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Merry Christmas From The Tower

The night before deadline and all through the city,
Santa's helpers are hard at work and ever so witty.
The clock ticks on to just one o'clock
And at last the paper is beginning to take stock.
The latest in news of John Adams High,
Has just received from Nan's examining eye
The final touches and blessings for the week.
And now it is time for Nan to sleep . . .

At about this hour the feature editors have typed neatly
The words of non-wisdom the Owl left so discreetly.
The article seemed to come from nowhere like a secret mission,
But at this late hour, the girls didn't question
For Anne and Sue Ann have carefully combined
Two pages of features with their reader in mind.
And though they know not who the Owl may be
His works of non-wisdom are read gaily.

Steve Raymond has gotten the very last score;
It looks as though Adams has won once more.
From under the Eagle's wing he writes
And gives observations to the sports fans' delight.

Hark, at this hour the advertising copy is ready,
While plans of plotting are strewn like confetti.
Andrea doesn't mind sweeping up the floor
For the readers know where their money will buy more.
Kathy Huff has carefully compiled the list
To make sure that no subscriber is missed.

Posey Firestein stands ready armed with stamps
So issues of the paper go to other journalism camps.
Jack has put away his pen and pencil handy
Finishing another cut, which turned out dandy.
And at last Nan, Anne, Steve, and Sue Anne,
Andi, Kathy, Posey, Jack and the rest of the band
Close their eyes and begin to dream with delight
At the joy Santa will receive when their work is sight.
Yes, Santa, better known as Stevie B.
Proud of his helpers he will be.
And after Steve plots, cuts, corrects, edits the paper with care,

You, dear faithful readers know he'll be there;
And what better gift could a teenager dream of,
And what better gift could Santa scheme of—
It's better than candy or cake to devour,
Never too sweet or never too sour . . .
A joy to read through any class hour:
Why it's none other than a brand new TOWER.

—Andrea Schneider

Cagers Defend Tourney Crown Dec. 27, 28 At Mishawaka

The Mishawaka Maroons, under Coach Marvin Wood, will again host the 1965 Holiday Basketball Tourney Dec. 27 and 28. For the second year in a row, the annual holiday festivity will be a two-day affair with the champion being crowned on Dec. 28. On Monday, Dec. 27, the defending champion Eagles who will be minus the services of John Kaiser

and who will be participating for their seventh consecutive year, will oppose the Kingsmen from Penn, beginning at 8:15. St. Joseph's and Mishawaka will open the festivities at 7:00 in the first game. The following night, the consolation game will begin at 7:00, while the winners meet for the title at 8:15 in the evening.

Team Effort

In addition to last year's 60-58 victory on the last-second heroics of John Kaiser, the Eagles also won the tourney in 1961 with a 57-56 nod over Mishawaka. Last year, the Eagles advanced to the title game via a 80-79 victory over

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JOHN KAISER
Last-Minute
Heroics

News in Brief

Good News Week

begins today at 3:00 p.m. and lasts until Jan. 3 as Adams students leave for Christmas Vacation.

There's a meetin' there

tomorrow night as the Eagles take on the Muncie South Side basketball team in Muncie, Ind.

We're taking a vacation

until Jan. 21, when the TOWER will present its 25th Anniversary Issue—a special 8-page edition.

WJVA-FM announces

that they're carrying all Adams games "live," home and away.

Why not fill

your stocking with a beautifully gift wrapped TOWER subscription for only \$1.75.



Invest in Friendship Theme of AFS Drive

The annual John Adams Student Council Share-Their-Fare drive is well under way. Although the drive begins officially on Jan. 5, many junior homerooms have been eagerly raising funds in the hope that their homeroom will receive the honor of having the foreign exchange student for the following year. It is this drive that makes it possible for Adams to host a foreign exchange student under the American Field Service program.

Ries, Notley to Speak

The traditional A.F.S. assembly will serve as the kickoff for the drive. Jon Ries, A.F.S. returnee who spent this past summer in India, will relate to the student body some of his experiences and

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COUNCIL TO TREAT MIGRANT CHILDREN

The student council of John Adams high school, working in association with the Council of Churches, will again bring the spirit of joy and pleasure to the migrant children in the South Bend area. On Dec. 22, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., 50 Mexican and Spanish migrant children will attend the second John Adams Migrant Children's Christmas Party. These children ranging from ages six to twelve, not fortunate enough to have a party of their own, will be entertained by Adams students in the Little Theater.

Spanish Santa Claus

During the party, the children will play several games, see a Christmas movie, and be treated to candy, gifts, and balloons. A special treat will be a Spanish-speaking Santa Claus and the traditional Spanish pinata filled with little surprises.

Cindy Roessler, sophomore, is in charge of the party. She is being assisted by members of the student body.

Recreation Board Dreaming Of White Christmas For Sledding Party, Dance

Eagerly preparing for the combined dance and sledding party are the members of the high school recreation board. The party will be held on Dec. 29 at Erskine Park. Sledding is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. From 2:00 until 5:00 there will be dancing and refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate and cookies, in the Erskine Club House. Music for the dance will be provided by the Teen Tones. This event will be open to all high school students of the South Bend area. Admission to the dance will be 50 cents; however, all refreshments will be free.

