

Latin Classes Follow Old Roman Customs

Following the custom of past years, the three Latin I classes of Mr. George E. Carroll celebrated Saturnalia on Wednesday, December 17. These celebrations compared the Roman customs to those of the present day. The students tried to portray the actions of the ancient Romans during these celebrations with their orgies consisting of eating, singing, playing games, and presenting special reports.

Anita Hubbard was general chairman for the first hour Latin class. She was assisted by Kay Hamilton, decorations; Judy Laker, refreshments; Bill Shira, program; Bonnie Bernth, favors; and Stuart Baker, clean-up.

Saturnalia Chairmen

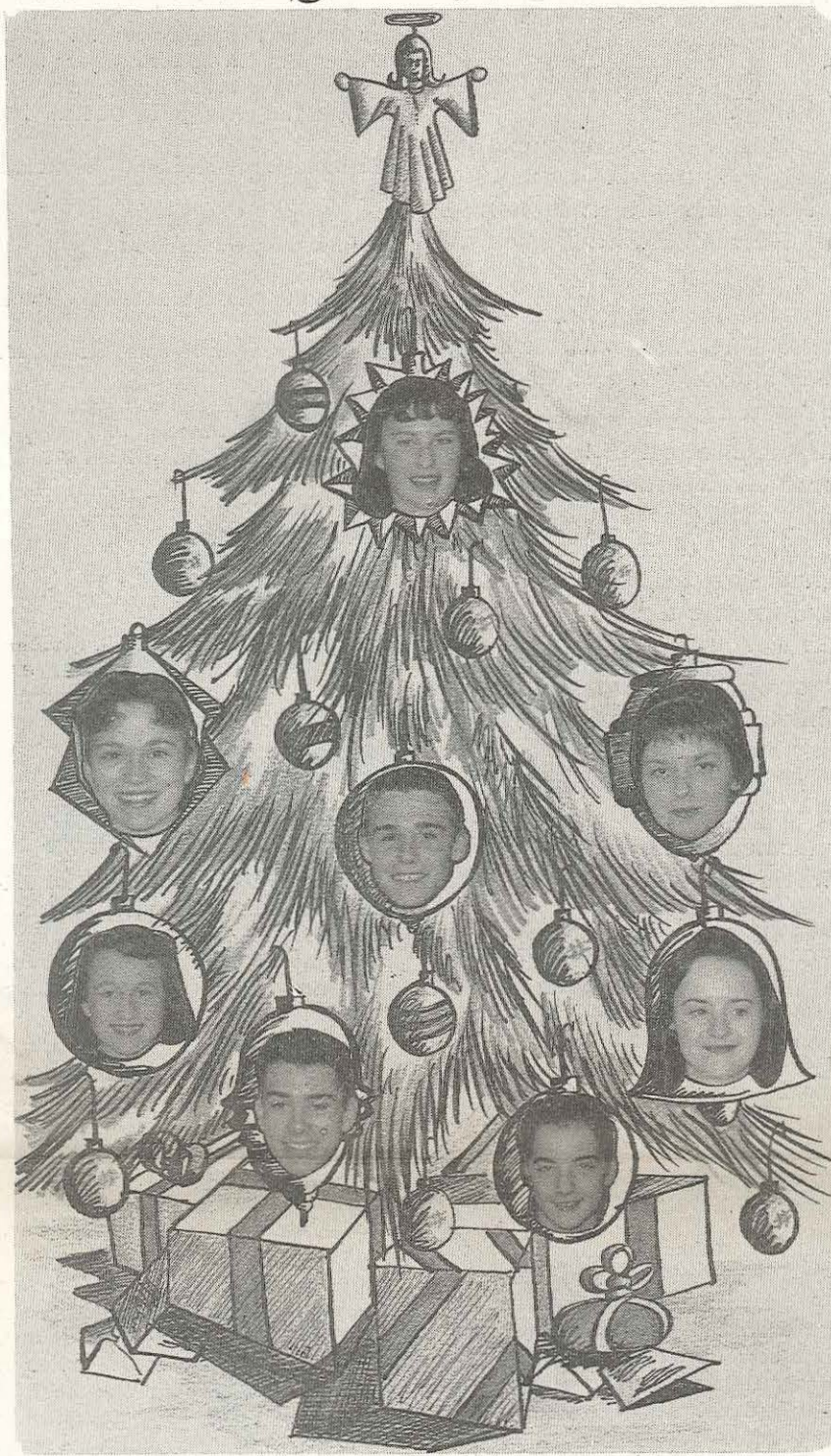
General chairman for the third hour class was Bill Butler. Other chairmen were Barbara Longfellow, decorations; Suellen Topping, refreshments; Hal Brueseke, program; Rita Cosper, favors; and Herb Zinman, clean-up.

