Assembly Features

**Church and Play**

Milne presented its annual Christmas assembly today at 12:30 p.m. in Page Hall auditorium. The music department and some tenth graders entertained the student body as a closing for Christmas vacation.

Today's program opened with a medley of "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells"; the choir, band and audience participating. The junior choir, under the direction of Dr. Roy York, joined the "Walking Song," and "Sea Shell." This was followed by "Etude," a piano solo by Cynthia Berberian.

Milnettes Sing

The Milnettes, twelve girls trained by Mrs. Roy York, jr., entertained the student body as a music assembly today at 12:10 p.m. in Page Hall. Bennett Thomson joined "Buzz" and "Cindy Lee" for a pantomime in "Winter Wonderland." Charles Moose accompanied this choir.

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A vocal arrangement of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," called "Silver Night" followed. The senior choir furnished the musical background for a classical ballet danced by Doris Periman.

To close the program, the audience joined the band and the two choirs in "White Christmas," "Silent Night" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The girls of the senior choir sang descants to the last two numbers.

**Quin, Sigma Install Girls**

Tuesday, December 16, marked Sigma's annual installation banquet for the new members of the society. The sophomore class presented a short skit called "Santa Greets Sigma" consisting of several songs which were acted out by the various members. One of these songs was "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" which was set to music by Nancy Ginsburg, Mareia Leonard, Judy Hannah, Carol Myers, Barbara Wulman, Betty Davis, Sara Selker, and Jeanne Vice.

The poem "Two's the night before Christmas" was acted out by Polly Ann Viner, Ann Gayle, Carol Becker, Ann Crocker, Alma Becker, Marie Gramm, Joan Dick, Judy Hallenbeck and Marion Preissner. Janet Vino acted as mistress of ceremonies.

After dinner at the Quin installation banquet, which took place at Brubacker hall the night of December 16, the sophomore girls presented the entertainment for the members of the society.

Nancy Kelly danced and was accompanied by Toby Scher. She was followed by our own "Cindy Lee" Berberian with her rendition of "Bumble Bobble." Then to change the pace Connie Olivo, Cecil Blum, Toby Scher, Judy Young, and Candy Kane showed their vocal ability with their arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The serious and dramatic part of the Quin program occurred when Ann Stromble as Pa, Judy Brightman as Mrs. Hilda Erb as daughter Nel, Alice Gooden as the villain, and Sandra Stegman, Denise Gardner, and Carol Pfeifer as the three trees of a take-off on the old type melodramas and written by Connie Olivo.

**Students Prepare New Art Gallery**

Mr. Edward Cowley, head of the art department, has been asked to plan an art gallery in front of the art room. This gallery will exhibit student work, featuring sculpturing, display boards and three dimensional photographic work. Art students have been preparing this project for some time.

Construction has been started outside the art room. The telephone booth has been removed to afford room for the gallery. There are some boards in the shape of a ladder on the ceiling. When this is finished, it will give a gridiron effect to the lighting.

Mr. Cowley announced that the gallery should be completed in about two weeks.

**To Reform Club**

Mr. Walter Goodell, director of the senior play, is re-forming the dramatics club and plans to put on two one act plays next semester. He will train the club members in the fundamentals of the art of Thespis. This will include settings, design, make-up, character interpretation and the numerous other things that go into the production of a play.

Mr. Goodell strongly urges all who are the least bit interested in the theater to turn out. "No talent is necessary, so I want to see everyone at the first meeting," said Mr. Goodell. It is hoped that the dramatics club will be as successful as the senior play.

**Juniors Plan Alumni Ball**

The co-ordinating committee for the Alumni Ball is shown above. Seated (l. to r.) are: Martin Wolman, Sally Simmonds, Don Smith, Nancy Redden, and Jud Lockwood. Missing from picture: Art Melius.

The class of 1954 is busily planning for the twelfth annual Alumni ball to be presented December 29 in the Page Hall gym from 9:00 to 1:00.

Creighton Cross, president of the junior class has appointed co-chairmen for each of the four committees: decoration, band, refreshments and invitations.

**Decoration Committee Makes Plans**

Martin Wolman and Sally Simmonds are the co-chairmen of the decoration committee. The decorations will be in accordance with the theme of "Silver to the Stars." Silver and gold stars, with a blue and white color scheme will transform the gym into a ballroom. Also look out for a few stairways around the gym. When asked about the progress of the decoration committee, Martin Wolman commented, "We have a good decorating scheme set up and we hope to be able to carry out our plans successfully."

Tony Farina's orchestra has been scheduled by Don Smith and Art Melius, co-chairmen of the music committee. This orchestra provided the music for the Alumni ball last year, and was a big success with the guests.

Nancy Redden and Jud Lockwood are directing the refreshment committee. Cookies will be made by the junior class, who have signed up for the refreshment committee. Punch will be served as usual.