Other Programs

This fun-filled program is not

the only project sponsored by the high school recreation board. This year a boys' gymnastic center is being planned. Various other projects are being discussed. Following a project initiated last year there will be a talent show held in the spring for all area high school students. Throughout the course of the year, the recreation board will sponsor additional dances.

John Darsee, Bob Hoenk, Mike Nova, and Jenny Reed are the Adams representatives to the high school recreation board. Anyone who is interested in working on the projects or in sitting in on a meeting should contact one of these students.

Foreign Language Students Celebrate Native Country Yuletide Customs

Adams language students in conjunction with the forthcoming holiday will be celebrating Christmas by studying the Christmas customs of their various countries.

Mr. Theodore Steinke's German classes will welcome the season with song. They will sing familiar melodies and carols of Germany.

The fourth- and fifth-year French classes of Mr. Stanley Mutti and Mr. William Brady will have a combined party where they will learn about the Christmas customs in France through reports given by various members of the classes. In keeping with the tradition of gift-giving, they will exchange small gifts and original poetic Christmas cards written in French.

Spanish Fiesta

Spanish students in third-year classes celebrated Christmas with the traditional fiesta of Spain and Mexico. On Thursday, Dec. 16, they presented the play "La Posada de la Nochebuena" which is symbolic of Mary's trip from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. In addition,

Barb Dayton, Cheryl Nichols, Tom Decker, and Jon Ries were in charge of making the traditional pinata, a papier-mache model of an animal containing cookies and candy and broken open by hitting it with a stick.

Latin Students Honor Saturn

Mrs. Gwendolyn Gadowski's Latin students will learn about the Saturnalia, the ancient Roman festival which honors Saturn, the god of harvest. The Saturnalia began on December 17 and lasted for five days. During this time peace reigned, gifts were given, wine was partaken of, and the slaves were given freedom.

According to historians, many of our present Yuletide traditions have evolved because of the Roman Saturnalia. The Romans burned wax tapers in the streets just as they are burned in homes today. They even had a toga-clad predecessor to our Santa Claus who served much the same purpose, and peace and brotherhood among men were emphasized during this week.

Letters to Santa

TOWER Writer Asks For Originality, Sense Of Humor, And Initiative

Dear Santa,
You may think that I'm a little old to be writing a letter to you to tell you what I want for Christmas, but I have a very special need, a need which only a miracle like you could possibly fill.
I'm a reporter, a feature writer, on my school newspaper; that's why I'm writing to you. In order to complete my assignments, in order to write articles which the students will enjoy reading, I need just a few things. Here's my Christmas list:

Originality Package

In this society where ideas are as old and borrowed as money, I request a small package of originality so that when the editor tells me to write an original article on Christmas, I may not fail. This small package might be wrapped in green so as to be fresh or in red so as to be spectacular.

I ask for a sincere interest in my fellow students and their activities, and an alertness to discover fresh material on which to write.

Sense of Humor

In addition to interest, Santa, I will need an enlarged sense of humor so that I might find humor in the natural and ironic and so that I might show that humor to others. Let me scorn no one's idea for an article, and let me encourage others to write.

Please take to each of my readers a feeling of forgiving so that they may overlook my indifferent spelling and careless literary lapses, my faded phrases and dangling sentences. Help them to find in my stories the meaning which I have put there and perhaps greater meaning if they look.

Box of Initiative

Most important, when my typewriter is covered with dust, send me a box of initiative so that I shall pick up my pen and start over to write the masterpiece for which I strive with each word I write.

You see, Santa, my requests are not expensive, nor are they ridiculous; they are, however, very hard to find and even harder to keep. Please, Santa, help me in my endeavor to please.

With sincere hope,
A TOWER Writer

Sound Off

Refund Available

The ALBUM staff will certainly refund BH's money (if he has subscribed) because the ALBUM is not published to inflate anyone's ego. If it takes this kind of publicity to glorify someone who cannot excel in any other way, he should go somewhere else to gain notoriety. The person who succeeds will have a way of showing accomplishments through eight outstanding contributions to John Adams rather than a list of the activities he has joined but to which he has not added anything. B.H. was uninformed when he said that there had been no limit of activities before.—Album Staff.

Set of Rules

I should like to see the John Adams English department adopt a standard set of grammar and mechanics rules. During my four years I have found that different

teachers prefer different rules concerning comma placement, bibliography form, etc. Most colleges, today, are standardizing their English policies and I believe such a program would be equally helpful on the high school level.—J.G.

Unsigned Letters

I can't understand why so many students write in letters to the editor but don't have the courage of convictions to sign them.—T.J.

Abolish Pep Assemblies

Last week's pep assembly was the worst one I have ever attended. Unless the student body "gets with it," I think we should do away with pep assemblies because they're taking up valuable class time, and they seem to be taking up valuable student time. Furthermore, the attitude shown by the student body was reflected in the basketball game Saturday night at

KEEPER OF THE INN

There is an old story about the keeper of the inn, who owned the stable where Jesus was born. The census was being taken by Caesar Augustus; roads were crowded with people going to their own cities, and the Inn at Bethlehem was full to overflowing. The old innkeeper was kept hurrying hither and yon and even then could not do all the things demanded of him. And all the time more travelers were coming and asking that they might abide there for the night.

