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Card Party Nets \$165 for Murals

Annual Affair Is Termed Huge Success by Engle

The results of the annual Milne Card Party have just been released by Melissa Engle, '44, general chairman; the amount raised proves to be an increase over last year.

Miss Engle said, "I would like to thank all those who contributed so generously in food and money. Without the cooperation of those who helped voluntarily, the party would not have been the financial and social success that it was."

Miss Engle continued, "The net profits of the party total to \$165.34 and this includes \$24.60 in cash donations. We wish to thank Mr. John Hauf for the loan of his card tables and the Milne cafeteria for its contribution for the refreshments."

203 Tickets Sold

Approximately 203 tickets were sold. The total amount of money raised for the food sale was \$44.23.

The expenses this year included blank tickets, prizes, candy to be sold and the federal tax.

The money raised this year from the party will go towards the fund for the murals by David Lithgow in the library.

Bob Hotaling, '45, took charge of the tickets and was assisted by Bob Foster, '45. They both have received many congratulations on the grand job they did.

Faculty Advisers

The Faculty advisers assisting were Mrs. Anna K. Barsam, Mrs. Genevieve Moore and Miss May Fillingham. These advisers all helped make this year's Card 'Party a huge success.

Professor Butler Talks To Senior High Assembly

Mr. L. K. Butler, Professor of Physical Education at Oberlin College for men, addressed a Senior High assembly on Friday, March 3 at 12:27 in the Page Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Butler spoke of the importance of a college education, the difficulties of the accelerated program, and the present physical education program of preparation for induction into the armed forces.

He also answered questions about Oberlin College.

Army and Navy Exams Given Wednesday in 233

Dr. Ralph B. Kenny, supervisor of guidance, has announced that room 233 in Milne will be used for the A-12, V-12 examination next Wednesday. The examination is from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m. "Everyone who is not concerned with the test should keep away from that room so that the boys will be able to do their best work," said Dr. Kenny.

The A-12 program has been opened again and it is strongly urged that everyone who is qualified, take the exam. President Roosevelt recently asked all boys of 17 to take the examination.

A notice from the Government just sent to Dr. Kenny said in part, "In view of some publicity which may have seemed to indicate the contrary, both the Army and the Navy plan to use the results of the test on March 15 to earmark certain men for further consideration as candidates for the Army Specialized training program or the Navy college program. Both programs are to be continued."

Junior, Senior Schools View War Salvage Films

The Junior High Assembly on Tuesday, March 7, in Page Hall Auditorium was a huge success. Two movies on the war salvage drive, which were distributed by the Albany War Council, were shown. A "Mickey Mouse" cartoon made especially for the drive seemed to be the big hit, and everyone enjoyed it very much including the supervisors. The cartoon was shown three times at the request of the audience, and much to the amusement of all, once backwards.

The films were also shown at a Senior High Assembly on Tusday.

18 Seventh Graders Draw Posters for Local Exhibit

Eighteen students from the 7th grade have had their posters, relating to the war effort, sent to the Albany Institute of History and Art to be exhibited in the Art section of the New York State College for Teachers Association. These posters will be shown with art work from other schools during March.

The students are: Jim Amenhouser, Peter Ball, Dorothy Blesing Helen Bigley, Elaine Brown, Ann Carlough, Alice Cohen, Jane Kilby, John Henkes, Hans Krahmer, Jane Lonergan, Laura Paxton, Joyce Russo, Arthur Stoddard, Shirley Weinberg, Don Westbrook, and Robert Yaguda.

Boys' Societies Issue Bids To Milne Underclassmen

Paland '41, Receives Purple Heart Medal

Milne graduate Richard W. Paland, '39, Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Navy, has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to a letter received by his parents from Admiral Nimitz.

Medal for Injury

The award was given to the Navy flier for injuries received last November, in a raid over Tarawa. At that time an anti-aircraft shell burst near Lt. Paland's plane, cutting his face and one eye.