**Invitations Sent**

400 Invitations have been sent to the alumni of the past five years. An invitation has been sent to Dr. Theodore Pesskeck, inviting the faculty to attend the ball. Tamara Tamaroff and Gretchen Wright are heading this committee.

Three couples for the reception committee will be chosen by Creighton Cross, who feels that it is unfair to have one couple spend the entire evening at the door. Three couples make it possible to use a rotation system so that no one couple will be saddled with this responsibility and all may enjoy the dance.

**Chaperons Invited**

Dr. and Mrs. Pesskeck have been invited to chaperon along with Mrs. Clara Hemmert, of the science department, and her husband, and Mr. Russell Blythe of the mathematics department, and his wife.

Creighton Cross, chairman of the Alumni ball, gave the following statement on the ball. He said, "I think the Alumni ball is going to be one of the top dances in Milne history,"
The Christmas Spirit

Christmas spirit will be mentioned many times in conversations, radio programs, and advertisements in the next week or so. My hope is that we of Milne will take a little time to think about this topic and then show in our actions that we do have the true Christmas spirit.

The idea of Christmas is often confused with that of Thanksgiving because both deal with gifts. However, Thanksgiving is celebrated from the point of view of the receiver of gifts and being thankful for them, while Christmas celebrates the opportunity to give gifts to others who have done much for us or are less fortunate than we are. The Christmas spirit may be summed up as that of thinking of someone else.

Your feeling about your gifts is an important ingredient in your Christmas spirit. When you can give something quite dear to you or something which you wish you could keep for yourself, and you do it because you want to share it with the other person, then you can say that it goes with the real Christmas spirit. When you can do this, you may be sure that you are achieving the maturity which is the purpose of your education.

As you think over the really touching Christmas stories of our tradition, you will see that those which have lived have been the ones which centered on this idea of giving something very important or desirable. We hope that you will take time soon to reread one of the stories like "The Fourth Wise Man," "The Gift of the Magi," "Why the Chimes Rang," or "The Christmas Carol" and see if you can capture for yourself some of that real Christmas spirit.

With all the meaning that the wish can have with that of Thanksgiving because both deal with gifts.

Dr. Theodore H. Fossiek.

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The Inquiring Reporter

By NANCY n' JIM

Question: What would you do if you saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus?

Nancy Oklowske: "Wait my turn."

Sue Bower: "I'd bite him."

"Crisp" Cross: "I'd tell Daddy immediately."

Allison Parker: "That would depend on who Santa Claus was."

Bob Horn: "I'd hit Santa over the head with a flower pot."

Nancy Jeram: "I'd tell Daddy on her."

Cynthia Berberian: "I'd go wheezy Tư." "Heshire Wright: "I'd go and kiss him myself."

Mary McNamara, Hannah Kornreich, Bob Bullis: "Do you want to call me a tattletale?"

Fred Brunner: "Tell Pa."

Bill Bullion: "Spank her."

Doris Perlman: "Wash her mouth out with Grandmama's lye soap."

Miss Wasley: "Close my eyes."

Eugene Blaney: "I'd faint."

Carolyn Male: "I'd kiss him too."

Carolyn Stein: "I wouldn't stand for that."

Roger Stumpf: "Tell Daddy to kiss him too."

Dave Klingman: "Tell Daddy to divorces her."

Wesley Jennings: "I'd shoot him."

Mr. Smith: "I'd kick his teeth in. What am I saying? I'm Santa Claus around my house."

Dick Keefer: "Ask Mommy if I was going to have a new Daddy."

Gene Cassidy: "I'd steal his black book and erase those words after his name."

Robert Freedman: "Ask Mommy if she is a bigamist."

Alice Erwin: "Having a party, lady?"

Shirley Male: "Take down the mistletoe."

Mary Lou Dietrich: "I'd hide his reindeer."

Marie Gramm: "I'd take a picture."

Don Smith: "I'd tell Daddy."

Ann Gayle: "I'd stare."

Sherrill Miller: "Keep on watching."

Jerry Linton: "I'd kick him out of the house."

Bennett Thomson: "I'd have that headless upset feeling that accompanies a cold."

Tamara Tamaroff: "I'd go up and help her."

Bob Bullis: "I don't know."

Dick Green: "Good for Santa Claus."

Tom Hershfeld: "I'd slug Santa Claus."

Evan Collins: "Kiss Santa Claus."

Trudy Shaw: "I think I'd go wake my father."

Cecil Blum: "It would be at a time when I'd be occupied."

Carole Jean Foss: "I'd ask Henry to take a picture of it for the Crimson and White."

David Clarke: "I'd sue W. M. Whitney and Company."
STUDENT ACTIVITIES SEEN AT MILNE
**Junior Class Makes Annual Book Selection**

Beryl Scott, Hairy Foge, Sally Simmons, Mary Lou Dietrich, Sue Bower, and Lionel Simms recently chose the final list of books for the junior class. Every year the juniors are allowed forty dollars and are allowed to choose the books they would like to add to the library. This tradition has been carried on for the last seven years.