Bill Helkie served as general chairman for the sixth hour class. Assisting him were Larry Hegg, decorations; Tom Anderson, refreshments; Bob Eslinger, program; Glenn Thistlewaite, favors; and Tim Lake, clean-up.

The third-year Latin class of Miss Gwendolyn Kaczmarek are also planning a Saturnalia celebration. Today is the date set for this fete. Plans have been made to use the *Aeneid* as background.

Students who are serving as a planning committee for the Saturnalia are Barry Liss, Marshall Nelson, Terry Gerber, Art Shapiro, Sue Nelson, Cathy Fischgrund, and Katherine Ostrander.

Merry Christmas



Assembly Features Carols and Stories

James Harrell will be the master of ceremonies for the annual Hi-Y Christmas Assembly which will be held today, December 19. Audience participation in the singing of familiar Christmas carols will commence the program.

Jan de Vries Robbe and Michele Engel, Adams foreign exchange students, will then speak to the student body concerning the various Christmas customs in their respective countries of Holland and France.

Concluding the program will be a reading of *The Other Wise Man* by Mrs. Hazel McClure.

All arrangements for the assembly have been made by a committee of Hi-Y members, headed by Don Marquardt.

Eagles to Match Skills with Local Teams in Tourney

This year's holiday basketball tournament, an annual event of the holiday season, is scheduled for the 26th and 27th of December. The first game of the tourney will begin at 7:15 p. m. on Friday, when the mighty Eagles will face St. Joseph's High School, the defending champs.

The second game of the Friday session will start at 8:45. This contest will feature Riley and Washington High School. On Saturday, the winners of the preliminary games will meet in the championship test, and the defeated teams will meet each other in a consolation tilt.

Beagles Play

On Friday, December 27, a B-team tourney will be held with preliminary games in the morning beginning at 9 a. m. Final games will be in the afternoon.

Last year, Adams fell 38-57 to St. Joseph's before defeating Washington 61-59 in the consolation game. This tournament should be just as exciting as other Indiana tourneys as it pits four local high schools against each other in a highlight of the basketball season.

Y-Teens Decorate Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree in the main hall across from the Library was decorated again this year by members of the Y-Teens. Betty Jane Hubartt was in charge of arrangements for this project.

Since September, the Y-Teens of John Adams have carried on a number of successful projects. Included in the list are a back-to-school tea for freshmen girls, a tea for Jan and Michele, modeling sessions with Patricia Hunt, and the operation of a check room for basketball games.

Miss Margaret Swank is the sponsor of Y-Teens.

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Feature Squirrels

Biologists Travel To Local Schools

Fred Kuemmerle and Nancy Olshewsky, advanced biology students of Mr. Ernest Litweiler, presented a biology program on Thursday, December 11, to students of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades at Coquillard school. As part of their program, they showed ground squirrels that were captured on the Adams field.

A recently mounted chinchilla belonging to Judy Beyer was also displayed along with several other mammals belonging to the biology department.

Fred and Nancy will put on several more programs including an assembly at Miss Brown's school next year.

Adamsites Become World Citizens As They 'Visit' Spain and France

In addition to the many festivities which are prevalent during the Christmas season, it is always fun to add a dash of the unfamiliar. One method of accomplishing this is to learn of the ways in which people of other lands celebrate this world-wide holiday. Certain language classes here at Adams will work towards this end today by attempting to reproduce the celebration of Christmas that is practiced in the homeland of their particular foreign language.

