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# Homerooms Give Christmas Cheer

Eighteen families will have merrier Christmas thanks to the efforts of Milne students. These families are the recipients of the Christmas packages prepared by Milne

Throughout the past week, Milnites have brought in items, ranging from little toys to huge tins of food, to help the family their homeroom is sponsoring. Clothes, especially for children, and just plain money have also been contributed.

Yearly Giving Custom

Every year Catholic Charities pro-vides information about nine needy families to the Milne administration. The Protestant Family and Child-ren's service of Albany also provides

Each homeroom is given a family from Catholic Charities one year, then a family from the Protestant Service the next year. The home-rooms know neither the family nor the Service providing it.

The Services pick up the packages on the afternoon of the last day of school before Christmas va-cation. Usually about a ton of merchandise is collected.

There are almost as many plans for filling the packages as there are homerooms. Some homerooms make out a complete menu for a day, and then provide all the food in the menu. Others bring in money and have a committee purchase toys and food for the children. Still others give enough money to cover ex-penses for a Christmas meal.

# Societies Inaugurate

Quintillian and Zeta Sigma, the two girls' literary societies, inaugurated their new members at banquets last week.

Quin had its banquet at Herbert's restaurant Wednesday, December 10. The new members provided entertainment. Sigma members enjoyed their banquet at Jack's restaurant Thursday, December 11. Their new members also provided the enter-tainment. Quin and Sigma together are planning a sock hop January 9.

Males Meet

Theta Nu and Adelphoi, the boys societies, also have inaugurated new Theta Nu had a meeting Friday, December 5. All sophomore boys and other new senior high boys were able to join if they wished to do so. Plans for the future were discussed at the meeting.

Adelphoi met Thursday, December when all new members were inaugurated. They set up a committee to explore the background of Adelphoi. Plans were begun for a future assembly, and dues were considered. Adelphoi is also selling coke at the basketball games to supplement their income.

## Music Introduces Christmas Recess

ly introduces Christmas vacation with a concert. Directed by Dr. Roy York, the Milnettes, Milnemen and Junior choir entertained the student body on December 19.

The Milnettes began this year's Christmas program by singing "Adoramus Te," a stately devotional hymn by Palestrina and Swift. In contrast to this was "White Night" by Marjorie Elliot.

Groups Sing Varied Program

The Milnemen joined the Milnettes in singing the gentle, graceful "Meditation." From the reflective joy of "Meditation," they changed to the lighthearted delight of "Riding, Riding" by Mitchell and Skyles. Winston Hamilton was the transcalaist in the selection tenor soloist in the selection.

Milne's music department annual- | Margaret Childers concluded the program at the piano with five gay

Rumanian folk dances by Bartok. Following this, the whole school joined in singing "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland" and "Silent

Actors Give Play

Hams, Inc. presented a one-act play, "Why the Chimes Rang," the dramatization of a Christmas legend. It was directed by William Gardiner of State college, under the superor State college, under the Super-vision of William Kraus. Featured in the cast were Arthur Bass, Jim Brody, Kathy Henrickson, Nancy Jones and Alan Markowitz. The technical committees were supervised by specialists in various areas of stage production.

The Milnettes and Milnemen sang The Junior choir sang "Thank Thee, O Lord" by Lois Emig and "While Shepherds Watched," a Christmas carol by Walter Ehret.



Dr. Roy York leads the Milnettes and Milnemen in practice for today's

# Crocker Prowls

Betty Crocker is searching for the American Home Maker of Tomorrow. December 2, 1958, seventeen senior Milne girls took the Betty Crocker test of homemaking knowledge and attitudes. There are scholarships and trips to Washington for

The seventeen Milne seniors are The seventeen Milne sentors are Linda White, Linda Scher, Mary Breeze, Nancy Jones, Paula Propp, Karen Dougherty, Nancy Leonard, Barbara Sager, Maria Perdaris, Mary McNutt, Alicia Jacobson, Nancy Mathusa, Joan Koschorreck, Sheila Burke, Sybillyn Hoyle, Sue Austin and Ann Marshall.

Stress Woman's Importance

This program, set up by General Mills, is designed to help the high schools of America build a stronger nation by strengthening home ties and enriching family living. The most important reason for the program is to impress on all high school senior girls the importance of their role in the future of

# **Juniors Plan Ball for Alumni**

"An Old Fashioned Christmas" is the theme that the Junior Class has chosen for Milne's sixteenth annual Alumni Ball. The dance will be held on December 29 from 8:30 until 12:30 in Brubacher lounge. Tom Rider, chairman of the music committee, secured the "Red Jackets" of Vincentian institute.

