Juniors Present Alumni Ball

The junior class is now at work making plans for the Alumni Ball, an annual event sponsored by the junior classes at Milne.

Snyder Announces Date

Robert Snyder, junior class president, has announced that the dance will be held on Saturday, December 29, 1956. The dance will be held at Brubacher hall, 750 State street, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Annabel Page heads the theme committee, while Dick Berberian and Larry Kupperberg head the decorations committee. Elaine Cohen and her committee will choose the favors, and Stephanie Condon will mail the invitations to the alumni. Kathi Hunter and the band committee have chosen the band for the dance, the "Red Jackets" of Vincentian. Katie Simon will be responsible for feeding everyone.

Alumni Ball Milne Custom

The Alumni Ball was originated by the class of 1942. It has become a Milne tradition for the junior class to operate the Alumni Ball as an exercise in money management as well as providing a dance for the juniors, seniors and the alumni of the school. It is the custom to send the alumni of the past five years invitations to this affair. The decorations and theme of this dance are, by custom, kept secret until the day of the dance. The dance is usually held during Christmas vacation.

Milne Sings In Assembly

The Milne annual Christmas assembly took place on Thursday, December 20, 1956. The assembly was held this morning in Page hall auditorium, and was held under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. Roy York.

Groups Entertain

Today's program opened with the junior choir singing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "Away in the Manger." The junior choir was followed by the Sophomore glee club which sang "Lullaby of the Bells," and also "Beneath a Southern Sky." The songs "Winter Lullaby" and "Patapawn" were sung by the senior girls glee club. This group was later joined by the Millworker who sang "Peter Go Ring Dem Bells." The audience joined in on the rest of the songs which included, "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," "Silver Bells," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night."

Supervisor Dies Suddenly

Mr. Francis G. Harwood, Milne science supervisor, died at Albany Hospital as a result of a series of cerebral hemorrhages at 4 p.m., December 12. Mr. Harwood had been ill for eleven days after being stricken on November 30.

Taught at Milne Twelve Years

Mr. Harwood, who came to Milne in 1944, supervised ninth grade science classes for twelve years. He was a graduate of New York State College for Teachers with Bachelor's and Master's degrees. After graduating from State college, he taught for four years at Worcester, New York.

Lived in East Greenbush

Mr. Harwood was born in Ferry, New York, in 1909. He made his home in East Greenbush while teaching at Milne. He was active in adult education and driver training at East Greenbush Central School and New York State College for Teachers.

He is survived by his wife, Basheba, a daughter, Shirley, who is a junior high school, and a ten-year-old son, Gerald.

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Harwood last Saturday, December 15, and he was interred at Memory's Garden.

Death Great Loss to School

Dr. Carleton A. Moose, head of the science department at Milne, said of his colleague: "Mr. Harwood has given unceasingly of his time and energy since 1944 to help the Milne boys and girls grow up into young men and women who have a better understanding of science and a better concept of worthwhile citizenship. We shall miss him very much."

Robert W. Horn, president of the Milne senior student council stated: "The students of Milne feel a great personal loss in the death of Mr. Francis Harwood. The school will miss his friendliness and willingness to help those who needed assistance. His help was always completely accepted and well thought of. The student body extends its sympathy to Mrs. Harwood and to her son and daughter in their time of loss."

Dr. Theodore Fossiek, the principal of the Milne school, said: "The passing of Mr. Harwood leaves a void in the Milne staff that both students and faculty will feel keenly for a long time. His readiness to help at any time and his cheerful disposition have contributed much to the lives of all of us. I am sure that he would want no memorial greater than to have the Milne student body follow his example in work, study, and recreation."

Students Plan New Store

The operation of a separate book-store by and for Milne students will begin sometime in the near future if present plans for the store by the business education department work out.

Preliminary Survey Taken

Several weeks ago a survey was taken among all of the grades to find out what items would be preferred if Milne had its own store. The survey showed enthusiasm for a self-operated store; therefore it was decided to go ahead with the plans.

Mr. Bayer and Mrs. Di Cesare of the business education department will be in charge of the proposed operations, and the business management class is ready to operate the new store.

The merchandise will be obtained from the State College Co-op. For the present, the prices will be the same as those in the Co-op, but it may be possible that the prices may be lowered.

Contest Held to Determine Name

For two weeks a contest was held to determine a good name for the forthcoming store. A five-dollar award was offered for the best name. Glenn Van Askers, a seventh grader in homeroom 281, took the prize with the name, "Milne P.X." He was awarded the five-dollar prize in the Christmas assembly this morning.

