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## Season's Greetings To All FROM THE TOWER STAFF

### Band and Orchestra Play In Contests

On Tuesday, December 10, and Thursday, December 12, the local portion of the annual contests for band and orchestra solos and ensembles was held at Adams.

The Adams orchestra members who received recognition included the following soloists: Superior rating—David Moore, Linda Whitlow, Suzanne Signorino, Claudia Liggett, Susan Purkal, and Laurel Hacker, violin; Claudia Liggett, viola; Beth Carlson, Karen Merrill, Bruce Salzman, and Linda Stogdill, cello.

Excellent rating was attained by soloists Sharon Huey, Janice Farian, Jo Hemphill, and John Frenkiel, all on the violin.

The following ensemble members all were awarded a superior rating: Claudia Liggett, Karen Merrill, and Linda Winslow; Bruce Salzman and Beth Carlson, duet; Linda Winslow, Linda Stogdill, Karen Merrill and Beth Carlson, cello quartet; Jo Hemphill, Claudia Liggett, and Linda Stogdill, trio.

Also, Lili Byers, Gaynelle Rothermel, Sally Weiler, and Linda Stogdill, quartet; David Moore, Claudia Liggett, and Bruce Salzman, trio; David Moore, Barbara Schrop, Claudia Liggett, and Bruce Salzman, quartet; John Frenkiel and John Darsee, duet; David Moore, Linda Winslow, and Karen Merrill, piano trio; Ruth Cox, David Moore, Claudia Liggett, and Bruce Salzman, string-wind ensemble.

The Band members who received recognition included the following soloists: Superior rating—Robert Kaley, tympani; Jeff Megee, Ruth Cox, and Phil Dickey, clarinet; Pamela Spurgeon, flute; Sue Martz, saxophone; Diana Ball, bassoon; Lynn Asper, Ron Hoffer, and Bruce Dickey, trumpet; Debbie Mourer and Elaine Jones, French horn; Douglas Nimtz, trombone; Sanford Brook, drum; and Mike Mejer, trumpet.

Excellent rating was given to soloists Richard Fecteau, trombone; Pam Eckenberger and Pam Spurgeon, flute; Bill Kryder, French horn; Dean Vermillion, cornet; Anne Bednar and Kenneth Butts, saxophone; Lydia Mandeville, John Karn, and John Held, clarinet.

The ensembles receiving superior ratings include: Anne Bednar, Rick Oswald, duet; Jeff Megee, John Karn, and Phil Dickey, trio; Sue Martz, Anne Bednar, Rick Oswald, trio; Ron Hoffer, Lynn Asper, and Bruce Dickey, trio; Ruth Scott, Debbie Bogan, and Pam Spurgeon, trio; Lydia Mandeville, Sheryl Brown, and Jeanne Seggerman, trio; and Lynn Asper and Ron Hoffer, duet.

Also, Elaine Jones, Debbie Mourer  
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### Share-Their-Fare Assembly Planned By Student Council

This year the John Adams Student Council will again sponsor its annual Share-Their-Fare assembly, marking the beginning of the A.F.S. drive, which has the theme of "World Peace." It is this drive that makes it possible for Adams to host a foreign exchange student under the American Field Service program. The Share-Their-Fare assembly will be held on Wednesday, January 8, and will serve as a kick-off for the drive that will last from January 8 through Friday, January 17.

#### Exchange Students to Speak

Gayle Thistlethwaite, Adams senior, who took part in the A.F.S. summer exchange program, and lived with a family in Italy, will speak at the assembly about her past summer's experience. Randi Storheim from Bergen, Norway, this year's A.F.S. student, and Motoko Miyoshi from Yokohama, Japan, will also address the student body at the assembly.

#### Money to be Divided

The goal set for this year's drive is \$1,400. Nine hundred dollars of the goal will be for the A.F.S. foreign exchange student for next year. Five hundred dollars will go for the A.F.S. student who is to be sent abroad during the 1964 summer.

Competition will again be held between junior class homerooms, and the one that contributes the most money will be the homeroom of the exchange student who will study at Adams next year. Also, this year there will be competition held between the homerooms of the sophomore and freshman classes. Of these homerooms, the one that collects the most money will be able to host next year's exchange student for one week.