The third year Spanish class of Miss Helen Law intends to celebrate with "Sas posadas" — processions representing the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their stopping at the inns along the way.

Christmas Espanol and Francais

In real life, these festivities begin on the ninth night before Christmas and last until Christmas itself. In Spanish lands, several families assemble in a different home on each of these nights to recite prayers and Christmas carols which are followed by a gala fiesta. On the last night, "Nochebuena" or Midnight Mass is attended by a gala fiesta. On the last night, "Nochebuena" in Spanish, the study of words pertaining to the yule season, and a tentative

In the first and second year classes of Miss Law, familiar Christmas carols contest will serve as their celebration.

Mr. Stanley Mutti's first-year French classes will sing carols in the French tongue and add other touches of typically French entertainment for variety.

An eight-act play taken from a French story by Jules Lemaitre will be the featured entertainment during the 5th hour French V class of Mr. William Brady. While a committee of students has worked on the production of the play, another committee has planned for refresh- (Cont'd on page 4, col. 3)

Dutch Families Preserve True Spirit of Christmas

Christmas . . . What does it mean to you? Serious contemplation, joy about the coming of Jesus, exchange of gifts, fun at parties, or a happy family dinner? Since individuals differ in their celebration of Christmas, it is not amazing that different countries have different ways of celebration.

To the Dutch people Christmas is the same as it was to the shepherds who saw the great star when Christ was born: a feeling of happiness, respect and awe for such a great wonder. Christmas is a silent smile, not laughter. It is listening, not talking.

The Dutch primarily celebrated first and second Christmas days, December 25 and 26. The days before they decorate the home and buy a tree which they decorate in many different ways, but most of the time they will use candles, not because there are no electric lights available, but since they think the candle represents better the atmosphere of Christmas than the electric light.

Christmas Eve and first Christmas day the Dutch usually go to church, tell Christmas tales, and sing carols (sometimes the same as here) under the tree. The second Christmas day is spent with less serious things, sport matches or trips, but everyone will be home before dinner, for on both days there is a rather formal dinner. Again there is reading of stories and singing of songs, but now also games played by the whole family, sometimes with some guests. Christmas is no get-together for whole families, however. That may happen later in the holidays.

"What a Christmas!" you may say. "No presents, no parties?" No, seldom, but the presents have already been exchanged and there has been fun on December 5, the birthday of Saint Nicholas. Santa Clause exists, too, but he rarely brings presents.

This is a Dutch Christmas: A candle, not an electric light.
—Jan de Vries Robbe.

Christmas Day at Sea

Theologically Christmas Day is the greatest occasion for rejoicing offered to sinful mankind; but this aspect of it is so august and so great that the human mind refuses to contemplate it steadily, perhaps because of its own littleness, for which, of course, it is in no way to blame. It prefers to concentrate its attention on ceremonial observances, expressive generally of goodwill and festivity, such, for instance, as giving presents and eating plum-puddings. It may be said at once here that from that conventional point of view the spirit of Christmas Day at sea appears distinctly weak. Of course, the ship's company get a plum-pudding of some sort, and when the captain appears on deck the officer of the morning greets him with a "Merry Christmas, sir," in a tone only moderately effusive. Anything more would be, owing to the difference in station, not correct. Normally he may expect a return for this in the shape of a "The same to you" of a nicely graduated heartiness. He does not get it always, however.

On shore, of course, a calamity at Christmas time would hardly take any other shape than that of an avalanche—avalanche of unpaid bills. I think that it is the absence of that kind of danger which makes Christmas at sea rather agreeable on the whole. An additional charm consists in there being no worry about presents. Presents ought to be unexpected things. The giving and receiving of presents at appointed times seems to me a hypocritical ceremony, like exchanging gifts of Dead Sea fruit in proof of sham, good-fellowship. But the sea of which I write here is a live sea; the fruits one chances to gather on it may be salt as tears or bitter as death, but they never taste like ashes in the mouth.

