



Merry Christmas Milnites



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Assembly Program Precedes Vacation

Christmas vacation for Milne students began with the Christmas assembly today at 1:30 p.m., in Page Hall auditorium.

First on the afternoon's program, the band played Wade's "Adeste Fideles" followed by "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" sung by the senior choir. The band then rendered a Christmas medley of American and old Welsh tunes.

Plays Piano

After the medley, Cynthia Berberian, an eighth grader, played Mendelssohn's "Scherzo." She preceded the double quartet singing the "Shadow March" by Cain.

Upon completion of this selection, "A Song to a Statuette" and the "Prayer from Hansel and Gretel" were given by the junior choir.

Choir Presents Songs

Next, "No Candle Was There and No Fire," by Lehman, and a Negro spiritual entitled "Little David Play On Your Harp" were presented by the senior girls' choir and the whole senior choir respectively.

The choir, aided by a solo group from the junior choir, then sang "Little Boy Blue" by Nevin and Watson.

Audience Sings

Mr. York, head of the Music Department, who conducted the preceding program then led all groups in "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The audience joined in singing these two pieces.

The local director of the Protestant Family Welfare Association, Mr. V. A. Wickens, spoke briefly on the Christmas baskets which the home-rooms have prepared. He expressed the association's appreciation of the Milne students' work in this project.

Students Entertain

Richard Montgomery, English supervisor, then presented his portion of the assembly. Song and dance routines were given by Milne students. The acts were chosen by a committee representing all classes. Those on the committee were Barry Fitzgerald, Anne Crocker, Arthur Melius, Richard Nathan, Dick Taylor and Ellen Siegal. Many students participated and they accepted most of the responsibility.

The mathematics department awarded the prize for the contest they sponsored concerning geometric designs. A drawing on the first floor hall bulletin board depicting a winter scene contained several geometric figures such as circles and triangles. All Milne students were eligible to enter the contest. The prize was a combination fountain pen, ball point pen and pencil set.

Junior Class Committees Complete Preparations for Yearly Alumni Ball



The co-ordinating committee for the Alumni Ball are seated (l. to r.): Sheldon Schneider, Frederick Corrie, Lois Laventall, Carolyn Kritzler; standing: Thomas Eldridge and William Brady.

Choose "Blue Moon" Theme for Affair

Several committees from the junior class are making final plans for the eleventh annual Alumni Ball. This affair, promoted by the juniors, will take place Friday, December 29, in the Page Hall gym from 9 to 12 p.m.

The class decided that the theme of the dance will be "Blue Moon." In keeping with this idea, a large crescent moon surrounded by stars and blue and white crepe paper will decorate the gym. William Brady, chairman of the decoration committee, released these plans.

Invite Alumni

Lois Laventall headed the publicity and invitations committee. The group sent invitations to all alumni who were graduated in 1945 or after. There will be no admission charge for Milne alumni and Milne senior high students. The junior high, however, will not be admitted to the dance.

Frank D'Amico and his orchestra will provide the music at the ball. They were obtained by Richard Propp and Thomas Eldridge.

Will Serve Punch

Refreshments will consist of punch and cookies. These will be served by the refreshment committee headed by Frederick Corrie.

A floor committee will take care of the other details for the occasion. Sheldon Schneider has been appointed chairman of this committee.

Head Other Groups

Carolyn Kritzler was in charge of the committee that handled the money for expenses. Chaperons for the ball were invited by a committee of which James Whitney was chairman.

In a statement about the ball, DeForrest Parker, president of the junior class said, "The committees for this dance have worked very hard, and we know it will be as successful as previous alumni balls."

Boys Try to Gain Naval Scholarships

Five Milne seniors were among the candidates who took the R.O.T.C. scholarship test December 9.

Richard Taylor, John Taylor, Allen Evans, Robert Tewell and Robert McClure tried for the scholarships.

If the boys are successful, the U. S. Navy will pay their way through college for four years during which time they will train. In return, the boys would be required to go into the Navy after graduation for a period of at least two years.

Council Handles "Coke" Orders

Harold Vine, treasurer of the senior student council, will have charge of the ordering and distribution of Coca-Cola under a new plan formulated by the council.

The proposal arranges for the student council to have "Coke" on reserve at all times. When an organization wishes to have some of the "Coke" for an affair, it should consult Harold.

The main object of this arrangement is to omit the confusion which frequently occurred previously.

The council will make 10 cents in each case sold as a handling charge. This profit will be added to the miscellaneous fund.

Junior High Groups Take Field Trips

Seventh grade sections one and two visited the Albany Institute of History and Art on November 15. Objects of interest were the industrial exhibits and the Egyptian mummies.

Section two also went to the State Education building to observe the Indian exhibits.

The trips were scheduled in coordination with the classes' study of the history of Albany and New York State.