Lt. Paland is now back in action, and has been recommended for the Air Medal.

Paland in Adelphoi

During his six years at Milne, Lt. Paland was very active in all school affairs. He was a member of the student council, the Alephoi Society, and the Milne Hi-Y. During his senior year Paland was captain of the basketball squad, and also played on the baseball and golf teams.

It was said of Lt. Paland in the 1939 Bricks and Ivy: "Dick is good at almost everything. He's an athlete, an executive, and a good companion."

MacGonagle Replaces Allard As French Head

Dr. Sara Hansell MacGonagle, temporary supervisor of French and Spanish replacing Wilfred P. Allard of the Army Intelligence, comes from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has a permanent position in the French and Spanish departments of State Teachers College.

Native of New Jersey

Dr. MacGonagle was born in East Orange, New Jersey, received her BA. degree from Pennsylvania, College for women, her Masters from University of Pittsburgh, and her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia. She has studied at the University of Paris, also.

Dr. MacGonagle has traveled through most of the United States, Cuba, Panama, and Canada.

Thinks Milne Wonderful

This is her first trip to Albany which she finds "very cold and windy" but "it can't be like this all the time." She thinks Milne's "wonderful." (Editor's note: Plug, plug, plug).

Adelphoi, Phi Sigma, Theta Nu to Initiate

The three boys' societies of Milne, Theta Nu, Adelphoi, and Phi Sigma issued bids for membership last Monday.

Every year, during the third week in February, each society may issue enough bids so that there will be fifteen in the society not counting the seniors now in them. This was postponed until this week because the altering of the eligibility rules required some time.

Final Initiations

The boys are not yet in the society but must wait until the final initiation. Theta Nu's final initiation is 11:00 a. m., March 18; Phi Sigma's is 10:00 a. m., March 18 and Adelphoi's is March 25 at 10:00 a. m.

Theta Nu

The following boys are entering Theta Nu: Pete Hunting, Dick Grace, Bob French, Don Christie, Frank Bellville, John Knox, Bob Clark, Ken Mosher, Chuck Terry, all sophomores, and Jim Migilton and Lee Aronowitz, both juniors.

Phi Sigma

The following boys are entering Phi Sigma: Paul Distilhurst, '44; Sam Fallak, Walter Wilkins, and Tad Jones, juniors, and Jerry Wolfgang, Bill Weed, Edger Wakeman, John Tanner, Phil Stoddard, Bill Roberts, Dick Herrick, Grant Hall, Fred Haggerty, Roland Brown, and David Packard.

Adelphoi

Adelphoi is taking in John Farnan, Sanford Duncan, juniors; Jack Underwood, Leonard Bowers, Bob Perry, and Al Salzer.

Advisers

The initiation ritual takes place in the boys' locker and shower room. Mr. Harlan Raymond, supervisor in industrial arts, is the adviser to Theta Nu; Dr. Carlton Moose, supervisor in science, is adviser to Adelphoi, and Mr. John Roach, supervisor in English, is adviser to Phi Sigma.

Eligibility Rules

To become a member of a society a boy must be either in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grades. He must pass all his mid-year term marks with an average of 70.00%. If he fails one mid-year though, he may be eligible for invitation if he has an average of 74.99% on all of his mid-year marks.

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These new rules are slightly different and more simple to use than

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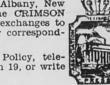
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Give to the Red Cross

Probably this year, there won't be any basketball game between Milne and State for the benefit of the Red Cross as we have had in the past two years.

But, this year, the Red Cross needs your money more than ever. You will probably be asked in school to give to the Red Cross. Don't forget how important it is.

Time and time again you have heard of the useful and necessary work that the Red Cross does especially now on the field of battle. When they ask you now to give in Milne, put away the nickels and dimes and bring out the quarters. Surely we can all afford to give more this year. For the past two years, everyone has paid a quarter for the benefit basketball game and this year you should give at least that much.

