Merry Christmas Milnites

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Assembly Program Precedes Vacation

Christmas vacation for Milne students began with the Christmas assembly today at 1:30 p.m., in Page Hall auditorium.

First on the afternoon's program, the band played Wade's "Adeste Fideles" followed by "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" sung by the senior choir. The band then rendered a Christmas medley of American and old Welsh tunes.

Choir Presents Songs

Next, "No Candle Was There and No Fire," by Lehman, and a Negro spiritual entitled "Little David Play On Your Harp" were presented by the senior girls' choir and the whole senior choir respectively.

The choir, aided by a solo group from the junior choir, then sang "Little Boy Blue" by Nevin and Watson.

Audience Sings

Mr. York, head of the Music Department, who conducted the preceding program then led all groups in "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The audience joined in singing these two pieces.

The local director of the Protestant Family Welfare Association, Mr. Fitzgerald, Anne Crocker, Arthur Milne students' work in this program then led all groups to the assembly fountain pen, ball point pen and pencil set.

Crimson and White Awarded the prize for the contest of last year.
**What's Christmas?**

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Throughout the halls of school, the streets, the stores, everywhere, these greetings are exchanged along with happy smiles.

What do they mean?

- Hope you get a lot of nice presents? Hope your tree is big and pretty? Hope you don't get stuck with any homework over the holidays? Hope you get a lot of sleep? Is this what we infer when we say "Merry Christmas"?

It makes us wonder if, with all the gaudy baubles and tinsel, we haven't lost sight of the true spirit of Christmas.

We're all aware of the "feeling" that prevails in the atmosphere at Christmas time. There's usually snow and the weather is often nippy. The stores are jammed. Everyone is buying presents and cards and wreaths and pretty wrapping paper. We see red and green everywhere (even in the C. & W.). Is this Christmas?

- Do we forget how very humble the first Christmas was? There were no Christmas cards, no wreaths, no colored lights, no trees.

But come to think of it, maybe our modern Christmas isn't as commercial as it might appear. Ever notice how friendly those bustling crowds seem to be at Christmas? Everyone seems to enjoy picking out a gift that he thinks will please Mother or Dad or one of his friends.

And isn't this the real spirit of Christmas? This spirit of giving? Not just gifts, but a little pleasure and happiness.

Maybe we haven't lost Christmas after all.

**Coming?**

- "Blue Moon, you saw me standing alone . . ."

Well, you won't be standing alone on the 29th of December!

- "Why not?" you say.

- "The Alumni Ball," I say. "You're coming, of course."

- "Oh, I don't know, I . . ."

Now wait a minute, Joe and Josie Milnite. Stop right there. Have you heard the wonder-ful plans the junior class has made? Wonderful decorations, refreshing refreshments, terrific band and a tremendous evening, in general.

It's hard work preparing for a big dance, such as the Alumni Ball. The various committee members have put a lot of time and effort into the plans for this dance. They've shoudlered much of the responsibility. When you're a junior, you'll see what we mean. (If you're a senior, you already know!)

We hope you get a lot of nice presents! Hope your tree is big and pretty! Hope you don't get stuck with any homework over the holidays! Hope you get a lot of sleep! Is this what we infer when we say "Merry Christmas"?

**ALUMNEWS**

Bettie Mac Froelich '48, wife of Robert Karch of Glendale, L. L., Thanksgiving Day in the First Presbyterian Church, while Eve Morgan '46, has announced her engagement to Tom Dyer.

Nelcy Belbot '39, a sophomore at Wells College, played the part of Lady Agatha Carlisle in her school's production of Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan."

Beverly Cott '50, a senior at the Milne High School, has been selected for the LaSalle Junior College chorus. "Larry" Walker '50, is a Delta Delta Delta at Colby College in Maine.

Bob Leslie '48, spent Thanksgiving vacation visiting his sister Barbara '47, at Oberlin college.

Ex-Milnites who were seen at our Senior Prom were "Larry" Hollister, Janet Hock, Harry Umbildd, Reddie Jones, and "Mal" Haggerty, all of '50.

Helen Cupp and Paul Hubbs '39, were seen cheering Milne on at the Milne vs. St. Peter's basketball game.

Joan Clark '50, gave an open house for the class of '50 during the Thanksgiving vacation. A letter from the English Department has been received from "Eddie" Jacobs '50, last year's editor-in-chief of the Crimson and White.

---Sue 'n Chris---
RAINING?

WHITE CHRISTMAS (?)

NAUGHTY NAUGHTY

REMEmBER?
Thomson Gets Santa's Taxes At North Pole

Yesterday I spoke with a start and relieved the anxiety of the day when I found Santa Claus taxes. Only the fact that Santa Claus is always nice to me when I go up there each year. He always knows the government and is a person.

I jumped out of bed onto the cold floor, hopped into long red flannels, and pulled on five sweaters. I rushed to the barn to kick up the bathtub for my trip. You see, I have two flying treakles, Azor and Toto. They are very sweet, but they always want to lick your face. Of course you know what treakles are, don't you? If you don't just look down a treakle well till you see one. Well, Azor and Toto pull Hercules, my flying bathtub. Hercules never says much because he can't talk.

Enough about my family. On with my adventure.

Up over the roof tops I flew, faster and faster I flew; 70, 80, 90 miles a minute. I was traveling. Why, it got so cold, Azor and Toto had to take turns riding with me to keep warm. I could have turned the water on in the bathtub but I thought that it might get a little moist.

