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## JUNIOR NEWS

### GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE FOR JUNIOR GIRLS FOR WINTER IS ANNOUNCED

Basketball to begin week of Nov. 30

The Junior High School girls are changing their gymnasium schedules to participate in the winter sports. On Monday at two o'clock there is tumbling, and basketball at 3:00 o'clock. On Tuesday at 3:30 Advanced Riding is conducted.

On Wednesday there is marching, games, and folk dancing at 2:00 o'clock; Beginner's riding at 3:30 o'clock; and basketball at 3:45 o'clock. The schedule for Thursdays includes swimming at 3:30, and life-saving at 4:30. On Friday Beginner's tap dancing is at 2:10 o'clock; Advanced Tap dancing at 2:45 o'clock.

Basketball began this week, but regular games will not be played until after Christmas. If a student comes out for basketball twice a week, she will be able to have a chance to get a letter. However, if she plays but one of those times, she will be unable to obtain a letter.

### SEVENTH GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES WILL MAKE PROJECTS ON POEMS

The students in the seventh grade English classes are studying the poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish", by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The eighth grade classes are reading "Evangeline", by Longfellow.

When the study of these poems have been completed, the classes will make projects on the materials which are included in the poems. Miss Ruth Kelley, supervisor of English, said.

### GAME CLUB IS ORGANIZED

The game club has been organized, and Roger Williams has been elected president. Spencer Kimball is the secretary-treasurer. They have decided to purchase two sets of chess.

### PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY PROGRAM ARE DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Student council decides holiday activities and school problems

The program for the annual Christmas assembly was discussed at the last meeting of the Student Council. It was decided to have a sort of play and to find people in the high school who could do things, and get them to perform. The Christmas box was also discussed by the student members.

Other business of the meeting included the announcement of the progress in the campaign to get all the student-taxes paid as soon as possible.

The present system of giving the girls hygiene instruction during the home-room periods was brought up and criticized on the grounds that it was destroying the purpose of the home room. Sara Kessler was appointed to see if there was anything which could be done.

Reports were made that the conduct of the students in the cafeteria and the annex had improved, and that the noises had lessened.

Automobiles versus Waterways was Subject of Seventh Grade Debate

The seventh grade had a debate on the subject: Resolved; "That the automobile contributed more to civilization than did the waterways." The automobile won.

The eighth grade is making newspapers on political parties since the revolution, such as the Federalists, Populist, Greenback, and present day parties.

Charts have been posted on the bulletin board on the main floor showing how the dollar is being spent. These charts were made by the ninth grade class in social science. A series of slides have been shown to the ninth graders on Washington, D. C., United States capitol. Talks were also given on the subject.

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In all our assemblies there is entirely too much noise during the intermission. Everyone starts clapping and whistling. Not only the boys but also the girls. This is very discourteous to the actors and the actresses.

If the teacher in charge wants to say something to the people who are taking part it is very hard to be heard. Also when some one starts to make an announcement it takes a long time for the clapping to cease and for the students to give their attention to the speaker.

People lose interest in the play with so much confusion. Everybody has been striving to have better assembly programs and we should try to co-operate by being more quiet and attentive.

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### NEW HOME ROOM SYSTEM

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### HOME ROOM CHARTS

There is a new system in Milne this year - the Home Room charts. We think they're very good because the people who have received low marks in subjects for fooling feel a little guilty for not getting higher when they could have. It makes them want to bring the marks of the subjects in which they weren't working up.

Another important thing on the chart is the second part. That tells also a great deal about the pupil. This second part is the thing that brings most people down in their average on the chart. Dr. Frederick reported that during the first month there were thirty-five people from the Junior High School were sent to him. That is not a very good record, but we can try and make a better report for this last month. Almost half the number were sent out. There were only sixteen people sent down this last month. It would be much nicer if it were cut in half again.

Professor Sayles has also asked to have the students try to improve their citizenship mark. Another important thing is the tardiness. A lot of people do not think it is anything serious to walk into Miss Shaver's office and get an excuse. However, this also brings down your average at the end of the chart.

Let's everybody try and improve his part on the chart.

A different plan of home room meeting is being held in Milne this year. Last year every Tuesday after school the students met together and were taught by college students. This year there is a half hour period every day from 11:30 until 12:00 o'clock. One of the supervisors is in charge of the home room class. Unless the plan is changed the home room classes and the supervisor will remain the same all through the six years until graduation.