Christmas Days at sea are of varied character, fair to middling and down to plainly atrocious. In this statement I do not include Christmas days on board passenger ships. A passenger is, of course, a brother (or sister) and quite a nice person in a way, but his Christmas Days are, I suppose, what he wants them to be; the conversational festivities of an expensive hotel included in the price of his ticket.

—Joseph Conrad.

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The Greatest Gift

The angels under the star did throng
Offering the gift of their joyous song,
Coupled with ever-lasting love
To echo the message of God above.

The monarchs, splendent, on bended knee
Offered the gift of humility.
Coupled with frankincense, gold, and myrrh
To echo the message of Mother Earth.

The shepherds, awesome, on bended knee
Offered young lambs to Divinity,
Coupled with gratitude, pure, sublime
To echo the message of Father Time.

There were others, perhaps, with their gifts untold
Coupled with all of the gifts foretold,
But the greatest Gift of the night, howe'er
Was the Child that lay in a Mother's care.
—Carolyn Bird.

Adams and Riley Alums Try Teaching

The time of the departure of Adams' current crop of student teachers is drawing near, and before they leave, the TOWER wishes to introduce two who hail from Indiana University.

Miss Judy Walter, a graduate of Riley High School, is majoring in business education and general business at I. U. Therefore, she will be qualified to teach business or go into some phase of general business. Her choice of a career is based on her high school study of business which appealed to her very much.

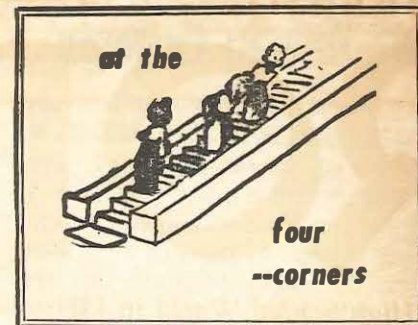
Miss Walter thinks Adams has a lot of friendly students and likes the newness of the school, even though she is still on Riley's side when it comes to anything in the field of sports. She hopes to be teaching in this area next fall on a full time scale.

Not all student teachers are as lucky as Miss Walter who was assigned a 7:20 class in which she teaches for Miss Mary Walsh.

To all interested females who have noticed the good-looking student gym teacher for Mr. Vincent Laurita: His name is Mr. Ronald Minzey. However, he is not a stranger to Adams, for it wasn't so very long ago that Mr. Minzey graduated from this school where he was a member of the track team.

Mr. Minzey's life long interest in sports and his desire to develop students both physically and mentally spurred him to go into the field of physical education with a minor in business. He is very happy to be doing his practice teaching at Adams, not only because he is an alumnus but also because it is rated so highly in the state. He, also, would like to teach in this area next fall. As far as his students go, Mr. Minzey speaks very highly of them and considers them to be a very co-operative group.

Miss Walter and Mr. Minzey constitute the last of the present group of student teachers, and they will be regretfully leaving us in January in order to make room for a new invasion.



And a very Merry Christmas to all! Just remember that January fifth is provided so that we can catch up on all the sleep we lost during the holidays. So be here!

According to Mr. Crowe, Jan Robbe is acquiring some very bad American male habits. What are they, Jan?

What's this we hear every morning? Have no fears, it's only "Hot-Rod" Aronson and his mufflers.

Has anyone noticed the recently established volley ball experts? With such expert teachers as the DePauw orchestra men, how could you lose?

Oh yes, I think, he thinks, you think, I copy, he copies, you copy, we all flunk.

Questions of the week:

1. Why did Bill Baldwin lock the girls in the basement?
2. Why is Sheila Hamburg on the wall every day?
3. Why does Denny Barnette call the girls "sister"?
4. Who made cookies for Ben Endres?
5. Why was Carol Nace drawing horse-shoes on her knees?
6. Why was Paul Waechter playing "kneesies" with Carolyn Winslow?
7. Why did Jack Meyer say that Presidents wear dresses?
8. How many days is it until Easter?

Evolution—

The freshman says: I don't know.
The sophomore says: I am not prepared.