The store took advantage of the need of the guidance office for more space. At this time, it is the plan to move the guidance office from its present location to the reading room across the hall and to establish the new store in the present guidance office.

No store hours have been proposed yet, but they will probably be set to meet the requirements of the students and such situations as may arise.

It is hoped by the business department and the students involved that the store will become a reality very soon after Christmas vacation.

HOWES HAVE SON

The staff of the C&W would like to extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Howes, Jr. on the birth of a son, Thomas Spore Howes, on December 16, 1556.
In honor of Ricky Sauter's birthday, Connie Evans held a surprise party. Mary Berman, Don Lewis, Ann Pitkin, Fred Taylor, Ann Marshall, Dick Lockwood, and Ann Quickten helped to make the affair a success.

Kathy Ring gathered up her courage and decided to have a slumber party. Sheila Hoff, Mary Lewis, Susie Staf en, Janie Hesser, Linda Shinel, and Sue Hanke all spent a rousing, sleepless night. There was a contest to see who would "hit the sack" last.

The turnout for Milne's first games has been very good. A few of the Miniflies cheering the boys on were: Judy Hewitt, Buddy Parker, Janie Meurs, Phill Philips, Virginia Lang, Jan Wel, Janet Mattick, Ted Standing, Sandy Soco, and Mic Grogan. Like many others, they found the next day that they had lost their voices.

Dick Requa gave a small stag party recently. Because of the distance between Albany and Dick's house, only Bill Airey, George Creighton, Bill Rulison, Ken Roberts and Skip Crand were able to attend. It was said that they had a very good time.

Dorothy and Sybilin Hoyle held a going-away party for Joan and Marylou Haworth, who are going to California during Christmas vacation. Sheila Bock, Bowie Wildove, Sandy Staf en, Wes Jacob, Karen Dougherty, Fred Bass and Grace Stevens listened to Ted Allen and Gene "Elvis" Blabey, who improvised on the piano and guitar. During the course of the evening, twenty-one pizzas seemed to disappear mysteriously.

Katie Simmon recently held one of her many open houses. Irene Goldblum, Jim Dougherty, Arleen Sesser, Kent Gardner, Margy Fisher, Bill Engler, Carolyn Stein, Bill Hof, Maria Hartman, Diana Reed, Kay Knapp, Dale Metzger, Tom Sarnfield, Larry Berman, Charlotte Sackman, Moira Hickey, and Jim Cohen all agreed that her open house lived up to their expectations.

Recently Milne sent junior and senior high teams to a volleyball playdate at Bethlehem Central High school where they won all of their games. Some of the girls, including Rosie Becker, Arlene Heimiller, Terri Leasure, and Carol Rathbun went swimming in Central's new pool.

Happy Holiday

Frequently at this time of year someone in partying says, "Happy Holiday!" With all the meaning that the wish can have, I am sure that I speak for the whole school to each of you when I use those words as you go on your separate ways for the Christmas vacation.

Most of you probably are aware that the word "holiday" originally meant a "holy day" or feast day of the church. On such days work was suspended for either part or all of the day in order that longer church services or activities in memory of one of the saints or important events in church history might be held.

Today the word has come to designate any day of exemption from labor or work, but it still carries the idea of honoring the memory of some person or event.

We hope that during every holiday, and during this season in particular, each of you will give some thought to the event which has resulted in this suspension of our regular activities. Only if you take time to look for such significance are you likely to find it, and it is important only if it changes your life in some way. The change may be an increase in understanding or appreciation, or it may be a change in your actions. The vital thing is that something does happen to you as a result of this experience.

Christmas has traditionally been the occasion on which people have thought of or done something for others, rather than themselves. We hope that you will make the most of your opportunities at this time, and then indeed it will be a "Happy Holiday."

Theodore H. Fosseick, Principal

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can truly keep Christmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

—Henry Van Dyke

Look What's Coming

December 20
Christmas assembly. School dismissed for Christmas vacation.

December 29
Alumni Ball—Brubacher hall—8:00-12:00 p.m.

January 3
School resumes at 9:00 a.m.

January 9
Quin Installation banquet.

January 12
Basketball—Milne at Shenendehowa.

January 16
Sigma Installation banquet.

January 18
Basketball—Milne at Columbia. Regents examination.

January 19
Junior High Party—Page gym.
Ellen Edits

Milne sent three teams to a volleyball playday at Bethlehem Central last Saturday. All three teams returned to Milne with glowing reports of victory. Each team had won every game in which it played!

