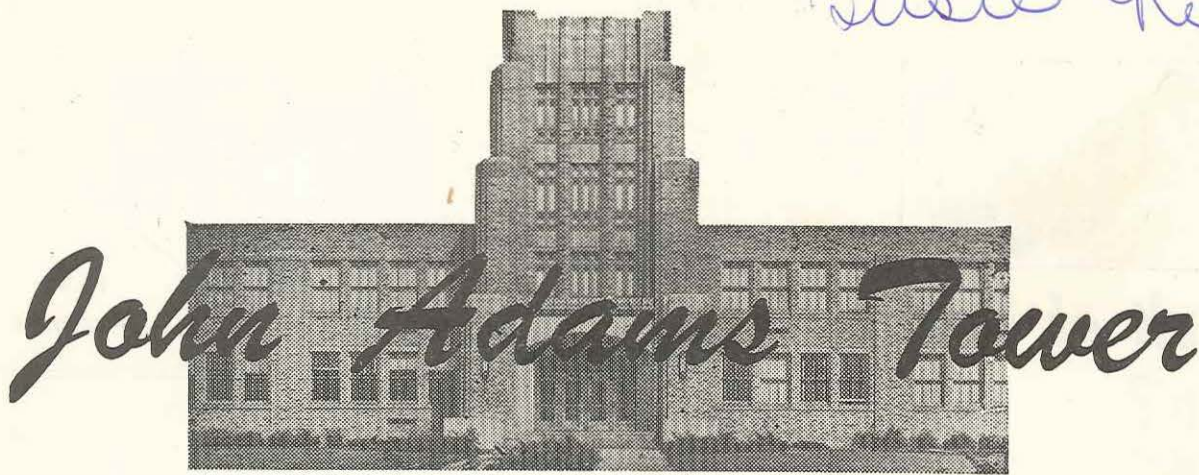


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Coming Attractions

Friday, January 24

Report Cards

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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL — SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

January 17, 1953

ONLY ONE WEEK 'TIL THE MID-YEAR PROM!

Whirling dreamily around the ballroom to the strains of music as played by Bobby Wear will be found seniors and alumni of the four city high schools at the annual Mid-Year Senior Prom. The date seniors will long remember is Friday, January 24. Sponsored by Adams, Riley, Washington, and Central. The prom will be held at the Indiana Club from 9-12. Tickets selling for \$2 can be obtained at each of the four high schools.

Adams is in charge of publicity for the prom, Central is in charge of general arrangements, Riley handles tickets, and Washington will take care of the invitations.

Adams Committee Is Active

Jerry Rose is general chairman of the Adams committee. Working with him are Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek, social chairman, Dave Hartenbower, ticket chairman, Barbara Kirkendall, publicity chairman. Dennise Grimshaw is taking a poll of the favorite dance numbers.

The prom's main event will be the Grand March led by all the class officers, their guests, and home room presidents.

It is open to all seniors of the four high schools and the alumni of each school. The prom will be semi-formal with no corsages.

Adams Students and Faculty Aid In All-City Musical, 'Good News'

John Adams has become a part of the all-city musical production of "Good News." Under the direction of James Lewis Casaday, the musical will be presented at Adams February 13, and at Central on February 14 and 15. On February 18 it will move to Indianapolis.

Each year the National Association of Secondary Principals holds an annual convention in one of the major cities of the United States. A part of the activities at the convention is an entertainment night usually put on by students of surrounding schools.

Indianapolis will be host to the meetings this year. Members of the association from South Bend put in a bid to present the main evening's entertainment at this year's meetings and received the invitation.

Glee Club and Orchestra

Take Part in Show

Dr. Alex Jardine, superintendent of schools in South Bend, appointed Mr. Donald Dake as co-ordinator for the project. Mr. Dake along with Mr. Casaday, Miss Barbara Kantzer, and Mr. Cecil Deardorff selected the show to be given, "Good News."

The Adams Glee Club and Orchestra are participating in the show. Many faculty members are integral parts of the production. Mr. Robert Ralston is in charge of Adams instrumental music, Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate, vocal music, Miss Annajane Puterbaugh, publicity, Mr. Paul Reber, lights, Mr. William Brady, general production manager.

Working with Mr. Casaday, Miss Marie Buczkowski is directing the specialty dance number, "Varsity Drag," and Mr. Deardorff has arranged a special overture.

COMING UP

Jan. 17—Wrestling, Adams vs. Bishop Noll (There)

Swimming, Adams vs. Washington (Here)

21—Wrestling, Hammond Tech. (Here)

Exams, 4th, 5th, and 6th hours

22—Exams, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours

Classes dismissed at 11:35 a.m.