The junior says: I can't tell you anything that you don't already know.

The senior says: I do not believe that I can add anything to the discussion that has taken place previously.

Notice to Sandy Shock and Sue Nelson: Terry Lehr would like to have his sweaters back.

According to the immortal words of the wisemen who traveled to Bethlehem, "The package you carry gets there first."

Mr. Keiser's second hour class must be a riot. Just ask Judy Laker, Brian Butler, and Joyce Longfellow, alias Hester, Dimmesdale, and Pearl.

What's wrong with American women?

Oh, so many Christmas dances! Among all the rest, don't miss the Jr. Progress Club dance, December 20; Indiana Club, December 22; Demolay, December 26; Morris Park, December 26; Rainbow, December 27. And be sure and save January 23, all you seniors, for the All-City Prom.

You've all, no doubt, heard about Mr. Keiser being a dead-weight in Mr. Bates's car.

All the French students have been heard singing the French national anthem lately. Most noticeable were Jan Conrey and Jo Dobecki.

Confucious say: "He who go to basketball games should also go to swim meets."

Happy Birthday, Bill Hammes.

Clement Moore Invades Adams

'Twas the night before Christmas
 And all through the school,
 Not a teacher was stirring,
 It really was cool!
 Our red tights were hung at Four
 Corners with care,
 In hopes that Santa soon would be
 there.
 And Carol in her kerchief, and Phil
 in his cap
 Had just settled down for a long
 winter's scrap.
 Then out on the lawn there arose
 such a clatter,
 Dixie sprang from her desk to see
 what was the matter!
 When what to her wondering eyes
 should appear,
 But a souped up sleigh and eight
 tiny reindeer.
 With a little old driver so lively
 and spruce,
 We knew in a moment it must be
Ole Moose.
 As rapid as Eagles his courses they
 came,
 And he whistled and shouted and
 called them by name—
 "Now Lynne! Now Gary! Now
Holly! Now Bob!
 On Sue! On Jim! On Eileen! On
Rod!
 To the top of the Tower,
 To the top of the wall,
 Now dash away, dash away, dash
 away all!"
 As Jackie drew in his head and
 was turning around,
 Down the chimney Moose came
 with bound.
 Dressed in red, he was a right jolly
 old elf,
 And Katie laughed when she saw
 him, in spite of herself.
 He spoke not a word, but went
 right to work,
 And filled our red tights; then
 turned with a jerk,
 And pushing the button, while
 upon his tip-toes,
 Up to the roof-top on the elevator
 he rose.
 And we heard him exclaim as he
 drove out of sight,
 "Merry Christmas to Adams, and
 to all a good night!"

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Christmas Is a Joyous Holiday In France, U. S. And Everywhere

From what I have heard, Christmas would be here, I imagine, it is not very different from what we have in France. It seems just a difference of degree—you seem to send Christmas cards and Christmas presents to many people than we do.

Here is how we celebrate Christmas. As a tradition, we have the Christmas tree. We decorate it, using our imaginations and our resources as much as we can—we have little colored glass balls, little figures, ribbons, anything we find.

In many houses, we have, all around the tree, a golden wire called "wire of the Virgin," and when I was younger, I heard this legend about this wire: Once upon a time, there was a poor family who did not have anything to put on their Christmas tree. But these people were very good-hearted, so the spiders of the house decided, during the Christmas night, to help them as they could and they went all around the tree, weaving a bright wire all the way up.

Pere Noel Comes Down French Chimneys

Another custom is to manage, at the bottom of the tree what we call the "creche" which is the representation of the grotto where Jesus is supposed to be born. Here He lies, in His cradle, a little baby surrounded by the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, shepherds, and, on the 6th of January, the three Wise Kings. At the very top of the tree, we place a star: the star which conducted the three Kings all the way from their far countries.

We call Santa Claus the "Pere Noel"—(Father Christmas). He comes exactly at midnight in every house and you must be in bed long before that time, because if you see him coming (through the chimney) his is not going to give you any gift!

