II. The Envy Easer—There must be somebody you know who's got something you like to have. This won't help you get it, but it'll sure make you feel better. Obtain a few strands of hair from the head of the victim and stuff them into the ear of the doll. Sprinkle the doll with Voodoo dirt from the kit, bury it deep in the bottom of your laundry hamper, next to the dirty socks. Repeat the following:

Yoy bul-tarki kamro ning
Utt sill munneez Evvri-thing.

III. The Switch—Maybe you're one of those un-fathomable creatures who likes people. Well, the Voodoo Kit can help you, too. Let's suppose you wish good fortune to smile upon a dear friend. Simply take the doll and wrap it snugly in Voodoo yarn which has been soaked in a lukewarm solution of yak milk and chopped liver. Now insert 3 or 4 chicken feathers from the kit into the strands of yarn and place in the freezer. Take an ordinary white envelope, enclose a thousand-dollar bill and mail it to the individual you have in mind. Now hit yourself in the head with the telephone directory and say the following twice a day for the rest of your life:

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Pictured above busily making friendship baskets are Cathy Donahue, Bob Wilson, and Marti Brannan.

The Junior Red Cross added a new project to their agenda this year. The idea was to take "friendship baskets" to the people in a nursing home in the South Bend area for Thanksgiving. The county took care of their Thanksgiving dinner but the main purpose of our basket was to give the people a "personal touch" and show them that someone did care for them. Most of the people had no immediate family and faced a lonely Thanksgiving day. The idea was presented to Miss Helen Law, the club sponsor, by Miss Perkins, the district director of the Junior Red Cross. Miss Law then composed two committees to carry out the project. Dave Jannsen was chosen to be chairman of the committee to obtain the baskets and see to it that they were decorated, and Sue Lawrence was the chairman of the committee to procure the food to fill the baskets. Mr. Robert Seeley and the art department of the school provided beautiful personalized greeting cards to be put on the individual baskets. Certain members of the council were then chosen on the individual baskets. The project was considered very successful, and it was decided that the project should be carried on again next year.

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Miss Gail Diamondis, Mrs. Hazel McClure's student teacher, was born in Greece. In 1947 she came to Muskegon, Michigan, with her family. Later they moved to South Bend, and she went to Central and then to Indiana University.

Miss Diamondis is majoring in language arts and will be with us for this semester. She feels fortunate in being sent here to do her practice teaching for Adams was her first choice. She is enjoying her stay here very much and finds the students very friendly and well-behaved.

Mr. Delano McMillin, one of our new student teachers, can be found in Mr. Alonzo Goldsberry's room, for he is majoring in government. He was born in Tennessee and raised in Arkansas where he went to high school. This February he will graduate from Indiana University.

Mr. McMillin likes teaching and his future plans are to work on his master's degree. When questioned about Adams he said that he considered himself very fortunate in being able to do his student teaching here. Of the Indiana schools he has visited, he feels that Adams is one of the most outstanding for a well kept, modern building, a capable faculty, and many promising students.

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Michigan City Visits Adams for IHSAA Tilt

With a record now of four wins and one loss, the Eagles will go into the game against Michigan City with a high spirit and a want-to-win attitude. This will be a conference tilt on the Adams floor, so let's really get out and yell. Also, on Thursday, the 19th, Adams will host Greene Township in their seventh game of the season.

The freshmen have had five games thus far and on December 19, they will travel to Elkhart for a game with Elkhart Roosevelt.

The wrestling team will see action at East Chicago Roosevelt today, and on the 17th will host the LaPorte team. On December 19 they will travel to Hammond to wrestle with Hammond Clark.

The swimming team will travel to Howe Military Academy today and will face Whiting on next Monday at Whiting.

Splash Boys Travel To Valparaiso to Defeat Portage 67-19

On December 4 the Adams splash boys beat the Portage swimmers 67-19 in a meet at the Valparaiso Y. M. C. A. Jon Olander turned in an exceptional time in the 100-yard freestyle, coming in first at :58.4. Tom Olander was a double winner for Adams. The only event won by Portage was the 160-yard free relay.

The next home meet is January 10.

Eagles Taste Victory, Defeat Last Week

Only a few loyal fans saw the game in Goshen a week ago Thursday, December 5, but those who did saw a well-played game in which the Eagles came out on top 72-61. The first two quarters were fast moving with the halftime score being 36-30. Of Adams' 36 points at this time 20 belonged to "Buddy" McKnight and 7 to "Deacon" Davis. This left a total of 9 points divided between Wallman, Townsend, and Phillips.

Lee McKnight finished high-point man with 32 points.

Three Goshen Men Out

None of the Adams men were forced out of the game for committing five fouls while three of Goshen's men were dropped from action.

Eagles Downed

Even though the night was clouded with disappointment (the Eagles lost), last Saturday night saw one of the most exciting games of the young season. The Eagles put up a fine defense against Terre Haute Gerstmeyer and never gave up, even in the final minutes of the game.

Tom Townsend lit the spark of action by scoring the first basket almost as soon as the game began. Neither

team made much headway in the first quarter, but the Black Cats finally pulled ahead for a three-point lead.

Davis, Phillips Team Up

During the early minutes of the second quarter Roland Davis teamed up with Gene Phillips to move ahead 18-12. Just before the half, Gene Phillips bucketed another for a half-time lead of 22-20.

In the exciting final quarter the "Deacon" broke a 42-42 deadlock followed by Gary Wallman's hit from the corner and two Phillips' free-throws which were needed.

Wallman and Frank Jazsa traded goals for the last try of the game, but Gerstmeyer finally nudged out a lead of 61-55 and the game ended. The high scorer of the evening was Gene Phillips, making 21 markers.

Matmen Down Clay

The Adams matmen topped the Clay matmen after a defeat at the hands of Central. The score of the Clay match was 49-5.

This is the second year that Washington-Clay has had a wrestling team and they are looking forward to many more. In the match the last seven bouts were pins for Adams and only one Adams man was pinned. That was Bob Barton in the 127-lb. class. This was Bob's first match.

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