#### World Map to be Used

In accordance with the theme, a world map will be placed at Four Corners. The ocean will be left white, and as the money is collected, the progress toward the goal will be marked on the map by filling in parts of the ocean with blue. When the ocean is completely blue, the goal will have been met. Daily reports of progress will also be sent out to each homeroom.

A large world map is also being placed near room 116. Posters will also be placed around the school. Homerooms that are planning projects to raise money are asked to sponsor them under the name Share-Their-Fare.

The general co-chairmen for  
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### News In Brief

#### Christmas Vacation

begins today at 3:00 and ends on Monday, January 6 at 8:10 a.m.

#### Hope to see

everyone at the Mishawaka Holiday Basketball Tournament which Adams will participate on Friday, December 27.

#### All Adams girls

are encouraged to register for a ten-week Teenage Leadership course to begin on January 13. A registration fee of \$1.00 should be paid on Tuesday, January 7, in the Little Theatre, at 3:30 p.m.

### Language Classes Plan Annual Parties

#### Latin Class

The Latin classes of Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadowski and Mr. George Earl Carroll celebrated the Roman Saturnalia on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week in conjunction with the Christmas holiday season. The Saturnalia was an ancient Roman holiday held in honor of the god Saturn.

The Saturnalia festivities included ceremonies and sacrifices at the Temple of Saturn in the Forum, where the holiday was celebrated for three days by the populace of Rome. The reason for the three-day celebration was a calendar change; the Saturnalia was originally celebrated on December 19, but when Caesar changed the calendar, the celebration changed to December 17. As a result, the exact day was uncertain and the Romans held festivities for the 17, 18, and 19.

#### Spanish Class

Spanish classes will learn today of the Christmas customs of Spain and Mexico. Three of Miss Helen Law's and Mrs. Consuelo DeLago's classes will hold their own version of Spanish Christmas celebrations.

The 3rd year class will represent the Posadas, a popular Mexican custom of celebrating the Christmas holiday. This custom is enacted every evening between December 16 and Christmas Eve, when groups of neighbors travel from house to house, until they reach the house where a fiesta is to be held. At this house, a lively celebration takes place. Carols are sung, there is much dancing, and the evening is highlighted by the breaking of the pinata. The final evening's celebration is the biggest, and following the fiesta, everyone travels to the church for Midnight Mass.

First- and second-year Spanish classes will learn popular Spanish carols.

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is our  
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the TOWER STAFF  
to one and all. Jan's

editorials  
are the shining  
stars on top guiding  
our way. Steve's  
news page serves  
as the sturdy  
branches.

The sparkle of  
tinsel to give the tree  
its bright glow will  
be Diane and Carolyn's features.

Ed's  
sport page  
serves as the necessary balls and ornaments — some we like — the games we win —  
some we

don't like — the  
games we lose, but  
we use all of them to  
make our tree  
complete.

Joy's ads are  
the base that holds  
our tree upright as  
they do for the paper.

Karen  
lights up the  
tree with her business ability while Jo adds water with subscriptions to  
keep it alive  
and green. Lee's art is like the manger scene under the  
tree —

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of beauty and a joy  
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our efforts all year  
through.

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wishes  
EVERYONE A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR





## Bah, Humbug

Santa Claus—Bah, Humbug. As teenagers we denounce this enchanting mythical character that we believed in so earnestly as children. Of course, now that we have grown older and much wiser, we understand the bitter facts of life and positively claim that there is and never was such a thing as Santa Claus. The small fact that children have been believing in him for hundreds of years does not seem to change our point of view. We know that all those presents signed "With love from Santa" were all really written by our parents . . . weren't they?

Now, we know better. We know that such things as an apparition and a jolly old fat man dressed in red who climbs up and down chimneys and rides across the sky in a sleigh pulled by reindeers just don't exist . . . do they? We are shockingly aware in this world that it is a survival of the fittest and that no man would ever give anything to anyone else without expecting some monetary or material gain for himself. We know that there is no one who gives just for the love of giving. That only happens in the movies or on television . . . doesn't it?