23—Wrestling, Adams vs. East Chi. Washington (Here)

Frosh Basketball, Adams vs. Elkhart Central (Here)

Swimming, Adams vs. Central (There)

No school!!!!

Four Named In AFS Senior Finals

Gail Levy, Linda Hammes, Terry Gerber, and Fred Kuemmerle were recently chosen as the four finalists in the American Field Service program. One of them will be sent to a country in Europe to live for one summer plus one semester of school.

Eleven applicants from Adams filled out applications and wrote essays stating why they wished to be chosen for the program. A faculty committee made the four choices.

Gail, Linda, Terry, and Fred will fill out another set of applications, write an essay, and send those papers to New York. The winning name, decided in New York will be announced sometime in March.

AFS Plan Promotes Peace

The program of the American Field Service is designed to further relations between countries and aid in better understanding of the peoples of the world. AFS also sponsors a plan by which students such as Rona Belek may study in this country.

Although there is no assurance that someone from Adams will be chosen, it is very likely.

It has been announced that the exchange student for next year, a boy, will stay with Larry Thompson.

Ushers Club Aid AHS At Athletic And Other Events

The "boys in blue" seen at all events taking place at Adams are members of a club that donates many hours of indispensable service—the Ushers Club.

In 1940 when Adams first opened its doors, the Ushers Club was organized. The first club had 50 members and Mr. Volney Weir was the advisor of the club. This year Mr. Clarence Stillman became the sponsor. In 1941 the members decided to use the merit system, and they approved the present Ushers Club pin. Mr. Weir designed, and the club accepted their present monogram.

Members Usher at Varied Events

The club is a service organization. Any boy in John Adams is eligible for membership in this club. The 35 members usher at all activities taking place at Adams with the exception of the basketball games of the other schools. These events include everything from basketball and football games to concerts and plays.

Bob Wilson is the president of the

Ushers Club, or Head Usher, as he is known. Vice President, or Captain, is Gary Heidt, Jerry Minkow is record-

ing secretary, Fred Stave, activities secretary, and treasurer is Bob Golomb.



OFFICERS OF THE USHERS CLUB are pictured above. Left to right, they are Robert Golomb, Fred Stave, Jerry Minkow, Bob Wilson, and Gary Heidt.

Young Scientists Told to Remain On Earth for Awhile

"If the Army, Navy and Air Force are still working on perfecting methods for sending a rocket, how can high school students expect to?" These were the words of Mr. Paul Reber, chemistry and physics teacher at Adams. Mr. Reber was asked to give his opinion of the wave of "junior rocketeers" that seems to be sweeping the country.

Mr. Reber declared that the students although they may learn something from such a project, could very easily lose an arm or leg. Some science teachers around the United States sponsor activities of this type, but Mr. Reber asserted, "I would never sponsor it because I know that I don't have the know-how it requires." He doubts that many teachers have that "know-how."

There are also ordinances against firing explosives except under certain conditions.

To you who want to reach the moon, heed these words of wisdom and wait until the armed services ask for volunteers!



What Is the Result of Your Education?

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do when you have to do it when it ought to be done whether you like it or not. — HUXLEY.

As a student, examine yourself to see what the result of your education is. Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, you should have made some progress in the line of industry — steady application of one's self to the problem at hand — since your entrance at Adams.

Are you able to work with diligence even though friends beckon and your favorite television program is on the air? Are you able to sit down and work continuously until all your homework is done? These are hard habits to acquire; that is why Industry is included in our own Eagle Ethics.

A student is challenged in his studies even as a basketball team is challenged at ball games. It is a challenge for each student to do work when it has to be done whether he likes it or not. Of course, it is much easier to put work off "until after the program is over" or "until study hall." Accepting challenges in studies is hard, but should be done if one is to prove himself mature and also educated.

If you are not accepting the challenge you might want to try the following: (1) do not quit working on homework until it is done, (2) in class be able to start work without the aid of the teacher, (3) if time is given at the end of the class for study, use it well.

Let your goals be high, live this quotation: "Shun idleness — it is a rust that attaches itself to the brightest of metals."

Make Progress Your Most Important Product

Sputniks, ICBMs, IRBMs — ours is a changing world. In it we must change too, or fall by the wayside. The United States found this out with the arrival of Sputnik I on October fourth. We had rested on our laurels too long — believing that none could better us. We were violently surprised — someone did.

Too often we rest on our laurels, our past deeds of note. However, as in the case of international affairs, there is always someone a little bit better and a little bit smarter than we are. It is our opinion that the experiences of the United States can well be applied to the students of any high school, anywhere, at any age. Being content with the present conditions is never productive nor safe.