Let us see how the Dupont family celebrates Christmas: nine o'clock. Papa and Maman make their two little children go to bed. They have told them all about Papa Noel, and about the little Jesus, and the children just wished it were tomorrow. How are they going to sleep during such a night? Parents don't understand anything! However, when they are sound asleep, Mr. and Mrs. Dupont go to church where there is going to be a great midnight mass. A big "creche" is managed in the church, and at the beginning of the mass, at exactly midnight, the priest comes and puts Jesus in his straw cradle.

Christmas Shoes Instead of Stockings

After church, the Duponts have a party with friends, either at home or at a friend's house.

Coming back home, they put the gifts in their children's shoes (Each one of them laid one of his shoes at the bottom of the tree so that Papa Noel would know to whom he gives gifts. The shoes have been correctly cleaned and shining, so that Father Christmas would not be angry.)

And on the next morning, the wondering children discover how wonderful Papa Noel is, after they have carefully inspected their shoes and searched in the tree where little presents may be hanging. —Michele Engle.

Senior Snitches

I don't care who you are, Clark Kent, you can't undress in my garage.

Will you PLEASE stop spreading those rumors?!

Carol Hegg, whose cage are you rattling now?

Do you know what an Ivy League kiss is? Well, it's a belt in the mouth.

I would just like to know why Judy Winge hasn't been eating lunch lately.

It's PAYDAY today, Hollywood's million dollar taste treat.

Martha Henz receives the grand prize for taking the most unusual notes in American Government.

Why do you want a hula hoop, Alvin?


So now we're standing at attention while Bruce Feldman walks out of the classroom! What is this school coming to?

Ermyr Rscitahms, everyone!

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Eagles Face Tough Michigan City Team

Fiery Eagles Stage Second Half Rally

Whatever Coach Warren Seaborg told his John Adams Eagles during the halftime intermission, he should tell them more often as they responded with their finest two quarters of basketball on the way to the 68-53 Eagle triumph over the Goshen Redskins last Friday, December 12. A 51-point splurge in the final 16 minutes of action led the fifth Adams triumph against a fighting Redskin crew. The Eagles have yet to lose, while Goshen has now won four games and lost two.

Goshen indicated that they were in South Bend to play basketball early by taking advantage of numerous ball handling mistakes on the part of the sluggish Eagles. The Eagles were unable to snap back during the second period and fell behind 22-17 at halftime.

19-Point Splurge

When Adams came out for the second half tip off Buddy McKnight started the Eagles out on the right foot by hitting a jump shot from the foul circle. This seemed to ignite an Eagle spark. After a Goshen free throw made the count 23-19 in their favor, Adams racked 19 points without a return to make it 38-23 in favor of the Eagles.

The Redskins were held to only five points and one field goal in the third period and went into the final stanza trailing the high flying Eagles 40-27. The Eagles then proceeded to have their best offensive quarter of the year during the fourth period, scoring 28 points.

McKnight led the balanced scoring attack with 16 points, followed by Phillips with 15, Marvel, Wallman, and Tom Townsend with 8, Ben Endres with 6, Rea with 5, and Neil Bradley with 2. Fred Bachman and Jerry Snyder led Goshen with 12 points apiece.

The Adams "B" team downed a spunky Goshen team by a slim 31-29 count. Dave Stout led the scoring with 15 points.

Matmen Down LaPorte, Lose Two; Record Stands At Three And Two

The John Adams wrestling team lost two matches last week and won one this week to make their record thus far this season 3 wins and 2 losses. Wednesday, December 10, the wrestlers fell to a strong Central squad 29-17 in a hard-fought match. Friday, December 12, the squad lost to East Chicago Roosevelt by a 34-14 score. Tuesday of this week, the wrestlers traveled to LaPorte where they downed the Slicers. A summary of the matches:

Against Central:

- 95 lbs.: Durgin (A) pinned by opp.
 - 103 lbs.: Harris (A) pinned by opp.
 - 112 lbs.: Cogdell (A) pinned opp.
 - 122 lbs.: Minkow (A) won decision.
 - 127 lbs.: Maggert (A) won decision.
 - 133 lbs.: Hill (A) lost decision.
 - 138 lbs.: Ninois (A) pinned by opp.
 - 145 lbs.: Barton (A) lost decision.
 - 156 lbs.: Stahly (A) won decision.
 - 165 lbs.: Hall (A) lost decision.
 - 175 lbs.: Karczewski (A) won decis'n
- Heavyweight: Quimby (A) pinned by opponent.

