Memorial Prize
For Robert Taft
Given by Father

This year a new prize has been added to the group of awards given to Milne seniors at Commencement. It is "The Robert Taft Award for Scholastic Improvement."

Mr. Le Grande C. Taft is presenting this annual award as a memorial to his son, Robert Taft, who graduated from Milne in 1938 and was killed last spring while in the service of his country.

The following is a description of what the prize is and how it is awarded:

"Each year an award of fine books in science, the arts, or literature, to the value of $12.00, will be awarded to the student in the graduating class who has, during his or her senior year, increased his average scholastic record to the greatest degree over the yearly average attained during the junior year. Duplicate copies of the books awarded will be placed in the Milne Library suitably inscribed to form a collection of fine books which will serve to remind not only the recipient of the award but all future Milne students of our Bob Taft who so markedly exemplified the qualities of scholarship, sportsmanship and loyalty to the school's ideals. The selection of the books will be made by the librarian of the school, the senior English teacher and the principal. The computation of average shall include all subjects for which credits are recorded, each subject weighed equally."

This was included in a letter from Dr. Robert Frederick, principal, to Mr. Le Grande Taft.

Milne French Group
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Members of the Milne French Club elected Betty Lou Terry, '44, president, at a meeting Wednesday, November 1. The other officers elected were: Betty Stone, vice-president, Barbara Arnold, '45, secretary, and Betty Baskin, '44, treasurer.

The French Club is open to students who take second and third year French. It is sponsored by Miss Betty Harper, a senior at State College. The club meets every Wednesday at 12:37. The members speak only French.

They plan a musical comedy for an assembly in the near future. They also plan to have a Christmas party.

Tenth Year Students
Present Book Sketch

In recognition of "National Book Week" the tenth grade English class of Mr. John Roach, supervisor of English, presented a play entitled "The Biography of a Book." It was an unusual type of play in several respects. During the entire performance the curtain was only raised half way. The unusual music and clever lighting lent a weird air to the entire setting. The acting was exceedingly intense and that mysterious voice from nowhere was novel. The play itself consisted of the life of a book from the time it was written to its untimely conclusion with the Gestapo.

The actors gave two performances, one for the Senior High, and one for the Junior High; both were heartily applauded.

Student Body to Attend
 Pep Rally Saturday Night

School Short
Of Bond Quota

The war bond quota set for Milne by the Albany Student War Council of $6,250 to be reached by December 15 is short by some $48 as of Wednesday afternoon. December 7 is next Tuesday.

"It is very important that Milne reach its war bond and stamp quota by next Tuesday," said Betty Baskin, chairman of the sales. She went on to say, "I don't think any Milnite wants it on his conscience that we did not reach a war bond quota in times like these. There are a few short days left, let us strive to reach that goal." There is also a quota set for all the other schools on the war council. Whether they have reached it, or not will be determined soon.

Milne Students Join Various Reserve Corps

Milne's quota of officers and reserve material is increasing. Last Friday Charles Hennessey, 44, was sworn into the Army Air Corps Reserve. This means he won't be called until the end of June at the earliest. Chuck is now officially Pvt. Hopkins. His only comment was that with the exam as tough as it was, they ought to give the boys a chance to show their stuff. Arden Flint of the same class has been down in New York City taking his physical and final mental exams for the Navy V-12 program. Claud Wagner is scheduled to go down for his exams today. None of the boys who took the A-12 examination in the ninth of November have received any word of the results as yet. If the V-12 candidates pass both the mental and physical exams, they are sent on to college at the government expense to study in preparation for becoming officers. The training takes place in study courses in college, presribed by the Navy, and after about a year and a half they become ensigns in the Navy.

They are allowed to complete high school under this program. The A-12, which no Milne boys have yet entered this year, is quite a bit different. They must go to basic training first. Several Milne boys joined these reserves.

Get Acquainted Party
Sponsored by A.G.A.

All students from the ninth grade and up are invited to a party at the Albany Academy for Girls from 8:30 to 12:00 P.M. tonight. The party is sponsored by the students of the Girls' Academy to further relations among high school students of Albany.