Rather than dismiss the whole idea of Santa Claus, why not continue in the spirit he represents. Each one of us can become a Santa Claus to someone else. We do not need a red suit and bushy white beard, but just the inner want to give and to help others.

## Do You Remember?

STOP! THINK! REFLECT! As you are scurrying among the teeming crowds downtown and fighting to buy those last-minute Christmas presents for family, friends, and the others who gave you a present last year, stop and remember the joyous, carefree, and exciting Christmas days of your youth.

There was no worry about beating your way through the crowds, spending all your money, or writing those hundreds of Christmas cards; you never became sick of the gaudy decorations or the distorted recordings of beautiful carols. Back in those wonderful days of your childhood, your only worry was whether Santa would reward you for all those painful months of uninterrupted goodness.

Yes, those were the days! First there was the delightful task of making out that long list of all the toys you wanted. Then came the hard part of doing everything you were supposed to do so that Santa would not forget you. Oh, how many times you heard your mother tell you not to throw snowballs at cars because Santa would not like it. Do you remember the terrifying but enchanting moment when you actually were lucky enough to sit on Santa's lap and tell him how good you had been and how you just had hoped a little bit for a new bicycle? And what fun you had being a shepherd boy in the Christmas pageant, but how happy you were that you did not have to wear those funny robes all the time. The most exciting moment of all, though, was the night before Christmas. Remember how hard you tried to stay up and see if Santa liked the cookies you had left for him? But you finally fell asleep dreaming of the sleigh bells and reindeer and the jolly old man with a long white beard. And at last the big moment came! Bright and early you ran downstairs and underneath the magical tree were all the presents. You ran to them and started tearing off the wrappings, and you were so excited and so happy!

Yes, these were the days of your childhood before you understood the cruel realities of this world. Perhaps you can never return to this care-free attitude of your youth, but you can put some of a child's happiness and love into Christmas.

—Gayle Thistlethwaite.

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## Exchange Students Explain Christmas In Their Countries

The spirit of Christmas is universal, although it is celebrated in many different ways throughout the world. Our exchange students, Mitchi Miyoshi and Randi Storheim, tell us some of the traditional Christmas customs of their native countries.

Mitchi said that in Japan Christmas is not a national holiday, but students have Christmas vacation at the same time that we in America do.

In Japan, Christmas is really celebrated on December 24, even though people do not work the next day. She stated that everyone goes to church at night and the children in the youth groups form candlelight processions which are a beautiful part of the services. Later in the evening, groups of children form processions and visit Christian homes throughout the city. The homes are decorated with green leaves and outside on either side of the gate two small pine trees are placed.

Mitchi added that in Japan, even many of the Christians regard Christmas just as a time to go out in the streets and to make loud noises. She explained that many of the Japanese regard New Year's as a more important and solemn day than Christmas. "January first, second, and third are holy days," she said, "and no work of any kind is done at this time." Since no housecleaning whatsoever is allowed on these holy days, all Japanese women work extra hard on December thirty-first in preparation for these three days. "An ancient Japanese superstition warns us," explained Mitchi, "that if one cleans house on the holy days, all of his happiness will fly away."

Randi said that Christmas is celebrated on the twenty-fourth in Norway, also. On this day she goes to church from four to six o'clock. Later, at home a large meal is served, centering on roast pork ribs, which is the traditional Christmas food in all Norway. After dinner presents are opened and her family forms a circle around the Christmas tree to sing songs of the season together. Heart-shaped baskets of blue, green, and red are hung on the tree and electric lights like ours are also used as decoration.

Randi said that most of the Norwegian customs are similar to those in the United States, but that she thought one of Norway's New Year's traditions is most enjoyable and interesting. At midnight friends link arms and drink from each other's glass while declaring in a toast, "skål." This means "bottoms up" or to your health.

## Share-Their-Fare Plans Begin

(Continued from Page 1, Column 2) this year's drive are Karen Bell and Kathy Ullery. They are being assisted by a group of under-chairmen. They include: Judy Miller and Lili Byers, publicity; Sharon Wilk, envelopes; Reid Lichtenfels, assembly; and Jon Powell and Fred Mais.