There was One who came the next morning, whom the innkeeper would not have turned away for all the silver in the world, if only he had known who He was. There were two of them, a man, who might have been a carpenter or a potter, and his wife sitting all doubled up upon a donkey.

Ill Wife

The man said his wife was ill and could travel no farther. But the innkeeper grew angry at his pleas, shouting at him, "Can I make more rooms arise by striking my staff upon the ground?"

And so the innkeeper missed the greatest opportunity that ever an innkeeper had. Long years afterwards it never did much good to repeat over and over again, "They were but poor folk and how was I to know?"

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A Greenback Christmas

"Merry Christmas Season's Greetings! Shop at . . ." These words, seasonal greetings, have come to be synonymous. When one thinks of Christmas and the holidays, he no longer thinks of the birth of Christ, he thinks of his Christmas shopping. Rather than thinking of peace on earth and good will, the prospective buyer looks for the newest detective games and war toys to give to his younger brother or son. The commercialization of Christmas, now a part of each person's attitude toward the holiday, has changed the entire character of the Christian celebration.

Anti-Climactic

As early as late October and certainly by November, one sees Santa and his helpers or multicolored Christmas trees on display in store windows. Santa arrives in town more than a month before the celebrated day. Long before the snow falls, the stores advertise their Christmas sales. When Christmas does arrive, it seems anti-climactic to all but the youngest of children.

One might note that there is a common aphorism which is guaranteed, without fail, to tell you how many shopping days are left until Christmas; yet, there is no such saying stating how many days are left until the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

Christmas Tree No Longer a Symbol

Even traditions which are not entirely religious have become pseudo through the complete commercialization of Christmas. The ancient and traditional Christmas tree is no longer a natural tree decorated with pop-corn and goodies; it is quite often now an artificial, multicolored, fireproofed beast which draws attention through its ironic atrocities.

Christmas, through commercialization, has become but the pseudo-Christian celebration of the birth of Christ. Tradition is wonderful, and the traditions of Christmas gifts and trees have their place in the celebration; however, Christmas is, in historical background, a religious holiday. One wonders that Christ would not rebel against the mockery which commercialization has made of His birthday.

—Anne Bednar

Christ Climbed Down

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
there were no rootless Christmas
trees
hung with candycanes and break-
able stars

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
there was no gilded Christmas
trees
and no tinsel Christmas trees
and no tinfoil Christmas trees
and no pink plastic Christmas
trees
and no gold Christmas trees
and no black Christmas trees
and no powderblue Christmas
trees
hung with electric candles
and encircled by tin electric trains
and clever cornball relatives

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
no intrepid Bible salesmen
covered the territory
in two-tone Cadillacs
and where no Sears Roebuck
creches
complete with plastic babe in
manger
arrived by parcel post
the babe by special delivery
and where no televised Wise Men
praised the Lord Calvert Whiskey

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where

no fat handshaking stranger
in a red flannel suit
and a fake white beard
went around passing himself off
as some sort of North Pole saint
crossing the desert to Bethlehem
Pennsylvania
in a Volkswagen sled
drawn by rollicking Adirondack
reindeer
with German names
and bearing sacks of Humble Gifts
from Saks Fifth Avenue
for everybody's imagined Christ
child

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and ran away to where
no Bing Crosby carollers
groaned of a tight Christmas
and where no Radio City angels
iceskated wingless
thru a winter wonderland
into a jinglebell heaven
daily at 8:30
with Midnight Mass matinees

Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and softly stole away into
some anonymous Mary's womb
again
where in the darkest night
of everybody's anonymous soul
He awaits again
an unimaginable
and impossible
Immaculate Reconception
the very craziest
of Second Comings

—From "A Coney Island of
the Mind" by Lawrence
Ferlinghetti

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Bits of Non Wisdom by The Owl

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanuka, happy, joyous holiday. I considered writing each greeting over and over for the entire article, but then I considered that the editor would not print it, so—here goes!

Today is vacation. You probably won't believe it because right now you are sitting in school—but today is Christmas Vacation. Rejoice! Now all I have to do is go home and write my next English term paper, my government term paper for next semester, etc., etc.

Traditional Question

The time has come to ask the traditional question. Have you started your Christmas shopping. (What did you get me?) You know, I have Christmas shopping very easy. All I do is give all my friends nuts and berries—but if you don't think those roly nuts and squishy berries are hard to wrap . . .

Just think! Only seven more shopping days until Christmas. Of course, that includes Sundays and Christmas Eve, but then they are shopping days, aren't they?

Adams Owls

This year for Christmas I'm asking for a key to Rex's cage. On New Year's Eve I plan to let him loose, and then the OWLS will take over the school. We would then be the Adams Owls. Now wouldn't that be fine.

I've been listening to the students talk about what they want for Christmas, and, unless you're a student, you wouldn't believe it. Some are asking for complete term papers; others want sets of **Cliff's notes** or at least **Master-plots**.

You know, I'm not really at all shocked to hear that the students want such things as they do for Christmas. After all, they are finally following my good and worthy example.

Wishful Thinking

When I awake on Christmas morning I hope to find a year's supply of OWL articles under my tree. Then I wouldn't have to write anymore. I suppose the feature editors are hoping I'll get a typewriter so I can type my own column. But then I admit I'm lazy.