Eighth graders of section three toured the Schuyler Mansion on December 1. The class is studying the American revolution.

Norwegian Teacher Observes School

"Americans may be very proud of their educational program," stated Olav Sundt, principal of a Norwegian high school.

The Oslo educator inspected Milne and State Teachers college, Albany, on December 6, as a guest of Dr. Wallace W. Taylor, social studies supervisor.

Pupils in American schools enjoy school more than European students in Mr. Sundt's opinion. This fact can be attributed to student government activities and pupil participation. He also praised students' class activity after observing Milne groups.

Mr. Sundt stressed the fact that American schools try to develop a well-rounded personality in the individual and do not concentrate solely on textbook knowledge.

A three month grant of the National Education Association brought Mr. Sundt to the United States. He expects to return to Norway before Christmas.

Army Recalls Krail

Jack Krail, supervisor of Spanish, will leave January 2. The U. S. Army has recalled him.

Mr. Krail will be a training officer in the third armored division at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He joined the Milne faculty at the beginning of last year.

What's Christmas?

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Throughout the halls of school, the streets, the stores, everywhere, these greetings are exchanged along with happy smiles.

What do they mean?

Hope you get a lot of nice presents? Hope your tree is big and pretty? Hope you don't get stuck with any homework over the holidays? Hope you get a lot of sleep? Is this what we infer when we say "Merry Christmas?"

It makes us wonder if, with all the gaudy baubles and tinsel, we haven't lost sight of the true spirit of Christmas.

We're all aware of the "feeling" that prevails in the atmosphere at Christmas time. There's usually snow and the weather is often nippy. The stores are jammed. Everyone is buying presents and cards and wreaths and pretty wrapping paper. We see red and green everywhere (even in the C. & W.) Is this Christmas?

Do we forget how very humble the first Christmas was? There were no Christmas cards, no wreaths, no colored lights, no trees.

But come to think of it, maybe our modern Christmas isn't as commercial as it might appear. Ever notice how friendly those bustling crowds seem to be at Christmas? Everyone seems to enjoy picking out a gift that he thinks will please Mother or Dad or one of his friends. And isn't this the real spirit of Christmas? This spirit of giving? Not just gifts, but a little pleasure and happiness.

Maybe we haven't lost Christmas after all.

Coming?

"Blue Moon, you saw me standing alone . . ."

Well, you won't be standing alone on the 29th of December!

"Why not?" you say.

"The Alumni Ball," I say. "You're coming, of course."

"Oh, I don't know, I . . ."

Now wait a minute, Joe and Josie Milnite. Stop right there. Have you heard the wonderful plans the junior class has made? Wonderful decorations, refreshing refreshments, terrific band and a tremendous evening, in general.

It's hard work preparing for a big dance, such as the Alumni Ball. The various committee members have put a lot of time and effort into the plans for this dance. They've shouldered much of the responsibility. When you're a junior, you'll see what we mean. (If you're a senior, you already know!)

We here at Milne are pretty lucky to have such an affair as the Alumni Ball. It gives the senior high a chance to spend an evening seeing old friends who have been graduated.

Many schools don't have any functions at all for their graduates, and we think ex-Milnites enjoy coming back to the "ole" Alma Mater.

So, come on! You'll have the time of your life! Are you coming? You bet!



Some of the many couples at the junior high sport dance were: Polly Viner, Dave Brown; Sandra Stegman, Donald Cullison; "Honey" McNeil, Ed Blessing; Judy Brightman, Bruce Cargill; Judy Hallenbeck, Dick Green; Cecil Blum, Doug Leslie; Ann Crocker, David Neville; Barbara Wolman, Dan Wolk.

We began to wonder if snowbound Paul Eckert would ever return from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, after the big storm. He finally shoveled his way out, though.

Ellen Siegal gave a junior class open-house December 15, with plenty of food and records.

Wandering through the exhibits at the Hobby Show recently were Tom Nathan and Marty Silberg.

Anne Bruce visited some friends at Russell Sage, while Terry Stokes looked over the campus at Wellesley college. Mary Panton also headed towards Massachusetts over Thanksgiving, going to Worcester.

Seen at the Mu-Sigma fraternity dance were Betty Lou Silberg, Arlene Granoff, Alice Brody and Florence Selman, while Barb Stewman went to a Union college formal recently.

We all wish a speedy recovery to former Milnite Paul Huprich who has been in the hospital, and it's nice to have Ed Graff back in school after his appendectomy.

Sue Armstrong entertained a houseful of seniors, during which time John Taylor, Milne graduate, hypnotized Lois Levine. We also saw Dale Christie, a former member of the class of '51, back for the fun.

Jim Whitney, Peter Dunning and Dick Davis recently went to the Neville twins' house for a "Coke" party.