Tickets of admission cost $1.50. Free refreshment is included on the ticket. Tickets may be obtained at the door if any student wishes to buy a ticket there. Students from most of the city high schools will attend.
Today's Game

This afternoon Milne opens its basketball schedule against Albany High School. They face a tremendously strong team for an opener on an away court. Albany High is rated as the strongest team in pre-season talk. They have returning to their team four veterans and a top-notch player from another school. It is easy to realize how strong they will be.

None the less, every Milinite is making an effort to be at the game this afternoon. It will certainly help the Miline cause to have a strong cheering section in the Albany High gym.

Even if Milne loses, there is no cause for discouragement. Milne has a much less experienced squad. There are seventeen other games this season besides today's. We should make plans now to attend every one of them. Milinite is in the city class A loop. It has never faced such strong teams. For this reason, all Milinutes should get to the games and cheer all the louder. Get out there and follow the cheerleaders. Let us support the team to our utmost, whether they win today or not.

The team is sure to turn in the best brand of ball they know. We should all give them the best support that we know. There are nine home games this year. The admission is free. Just show your student tax card. Everyone should try to sell season tickets too. The Boys Athletic Council needs the money. If enough is not raised, baseball may be out next spring for Milne for lack of sufficient funds. Basket-

milne merry-go-round

by Janice O'Connell

Last Tuesday everyone received the good news that the following day there would be no school because of the snow. The students of Milne, therefore, began their holiday Wednesday afternoon and some of them haven't stopped yet.

Les Jones spent his vacation in New Jersey with relatives until Saturday. Ruth Rosenfeld entertained in her home over the holidays some friends from New York. At the Army-Navy game last weekend were two Milinites, Kitten Wheeler, on the side of Army for reasons of her own, and Sandy Bissikummer, also of '42.

The Girls' Academy is sponsoring a party for all high school students in the city tonight which should be a worthwhile affair. Refreshments are free, tickets cost just $.25. The time is from 8:30 until 12:00 midnight.

Alumnews

Sailor Marty Edwards, '43, is home for a few days from North Ireland.

Doug Drake, '43, was home last Wednesday and Thursday from Fort Eustis, Virginia. Doug is now in the Army Intelligences Program but is waiting his transfer to the Army Air Corps.

Hank Oppenheim, '42, was home for a few days last week from Clark School in New Hampshire. Hank has passed his mental aptitude for the Air Corp.

Marine Bob Clarke, '42, was home for a few days from Jacksonville, Florida. He was seen dating Marcia Bissikummer, also of '42.

Nicky Mitchell, '43, was able to be home over the holidays from Kentucky.

Fred Detwiler, '42, was home for Thanksgiving from Cherry Point, North Carolina. (Marine.)

Ed Magrebliian, ex-'41, is home from Camp Bowie, Texas. (Army Coast Artillery.)

ball is the only game on which we can make any money.

Let's get out there today and cheer for all of us.

Don't forget the rally tomorrow night. It should be a swell affair, enjoyable to all of us.

The student council has spent much time on it. We should give them our full support.

DUTCH BALL

Dutch is a regular fellow, and everyone who has known him has liked him. But the math girl goes up to the twelfth; outside of school he has lots of friends.

When I asked Dutch what sport he liked best, he didn't know which to say. It depends upon the season, but his favorites are football and skiing. Before the Army got hold of most of the fellows, he was a member of a football team that really knew how to play the game. They used to play North Albany, Cohoes, Watervliet, etc. Also back in the "good old days" when people had cars, he went skiing up in Vermont, and the Adirondacks. Lately though he hasn't been going because of some sort of rationing.

For the past two years Dutch has been working on a dairy farm out in Loudonville. He likes it very much, and no doubt could tell you a lot about the running of a good farm.

In entertainment, he likes a variety in movies, and thinks that at least one beautiful woman should be in every picture.

Bing Crosby's singing, Fred Waring's music and arrangements, along with a few of the programs he likes to listen to. Dutch found one contingent in New York that made an impression on him. Ask Dutch sometime how the fellow fit a cigarette; then try it yourself. If you succeed, you deserve a front page headline.

