

# Glee Clubs Present Vespers Today, Sunday

For every student of John Adams High School, the approach of the Christmas season carries with it a special meaning. The twenty-four-year-old tradition of the annual Christmas Vesper program, begun in 1940, has become a significant symbol of the forthcoming holiday season.

This year's Vespers will also carry with it the same air of anticipation. More important, however, is the message it will convey to the student body and to the community. In addition to being a program of great beauty, this Vesper service will enhance the true spirit of Christmas:

"The Heart of Christmas Is Love  
The Gladness of Christmas Is Hope  
The Spirit of Christmas Is Peace."

Through this inspiring theme the Prep, Junior, and the Senior Glee Clubs will deliver their message of peace, hope, faith and love. After months of hard work and preparation, the three glee clubs will present their program today in an assembly before the student body, and on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in a program open to the entire community.

## Three Sections

The program will be divided into three sections in accordance with the three main concepts expressed in the theme.

The Senior Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Robert F. Hoover, and the Junior Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Hodgson, will open the program with the exciting "Fanfare for Christmas" by Davis and Raymond.

"The Heart of Christmas" will provide the basic idea for the following eight numbers. The moving candlelight processional, performed by the members of the Senior Glee Club, will set the mood of love and joy. The Senior Glee Club will then present such beautiful works as "The Three Kings" by Willan, another contemporary piece, and "Adoramus Te," a piece by the Renaissance composer, Paestrina. Other numbers



**SENIOR GLEE CLUB OFFICERS** gather around an artificial Christmas tree made by their director, Mr. Robert Hoover. From left to right are John Darsee, student director; Barb Schrop, treasurer; Chris Larson, accompanist; Nancy Sinkiewicz, vice-president; Lynn Asper, president; and Gene Morgan, business manager.

will include "So Great the Light," "O Magnum Mysterium," "All Men Now Sing, Rejoice," and "Love Came Down at Christmas." The Junior and Senior Glee Clubs will then present "Glory to God in the Highest" by Garlick.

## Ensemble to Sing

The glee clubs will further develop their theme by seeking to transmit "The Gladness of Christmas." The Senior Glee Club will sing two num-

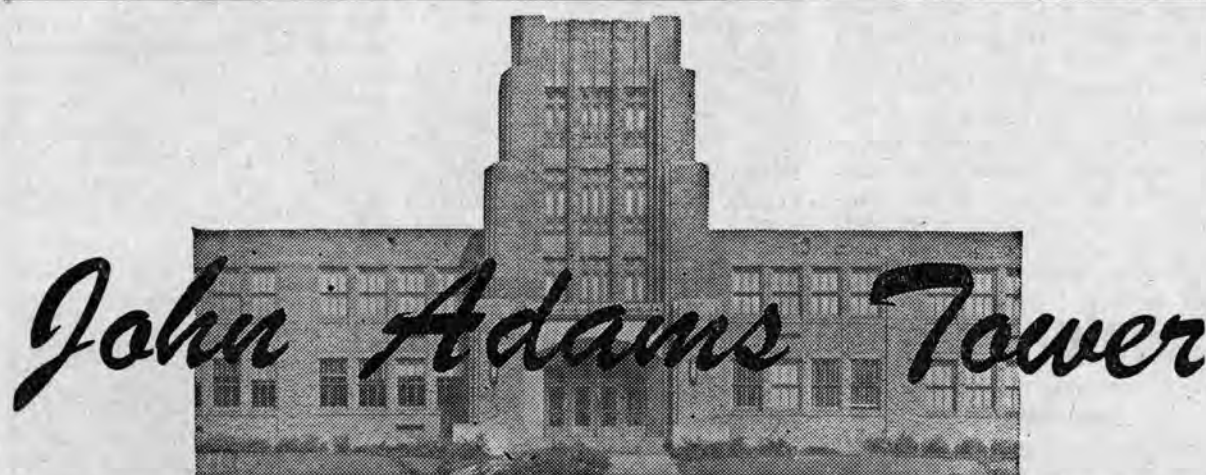
bers, "Sing We Now of Christmas" and "Masters in This Hall," and the Girls' Ensemble will sing "A Snow Legend" by Clokey. Following this, the Junior Glee Club will give two numbers, the Catalonian Carol "Fum, Fum, Fum," and "The Holly and the Ivy." The Prep Glee Club will also sing two songs, "Deck the Halls" and "Ding Dong, Merrily on High."