Hilmen's skating rink was the scene where many Josie Milnites skinned their knees at the annual G.A.A. party.

Cheering their lungs out at the Albany Academy game were Mary McNamara, Pat Canfield and Chris Brehm.

Many Milnites visited the "Big City" over Thanksgiving vacation. According to reports they had a wonderful time seeing all the sights.

We can be pretty certain that Eleanor Jacobs isn't having a "White Christmas" season. She's in Florida soaking up the sunshine.

Seen enjoying a movie recently were eighth graders: Hildegard Erb, Ann Straebel, Polly Viner, Cecil Blum, Barbara Wolman and John Reynolds. "Didn't you feel a little out of place, John?"

Ed Graff threw a party last Friday for a few senior couples. Everyone had a swell time!

Here's hoping your Christmas is extra merry—from yours truly, Judy 'n Terry.

ALUMNEWS

Betty Mae Froelich '49, wed Robert Karch of Glendale, L. I., Thanksgiving Day at the First Presbyterian Church, while Eve Morgan '46, has announced her engagement to Tom Dyer.

Nancy Betham '49, a sophomore at Wells College, played the part of Lady Agatha Carlisle in a student production of Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan."

Beverly Orrett '50, is playing on the freshman soccer team for the LaSalle Junior college.

"Larry" Walker '50, is a Delta Delta Delta at Colby college in Maine.

Bob Leslie '48, spent Thanksgiving vacation visiting his sister Barbara '47, at Oberlin college.

Ex-Milnites who were seen at our Senior Play were "Larry" Walker, Janet Hicks, Harry Linindoll, Raeliff Jenex, and "Mal" Haggerty, all of '50.

Helen Cupp and Paul Hubbs '50, were seen cheering Milne on at the Milne vs. St. Peter's basketball game.

Joan Clark '50, gave an open house for the class of '50 during Thanksgiving vacation.

A letter to the English Department has been received from "Ellie" Jacobs '50, last year's editor-in-chief of the *Crimson and White*.

—Sue 'n Chris.

DATA from DORIS

By DORIS PERLMAN

You'll make quite a hit with any modern jazz addict if you give him or her the new Capitol record album "Stan Kenton Presents" for Christmas. There are some pretty strange concoctions in here, but if you like that sort of thing, it makes a nice gift. Any music lover will appreciate the new RCA-Victor album "Toscanini Conducts Light Music." If they prefer something a little heavier, there is Jascha Heifitz and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D, also by RCA. Both of these selections come on all three speeds. Those who stick to popular will enjoy Jimmy Durante in "Christmas Comes But Once a Year" (MGM) and "The Tennessee Waltz" with Patti Page on Mercury.

Milne has broken into show business again! Sophomore Bennett Thomson recently appeared on the "Teen-Age Barn" t.v. show with notable success. Congratulations—

Kids, we know that "George" a terrific expression and all that, but it does get a little tiresome to hear it all the time. How about thinking up some new ones and letting us hear about them? The best ones will be printed in the next issue. Let's see if we can start a new trend!

We hope that your Christmas vacation is simple "George" all the way! (Sorry, it just slipped out!)