The Victory Was Ours

The seventh and eighth grade team, which was sent to the junior high school, was composed of N. Genden, A. Wilson, P. O'Brien, Lewis, L. Coffin, S. Suthen, J. Lenda, C. Klemka, J. Propp, L. Ogden, B. Currey, B. Laraway, and L. Schineel. They beat Scotia with a score of 54 to 28, Bethlehem with a score of 35 to 24, and finished off their Colonia opponents with a final score of 27 to 9.

The ninth grade scores were much the same. Bethlehem was disposed of with a score of 27 to 21. Scotia was trounced with a score of 21 to 14, and the Colonia team was beaten with the final score standing at 23 to 21, in a war of attrition. The girls on this team were J. Allen, L. Dreis, N. Genden, A. Wilson, P. O'Brien, W. Mathure, S. Gerhardt, N. Alfred, and E. Gemlick.

Senior High Team Wins

The senior high team which played its games at the new senior high school beat its host twice with scores of 22 to 17, and 24 to 20. Columbia was also beaten easily with the final score standing at 37 to 12. The senior high team was composed of P. Averill, A. Perlman, C. Rathburn, K. Simons, A. Pitkin, C. Evans, R. Becker, A. Heinmiller, E. McNamara, J. Verlane, and J. Armstrong. These girls were able to enjoy a sweeper victory in the Bethlehem Central high school's new pool before returning home. We are all naturally quite proud of these three teams. Yet's hope the boys can follow their example bowling.

G.A.A. Bowls at Rice Alleys

On Wednesday afternoon there is a frantic rush among the junior high girls to their lockers and then out the door. They have been bowling at Rice's Bowling Alley. They receive G.A.A. credit and have a lot of fun at the same time. On Thursday afternoon, the rush to Rice's is among the senior high girls. The younger girls bowl with duckpins and the older girls with regular balls and pins.

MBAA Announces Ticket Sale

Eugene Blahay, treasurer of the Milne Boys' Athletic Association, has announced that special student rate tickets may be purchased at the price of any game in the Capital District League. This means a saving to the student of fifteen to twenty-five cents over the price at the door.

Tickets for each league game will be sold in front of the Art room during lunch and immediately after school on the two days preceding the game.

Hoff Sets Pace As Leading Scorer

Top Average

In City League

Although Milne has only one triumph in its first four contests, its record doesn't indicate the fact that every game has been very tight until the last few minutes of play. The Raiders have shown unexpected strength against Cobleskill, Columbia, and Van Rensselaer, who were all favored to defeat them by substantial margins.

Hoff Leads City Scoring

The team has been sparked by Bill Hoff, who besides his fine all around play, has been scoring at a torrid pace to lead all the players in the city in total points, and has the highest average per game. He has rolled up 122 points in four contests for an average of twenty-five points above his nearest rival.

Hoff started off the season by hitting for 14 against Cobleskill to tie the Milne record, and then followed that by running up 44 against Columbia to break the mark. He was held to 14 by Chatham the next night, but bounced back with 30 against his old school, Van Rensselaer. Bill has scored from there to Milne last year, as a junior.

J.V. Sports Fine Record

The junior varsity has surprised everybody by winning its first three games. The team has dropped a heart breaking 31-30 decision to Van Rensselaer.

Milne on Road

The Raiders play three important league contests on the road against B.C., Shenendehowa, and Columbia, before tackling Rensselaer again at Page gym on Friday, January 25.

Chatham Edged For First Win

The Milne Red Raiders fought from behind in their first game, to down Chatham, 62-57 at Page gym on Saturday, December 1, for their first victory of the season.

Chatham Takes First Half Lead

A Chatham attack in the second quarter, overhauled the Raiders who led 17-12 at the end of the first period. The Panthers were down to a top by a narrow margin, 33-30 at halftime.

Milne rallied midway in the third quarter to tie the score at 40 all. The period ended with the teams still deadlocked at 47-47.

Milne Moves Ahead to Stay

The Milne Raiders moved ahead at the beginning of the last quarter on a jump shot by Buddy Mehan. They went on, opening up to a commanding lead of 53-39.

High scorers for Milne were Pete Pappas and Bill Hoff with 17 and 14 respectively.

The Milne J.V. defeated the Chatham, 19-17 last Saturday night in their third straight triumph. The Chatham frost downed the Milne frosh 29-19.

Rams Beat Milne

In Final Minutes

The Van Rensselaer Rams overcame a Milne lead in the first quarter to nose out the Raiders 55-48, Friday, December 7, at Rensselaer.