Mr. Hugh Smith, English supervisor, stated "Since the students are the ones to read the books, they should be capable of choosing them."

**Classes Choose Books**

Each class was permitted to choose four books for they report made by each pupil. The books were then sent to the committee for the selections. Their list was sent to the school where Miss Jackman will order them.

At the top of the list chosen by the committee are "The Silver Chalice," by Thomas Costain; "Show Biz," by Axel Green and Joe Laurie, Jr.; "The Diary of a Young Girl," by Anne Frank; and "A Man Called Peter," by Marshall. As many books will be selected as there is money to pay for them.

The English department believes that the project of selecting books in class will help the students choose better reading material in later life.

It may be some time before the books arrive, but as soon as they come they will be placed on the junior shelf in the library, where the juniors may procure them at any time.

**Sophomore Class Receives Rings**

The sophomores received their class rings Friday, November 21. New members of the class will order rings at the same time.

The contract was granted to Diges and Clust for three years in the spring of 1951. At that time the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades received rings from this company. By that time the seniors saved money. It also makes rings easier to be recognized when there is uniformity. After the contract runs out classes seventh, eight, and nine will decide about their rings.

The handling of the rings was taken care of by the Diges and Clust representatives, Mr. C. W. Whitehead and Dr. Randolph Gardner, mathematics department.

**French Club Elects**

French club elected their officers at a recent meeting. Nancy Gade has been named president with Janet Vine assisting as "veep." Cressy Holzhauer is taking the minutes for the year.

**Six Students Make "A" Honor Roll**

With three members of the sophomore class on the "A" honor roll, the tenth grade leads the school. The only other class represented on the Honor roll was the senior class with two students.

Tenth graders with all "A"s are: Cynthia Berberian, Anne Gayle and Junot Vine. The seniors had Anne Repp and Shirley Waggoner as the top students.

**Council Holds Discussion**

A discussion was held at the Student Council meeting concerning the conduct of Milne students in the cafeteria, in the hallways, and on the Loudenville bus. Some methods of solving this problem were suggested. They are to have talks with the supervisors, to have discussions in the homerooms about it, and to hold conferences or panel discussions on assemblies. This problem will be discussed further in the homerooms. The assembly committee is going to purchase a book of 200 prayers for assemblies. This committee is working hard for the school and everyone should appreciate the good job they have done so far and are planning to do in the future.

At the recent basketball games, almost every time a stolen ball appeared on the red and white stripes of paper on the wooden stick called "shakers." These "shakers" were made by Tri-Y-H as a project passed by the Student Council. "Shakers" can be purchased for twenty cents each, so let's all support the crimson and white and buy a "shaker."

**Choir Appears On WRGB**

Friday, December 12, at 11 a.m., the Milnettes and the choir were on television.

The songs sung by the Milnettes were: "Winter Wonderland" by Bernand, and "Winter Lullaby" by Strickland. The choir sang "Merry Christmas Song Had When I Was a Child," "Shadows" by Chopin, and "The Sleigh" by Baldwin. The choir also sang "Silver Night" arranged by Ringwald with Doris Perlman dancing, and "Silent Night" with "Buz" Wood. This was a particular solo descent by Cynthia Berberian playing "Schero in B Flat Minor" and "Fantasy Impromptu" by Chopin.

Sincerely,
Name submitted

**Vox Populi**

Dear Carole Jean,

I was appalled at the conduct at the recent game with St. Joseph's. We know the tradition of good sportsmanship I have ever seen.

Near the close of the game a member of the St. Joseph's team was taking a foul shot. Every time he got ready to shoot it, the Milne cheering section let out with a yell. This caused a lot of trouble for the faculty and the supervisor, to have discussions and to be treated at least like teen-agers if not adults. We don't need anyone to make sure we are being fair. We are going to try to come up with a good solution to the problem and this is just one experiment to see how it works. We are just stating our opinion and the opinion of several others with whom we have talked to. We don't think the idea is satisfactory for several reasons.

1. It is very inconvenient and a great deal of trouble for the faculty member in charge. She is constantly interrupted from watching the game by girls who need something in the locker room. It is not fair to penalize any of the faculty in such a manner.

2. It is giving Milne the name of a "baby school." We should be old enough to realize our responsibilities and be treated at least like teen-agers. We don't need to be let in and out of cages like little children.

3. The visiting cheerleaders and spectators have been terribly inconvenienced.

We realize that the necessity for such a move may have come from the students themselves. The thing of it is that the students that are actually behaving are the girls who have been behaving all along. The unwanted occupants in the locker room are not feeling the rule at all. They can come and go from one room which is what is wanted but is it the best solution. We say no. Several girls have been sent to "the hill" coming to games at all. If this can happen with one game, what will happen after several? Can you imagine the stands filled only with boys? We think it is undermining the school spirit which we have built up since the beginning of the year. We would like to know if a better solution could be found.