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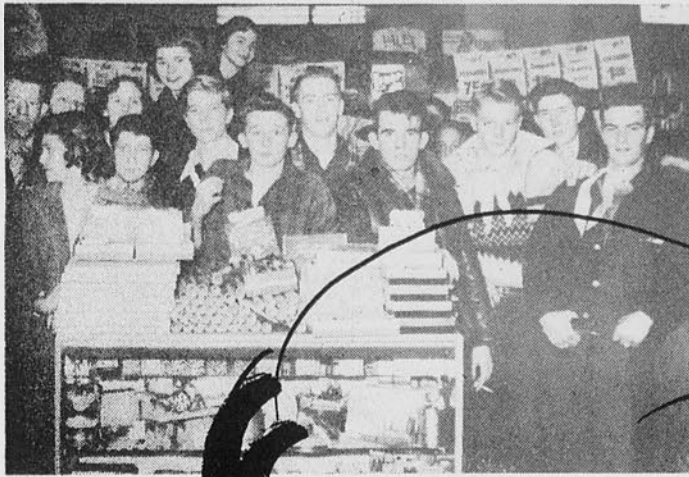
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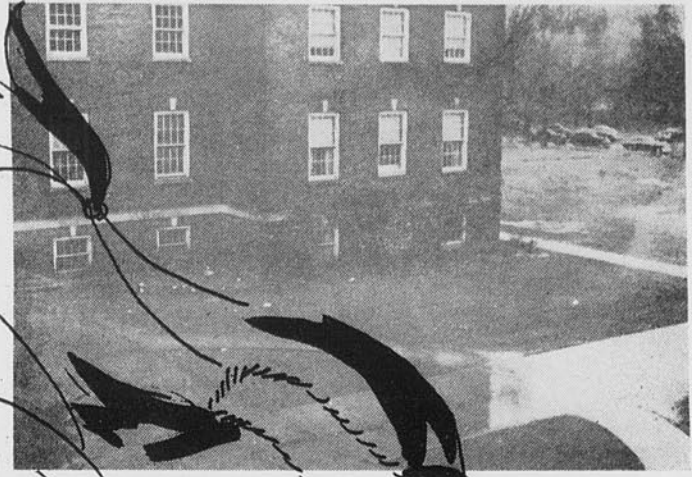
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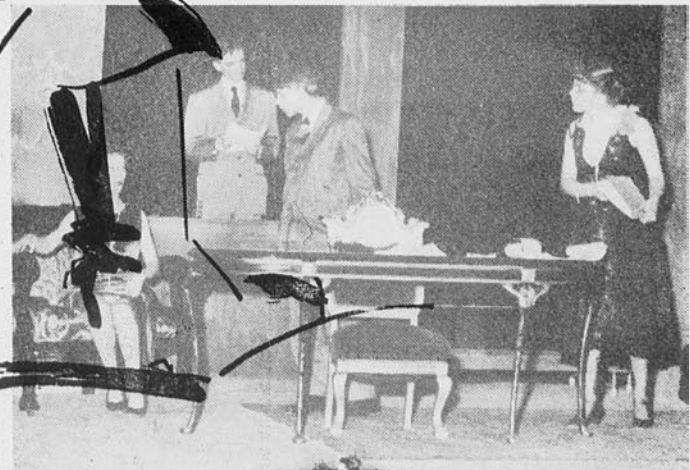
WHITE CHRISTMAS (?)



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REMEMBER ?

Thomson Gets Santa's Taxes At North Pole

Yesterday I awoke with a start and realized that this was the day that I must go to the North Pole and collect poor old Santa Claus' taxes. Jolly old Santa Claus is always nice to me when I go up there each year. He always knows the government never misses a person.

I jumped out of bed onto the cold floor, hopped into long red flannels, and pulled on five sweaters.

I rushed to the barn to kick up the bathtub for my trip. You see, I have two flying treakles, Azor and Toto. They are very sweet, but they always want to lick your face. Of course you know what treakles are, don't you? If you don't just look down a treakle well 'till you see one. Well, Azor and Toto pull Hercules, my flying bathtub. Hercules never says much because he can't talk.

Enough about my family. On with my adventure.

Up over the roof tops I flew, faster and faster I flew; 70, 80, 90 miles a minute. I was traveling. Why, it got so cold, Azor and Toto had to take turns riding with me to keep warm. I could have turned the water on in the bathtub but with five sweaters, I thought that it might get a little moist.

Finally I arrived and was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and their 12 grandchildren. Mrs. Claus insisted that I stay for a few days. I agreed because I realized that my name would be on the attendance slip the next day, and I just love to see my name in print.

For supper we had the most delicious snowman steaks with all the trimmings. For dessert, we had baked icicles "a la carte." Of course, you don't eat the cart, but it still adds color to the dinner.

Then the work started. There was much to do so everyone had to help. First, I went outside to dig for doll voices. This is a very exciting job. You take a 10-foot pole and drive it into the ground and listen. When you hear a voice say "Mama," you start digging. You must reach the voice before it stops. Then when you catch a voice you put it into a pan of warm water so it won't freeze.

I began to get cold so I went home. Everyone stood by the fire to get warm. All of a sudden, doll voices started yelling and there was just general confusion. Have you ever had your pockets full of voices yelling "Mama"?

Now I have a problem. Should I come home, or am I safer here? After all you might get your hands on me for writing his story.

Well anyway, Yrrem Samtsirhc. That's Merry Christmas backwards.

THE STAFF OF THE CRIMSON AND WHITE WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

PLEASE, SANTA

Senior Room

Dear Santa,

We seniors, Santa, have so much to ask you but we will try to keep our list small and full of only important things. We'd like:

1. To refill our false-teeth store in case there are any more seniors who want to taste the gym floor as Judy Ostrander did recently.

2. To make things safer, Santa, will you bring us a "Slow, Children P'aying" sign for us to carry when we walk down the street like Ronnie Hughes did last year? He'd also like a very complete insurance policy in case he has even more accidents.

3. Two of the seniors want to know if you have a doorbell or a knocker for the senior room door. It would certainly be a nice gift.

4. All the boys would like you to bring them cowboy hats; Hopalong Cassidy is the preferred kind but please remember they don't like bright colors.

5. Paul Eckert could use a round-trip ticket to Pennsylvania so he can get back to our parties quickly.

6. And, Santa, if you could arrange it with some store for us to get free records for the senior room, we will have our parties there. But this presents a new problem for where will we hang our coats? Do you have a few coat stands to give us? Just put them next to the subway to "Ed's."