Committees Busy

Ken Hoffman, Marianne Maynard, Paul Sabol and Ann Wilson are the members of the executive committee. The decorations committee consists of Pam Press and Jan Welt. Kathy Henrickson's committee has sent out invitations to alumni who have graduated during the past five years, and to the senior class. Sarah Gerhardt and Bob Cantwell are arranging for the refreshments. Carolyn Walther is in charge of hostesses for the dance.

Merry Christmas, Milnites

# Council Visits Voorhees ville

Voorheesville High school was the scene of a student council work-shop December 2, 1958. Eight Milne students attended the workshop, where current topics and ideas were

Milne presented thoughts on "Smoking Areas in High schools," its workshop topic. Delegates Bob Blabey, Larry Giventer, Dick Collins, Fred Taylor, Tom Rider, Bonnie Reed, Ricki Stewart and Joan Kallenbach conducted the discussion.

#### Speaker, Groups Discuss

Jacob H. Herzog, Adjutant-General of New York state, opened the meeting with a speech on the duties of a student council to its student body. Following this opening assembly, the delegates from the ten chools met in groups.

There were two morning work-

shop sessions. At the first, three schools conducted separate discussion groups on their assigned topics, which some delegates from each school joined. Three other schools presented their topics in the second

Milne Argues Smoking

Milne's workshop was after lunch. It was generally agreed by the participants that smoking areas tend to create more problems than they solve, and that they are not bene-

# Neophytes Now Know News Views

C. & W. members and other interested students attended a journal-ism class in room 228 December 2, 3, and 5.

George Houston, editor of the C. & W., conducted the classes. On the first day, he explained several rules of good news writing. The construction of a lead paragraph, the preparation of copy, and body construction were discussed.

At the end of the first session everyone received a sheet which contained the facts of three sample situations. The second and third periods of study were spent going over the news stories as written by the students, who were then encouraged to criticize and revise their

## Seniors Get Ideas

Larry Giventer, chairman; Jon Harvey, Julie Propp and Ann Wil-son, members of the assembly committee, have been organizing this year's Career Series.

January 8, during homeroom per-iod, an interior designer and a chemist will speak on their respective vocations.

January 15, the topics will be dentistry, broadcasting, and entertainment.

## The Christmas Spirit

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the entire Milne staff I would like to extend that and all of the other season's greetings to each of you Milne students. You may be sure that you will be in our thoughts throughout the Holiday Season, and we will be hoping that this will be the most enjoyable Christmas you have ever had.

As you enter this season with joy and thankfulness for all that you receive, we hope that you will keep in mind the idea that there is another side to this coin, that of giving. We hope that you will devote some of your time and money to someone who is not quite so fortunate as you. Your response to the Christmas basket program in the homerooms is one way in which you can do this. We are sure that you will find others.

Concern for the needs of others is one of the signs of the maturity which we are trying to help you develop. If you can get satisfaction out of helping others, you will have the Christmas Spirit indeed and our wish for a Merry Christmas for you will come to fulfillment.

Theodore H. Fossieck, Principal

# League Rewards Sportsmanship

Milne, as a school, has a chance to win an award this year. The Capital District league is experimenting with an award for the most sportsmanlike school at basketball games.

Following every game, each referee will rate the team, the cheerleaders, and the fans, as to their sportsmanship. He will mark his ratings on a card provided for that purpose and mail the card to the secretary of the league.

Let's Win!

At the end of the season, the rat-ings will be tabulated. The school rated by the referee as having the best sportsmanship will win the award.

Fans are to be judged generally as to their attitudes and actions during the game. If Milne is to win this award, the fans at the basketball games must be reasonable. They should demonstrate both intelligence and knowledge of the game.

## Look What's Coming

Friday, December 19

School dismissed for Christmas recess

Basketball: Milne vs. Academy, at home.

Monday, December 29 Alumni Ball, Brubacher hall.

Saturday, January 10

Entrance Examination College Boards.

Basketball: Shenendehowa, away. Friday, January 16
Basketball: Rensselaer, at home.

Friday, January 23
Basketball: Watervliet, away.