## Hooks And Slices

by Hacker

Not wishing to elaborate unduly, Merry Christmas.

Special for this Christmas issue, we have composed a special, extravaganza, Christmas-type poem, dedicated to anyone who feels sympathetic.

On the twelfth day before Christmas, my true love said to me,  
"Let's go shopping in the snow,  
Together, you and me."

On the eleventh day before Christmas, my good friends said to me,  
"Charlie's throwing a party,  
Come on and join the spree!"

On the tenth day before Christmas, my true love said to me,  
"We're going to the woods this year,  
And cut our Christmas tree."

On the ninth day before Christmas, my kid brother said to me,  
"You promised to be my snowman!"  
And I was, despite my plea.

On the eighth day before Christmas, I thought I might be free,  
But my dear friends called up and said,  
"We're all going out to ski"

On the seventh day before Christmas, I nursed my broken knee.  
I would have liked to go to bed,  
But no, we trimmed the tree.

On the sixth day before Christmas, my true love made this decree:  
"Run ten blocks to the mailbox  
And mail these cards for me."

On the fourth day before Christmas, eyes red and watery,  
I had to go to the office party,  
An all-night jubilee.

On the third day before Christmas, my jolly coterie  
Had organized a hiking trip  
Through snowy miles — three.

On the second day before Christmas, the snow fell deep and free.  
The car got stalled and, pushing it out,  
It backed up into me,

On the one day before Christmas, the doctor said to me,  
"You've got a wrenched knee and three broken ribs,  
And double noomonee."

Today it's finally Christmas, the hospital bed I see.  
So Joy to the World and Peace on Earth,  
And finally some for me.

## Band and Orchestra Contest Held

(Continued from Page 1, Column 1) er, Jeri Walker, and Bill Kryder, quartet; Sherilyn Brunson and Anne Bednar, duet; Pam Eckenberger and Pat Bickel, duet; Elaine Jones and Debbie Mourer, duet; Sharon Thompson, Pat Mogle, and Kathy Stute, trio; Lydia Mandeville and Sheryl Brown, duet; John Karn and Phil Dickey, duet; Phil Dickey, Diana Ball, Debbie Mourer, Karen McDaniels, and Chris Wilson, quintet; Diana Ball, Jeff Megee, and Chris Wilson, trio; Diana Ball and Marcia Bartow, duet; and Fred Schaffer, Jim Clark, Mike Mejer, and Dennis Duncan, quartet.

Those ensembles that received excellent ratings are: Nancy Sievers and Cynthia Luke, duet; and Ruth Scott and Debbie Bogan, duet.

## The Meaning Of Chanukah

Are you having trouble with your Christmas shopping? Part of this trouble may be caused by the fact that Chanukah has come so early this year.

### A Lunar Year

Chanukah, a Jewish holiday, is celebrated for eight days. It starts on the 25th of Kislev, according to the Hebrew calendar. The Jewish year, consisting of 354 days, is reckoned according to the revolutions of the moon around the earth, taking approximately 29½ days, and is called lunar year as compared to our secular calendar, called solar year. Usually Chanukah falls in December and it sometimes corresponds with Christmas. This year, it started Tuesday night, December 10.

Chanukah commemorates the victory of the Jews over the Syrian-Greek forces of King Antiochus Epiphanes in 165 B.C.E. The Syrians tried to wipe out the Jewish religion by destroying the Temple and forcing the Jews to practice idolatry. If the Jews did not comply, they were imprisoned or killed. After three years of heroic fighting, the Jewish people won the first great battle known to be fought for religious freedom. They marched triumphantly into Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple, and rededicated it as their holy sanctuary.

### A Miracle Happened

This is where the legend of the "miracle of the cruse of oil" began. In the synagogue an eternal light burns continuously. When the Temple was cleansed and ready to be rededicated, there was only enough ritually prepared oil in the cruse to burn one day. The story has come down to us that it burned for eight days, by which time a supply of new oil was ready. The practice of lighting Chanukah candles and adding one each night can be traced to this story.

The holiday is celebrated in other ways also. Playing games, giving gifts, and eating special foods such as potato pancakes and potato pudding are also practiced.

