Seniors Present Play ‘Girl Shy’

Thursday, May 6

The Senior Play makes its debut on Thursday, May 6th, in the Page Hall auditorium at 8 p.m. The play, “Girl Shy,” is a three-act comedy directed by Miss Barbara Clark, a State College senior. The senior class is doing this to raise funds for their class gift. Adults and students alike are invited. Tickets may be obtained for $.44.

Rand General Chairman

Roy Rand, general chairman, expressed his opinion by saying, “This is the first play put on by the Milne students this year; we hope for its complete success, as the students of the senior class are trying their best.”

Cast of Characters

The cast includes the following:

Tom ...................................... Royal Held
Oke ......................................... Chuck Cross
Peaches .................................... Shirley Atkin
Sylvia ....................................... Muriel Welch
Babs Sanford ............................ Betty Val
Aunt Caroline ............................ Fay Metcalfe
Mr. Asrdale ............................... Morty Swartz
Birds ........................................ Janet Taylor
Chuck Mayo ............................... Melba Levine
Asma ....................................... Betty Vail
Dean Marlow ............................. Harvey Holmes
Alfred Murtagoyd ...................... Ben Van Acker
Dick Smith will sing a duet.

Other Committees Named

Other committees are as follows:

Properties:
Midge Wright, chairman
Ruth Keller
June Brown
Chuck Cross
Dick Smith

Sets and Lights:
Ruth Taylor, chairman
Barbara Hewes
Doris Specter
Dick Bates
Ray Stickney
Hal Game
George Edick
Stogie DeMoss

House Committee:
Natalie Mann, chairman
Meg Hunting
Ruth LaVine
June Welsh
Nick Mitchell
Jack Casner
Nancy Edison
William Soper

Publicity:
Vilma Lee Tubbs, chairman
Miriam Steinhardt
Russ Langwig
Dot Rider

Costumes:
Laura Fay Dancy, chairman
Lee Mapes
Gerry Carlock
Margaret Kirk
Ogla Townsend
June Bailey

Between acts George Edick and Dick Smith will sing a duet.

Washington Executive Attacks Milne American History Course; Calls It ‘Ersatz’

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

On Monday, April 19, an article appeared in the New York Times condemning the history courses taught in the Milne School. At intervals for the past year, the Times has criticized adversely the history system in our high schools. Recently it sponsored a quiz, given to college freshmen; this quiz was based on facts of American history and the results were appallingly low.

In the recent condemnation of Milne, the Times stated that Hugh Russell Fraser, of the committee on American history, had sent a telegram to Governor Thomas Dewey asking him to investigate the facts about our school. He charges that our social studies course in the ninth grade deals with national development; in the tenth grade, cultural development of man; in the twelfth grade, social problems. This leaves one year, the eleventh, for study of American history. This year, he contends, is divided so that one-third is devoted to the study of our country's history.

Mr. Fraser wants a change in Milne's curriculum. It is up to the Governor to make a decision. Probably there is an investigation going on, but from all facts, Mr. Fraser is wrong. In recent years, approximately 96 or 97% of the students have passed the regents in American history. This is an average better than one finds in most schools. It is something to be proud of.

I have taken History and Social Studies every year I've been in Milne. At the present time, I am going on, by taking Problems of American Democracy. Of all subjects, History is my favorite. As a student who has taken Mr. Fraser's so-called “ersatz history” in Milne, I heartily disagree with him and his ideas. I have found the American history course well planned and well taught.

It is not for him, one who does not know, to condemn a school's course. I think we can challenge him to investigate our records and then speak.

Sincerely,

A Senior.

C&W to Conduct Poll Of Student Opinion

The Crimson and White has become a charter member of the Scholastic Magazine's Institute of High School Student Opinion. Several times each year the Crimson and White will conduct polls on questions determined by the institute. The final results of the national poll will later be published in the newspaper and in the national magazine.

There will be no less than four nor more than eight questions asked during each school year.

Farm Work Blank Available

Any boys desiring to do farm work this summer, may sign up through the Milne High School. Blanks for enlistment in farm work are available through Dr. Ralph Kenney's Office.

