

25th Christmas Vesper Service Today, Sunday

This year marks the silver anniversary of the beautiful and inspiring tradition of the Christmas Vesper Service. For each student at John Adams High School, the coming of the Christmas season carries with it a special meaning. The tradition of the annual Christmas Vespers, begun in 1940, has become a significant symbol of the forthcoming holiday season.

Message of Peace

This year's Vespers, as in years past, will carry with it the same air of anticipation and of final peace. 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 embody 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 Senior Glee Clubs will deliver their message of peace, hope, faith, and love. Culminating months of hard work and diligent preparation, the three glee clubs will present their program today in an assembly before the student body. As their traditional gift to the community, the Vesper service will again be presented on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4:00 p.m. in a program to which the community is invited.

In Three Sections

The program will be divided into three main sections. In the first part, the heavenly hosts proclaiming the joyful news, the voices of three glee clubs will combine into one singing: Gloria In Excelsis, by Fred Baker; Glory Be to God, by Rachmoninoff; Do You Hear What I Hear?, and Alleluia Noel.

During the course of the second portion of the Vesper service, entitled glory be to God on high, each glee club will offer separate selections.



SENIOR GLEE CLUB OFFICERS gather around Chris Larson, accompanist and president. Others are Kurt Stiver, treasurer; Chuck Pfeeger, business manager; John Darsee, vice-president, and Sue Ann Martz, secretary.

The Senior Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Robert F. Hoover, will sing: Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices; Hodie Christus Natus Est; Hear the Joyful News; and Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

Mixed Ensemble

The Junior Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Hodgson, will sing three chorales by Bach. The Prep Glee Club will present Alleluia! Christmas Is

Born, by Young. A special feature in the Vespers this year will be the mixed ensemble composed of selected members of the Senior Glee Club. They will sing number The Holy Infant's Lullaby.

The final part of the program, peace on earth, good will to men, will consist of the singing of the familiar Christmas carols by the members of all three glee clubs.

New Candlelight Procession

A mixing of old and new will take place as a new feature added to an old and inspiring tradition. As the Senior Glee Club winds its way through the darkened auditorium in the candlelight procession, they will enter singing the familiar Adeste Fideles (Oh Come All Ye Faithful). However, also included in the Vesper Service will be a recessional with the glee club singing the Westminster Carol.

Accompanying for this year's Vesper Service will be Chris Larson, senior and president of the Senior Glee Club. This year, the annual Candlelight Christmas Vespers holds within it the promise of peace, hope, and love.



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Vocalist Chester Cwiernia Performs Wed.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, members of the John Adams student body will be privileged to hear the trumpet and the voice of Mr. Chester Cwiernia at a special assembly to be presented at 8:15. Described as both a versatile and extremely talented artist, Mr. Cwiernia has gained recognition for his outstanding ability on the trumpet and for his magnificent voice.

His assembly concert will consist of trumpet solos, the feature of the program, tenor solos, and a piano solo by his accompanist. A well-rounded musical program is assured where the best music is made keenly interesting. The music will be varied to suit all ears and appeal to many tastes.

Includes Broadway Numbers

Among his trumpet numbers, Mr. Cwiernia features many of Rafael Mendez's arrangements such as The Bullfighter's Song and Chiapannecas. He also plays Columbia Fantasy and Trumpeter's Lullaby. For the vocal part of the program material will be selected from such numbers as Granada, Serenade from Student Prince, Ave Maria, and others. Among the favorites presented will be selections from Fire Fly, Kismet, My Fair Lady, Carousel, and The Sound of Music.

Enthusiastically acclaimed for his concert appearances at the important musical centers in the Middle West, he is also a teacher on the faculty of the Austin Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago.

Wrestling, Swimming Tickets on Sale

Today is the last day students may buy these tickets, which are available before and after school at the ticket booth.

Admitting the ticket holder to nine meets, the swimming season tickets are selling for \$2.70 for adults and \$1.80 for students. There is a substantial savings offered in the purchase of a season ticket. Single game tickets will cost \$.50 per game for adults and \$.30 for students.

Also still available are wrestling season tickets which entitle the bearer admittance to six meets. Adult tickets are \$1.80, comparing quite favorably to the single game \$.50 admission charge. Students may buy wrestling season tickets for \$1.20 as compared to the \$.30 per game admission fee.

Basketball Handbook Includes Predictions

The John Adams Basketball Handbook is currently on sale at Four Corners after school and before each home game at the ticket booth. The Booster Club is sponsoring the sale of the booklets that are selling for 35 cents each.