7. And, Santa, the girls want you to look way down into your sack to see if you have a few guys for them and there is someone who would be mighty pleased to get a V.M.I. cadet for Christmas.

Well, here's our list and we hope that there isn't too much for you to send us. And if we are good little seniors, please bring us a wonderful Christmas.

—The Seniors.

Who Am I?

By BRENDA SANDBERG

I am an organization that everybody should join. My picture hangs near almost every room in Milne. I represent a very worthy cause. I have a fine reputation, and I am a friend of all.

Everybody knows me or has heard of me. I aid people throughout all the world. Everybody should join hands with me to do a good deed for people in need.

You have to pay only a little to join me, but by your tiny contribution you will be helping me to help millions of people out of their difficulties.

You have probably guessed by now that I am the Red Cross. Join the Junior Red Cross today!

A Feast

By

MICHAEL De PORTE, 7th Grade

Christmas is my favorite day So different from the rest. For on that day we're gonna' eat, Some white meat from the breast.

Oh, when I smell the fragrance Of the turkey roasting brown, My mouth it starts to water, Oh, when can we sit down?

And then I stuff myself, Full of turkey meat, Until I can no longer Stand upon my feet.

Christmas comes but once a year I'm sorta' glad of that, If Christmas came every day My word, would I be fat!



..... and an elektrktraine. P.2. PLEEZ give Daddy one of his own!

Young Milnites Spare Tibbetts Much Trouble

By EDITH CROSS

Mr. Tibbetts won't have any trouble finding careers for the seventh graders if they can all be judged by the homeroom presidents. All three have very interesting careers planned for themselves when they graduate.

From Loudonville

Mary Killough, president of homeroom 329, would like to be a gym teacher. Mary is that tall, attractive, blue-eyed gal you see clamoring off the school bus every morning. Yup, she hails from good "ole" Loudonville. She attended Loudonville school before she came to Milne and held the office of president of her class last year. Mary may also be seen roller skating at Hoffman's every Saturday afternoon. Skating is about her favorite sport, but she loves all sports. Although she plans on being a gym teacher, Mary is interested in music. She has taken four years of piano and is a member of the junior choir. Mary is also very interested in art, and draws in her spare time.

Interested in Engineering

R.P.I. seems to be a favorite college for many boys in Milne as it is for Paul Cohen, president of Mr. Harwood's homeroom. Paul's favorite subjects are math and English. He was born in New York City, but moved to Albany at a very tender age. Paul would like very much to be an engineer but in the meantime, he is satisfied in being an amateur photographer.

Paul has a very famous uncle, as far as the Milne gang is concerned. That little drug store on Lake Avenue is owned by none other than "Uncle Eddie."

Keep Hamsters

Of course, when twins enter Milne, everybody seems to know about it, but did you know that Bruce Fitzgerald, the youngest of the famous twins (by five minutes) has a large collection of pets? Bruce, president of Mrs. Madigan's homeroom, has a rabbit, bird, dog and a flock of hamsters.

Bruce was born in New York City also. He states, "I'd rather be born down South because too many people are born in New York." You have a point there, Bruce.

Plans To Attend Cornell

Bruce plans on going to Cornell to become a veterinarian. As you can foretell by the number of pets he has, Bruce will probably make a good one.

Though there are many advantages to being a twin, Bruce says that people are forever considering him and his brother as one. People will give his sister five dollars, while Barry and Bruce will just get two dollars and fifty cents apiece. Bruce doesn't share the office of president with anyone though, and he is doing a very capable job.

The goals of the homeroom presidents are set very high, but if they continue to work as they are now, all three of them will reach the top.

Milne Turns Back New Lebanon, 61-52; Manhasset of Long Island Triumphs

Milne's quintet opened the basketball season with a 61-52 trouncing of an aggressive New Lebanon team on the loser's court, November 21, in a game which proved to be close until the fading minutes of the contest.

The Red Raiders jumped into a 5-2 lead early in the first quarter, but New Lebanon tied the score at 6-6 late in the period. Milne took the lead again for a 10-8 margin at the quarter.

New Lebanon grabbed an 11-10 lead as the second stanza began, but Milne rallied for six straight points to go ahead. The two squads fought almost evenly for the rest of the period, giving Milne a 25-21 margin at half time.

Teams Exchange Lead

The third quarter proved to be extremely exciting with the score being tied five times. Milne led six times and New Lebanon three times. New Lebanon knotted the score at 28-28 early in the period. A foul shot put Milne back in the lead, but New Lebanon forged ahead on a field goal and a foul shot. An exchange of field goals left Milne in the lead. The losers tied the score, lost the lead, knotted the score again, and then took a 33-33 lead with a half minute remaining in the period. Then Milne poured five points through the hoop for a 41-38 lead as the buzzer sounded ending the third quarter.