Milne moved into a 10-5 lead, but the Rams pushed back to hold a 16-12 advantage at the end of the first period. They increased the margin by two points, to 28-24 at the end of the first half.

Bill Hoff scored on a jump shot just before the third quarter ended, to put Milne in front 40-39. The Rams led 46 to Bob Henchey however, pulled away in the closing minutes to win 53-48.

Hoff scored 30 points for Milne, while Henchey racked up 24 for Rensselaer. The game was played in front of the Rensselaer j.v. 31-30.

Frosh Edge Out Columbia

The freshman ball club lost its first league encounter of the season, as they bowed out on our own court.

The five freshmen who are playing are allowed to play four freshman games. The boys managed to down in a close one, 26-20. They jumped off to a 14-8 half-time lead. In the second half, the Columbia team paced by their captain, began to close the gap. A hard fought half followed as the Red Devils changed the score to 28-26 in Milne's favor.

But the Red Raiders by an excellent freeze in the last 1 minute, 42 seconds managed to stave off Hoffman.

Hoff Beats Mark As Milne Loses

Even though Bill Hoff went on a scorng rampage by totaling 41 points to easily break the school record, it was not enough to offset the well balanced attack of the Columbia Red Devils, as they bested Milne 83-78 in the Raider's first game of the season.

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**Vacation Fun Ahead**

By SUE HERSHEY

Christmas is almost here. Christmas vacation has brought lively, open houses, and the first chance to skate. Gleeful students race out of school, clutching their report cards, to two of “White Christmas” fill the air.

These people are the late Christmas shoppers. Christmas shoppers come in two categories. The first group consists of those who buy all their presents in January or June for the next Christmas. The second group is the one which waits until the last week before Christmas to do its shopping.

**Perils of Skating**

The first chance to skate usually comes with Christmas vacation. Skating is lots of fun if you are dressed properly and have sharp skates. However, even if these two qualifications are met, conditions may arise in which you have to keep the feet from freezing, the skater usually wears several pairs of socks. When he goes to put on his skates, he finds that because of the bulky socks, he needs skates that are several sizes larger. After discarding several socks, he is ready to take his first step on the ice. The first step is the disastrous one, for the skate on the ice starts to move, while the skate on the earth remains firmly imbedded in the snow. Spectacular series of acrobatics may then take place. Some people turn somersaults while the others split.

Eventually, the skater gets on the ice, only to find that he is in the middle of nowhere. After dodging the puck and glowing players frantically for several minutes, they wander in the dark. However, there is an unseen crack in the ice. The unsuspecting skater falls through it, is next to the ice on his back. He crawls to the edge of the ice and staggers home where he tells his friends that he has had a wonderful time.

Have fun over Christmas vacation. Merry Christmas, everyone!

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**Milne Reflects Yule Spirit**

By DORIS MARKOWITZ

The spirit of the holidays has been in the atmosphere for several weeks at Milne. When you happen to take a language course, you will probably be aware of the new Christmas carols that are being sung in those classes. Oh, the song is recognizable by its tune, but what's happened to the simple English words? Most of these language classes have also managed to assign Christmas cards to be made and sent.

Work on the Christmas cards is to be distributed to needy families and there are many who will appreciate being included in these cards. Some home-rooms have attempted to bring clothing that stretches, such as gloves and socks.

Then there is the matter of food. How many cans of pea soup can a family use? Will those fresh potatoes stored out of season before they reach their destination? Home-room teachers have called for elections to observe the food for these baskets and have found themselves unanimously elected.

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As Christmas approaches, Loudonville keeps up in its usual late when snow clugs the highways. I think students from this vicinity must arise early and shovel snow into the streets. Those Loudonville students must have to see their names in print because they are doing something that we have found ourselves unanimously elected.

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**Council Studies Constitution**

By LINDA N JIM

ELLEN HOPPNER

On March 19, 1939, Ellen Hopper, was elected to the student council. Ellen is a very busy student, she takes a middle name, came into this world. Ellen likes being lazy, Harry Belafonte, second gear, summer vacation.

Right now Ellen is busy selecting a college. Smith and Miami university are her two choices. Ellen intends to major in a language, which probably will be French. After graduating from college, Ellen plans to find a job, the hostess hostess.

**Students Form Debate Club**

The Debate club has had its first meeting of this school year. The students have elected a number of local subjects were studied.

**Report Cards Today**

Dr. Theodore Fossieck, principal of Milne has announced that the report cards for the third marking period which ended Friday, December 14, will be passed out in home-rooms immediately after the Christmas vacation. Today’s morning roll will also be posted at this time.