The idea of a basketball booklet, to promote and encourage spectator attentiveness in "Hoosier Hysteria," was contrived last year by Steve Berman, Adams senior. The booklet, patterned after college (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Cards Delivered By Hi-Y Postmen

Members of the Hi-Y club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Stanley Mutti, are again performing their annual service of an intraschool postal system which enables students to send season's greetings to one another. The mailbox for these student greeting cards is located at Four Corners. To secure delivery, the card must have two Christmas seals plus the name and homeroom number of the person who is to receive the card on the envelope.

Help Support The Fight Against TB By Purchasing Christmas Seals

The Christmas season brings to mind many familiar symbols and objects reminding students not only of the joyous spirit of the season, but also reminding them of their obligations to help those around them. Such is the familiar double-barre dpins, the international symbol of the fight waged against tuberculosis: the problem that won't go away. Through the sale of Christmas Seals, great steps are made toward a reduction in the amount and the severity of respiratory diseases. Patients are given new hope and encouragement.

Sale Continues

The annual John Adams Christmas Seal Sale began on Tuesday, Nov. 30 and will continue until Tuesday, Dec. 7. Under the sponsorship of the Adams chapter of the Future Nurses of America, the seals are being made available in the homerooms through specially (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

NHS to Conduct Sweatshirt Sale

"There's gonna be a change" this year in the annual sweatshirt sale sponsored by the John Adams chapter of the National Honor Society. On Dec. 9 through Dec. 17 members of the National Honor Society will take orders for sweatshirts in all homerooms.

The new look in sweatshirts will consist of solid colored sweatshirts with the name John Adams printed in small letters horizontally on the left side. They will be available in red, white, and light and dark blue in the sizes of small, medium, large, and extra large. Both short and long sleeved sweatshirts will cost \$3.00, with \$1.00 down at the time of ordering and \$2.00 at the time of delivery sometime in late January.



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News in Brief

Let's see

everyone at the basketball game at Clay tonight, and at the home game with Warsaw tomorrow night.

Reminder

to students that TOWER subscriptions must be paid up by Thursday, Dec. 16.

Have you seen

the new and exciting basketball booklet with over 25 picture Purchase one now and read about predicted outcomes every Adams game.

Our Gift To The Community

Today at 8:15 a.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m. another page of story will be added to the John Adams High School annals. The traditional Christmas Vespers program will be presented by the John Adams student body and the South Bend community.

Vespers probably brings more praise and acknowledged recognition to our school than any other Adams event the entire year, for Vespers is a tradition—a tradition dating back into the 1940's, when Mrs. Lawrence T. Pate founded the inspiring and beautiful program. The heralded program lasted over twenty years under her leadership—one that demanded respect and admiration.

Tradition Lingers On

But the times have changed. Last year, Mr. Robert Hoover and Mr. Ronald Hodgson took over the reigns of the annual vesper program. The unquestioned superb and resplendent quality of the performance was continued by these two fine directors. Thus, tradition lingers on and revered individuals are only remembered.

So, today 1,700 students will hear 350 spirited voices of the Senior, Junior, and Prep Glee Clubs deliver their message of peace, hope, faith, and love. And for at least today and Sunday, Adams will be the pride of South Bend as the clarion sounds filter forth from a group of boys and girls who are carrying on the tradition of John Adams Vespers.

Christmas Vespers is our gift to the community and we all have reason to be proud of it.

The Ballad Of Gerry Mander

Gerry Mander Sat On A Wall,
Gerry Mander Had A Great Fall,
All The City's Elephants, And
All The City's Donkeys
Couldn't Put Gerry Mander Back Together Again.

Well, it finally happened. I did the impossible. Last week, I cut up the new South Bend redistricting jigsaw map, and I couldn't put it back together. Now in my day, I've tried the new abstract jigsaw puzzles; I've tried the new Roy Rogers jigsaw puzzle; and I've even tried the old fashioned jigsaw puzzles. But this one really stumped me. I know I didn't number the pieces wrong, because I had the first district where the fourth district used to be and I had the sixth district where the first district used to be.

Golly, Only Six Pieces

By Gerry, there were only 6 pieces in that puzzle. What could I have done wrong? Oh, I know, I must not have stayed within the promised 10% deviation. Ah, there's my problem. I probably put 14,154 people in the sixth district instead of putting only 12,354 in the average size district. I must have mixed up over 30 precincts. Boy, what a mess! I think I'll start all over again, and see if I can't do away with Gerry Mander.

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Jackie Steens Named Eagle of the Week

Because of her outstanding contributions to the John Adams Senior Glee Club, Jacqueline Steens has been selected as this week's Eagle of the Week. Jackie's interest in music has led her to participate in various outside organizations. She is the assistant choir director and pianist for her church choir. She also takes lessons in voice, piano, and organ.