Milne Goes On Scoring Spree

The home team bounced back quickly with five markers in a row for a two point lead. Milne tied the score, fell behind, tied the score again and took the lead with less than four minutes remaining. New Lebanon pounced back to grab a shortlived 52-51 lead at the three minute mark. Frank Parker scored ena layup to put Milne out in front for good as the Groganmen dunked in five field goals in succession to sew up the contest.

Milne's hoopsters showed deadly accuracy as they scored on 41% of their shots from the floor and tallied on 13 of 21 foul shots.

Guard Ray Guertin led Milne with 16 points, but Alan James of the losers was high scorer for the night with 18 markers. Bill Wade led the Jayvees to a 40-29 victory as he scored 13 points.

Manhasset High School traveled all the way from Long Island to hand Milne a heartbreaking 51-50 defeat.

The Long Islanders were ahead 13-10 at the quarter, and increased their lead to 31-23 at halftime.

In the third stanza, Milne fought hard and chopped four points off Manhasset's lead, bringing the score to 41-37.

Manhasset widened their advantage early in the fourth quarter. Milne rallied to whittle down the lead, trailing 51-49 in the last minute of play. With 15 seconds remaining, Dee Parker was fouled while shooting. Having already converted four free throws, he stepped to the line to take two more. Dee missed the first one and made the second one, but Milne couldn't score again in the time remaining.

Bob Mull scored 16 points to lead Milne. Brown was high scorer for Manhasset with 13 markers.

Rams Nip Milne In League Game; St. Peter's of Saratoga Wins

Van Rensselaer High School defeated Milne, 37-34, in a hard fought, closely played Class C League encounter on the Page Hall court, December 8.

Van Rensselaer had the edge in controlling the backboards, but Milne compensated for this by intercepting many of the Rams' down-court passes.

Milne Rallies

Milne poured in six points in a row to start the second period and kept the lead, giving the Crimson a 20-15 edge at the half.

The Rams started closing the gap, coming within one point of Milne midway in the third stanza. Milne held onto the lead for a 29-27 edge as the quarter came to a close.

Van Rensselaer Takes Lead

Milne failed to score for over five minutes, including the last part of the third quarter and over three minutes of the fourth period. The visitors managed to score only four points in this time, but it was enough to tie the score at 29-29. With three and a third minutes left in the game, Ish Tonkin put the winners momentarily ahead with a field goal. Foul shots by Dick Taylor and Bob Mull tied the score again. A two-pointer put the Rams back in the lead for good. Two more field goals clinched the game for Rensselaer.

Bob "Team of the Week" Mull led the Milne hoopsters with 14 points. Ish Tonkin, All-Albany player, and Jimmy Kirsch, deadly set shot artist, each tallied 10 markers for the winners. First string Milne guard Ray Guertin was out of the game with a sprained ankle.

The Rensselaer Jayvees beat Milne, 51-26. Don Coombs was high for Milne with 10 points. Milne's Fresh trimmed the Rams' freshman

Football Players Awarded Letters

In a recent Pep Assembly held in the Page Hall auditorium, Coach Grogan awarded varsity letters to the players on Milne's six-man football team.

Bob Callender, voted by his teammates as the most valuable player on the team, was awarded the gold letter for his outstanding play at center.

Those receiving letters were: seniors Ray Guertin, John Lucas, Bob Callender, Art Cardell, Jack Magrew, and Paul Eckert; juniors Bill Hayes, Dee Parker, Bill Brady, and Dick Propp; and sophomore Bunny Walker.

team, 30-15. Don Wilson dumped in 10 markers for the winners.

St. Peter's Wins, 59-49

Milne dropped a 59-49 decision to St. Peter's of Saratoga on the same court, December 2.

The Saints jumped into a 13-4 lead by the end of the first stanza, but Milne rallied to outscore the visitors, 20-12, in the second quarter, giving the Saratogians a slim 25-24 edge at the half.

Early in the third period Milne lost much of its backboard control and rebounding power when 6-4 Bob Mull fouled out. St. Peter's took advantage of this to open up a 34-34 lead as the quarter ended.

Dick Taylor garnered scoring honors for Milne with 10 markers. Maghione and Scovone did virtually all of St. Peter's scoring, tallying 29 and 21 points respectively.

Tommie Talks

The roller skating party at Hoffman's Skateland on December 9 proved to be a huge success. Nearly one hundred Milne girls and also some Milne boys who were there found that roller skating really is a lot of fun. Surprisingly enough, most girls found little difficulty in appearing at home on the rink. Pat Reily '52, Sandy Baird '52, and Frances Reilly '53, proved to us that they really have talent on skates. Miss Murray amazed many of the seventh graders by gliding by them on her skates with the greatest of ease.

