Poll Results Say High School Boys, Girls Disagree

Post-war compulsory military training is favored by 38.5% of American high school boys, but the girls are against it. Only 38.5% of the girls approve of such a plan. This conflict of opinion is strong in results of a survey just completed by the Institute of Public Opinion, a national polling organization, approved by the Scholastic Magazine.

Of the 69,555 high school girls polled in the survey, 44.5% turned thumbs down on strictly military training for 17 to 23-year old military boys after the war. Among 38,985 high school boys, 46.5% approved, 38.5% opposed, and 16% had no opinion.

Although still opposed, high school girls are less strong in their opposition today than a year ago. In the 1943 poll the girls' vote was 39% against against peace-time military training. 31% for, and 10% undecided.

Another question on the recent poll was whether high school student opinion on President Roosevelt's suggestion of one year's compulsory service, but not necessarily military for boys 17 to 21 year old boys after the war. A small plurality of both boy and girl voters approved this plan, but the boys were much less favorable than this to this than a year of training, strictly military. The boys' vote showed 40.5%, in favor of a year's service "not necessarily military," 41% against, and 12.5% undecided. Among the girls, 45.5% approved, 35.5% opposed, and 10% had no opinion.

The Institute of Student Opinion conducted the poll through its membership of more than 1000 high school newspapers representing all sections of the United States. Students were selected by school papers, and, after poll had been taken in their respective schools, were interviewed by student reporters as to the reason for their opinions.

Typical Reasons

Typical of the reasons given for compulsory military training is the following: "It will help prepare for another war, if it comes. Also it will benefit the boy's health and character development, and teach him discipline." (Continued on Page 4)

Xmas Cards, Letters Come from Servicemen

Dr. Frederick has begun to receive Christmas cards from servicemen. Some of those already heard from are: Hal Game, '43, who sends his best wishes to "all 110 of us," and the students of Milne for a very Merry Christmas from somewhere in the U. S. Roy O Hare, D.E. 880 C/o New York Flett, P. O. Pvt. Robert Ostrander, '41, visited Paris and says that he finally had a chance to use his mail. He also said, he got along well. His address is: Pvt. Robert Ostrander, 12173209, Co. B, 318th Div. 4, Supreme Hq. A.F. P.O. No. 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Sgt. Earl Goodrich, '39, sent the first Christmas Mail to the faculty and the students:

Earl Goodrich Sends Poem

On the night before Christmas I'm tempted to think Christmas this year is liable to sink.

No new fallen snow thru which to dash.

Just a tropical sun, a little heat bash.

My stockings would hang all empty and bleak

If it hadn't been lost in the laundry week.

For Christmas dinner, I fear I'm fated

To feast on something dehydrated.

I'll open a package crushed in the post

Eat a few cookies turned rather stale.

With a prospect I must insist You have the fun I'll have to miss.

If you drink an eggnog, drink another for me,

If they aren't too expensive, have two Christmas trees.

Be twice as merry and twice as gay.

Hope twice as hard I won't be away This time next year. If that you'll do,

My Christmas will be a lot happier too.

V-Mail from Sid Stein

Pvt. Sidney Stein, '41, also sent a V-Mail from somewhere in Germany on the road to Berlin. He visited Brussels and said it is a swell city. His address is: Pvt. Sidney Stein, Jr., 12069389, Co. A, 414th Inf. A.F. P.O. No. 104, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Ed Bookstein sent a Christmas card from Harvard University. He is a V-12 trainee and he's doing a fine job. He is located at Eliot House No. 48, Cambridge 38, Mass.

These fellows are located all over the globe, and feel for the most part rather strange in their new environment. This is true especially at Christmas time. It is our sincere hope that by this time next year, they will all be back in the good of U.S.A. with us again, status Dr. Frederick.

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They Tell Us, and We Tell Them

This editorial is written in the interest of many of my fellow-classmates with whom I have conferred. They believe, and I am inclined to agree, that our school possesses a wonderful newspaper.

However, it is the general thought among us that the paper should be issued with more regularity; not only for the purpose of covering the news when it is still news, but also to allow many hitherto-unwritten material (news) to be printed. This latter fault is due, I believe, to the fact that since there is a paper issued only once in about three weeks (on the average), we all feel entitled, and I think you agree, that our school possesses a wonderful paper.

