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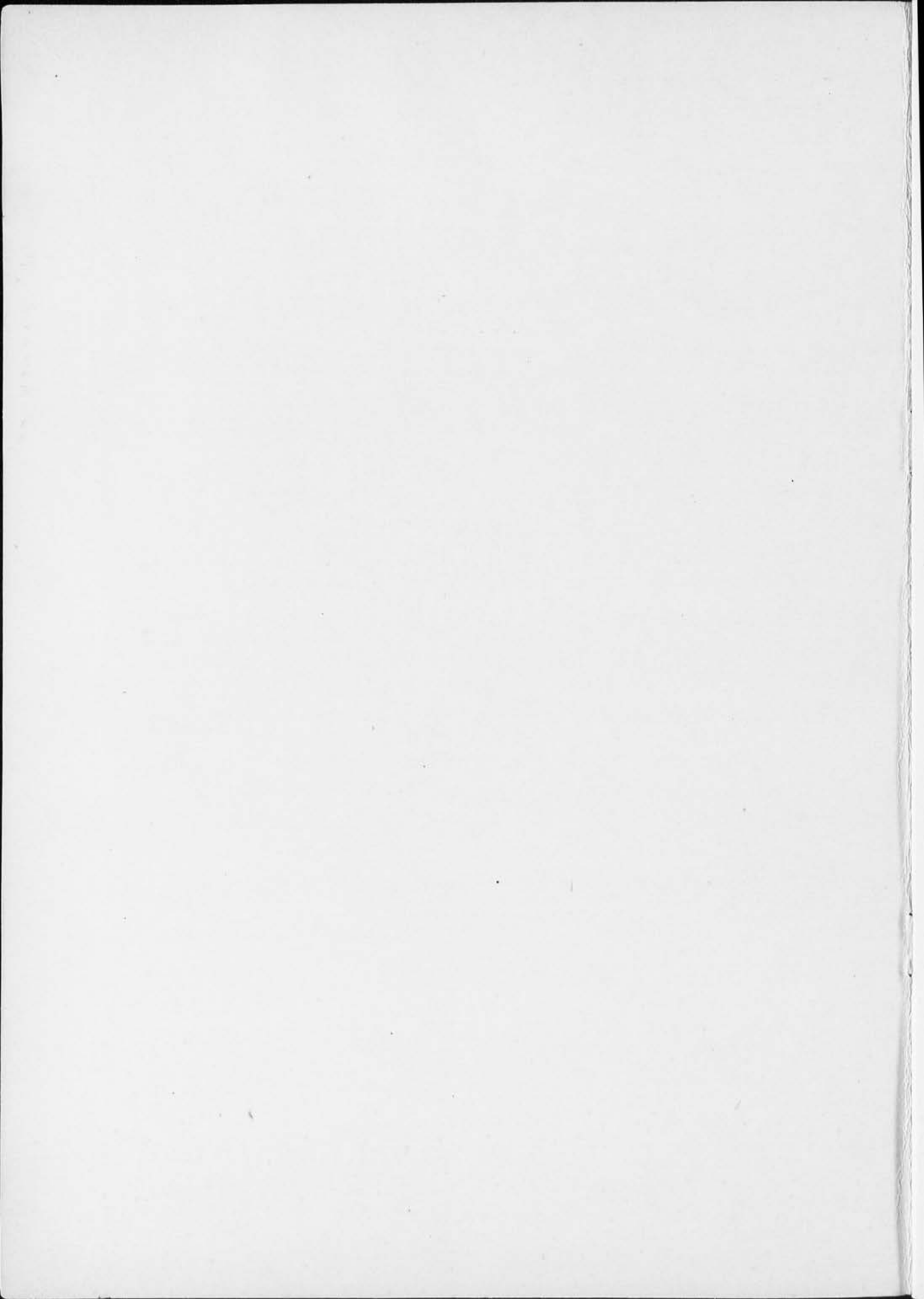
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### THANKSGIVING AND MILNE

We extend heartiest greetings to our new students on behalf of Milne, our teachers, and our fellow classmates who we hope are by this time thoroughly acquainted with us.