Food is a necessity of life, and Dutch is just as happy that it is, because he likes his varied stuff.

Dutch's starter-order in the morning is grapefruit, fried potatoes, bacon, toast and milk, from THE dairy farm of Loudonville. The only trouble with this meal is that you have to get up early to eat it all and get to school on time.

As the captain of the basketball team, you can expect the best results from the whole team, who are all behind Dutch and are all playing for the team, NOT for themselves.

The fellows all think that he is tops. A sense of humor, blonde hair, blue eyes, and a very smooth dresser are only incidental compared to his personality and easygoing nature. There isn't another fellow in Milne that is more liked than Dutch.
Milne Court Teams Open Today; Play Albany High

**JV Tilt Starts At 3 O'clock**

Today at 4:00 p.m., the Milne Varsity will open its basketball season against a strong Albany High School team. This game will mark the first time in several years that these two teams have faced each other. The Red Raiders will find it pretty tough going when they run against such good players as Laverne Hastings, Bob Powell, George O'Brien, Harvey Stuhlman, and Barry Swire, who will probably start for the Garnet and Gray.

**Strong Opposition**

Despite this strong opposition, the Milne basketball team is in no way pessimistic about the game. You can be sure that they will be in there giving all they've got until the final whistle blows, according to the coach. Coach Tanno expects to start with the following team: At center will be Bill Baker, at forwards will be Captain Duane Ball and Lee Aromino, and the guards will be Chuck Hopkins and Jim Detwiler. These boys will be backed by good reserves. "They are Tam Dyer, Leonard Jones, Ed Mullock, and Al Mendel."

The varsity game will be preceded by a J. V. game which starts at 3:00 p.m. Students are urged to hurry over as quickly as they can to see this game. The J. V. will be excused early after school is dismissed, as no one student tax cards will be admitted for this game. The ticket price is 25c. Otherwise it will cost them 50c.

The Milne Intramural Football teams have finished their season, with the tenth grades leading in the total team scores. They have scored a grand total of 538 points, followed by eighth graders 378 points.

In the seventh grade, the Lancers are in second place, with 6 wins, 3 losses, 1 tie and a total of 66 points. The Giants are in second place, with 5 wins, 3 losses, 2 ties and 60 points. The Slow Pokes are rated first in the eighth grade with 10 wins, 1 loss, 5 ties, and 146 points. If the Termites had scored 38 more points they would have tied with the Slow Pokes.

The Blackouts are far ahead in the ninth grade with 9 wins, 1 loss, 5 ties and 96 points. The Warriors and the Beetles ran a race for second place with the result that the Beetles are in second by the small margin of 8 points.

The high scoring tenth grades are led by the Cherries. The Cherries are led by Chuck Terry, who has scored many of their 164 points. The second highest team is the Black Busters who have won 12 games, lost only two games and tied one. The second raters, the Block Busters, have won only 4 games but have scored 104 points. Captain Terry, when he saw the standings, said, "How do you like those apples?"

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If you could begin your career in any of the following, and obtain the same income at the start, which would you choose?

**(CHECK ONLY ONE)**

a. Government or public service.

b. Working for a large business or industrial corporation.

c. Working for a small business or industry.

d. Owning or managing your own business.

e. A profession, such as medicine, law, teaching, or nursing.

f. Farming or some branch of agriculture.

**THE VOTER (NO NAME NEEDED)**

Boy—___________ Girl—___________

Grade—___________

**Gym Period Schedules Changed by Conflict**

The ninth grade boys have been limited to only two gym periods a week, forfeiting their time on Monday, due to a conflict of schedules with State College classes in Page gym. The Milne gym is occupied on that day by the ninth grade girls, and therefore is not available to the boys.

Recently the boys' gym period was changed from Friday to Monday because of interference with State College assemblies being held in Page Hall Auditorium. The coach John Tanno has been trying to rearrange the schedule, but this week said, "I am very sorry, but there is no other period available when the boys can use either of the gyms."