There has been a great deal of comment and criticism but as yet, I know of only one person who has done anything constructive. She has come to me and said she was tired of complaining about the Crimson and White, and wanted to know what she could do about it. She is now a staff member and will, I think, do a good job. Why don't more of you try the same system for bettering our newspaper? It is not supposed to be an individual responsibility, but rather a united effort.

A S E N I O R.

Dear "A Senior":

We on the staff of the Crimson and White debated long and loud the subject of publishing our editorial. It wasn't that we were afraid to, rather that we think that the answer is better expressed in action than words.

The chosen editor for this year's paper, the only qualified senior, was given the job. He did not make good. Because he failed Janice Hault was selected. Though she didn't have the experience she did have the interest and ability. She has had time now, I believe, to become a qualified editor, and has done so. "Experience is the best teacher" and Janice was a good pupil.

However, not only was Janice at fault in the mistakes of the first few issues, but also the staff itself. This year's Crimson and White staff started out beautifully—but what happened? Every Monday at four o'clock (which is when assignments are due) there starts a steady stream of reporters with excuses as to why their assignments aren't in. Yearly and resignedly Janice and I accept their excuses, with an air of long suffering patience and resign ourselves to the fact that there will be no Crimson and White again this week.

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Senior Spotlight

By Barbara MacMahon

Crimson Action! Spotlight—all on Ralph Manwiller. Ralph was born in Albany on Friday the thirtieth of July in 1928. The date on which Ralph was born does not seem to have affected him any way. In fact, 13 seems to be his lucky number. He soon moved to Rensselaer and there he lived for four years. Then came the day when he moved to the great town (?) of Newtonville. Here he attended the Newtonville school, until the seventh grade, when he journeyed all the way into Albany to come to Milne.

This year Ralph is president of Adelphi, and last year he was their secretary. As president he also serves on the Boys' Society Council. He has been a member of Hi-Y for three years. Also this year Ralph is a French mastermind, and belongs to the French Club.

Baseball His Favorite

Ralph has many likes, his hobby being stamp collecting. He has also been in his present activity since he has been "So high." Other likes are sports, with baseball first, the Red Sox, the Pats, the Coke, suburbans, and the colors red, blue, green, and also he likes to neck—watch out, girls.

Dislikes are few, but brushcuits, spaghetti, fish, squash, and especially Sinatra.

Ralph keeps quite busy during his summers. Several years ago he went out to St. Louis, but most of the summers he spends working. He has worked on farms, and last year he worked at the American Meter Company in the stock room. He still works there, and last week he ran the elevator. Going up in the world!

Red Hair. It Is!

Well girls, here it comes—the ideal girl: 5' 4", red hair, green eyes, nice personality, and one who likes to dance. He is also partial to 6' the blond, with brown eyes. I wonder who they could be.

After Milne, it's a question, but Ralph would like to go to Cornell. If Cornell knows Ralph like we know him, he'll be sure to be accepted.
Milne Court Team Opens Season With Defeat

Muehlleck Leads Milne Attack; J. V. Loses To Complete Picture

The vaunted Mont Pleasant team came through for a smashing victory in Milne’s opening game of the season. The final score was 52-23.

In this thrilling game, Frank Gutowski led Schenectady’s team with 19 points to his credit. The Mont Pleasant boys were leading at the half by a score of 27-14. Early in the game Milne built a 2-2 lead which was quickly overcome by Mont Pleasant. This was the only time Milne led in the game. After the half, Mont Pleasant steadily increased its lead and was winning straight through the closing minutes of the game.

Team Fights Hard

Coca Hathaway’s boys fought superbly against what seemed to be a great and the Phantom, on the average, the height of each member of the Mont Pleasant team was more than two inches taller than Milne’s boys. Al Mendel, Jim Detwiler, and Bill Kelly went in as superlative against what seemed to be the only time Milne led in the high of fourteen points.

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Capt. Ed Muehlleck paced Milne’s team by scoring four points apiece. Bob White and George Davis were also on the Milne team. The Mont Pleasant team consisted of Frank Gutowski, a 6-foot-2, Jimmy Pettit, 6-foot-3, Jim Frey, 6-foot-4, Bill Kelly, 6-foot-2, and Bill Detwiler, 6-foot.