It is November. Indian summer, with its golden-tinted, hazy days, is past. Jack Frost has paid several stealthy visits to meadow and wood, and with his magic finger has painted the leaves with marvelous reds, yellows and golden browns. All these beautiful transformations of nature point the way to one of our most impressive national holidays. The President of the United States has issued a proclamation that November twenty-ninth shall be set aside as a day of national thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving—the word holds infinite possibilities. As we contemplate the numerous and uncounted blessings in both the material and spiritual realms which we enjoy in this land of freedom and opportunity, we are humbly thankful to, and thankfully humble before, the great Creator. More specifically, those of us who are students will give thanks for the priceless opportunity of education, that phase of our training which opens the doors of a larger experience, a more complete development of our mental faculties. Milne, our loved High School, is the alma mater who is opening this door to us. She offers to us that type of curriculum, conscientious teachers, and expert supervision which only a model school can offer. She further offers us social and athletic opportunities, a chance for development in leadership, in initiative and in good sportsmanship.

Yes, we shall give thanks for Milne—and better still, since "actions speak louder than words," we shall earnestly and wholeheartedly support all her activities; shall strive to make her scholarship average of the highest; and shall seek in every way to promote her interests.

In conclusion let us remember that the "Crimson and White" is the criterion by which our exchanges, and others who have no knowledge of our school judge us. Let us, therefore, give of our best, happy and proud to be the spokesmen of our Milne.

"Give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you." I. G.



# LITERATURE



## THE MONGREL

I noticed you one cold, grey morn,  
 Dog with the wistful eye,  
 Ever looking pleadingly  
 At those who passed you by.

Your matted coat and ratty tail,  
 Did scarce make you a prize,  
 But 'twas not I who passed you by,  
 Dog with the wistful eyes.

You were not much for beauty,  
 You had no pedigree,  
 But I really needed one fine friend,  
 And you were the dog for me.

LORNA DROWNE, '31.

## JEWELS

What is a poem?  
 A little song—a lyric true,  
 A little bit of heaven's blue,  
 Brought down to earth  
 By me, for you.

What is a song?  
 The lovely birds full-throated air,  
 The zephyr's murmur everywhere,  
 Our heart's refrain  
 Of beauty rare.

## VAGABONDAGE

There are varied modes of travel  
'Round this great old world of ours;  
The tourist has a luxurious way  
Of traveling both by night and day;  
Again the vagabond lags along  
Lazily humming his happy song;  
These are extremes—as you can see,  
If you could choose, which would yours be?

HARRIET JONES,

## NOTHING BUT ASHES

"Girls! Please! If we want to get anything done we've got to get down to business. This initiation is no joke." It was the president of the sorority speaking who was trying to calm the group of girls who had gathered to discuss plans for the initiation of the new members.

No joke? Why, that's all its been for the last five years," spoke up one of the girls. "When I was initiated four years ago we wrapped ourselves in sheets and had to walk on beans, and every year it's the same. What we need is something new."

"Exactly," agreed another girl. "The floor is yours, Jane."

"Why, I haven't any new idea right this minute, but if you give me a short time to think I might have an inspiration or something."

"'Or something' is right."

"Helen, please," said the president. "Girls, we'll all think for five minutes, then some of you make suggestions." After a moment of silence the president spoke again. "Jean, do you have to hang out of the window to think?"

"You would hang out of the window too, if you could see what I see."

"What is so interesting?"

"Oh! It is the most gorgeous Ford you ever saw. And the color scheme, positively, ab-so-lute-ly, a work of art!" said Jean rapturously.

"Oh, come Jean, under all that paint it is only a Ford, and, to be exact, only part of one."

"Well, it served its purpose. I've a bright idea at last," said Jean.

"Silence, everybody, Jean has the floor," said the president above the laughter of the girls.