Washington's Birthday

Seventy-five Ninth Graders attended the 12:30 performance of "The Moon Is Down" last Friday at the Palace Theater. The request was made by Miss Ellen Swartout's class after they had finished reading the book.

Fraser Asks Dewey to Investigate Charges

On last Monday a scurrilous attack was made on the teaching methods of the Milne school history department. The charge was made by Hugh Russell Fraser, who is chairman of the so-called Committee on American History.

Fraser said of Milne, "It is the number one guinea pig of the education extremists. Here an ersatz history has been substituted for the drama that is America. In fact, in the one grade that renders even lip service to the subject, the school announces explicitly that the emphasis is placed on contemporary aspects of American civilization."

Fraser Denies Charge

Dr. John M. Sayles, president of State Teachers College, issued a statement denying the charges brought up by Mr. Fraser. In part he states, "To say that Milne is the number one guinea pig for the education extremists is another thing point to our case. The college has no education extremists. In fact, only a few of its staff members are members of the Progressive Education Association, which Mr. Fraser regards as extreme perhaps as many as four or five; I only really know of but one or two."

Sayles also denied the charge that the staff only rendered lip service. He said, "It is a charge which is easily made from several hundred interviews, but which Mr. Fraser will never be able to prove in the smallest part."

Invites Investigation

So far as American history and the instruction of American history is concerned, it would be a pleasure to have Mr. Fraser conduct a personal investigation and find out what really goes on. I have never known of his being in this institution.

"His erroneous ideas can be attributed to his failure to investigate facts there at first hand. Had he done so he would have found out that the course given there is absolutely the thing for which he is clamoring in such an offensive manner."

Various members of the student bodies of State and Milne, when interviewed agreed with Dr. Sayles. One State College senior said in writing to Mr. Fraser's charges, "It is the most disgusting attack on us that I have ever seen."

In an interview, Dr. Frederick Milne's school principal, stated: "We realize that our teaching methods are not perfect. We do, however, have excellent methods and we are continually improving what we have."
Today's issue marks the beginning of the third year as a printed paper for the Crimson and White. A new staff is being trained which will attempt to bring to the students of Milne as good a paper as was published in the past. We will attempt to win another first prize in the annual Columbia Scholastic Press conference, and we will continue to cover news, sports, and features. In addition, we plan a regular photography department, something that the Crimson and White has not been able to do in the past. The paper will then have more news pictures which will add to the interest and appearance of the paper.

Our motto will be, "Always better."
Milne Baseball Team Plays 12 Game League Schedule

New League Includes Nine City Ball Clubs

The Milne High School baseball team, under Coach Harry Grogan, entered the American Scholastic Baseball League. This league, at present, is made up of schools, all of which are in the city limits. The league has been divided into two divisions, the American Division and the National Division. In the American Division are: C.B.A., Philip Schuyler, Milne, Cathedral, and St. Joseph’s. The National Division consists of Albany Academy, Vincentian, Albany High School, and St. John’s. The league starts its schedule on April 30, 1943 and ends on June 4, 1943.

Edick Named Captain

Playing for Milne this year are several holdovers and many new members picked during the recent tryouts. The main holdovers are: Tom Dyer, who bears the weight of the pitching duties; Dutch Ball, who is first-string catcher; Morty Swartz at first base, Ed Muehleck at second, Hal Game at shortstop, and George Edick, captain, at third. The complete makeup of the team is not yet settled, nor is the schedule of the teams to be played.

Contract for further matches at an unsettled time have been made with Bethlehem Central High School, Mont Pleasant, C.B.A., Albany High and Boys’ Academy.

The above teams, will put up plenty of opposition to Milne, who will find no ease in toppling these opposants.

Milne Tennis Team Prepares for Season

Another tennis season is on its way and the Milne tennis team is looking forward to another successful year.

Last year’s season was fairly successful, with Milne winning the balance of the matches.

This year’s team has revealed some new talent. Harry Culp is captain of the team. The rest of the team is as follows: Lee Aronowitz, Al Mendel, Corney Heidenrich. They are all veterans of last year’s season.