This is a better plan because the supervisor will learn to know each student better and will know the good and bad points and how he can help them. The students can be better disciplined by the supervisor than by college students. It also makes a break in the routine of the studies to have a meeting and perhaps have a program or study period or something different. This induces more co-operation and class spirit.

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### CLASS RECORDS FOR LAST MONTH SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN BEHAVIOR

The students are learning to co-operate with the teachers more and more which shows a great decrease in the number of pupils being sent out of classes for unruly behavior. Last month they numbered 36, and this month the decrease was just one half, or 18. Dr. Frederick said that this was a fine record and to try and see if next month it could be reduced to one half again.

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Anti-War Club Will Attempt To  
Promote International Peace  
By Correspondence.  
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Boys and Girls! A new club  
is being formed. It is going to  
be called the Anti-War club. It  
was started in the Social Science  
classes and some of the people  
who are backing it are; Miss Halt-  
er, Miss Keene, Miss Morrison,  
Miss Levine and Mr. Goddard. The  
main purpose of the club is to  
promote international peace. The  
members are planning to do this  
by corresponding with children  
in foreign lands. Miss Levine  
will furnish the members with  
names.

When all the arrangements  
have been made a petition will  
be posted on the bulletin board  
and if enough people join, it  
will become a regular club meet-  
ing on Thursday. If not it will  
become a club for the Social  
Science classes alone.

The members expect to have  
a lot of fun and indirectly will  
be helping to prevent future  
wars. They may not be doing much  
but it's a beginning and that's  
what counts.

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DANCING AND ATHLETIC  
CLUBS SHOW PROGRESS

The Beginner's Dancing Club  
meets every Thursday at the reg-  
ular period in Room 121. They  
have a victrola and collect dues  
every other week to buy records.  
They have learned to dance the  
fox-trot and the waltz. The  
club's president is Betty San-  
ford. There are about 12 boys  
and girls in the club. They are  
very enthusiastic and hope the  
club will be a success.

The Athletic Club is playing  
out of doors at nearly every  
meeting. They are practicing  
football on the campus.

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LATIN CLASSES DO EXTRA WORK

The eighth grade Latin  
classes are working on work-  
books. They have a class three  
times a month when Miss Martin  
teaches them lettering etc. The  
eighth grade class is working  
on a contract.

The twelfth grade Latin class  
has a committee that has charge  
of the bulletin board for one  
week.

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SOME STUDENTS FAIL TO PAY TAX

There are quite a few students  
who have not paid their tax. You  
are not forced to pay but it is  
a matter of school spirit.

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Committee In Home Room 135 to  
Make Table--Room 320 To See  
Experiments  
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Last Wednesday Home Room 124  
had a debate, the subject of  
which was, Resolved, that Milne  
High School have a football team.  
Willis Green and Robert Kuhn held  
the affirmative and Roberts Hughes  
and Hidley supported the negative.  
The class favored the affirmative.

In Home Room 135 a committee  
of two, Fred Carr and Walter Bates  
have been selected to make a  
table for their home room. They  
hope to have it finished at least  
by Christmas time.

Home Room 320 has a program  
every other week. Mr. Moose, who  
is their sponsor, has promised  
to perform for them some very  
difficult experiments. The class  
hopes that it will be soon.

Home Room 129 was discussing  
a home room newspaper and home  
room improvements. This week  
the girls started to take hygiene.

Last Thursday Home Room 123  
gave their play, "Mrs Pollywigs  
and her Wonderful Waxworks." They  
had as their guests Home Room 127.  
All reported a play well given  
and well directed.

Home Room 123 has been as  
active during the past week as  
usual. Monday they had regular  
class meeting and heard a report  
of the Student Council by Lowell  
Gibson. Thursday they saw the  
play, "Mrs Pollywigs and her Won-  
derful Waxworks" given by room  
125. Wednesday home room period  
was devoted to jokes and riddles.

Home Room 121 gives a few  
plays every week for themselves.  
This week they are going to have  
a newspaper. They haven't yet  
decided about giving a Christmas  
basket to the poor.

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STUDENTS TO TRY FOR BADGES

The seventh grade General  
Science classes are planning to  
try for Health Badges. Everyone  
has been examined so that teach-  
ers may go ahead and try out as  
soon as the weather is satis-  
factory. If the weather is nice  
Thursday or Friday they will try  
out. To get this badge you have  
to do the deep knee bend, 50 yard  
dash and other things which they  
could not do on school grounds.  
The boys and girls each have to  
do different things.

We hope that every pupil will  
be able to get a health badge.