Of necessity the Red Cross asks for more and more to carry on their humane work. Dr. Robert W. Frederick, principal of Milne, is the chairman of the junior Red Cross throughout the city; let's show him what his own school can do.

milne merry-go-round

Milne vs. V. I. drew many Milne fans who were disappointed but ah! well we've won SEVEN, haven't we?—Shirley Champlin, Alvin Bingham, Ruth Short Jimmy Lawlor, Glada Appleton, George Ross, Winnie Hauf, and Frank Colburn were among the dejected—Eve Morgan, Bob Phinney, Peg Gallivan and Chuck Terry were seen walking dolefully up Western Avenue after the game.

Following Ann Robinson's overnight hag party which was attended by Jean Dorsey, Helen Huntington, Barbara MacMahon, Barbara Richardson, and Elinor Mann invited Sophomores Shirley Champlin, Helen Dethloff, Eve Morgan, Nancee Abernathy, Marilyn Miller, and Dottie Crookes came for the evening. We understand Shirley spent most of the time crying.

Sally Duncan, Pete Hunting, Jean Pirnie, Bob French, Jeanette Price, and Don Christie all went to the movies Friday.

Rosie Katzin went to New York City for a camp reunion.... Betty Baskin traveled to Providence, R. I. on Friday.... Rollin Brown spent his two days in Syracuse visiting his girl!!!

Inez Warshaw will chaperone a hay-ride tonight (will someone volunteer to chaperone Inkie?)—Among those going are Diane Ostrander, Jesse Barnet, Nancy Lee Clark, Eugene St. Louis, Barbara Dorn and Bob Bellinger.

Alumnews

by "Goat"

John M. Schamberger, who has just graduated from Union College, Friday, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, will enter the Army Signal Corps electronics training program.

Cpl. Johnny Chiesebrough, ex-'42, was home on a five-cay furlough from Camp Maxey, Texas.

Sailor Bob George, '42, was home over the weekend, and with him at the Strand was Sally Hunt, also of '42.

Marcia Shifferdocker, '42, was home over the weekend from Brooklyn where she is taking a course in nursing.

Cuyler Thayer, ex-'43, is home on a five-day leave from Boston. He is stationed on an aircraft carrier.

Dot Rider, '43, has announced her engagement to Al Derwett, ex-State '42.

Ensign Walt Griggs, '42, on a week's leave from Yale, was at the Palace this weekend with Marilyn Potter, '42.

John Wilson, '42, is home from Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass., Medical Corps.

Bob Weiss, '42, home on leave, was found in the gym last Tuesday tossing a basketball around with Walt and Johnny.

Leah Einstein, '41, was home for the week-end. Bob Silverstein, '42, is home o na Navy furlough. Stan Heidenrich, '43, is now a Pfc.

Don't Throw Papers

A very thoughtless and bad habit of many Milnites is that when they go to eat in the cafeteria, they throw their papers all around the room instead of putting them where they belong—in the wastebaskets.

If we expect the cafeteria to give us the best service. we must treat the lunchrooms more carefully. Don't throw papers around after you finish eating. It may seem funny to you, but it is not funny at all. It means extra work and to any visitors, it makes the student seem as though they were not very well brought up.

Another thing to remember is not to leave any food on the tables when you finish eating. Besides not leaving any food, you should pick up all of your papers and ice cream cups and deposit them in the proper place.

Senior Spotlight

-by Janice O'Connell-



JEAN FIGARSKY

A worried look, lack of sleep, a head full of problems and a handful of schedules for yearbook pictures is an adequate picture of Jean Figarsky.

Since Arnold Baskin has left for Union, the job of being managing editor of the Bricks and Ivy plus her original job of associate editor has been placed on the shapely shoulders of Jean.

Sigma Member

"I belong to Sigma, my nickname is "Fig," even though I think it is horrible my favorite color is yellow, I want to go to Cornell, I like certain types of boys' shoes and some of the guys in them, and I love to watch Miss Martin in the Art Room as she calmly handles the uprising situations."