Yours truly,

Carole Jean,

The Varsity Cheerleaders
Senior Class Get Privileges

Seniors were given their "off campus" privileges on Monday, December 1. The traditional privileges were granted to the class of 1953 by Dr. Theodore Fossleek. As most Malinians are well aware, these sought after honors are awarded to the seniors only after they have demonstrated that they are worthy of them.

Dr. Fossleek said that there were certain rules which each senior class was expected to follow; i.e., no cutting, no hanky-panky and no use of personal cars during school hours. He added that he was confident that no one in the senior class would abuse the granted privilege.

Know Your School

By MARGARET MORAN

In 1890 the Quintillian Literary Society was first formed at Milne. The purpose was then and is to maintain friendly relationships among Milne girls.

The officers of Quin for the year are as follows: Ruth Dyer, president; Sally Simmons, vice-president; Alice Erwin, secretary; Judy Behm, treasurer, and Doris Perlman, the mistress of ceremonies. Miss Ruth Wasley is the faculty advisor.

Quin holds a rush for the members of Sigma and the Q.T.S.A. dances. The invitation are then sent out, and the most deserving senior after he or she has completed one year of college is awarded the one hundred dollars, is awarded to Ruth Wasley is the faculty advisor.

M.F. MORAN

Lost! One brown-eyed blonde with grey flannels, white bucks, and driving a red convertible. Will finder please return him (dreamer) to M.F. Moran. He's her weakness.

She'll be waiting at Milne where she is president of Tri-Hi-Y, associate editor of the Crimson and White, Quin's Q.T.S.A. representative, and a member of the Bricks and Ivy, vice-president of Tri-Hi-Y, graduation and senior play usher, and C.S.P.A. delegate—all these are activities in which this girl has participated.

Our "Spotlighter" likes the bridge on the way to Toll Gate, parties at the Finkle Tea Room, and chemistry teachers with beautiful blue eyes. She has a passion for collecting beanie babies.

"Toothless" M.F. dislikes having teeth pulled and cleaning the cafeteria. Her ambition is to get Bunny Walker's upper plate.

M.F. plans to attend Skidmore and then marry her weakness.

ANNE MERRHIEW REQUA

To all F.H.A. members, Countess Olga says, "Never be stingy with the blintzes."

Besides playing the part of Olga in the senior play, Anne has been a member of the Bricks and Ivy since the eighth grade, and is now its editor-in-chief. She was on the art staff last year and won an art prize. The "countess" wrote for the Crimson and White for five years, and wrote the Alumnews during her junior year. She was treasurer of the social studies department in both the eighth and ninth grades, and was a C.S.P.A. delegate last spring.

"Mai oui," says Anne, "more than anything else I like to translate "Mille Perle" adoring formal, and like the seventh graders 'beaucoup.' She adds that she dislikes gooey paper mache paste and Mareen's blood on the paper cutter.

Miss Merrhiew has an ambition that which should raise her to great heights. She wants to build the tallest toothpick structure ever.

MIKE MEYERS

Here lies our beloved classmate Mike Meyers waiting for those beautiful dances at St. Peter's to visit him.

While resting in the hospital Mike decided he had some likes and dislikes. His likes are bull sessions, dancing, and Saturday night steak roasts at Thacher park. Mike's dislikes are blood tests, unsympathetic supervisors, and bus drivers. I set the nurses went mad hearing Mike's favorite expressions, "Terrific!" and "Ain't she cute?"

During Mike's years at Milne he played tennis and basketball. Also he belongs to Hi-Y, Theseum, M.B.A.A, Bricks and Ivy,车间 and White. He was also on the ticket committee for the senior play.

Andy hopes to attend R.P.I. After that he probably say, "What will we do now," since that is his favorite expression.

Christmas Time Is Here Again

By JERRY HANLEY

Have you noticed lately how Christmas seems less and less like it used to? Christmas, to me, used to mean snow that drifted higher than I stood, caroling on Christmas eve, a tree that seemed to be unreachable, and magically colored cards arriving in the mail. Now I can think of only one color at Christmas-time—the peculiarly monotonous yet exciting green that can only be found on good old Uncle Jimmy's unit of exchange.

The magic white blanket of snow is now replaced by an endless vista of dirty slush. What happened? Have I lost the real spirit of Christmas or, has it lost me? It seems to me that, as we grow older, Christmas becomes more commercial. Why can't we keep forever that magic anticipation of running downstairs on Christmas morning and discovering a wonderful world of surprises under the tree?

Let's all give three big cheers. They've finally found out what the flying saucers are. Seems that old Santa couldn't get along with the growing population on this big ball of mud of ours and had to use some modern aid. Glad we were beginning to wonder if we might not look in our stockings on Christmas morning and find a few inquisitive neighbors from Mars.