The complete makeup of the team is not yet settled, nor is the schedule of the teams to be played.

Contacts for further matches are being made.

Seniors to Represent Milne at Youth Week

Dorothy Rider and John Morrison, seniors, will represent Milne at the Youth’s Day Citizenship on Wednesday, April 28, when the Milnites will highlight Albany Boys’ and Girls’ Week. An annual affair, its purpose is to familiarize Youth with the functions and responsibilities of local and state government.

Two delegates from each of four classes of the Milnites will attend, one-half to assume position in city government under Mayor Erastus Corning, at the City Hall, while the other half will work with Governor Thomas E. Dewey at the State Capitol.

Miss Rider and Morrison will be notified of their position on April 26.

Lucas Interviews Frank Buck

By Herb Lucas

On April 7th I had the good luck to interview Frank Buck. I met him backstage at the Ritz Theater. Mr. Buck appeared to be active, powerful and self-controlled. He has been entertaining at service camps and he commenced our nation’s fighting spirit.

The longer part of this interview took place in a private car that was to take Frank to the station, where he had to catch a train. “The bring ‘em back alive” man has spent the last 35 years of his life in the jungle. He has hunted in India, Burma, and other Pacific countries, Africa and South America. He considers “May lay the most dangerous place on earth and the black leopards the most ferocious animal.” He came the nearest to strumming a harp at the hands of a 16-foot King Cobra.

Frank Buck, world-famous hunter, poses with the Harpy Eagle.

“Jaacre”, which was showing at the Ritz, is his fourth picture. This is the first time Buck has filmed crocodiles. The explorers were taking routine shots of the capturing of the crocs, when a boat overturned in the reptile-infested waters. Jim Durrand, who led the expedition, fought and killed a 100-pound crocodile in its native environment. He is the only man who has done this and lived.

Frank Buck’s home is in Singapore. This necessitates a great deal of traveling on the part of Mr. Buck. He has gone around the world twenty times (in actual distance traveled) and has crossed the Pacific seven times. Recently a Japanese general took over Buck’s Singapore home and is Frank mad. The crocs will insist on paying rent.

Frank Buck for his generosity.

The girls’ basketball season has taken its last flight with its final game on Monday, April 19. The freshmen and sophomores finished up their 10 second game which was played at Gym night. The team were well balanced with Pinnie, Smith, Arnold, Kilty, Heidenreich and Hurault on the sophomore team and Johnson, Brookman, Richardson, de Prose, Huntington and Cooper on the opposing team. The tenth year team won, with the score of 16-12.

Miss Hitchcock is planning a play day for the junior refugees on May 8 in Page Hall gym. The girls who attend these classes also pass the national board’s test may participate with St. Agnes, Kenwood, and the Cornwall Academy. The girls who are now enrolled in this course are: Jean de Prose, ‘45, Barbara Richardson, ‘45, Norma Johnson, ‘45, Barbara Cooper, ‘45, Jean Bronson, ‘45, Bette Baskin, ‘44, Joyce Knapp, ‘44, and Jean Dorsey, ‘44. It’s a good course and will have a Junior rating as basketball referee.

Girls Take Pasture Tests

The Junior High School and sophomore team took their pasture tests last week. The junior and senior classes will attend this year as Miss Hitchcock believes that they should know correct posture from the tests given last year. She has a new plan this year in which she awards tags to those girls with very high rating in their posture. The tags will say, “I belong to the good posture squad,” and Miss Hitchcock states that only a few will receive them.

The Junior High School is learning and practicing baseball techniques for the coming season and the junior and senior classes have resumed their first aid course. They play baseball every week. Miss Hitchcock is making out a schedule for the classes and by the first of May, intramural baseball games will be played outdoors. Mostly all new equipment has been purchased by the G.A.C., including bats, balls and gloves, and it is requested that the students take good care of them.