It has also been decided that the girls should have a chance to play in the big gym. Therefore every Monday from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., has been devoted entirely to girls' basketball. At this time girls in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades will run intramural games.

The top team in the eleventh grade is the Hill Billies with 6 wins, 1 loss, 2 ties and a total of 72 points. The B.T.O.'s are in second place with 5 wins, no losses, 4 ties, and 68 points.

Because of difficulty beyond their control, the twelfth graders did not have a chance to play as many games as the other grades. However, from the games they did play we find that the Ball Busters lead. The Dodgers and Jerks are running a close second, with the Gunners pulling into third place.

**THE VOTER (NO NAME NEEDED)**

Boy—___________ Girl—___________

Grade—___________

Well, girls, remember Hitchie? She's not just "Hitchie, the gym teacher" any more; she's Lt. Margaret E. Hitchcock of the United States Women's Marine Corps Reserve.

Lt. Hitchcock was the physical education teacher at Milne for more than ten years until 1942, when she joined the Marines. She started her boot training September 20 at Camp LeJeune, New River, North Carolina.

**Made Pfc**

When she was made a first class private she arrived in this city, but when she finished her training this week she was promoted to a Second Lieutenant.

Lt. Hitchcock is now transferred to San Diego, California. It is not known whether she will continue training or be an instructor.

Lt. Hitchcock has done many things for the Milne girls. She formed the ski club, the horseback riding club, swimming classes, and first aid classes, and was faculty advisor for the Red Cross Association at Milne at one time. Lt. Hitchcock sponsored a girls' summer camp for Milne at Lake Pleasant, New York. The picture you see of Hitchie was taken at this camp.

**Poem in Tribute**

When Lt. Hitchcock left Milne, Barbara Smith, '46, wrote a poem which is dedicated to the Marines.

It is as follows:

You were with us many years; To teach us how we could play.
You showed us how, in many ways. To be honest, fair and good.
We won't forget the sports and games. You showed us how to play.
With something interesting and new For every single day.
We took all this for granted When we should have planned them.
For the times when Hitchie'd not be here To teach us physical ed.
If we all pull together, We're certain to come through And we'll do our best to help you In the job you want to do.
Milne's playing Albany High this afternoon. It's up to the Milne girls to cheer and boost the players. Every one should show up and root for the winning team, Milne!

**Fill Out National Poll Ballot**

The ballot on the left is the one to be filled out by students from the ninth grade up. These should be cut out and turned in by Monday afternoon so that they can be tabulated and the results sent to national headquarters.

The ballot on the right is the one to be filled out by students before making their choice. Check only one item on the sheet. Results of the Milne poll and the national poll will appear in a January issue.
Mitchell Writes From Fort Knox

(EDITOR’S NOTE—Following are some excerpts from a letter written by Nick Mitchell who graduated from Milne in 1943. The letter is written to Dr. Frederick.)

DEAR DR. FREDERICK:

I want to apologize for not writing, but it has been too much as a beehive since I arrived here.

Fort Knox is a replacement training center for the armored command. That means I’ll be in either the armored infantry or in a tank division.

We follow the typical army routine here. It’s rise and shine every morning at 5:30. They keep you on the go until 5:30 p.m.

NICK MITCHELL

I will be given instruction on every type of gun there is. Already I’ve fired the Garand Rifle, Carbine, and Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, 50 Calibre Machine Gun, 8mm Mortar, 37mm Cannon, and 75mm Cannon. The last two are mounted on light and medium tanks respectively. I will also be able to drive everything from a jeep to a medium tank.

We have two Chinese officers observing my company’s training. They are about the best men I’ve ever met. It makes men proud to have such wonderful people as the Chinese allies. They deserve more credit than they are getting.

If there is still a CRIMSON AND WHITE I sure would like to receive it. Anything with Milne High White lettering would be appreciated.

Have you done anything for the war effort?

H.S. Mitchell

Junior Club Council Holds First Session

The Junior Club Council held its first meeting on Wednesday, November 10, in room 124. The council, which is made up of the presidents of all the Junior High Clubs, opened the meeting by holding elections for officers. Don Jarret was elected president, Alan Moszk, vice-president, and Florence Jain, secretary. They then discussed the Club charter and its requirements. Members then decided to return to their clubs and find the opinions of the club members on individual club identification cards. The meeting then adjourned.