Against East Chicago:

- 95 lbs.: Durgin (A) pinned by opp.
 - 103 lbs.: Harris (A) lost decision.
 - 112 lbs.: Cogdell (A) pinned opp.
 - 122 lbs.: Minkow (A) won decision.
 - 127 lbs.: Maggert (A) pinned opp.
 - 133 lbs.: Hill (A) forfeited.
 - 138 lbs.: Ninois (A) pinned by opp.
 - 145 lbs.: Barton (A) won decision.
 - 156 lbs.: Stahly (A) lost decision.
 - 165 lbs.: Hall (A) lost decision.
 - 175 lbs.: Karczewski (A) won decis'n
- Heavyweight: Quimby (A) pinned by opponent.

Against LaPorte:

- 95 lbs.: Durgin (A) lost decision.
 - 103 lbs.: Harris (A) pinned opp.
 - 112 lbs.: Cogdell (A) pinned opp.
 - 122 lbs.: Minkow (A) won decision.
 - 127 lbs.: Maggert (A) won decision.
 - 133 lbs.: Hill (A) lost decision.
 - 138 lbs.: Ninois (A) pinned by opp.
 - 145 lbs.: Barton (A) drew.
 - 156 lbs.: Stahly (A) pinned opp.
 - 165 lbs.: Hall (A) won decision.
 - 175 lbs.: Karczewski (A) pinned opp.
- Heavyweight: Quimby (A) pinned opponent.

Vacation Schedule Features Tourney

The John Adams basketball team, extremely successful thus far this season, faces more tough competition in the next few weeks. During Christmas vacation, the Eagles play two regular games, one of them a conference contest, and take part in the Adams Holiday Tourney. Tonight the Eagles face one of the strongest teams in the ENIHSC when they play Michigan City on the latter's court.

On December 26-27, the Eagles will play host in the annual Holiday Tourney. St. Joseph, Washington, Riley and Adams are the four teams participating in this year's tournament. On the 26th, Riley meets Washington and Adams takes on St. Joseph. On the 27th, the losers of the first day's action meet in the consolation game and the winners of the first day meet to decide the overall winner.

Face Illinois Team

The first game of the new year on January 2 finds Adams meeting LaGrange, Illinois, an opponent new to the Eagles' schedule.

With school back in session, Adams takes on Mishawaka in the Adams gym in the Eagles' third conference game on January 8. Next, Adams plays cross town rival Central on January 15 in what should be a hard fought battle.

Central is a much finer team than their record indicates and they should be thought of as a very serious opponent for the Eagles. It does, however, look as though this is the year for the Eagles to send the Bears down to defeat.

Language Classes Celebrate Noel

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ments and other entertainment during the hour.

Christmas carols will be sung in the French tongue as an addition to the yule spirit. The class will have Michele Engel and Jan de Vries Robbe as their guests.

And now, what's this heard echoing through the halls? Oh, yes . . .

"Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo!" and "Joyeux Noel et une Bonne Annee!" That's Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" in case you didn't know!

Freshmen Crush Elkhart Team, 45-26

On December 11 the Adams freshman basketball team won their second game of the season by a score of 45-26 over Elkhart Roosevelt. The frosh have won 2 and lost 2.

At halftime the score was 17-16 with the Eagles on top. Adams proceeded to hit 16 points to pull away ahead at the close of the third stanza. Bill Helkie again led the Eagles with 12 points as compared to 17 by Teintz from Elkhart.

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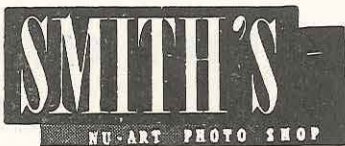
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