"Just because I've never had a bright idea before; you needn't think it is impossible," said Jean. "That creation out there made me think of



something. There's an old barn we can use for the initiation. It hasn't been used for years so we can have it for the taking. Madam president, if you will appoint a committee, I'll show them around the place and I guarantee you'll have no need to complain of an unoriginal initiation."

"What do you think, girls?" asked the president.

"I think it sounds pretty good."

"I make a motion that a committee be appointed to go with Jean."

"I second the motion."

A committee was appointed by the president and the meeting was adjourned.

A few days later another meeting was called.

"I suppose you would like to know what we have done so far," said Jean. "To begin with, all the new members are to come in overalls. The first floor of the barn is divided into two rooms. One room, where the freshmen will wait until it is their turn, we have hung with black and pinned false faces and skeleton heads around the walls. In the other room are the stairs to the cellar and to the second floor. Over both stairways we have nailed a long strip of linoleum. The freshmen will slide down the linoleum into the pitch dark cellar and land on a heap of hay. A member will meet her and lead her to the ladder which leads to the first floor again. Then the freshman has to ascend to the second floor by way of the other stairway. The linoleum is slippery and so it will not be easy. When she reaches the top another member will meet her and conduct her all over the second floor. There are a great many dark passages and small rooms where we have put things to frighten the freshmen. The last scare is the trap door. It will be covered with hay after each freshman falls through onto a large pile of hay below. The pile of hay is in one of the old stalls and the only means of exit is out into the chicken yard. You won't be able to appreciate this chicken yard and the coops until you have seen them. It is more difficult to get out of this yard than to try to emerge from the catacombs of Rome. There is only one exit and until the freshmen find it, they stay in their wire prison. After the freshmen have made their way out the refreshment committee will take charge of them to renew their flagging spirits."

"Well, that certainly sounds good, and I am sure the freshmen will appreciate your work," said the president.

The day before the initiation a special meeting was asked by Jean who had some very important news.

"Well," said Jean, "I guess we'll have to stick to the traditional sheets and beans. Our barn burned to the ground last night. There is nothing left but the ashes."

BARBARA TOMER, '29.

### NAVY DAY

SECOND PRIZE—Won by Nancy C. Hollenbeck, 197 Partridge St., Albany, N. Y. Milne High School.

Navy day is set aside for the purpose of helping the American people realize the accomplishments of those who labored to make our navy the best, to consider carefully the present navy and its numerous necessities, and to look ahead and map out a future development that will bring honor to the United States and her navy.

The annual custom of observing Navy day was first sponsored by the Navy league in 1922. It afforded an opportunity of placing before the American public true information concerning our national defense.

The choice of October 27, the birthdate of Theodore Roosevelt, for the observance of Navy day is as fitting a tribute as might be paid to the man who was undoubtedly the greatest advocate and friend of national preparedness through an enlarged and strengthened navy. It was Roosevelt who achieved a mark of distinction for our nation when he sent the Atlantic fleet around the world in 1907, not alone to encourage friendly intercourse between the United States and other nations but to point out the latent possibilities of our sea power. Tribute should also be paid to those naval heroes whose daring exploits characterize each war in which the United States has engaged.

It is fitting that the American people should know why we must support an enormous navy. The United States is the leading trading nation of the world. Her exports and imports are yearly valued at \$10,000,000,000. With foreign possessions in every part of the world and merchant vessels plying every one of the seven seas, does not America need a protecting sea force? Had a powerful navy been established during the administration of Roosevelt, this country would have been thoroughly prepared for the great war. Instead, the government had hastily to build ships, many of which now lie rotting in various rivers adjacent to the coast.

Navy day will provide an excellent opportunity for the nation to learn more about the splendid efficiency of our defensive power. At this time people may visit shore stations and navy yards, and pamphlets containing information will be distributed. All of these will aid greatly in carrying out the policy inaugurated by our great naval worker, Theodore Roosevelt.