What ever happened to the old custom of going caroling anyway? Used to be that everybody and his brother went caroling on Christmas Eve. Of course, a few people had to stay home and listen. They were usually sick or dying though.

We've finally found out what the word "snowing" used to be! It quite a fun too. I guess a lot of those good looking first surnames used to get pretty cold.

Speaking of carols, did you ever wonder just what the word means and where it came from? So have I. With someone would explain it to me.

Did you ever know that we have, right here in our own fair state of New York, a school for Santa Claus? The course covers everything from how to handle whisker-pulling kids to what to do when caught kissing mommy.

Not having heard much about him this year, we were afraid that something had happened to Rudolph the red-haired fellow. We were all groundless though. We have just been quietly informed that old Rudolphs never do blow away.

We saw a bit of advice the other day that we thought everyone should give a little serious cogitation to. Here it is. Remember that, no matter what you may see on cards and signs, the word is still spelled Christmas NOT Xmas.
PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MUSIC?!?

A short while after I had written a well-intentioned but, undoubtedly, little-read article in the musical vein, the fact was brought to my attention that very few people who listen to and enjoy music actually know anything about the instruments which are used to produce this music. This immediately struck me as being a deplorable state of affairs and one which needed relieving. Therefore, I decided that I would write an article which would give the readers a little information on the subject and not unduly tax their grey matter at the same time.

Oboe Is Misunderstood

The instrument which people probably have the most misconceptions about is the oboe. Some of the more care free members of society seem to think that this is merely the cockney expression for a subject of the Queen who is financially embarrassed. In actuality the oboe is a really magnificent musical instrument (if you like oboes). Its main distinguishing feature is the fact that it is a member of the double reed family. This means that it is played with a double reed. The tone produced by an oboe is somewhat between the noise made by scraping your fingernail on a blackboard and that which is obtained by stepping on the tail of Aunt Tilly's favorite cat.

Another interesting member of the double reed family is the English horn. This is an instrument of French origin and it is not really a horn at all.

Don't Blow in a Horn

Many people seem to think that all you need to own is to produce a tone from a member of the true horn family (trumpets, trombones, etc.) to blow into it. Don't try it. Now you will be able to walk and you may be disillusioned for the rest of your life. The actual method is to make a small economy sized Bronx and keep on blowing.

French horn. This instrument's ancestry may be traced to the old English horn family. It is the most difficult of all the horns to play as it requires an especially well-trained embouchure. Very few people have one of these. In fact, very few people even know what it is.

Mystery Instrument

There is one instrument about which most people have no misconceptions however. This is the clarinet. There are so few misconceptions about it that few people have even heard of it. Not only that, nobody seems to know quite what it is. I certainly can't tell you.

While I could point out many other misconceptions, there is no more space left and am probably boring you, if you have read this far. Merry Christmas.

Santa's Gift List

Dr. Fossieck—bag of grass seed to fill in the lawn of the establishment next door
Mrs. Thickett—a runway to get back and forth between Milne and State College
Miss Hudson—a bigger office
Mrs. Seely—a new typewriter
Mrs. Barsam—an oven that doesn't burn
Mrs. Armstrong—a basket to collect chewing gum in
Mr. Raymond—ear-plugs and a book for his homework
Mr. Blythe—a charge account in McMains & Riley
Mrs. Bush—a noon lunch hour
Mr. Cowley—an Exploring book
Dr. York—an album of "Sachmo" Armstrong records
Miss Dunn—a closet to keep her pretty clothes in
Mr. Fairbanks—a piggy bank
Dr. Gardner—a draft card
Miss Bingham—a poem on a pin head
Miss Glass—a pair of roller skates
Coach Grogan—a air-ticket for the boys' locker room
Miss Haines—a lock of Henry VIII's hair
Mrs. Hennessett—a girl skeleton to keep the boy skeleton in the biology room
Mr. Harwood—a new hood for the chemistry room
Miss Jackson—a Mickey Spillane mystery
Mr. Krall—a straight A student
Mr. Montgomery—an autographed picture of Bob Hope
Dr. Raanes—Dick Nathan's Roman toga (made by Ruth Dyer and her mother)
Dr. Moore—a new station wagon for science 10 field trips
Miss Murray—a crate of Chatham beenies
Mr. Smith—an Crimson and White staff that gets the paper to press on time
Dr. Snyder—a seat in the Senate
Miss Wadley—a trip to France
Dr. Woolfshlager—an easier method of learning shorthand.

ALUMNEWS

Cheering their Alma Mater to victory were Ronnie Vandenburg '50, Gerry Lukin '52, and a friendly game. Enjoying the Thanksgiving vacation were Marcia Hallenbeck '52, Bill Brady '52, Bob Page '52, George Kendall '52, Art Walker '49, Mary Alice Leete '52, and Dick Lewis '51.

Elliot Livingston '52 is pledged to Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at Hobart College.

Bob Clarke '48 has been promoted to Assistant Navigator aboard the U.S.S. Latimer in Norfolk, Virginia.