Do you want to know when to start your Christmas for next year? You'd better start moon-watching now and beat the Chanukah rush!—Andrea Schneider.

## Inquiring Reporter

The Big Question on everyone's mind is "What can I give this person for Christmas to get back at him for last year?" Thus, two weeks were spent skipping down the halls of Adams asking people what they wanted for Christmas. Most of the seniors wanted such ordinary unoriginal things as a "left-handed glockenspiel." However, the underclassmen were not so particular.

Reid Lichtenfel—3-legged, dish washing, snow shoveling, home working glop.

Bob Ostrander—Rolls Royce and a new teddy bear.

Bill D'allio—Something simple—like a nuclear reactor—fun for the whole family.

Jack Minkow—Mr Crow—gift-wrapped.



## A Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring a Christmas tree for Christmas this year, because if you don't, we won't have one. My daddy says he's not going to struggle with putting up a Christmas tree again this year.

I showed Daddy some pictures of Christmas tree holders that he could put the tree in, but he said he had twenty of them. And he did. They were all broken and twisted around. My Daddy is a strong man.

Last year Daddy used one of the Christmas tree holders. He says the tree kept falling into the TV, and he had to pay a repair bill. Then he took the tree outside and set it up and then he brought it back to the house, but when it got in, there weren't any needles left on it. He had to throw it away. Mommy made him buy a new one. My Mommy is strong, too.

Mommy said at least he didn't have the tree fall out of the car trunk on the way home. Daddy said, yeah, it fell out the last two years so this year he carried it home, on his back.

Our Christmas tree last year was all sprayed white and pretty, 'cause Mommy wanted to put all red things on it and have it be artistic. But when Daddy brought the tree into the house, the white paint rubbed off and fell on the carpet, and Mommy made Daddy scrub the carpet because it wasn't her idea to track paint through the house. But then Daddy fell with the box of red ornaments and he had to go buy new things. And Mommy said it was lucky we didn't have to buy a new carpet and Daddy said yeah 'cause we've already spent the price of a house on the tree.

So, Santa, if you don't bring a Christmas tree, we won't have one. It would be nice if it had red ornaments, but don't make it a white sprayed tree, 'cause Daddy will have to scrub the carpet again.

Love,  
Emily

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## MANUEVERS UNDER THE MISTLETOE

Again, we find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season. We think about holly, Santa Claus, Christmas shopping, and, of course, mistletoe. Mistletoe really puts us in a holiday and festive mood!

If you girls are having problems getting Charlie in the Christmas spirit of love, heed these suggestions. After you have placed Charlie in the strategic position, follow your own conscience. I hereby relinquish all responsibility; I have enough problems of my own!

If your beau is rather dense—the type who thinks balconies are for far-sighted people, your method of approach or attack had better be real direct. String little mistletoe berries all over the ceiling; then he cannot avoid the issue.

Here are some suggestions if your guy is real shy, and you feel you might as well take the initiative. Wait until he is in the lunch line. If he should see you coming and guess your intent, never fear! No hungry male would ever leave his place in the hash line, especially to avoid a girl! If you are really determined, find out his locker combination, hang mistletoe from the coat hooks, and hide in the locker. When the locker opens, zing, what a feeling!! But, watch out for those Eagle Ethics representatives working on the clean-up drive!!

If he does not take the hint, do not forget your original purpose. Just forget the mistletoe and improvise!!!!

## BONNIE DOON DRIVE-IN

COOKIES  
FRENCH-FRYS  
BANANA - BOATS  
BONNIE - BURGERS  
HOT FUDGE SUNDAES

Across the River on Lincolnway

# Students Help Santa

After a seemingly endless week of burning the midnight oil, this morning I awoke only to find that I had fallen asleep atop an open history book. I tried to retrace my thoughts to decipher where I had begun to stray from the Civil War. Gradually, it all came back—it could have been that one of those generals vaguely resembled Santa, or the thought of bullets ringing through the air reminded me of tingling sleigh bells. In any case, I found myself involved in a dream which only the season and my weariness could justify. As closely as I can remember, it went something like this:

Somehow or other the entire Adams student body and faculty were amazingly transported to Santa's workshop at the North Pole. Upon our mass landing in the land of ice fantasy, fun, jolly elves, toys, and reindeer, we were immediately put to work. Each department was put in charge of some phase of the annual duties.