## THE GLORIOUS ADVENTURE

By Richard Halliburton

Here is a story true to its name for it is one "Glorious Adventure" just to read it. Richard Halliburton wrote this book a few years after he graduated from Princeton. He was a modern young man with a thirsty love for beauty and adventure. This work is an account of his travels and adventures when he followed the very course Ulysses took in Homer's *Odyssey*. Here and there he picked up friends and companions who enjoyed some of his adventures with him. He started with Roderic Crane, a graduate of Cornell, and together they visited Mt. Olympus, the home of the ancient Greek gods. On the summit of this mountain they were stranded all night by a storm for an exciting and rather wet stay. Rod was disgusted because he didn't find Venus there. In the midst of the storm, when they were so miserably cold and wet, they offered sacrifices of a pocketful of sour goat cheese and a small bottle of mastiki, a highly alcoholic Greek liquor. They beseeched Jupiter to turn away his wrath from them because they meant no harm, and to calm the heavens. To their great pleasure and surprise within fifteen minutes the rain ceased.

This book is especially amusing because of the modern phrases and clever ways he has of saying things. Since they wanted to know about the outcome of their travels they underwent the Delphic ritual. A young poet who was staying at the same hotel joined the party and they departed Rod was the Oracle but Richard insisted that he deliver his prophesy in iambic verse. Rod first had to be baptized in order to cleanse all his iniquities, so they all poured icy water down each others backs. Then Rod proceeded to foretell their future. In answer to Richard's questions he prophesied very well. A few of the questions were:

"Will my *Odyssey* be a success? Shall I get safely to Troy, and then hold fast to Ulysses' trail?"

To these Oracle Roderic replied:

"The—shade—of—dead—Ulysses—on—your—undertaking—smiles.

You'll —meet — with — many — labors — set — against — you—  
by—great—Zeus.

But through your—comrades—brav'ry—you'll—escape—from—all—  
the—guiles of Circe—and—the Sirens—if—

Rod Crane's—advice—you'll—use."

*Rather Egostistical.*

Next they visited the Acropolis in Athens and Richard Halliburton was much taken up with its beauty. He carries on an interesting conversation with one of the statue maidens. While visiting Athens, Halliburton

decided to attempt to run the original marathon course which Pheidippides had run from the city of Marathon to Athens when the Greeks were at war with the Persians. This course was nineteen miles long. Halliburton started at a slow pace but before he had run many miles it became much slower. On the way he stopped at a refreshment shop and asked for water, but all the spring had dried up so he had to drink wine. Glass after glass disappeared so that when he found the street again everything whirled around. He thought running was ridic'ulous and he stopped everyone and told him. "Everything is all right since the Pershuns are in wild flight." He said everyone seemed pleased, anyway they laughed at him. At Kepshia, twelve miles from Marathon, his desire to tell Athens was so great that he hailed a taxicab and rode the rest of the way. He burst in upon Rod Crane's birthday party, which by the way had been given in honor of him, and told them that "chivolizhayshun was shaved."

He had many other very humorous and exciting adventures in following Ulysses' trail. He visited Circe and the cave of he Cyclops and he also swam the Hellespont. He made a visit to the grave of Rupert Brooke, a poet much respected and dearly loved by him. This was very lovely.

This book with its interesting content and historical background and its sparkling style of this adventurous youth is agreed upon by most critics as an amusing, well written story.

DOROTHY BIRCHENOUGH.

NETTA MILLER.

221 Alumni Hall,  
Springfield College,  
October 20, 1928.

DEAR MILNITES:

I shall write just a line to let you know that I'm still interested in Old M. H. S."

Possibly there are some of you who are interested in knowing the advantages offered by Springfield College in the pursuit of physical education.

The curriculum here offers very complete and adequate courses in football, soccer, baseball, track, swimming, fencing, la crosse, basketball and gymnastics. In all these sports there are separate classes for both practice and theory.

This curricula combined with the required normal work places Spring-

## WINTER

It had been snowing all the night,  
 Like a great white blanket it fell,  
 And all the pines were draped in white  
 And each little valley and dell.

The morning dawned bright and clear,  
 And was greeted by chanticleer's crow,  
 Up sprang the wind stiff and clear,  
 It soon had started to blow the snow.