Al Schramm '50 was in Eddie's recently.

Shirley Weinberg Shubert '49 appeared in the C.B.A. minstrel.

B. J. Thomson '50 is working at Miller's paint store here in Albany.

Ronnie Thomas '52, Sheldon Schneider '52, Frank Parker '52, Bob Parker '52, and Bob Nowell '52 were seen at Winnie's atendees.

While Milne was beating St. Pete's at basketball, Bert Sackman '51, Wes Moody '52, Ray Guertin '51, Mary Phillips '52, and Bob Norris '32 were all watching on TV.

Judy Myers '52 is working at the State health department.

George Erwin '48 is working for the Fuller brush company.

Dear Santa:

I'm past the stage of dolls and toys.
My present rage is college boys.
I have no interest in furs or rings.
In cars, cologne, material things.
Don't bring me candy,
It's bad for my form;
And sweaters are hardly
For keeping one warm.
But I've often said,
And I'm sure you'll agree, That a sweater, like red,
Does nothing for me.

So Santa, dear, as I've said before, Bring me a student aide
Make him tall and nicely amorous,
Near-sighted so he'll think I'm glamorous,
Rugged and smooth as Gregory Peck, If he's poverty-stricken, well, what the heck.
Delicious, exciting and ultra divine, Certainly, surely and only mine.

If you haven't a lad meeting specifications, I'll settle for one of the lesser creations.
I'll promise to love, obey and be true.
To any young male that comes from you.

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Dear Carolee,

It has come to my attention, from attending all of our school's home basketball games, that a grave injustice is being done to the alumni of the school. When a former student of this school wishes to attend a game here, no distinction is made between him and any other person who wishes to see the event. He is made to pay the regular admission price and lose all identification with his Alma Mater. I think that, if this were not so true, our alumni would be much more interested in coming to some of our home games. Therefore, I would like to suggest that all alumni of the past two years should be admitted to the games free of charge.

I do not think that such a show of thoughtfulness would be too apt to force the M.B.A.A. into undue bankruptcy. The number of alumni who come to the games is relatively small and we could make them feel more welcome by this token of appreciation for past deeds. While I do feel that this would increase the attendance at our games, I do not think that they would swamp the place and force too many paying customers out.

It seems that we are always being reminded that this is a friendly school. Let's see if we can't make it even more friendly for our alumni as well as the present students.

Sincerely yours,
Ronald K. Osborne.

Tana Taws

Wew never wess wat I tai, A trempin up on three.
I tawt I taw a tana taws, As red as he tood be,
I did tai a tana taw, And now I no its true,
And now yow rite lya taws, Cause it wa x'ely tana taws,
Dat I tole from my dad, "I wonder wat yew do?"
I'll tel yew wha I did las yer, Yet wadent vei'y nice,
Daw it wadent vei'y nice, Wen tana found da coke was warm,
I melted da ice, Wen tana found da coke was warm,
I wa a awful fela too, I melted da ice,
Taws wen he tried to do, And filed it fulla sno,
I clipped up on the chimbuly, Yew'll never des wat I did nex,
And filed it fulla sno, Dat darned old sneeky tana taws,
I'll tel yew wha I did las yer, He'll nevr turn a long,
Dat i x'ely tana taws, And dat maid me to mad,
I'll tel yew wha I did las yer, He'll nevr turn a long,
Dat I tole from my dad, I'll tel yew wha I did las yer,
I do not think that such a show of thoughtfulness would be too apt to force the M.B.A.A. into undue bankruptcy.

VOX POPULI

Dear Santa:

I'll settle for one of the lesser creations.
I'll promise to love, obey and be true.
To any young male that comes from you.
Raiders Capture League Opener

Friday, December 12, the Milne Red Raiders captured the Capital District Class C opener as they de­ feated the Rensselaer Rams on the Rams' home court. The game was an exciting "see saw" battle all the way as both teams fought right down to the final second. The real clincher came in the last period with only three minutes remaining as the Crimson staged a timely rally to grab a seven point edge. Then with only 11 seconds remaining the Raiders held the ball and the lead to win 53-46.

Lead Changes Hands Five Times

The first period proved to be a real thriller as the lead changed hands five times. The Milnites started things off as they tallied two field goals and one free throw to the Rams' one field basket to lead 5-2. The Rams retali­ ated in the second period to gain a slim two point advantage as they led 12-13 at the end of the first quarter, but the Rams retali­ ated in the second period to gain just a slim three point lead. With only 14 seconds remaining in the second period, the Milnites staged a rally and came within one point. The game continued at a fast pace featuring accurate shooting and good ball handling on both sides. The Raiders led 13-13 at the end of the first quarter, but the Rams retali­ ated in the second period to gain a slim three point advantage as they led 26-23 at the half.

In the third period neither team outscored the other decisively as the Crimson chopped one point of the Rams' lead. The score stood at 31 to 23 in favor of the Rams.