This just about sums up the answers to any questions that I could ask her about the life she leads and what goes on in her mind.

Jean likes people that are happy and that seldom fight. In English class Jean often bellows at the kids when she has the desire to learn something (which is very rare for a Milne student).

Entertains

Jean entertains us at lunch table with her love letters from "Samson." Tick-Tock seems to be a remarkable person. What the Navy needs is more men like Seaman 2/c Clock.

At the Albany Hospital this past fall, Jean spent almost all of her spare time helping out as a Volunteer Aid. The experience she obtained will no doubt come in handy in her life at Cornell.

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Jean deserted the Crimson and White last year for the Bicks and Ivy. What is our loss is the Bricks and Ivy's gain, and vice versa.

Last year Jean was chairman of Bonds and Stamps Committee when Ed Bookstein left. For the rest of the year she had the job and carried it out efficiently.

There e raa lot of committees nd organizations that she is in, in fact there are few in the school that she hasn't helped with, so to make it easy I won't name them all.

One of the things that Jean enjoys doing the most is sending cute cards and writing witty letters.

Jean also knows celebrities and has entertained Portland, of the Fred Allen Show, in her home.

V. I. Beats Milne 32-30 to End 7 Game Streak

Terry Leads Milne Team With 9; Muehleck Has 8

Milne's seven-game winning streak was finally broken by a defeat at the hands of Vincentian on the latter's court last Saturday night by a 32-30 score

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Vincentian took an early lead from the Red Raiders leading at halftime by a 21-13 score. In the third quarter, however, the Milne quintet was able to close up the gap considerably, allowing VI only five points and picking up 10 themselves. This evened the game up considrably but VI still boasted a 3-point margin, the score being 26-23.

Milne Ahead Once

Milne was ahead at one point in the final period, but the Lions managed to get back in front and staved off a closing rally by Milne. VI held the ball as the game ended.

The fact that the Lions were able to pile up such a lead at half time was a big factor in winning the game for them. Hogan, the Lion's center, was high with 14 points. Busch, Class A's leading scorer, was next with 10 points. Chuck Terry and Ed Muehleck were high for Milne with nine and eight points respectively.

Closes Milne League Season

This game marked the closing of the season as far as the Class A league is concerned for both of these teams. All of the other schools have one game remaining. The season for Milne was remarkably successful considering Milne lost four of its first five league games. Then they came on to wing four of the last five league tilts.

Milne is now tied with VI for second place and Albany High and Albany Academy can pull into a tie for second if they both win their last games tonight.

In the preliminary games, VI took the freshmen game by a 29-16 score. Meskill and French were high with six points apiece. Vincentian also took the JV game by the score of 33-23. The Milne JV held the Lions to a four-point lead in the first half, but were unable to outscore the VI juniors in the second half. Grace and Hunting were high with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Milne		
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Aronowitz, f 2	0	4
Baker, c2	3	7
Ball, g 1	0	2
Terry, g 4	1	9
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Totals12	6	30
Vincentian		
fg	fp.	tp.
Busch, f 5	0	10
Strobel, f 0	0	0
Hogan, c 6	2	14
Dickleman, g 1	0	2
Bradley, g 1	0	2
Cunningham, g 2	0	4
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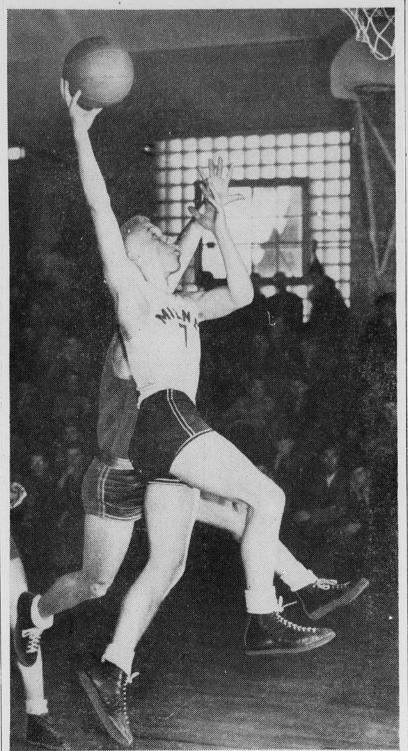


Photo Courtesy Times Union

DUTCH BALL, Milne captain, goes up to toss the ball in the hoop for two points in the first quarter of the Milne-CBA game. Dutch did this twice in the first quarter of the game. Note his fine form.