The sun came peeping through at last,  
 And started to melt the snow,  
 The birds flew bravely against the blast,  
 As they beat their wings to and fro.

The ponds and streams froze hard again,  
 As the cold north wind swept down.  
 These were all signs that winter had come,  
 For the people of country and town.

C. Raymond Carvill

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N. Y. S. C. T., Albany, N. Y.

DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS:

All letters from the alumni are alike—that's understood, so I am not going to try to be different, except that mine will be pleasingly short.

I shall give you just one bit of advice; you probably won't take it, anyway, but is given with the best of intentions, I assure you! Make all the friends possible and keep them! You freshmen have the best chance—yours is the largest class—but all of you ought to cultivate the gift of friendship.

When I remember that five years ago I entered Milne with seventy-nine other "greenhorns," and when I realize that I know now perhaps thirty of them, I feel as if I have been wasting my opportunities. Of the thirty, three are married and one has a son over a year old. It makes me wonder what has become of the other forty-nine: What they are doing, what they are thinking, how they are living.

You probably think I am a serious lecturer, but people who give advice gratis expect that; it is only when they charge a twenty-five dollar consultation fee that they begin to be appreciated.

One more thing! Remember this: I am always interested in Milne and Milnites. If there is ever anything an old feeble alumna like me can do, please call on me. In return, all I ask is that when I am doing my practice teaching, you will be kind!

*Very cordially yours,*

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field College on a par with any college in the country offering courses in the physical education field.

The social life here is not very extensive because of the time required for the completion of studies, but any spare moments are never wasted. Dances and other group organizations provide for social activities on campus.

If there is any one who is desirous of more information concerning courses offered in physical education, I'm sure that I'd be more than willing to try to provide them with the same.

I will now close with most sincere wishes that Dear Old Milne has a most successful year in all its tasks—and play.

*Sincerely,*

RAYMOND S. KROLL, '27

# SCHOOL NOTES

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Milne High School is now well under way since it opened its 1928-29 session on September 24. The Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes have elected the following officers:

## CLASS OF '29

*President* ..... OLIVER YORK  
*Vice President* ..... LOIS COOK  
*Secretary* ..... FRANCES McMAHON  
*Treasurer* ..... FREDERICK HALL

## CLASS OF '30

*President* ..... HARRIMAN SHERMAN  
*Vice President* ..... CARL WISHING  
*Secretary* ..... HELEN WILTSIE  
*Treasurer* ..... LUCIEN COLE

## CLASS OF '31

*President* ..... WILLIAM SMITH  
*Vice President* ..... WILLIAM McCORD  
*Secretary* ..... RUTH REIMER  
*Treasurer* ..... ELLIOT PARKMAN

There are several people who have recently become members of the Student Council. They are: Irene Gedney, '29; William Sharpe, '29; Frances McMahan, '29; Carl Wirshing, '30; and Ruth Reimer, '31.

F. B. H.

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### DRAMATICS CLUB

The 1928-29 Dramatics Club started Tuesday, October 9, in room 302 with about fifty-two students present. Officers were elected, the amount fixed for dues, and every other Tuesday decided upon as the day of meeting.

On October 23 the second meeting was held. After the business had been discussed the members were shown how to apply two types of stage makeup. This was very interesting and beneficial to a club of this type.

If there are any who have not yet signed up for Dramatics who wish to become members, please notify either Oliver York or Helen Pauly as soon as possible.

The following were elected as officers for the year:

<i>President</i> .....	OLIVER YORK, '29
<i>Vice President</i> .....	WILLIAM SHARPE, '29
<i>Secretary</i> .....	HELEN PAULY, '29
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	CARL WIRSHING, '30
<i>Sergeant at Arms</i> .....	BYRON SNOWDEN '31

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Father—"Young man I understand you have made advances to my daughter."

Young Man—"Yes, I wasn't going to say anything about it, but since you have mentioned it, I wish you could get her to pay me back."