Jackie Steens

Enjoys Singing

Jackie enjoys singing and feels that her reasons for this can be summed up in these words:

"Without a song the day would never end,
Without a song the road would never bend,
When things go wrong a man ain't got a friend
Without a song."

Plans to Attend I.U.

Jackie hopes to continue her work in glee club at Indiana University. She plans to major in business there.

In addition to Jackie's participation in the John Adams Senior Glee Club, she is also an active member of the student council.

Sound Off

Rude Cheerleaders

While attending the St. Joe game, I decided that our B-team cheerleaders are as rude and selfish as they could be. During the B-team game, there were only about 10 people in the St. Joe cheering section. Every time the St. Joe cheerleaders started a cheer, our cheerleaders had to start one to drown them out! I suppose our cheerleaders thought they were being cute—actually all they were doing was proving that Adams' kids have bigger mouths. Is it any wonder our students have been labeled as "SNOBS!!?"

—Anon

Lazy Album Staff?

It has been a long, cherished tradition that the people who do the most work should get the most recognition. Why then, does the Album staff limit the activities listed in the Album to eight? Just to save the staff a little work? If our Album staff is this lazy, I think I may cancel my subscription and ask for a refund. Such slothfulness is disgraceful and I hope that it doesn't reflect the general attitude of the majority of the students.—B.H.

Handles on Erasers

The other day in one of my classes, the teacher accidentally dropped an eraser and got chalk dust on his suit. As it fell he said, "These roly things should have handles on them." Inadvertently, I think he made a suggestion worth taking very serious.—R.W.



"THE TOWER TEASER" by LONG SHOT JACQUES



NAME _____
HOME ROOM _____
GRADE _____ [3]

Basketball Handbook Includes Predictions

(Continued from Page 1, Column 3) basketball yearbooks, includes a history of John Adams High School, a history of John Adams Basketball with a year-by-year, team-by-team comprehensive won-loss record, the all-time record of each coach, and the 1965-66 schedule.

Synopsis of Each Team

A short synopsis of each team plus a prediction on the outcome of each game are also included. There are over 25 pictures of the team, coaches, and cheerleaders in the handbook. In addition, short biographies of each player make the booklet worthwhile to purchase.

The booklet was written by Steve Berman with the help of Coach Don Barnbrook and Booster Club Sponsor Bill Przybysz.

Xmas Seal Drive Ends Tuesday

(Continued from Page 1, Column 3) designated representatives. After purchasing ten of this year's attractive seals at a penny apiece, the buyer is entitled to receive the red double cross pin.

The Christmas seals are more than just a pleasant way to decorate Christmas cards and packages. These seals pay for the tuberculin testing and county-wide x-ray surveys used to search out contacts of TB patients and finding new cases before the disease reaches an advanced stage.

No Cure Known

Medical research grants are given to universities and laboratories to keep up the search for a specific cure for TB. None has been found to date, but much-improved methods of treatment have been developed.

Long shot Jacques is back to give it another whirl and we've just got to have a winner this time. Besides the 5 dollars will come in handy for Christmas.

So, here's your big chance to win a \$5.00 gift certificate by merely filling in the missing letters to spell the most absurd or illogical word. The choices are given, so you have nothing to lose except about 3 minutes of homeroom.

Clues:

ACROSS:

1. An old (Batman, Baggie was found beneath a pile of decayed anchovies.
3. After climbing through his mammoth home-made labyrinth for over an hour the man finally tired and fell off his (ramp, rump).
5. Although the mumbled utterance sounded like (qsonp, rsenj), it is believed that the old man's last words were "I like Millard Fillmore."
6. Rumor has it that Rex will soon be replaced by a corpse of (magpies, iguanas, alpacas).

DOWN:

2. The gourmet smothered his gastronomic delight of pickled aardvark livers and salted soybean seeds with generous portions of (avacados, apricots).
3. "Pardon me, sir, but isn't that a (RoiTan, rotten) cigar?"
4. "No, madam, that's a (pancreas, platypus).

(Same rules as last time.)

Mr. Hargrave Tours Russian Schools

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m., the John Adams P.T.A. will hear a program on Russian schools presented by Mr. Harold Hargrave. Following the devotions, to be presented by Mrs. Fredrick Martin, the Adams band ensemble will present several musical selections. Mr. Hargrave, superintendent of the LaPorte Community School, will then speak on "Touring Russian Schools."