Once we have accomplished something outstanding it is very easy to sit back and ride on the tide of our deeds. The test is whether we continue to rest or add to our honors. One cannot expect his friends to praise him for the winning basket in a game played three seasons ago. The world moves continually; we must move with it. "Progress is our most important product."

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Purple-Faced Profs

Knowing the interest most students have in their teachers, we asked several teachers to tell us about their most amusing teaching experience (that could appear in print). These are some of the reports that we received.

Who's She

The first year that **Mrs. Jane Nagy** taught at John Adams, she was stopped one day by a hall guard. He asked her if she had a hallpass and when she replied that she didn't, he ordered her down to the office. But she pleaded that she was new at the school and she just wanted to go to the end of the hall. Our stalwart hall guard marched her down to the office and then returned to his post. Imagine his surprise when Mr. Rothermel came up a few minutes later and introduced the new typing teacher to him, who just happened to be the person he had sent to the office.

Miss Annajane Puterbaugh remembers the time when a young freshman boy came running into her room, became very flustered because of all the girls in the room, and asked very innocently, "Are you Mr. Dickey?"

Whoops!

One of our illustrious teachers, while teaching at another school, walked into the classroom the first day of the semester and started instructing the class in art. This was not too unusual since that is his subject, but it just happened that he was teaching art to a chemistry class. He had walked into the right room but on the wrong floor. After he had given his introductory speech and had passed out the books, the real teacher walked in. According to **Mr. Robert Seeley**, it was a rather embarrassing moment.

One day last year, **Miss Dorothy Wampler** received a note from Mr. Rothermel that asked her to take over Mr. Carroll's class at 12:00. Because she knew that no class started at that time, she decided not to rush with her lunch. At 12:10 she felt a tap on her shoulder. She turned around to see Mr. Rothermel looking down at her. He then asked her why she wasn't in the classroom. Upon hearing the official command, she took off for Mr. Carroll's room. She arrived at his room, or so she thought. But it turned out that she walked into Mr. Aronson's math class by mistake. By the time she got to 406 10 minutes was left in the period. That was a day that Miss Wampler will not forget.



What did you get for Christmas that you didn't like?



John Boch—"A book called 'How to Think'."

Kathy Kerner—"Two 10-foot candy canes."

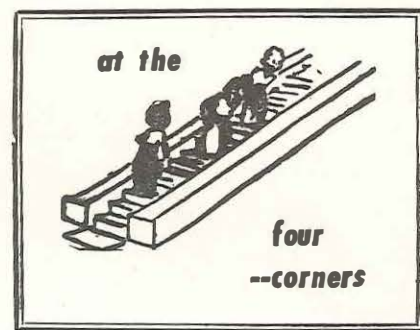
Bob Ingalls—"My two front teeth."

Jim Messick—"Bills."

Dorothy Nichols—"Money."

Melinda Gaylor—"A 10-year scholarship to Notre Dame."

Carol Ensign—"Two cars."



Happy Days are here again! Let us have a smile of cheer again. Finals are on the way so you must study every day. (Editor's note—This column was written under the influence of fermented prune juice.)

Dave Hartenbower may soon find himself swamped with more dates than he can handle. Right **Dave**?

A certain student teacher is in agreement with the fact that Theta Chi parties really swing.

Mr. Goldsberry has set up his annual date service for the prom. See him in 109.

What was **Dave Christman's** picture doing in one of Robertson's windows?

Reason for **Brad Eichorst's** being late lately seems to be a cute little sophomore, **Katy May**.

On January 3, a black and white Studebaker stood silently in the alley beside the police station. A few minutes later with the help of some curious onlookers, policemen, and **Bill Williamson, Larry Thompson's** car was safely stalled out in the street. By the way **Larry**, what were you doing at the police station?

Love those Florida tans a few people are sporting.

A paid advertisement by **Judy Jacobson**: **Bob Otolski** is the Vice-President of the Freshman class at Ball State.

Dating — **Jim Rea** and **Sue Flack, Johnny Thompson** and **Meg Boland, Big Tom Kaiser** and **Gail Diamondis, Kathy Kerner** and **Little Tom Kaiser, Marti Brannan** and **Dave Getzinger, Carol Ensign** and **Phil McCullough, Rosie Griffith** and **Chuck Puntillo** (N.D.).

The Epicurean Club had its annual banquet. Included on the menu were: Silk Worms, Bumble Bees, Roasted Caterpillars, Anchovies, Danish Dumplings, Oysters, French Almonds.