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Father (reading school report)—"Conduct, bad; reading, bad; composition, history, arithmetic, bad—bad—bad! What is the meaning of this, Joseph?"

Joseph—"I can't understand it, Dad. Do you think it might be forgery?"





### BASKETBALL

As most of us know, basketball is the featuring sport of Milne. It has come from the background in the past two years and now it has distinguished itself as the leading extra curricular activity. On looking over the past records, we find that Milne, two years ago, credited itself with thirty-eight per cent of the games and last year closed the season with a fifty per cent record.

This year the conventional difficulties are somewhat lessened. The school spirit has been aroused and with this support, the squad will be able to accomplish something. We have five veterans from last year's successful squad and Coach Baker finds quite a bit of new enthusiastic material. Coach has placed his meteors in a temporary lineup with Captain Sharpe holding down one of the guard positions. Rosbrook, last year's high scorer, will jump for the quintet with the probable aid of Wirshing and York for forwards and Wiley and Sherman for guards. Manager Sharpe has practically completed the schedule and is endeavoring to end the season by meeting the the Albany Academy on our new home court.

The squad will appear on the court this year under the direct supervision of Rutherford C. Baker, coach of the victorious State College "five." Coach Baker has stated that "things" appear a little better this year and that no cut in the squad will be made for some time as yet. It is rumored that a second team is under way.

We are opening our schedule by meeting Castleton on our home court December 8. With the support of the student body, the team can look forward to a successful match. Our athletics are growing.

Castleton—Home .....	December 15
General Electric A. S.—Home.....	December 15
Alumni—Home .....	December 22
Ballston Spa—Away.....	January 5
Ravena—Home .....	January 11
Ballston Spa—Home.....	January 18
Open date—Home.....	February 1
Burnt Hills—Away.....	February 8
Open date—Home.....	February 16
Open date—Away.....	February 23
Burnt Hills—Home.....	March 2
Ravena—Away .....	March 8
Open date—Away.....	March 15



DRAWN BY DUDLEY BRADSTREET WADE, JR. 1925

## QUIN

The mechanism that makes Quin go 'round is again in motion, starting off with more action than ever. Marie Judd is our mainspring with Jane McConnell and Janet Mallory as valuable cogs, Jane Seddon as bumper, Betty Jane Green as tumbler, the writer as the inevitable horn, and glances have been cast toward the freshman class for our chassis.

A very successful card party was held at the home of a benificent member, Miss Jean Tibbits, with what we considered an exceedingly worthy outcome, both socially and financially.

Even in the panorama of the first month at school, Quin has held her standards; any necessary innovations are well under way, and Quin is out for a big year—starting *now!*

E. G. W., '31.

### SIGMA NOTES

At the last election the following members were chosen for office for the year 1928-29: Helen Pauly, president; Virginia Smith, vice president; Anne Dunigan, secretary; Frances McMahan, treasurer; Esther West, critic; Esther Hilton, mistress of ceremonies; Lorna Drown, marshal; Ruth Reynolds, senior editor.

With this group of officers in charge the society has arranged many promising activities for the coming year. Plans for the Freshman Rush party to be held November 2nd have been completed. An interesting program has been arranged by Esther Hilton, with the fine cooperation of the members. Sigma is looking forward to a most successful year.

R. R.

### ADELPHI NOTES

Last year the annual banquet of Adelphei was held at Jack's Restaurant on June 23, 1928. The officers were elected and the results were as follows:

OLIVER YORK .....	<i>President</i>
WILLIAM SHARPE.....	<i>Vice President</i>
BURGESS GARRISON .....	<i>Secretary</i>
HARRIMAN SHERMAN .....	<i>Treasurer</i>
CARL WIRSHING.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
JOHN GOTTSCHALK .....	<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>

We lost quite a number of members because of last year's graduation, but we hope to gain as many more in the coming initiation.

Our outlook for the coming year is a bright one. May it continue so in years to come.

O. M. Y.

First Girl—I keep an account of all my quarrels in this diary.  
Second Ditto—Oh, a scrap book, as it were.