But Christmas is so much more than just presents and Santa and such. I've often thought that, even were I not a Christian, I would still respect Christmas for the spirit which it alone can arouse in



Jewish Chanukah Not Correlated To Christmas

On the 18th of December, at sundown, the Jewish people will again begin the celebration of their eight-day festival of Chanukah. Many people correlate the Jewish festival of Chanukah with the Christian festival of Christmas. These two holidays are not similar to each other in any way, except that they may fall on similar dates.

Chanukah is a festival commemorating the religious victory of the Jews over the Syrians in 165 B.C.E. It begins on the 25th day of the month of Kislev on the Jewish calendar, and may begin any time from late November through December on the secular calendar. Every year the beginning day falls on a different date.

Story Not in Bible

The story of Chanukah is not found in the Bible but is found in the Apocrypha, in the Books of the Maccabees. The story of Chanukah dates back, as previously mentioned, to 165 B.C.E. At this time Antiochus IV, or Antiochus Epiphanes, had rule over Palestine. This Syrian leader had inherited part of the Empire of Alexander the Great.

Strong in his beliefs, Antiochus tried to impose a Pagan religion upon the Jews. The Jews who re-

fused to obey Antiochus's commands were imprisoned or killed. Among those who would not accept idolatry was an elderly priest, Mattathias, who along with his five sons led the revolt against the Syrians.

Forms an Army

Judah Maccabee, one of Mattathias's sons, began to form an army, and when they were strong enough, he led them against their opponents. By the winter of 165 B.C.E. the Jewish army had defeated the Syrians and they marched triumphantly into Jerusalem.

The first act to be accomplished by the Jews was the cleansing of the Temple and the Temple's rededication. A small undefiled cruse of oil was found, and with this small cruse, which by law was the only oil which could be used, the victors rededicated the Temple.

Tradition has it that the single cruse should only have provided enough oil to burn one day, but a miracle was supposed to have happened and it burned for eight days, giving the Priests enough time to make more purified oil.

Means Dedication

Thus, the Jewish people celebrated Chanukah, which means de-

dication, for eight days using a menorah with eight branches. Each night a candle is lit with an additional candle for each preceding night. The first night one candle is lit, the second night two candles and so until on the eighth night all eight candles are lit.

On either side of the menorah or in the middle, a ninth candle holder is placed. This holder is for the shammos. The shammos candle is used to light the rest of the candles.

A Joyous Holiday

Chanukah is a joyous holiday with games and family gatherings. It is traditional to receive Chanukah "gelt" or money and today this is very often replaced with presents.

The game usually associated with his holiday is "dreidel." A dreidel is a four-sided top with which a game of "put and take" is played. The stakes are usually nuts or pennies.

Chanukah, although it is a joyous, happy festival has a historical background. It celebrates the first uprising of one group of people against another group for the sake of religious freedom.

—Barb Natkow

Mouth-Watering Recipes

Prose, Humor Ingredients for Joyous Season

INGREDIENTS

Large Measures of Scripture—

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." —John 3:16

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men." —Luke 2:14

"... The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." —Revelation 11:5

Sprinklings of Prose—

"A good conscience is a continual Christmas." —Benjamin Franklin
 "Christmas is not a time or season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be plenteous in mercy is to have the real spirit of Christmas." —Calvin Coolidge

"Christmas can truly be the Day of the incarnation only when it has spoken to the inner man. Petty jealousies, tensions, squabbles, and suspicions should be swept out with the strong brisk strokes that prepare the inner man for this season's highest joy." —TODAY devotional magazine

A Dash of Humor—

After the Sunday School class had sung "Silent Night" and been told the Christmas story, the teacher suggested that her pupils draw the Nativity scene. A little boy finished first. The teacher praised his drawing of the manger, of Joseph, of Mary and the Infant. But she was puzzled by a roly-poly figure off to one side and asked who it was.

"Oh," explained the youngster, "that's Round John Virgin." —Reader's Digest

A Bit of Poetry—

"What can I give Him, poor as I am—
 If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.
 If I were a wise man I would do my part,
 Yet what can I give Him: Give my heart."
 —Christina G. Rossetti

Fourth Week of Xm

Christmas is expectant prayer, open-hearted friendliness, glad songs of joy. It is also worship, the moment when the best of us pauses to listen to angel song, strains his eyes to the Christmas star, and when humble heart of a faithful man kneels at the cradle of Babe.

Then we offer him gifts, Christmas is also the giving, receiving of gifts. But the most important gifts are not those given to each other. They are given to the Christ child that we receive from God. By offering Him gifts and receiving His gifts of love and peace, we acquire humility and grace. But cannot truly come to Christ until we come to worship, to give and to receive.

Small children ask, "What we bring." After all one does go to a birthday party without gift. There are gifts that every child can bring—that only a child can bring.

The wise may bring their learning
 The rich may bring their wealth
 And some may bring their greatness,
 And some bring strength and health;
 We too would bring our treasure
 To offer to the King;
 We have no wealth or learning
 What shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;
 We'll bring Him thankful prayers
 And young souls meekly striving
 To walk in holy ways;
 And these shall be the treasure
 We offer to the King,
 And these are gifts that even
 The poorest child can bring.