#### Yearbook Sells Ads.

Sarah Gerhardt, Advertising editor of the Bricks and Ivy, and her staff have made approximately \$475 on ads for the yearbook. All senior portraits have been taken, and the cover is to be finished soon.

# THE SENIOR ROOM

## Students' Opinions | Editor's Opinion

Question: What is your outlook on the senior room?

Wilma Mathusa-Sooner the juniors get it the better.

Connie Evans-It's great and could be a useful way of unifying our class.

Horn-It's traditional and a privilege, but only those who acquire good marks deserve it.

Max Striebel - I don't think it should be abandoned; it's a perfect place to relax and get away from the rush outside the door.

Howie Wildove-I don't care what happens to it, I won't be in it this

Carol Hukey-It's very convenient for doing homework and relaxing.

Richard Lockwood-I think it's a great privilege for seniors. year the senior class looks forward

Maria Perdaris—They hadn't better take it away. It's the only escape from the hubbub of the halls.

Deborah McMillan — It's a great place to do homework. I don't know what I would do without it.

Fred Bass - I think definitely it hould be converted to an office for Dr. Moose. Dick Grear - I have no opinion

about it. It doesn't matter either

Barbara Lester-I want the senior room. That's what all seniors look forward to.

Dave Certner-I think it should be turned over to Dr. Moose.

Bob Kraft-It's a great place if you can get into it. Linda White-I'm completely in-

Bob Bildersee-The space is not employed to the best advantage of the Senior room and its establishthe students.

Milne has long been noted for its liberal treatment of students. They plan their budget and run all their activities. They accept responsibility and are treated as intelligent people. Senior privileges are another part of this liberality, and the Senior room is one of the chief senior privileges.

The Senior room was founded to help seniors learn to accept responsibility and become mature persons. It was originally meant to aid in the growth and development of the

#### Room Loses Original Purpose

Does it serve the purpose now? There are extensive and detailed instructions as to the treat-ment of this room, down to "waste paper must be thrown in waste-paper baskets." It doesn't take any intelligence to follow these rules; a senior need not be responsible to follow this list of laws.

Yet this is not all. The Senior room has now become a prize for those students who get good marks and follow school rules. Does this make responsible students? All this does is establish the Senior room as an award given to those students who obediently follow school regulations and keep up their marks.

#### Two Solutions Possible

There are two ways this problem may be solved. First, if the statement "any seniors demonstrating responsibility, in the opinion of the faculty, may use the Senior room," were substituted for the present laws, the room would lose some of its reward-for-being-good quality. Second, and probably more permanent (though not necessarily better) would be the complete disbanding of ment as a classroom.

# Milne Merry-Go Round

Ann Riley, Bob Huff, Mary Ann Galpin, Sue Johnstone, Jeff Sperry, Chuck Barbaro, Keith Shaver, Elaine Alpert, Joe Allison, Sandy Scoons, Chuck Oliver and Rod Abele cheered Milne to victory against Cobleskill.

According to Pete Quackenbush, Jane Siegfried, Bob Miller, Chris Rourke, Janice Humphrey, Mike Wade, Helen Alpert, Janet Arnold, Sarah Gerhardt, Barbara Faulkner, Sheila Hoff and many others, The Night of January 16th was a big bit January 16th was a big hit.

Mike Ungerman must have greatly enjoyed acting in the play, because he gave a wonderful open house. Faith Meyer, Barbara Reynolds, Bill Nathan, Jon Harvey, Sheila Burke, Myron LaMora, Ricky Sautter, Klara Schmidt and many others had a wonderful time.

George Jenkins, Glenn Simmons, Sandy Berman, Alan Markowitz, Stu Horn, Howie Otty, Keith Shaver and Mike Clenahan have been seen bowling at some of the local alleys.

Art Bass, Pete Quackenbush, Jerry Gibson, Mike Russell, Alice Wiltrout, Janet Arnold, Steve Cosgrave and Ellen Price are in the Polar Bear club. Rules: Eat outside in winter!

Barbara Corbat, Nikki Genden, Nancy Feldman, Ellen Wolkin, Sue London, Laurie Hyman and Eileen Dunn were at the A.B.C. Thanksgiving

Only Sue Scher, Sue Weinstock, Kate Wirshing, Sue Press, Ellen Hammond, Mary Taylor, Mary Grear, Shelly Spritzer, Karen Thorsen, Lorraine Maynard, Diane Brown, Ila Michaelson, Marion Kintisch, Cherie Dominski, Kristine Cassianno, Carol Hagadorn, Peggy Crane, Barbara Toole, Betty Klingaman, Lynn Criss, Christine Rourke, Mary Ann Galpin and many others went to M.G.A.A. bowling.