Math students like **Carolyn Burgett** and **Dave Simons**, who recently took pleasure in correcting the calculus answer book were put to work in numbering the building blocks and counting the various

gifts into their packages (almost to infinity).

Because of the heavy mail, **Martha Lloyd**, **Edgar Kowalski**, **Wayne Parker**, **Randi Storhelm**, **Mitchi Myoshi**, and **Gayle Thistlethwaite** and their fellow language students put in time translating letters from all over the world.

Science students had two duties. Chemistry authorities under **Mr. Reber's** direction concocted the brews put in chemistry sets. The sad result was that the room was declared a disaster area. I remember pitying the innocent children who would have received them—thank goodness it was only a dream. In the meantime biology students **Ginny Jones** and **Jim Adams** were entrusted with the care of the animals (live and stuffed) which Santa will deliver.

The home economists were also in charge of the clothes gifts department, although they invited the Central Bear, joyous at the opportunity to work with Adams students, to take care of fuzzy slippers, mohair sweaters, and teddy bears.

**Meredith Utterbach**, **Nancy Sievers**, **Mike Loveland**, **Curt Root**,

**Suellen Anderson** and all other band and orchestra members were responsible for making and testing toy instruments. I also remember that **Karen McDaniel** was given a medal of honor for creating several new instruments by switching mouthpieces. Glee Club members **Stan Broadway**, **Dan Greenlee**, and **Doug McLemore** provided music to work by all day.

Santa's equipment and reindeer needed much care. **Debbie Aulm**, **Debbie Bell** and other art students painted his sleigh. **Dick Wachs**, **Roger Fisette**, **Jim Bare**, **Don Harmon**, and other sports enthusiasts were busied racing the reindeer so they would be ready for their all-night trip on December 24. **Bob Benton** and **Rex's** other keepers also came up to help with the reindeer; incidentally, **Rex** and **Rudolph** are the best of friends.

Alas, though, my fantasy finally came to an end. The melodious tinkling bells were actually the clanging and persistent voice of my alarm clock awakening me to the knowledge that I really must finish my history. You see, today we're having school at Adams—not in Santa's workshop.

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## Adams Record Falls to 2-4

Coach Warren Seaborg's John Adams Eagles could not seem to find the winning ingredients as they dropped two close games last Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14.

On Friday, the Eagles were victims of Vernon Payne and the Michigan City Red Devils, while on Saturday the Eagles traveled to Wabash, and again were turned back.

**Michigan City 67, Adams 58**  
After losing to Central by a 2-point margin a week ago, the Red Devils were out for revenge in this game. The Eagles, knowing this, were "up" for this game as they continuously led throughout the first quarter.

Bill Fischer hit three baskets, while Don Schultz and Bob Gilbert each tossed in two.

In the second quarter the Eagles fell behind by nine points and could not seem to regain the lead as they trailed the rest of the game.

In the last quarter they did, however, rally to come within four points, until Vern Payne caught fire and hit six straight baskets. Payne scored 14 points in the last period, and took game scoring honors for both clubs with 27. Bob Gilbert was runnerup with 20 points for the Eagles. Fischer followed with 17.

**Wabash 64, Adams 63**  
For the second consecutive week the Eagles lost to a foe by a one-point margin. Last Saturday's defeat came at the hands of the Wabash Apaches by a score of 64-63. The week before the Eagles lost to the Nappanee Bulldogs 65-64.

The Eagles led almost the entire way, until two seconds were left in the third quarter. At this point Wabash took the lead, 47-46 on a last-second basket. With the "clock" showing four seconds Wabash led by one-point, 62-61. Emerson Carr was then called for a foul. The Apache player stepped

## Tankmen Whip Three Opponents

The Adams Seagles chalked up their third, fourth, and fifth consecutive victories last week in the still young season. This boosts the record of Coach Don Coar's squad to 5-0.