We'll bring the little duties
 We have to do each day;
 We'll try our best to please Him
 In all we do and say.

—Come to Christmas
 Anna Laia and
 Edward Gerhard

Pawnbrokers Attribute Fatherhood To Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, a popular saint of the Greek and Latin church, is the symbol of Christmas and the patron of pawnbrokers. Like most of the Christmas symbols which we have adopted, Saint Nicholas has a legend.

A nobleman in the town of Patara, according to the ancient legend, had three daughters, each of which wanted to marry. The noble was, however, much too poor to provide any of the three with a suitable dowry. According to tradition, it would have been a disgrace to the father for the daughters to marry without marriage portions.

Threw Gold in Window

As the noble was about to abandon his daughters, still a disgrace, to one that he would not have to face, Saint Nicholas heard of their problem. That night he secretly went to the noble's house and threw a purse of gold in through the window.

The gold fell at the feet of the noble who used it as a dowry for his eldest daughter. The secret giving continued for two more nights and the noble was provided with marriage gifts for each of his three daughters.

Caught in the Act

On the fourth night, as Saint Nicholas returned to give a gift of gold to the noble for his own use, he was caught in the act of his generosity. He made the noble promise to tell no one of the incident.

From Saint Nicholas's generous gifts to the noble and his desire to keep his deed a secret comes the tradition of "throwing" the gifts under the tree while the children are asleep. As the anxious children find the gifts the next morning, traditionally they kneel to thank Saint Nicholas for the presents which they believe he has brought.

From Saint Nicholas's story also come the three golden balls which are often seen in connection with pawnbrokers. Hence, Saint Nicholas the jolly Christmas elf, is also considered the patron of the pawnbroker.

—Carol Buzolitz

Glabman, Schiller WJVA-TV Executives

WJVA-TV is again sponsoring a Junior Achievement company this year. This JA company will be producing its own show on WJVA-TV starting in January.

The company is composed of junior and senior high school students from throughout the South Bend-Mishawaka area. As with any other business, the company elected officers for the year. These officers are: president, Brian Dampier, from Washington High School; vice-president of sales, Susan Schiller, from Adams; vice-president of production, Greg Giczi, Washington; secretary, Paula Glabman, Adams; and treasurer, Rudy Wifling, Washington.

The name of the show this year is "Easier Said Than Done." It is a game type show based on the parlor game Charades. The show will be aired on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. starting on Jan. 8. Following the same pattern as last year, the show will feature guest panelists from the local area high schools.

WJVA Radio Features Recreation Board

A fifteen-minute radio show was recently established by the high school recreation board. This radio program airs on Sunday from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. on WJVA radio. The purpose of this weekly program is to tell of some of the activities of the high school recreation board and to inform listeners of some of the goings-on in the area.

Appearing on the program last week was Reid Lichtenfels. During the course of the show, Reid discussed the all-city student council which is still in its planning stages. Adams coordinators for this radio program are Mike Nova, Jenny Reed, and John Darsee.

Invest in Friendship Theme of AFS Drive

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The new ideas he brought home with him. This year's A.F.S. student, Anne Notley, from New Zealand, will address the student body, telling of her feelings and impressions as a member of the Adams student body.

Goal Set at \$1,000

The theme for this year's drive is Invest in Friendship. In accordance with the theme, piggy banks will be placed at various locations in the school. The goal for this year's drive has been set at \$1,000. Competition will be 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. Daily reports of progress will also be sent to each homeroom.

General co-chairmen for the drive are Dayle Berke and Gerri Katz. Publicity committee co-chairmen are Nancy Busch and Roger Larson. Jan Crane is in charge of envelopes. Student council sponsors are Mr. Eldon Metz and Mr. Jack Shively.

Christmas Customs Taken for Granted

We have many customs which are observed at this time of year in America. Most of them are taken for granted because we have never stopped to wonder where they first came from.

The sending of Christmas cards seems to have originated in England about the middle of the last century. Queen Anne commissioned famed artists to decorate their missives of holiday greetings. One of the first Christmas greetings, as we know them, was prepared for Queen Victoria by Dobson, one of the Queen's favorite printers.

First Xmas Gifts

The first Christmas gifts were those brought by the Wise Men to the new-born infant at Bethlehem. The symbolic exchange of gifts reflects the spirit of the gift-bearing Wise Men.

The burning of Bayberry candles in the window to guide the wayfarers, originated in North America during the colonial days. However, the burning of candles in windows during the holiday season has been popular for centuries. Today, many of the candles are electric lights.

The beautiful custom of outdoor decorations is strictly American. Many communities are transformed into a spectacular Christmas fairyland of lighting effects, portraying the spirit of Christmas.

Eagles Defend Crown

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Penn. In this title game, a great team effort decided the outcome as Kent Ross led the scoring with 13 points, Ron Bethke tallied 10, and John Kaiser and Bogden Haak each pumped in 8.

Bob Brady's Penn. Kingsmen have had a rough time this year, winning only 1 out of 5. Penn. champions in the 1963 tourney, are minus the services of high-scoring Stan Yoder and Phil Allen. The Kingsmen are led by lettermen Don Holmes and Paul Minne. Last weekend, the defending 1965 Elkhart Sectional Champions lost to Mishawaka, 71-67, in a double overtime.