"The Spirit of Christmas" will constitute the final portion of the program, during which the three glee clubs will deliver the traditional selected Christmas carols.

The accompanists for the program are Chris Larson and Esther Kulp.

The selections which will be performed at the Vesper Service are representatives of a variety of styles and periods of music. This year's annual Christmas Vesper program will be one of great achievement, deep feeling, and beautiful inspiration.

The John Adams Christmas Vesper Program was originated by Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate, who retired from her position as head of the Adams Vocal Music Department last spring.



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## Three to Visit Service Clubs

Mr. Russell Rothermel, Adams principal, recently announced the school's three representatives to local service clubs for the next two months.

The representative to the Kiwanis Club is Ken Blessing. Ed Mike-sell was selected as representative to the Lions Club, while Jerry Wallace was chosen as representative to the Rotary Club.

These boys will attend luncheon meetings of the various clubs to get experience in community activities and to inform club members of school activities.

## Mueller Wins State Award

Greg Mueller, Adams senior, was recently awarded a \$100 grant from the Indiana Heart Association for his current experiment working with the heart.

To apply for the award, Greg had to send in a detailed plan of his project, which was entitled "The Role of Phymus in Immunobiology." Then the association which awards fifteen grants to deserving high school students in Indiana, carefully considered the applications before choosing the winners.

Mr. Ernest Litweiler was Greg's faculty adviser.

## Sweatshirt Sale Concludes Today

The John Adams chapter of the National Honor Society will conclude its annual sale of school sweatshirts today. Representatives will be sent to each of the home-rooms to sell sweatshirts which cost \$3.00 apiece. A \$1.00 deposit is required on each sweatshirt. The balance is to be paid when the sweatshirt is picked up at one of the various stations which will be set up in the building.

The sweatshirts are available in either short or long sleeves in the following sizes: small, medium, large, and extra large. A student may choose from any of the three colors—red, white, or blue.

## College Scholarship Information Detailed

Numerous scholarships are offered by many colleges and universities throughout the country. They may be specific or general. Colleges are given money by certain foundations for the purpose of granting scholarships to the winners. Several of the more well-known scholarships of this type are those sponsored by the General Motors Scholarship Fund, the Procter & Gamble Scholarship

Fund, Alfred P. Sloan National Fund, and the Lockheed Leadership Fund.

General Motors scholarships are awarded to those high school graduates with outstanding academic records. Approximately 400 scholarships are awarded under this plan—each for four years of undergraduate study in any field. The amount ranges from an honorary \$200 to a maximum \$2000 per

year. Some of the midwestern colleges and universities offering the General Motors scholarship are Ball State Teachers College, Butler University, University of Notre Dame, Indiana State, Purdue University, Michigan State University, and University of Michigan. Applications for this scholarship are made directly to the schools representing it.

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## Christmas Seal Drive Lasts Through Tuesday

Tuesday marks the end of this year's Christmas Seal sale. The sale, an annual drive at John Adams, began in the homerooms on Tuesday of this week.

The money which is gained from the sale of these seals is used to combat tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. This includes the tuberculin tests administered

to the sophomores and juniors.

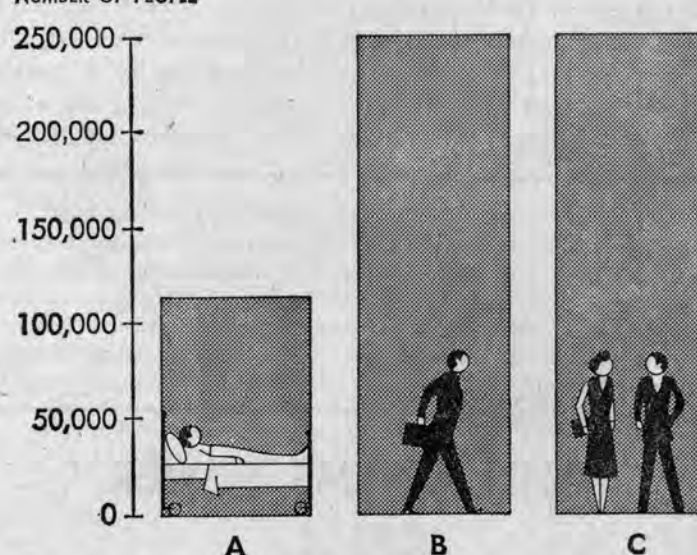
Since Adams has always set a good example by raising an above average amount of money for this cause, it is urged that all students who have not purchased seals, do so today. The seals are only a penny apiece and the purchase of ten seals entitles the buyer to re-