Ring Stick Hockey Begins

Ring stick hockey has started in the gym classes and it proves to be a welcome change from murder ball. Hockey intramurals are held on Mondays and Thursdays for the senior high, and on Wednesdays and Fridays for the junior high. The senior high captains are Barbara Van Dyke, Nancy Bryant, Mickey McGrath, Mary Alice Leete, and Gwen Hart. Alice Erwin, Janet Vine, Sally Simmons, Judy Hallenbeck, Ann Gayle, Alice Gosnell, Mimi Ryan, and Carol Becker head the junior high teams.

Bowling will start at Rice's bowling alleys right after Christmas vacation. This will be played every Wednesday during your gym classes.

Milne has been invited to a basketball playday sponsored by Albany High, which will be held at Philip Livingston Junior High on January 13. Several area schools will participate in this playday.

You gals had better not forget to keep all your boots and belongings tightly in your lockers, or you may be short of some change! Yes, every time Mrs. McLaughlin finds a stray belonging in the locker room, she will keep it until you claim it; and then you must pay five cents to get it back in your possession. Incidentally, all the money that is collected will be deposited in the M.G.A.A. treasury.

Learn Your Cheers

The J.V. and varsity cheerleaders are working hard this year to make their squads good ones. However, some of you seem rather dubious about the words of the cheers, so here is a list of a few of them:

Stand 'em On Their Heads

Stand 'em on their heads,
Stand 'em on their feet,
Milne's varsity
Can't be beat!

Open the Gate

Open the gate, open the gate
Give us room to circulate,
We're not rough, we're not tough,
We're from Milne, that's enough!

Shoot 'em in the Basket

Shoot 'em in the basket,
Bounce 'em on the floor,
Come on raiders,
Raise that score!

Have a Very Merry Christmas,
everyone!

Milne JV Beat St. Peter's

Don Coombs paced the Milne Jayvee to a close 31-27 thriller over St. Peter's Jayvees by scoring 15 points.



Frank Parker takes set shot for Milne as Billy Kirsch attempts to block shot and Bob Mull of Milne locks on.

Seniors Accept Their Privileges Gratefully

By BARBARA STEWMAN

The fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, will go down in the annals of time as "Independence Day" to approximately 65 seniors in the class of 1951, in the Milne School. It was on this cold, miserable, rainy day that great shouts of triumph were heard echoing through the halls, proclaiming to the unfortunate lower classmen that at long last, '51 had received its senior privileges.

Senior privileges! Two sacred words, forever to be preserved in the hearts of upperclassmen. What do these words mean? They represent a goal toward which we have striven since our entrance into Milne back in the seventh grade. They stand for effort on the part of all in the senior class to become good citizens, to share our responsibilities and to be aware that co-operation is the way to success. All these things play a part, for the privileges are not given for nothing, nor is any good thing.

In defining the words senior privileges, we may say that to us, they are mostly the privilege of going off the campus of Milne. Where do we go? Silly people! At exactly 11:03 a.m. one great cloud of dust may be seen by the survivors as the class heads for—you guessed it—"Ed's." In storms or fair weather, from now until graduation day, this will be the place to which we migrate (reminiscent of "The Swallows of Capistrano") for lunch and a quick chat before we return to the old "grindstone."

It is the sincere wish of the class of '51 that our buddies, the class of '52, may enjoy these privileges as much as we are.

What If?

Beverly were a bat instead of a Ball?

Bob were a clock instead of a Callender?

Sue were a derrick instead of a Crane?

Rosemarie and Edith were kind instead of Cross?

Eleanore were a tree instead of an Erb?

Herbert were a saltine instead of a Gramm?

Ruth were a bleacher instead of a Dyer?

Barbara and Brenda were hamburgs instead of Sandbergs?

Charles were an elk instead of a Moose?

Sue were South instead of North?

Frank were a Waterman instead of a Parker?

Ronald were gentle instead of Ruf?

Barbara were sour instead of Sweet?

Dick were a butcher instead of a Taylor?

Lois and Bob were too sick instead of Tewell?

Delmer were a wrinkle instead of a Runkle?

Judy were old instead of Young?

Cheers Increase Team Spirit

"T-E-A-M, yea team," came the cries from the Page Hall auditorium on Friday, December 8, on the occasion of the first pep assembly of the year.

Varsity and varsity cheerleaders led the school in several cheers. Lois Tewell, varsity cheerleading captain, introduced Harry J. Grogan, athletic director and coach. He awarded the football letters to this year's team and also introduced the 1950-51 varsity basketball team.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Roy York, Jr., added to the event by performing some school songs and other selected pieces.