Raiders' Rally Raps Rams

Period four began the same as all the others continued at a fast pace and the tensions increased. Suddenly with only four minutes left the Raiders renewed their scoring power, scoring three successive field goals to pull ahead. The Milnites showed their best form of the evening in the fading minutes of the game as they froze the ball in order to run out the clock.

Don Coombs was high scorer for the evening with 14 followed by Al DuBeis of Rensselaer with 12 and Walker and Nathan of Milne with 11.

The Milne j.v. lost the preliminary game 48-38.

Conradations

It seems that the school spirit so far this season has been the best in many years. Much larger crowds of Milnites are turning out for both the home and away games. This is greatly improved. Basketball is not merely for the players, otherwise gyms would not have grandstands and schools would not have cheerleaders. It's your school, it's your team, and it needs your support. See you at the games, and "let's live it up."

Raiders Top St. Peter's, 54-49

With a burst of offensive power in the fourth period which combined speed and accurate shooting, the Milne Red Raiders defeated a strong and aggressive St. Peter's quintet 54-49, to win their third consecutive win this year. This being the second home game of the 1952-53 basketball campaign it drew a very large and enthusiastic crowd of well satisfied spectators as they watched the home team defeat the visitors in both j.v. and varsity events.

Coombs Leads Milne Rally

The first period proved exciting as the score was tied four times. In the closing minutes of the first period Milne senior, Don Coombs, scored three field goals to give Milne a 15-14 edge as the buzzer sounded ending the quarter. In the second period the Raiders scored consistently while a fighting Crimson defense held the "Redskins" to just one field goal. At the half time the score stood 31 to 23 in favor of the Milnites.

After the intermission the Raiders defense began to lag as a rejuvenated St. Peter's offense started to click, while the Crimson continually missed the mark. At this point Milne high scorer, Don Coombs who was covering Ned Brooks, St. Peter's second scorer, fouled out. Fortunately the Milnites managed to stay within reach of their opponents as the score stood 40 to 35 at the end of the third quarter in favor of the Milnites.

All ten players in the ball game are shown here scrapping for a loose ball in the Milne-Rensselaer game Friday, December 12 at Van Rensselaer high school. The Milnites defeated the Rams 53-46 to take the Class C opener.

St. Joes' Spree Edges Milnites

In their third home start of the season, the Red Raiders bowed in a close contest to St. Joseph's of Albany.

The first period was a "nip and tuck" affair with the Milne senior, Don Coombs who was covering Ned Brooks, St. Peter's second scorer, fouled out. Fortunately the Milnites managed to stay within reach of their opponents as the score stood 40 to 35 at the end of the third quarter in favor of the Milnites.

The second period was dominated by fast and furious scoring by both teams. The junior platoon, in spite of their tremendous scoring power, was unable to keep Reggie Perrott of the "Redskins" from scoring 16 of his 29 point total. Milne, how­ ever, maintained a slim three point margin. The score at the half was Milne 29, St. Joes' 26.

The third quarter was played on even terms, as the Milnites still held the advantage.

"Just One of Those Things"

The last period was just one of those things. The Raiders couldn't sink a basket, while the "Red­ skins" were hitting with deadly ac­ curacy. Even with the inspired play of senior Doug Bilion, who hooped seven markers in the last two minutes, the game went down to the wire, and St. Joseph's came out on top 56-52.

High scorer for the evening was Reggie Perrott with 20 points. Don Coombs led Milne with 15.

The varsity cheerleaders are going to sponsor a contest to get some new cheers. This contest will prob­ ably take place sometime in January. The rules of the contest are not as yet determined. But I can tell you that there will be a reward for the best cheers. To enter this contest, you only have to submit the words of the cheer. The cheerleaders will work out the motions. There have been many new ones. This is your chance to better this situation.

I would like to take this opportu­ nity to wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a nice vacation.

Ruthie Dyer
LOU’S NEWS

By LOU SNYDER

I'd like to bring you up to date on the 1952-53 season, with a little review of how the team has been doing.

The Raiders starting the season with a large amount of speed and height have been able to make a good showing on account of the excellent teaching by Coach Gough. The Raiders have a record of four wins and two losses so far.

Entering the first game of the season, the boys came up against a very difficult Watervliet high school club, a Class B team. Being the Raiders, they seemed as though they weren't quite ready for such a tough opponent as the Raiders dropped their first game of the season.

In their first home game of the year the high-spirited Raiders took the floor at first against Chatham Union school, another new team on this year's schedule, this time being able to continue their winning effort of a 48-32 final score, as all 11 players broke into the scoring column.

Then after traveling 40 miles the Crimson straight won as they turned back a very powerful Cobleskill team, due to the excellent teaching that the boys had previously experienced.