Maroons, 4-3

Mishawaka is 4-3 for the season after getting off to a rough start. The Cavemen are led by Dennis Decker, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Ted Spear.

St. Joe, dumped earlier in the season by the Eagles, 83-57, has recovered the services of Mark Hurtubise, who scored 33 against Plymouth last weekend. The Indians are also helped by Larry Radecki.

Ticket Price

The cost is 40 cents per session for students and 85 cents for adults per session if purchased beforehand. Tickets sold at the gate for students are \$.50 and \$1.00 for adults. The Eagles will be the home team against Penn. on Dec. 27. Adams students are asked to sit in the northwest section of the Mishawaka gymnasium.

Keeper of The Inn

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We each one are the keepers of the inn. Never were there so many people on the roads demanding an entrance to our hearts and homes. Even as we prepare for our Christmas, we have rushed hither and yon, like little ants storing food, or heaping up little hills of dust and dirt.

'Lords of Creation'

In countries like Russia, and her satellites, the roads have been crowded with wayfarers hurrying to be enrolled in Caesar's armies or to pay Caesar's taxes. Such "lords of creation" demand the whole inn, every room, every service, and every bit of food.

But we Americans, we too are keepers of the inn. We have stores of food, and an abundance of room. We cannot say that our country is overcrowded or our resources overtaxed. If we could only open all our rooms, and share the gold we have in abundance, no one would go hungry this Christmas. What is it that makes us fail? Why do we repeat the same old excuse: "If I had only known?"

World of Darkness

The whole world is full of darkness this Christmas in the year of our Lord 1965. It is hard to see the light when so many barriers cast their dark mantles over so much of the earth . . . and yet, beyond the darkness of the earth's night the "Dayspring from on High" can be seen by men of faith.

U.S. Agents Help Santa

Irving Schutz Attacks Illiad And Napoleon, Loyal Master Foiled In Matching Test

The night was cold and dark; it was Christmas Eve, and two U.S. agents, Napoleon Duet and Illiad Carryaching, were helping Santa hand out the gifts. U.S.'s gifts were, however, slightly different than Santa's.

Entering the residence of Mr. John Schutz, Illiad was leaving a matching test which even Mr. Schutz would flag. Meanwhile, Duet was placing answers to all of Mr. Schutz's tests in the stockings of his students. Adventure was about to begin, but not adventure for the agents—adventure for Irving, Mr. Schutz's cat.

Enters Living Room

As Illiad entered the living room

through the door (he had tried the chimney but found it booby trapped with warning devices for the occasion) he glanced around the room. Everything appeared in order.

As he neared the Christmas tree, he pulled out a card on which he wrote, "WE were here—not US!" On the back of the card he wrote "beware the day of the next matching test!" He then hung the tag on the tree and went on to his other work of depositing microphones in the room.

Irving Sighted

Suddenly, Illiad felt something tugging at his boot. IRVING! With great inspiration, sudden

emotion, and great emphasis, he barked at the cat which promptly turned and ran.

Being a smart, if slightly cowardly cat, Irving bounded to his master's room, pounced upon his bed, and began attempting to awaken the sleeping man.

Schutz, Sound Asleep

Mr. Schutz, as usual drowned in coffee, was, nevertheless, asleep. After several wholehearted attempts, Irving decided it would be impossible to awaken the sleeping history and government teacher; after all, he had been up late last night grading book reports. The cat impulsively and instinctively decided to hide. The question was where.

Creeping back to the living room where the seemingly unwelcome guest, Illiad, was still at work, Irving spied a huge canvas bag partially filled with papers and microphones. Thinking that it would be safe, he promptly climbed in and settled down to a sound, if slightly insecure catnap.

Ignores Pleas

Finishing his work, the U.S. agent gathered his bag to leave for Mr. Roop's house. Irving, awakened from his dreams, let out with a loud howl. Mr. Schutz, hearing the desperate cries of his loyal pet, turned over and went back to sleep.

Upon hearing the horrifying sound of Irving's howl, Illiad dropped the bag. Meanwhile, Irving had fainted. When he discovered it was just a cat, Illiad comforted the awakening animal. As Irving considered the situation, he felt that his master had failed him in his time of need. In accordance, to punish Mr. Schutz, Irving joined the forces of U.S. Another victory for the students.

—the old dog

Recipe Ingredients

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A Seasoning of Prayer—

" . . . Rekindle anew within us the light of joy, the light of peace, the light of faith, and the light of love. May these great Christmas lights glow brightly in our lives throughout each day of the coming year."

Mix the above ingredients thoroughly, then carefully fold in singing and listening to carols expressing the joy of this season to which you add the gift of LOVE. Top the mixture with a greeting of affection to each one which includes the wish that the true meaning of Christmas will remain with you all the days of 1966!