Supplementing his speech will be the color slides Mr. Hargrave took in the U.S.S.R. During the summer he traveled through Denmark, Germany, Finland, Poland, and Russia as one of twenty-five American school administrators selected to make the tour.

Every possible means of education is used to teach people the facts they should know about TB and health protection. Discharged patients are carefully checked to prevent relapses and everything possible is done to help them resume a normal life. In addition, the money gained from the sale makes possible the publication of literature on not only TB but also other respiratory diseases.

Bits of Non Wisdom by The Owl

Here it is, Dec. 3, 1965, and one-third of the school year has passed. By now, every person should have completed one-third of his work, attended school for one-third of his classes, and made at least one-third of his mistakes. Well, how do you like our six weeks system?

Tower-Conscious Teachers

Just lately I've been noticing that certain teachers are TOWER conscious. Recently one teacher made a 4-Corners type comment and followed by making one which was even funnier: "Of course, no one in the class writes for the TOWER, do you? Oh well, that wasn't funny enough to be printed anyway." It certainly was.

Many students are also TOWER conscious. Everytime anything funny happens in class, everyone turns around to watch the TOWER reporter jot it down for the coming issue.

That Sentimental Feeling

Wasn't it funny to see so many of last year's grads wandering around the halls last week? At the basketball game they had their own cheering section—up in the shelf.

One wonders what the grads hope to gain by returning to Adams. Surely they don't think they still have priority in the lunch line.

Owl Picture to Appear

Friends! Adamsites! Fellow Sufferers! Lend me but a moment of your most precious time to make an announcement of the greatest importance. Next week, in the TOWER, there will be a picture of me. So many people have been asking the staff who I am that they decided to run a picture of me for all to see. Don't miss it! It might be your only chance.

By the way, considering all of the secret societies around this school, U.S. and I.T., the ELF club, the Album staff, I have decided to start the OWL Club. All members will remain anonymous, and the only requirements to join are an ability to spell OWL and memoriz-

Mr. Rothermel Returns from Overseas Trip; Finds Excellent Schools on Military Bases

Mr. Rothermel left South Bend Oct. 6 on a one-month assignment for the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. He was to evaluate the overseas Department of Defense high schools in Newfoundland, Iceland, Labrador, Spain, the Azores, and Bermuda.

In each school Mr. Rothermel and his associate visited with administrators, base commanders, teachers, and students. They were to evaluate such things as organization, administration, supervision, staff, student body, the instructional program, extra-curricular activities, and buildings.

Schools Range from 85-500

The schools were rather small, ranging from 85 students in Keflavik, Iceland, to 500 in Torrejon High School, Madrid. Since the families only stay on the bases for between 15 months and two years, 40 to 50% of the students, and 60 to 90% of the teachers are new each year. This makes it difficult to plan ahead and organize activities, but in a short time classes and clubs were running smoothly.

The team also noticed that the students were well adapted to moving around and within a few weeks had made many friends. Both the Naval and Air Force Bases had very adequate recreational programs for after school, weekends, and summer. All in all, Mr. Rothermel feels that "Under the circumstances these bases must be commended for their excellent schools."

Went Swimming in 35° Weather

Although his mission was concerned mainly with inspecting these schools, Mr. Rothermel got much enjoyment out of his trip also. On Oct. 9, he was lucky enough to land in Labrador during a snowstorm, facing the first winter experience on his trip. He also enjoyed learning to lean in and out of the strong Iceland winds and rains which blow across the land rather than down. Also in Iceland, he swam in an outdoor swimming pool in 35° weather—the pool was heated by the warm water from geysers.

Mr. Rothermel visited the capitals of France, England, Spain, and Iceland within an 18-hour period. He stayed only 1 or 2 days in most areas, but did have the chance to spend 3 days as a tourist in Spain's capital, Madrid.

In Madrid he visited Toledo, an old Spanish city and the Valley of the Fallen, a monument in memory of those who gave their lives in the Spanish Civil War. He also visited with Mrs. DeLagos and her family, with whom he saw the Royal Palace at Madrid and a bull fight.

ation of our club motto as taken from Emily Dickinson:

"I'm nobody! Who are you?
Are you nobody, too?
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Place The Face . . . Jay Goldman

Mrs. X, who is pictured here, is currently the head of the English Department at John Adams. She first came to Adams as a teacher in 1940 when the school was first opened. Mrs. X received her Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern University and her Master's from the Breadloaf Graduate School of English.

Inaugurates Team Teaching

Mrs. X played an important part in inaugurating a new system of teaching at Adams this year. This new system is called team teaching. Under this program as many as three teachers will instruct a class at the same time. Not only does this lighten the load on the teacher, but also the student has the opportunity to gain the benefits of varied opinions concerning such things as literature and theme writing. Mrs. X said, "I realize that this is a new system, but after the students get used to this type of teaching I feel that they (the students) will benefit greatly because they will have the opportunity to do more than writing."