Milne's next opponent was the speedy St. Peter's team led by their scoring ace Ned Brooks, the problem was the fast driving and set shooting. This was overcome by excellent defensive playing by Bill Billion and Jeff Lockwood who held him to just a few points until the last quarter.

The Crimson captured their third straight victory beating St. Peter's 34-49 at the Page Hall gym.

Next the Milnites met St. Joseph's of Albany, who had dropped their first two games to very powerful ball teams, they were beaten by Phillips Academy, Mary's, but both were by very close scores. The Crimson were ahead all through the game, and when they lost the ball through careless ball handling, this stopped the Raiders' streak of victories at three.

Playing one of their best games so far, the Raiders captured their first win in Class C play, turning back Van Rensselaer, 31-26. This was the first time in six years Milne had beaten the Rams. The rally was led by Dick Nathan and "Lard" Smith in the fourth quarter to break a 41-41 tie. Again controlling the boards, the "Playboys" and "Cobbs" assisted by "Cris" Cross.

I predict if the boys work together as a team on the boards here they will come through with flying colors in their remaining games. As for the Class C, it looks as though the Raiders have wind up on top.

Let’s all hope so!

Just a run-down on the scoring: So far in games, with a few lucky pink shirts leading the boys with 81 points, while "Cris" Cross with 48 points and jump shooting Dick Nathan with 40 points are on his trail.

Just before closing, as there are a few lines left, I'd like to wish one and all a very happy vacation.

See you at the games!

LOUIS NEWS

Girls Hold Skating Party

Lots of Thrills And Some Spills

By RUTHIE DYER

Although the scene pictured here may be unfamiliar to some of you, I'm sure that it was both witnessed and experienced by many of the Milne girls at the M.G.A.A. skating party. This annual event took place Saturday, December 6 at Hoffman's Skaterland. Not only were the girls represented, but a few guests from the roller derby (I mean, of course, the Milne boys) were seen spinning around the rink. From the looks of things, I could see that most of the skaters had had previous experience. There were a few, however, that lacked the ability to balance themselves on those night tiny wheels. The person who seemed to be having the greatest difficulty was Yours Truly. After having tripped around the floor a couple of times, I decided to play it smart and sit down for a while. As I sat there trying to regain my bearings, I happened to glance out to the middle of the floor. Some of the skilled skaters were twisting, turning, jumping, pirouetting, and skating backwards. It looked so easy! The only person I recognized was Sandra Baird. She is really an excellent skater. If they had a fashion show that afternoon, I feel sure that Ginny Pitkin or Jackie Benezek would have won. They certainly looked cute. A few of the people I saw take spills were: Jeanie Canfield, Jackie Marks, Sally Simmons, Honey Trapp, Carole Jean Foy, Mary Killough, Judy Brightman, and Henry Cohen, our staff photographer.

At the end of the afternoon quite a few of the girls had managed to get blisters on their feet. From the reports I've heard though, everyone had a very enjoyable time and they are looking forward to next year's party.

Sports Shorts

Last week ten of Milne's varsity athletes received their award sweaters. The award is traditionally presented by the M.B.A.A. to those who have earned a total of six athletic credits. Those who were awarded sweaters this year are: Bill Wade, Dave Clarke, Don Coombs, Mike Meyers, Doug Billon, Dick Nathan, Art Molin, "Cris" Cross, and Jud Lockwood.

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See you at the games!

By JOHN WOLFE

Displaying their best form of the season, the Red Raiders downed a fighting Cobleskill squad 36-45 on the loser's court. It was a close hard fought battle all the way as the Raiders showed considerable scoring and rebounding strength.

Starting fast, the Milnites rushed to an 8-0 lead before the Red Devils rallied. With Dick Nathan and Dave Clarke finding the range, the Milne outfit dominated the early play and led 12-7 at the end of the first period.

In the next quarter the action continued at a fast pace as the Cobleskill team gradually narrowed the gap. They tied the score at 19-19, but Dick Nathan hit for two quick field baskets putting the Milnites back in front 24-20. Then the home team racked five straight points to take the lead. "Cris" Cross and Don Coombs scored on foul shots to give the Raiders a narrow 26-25 lead at the half.

During the second half the teams matched each other basket for basket most of the way. Cross, Coombs, Nathan and Molin were the big guns of the Milne attack as the Crimson slowly pulled away during the closing minutes of the game.

At the end of the contest, the scoreboard read Milne 50, Cobleskill 45. Don Coombs was high for the Milne outfit with 13 points, while Jim Yeates scored 15 for the losers.

The Milne j.v. lost a close one, 26-24.

The Milne students who had taken the long bus ride to see the teams play felt that they had been well rewarded.

Milne Trounces Chatham Union

By JOHN WOLFE

In their first home start of the season, the Red Raiders swamped Chatham Union School's Panthers to the tune of 48-32.

The Red Raiders' starting five, composed entirely of seniors, quickly grabbed an eight point advantage. The Milnites led 12-8 at the close of the first period and 26-17 at the halftime.

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