The Burning Babe

As I in hoary winter's night
Stood shivering in the snow,
Surprised I was with sudden heat
Which made my heart to glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye
To view what fire was near,
A pretty babe all burning bright
Did in the air appear;
Who, scorched with excessive heat,
Such floods of tears did shed,
As though His floods should
quench His flames
Which with His tears were bred:
"Alas," quoth he, "but newly born
In fiery heats I fry,
Yet none approach to warm their hearts
Or feel my fire but I"
"My faultless breast the furnace
is;
The fuel, wounding thorns;
Love is the fire, and sighs the
smoke;
The ashes, shames and scorns;
The fuel justice layeth on,
And Mercy blows the coals,
The metal in this furnace wrought
Are men's defiled souls:
For which, as now on fire I am
To work them to their good,
So will I melt into a bath,
To wash them in my blood."
With this He vanished out of sight
And swiftly shrunk away,
And straight I called unto mind
That it was Christmas Day.
—Robert Southwell

Small Child Writes About Xmas Dove

I am a little white dove. I lived a long, long time ago in the city of Bethlehem. I had my nest in a small stable at the corner of an inn. One night in December, some people and animals came to the inn. The innkeeper said there was no room for them, but they could stay in the stable and sleep on the hay and straw. Joseph thought that this would be better than nothing, so they were led to the stable where I was cooing. Joseph made a bed of straw for Mary so she could rest.

That night a baby was born to Mary. They wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger. When the baby started to cry, I cooed to him so that he would sleep. That is why in the song "Away in a Manger" it says "no crying he makes."
To this day the baby I cooed to sleep is a Great Person.

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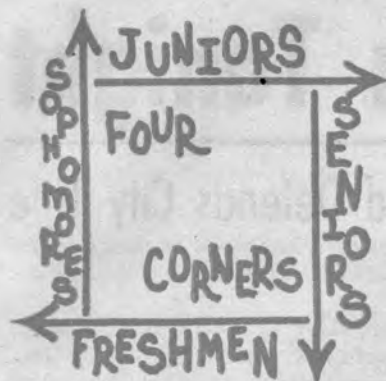
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Mr. Crowe: "You can't be a good Democrat or even a Republican if you don't stand on something."

Finally, it has been revealed how Ed Peters functions. He does his math problems at least with symbolic logic. Some call it guessing.

As an assignment, Mr. Crowe told his class to give three compliments a day for a week. He went on to give examples. He would approach someone and say, "How you doing, old buddy?" It was suggested by a class member that this was not necessarily a compliment. The teacher replied, "I spoke to him; didn't I?"

Do you realize that this is "Good News WEEK." If the TOWER staff figures right this week we will have received our report cards, PSAT scores, and SAT scores. Good luck to all of you happy individuals.

In Mr. Reber's third-hour chemistry class Marcia Tyler finally found out how to turn on the water faucets. She had been turning them off instead of on.

Who in the world could have written this on the blackboard in the speech room and what could it mean?

"You're ugly and your mommy dresses you funny. An eagle with wet wings never builds his nest in a dead persimmon tree when the cucumber crop in Texas fails after the fourth of July."

One day in second-hour English class, Mr. Kline asked Mrs. McClure what time it was. She replied, "It is two minutes after twenty-five of nine."

Salesgirl Feels Visit from St. Nick 'Noivy'

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the flat
Not a creature was stirrin' (include me in that);
My stockin's, a little worse for the wear,
Was hung on the back of a three-legged chair;
Outside the snow was fallin' in beautiful flakes,
But I didn't care—I was too full of aches;
I'd worked in a store through holiday strife,
And was plannin' to sleep for the rest of my life.

When up from the airshaft there came such a clatter
I leaped out of bed to see what was the matter;
(I thought at the time 'twas the nut down one flight,
Who starts up his radio late every night);
So I went to the window and loudly did cry,
"Is this Christmas Eve or the Fourth of July?"

When what to my dead-with-sleep eyes did appear
But a rinky-dink sleigh and eight tiny reindeer!
And who should be drivin' right up to the door
I said to myself, "What can be the mug's game?"
When he clucked to his reindeer and called 'em by name:
"Now Dasher! Now Dancer, Now Prancer, Now Vixen!
On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!"
An' just as I'm dopin' what next he will do,
Right up to the housetop the whole outfit flew!

And then in a twinklin' I heard on the roof
The prancin' and pawin' of meat on the hoof;
(Just imagine my feelin's, with sleep nearly dead
And some jerk with an ANIMAL ACT OVERHEAD!)
As I drew in my neck and was turnin' around,
Down the chimney my visitor came with a bound;
A big bag of junk he displayed with a grin,

And he acted to me like he'd like to MOVE IN!
He was chubby, good-natured and oozin' with glee,
But I ask you, dear reader, what was it to me?
The point that I make is, 'twas then two o'clock,
And a man in my room without stoppin' to knock!

I was thinkin' how noivy he was and how slick
When he says to me, "Lady, I'm only St. Nick."
Well, a poor tired store slave in no mood for fun,
I gave him a look and I asked him, "Which one?
As a Christmas rush salesgirl," I said, "you'll agree
That a look at St. Nick is no big treat to me;
This has gone far enough and this bunk's gotta stop—
Take the air with them goats or I'll yell for a cop!"

He spoke not a word but went on with his work,
And filled up my stockin's, then turned with a jerk
And layin' a finger aside his red nose,
And, givin' a nod, up the airshaft he rose . . .
He sprang to his sleigh with a shake of his head,
And I pulled the shades down and fell into bed.
"Merry Christmas!" he called as away his deers flew,
And I just gave a yawn and I answers, "SEZ YOU!"