Prior to the pep assembly a dramatic group from State college presented a one-act play, entitled "The Man in the Bowler Hat," by A. A. Milne.

Milne Band Reaches Peak

"The Milne band is better this year than ever before," said Mr. Roy York, Jr., school music director.

After Christmas vacation the band will play at all week day, home basketball games.

During the intermission between the varsity and junior varsity games the band will play some new selections. The rest of the playing time will be devoted to school songs, the national anthem before the first toss-up, and of course, closing with the Alma Mater.

Mr. York particularly requests that students join the band by singing with it on the school songs.

Callender Selects Senior Committees

Robert Callender, president of the senior class, appointed the members of the caps and gowns and announcements committees recently.

Chairman of the announcements committee is Barbara Stewman. John Kinum, Ruth Staley, George McDonough, Robert Tewell, Elaine Stein, Barbara Sandberg and Robert Callender are assisting her.

Harry Stevens, Harold Vine, Pat Ashworth, Edith Cross and Robert Callender have charge of ordering the caps and gowns.

Mr. Gerald Snyder and Mr. Jack Krail, homeroom supervisors, are working with the groups.

Junior Class Takes Vocational Tests

Juniors took the Kuder Preference tests in their homerooms on Tuesday, December 5.

This test is given to find what the interests of each student are in the different fields of work. This information may help in his or her choice of a career.

During homeroom periods the juniors are being helped by State Teachers college students to pick the colleges they wish to attend. This program includes discussing points on how to apply for college, what subjects are required, and

Praise Be For Petty Woes

Praise be to God for petty woes,
For frost-nipped hands and heavy snows,

For a run in a pair of nylon hose,
And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes,
For uncovered books and a slip that shows,

For a locker shared by an unbidden guest,
And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes,
For worn-out gloves and a shiny nose,

For locker crowds and boots that stray,
For the backstage mess at the senior play,

And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes,
For the Latin verb that nobody knows,

For having to stand on a crowded bus,
For getting "C" minus instead of "A" plus,

For straggly hair after all one's fuss,
And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes,
For Alumni Balls and stepped-on toes,

For baby-sitting on Saturday night,
For soprano voices that are not light,

For size eight shoes that are too tight,
And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

—By a Senior.

Society Leaders Discuss Plans

Representing the five Milne societies at a meeting to discuss inter-society plans were the presidents of Zeta Sigma, Quintillian, Theta Nu, Adelphoi, and Thesium societies—Lois Levine, Judy Traver, Arthur Cardell, Harry Stevens, and Richard Flint, respectively.

Ways and means of raising money, and at the same time bringing the societies together in some profitable enterprise, were discussed. Joint sponsorship of a debate was suggested and this will be brought up in the individual societies along with any other ideas the members may have.

As of yet no definite plans have been made, but watch for an announcement of an activity sponsored by the society council in the near future.

Things to Come

Wed., Dec. 20
Christmas Vacation

Fri., Dec. 29
Alumni Ball, Page Hall gym

Wed., Jan. 3
School resumes—8:10

reading some books published by the different colleges.

After Christmas vacation, the English department will offer a project to assist the juniors in their choice for a vocation. Having received the results of the tests each student will be better equipped to work on his project.



By PAT 'n ROZ



JUDY TRAVER

"Have you ever seen a dream come a walkin'?" Well we have! And she has hazel eyes, dark-brown tresses and a sweet smile. Certainly you know her! She's Judy Traver, president of Quintillian society.

Last year, as a junior, she scribed 51's class notes, was active on the girls' volleyball and basketball var-sities, and helped make our Alumni Ball a success. This year she's a member of the inter-society council and the *Crimson and White* staff.

Judy thinks that one of the best ways to spend a weekend is in Ithaca. Having not only beauty, but brains too, she prefers mathematics to her other subjects and hopes to attend Cornell after graduation.

Born on October 9, 1934, Judy's only complaint is that she is younger than anyone else. She has oodles of likes. Movies (two in one day), clothes, steak and French fries, are a few of the many. But the very top one on her list is a "bunny."

ARTHUR CARDELL

Seen at most of the Milne functions is the friendly smile of Art Cardell. Now we present him to you . . .

A native of Albany, Art was born on June 14 and five years later started his long climb upward at P. S. 4. Entering Milne in his sophomore year, Art became a vital member of the baseball team. As a member of the Milne football team, Art has proven his worth in sports this year.

Art quickly rose in popularity, becoming president of Theta Nu, quite an accomplishment for anyone. In his sophomore year he became a member of Hi-Y and was also a member of the M.B.A.A. in his junior year.

When Art stated that he had no particular dislikes we were astounded; too bad we don't have more people in this world like him. On the other hand, Art's likes are many. Topping the list is a small blonde who likes big horses. He is fond of sleeping mornings to avoid the eight o'clock rush.