Individual Scoring Honors

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	Varsity		Junior Varsity	
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	Baker	143	Grace	70
	Aronowitz	114	Terry	54
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	Jones	1	Clarke	3
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2		485		310



Betty Blabs

A formal apology has been requested by the sophomores. It seems that last week, "Betty Blabs" was quoted as saying that the freshmen again beat the sophomores in intramural basketball. Apparently this was a grave mistake. THE SOPHOMORES WON! How they did it is unknown, but anyhow, they were victorious. It seems that on the date of February 27, a hot game was in session. Basketball, of course. The big tenth graders played their hardest. They were determined to win at least one game.

Morgan, Paxton Score

Yes, Morgan and Paxton, with the aid of Butch Ball, made 18 points with Graham and Pirnie helping out with 2 points each. The poor freshman only had a total of eight points making the final score 22-8. Therefore, it is a proven fact that the class of '46 has won the game and it is more than fitting and proper that this column apologizes to that class. WE APOLOGIZE.

Horseback Bareback

Hurrah for the horseback riders. At class last week they rode bareback. (That means there were no saddles on the horses). Only three people fell off but the girls just got right back on.

St. Agnes Game Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the awaited basket-ball game with St. Agnes. At ten o'clock the games will start. Undoubtedly Milne will win, but St. Agnes will put up a good fight. There will be two teams. Some of the girls from Milne that will show up will be Jean Dorsey, Pete Peterson, Joyce Stanton, Charles Terry, Wilma French, Jean Fiagrsky, Tom Dyer, Barbara Richardson, Mary Kilby, and Marilyn Arnold. It says in the score book that on February the 16 the 7th grade beat the 8th. Could this be true? The little Simmons girl and her pal Mc-Mann are good forwards with 6 and 4 points respectively. In the 8th grade, Fiske and French made 2 points each, leaving a total score of 10-4 in favor of the seventh. More power to them!!! They lost the week following on February 23 with Tainter of the 8th grade high scorer.

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Brothers Clinch League A Title; Milne, V.I. Tie

4 Teams Vie for 2nd Place; 2 League Contests Slated

Turning back Albany High School, 43 to 31, on the Garnet and Gray court last Saturday afternoon, the Christian Brothrs Academy basket-ball team grasped the first Class "A" Albany Scholastic League Crown.

The triumph gave the Brothers a record of seven victories and two defeats and made it impossible for either Milne or Albany High to overtake them. The Brothers have only one more game to play. It is a Class "A" League game and is being slated against Albany Academy. This is also the final game of the season for Academy. The Academy boys are tied with Albany High for third slot in the Class "A" ratings. Both Albany High and Academy have won four and lost five games.

AHS May Tie for Second

The High School will attempt to tie with Milne and Vincentian, in second place, when they take on Cathedral tonight. This game will be the final one for both teams.

Milne's loss to Vincentian last week brought the Lions into a tie for second place with Milne. Both teams have won five games and lost

Albany High and Albany Academy could cause a four-way deadlock for runner-up honors should they capture their final league games tonight.

Bill Baker, Milne's "Red-headed added seven points to his Terror. total Saturday, against Vincentian.
This gave "Drink" a total of 93
points for the year in Class "A"
League games.

Lee Aronowitz tallied four points last week at the Vincentian game, to raise his total to 68 points. This placed Lee in a three-way tie for fifth place, with LaVerne Hastings and Bob Powell, both of Albany High School. All of these have a total of 68 points for Class "A" League competition.