Biology Teacher—Where do bugs go in the winter.  
Frosh—Search me.



The Exchange Department of the "Crimson and White" has started another year by renewing many old exchange acquaintances and by making new friends. We sincerely hope that we may continue to have the pleasure of reading these papers and magazines in the future.

Any who have not yet exchanged with us are cordially invited to do so.

"The Forum"—Lockport H. S., Lockport, N. Y.s

The size and number of your musical organizations amaze us! How do they all survive? Has the class of '29 discovered how "Old Rose" really is? All joking aside, your magazine belongs at the top of our list!

"The Hartwickian"—Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

We welcome an old friend under a new name. After a long search we discovered that neither a literary department nor many jokes could be found.

"Volcano"—Hornell High School, Hornell, N. Y.

Your school notes are interesting and to the point. We join you in hoping that a successful year will be enjoyed by Hornell High School.

"Chand Bagh Chronicle"—Isabella Thornburn College, Lucknow, India

How you manage without "ads" is still a mystery to us. We would enjoy nothing better than to be with you on Founders' Day. Why, oh why, is India so far away!

"The Hillhead High School Magazine"—Hillhead High School, Glasgow, Scotland

We always enjoy the poems and pictures which abound in your "Summer Number." One or two stories would help greatly.

"The Hermonite"—Mount Herman School, Mount Herman, Mass.

We have enjoyed all of the three papers and the commencement issue which we have received from you. The cover of your magazine was most attractive. Where were the jokes?

"*The Parrot*"—*Castleton High School, Castleton-on-Hudson, N. Y.*

Your numerous jokes were very laughable but seemed to crowd out the all-important Exchange Department. Some novel and delightful bits of reading were found in "Excavations by Our Bookworm."

Thank you for putting us among the chosen few who received your comments.

"*The Torch*"—*Catholic Central H. S., Troy, N. Y.*

Welcome! Your little magazine is enjoyable but the position of the "ads" detracts a great deal.

"*The Ulsterette*"—*Saugerties H. S., Saugerties, N. Y.*

Your paper is one of the best of its kind that we have received. The editorials ought to spur your students on to great attainments.

"*Imis Leaflet*"—*Philadelphia High School for Girls.*

We are "all agog" with curiosity as to what is going to happen on December tenth. Oh, please, may we soon learn? Comments on your exchanges would be most interesting, we're sure.

#### TIT FOR TAT

"We find your Year Book very interesting and hope to hear more of you."

"*Tiger Cub*," *Hastings High School, Hastings, Nebraska.*

"We are very glad to have received your Year Book and find it interesting. You can expect to hear from us in the near future."

"*The Knox Ghost*," *Knox School, Cooperstown, N. Y.*

"We enjoyed 'The Crimson and White' very much last year and would like to continue exchanging this year."

"*The Academe*," *Albany Academy for Girls, Albany, N. Y.*

First Frosh—Were you in study hall today?

Second Frosh—No, I was studying.

English Teacher—This theme is very good; is it original?

Freshman—No, teacher, I made it up.



Wiley—"I wish you would speak to the people upstairs. This morning at three o'clock they were jumping up and down and banging on the floor. I won't stand for such disturbances."

Landlord—"How did you happen to hear them at that time of night?"

Wiley—"I was practicing on my saophone."

Rozzie—"We had a wonderful orchestra at our dance last night."

Hank—"How many pieces?"

Rozzie—"One—'Ramona.'"

"Wend your weary way hither, Arthur Brumaghim, and use the word Dissension in a sentence."

"Dissension has only got four cylinders."

#### COMPANY!

"Many a husband is saved in a family fight by the bell."

Here's where we both get canned," said one pea to the other.

#### ADVANCE ORDERS

He—"Would you like some orchids one of these days?"

She—"Yes, indeed!"

He—"That's fine! I'm opening up a flower shop."

## ***Steefel Says:***

**Correct Clothes  
For Every Occasion  
Clothing Hats Shoes Haberdashery**

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