Nancy Feldman, Susan Weiner, Rosemary Axelrod, Karen Giventer, Naley Feldman, Susan Weiner, Rosenary Axerou, Rafell Giventer, Elaine Feldman, Judy Safranko, Carolyn Lannon, Susan Weinstock, Kate Wirshing, Elaine Tolokonsky, Sheila Goldberg, Judy Margolis and Barbara Richman attended the Interfaith Youth rally at Temple Beth Emeth.

—by CONNIE, DAVE and GAY CRIMSON AND WHITE

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I forgot my scarf!

# Varsity Record Now 1 and 4 Milne Host to Albany

# Non-Loop Win Lone Victory

In the first two weeks of competition, Milne has only been able to come up with one victory in five games, a non-league affair with Cobleskill. The four losses were to teams in the Capital District league, and its winless record leaves Milne alone in the cellar.

#### Burgh by One in Overtime

In the most thrilling encounter of the young season, Lansingburgh eaked out a 54-53 decision over Milne in two overtimes.

A sparse home crowd was treated to a nip and tuck battle in which the outcome was not decided until six minutes of overtime play had been completed.

Milne appeared to be in complete control of the situation and led at the end of the second quarter, 27-22. At the start of the second half, Coach Grogan ordered a full court press which kept Lansingburgh at bay for the third quarter, and Milne entered the fourth quarter leading 35 - 33

However, during this defensive maneuver, Wes Jacobs, who had accounted for eight points and played easily his best floor game, grabbing rebounds from the much taller 'Burgh forwards, fouled out. Also, Bob Blabey, Jeff Segal and Dick Lockwood amassed 12 fouls between them. Because of the foul situation, the press was reduced, and in the fourth quarter Lansingburgh caught up, knotting the score at 46 all at the end of regulation play.

#### Grogan Cans Four in Overtime

Kip Grogan controlled the tap, and the Raiders worked the ball around looking for the shot that would give them their first league Grogan hit on successive victory. jump shots from the corners, but 6 foot 6 inch Bob Nelson converted four foul points to tie it up. Bob Blabey then connected on his favorite running jump shot. However, another Lansingburgh basket ne-cessitated the second, sudden-death,

By now, all but Grogan and Lockwood of Milne's starters had fouled out. Then Walt Sambrook dropped in a foul shot, and Lansingburgh froze the ball for the remaining one minute and 57 seconds, to ice the decision and chalk up their first league win in three outings.

Milne had three men in double figures, Kip Grogan with fourteen, Bob Blabey and Dick Lockwood with eleven apiece. However, Bob Nelson captured game honors with

#### VanNess & Co. Victorious

Hudson handed Milne its third setback in five days by a score of 59-45 Tuesday, December 9, on the Hudson court.

Bob VanNess controlled both boards for the home team, as they scored heavily from inside the foul line. VanNess accounted for a total of 18 points, including five field goals on tap-ins. Jim Hughes and Jay Whitbeck each scored 11, the former also aiding his team with expert ball-handling. Milne's scoring was led by Kip Grogan and Wes Jacobs,

who scored 16 and 12 points respectively.

Milne trailed from the opening minutes of the game, as Hudson moved to quarterly leads of 14-11, 32-19 and 44-31.

#### Cohoes Rallies To Top Milne

Butch Heroux scored 22 points to lead Cohoes High school to a 52-46 victory over Milne on the Page hall court, Saturday, December 6.

Milne moved to an early lead in the contest, leading 19 to 7 after one period of play. The well-drilled Cohoes squad had no intentions of being pushovers, however, as they employed a full court press to fight to a 26-25 lead just before intermission. The second half was hotly contested, and only in the final minutes of the game did the visitors pull out of reach. Their lead at the 24 minute mark was 38-37.

Kip Grogan converted on neat jump shots to take Milne scoring honors with eleven markers. Wes Jacobs chalked up ten.

#### Rysendorph Swamps Raiders

Watervliet, one of the four new additions to the Capital district loop, handed Milne its first setback behind 6 foot 8 inch Chet Rysendorph's 23 points. The contest was played on the Page hall floor December 5.