Busch on Top

Joe Busch, Vincentian, has wound up his league activities with a total of 113 points. Busch is the top man in the individual scoring race. His closest competition is Cleveland, Albany Academy. Cleveland has a total of 98 points. The Academy ace still has a chance to overtake Busch. The 15 points Cleveland needs to get against the championship C.B.A. team. The Codet atom. ship C.B.A. team. The Cadet star, however, has had several high scoring games and is expected to make a real stab for the individual scor-

After tonight's games the league race will be all over, and the champ will be known for sure. It will either be Busch or Cleveland. Because of the fact that Milne plays

Tonight in Away Game

Making their longest road trip of the season, the Red Raiders of Milne journey to Schenectady to play to a very strong Mont Pleasant

In their first engagement earlier in the season, the Electric City team crounced Milne by 29 points, 52-23.

Milne will no doubt find it tough joing on the huge court in Schenecady, but the game promises to be a better contest then their first meeting. Pleasant has a host of meeting. Pleasant has a host of stars as Milnites who saw them in action will remember. The Schenectady Red Raiders beat the Alpany All-Stars in the polio benefit game in January.

Coach Tanno will probably start 3ill Baker, Dutch Ball, Lee Arono-witz, Ed Muehleck, and Chuck ferry while the reserves will see plenty of action on the huge Schenectady court.

This is the next to last game on the Milne schedule and the last nome game for the Red Raiders.

Lorey Studios to Take Yearbook Photographs

The office has released the followng schedule for pictures for the Bricks and Ivy to be taken today, March 10. Students are permitted to wear anything they please so long as it is not black.

Students will be excused only at the time their pictures are to be aken. If anyone is caught out of class at the wrong time, all the pic-tures will be called off and there will be no yearbook. Fifteen minutes is allowed for the pictures, and all will be expected to return to class immediately after the pictures have been taken. All must be there on time, as it is the only chance they will have. The pictures will be taken in the Little Theater by Lorey.

9:00	Faculty	11:45	Adelphoi
	Jr. Choir		
9:30	Orchestra	12:15	
9:45	Band	12:30	Quin
	9th Grade		
10:15	Music Coun.	1:00	7th Grade
10:30	Hi-Y	1:15	8th Grade
10:45	Sr. Choir	1:30	Phi Sigma
11:00	Milnettes	1:45	10th Grade
11:15	Male Ens.	2:00	C. & W. Staff
11:30	Theta Nu	2:15	B. & I. Staff

no more league games, Baker has no chance of winning the race.

Class "A" League Standings

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5	5	.500
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Busch—Vincentian	41	31	113
Cleveland-Alb. Acad.	. 43	12	98
Baker-Milne	36	21	93
Griggs—Cathedral	35	19	89
Aronowitz-Milne	30	8	65
Hastings-A. Hi. (ex.)	27	14	68
Powell-Albany High	29	10	68

To Play Mont Pleasant Junior Student Council Plans 'No Stag' Dance

Donald Jarrett, vice-president of the Junior Student Council, has announced that the Junior School will have a dance on Friday, March 31, from 8:00 to 11:00 in the lounge. Jarrett has asked that it be made clear to the Junior students that this dance will be for couples only. There will be no stags admitted.

The following committee has been appointed to plan for the coming affair: Florence Flint, '47, chairman; Joan Clark, '47, Joan Horton, '49, Jack Rickles, '48, Bob Clarke, '48, and Jim Clark, '49.

Things to Come

Friday, March 10

7:00-11:00-Basketbal;l Mt. Pleasant; Away.

Saturday, March 11

Girls Play Day; St. Agnes (Home)

Tuesday, March 14 3:06-Faculty Meeting.

Wednesday, March 15

6:00-Nothing special scheduled.

Friday, March 17

7:00-11:00—Basketball; Bethlehem Central—Gym.