Senior Class Selects Cap and Gown Group

Members of the Milne senior class attended a class meeting on Tuesday, November 23, at 12:27, in the Page Hall auditorium. At Bingham, class president, presided over the meeting.

Dr. Robert W. Frederick came to the meeting and gave a short talk about the “bad behavior of the modern generation,” as it was described in a newspaper article published before the year 1868.

Janice O’Connell, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Al Bingham appointed a committee to attend to the matter of caps and gowns. Those appointed to the committee were: Charles Hopkins, Jim Myers, Betty Gallup, and Luba Goldberg.

There was some discussion concerning the senior pictures. Each sitting costs the senior a dollar, for which he gets eight proofs.

Harmanus Bleecker Library Acquires Several New Books

The Harmanus Bleecker Library recently released a list of their new books. Those of special interest include:


Milne Male Octet To Entertain Assembly

Milne's newest musical organization, the male ensemble, has prepared plans for the coming year. Under the direction of Miss Frieda Klaiman, the group has prepared an interesting repertoire to present in assemblies during the year. The singers comprising this octet are Jack McGrath, Herb Lucas, Robert Bauer, Lenny Jones, Dick Grace, Larry Clark, Johnny Knox, and Frank Hall. They practice in the Page Hall auditorium on Wednesdays and in the music room on Fridays. The group will make its debut at the Christmas assembly program.

Milne Boys Form Club For Rifle Enthusiasts

A rifle club for Milne’s gun-minded students has finally started. “We are practicing every Thursday night at the Albany Garage, under the leadership of Mr. Zone Carpenter,” said Edgar Wokman, president of the club.

We went on to say that the one trouble with a rifle club is that it is quite impossible now, so we are shooting under the Marine Corps Rifle League.

Other officers of the club are: Paul Distelhurst, vice-president, Arthur Krause, secretary, and Ray Blanchard, treasurer.

ATTEND THE BIG PEP RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT AT 8 O’CLOCK

Basketball Game Today

Discussions

BIGGEST musical news of the times is the return of Gene Krupa to Broadcasting. This isn’t the best of the many “Sugar Foot” recordings by Fletcher, but it is a worthwhile collector’s item. Berny Davis has released “So Long” and “Get in Touch With Me.” All we can say is “ouch!” You think you have heard bad singing? This chick sounds like a long distance telephone.

Harry James also comes in for a resinette job this week. “Flight of the Bumble Bee” and “My Greatest Mistake,” two more sides transferred from the defunct Variety label. You’re all familiar with the beehive jive. In case you care, Dick Haymes is credited as vocalist on the reverse.

While ago we mentioned Perry Como, a young unknown, as a sure bet for future recognition. Again we repeat “watch him.” He’s already climbed up a notch on the ladder of success.

Dr. Robert W. Frederick, principal, delivered a speech entitled “Compulsory Military Training for Our Youth” on Monday, November 8, over WGY.

Dr. Frederick discussed the relative merits of both sides of the question by presenting an average high school student as an example. After considering the point that military training for American youth would not prevent further war, Dr. Frederick draws the conclusion that uniforms on the high school boys of America would be evidence of the fact that we have been defeated instead of victorious in the present war.

Things to Come

Friday, December 3

12:57 — Junior Student Council Meeting

3:00-6:00 — Basketball — Albany High School—Away.

Saturday, December 4

8:00-11:00 P. M.—Pep Assembly—Auditorium and Gym.

Tuesday, December 7

9:15—9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade Regular Class
days.

12:57—Senior High Assembly.


3:06—Faculty Meeting.

Wednesday, December 8

Nothing Special Scheduled.

Thursday, December 9

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Grade Report Cards Given Out in Homerooms.

12:27 — Senior Student Council Meeting.

Friday, December 10

12:57 — Junior Student Council Meeting.

Basketball Game Today

by Eleanor