Milne started off well, but their 13 to 9 lead after the first quarter at to 9 lead after the first quarter was quickly overcome by the Arsenal city five, who took a 28-20 lead at halftime. Milne closed the gap to four points with successive fast breaks by Bud Mehan and Bob Blabey, but Watervliet, with the giant Rysendorph controlling both boards, expanded their lead to 53-36 after three periods, finally winning by 23 points. ning by 23 points.

Kip Grogan led Milne's scoring attack with 13 markers, while Dick Collins accounted for 12. Paul Campbell added 19 points to the victor's cause.

Milne will not be able to even its slate until January 17, when the Raiders take on Rensselaer, and then only if they win against Academy, Shenendehowa and Rensselaer in the next three games.

# Academy Five Tonight

# Scott Jots

It's Christmas! It's finally here. "Fatso" and his reindeer won't be long now!

The M.G.A.A. has undertaken a new activity. The council plans to give credit to those girls who express enough interest in becoming a majorette to attend the practices. This is an opportunity allowed the seventh through eleventh grades

The majorettes will not be twirling their batons publicly before next year, probably, because they are going to need a great deal of practice. There are apparently some girls who really know how to whip that little rilver stick around, I understand. Get on the, uh, "stick," kids—this is a great chance to add to your activities and get your decorations earlier, as well as get some excellent exercise.

#### B.C.H.S. Playday Sponsor

Bethlehem Central will welcome one team from each of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades to participate in a volleyball invitational playday. (This is an event in which only two schools participate, rather than the conventional playday in which a whole group of schools contest.) It will take place on December 5 at 3 p.m., and we expect our junior high to emerge victorious.

Miss Murray is now selling candy to help raise money so that the hockey teams may come to America in a few years. This candy is ex-ceedingly versatile stuff, and every household should have at least one It tastes good and thus may be eaten like candy. It also serves as glue when melted, carbon monoxide when vaporized, and paint when thinned with turpentine. Really, though, it's good stuff, and we hope everyone will buy some.



Anguish crosses the faces of several players as Milne's Grogan pulls down a rebound.

# Teams Seek First League Success

On the Page hall hardwoods to-night, Milne's Red Raiders will be out to give Al Sabisch's Albany Academy quintet straight league defeat. quintet their second

There is great rivalry with the Cadets from Academy road, and a victory on the home court would certainly be a bright spot on Milne's so far disappointing year.

Although Milne's varsity has shown great potential, it has not been able to jell for an entire game, but because of the great spirit cen-tered around the big game, a top-notch performance can be well ex-

#### Stars Lost To Graduation

Albany Academy, who placed third in the loop last year, has lost much of last year's club, and must call on many of last year's varsity subs and up-coming junior varsity performers.

Lost to graduation are the high scoring and rebounding trio of All-Albany star Bill Cross, now at West Point, Dan Hanavan, now at Wesleyan, and Stu Myers, now at Wil-

#### Haase Injured

One of Academy's top pre-season prospects was chunky Bill Haase, an All-Albany lineman in football. was hoped that he would add re-bounding strength and a much needed scoring punch to the quintet. However, Bill has a b... wrist Austin and Bill Minor, a pair of lanky seniors, will have to lead Academy up front, while Cadet Major Dick Rainka and Carl Ernst will in Erns Magor in the health will in the senior to the health will in the senior to the health will in the senior to the health will be senior to the health will be senior to the senior will join Ezra Mager in the back-

# J. V. Starts Slowly

A young and inexperienced junior varsity has had a tough time getting off its feet thus far in the campaign.

The squad, comprised mostly of sophs and freshmen, and only two juniors, had lost their first four encounters before winning handily over Lansingburgh.

#### Daggett's 18 Futile

Although Mike Daggett copped game scoring honors with 18 points, Milne's junior varsity dropped its second straight decision, after engaging in a nip and tuck battle for two and one-half periods, to Watervliet, 44-35.

Watervliet broke a 25-all dead-lock by dropping five quick hoops and then coasting to a nine point

Cohoes' j.v. was simply too much for Milne as they powered their way to an 18-point first quarter, allowing Milne only three points. The Cohoes quintet emerged with a 43 to 29 victory.

Milne took an early lead of 6-2 over the Hudson j.v., but it was quickly eliminated as the home team copped a 44 to 23 victory. Mike Daggett was again high scorer for Milne with 11.