Resume Swimming Classes

Miss Hitchcock is starting a new swimming class on Tuesdays at the YWCA for juniors and seniors who care to learn common strokes thoroughly. This course is taking the place of the horseback riding club. Miss Hitchcock believes it is more important to know how to swim during war time than to know how to ride. At the end of the course, a test will be given, and those passing it will receive a National Red Cross certificate. The students taking the courses are: Snare, Kitten Wheeler, Ann Stickney, Joan Figursky, Patricia Gother, and Joyce Knapp; Roberia Smith, Betty Vail, Meg Hunting, Shirley Atkin, Marie Edwards, Marion Muley, and Ray Stickney.
Army and Navy Exams Finished, Milne Boys Rate

Results of the Army-Navy-A-V-12 examinations held on April 2, are now beginning to come. Ted and Art DeMoss have the distinction of being the only two students in Milne so far to receive their results. According to a letter received from the office of Naval Recruiting, Ted and Art were both rated high enough to be invited to New York City for a personal interview in which they are judged on personal appearance, character, leadership, and officer qualifications. This is the routine physical examination needed to complete papers necessary before final selection. If the boys pass the physical examinations and personal interview (which is similar to those needed for entrance to college) they may be sent on to college in uniform at government expense for further training. They would enter in a class beginning either July first or November first.

"We are the lucky men finally selected for work," said Melba Levine, student leader. "Students can feel that they are doing their job well if they answer 'yes' the first time they are called for work," said Melba Levine, student leader.

Milne Takes Part In Student Week

Over fifteen Albany high school students will participate in the annual youth week, April 26 to May 2, doing their part in the nation's war effort. The Albany Student War Council has taken from its enlistment files the names of those students who pledged spare time to do victory war work. Each student will become an official block leader and minute man for the week, with the primary purpose of being responsible for the filling out of war bond pledge cards.

Mrs. Hugh Chrisp, chief block leader, and chairman of War Savings Committee in Albany, is co-operating in this effort to her fullest extent. Those students whose time for war work, have been contacted by mail in regard to their block leaders. Help is needed to balance the huge mailing list were volunteers from Milne and Girls' Academy.

The Student War Council is also enrolling all Milne students in the Russian War Relief Drive. All Milne block leaders will supply their student volunteers each afternoon from April 13 through April 30. Each school on the Council is responsible for volunteers on three of the days in this period.

Music Department Works On Concert

The Milne Music Department labors busily as a preliminary to the annual youth week concert. The program will be held in the auditorium on May 28, the primary purpose of being responsible for the filling out of war bond pledge cards.

The choir will perform in the Albany Student Musicale, which takes place on Friday in the Student's Hall. The Musicale is sponsored by the Albany Student War Council. Other schools taking part are: Albany High School, St. Agnes Academy, Philip Schuyler High School, Vincentian Institute, and C.B.A. orchestra.

State Juniors Observe Classes

Juniors at State College will be seen in Milne English classes the rest of this semester. They will be English teachers for next year's classes.

Milne Donates $75 to Albany Chapter Red Cross

Arnold Baskin, president of the Milne Red Cross, presented $75.00 to the Red Cross Drive in Albany County. This fund was taken from the proceeds of the basketball game between Milne and State seniors. A balance of $13.00 will go for work here in Milne. Milne and you, Dr. Frederick, I might not be here.

Sincerely,
Joe (Hunting)

Things to Come

Friday, April 23
Holiday—No school
Monday, April 26
8:30—Junior Student Council Meeting
9:30—Faculty Meeting
3:00—G.A.C. Meeting, Gym
3:00—B.A.C., Room 130
Tuesday, April 27
11:30—Senior School Assembly
Wednesday, April 28
3:30—Traffic Squad Meeting, Room 121
Friday, April 30
3:35—Fire Drill
3:30—Inter-society Council Meeting
Saturday, May 1
8:45—12:15—Tests for new pupils, 20, Richardson

C D S P A to Meet May 15

The annual Capital District Scholastic Press Association meeting will be held May 15 at Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady. The meeting has been held at the high school for the past few years, but has been moved to Schenectady because the president this year is Richard Green, a student at Nott Terrace High. Members of the staff of the Crimson and White will attend the conference.