Judy Kelly, where did you spend New Year's Eve? All night, that is. Did you know that some railroad trains have 270 cars? That's a new excuse.

Tom Cox — those DePauw coeds sure are cool, aren't they?

Congratulations to **Joan Faudree** and **Jim Nixon** (LaPorte Alum.) who became engaged recently.

Ah me. Those beautiful chemistry partnerships are being broken up by the new semester. However, **Mr. Reber** is willing to help remedy the situation if at all possible.

Sorry. Due to the oft changing tides, we do not print steadies.

If you see quite a few guys in suits and girls in dresses and heels, don't be alarmed. The policy of Adams has not changed. It's only the students of speech classes "dressing up" for their finals.

Karl King—"A reindeer."

Bob Fisher—"A two-year's subscription to 'Playboy'."

Brad Eichorst—"Marilyn Monroe."
Linda Ebeling—"A black root."

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Do you usually express appreciation to your date? _____
 Do you insist your date pay all expenses? _____
 To obtain a date, when during the week must one call? _____
 When later than that? _____
 What is the distance to the nearest _____ from your present abode?
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Write a brief **complete** story of your life on separate paper.
 I swear that I have never been affiliated with nor associated in any way with an organization advocating the overthrow of the government of the United States.

I swear that all the above information is correct to the best of my ability.

(Signature)

It Gets Sort of Discouraging

Why is it that tests are always given on the same day? Sometimes I think that teachers get together and pick a certain day. Perhaps they use mental telepathy.

For example, last Tuesday, there were three tests; subsequently, Monday night was a nightmare. The first thing I did was study for my chemistry test. About 5:30 the paper arrived and, having finished my chemistry, read it until dinner.

Latinum Bonum

After dinner I began to study for my Latin vocabulary test. An hour later, sick and tired of incunde, graviter, memini, opus est, etc., I threw my book across the bedroom. Crash!! Three bottles of perfume, hand lotion, and hairspray bit the dust. Half an hour later I began to work on my English paper. Because my mind was in the clutches of mental paralysis, I couldn't decide what to write; therefore, I started to study for the U. S. History test. Reviewing was easy, but when the time came to memorize a list of dates, it was also time for Flash Gordon!

How Does One Write Right?

Finally I prepared to write my theme. Alas, no blue ink! Borrowing some from a sleepy neighbor, I was all set to write. Yes, all set to write—but about what? Finally I thought of a topic, and entitled my paper, "The Mousetrap; A Non-Escape Story." After completing this literary masterpiece, I returned to my Latin, but it was of no avail. Too bushed to move, I fell asleep on the floor with all my clothes on. The next morning I was sore, stiff, and tired. And my teachers wondered why I did poorly that day!

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Band Members Receive Ratings in Contest

The John Adams band recently participated in the local solo and ensemble contest. The contest was held on January 8 at Riley High School, and the solos and ensembles received ratings on their performance. All contestants who receive first or second division ratings are eligible to enter the district contest which will take place in February.

Those who were successful in receiving a first division from the 19 soloists who entered are as follows: Flute—Sue Nelson, Su Maurer; piccolo—Su Maurer; clarinet—Bonny Coker; cornet—Mike Badger; bass—Ray Wilson; and Drum—Bruce Bare.

The duets listed below also received firsts. Clarinet—Bonny Coker, Bill Waterson; flute—Su Maurer, Sue Nelson; alto sax—Pat and Ed Rusk; alto sax—Rodney Robison, Ron Miller; cornet—Craig Deitchley, Allan DelVallee; and snare drum—Terry Tinkel, Bruce Bare.

The following ensembles received firsts: Alto sax trio—Pat Rusk, Ed Rusk, Rodney Robison; woodwind trio—Su Maurer, Bonny Coker, Fred Kuemmerle; woodwind quintet—Su Maurer, Bill Waterson, John Stackhouse, Pat McMillan, Fred Kuemmerle; clarinet quartet—Bonny Coker, Bill Waterson, Linda Harvey, Carol DeLeury; clarinet quartet—Terry Talcott, Gene Stevens, Penelope Roorda, Patty Aaron; and brass sextet—Mike Badger, Pat Taylor, John Stackhouse, Tom Pearson, John Winkleman, Emma Zeider.

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Seagles Undeclared In Seven Meets

The very superior swimming team here at Adams, more commonly known as the Seagles, defeated the Valparaiso Vikings 60-26 on Monday, January 6. This was the Seagles' sixth consecutive victory in dual competition. The Viking pool was very cool which accounts for the slow times. "Rocket" Jim Hartke contributed one of the best times of the day in the 100-yard backstroke. Tom Olander also turned in a good time in the 120-yard individual medley. Results follow:

40-yard freestyle—1. Fett (A). 2. and 3. (Valpo.). Time: 20.6.
100-yard butterfly—1. T. Olander (A). 2. (Valpo.). 3. Reynolds (A). Time: 1:08.8.