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## TB: the Problem that Won't Go Away

610,000 Americans still have active tuberculosis or are classified as "high risk" individuals.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE



A. 110,000 are known to have active tuberculosis.

B. 250,000 are recently recovered TB patients, many of whom are subject to relapse.

C. 250,000 are known to have had contact with new active TB cases recently reported.

610,000 persons, all told, are now in the TB picture—either as actively ill patients or in the "high risk" category. Christmas Seal funds help provide the hope and the means of achieving ultimate control and eradication of tuberculosis in the U. S.

Source: Report of the U. S. Surgeon General's Task Force on TB Control in the United States.







## The History and Meaning Of Jewish Chanukah

Chanukah, a Hebrew word meaning Dedication, is a Jewish holiday also known in English as the Feast of Lights. This holiday commemorates the victory of the Jewish forces over those of the Syrian-Greek army in 165 B.C.

The Chanukah story tells of the Syrian efforts to wipe out the Jewish religion by destroying the great Temple, which was at that time the center of their faith, and by forcing idolatry upon the Jews. In 168 B.C. the Syrian forces entered the Temple in Jerusalem, and pouring swine's blood over the altar, left it a polluted and deserted shrine. After three years of fighting, the Jews, led by Judah Maccabee and his brothers, won the first great battle known to be fought for religious freedom. Thus, they marched back into the Temple, cleansed it, and re-dedicated it.

### Ancient Tradition

The ritual observance deals with an eight-stick candelabra called a Menora. The first night of the holiday only one candle is lit, and on each night following a candle is added until all eight are burning. This ancient tradition deals with "the miracle of the cruse of oil." In the Jewish faith, an eternal light always shines over the holy altar, and this light can never be extinguished. During the

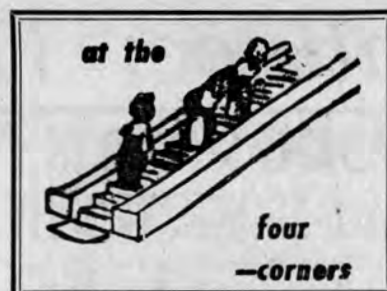
cleansing of the Temple, there was only enough oil left to burn in the cruse for one day. But according to tradition, the oil lasted eight days, the same length of time needed to secure new oil. Thus, eight candles are burned and the holiday lasts eight days to commemorate this trying period.

Chanukah is a happy, festive holiday. According to the Hebrew calendar, it occurs on the 25th day of Kislev, which roughly falls between November and December. This year the holiday began on November 29. It is observed with the giving of gifts, singing, eating special treats, and playing games.

A favorite game is the Dreidel game. It is played with a top-like toy, the Dreidel, which has four sides, each with a Hebrew letter. The Dreidel is allowed to spin until it falls, and the player is given a certain number of points depending on which letter is yielded in the fall. This is a popular family game played during the Chanukah season.

Festivals of Lights, coming from primitive people who used a light ceremony to summon back longer days at the beginning of winter, are found in the folklore of many peoples and many religions. It is claimed by some that the lights used in connection with Christmas have a similar origin.

—Teri Rubin.



Tom Budecki, when asked to define rubicon on a world's history quiz, put down "a new flavor of ice cream." Nice try!

Mr. Schutz, lecturing on the Persian War, commented, "Irving got in a fight with a Persian last night. He claims to be Siamese, but he's actually alley."

Reid Lichtenfels calls Louise Benson "the essence of autumn" when she wears her orange sweater.

Jerry Wallace offered his services to Mrs. McClure as an expert filmstrip operator. After five minutes of hard labor, the result was an upside down film.

The Spanish Club is the most democratic club in the school. When Mrs. DeLagos wanted a president, she pointed her finger at Louis Sandock and said, "We need a president—you!"

Mike Roessler and Gordon Murphy wonder what the faucet in the physics room pointing toward the side instead of down is for. They plan to try and see if it's good for washing the blackboard.

Mr. Goodman, while making up new names for elements, named one "przychodnium" after Robert Przychodny.

When Anne Bednar wore her mouse pin to geometry class, Mr. Aronson shouted, "Eeek—a rat!"

It's a good thing Joy Thistle doesn't blush! She turned around from the pencil sharpener, located behind the door in physics, and practically ran into Mr. Cussen. She was so surprised that she screamed. Then she was so embarrassed that she wouldn't come out from behind the door for a few minutes.