War Bond Sales Far Below Quota

The sale of war bonds and stamps has been lagging during the past few weeks, it was learned from Dr. Edward Cooper, supervisor of commerce in Milne. Miss Herrick’s eleventh grade homeroom is the only one on record that has ninety percent participation in the purchase of at least one stamp per month. The record of the other homerooms is as follows:

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This must be greatly improved in the next few months if we are to meet our quota, says Dr. Cooper.

Red Cross Working Hard On War Effort

The Red Cross has made a good start this year’s work. The officers already elected are Jeanne De Prasse, ’45, president; David Packard, ’46, vice-president; Norma Stanwood, ’45, treasurer, and Roland Brown, ’46, secretary.

Mr. Raymond, shop instructor in 10th grade, is helping them fulfill their quota this year, which consists of twenty-five lap boards, thirty-six writing boards and five hammer boards and pega.

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Choose Sexton To Write Essay

Elaine Sexton, ’45, was named best citizen by the girls for her class in an election, held last Thursday, Nov. 30.

The contest which is sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution each year, is open to senior girls. The girls voted on characteristics such as dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Miss Sexton must write an essay of not more than 500 words on “Youth Looks at the Post-War World.” This essay is to be written by Jan. 10 of next year.

ELAINE CLAIRE SEXTON

This is a national contest sponsored by the DAR. All other schools in the state compete and the senior whose essay is judged the best is to receive a $100.00 War Bond. In other years they have received a trip to Washington, but this year because of war-time conditions and the lack of space to sleep in Washington, the War Bond was decided upon instead.

Miss Sexton participates in many school activities. She is an important member of the Student Council. She is president of the Music Council, and also is active in girls’ sports. Elaine is a member of Zett Sigma Literary Society. In scholastic ability she ranks among the best in her class. All through Elaine’s five and one-half years at Milne she has made an excellent record.

“I want to thank all the girls in my class for naming me to this high honor,” said Miss Sexton when she heard the news.

The voting was conducted in English classes. With all of Elaine’s well-rounded activities, she may indeed be called the outstanding citizen of her class.

Quin Rush Party Held In Lounge

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 13, marked the date of Quin’s gala affair, the annual rush. Euphoria reigned for several hours following the 3:30 that afternoon, and had quite a reception in the State College Lounge.

There was an idea of demonstrating the differences between the old and the new in clothes, songs and jokes. Betty Dutka, of Quin ’45, did a clever version of the “Trolley Song.” Elinor Mann, ’45, and Ruth Viren, ’46, were all tagged out in old-fashioned clothes. As quite a contrast, Norma Johnson, ’45, posed as a modern singer. She sang, “I’ll Wing Alone.”

“By the Sea” was the accompaniment of Marcia Leake, ’45, who wore an old-fashioned, knee-length bathing suit and straited monochromatically across the stage. Ann Graham and Shirley Champlin sang several songs, as did Louise May and Evelyn Miller. Dona Kimmelblot was an innocent appearing bloomer girl, while Janice Hapd appeared in a modern outfit.

The other dance Carol Jacobs sang in an antiquated evening gown that was quite charming.

Barbara MacMahon, ’45, mistress of ceremonies and president of Quin, did a beautiful job of making the whole afternoon feel at home. In fact, she looked so nice she almost stole the show!

Miss Smith kindly chaperoned—and she sure did eat. Of course the biggest attraction was not the entertainment, not the decorations, but the refreshments!

Poll Results

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Typical of those who opposed it were several freshmen who foresaw the difficulties to our war. The forced draft of youth in peace-time would be contrary to the principles of democracy and would work against the educational careers of many boys.

Representative of the reasons given by those who favored a year’s service not necessarily, is the following: “Everyone is not suited to military life. Boys should be allowed to choose a field in which they can adapt their abilities.”

Typical of those who opposed any form of compulsory service was: “This land is supposed to be a land of freedom and liberty. I can see any freedom in compulsory service of any kind.”

Student Editors Discuss

Student Editors, representing the Institute of Student Opinion, discussed the poll questions on the second day, November 14, during the Mutual Network’s “Rainbow House” program at 10:15 a.m., etc.