100-yard backstroke—1. Hartke (A). 2. Kowals (A). Time: 1:08.5.

200-yard freestyle—1. Gill (A). 2. and 3. (Valpo.). Time 2:15.2.

100-yard freestyle—1. (tie) J. Olander (A), Johnson (Valpo.). 3. Toepp (A). Time: 1:01.5.

100-yard breaststroke—1. Busse (A). 2. Hammes (A). 3. (Valpo.).

Diving—1. (Valpo.). 2. Wilson (A). 3. (Valpo.).

120-yard individual medley—1. T. Olander (A). 2. (Valpo.). 3. Kowals (A). Time 1:18.9.

Swimmers Take 7th

Paced by Tom Olander, the Adams swimmers made LaPorte their seventh victim in 7 dual meets. Olander won the 100-yard butterfly and the 120-yard individual medley. The Seagles swept 9 out of 10 events and both relays. The medley relay of Tony Kowals, Jim Busse, Tom Brandley, and Jim Fett posted a good time of 2:28.1.

40-yard freestyle—1. Fett (A). 3. Wiseman (A). Time :20.3.

100-yard butterfly—1. T. Olander (A). 3. Brandley (A). Time 1:04.6.

100-yard backstroke—1. Hartke (A). 2. Kowals (A). Time 1:06.3.

200-yard freestyle—1. Gill (A). 2.



Cheer up Adamsites. I read recently where Jackson Township in Porter County was having quite a celebration. They finally won one game after 65 losses. I guess we haven't got it so bad.

WNDU-TV is starting their first annual basketball poll. Ten members of the teams in the surrounding area are going to be chosen by votes from the viewers. For more detailed information watch Club 16 on Saturday afternoon.

Toepp (A). Time 2:13.5.
100-yard freestyle—1. J. Olander (A). 3. Harlan (A). Time 1:00.7.

100-yard breaststroke—2. Busse (A). 3. Hammes (A). Time 1:19.9.

120-yard individual medley—1. T. Olander (A). 2. Hartke (A). Time 1:15.9.

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Eagle Dribblers Score 3-2 in Holiday Play

Whew! What a holiday! At the time the TOWER went to press (before the Central game) the team had a record of 6 and 4. In the Holiday Tourney the Eagles won one and lost one.

First on the list is Greene Township, who was defeated by the Eagles 61-51. In this game Lee "Buddy" McKnight was high scorer with 26 points. Rea, Davis, Wallman, Hogan, Alford and Townsend also saw action in this game.

The "B" team won their game 58-33. Stout and Larry Moore were high in this game with 16 points.

Next came the Holiday Tourney. In the first game the Riley Wildcats proved that they really were wild when they upset the Panthers 68-49. Then the Indians from St. Joe came whooping on the court to "scalp" the Eagles 57-38. High-point man for the game was 6' 8" Mike Wroblewski of St. Joe. High for Adams was Roland Davis with 13 points.

In the second night of the tourney the Eagles won the first game in a tense thriller. Although Lee McKnight was the highest scorer for the Eagles, Jim Rea was the hero of the evening when he aptly hit the final (and winning) basket with three seconds left in the game.

East Chicago Roosevelt was the

Here we are again ready for exams and the new semester. Tonight the wrestling team will be hosted in Hammond by Bishop Noll. The swimming team will host the Washington team at the city natatorium.

Tuesday, January 21, the wrestling team will travel to Hammond again to meet Hammond Tech. Since there will be no school on Thursday the sports teams will be active. The wrestling team hosts East Chicago Washington and the swimming team travels to Central. However, that is not far so all who wish to attend can go across the city. The freshman basketball team will travel to Elkhart Central for a 4:00 game.

next victim of the Eagles in a high scoring 85-71 game. Roland Davis and Gene Phillips scored 51 of the 81 points. This game started with a 49-point first half and the rest of the score, made in the second half, was a result of quite a few free throws. The "B" team also won 39-35 with Ben Endres high with 12 points.

Unfortunately the last game of the Eagles ended in defeat at the hands of an inspired Mishawaka team. The final score of the game was 68-45. Ken Freeman, Bruce Guard, and Dave Prakley were the spark plugs of the Mishawaka team. Roland Davis was the high point man for the Eagles with 14 points. The "Beagles" won their contest 38-29.

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