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## German Girl Finds Americans Friendly

Ruth Nickels, a freshman at John Adams, has a background which is unique from other students in the school. Ruth was born and raised in Karlsruhe, Germany, near the north part of the Black Forest. Ruth's parents are German, and this is their first time in America.

Ruth speaks English very well, but she still has trouble finding the words that she wants to express something. When she was asked what the main difference between America and Germany was, she replied that she didn't "have the words to tell you." However, she did say that she liked "everything" about America.

As for the students, Ruth finds the Americans "kinder and friendlier." She also said that they aren't any noisier than German students. She likes the carefree, open manner of the students, in contrast to the more reserved Germans.

### Very Confusing

Ruth has had quite an experience, being a freshman, newcomer to the area, and new to this country all at the same time. She said that she thought the school was very large and that at first it was very confusing finding her classes. But then, don't all freshmen have the very same problem?

Ruth admits that school in America is much easier. In Germany the students take 13 subjects at one time. They also go to school for six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Having a choice of subjects is new to Ruth. The students in Germany have no say about what subjects they may take; they must take the ones that are assigned. Ruth likes the system of choosing because, "Sometimes in Germany I would have to take a subject that I hated."

Ruth had English for three years in Germany, where they start languages in elementary schools. However, she says that one of the

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## DRIVER'S ED. NECESSARY JUST TO NAVIGATE HALLS

The importance of Driver's Education can't be stressed too much here at Adams. The idea is that we must learn to drive ourselves down the corridors for our safety and others.

Here are a few rules which might prove profitable. First, always be sure you stay in your own lane, or you may wish you had bumpers. Second, don't attempt a U turn or you may cause a collision. Third, when entering your particular classroom, be sure and signal, or you will be rushed past it, never to be seen again.

Passing of classes, or the "kill" as many call it, occurs only five minutes hourly. Any stranger entering the building at one of these periods would surely think himself in the midst of the Indianapolis 500 traffic.

Some people, like compact cars, weave in and out of traffic. Others, like semi-trucks, come barreling down the corridors.

So it appears that the only way to remain safe and sane is to bear one idea in mind: the additional lanes are coming.

—Jeanne Suding.

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# Eagles Defeat Wallace; Host Clay Tonight

## LOSE TO ST. JOSEPH BEFORE GARY WIN

Coach Warren Seaborg's 1964 edition of his Adams' cagers defeated the Hornets of Gary Lew Wallace on Nov. 25, 73-49. On Friday, Nov. 20, the Eagles were handed an opening-game loss, 61-53, by the St. Joseph Indians. The Eagles' overall record now stands at 1-1 as conference play does not begin until Dec. 11 when the cagers travel to Goshen.

### St. Joseph 61; Adams 53

While St. Joseph was still basking in the glory of their football team, the Eagles almost sprang an early season upset before bowing to Dick Hendricks' squad on Nov. 20, on the Indians' home court.

The Eagles fell behind from the start as the Indians took a commanding 16-10 lead at the first quarter termination. Adams outscored the Indians 16-14 in the second quarter mainly on the jump-shooting of Chuck Superczynski.

Adams vaulted into a couple of one-and-two-point leads in the third period and were still a point on top with four minutes to play, but eventually fell to the taller and more experienced Indians. Ken Hass iced the game with a driving hook shot with 3:58 left to play. Bruce Caldwell led the victors with 16 points.

### Adams 73; Lew Wallace 49

In the traditional pre-Thanksgiving rivalry, the Eagles scored their first victory as they dumped the Hornets of Lew Wallace, 73-49.

Paced by Chuck Superczynski and Dave Gordon, the Eagles jumped off to a 21-7 first-quarter lead and were never hampered. Wallace was held without a field goal until 4:49 remained in the first period. Superczynski, for the second straight week, led Adams' scorers with 19 points. Vic Butsch, who did not play the first quarter, tallied 18.

## Frosh Win Two

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, the freshmen basketballers of Don Truex defeated the Penn Kingsmen by a score of 34-28. Neal Stanton and John Williams were the high scorers as they tallied 12 and eight points respectively.

The following Tuesday, Nov. 24, the frosh continued their winning ways with a 41-34 triumph over the Mishawaka Maroons. Mike Downey and John Williams paced the Eagle attack with 12 points each.