Washington pool was the site last Tuesday, December 10, when the Adams swimmers took on both Mishawaka and Howe Military in a double-dual competition.

Senior and co-captain Dan Jones starred as he broke his own school record of 1:01.2 in the 100-yard backstroke with a 1:00.6 effort. Junior Bob Nelsen came through with victories against both foes in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events.

Displaying the solid team balance which has been prevalent so far this season, Adams trounced Mishawaka 66-29, taking eight first places. The Eagles bested Howe Military by a score of 59-35, winning 10 events.

Friday, December 13, Adams was challenged by their host, Culver Military Academy, but came out the victors by the close margin of 49-46. A strange pool and a determined group of cadets almost proved to be the breaking point of Coar's swimmers as the outcome of the meet was carried down to the second to the last event, when John Rueter and Mike Nova clinched the Adams victory. Times suffered slightly because of the unusual length of the pool.

to the line and hit both shots which iced the victory for Wabash.

With two seconds remaining Bob Gilbert hit a 25-footer to give him 24 points for the evening and scoring honors. Gilbert now has an 18-point average.

## Holiday Tourney Next for Eagles

Coach Warren Seaborg's Adams Eagles will carry a 2-4 record into the holiday tourney to be held at Mishawaka on Friday, December 27. This year Adams will face the Penn Kingsmen after Mishawaka takes on St. Joe in the opener.

Last year Penn won the crown by beating Adams, the 1961 champ, in the afternoon and Mishawaka at night. The tournament will run for one day, with two games in the afternoon and two games at night.

The Eagles will face Mishawaka and St. Joe again immediately after the tourney. On Friday, January 10, Adams will meet the Cavemen at Mishawaka, while on the next night the Eagles will host the Indians.

The swimmers travel to Goshen for a meet with the Redskins on January 9, and the Seagles will host the powerful Riley Wildcats at the Washington pool on January 14.

The wrestlers will be competing in a holiday tourney at Studebaker School on Saturday, December 21. The grapplers then have three away meets, beginning with Elkhart on January 7, Hammond on the 10th, and Niles on the 16th.

The Beagles have a tourney at Mishawaka on Thursday, December 26. The teams and pairings are the same as for the varsity tourney. The freshmen basketball team have a tourney set tentatively for January 11 at Washington. As it is scheduled now the field will consist of the four city schools.

## Wrestlers Win 3rd and 4th

Coach Morris Aronson's matmen picked up their third and fourth victories of the season last week. The grapplers now have a 4-1 record.

On Wednesday, December 11, the Eagles hosted Gary Roosevelt and picked up a 31-18 win. The Mishawaka Cavemen came to Adams on December 13, and the Eagles dealt the Maroons a 33-16 loss.

Adams won eight matches against Mishawaka and picked up four pins among the wins. Tom Quimby pinned his opponent in 55 seconds for the highlight of the match. Mike Slabaugh and Gary Zalas remain undefeated for the Eagles, although Zalas has been held to a draw in one match.

## Freshmen Bring Record to 5-0

The John Adams freshman basketball team scored three victories in its last three outings to bring the freshman record to 5-0 for the season. Although Coach Truex's squad kept winning, they found the going a little tough. On Thursday, December 5, the Eagles edged Riley 48-44 at Riley.

On the following Tuesday the frosh met Goshen and came off with a 53-47 win. Next the Eagles

## Beagles Win 6th Without Defeat

The John Adams B-team continued its winning ways as the Beagles defeated two foes, one by a one-point margin. Friday, December 13, the Beagles turned back Michigan City, 36-35, while on Saturday they won their sixth straight, dealing the Wabash Apaches a 55-47 defeat.

In the Michigan City game the Beagles were out in front the entire way until late in the fourth quarter when the Red Imps pulled to within a point. But the cagers of Bob Rensberger held, and the B-team basketballers went on to win 36-35. Shaun Floyd took scoring honors with 16 points.

The following night the Beagles traveled to Wabash where they gained their sixth straight victory with a 55-47 win. Shaun Floyd had 11 points for the Beagles and freshman Larry Williams tossed in 7 points.

traveled to Central, where the Adams freshmen had little trouble with the Bears and brought home a 55-52 victory.

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