The poll was conducted in Milne High School by the CRIMSON AND WHITE, the school publication and manager of the Institute of Public Opinion.

The poll questions for November have been received from the Institute, and students in Milne have been polled.

Xmas Cards

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Joe Hunting Writes

Excerpts from Joe Hunting’s letter are as follows:

The other day I received through the mail the mailing addresses of the Milne grads in service, plus a copy of the CRIMSON AND WHITE. I am sure well to read once again Milne’s fine paper, and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you very much.

At present I am writing for the base paper here at Camp Shockey, and it is really very interesting work. Up until about six weeks ago, yours truly was working in the torpedo shop at Hunter’s Point; overhauling, making and repairing the “tin fish” that are some day to find their way to the sides of some Japanese man of war.

Last Sunday while at the football game between St. Mary’s Pre-flight and Fleet City Bluejackets, I ran into Charley Locke, Milns, ’41, in Los Angeles, California. He really looked good, Dr. Frederick, and he said that I was the first one he had seen in 18 months, that he knew “back when.” Interestingly enough, he was the first one from home that I had seen for the same length of time; with the exception of my running into Mr. Haffield and Mr. Grovan at Chapel Hill almost two years ago.

Well sir, it’s time that Joe was getting back to work. Though this day is Thanksgiving Day and Joe recognizes it as just another working day, and one day closer to victory. Sincerely,

Joe Hunting.

There these boys are lonely and appreciate an invitation.

An Invitation!

All parents and friends of Milnies are invited to attend the Xmas assembly on Dec. 15.

School to View Xmas Assembly

The Christmas assembly will take place Dec. 15, with the music director and some high school participating. The assembly will be highlighted by a reproduction of the famous painting of the “Signing the Peace.” The reproduction will be enacted on the stage by various Milne students as the choir walks down the aisle singing. Working on this are Lois Messent, in charge of people and props, Ann Graham in charge of people, Jackie Pfeiffer in charge of costumes, Franny Hillard working with her, and Caryl Ferber in charge of setting, stage sets and descriptive piece. The music and art students are working hard to make this assembly a huge success.

Xmas Assembley

The releases are coming fast and furiously this week. Included in new discs are the latest in popular songs. Victor has one by Charlie Barnet, and his theme is the hunting Irish melody from “Going My Way,” Too Lou La Lou La Lou La La; Capitol has its famous song from “Silent Night” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” to his credit. Also by Andy Russell is his current hit “Don’t Fence Me In” which is fast rising. These recordings are all done in typical Crosby style and that means good.

Andy Russell

Decca has its Crosby, Columbia its Sinatra, Victor its Como, and Capitol has the latest favorite, Andy Russell. Russell, “Dream of You,” just as well, if not better than Sinatra. The other side “Magic in the Moonlight” is sung better than Sinatra. This record is going to be a hit. Andy Russell, “Sweet Dreams Sweet Dandy” has the heart and “Gotta Be Gettin’ It” has an appealing style and is receiving good crowds wherever he plays.

Albums in the Headlines

Capitol’s “New American Jazz” album has arrived. It is done by the “daddy’s” of Jazz with the help of some of today’s swing stars. This album should be in every collection of records. Its done to perfection.

Carole Recruit

Artie Shaw’s new 7-piece orchestra will make its debut soon. Shaw has no strings in his band. Charles Gentry, who before being drafted, sang with Goodman and J. Dorsey, is signed as male vocalist. America’s fighting men will have a musical Christmas no matter where they are. Records done by great names in music will be sent saving the “White Christmas” in this show. Here are: Ella Mae Morse who sings “Patty Cake Man” Johnny Mercer sings “Accentuate the Positive,” also Jimmy Dorsey, Lena Horne, Bing Crosby and many others. This ought to be some record.

End Recruit

Marjorie Hyams, is creating lots of talk. New girl who plays hot a vibroharp just joined the band. She’s pretty too.

Things to Come

Saturday, Dec. 9
7:30-10:30— Jr. High Party

Wednesday, Dec. 13
12:00— Student Council Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 14
Report cards given out in home room.

Friday, Dec. 15
2:30—Joint Assembly
3:15—Christmas Recita Begins
7:30-9:00— Basketball, Roselle.
— Gym