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By STEVE BERMAN

A comment was planned to answer the reason why Karan Parseghian has been all smiles these first three months of school. Karan, whose father is employed at Notre Dame, lost only a speck of that smile when Notre Dame was upset, 20-17, last Saturday. It has been a banner year for Notre Dame, winning 9 and losing only 1, and the Parseghian name has instilled a great amount of spirit in one of the finest football teams in the country. Maybe the spirit of the Armenians (there's a new one) will instill our own Adams' teams to greater heights. Anyway, congratulations, Karan, and extend a hand to your Dad.

The Southern California upset of Notre Dame reminded me of a few heartbreakers in our own school. The Irish, of course, were after the national championship but the Eagles have also been after some highly-treasured trophies. One must only trace back to last year to find the heartbreaking failure of the swimmers to win their first State championship after two consecutive second-place finishes. Gary Zalas' second-place finish in the state wrestling meet could also be classified as a heart-breaker. Central's 54-53 triumph over Adams in the 1962 basketball sectionals probably brought more tears than any other event. These are only a few last-minute heart-stoppers.

Well, one thing can be sure, when the Trojans of Southern

## ADAMS SECOND IN ALL-SPORTS TROPHY

With the completion of the fall-sports season, Adams ranks second behind Elkhart in the running for the all-sports trophy. The trophy, given annually to the team which compiles the most points in all sports that the school participates in, has never been won by Adams. A school, to win, must be balanced in all sports as is evidenced by Washington's 10th place standing. The Panthers, who were co-champs in football, did not fare so well in cross-country. The scoring is based on 35 points for a first-place finish, 32.5 points for a second-place finish, 30 points for third, etc. The standings of the first four teams are as follows:

1. Elkhart	101.25
2. Adams	77.50
3. Goshen	75.
4. Riley	73.75

California invade South Bend next year on Oct. 23, there'll be no mercy shown, and there'll be "blood in the eyes" of all Irish and fans alike.

Turning our thoughts to basketball, Riley and Washington have jumped off to fast starts, sporting 3-1 and 4-0 records respectively. Also Central, a team that is expected to battle Washington for this area's laurels, squeaked by St. Joseph last Friday in an overtime, 56-53.

We'll try our luck in predicting basketball games this season, and our opening week's schedule should go as follows with Friday night games given first:

Adams over Clay  
Washington over St. Joseph  
Ind. Wash. over Central  
Ind. Southport over Elkhart  
Adams over Warsaw  
Riley over St. Joseph  
Concord over Clay  
Elkhart over Penn

## Reserves Defeat First Two Foes

The Adams "B" team defeated their first two opponents on Nov. 20, and Nov. 25.

On Nov. 20, Coach Bob Rensberger's charges handed the St. Joseph Indians an opening-game loss on a come-from-behind effort. The Beagles were down by five, 22-17, at the half but outscored the Indians, 21-6, in the last half to register their first win. Larry Wharton led all Eagle scorers with a 10-point effort while Ernie Rosin contributed to the Beagles' first victory with his rebounding efforts.

Another come-from-behind effort, this one against the Gary Lew Wallace reserves on Nov. 25, boosted the Beagles' mark to 2-0. Ernie Rosin pumped in 13 points and Bob Storm contributed 12 as the Beagles won, 48-39.

## Cagers in Quest Of Second Victory

This evening at 8:00, the Eagles of John Adams will entertain the Colonials from Clay. Adams, 1-1 thus far in the early campaign, will be in quest of their second win. The Colonials, led by Lee Obenchain, Ben Crawford, and Steve Morozowski, are winless in three attempts. Tomorrow night, Adams travels to Warsaw.

The swimmers open their home schedule this evening at 7:00 in the Washington pool against Riley. Next Tuesday, coach Don Coar's tankmen will host a strong Culver team.

Coach Morris Aronson's grapplers hold their first home meet this afternoon when they host the Central Bears in a conference match. The wrestlers travel to Gary Roosevelt next Wednesday.

## German Girl Finds Americans Friendly

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reasons she has trouble understanding English here in America is because, "The teacher in Germany sounded different from you."

### Helping in German

This first semester, Ruth is helping in two German classes, instead of taking English and social studies. She will change to her solid subjects after Christmas when her comprehension is better.

Ruth's hobbies are horseback riding, swimming, and reading. "I still read for pleasure in German, but for school work I read in English." Ruth is well on her way to combining the best of her German heritage and her American home.

—Pat Madison.

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