The purpose of this new system is to prepare the Adams student for college level English. Mrs. X has had a great deal of experience in teaching English and she realizes what is necessary for college work.



Azores, Not That Beautiful

Mr. Rothermel was quite surprised to learn that the Azores are not the beautiful islands they are said to be, but semi-tropical islands of recent volcanic origin on which the plant growth is limited to grasses, vegetables, and grains.

In contrast to the Azores he also saw the beautiful islands of Bermuda. However, he found Goosebay and Iceland to be the most interesting places, because they differ so widely from what he is accustomed.

Mr. Rothermel sums up his trip by saying: "It was a challenging and enjoyable experience and I was especially fortunate to get the assignment."

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Host Clay Awaits Eagle Challenge

CAGERS WIN TWO! HOST WARSAW SAT.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Adams Eagles will be going after victory number three when they take on the Clay Colonials at the Clay Junior High gym. Adams will be out to repeat last year's 87-73 triumph against a junior-dominated Colonial squad. The Eagles also won a 63-55 overtime decision over Clay in last year's sectional.

Warsaw will invade the Adams gym tomorrow night with several returnees from last year's sectional championship team that downed the Eagles 58-46.

Eager Eagles Impressive

Coach Don Barnbrook's debut as head basketball coach proved to be quite successful as the Eagles dropped a rugged St. Joe squad 83-57. The game was played Nov. 19 in the Adams gym.

As a result of the hot shooting of Chuck Superczynski, Adams was in command from start to finish. The cagers held a 23-15 lead at the end of the first quarter and by half-time had built it up to 46-32. Superczynski had a total of 24 points at the intermission.

In the second half, Coach Barnbrook used his reserves freely, but it was hardly evident as the Eagles held a 62-38 advantage at the end of three periods. Superczynski had picked up 33 points by this time and he then retired from the game. Dave Gordon and Phil Williford only played two quarters each, but scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Wallace Succumbs to Depth

Adams picked up its second straight victory on Thanksgiving eve as they bombed Gary Lew Wallace by an 82-44 count. A 15-point scoring spree without a return early in the first quarter gave the Eagles a 22-7 lead, which they never lost. Williford dropped in seven of those points and grabbed several rebounds during the surge. The Eagles held a 46-17 halftime margin.

Balanced scoring and alert defensive play were the key factors leading to the rout. John Kaiser was high-point man with 13, but he was followed closely by Superczynski with 11 and Kent Ross and Williford with nine each. Bob Storm played only part of the fourth quarter but scored seven points.

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By STEVE RAYMOND

Basketballs replace footballs, but the fall sports were recognized at the annual awards assembly. Tom Decker presented the Most Valuable Player awards to seniors Ric Rutkowski and Bill Scott, and junior Tommie Walls; for tennis, cross-country, and football, respectively. Ramey Salyer received the Kiwanis award for outstanding scholarship (football). Congratulations to all.

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Basketball action tonight includes a mighty double-header at Butler Fieldhouse. Featured in the contest is South Bend's Central Bears against last year's state champions Indianapolis Washington. The Bears wait 'til next year (Jan. 14) to visit Adams.

Other contests tonight feature Washington at St. Joe and Jackson at Mishawaka. Tomorrow St. Joe visits Riley, while Washington travels to Fort Wayne Central Catholic.

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The B-team roundballers will be trying to gain their third and fourth wins of the season when they go into this weekend's schedule. Tonight the "B" squad will battle with Clay at their home court and on Saturday they will return home to play Warsaw.

Down St. Joe and Wallace

The B-team won their first game against St. Joe by a score of 48-24 and then went on to win against Gary Lew Wallace by a score of 69-37. Coach Hadaway attributed these wins to "fine defensive play." The scores also show an equally impressive offensive attack.

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Wrestlers Visit Central Tonight

This evening at 8:30 the Adams wrestling squad, under the direction of Coaches Morris Arons and Vince Laurita, will take on the Central Bears at Central. The matmen, who opened their season yesterday evening when they played host to Chesterton, will be trying to equal last year's 33-15 triumph over the Bears.

Following tonight's bouts, the wrestlers will return home to face Gary Roosevelt on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Swimmers Play Host For First Time Tues.

Coach Don Coar and his varsity swimmers will open their home swimming schedule against the new Jackson High School Washington pool on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The Seagles opened competition yesterday in Goshen against the Redskin swimmers.

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