—H. I. Phillips
Associated News Writer

Valpo and Blazers Fall; Seagles Await Ci

The Adams swimmers gained their second victory of the season last Tues., Dec. 7, winning 11 events to defeat Jackson 59-36. Despite the crushing defeat, the Tigers did place well in second and third places.

Coach Don Coar then led his Eagle tankers to a double victory over Elkhart (62-30) and Valparaiso (63-32).

Against Valparaiso, Mike Fitzgerald's record-breaking effort lowered his own school mark on the 200-yard individual medley from 2:13.5 to 2:10.1. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Captains Tom Decker, Jeff Haulaire, and Joe Haulaire, and M. Fitzgerald set a new school record of 3:35.7 against Elkhart.

Face City Next

With these three wins, the tankers were then 4-0 as they headed into last night's meet against Kingsmen at Penn High School. Last year, the Seagles defeated Penn 65-30.

This afternoon, the Adams swimmers will go up against Michigan City in an attempt to repeat last year's 70-24 victory over the Devils.

Coach Coar will also send under-class swimmers to Sophomore-Frosh City meet Sunday Dec. 18, at Washington.

Bits of NonWisdom by The Owl

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people. "Pray for Peace people everywhere."

Christmas is an embodiment of memories, holy thoughts, tradition, good will, love. T. S. Eliot once wrote:

"Time present and time past
And both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past."



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Rugged Red Devils Invade Eagle Gym Tonight

ated South Side Hosts Adams on Saturday

The Adams Eagles (4-2) and the Michigan City Red Devils (5-1) met tonight in the Adams gym with each trying for its second straight reference win. City, who dealt Central its first loss of the season last week, will be out to duplicate last year's 82-68 victory over the Eagles. Tomorrow night Adams will take to the road and visit highly-rated Muncie South Side (5-1). The Rebels, who have never lost to an Adams squad, are tall and fast. Last year's score was 79-64. Adams picked up its fourth victory of the season last Friday night when they defeated Goshen 67-63. In the closing seconds of the third quarter a four-point spurt put Adams in the lead 48-43. In the fourth quarter, Goshen came on strong and grabbed a one-point lead. The contest remained a matter of one-point leads until Larry Wharton put Eagles ahead for good 66-63 with 56 seconds remaining.

Frosh Down Two; Season Mark 4-0

On Tues., Dec. 7, the freshman basketballers of John Adams scalp the roundballers of St. Joseph an overwhelming score of 62-26. Rick Sayers with 15 points including seven of seven from the field, and Bert Fleming with 14 points led the frosh. The team hit 75 percent from the free throw line and led only twice. The following Thurs., Dec. 9, the frosh defeated host Marian 46-36. Stifling Marian zone defense held game close until the fourth period. The high scorer for the frosh was Richard Davis with 19 points. The victory boosted the freshman mark to 4-0.

EAGLES WIN; LOSE

Tonight the once defeated Eagles will play hosts to a tough Michigan City squad. Tomorrow night they will travel to Muncie, to meet South Side. Last Friday the Beagles were able to boost their season record to 4-0, as Coach Dave Hadaway's Eagles with a strong fourth period bowled over Goshen 44-36.

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No one has to tell Coach Barnbrook, but let us remind you; the toughest basketball weekend of the season is upon us.

Michigan City already owns a victory over the number-one team in the state (Central). Muncie South Side, also ranked in the top 20 teams in the state, owns a Friday victory over Muncie Burris, who upset perennial powerhouse Muncie Central.

Area basketball tonight should find visiting Central overpower Eagle-defeated Goshen, host Jackson falling to Penn, while visitor Clay will find tough going at Muncie South Side. Also Riley is at Washington.

On Saturday Central will have to contend with powerful Roosevelt at Gary, while Riley visits Penn.

FOR THE RECORD: Ralph Powell and Jack Goodman have informed us that there were no discrepancies in scoring in the Dec. 3rd 72-69 Warsaw victory over Adams (as was reported last week). Apologies are in order for any confusion or complications caused by the unfounded report.

Cold—Lose to Bulldogs

On Saturday the Beagles traveled to Nappanee only to be stopped cold in their first loss of the season 56-29, scoring only 10 points in the second half.

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Coach Aronson's Squad Defends City Title

The Adams matmen remained undefeated last week as they downed Gary Roosevelt, 42-6, and Mishawaka, 35-8. These were wins number three and four for the grapplers.

Six Adams wrestlers, James Madison, Doug Rothkopf, Horis Russell, John Mosby, Chris Norris, and Van Groth beat their Gary foes by pins. Decisions were won by Bill Hill, Don Ramsey, Tommie Walls, and Tom Kruyer. The Eagles only lost two of the 12 matches.

Overwhelm Mishawaka

In revenging the football defeat, the grapplers whipped Mishawaka again winning 10 of the 12 bouts. Russell, Mosby, and Groth all pinned their opponents in less than two minutes. Mike Willemmin, Madison, Rothkopf, Hill, Ramsey, and Walls won their matches on points. The B-team kept up with the varsity by winning 35 to 11.

Last night the wrestlers played host to LaPorte. Last season the grapplers walloped the host Slicers 37-5.

Defend City Crown

Tomorrow the matmen will travel to Riley High School, site of this year's South Bend City Meet. The Eagle wrestlers, who

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