Saturday, March 18 10:00—Phi-Sigma Initiation. 11:00—Theta-Nu Initiation 6:30-Father-Sons Banquet.

Junior High Clubs Elect Officers

The Milne Junior School students have a golden opportunity to continue their hobbies at school as the Junior High clubs got under way for the second semester. The Junior High clubs have a wide range of activities from dancing and bridge to science.

Junior club officers for this semester are as follows: Newspaper Club: Robert Blum, editor; Gates Newspaper Barnet, publicity manager. Insignia Club: Lieutenant George Irwin, head; Arnold Laventhall, secretary. Science Club: Richard Stock, president; Donald Smith, public relations officer. Dramatics Club: Doris Kapland, president; Joyce Russo, representative. Knitting Club: Florence Drake, president; Nancy Bearup, vice-president.

First Aid Club: Bill Paine, president; Spencer Cooper, vice-presi-president. Typing Club: Kenneth Siefert, President. Spanish Club: Catherine Jones, president. Movie Catherine Jones, president. Movie Projection Club: Hans Kramer, president. Bridge Club: Joan Clark representative. Mathematics Club: Henry Bonsal, president. Airplane Club: George Ball, president. Danc-ing Club: Florence Flint, president; Andy Applemann, vice-prsident.

The office management club has not yet elected officials.

Disc-cussions

by Eleanor

Two notables have died during the month of February, and both will be much missed. One was Bob Zurk, former piano man with the Bob Crosby band, who died February 16, in the Los Angeles Hospital. The "tom cat" of the keys was noted for his distinctive blue version of Boogie Woogie. Zurk's short stubby fingers made it impossible for him to reach the usual large chords, so he struck his notes within the octave, bringing the notes together in a bluer vein. After leaving Crosby, he formed his own band which featured "delta rhythm." Prior to his death he was featured at the "Hangover" in Los Angeles. Second death of the month was Joel Mic Michael, the middle member of the Merry Macs, who died at an Army Air Field Base Hospital, following an overdose of sulfa drugs, taken in treating a cold. He had been in the army nine months and was married to Inez James, a song-

Bratcher Denies Charges
Washie Bratcher, Washington bandleader, denis charges of the FB.I. that he took benzeem to in fore his Army physical exam to induce symptoms of high blood pressure. Bratcher admits using the drug; said it helped him work under pressure and lack of sleep. He disclaims, however, intentions to dodge the draft.

The 4-F's among the Musical World big-wigs continue to mount. Recently deferred were bandleaders Charlie Spivac, Henry Jerome, and Charlie Barnett, though Barnett was called back for a second exam
Befinitely out are Teddy Powell,

Hal McIntyre, Erskine Hawkins, Sunny Dunham, oh yes, and Frank

A new band to watch is Herbie Fields. This outfit is dynamic, unique and often startling, but most welcome after all the corny jazz most bands feature these days. Making a comeback is Georgie Auld who has much that is good, and some that is bad. He falls just a trifle short of Bib-Time, but rates watching. Perry Como is singing happily away on Saturday nights, pleased with his mounting prominence.

Good Les Brown Release

A really excellent record is Columbia's Les Brown release, called "Bizet Has His Day." On the reverse is "A Good Man Is Hard to Find." These two tunes are without a doubt the finest ever out by Brown and his boys. former is a tricky original, and the latter a rendition of an old favorite, a version very diffrent from that to which we have become accustomed. As a matter of fact, though the tune goes way back, it still carries a pergoes way back, it still carries a pertinent message today. Right now—that is—yes, girls? One of the best examples of true beat is Lena Horn's "Honey Song." This is a blue ballad, so torchy the platter fairly smokes. It is one of the finest blue ballads ever recorded and it is Lena's republicant that makes and it is Lena's rendition that make it so. Incidentally, Lena is balking at playing Liza or anything else in M.G.M.'s "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Frances Langford toted home a strange metal disc from North Africa, thinking it was some ancient coin. Turned out to be a Los Angeles street car token.