# Red Cross Organizes

More than 40 pupils attended the first meeting of the Red Cross club. The new officers are president, Maria Perdaris; vice-president, Barbara Currey; secretary, Joyce Johnson; treasurer, Cherie Dominski.

Christmas activities for the club include making tree trimmings for Albany Home for children and St. Catherine's home and, together with the Red Cross council, singing at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Veteran's hospital.

This club is open to all students interested in Red Cross work, and is not to be confused with the Red Cross council, which is made up of elected representatives from the homerooms.

## Latin IV Here Now

For the first time in over ten years, a fourth year Latin course is available at Milne. The class translates and studies the Aeneid, a classic of epic poetry.

The students also read a few of the works of the other poets of the Augustan Golden Age of literature. Martha Hesser, Sybillyn Hoyle, Carol Ann Hukey and Linda White are the members of the class.

SUPPORT THE TEAM!

# **Junior Highlights**

by JUDY and DICK

Several eighth grade students have been taking an advanced mathematics course which began November 12. They are Bill Barr, Martin Begleiter, Paul Feigenbaum, Mark Kessler, Richard Luduena, Steven Levitas, Lorraine Maynard, Daniel Morrison, Gay Simmons and Susan Weinstock.

Cornell university recently asked the State museum to move to Ithaca. Rebelling against this, Milne seventh graders, led by Stephen Doling and Mary Ann Gilmore, petitioned the museum to remain in Albany. In a letter to the seventh grade, the museum stated that it was going to remain here in Albany.

Those hardy souls who survived the ordeals of trying out for the team are the ones who will score for Milne at the freshmen basketball games. The freshmen are Perry Cornell, Mike DiPretoro, Chuck Barbaro, Dick Etkin and Bob Huff. Tom Bennett, Art Brooks, Brian Carey, Paul Galib and Jimmy Hengerer are the eighth graders that made the team.

There is also a team made up of a few seventh graders and some eighth graders that is known as the eighth grade team. (If there is anyone who can tell us why they call it that, we would appreciate it.)



Jon Harvey and Sheila Burke seem to form mutual admiration society.

### 47 On Honor Roll

Margaret Childers earned the only straight-A report card for the second marking period. She led 46 other students on the Honor roll.

Thirteen freshmen made the roll. They are John Bildersee, Richard Doling, Richard Etkin, Jana Hesser, Robert Huff, Laurie Hyman, Susan Johnstone, Judith Margolis, Gail Spatz, Ellen Spritzer, Janet Surrey, Karen Ungerman and Ellen Wolkin.

More sophomores made the roll than any other class. There were 15 on it, including Rodney Abele, Helen Alpert, Janet Arnold, David Blabey, Margaret Childers, Barbara Currey, Joan Kallenbach, Alan Markowitz, Suzanne Newman, Ellen Price, Jane Siegfried, Glenn Simmons, Urica Stewart, Steven Rice and Elizabeth Weinstein.

18 Upperclassmen Place

Only six juniors made the Honor roll. These were Susan Dey, Kathleen Henrickson, Amy Malzberg, Earl Miller, Peter Sarafian and Arlene Tobonsky.

Twelve seniors received B's or better. These seniors are Robert Bildersee, Robert Blabey, Lawrence Giventer, Richard Grear, George Houston, Sybillyn Hoyle, John Mc-Ilwaine, Deborah McMillan, Paula Propp, Max Streibel, Michael Ungerman and Linda White.

Nineteen boys and 27 girls made the honor roll. The girls represent 59% of the total. The boys made their strongest bid in the senior class, where there were eight, as opposed to 11 for all other classes.

In the alphabetical contest, the "S's" lead with eight students. "H's" and "M's" were not far behind with six students each.

# Sammons Retires

Joseph Sammons, for many years custodian of Milne and critic of its basketball teams, has retired. He is now living at ease at his residence on Park avenue with his wife.

Replacing him is Orville Palmer,

Replacing him is Orville Palmer, in his first year at Milne, and his third at State college. Mr. Palmer is a graduate of Rensselaer school and a past custodian at Winthrop Stearns.

Mr. Palmer is now 47. He is married and has one son, Orville, Jr., who is 19. He joins Mr. Charles Sacks and Mrs. Clara Schmidt as a member of the Milne maintenance staff.

# Senior Spotlight

by MARTHA and AARON
SHEILA BURKE

You won't see Sheila looking "fagged out" this winter. She gets all the exercise and country air she can use breaking through the snow barrier out there in Altamont trying to make it to History class on time. Then she spends any free time (whatever that is) outdoors on ice skates. When summer eventually rolls around out there, Sheila makes a bee line for Thacher park and swimming.

You see she really enjoys sports, if just to watch them. One thing that truly infuriates her is being forced to miss basketball games in order to study for chemistry, and she's not play-acting when this happens. However, you did see her dramatizing in the senior play as Nancy Lee Falkner.

She exercises her musical talents for Milnettes every Monday and Wednesday. President of F.H.A. and Mistress of Ceremonies for Sigma, she has revealed her executive abilities.

Sheila, when she can find the time to complete those lovely long application blanks, intends to apply at the University of Vermont, New Paltz, and Harpur, one of which she would like to attend to learn to teach. This will also complete the list of institutions of learning which Sheila has been associated with since May 5, 1941: Altamont school, Guilderland and Milne.

#### JON HARVEY

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

Suddenly came a gentle sound. It reverberated through the hall. Jon rolled out of bed to the ground.

Boy! What a fall!

"What did you expect, chimes?" This and many other delicate bits of humor are attributed to the subject of this poem, Jon Harvey. But making knee-slappers is not all Jon does around Milne; he does all sorts of things.

Anybody who knows him realizes how hard Jon has worked; on the **B. & I.** as literary editor, as a judge, as a one-man Alumni Ball invitation committee, and as the mainstay on the tennis team.

In all his years at school, Jon has been collecting ideas, and when Milne can no longer affect him, Jon plans to publish his "Memoirs of Milne, in Poetry and Prose."

As a matter of fact, I just happen to have some of his notes at hand here's one dedicated to Milne:

"When in question or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout."

# Einhorn, Berkun Take T: U. Test

Steve Einhorn and Howard Berkun represented Milne at the Times-Union American History contest, December 5 at the Washington Avenue armory. About 400 students from the Albany area competed.

The first prize is a trip to Wash ington and Philadelphia for tl student and one adult.

# GOOD NIGHT\*

By FRED BASS

Christmas time is again drawing nigh. It is the time to look for gifts for friends and relatives. I was engine in this pleasant pastime the other day, and I saw many unusual and novel gift ideas. For those of you who are still undecided as to what you should give Uncle Clyde or Aunt Bertha, I offer these practical suggestions.

First I noticed a laciniated lachrymator. This was colored a brilliant vermilion and looked as though it would grace any home. It was modestly priced at only 75 rubles. While still marveling over the lachrymator I happened upon a petite pink parbuckle. The perfect thing for father! I grabbed it off the shelf and rushed to the cashier.

"Wrap it as a gift," I instructed her, whereupon she tore a long strip of olive-drab paper out of her roll and proceeded to wrap my package. When she finished I paid for the gift (a matter of some 10,000 francs) and moved on.

#### A Zulu Plays the Zither

I decided to explore the second floor and stepped on the escalator. As we moved slowly upward I heard strange sounds behind me. I looked. There stood a Zulu, dressed in his native costume and playing gaily on his zither. I moved unobtrusively up the stairs to get away from this awesome sight. He must have seen me moving, however, as he began to follow me. As we all undoubtedly know, there is no more frightening sight than that of an infuriated Zulu (with a zither) following you!

Leaving all ambitions of shopping behind, I raced through the store,

past displays of gyrating gyroscopes, colorful cabrolets and oscillating okras. Finally I found myself in a dead end aisle. He rushed up to me and said, "Friend, do you want to buy a good second hand zither?"

Relieved, I asked, "How much?" "Only 119 pesos," said he. "Sold!" I cried, anxious to be rid of him. I handed him the money, grabbed the zither and departed.

#### Four Shopping Days Left

I hope that the incidents I have related will help you to decide what to give to the person who "has everything." If you still can think of nothing to give to these people, then they really do have everything. In this case they need nothing and therefore you don't have to bother with them. This in itself is useful since the more you spend, the less you have.

Speaking of spending money, I just heard that a recently captured bank-robber, when asked his motive for committing the crime, told the fficers that he needed the money to buy Christmas presents for his relatives. Please don't try to obtain your shopping money by this method!

#### Thought for the Week

When you are out buying Christmas presents it is not the amount that you spend, but the thought involved. Thus you should keep in mind that, as the ancient sages put it, "The money you save may be your own."

\*These are the closing words from an old poem. The last line reads, "And to all a good night!"