Finally I arrived and was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their 12 grandchildren. Mrs. Claus insisted that I stay for a few days. I agreed because I realized that my name would be on the attendance slip the next day, and I just love to see my name in print.

For supper we had the most delicious snowman steaks with all the trimmings. For dessert we had backed treakles in a circle. Of course you don't eat the cart, but it still adds color to the dinner.

Then the work started. There was much to do so everyone had to help. First, I went outside to dig for doll voices. This is a very exciting task. You take a 10-foot pole and drive it into the ground and listen. When you hear a voice say "Mama," you start digging. You must reach the voice before it stops. Then when you catch a voice you put it into a pan of warm water so it won't freeze.

I began to get cold so I went home. All of a sudden, doll voices started yelling and there was much confusion. Have you ever had your pockets full of voices yelling "Mama"?

Now I have a problem. Should I come home, or am I safer here? After all you might get your hands on me for writing his story.

Well anyway, Yrrem Saintsirche. That's backwards. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

THE STAFF OF THE CRIMSON AND WHITE WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

PLEASE, SANTA

Senior Room

Dear Santa,

We seniors, Santa, have so much to ask you but we will try to keep our lists small and full of only important things. We'd like:

1. To refill our false-teeth store in case there are any more seniors who want to taste the gym floor as Judy Ostrander did recently.

2. To make things safer, Santa, will you bring us a "Slow Children Playing" sign for us to carry when we walk down the street like Ronnie Hughes did last year? He’d also like a very complete insurance policy in case he has any more accidents.

3. Two of the seniors want to know if you have a doorbell or a knocker for the senior room door. It would certainly be a nice gift.

4. All the boys would like you to bring them cowboy hats. Hapalong Cassidy is the preferred kind but please remember they don’t like bright colors.

5. Paul Eckert could use a round-trip ticket to Pennsylvania so he can get back to his parties quickly.

6. And, Santa, if you could arrange it with some store for us to get free records for the senior room, we will have our parties there. But this presents a new problem for where will we hang records? Do you have a few coat stands to give us? Just put them next to the subway to "Ed."?

7. And, Santa, the girls want you to look way down into your sack to see if you have a few guys for them and there is someone who would be mighty pleased to get a V.M.I. cadet for Christmas.

Well, here’s our list and we hope that there isn’t too much for you to send us. And if we are good little seniors, please bring us a wonderful Christmas.

—The Seniors.

Who Am I?

By BRENDA SANDBERG

I am an organization that everybody should join. My picture hangs near almost every room in Milne. I represent a very worthy cause. I have a fine reputation, and I am a friend of all.

Everybody knows me or has heard of me. I aid people throughout all the world. Everybody should join hands with me to do a good deed for people in need.

You have to pay only a little to join me, but by your tiny contribution you will be helping me to help millions of people out of their difficulties.

You have probably guessed by now that I am the Red Cross.

Join the Junior Red Cross today!

A Feast

By MICHAEL DE PORTE, 7th Grade

Christmas is my favorite day So different from the rest. For on that day we’re gonna eat Some white meat from the breast.

Oh, when I smell the fragrance Of the turkey roasting brown, My mouth it starts to water, Oh, when can we sit down?

And then I stuff myself, Full of turkey meat, Until I can no longer Stand in my feet.

Christmas comes but once a year I’m sorta glad of that, If Christmas came everyday My word, would I be fat!

Young Milnites Spare Tibbetts Much Trouble

BY EDITH CROSS

Mr. Tibbitts won’t have any trouble finding careers for the seventh graders if they can all be judged by the home room presidents. We had three very interesting careers planned for ourselves when they graduate.

From Loudonville

Mary Kilbrough, president of home room 101, is to be a gym teacher. Mary is that tall, attractive, blue-eyed gal you see clamoring off the school bus every morning. Yup, she hails from good "ole" Loudonville. She attended Loudonville school before she came to Milne and held the office of president of her class last year. Mary may also be a skater skater at Hoffman’s every Saturday afternoon. Skating is about her favorite sport, but she plans to figure skate if she gets a chance. Although Mary is interested in music, she has taken fewer classes than anyone and is a member of the junior choir. Mary is also very interested in art, and draws in her spare time.

Interested in Engineering

R.P.L. seems to be a favorite college for many boys in Milne as it is for Paul Cohen, president of Mr. Harwood’s home room. Paul’s favorite subjects are math and English. He was born in New York City, but moved to Albany at a very tender age. Paul would likely be very much an engineer but in the meantime, he is satisfied in being an amateur photographer.

Paul has a very famous uncle, as far as the Milne gang is concerned. This uncle has a store on Lake Avenue is owned by none other than "Uncle Eddie."

Keep Hamsters

Of course, when twins enter Mr. Harwood’s home room, we know about it, but did you know that Bruce Fitzgerald, the youngest of the famous twins has a large collection of pets? Bruce, president of Mrs. Madigan’s home room, has a rabbit, bird, dog and a flock of hamsters.

Bruce was born in New York City also. He states, "I’d rather be born down South because too many people are born in New York." You have a point there, Bruce.

Plans To Attend Cornell

Bruce plans on going to Cornell to become a veterinarian. As you can foretell by the number of pets he has, Bruce will probably make a good one.

Though there are many advantages to being a twin, Bruce says that people are forever considering him and his brother as one. People will give his sister five dollars, while Bruce and Bruce will just get two dollars and fifty cents apiece. Bruce doesn’t share the office of any kind of pet anywhere. Although, and he is doing a very capable job.

The goals of the home room presidents are set very high, but if they continue to work as they are now, all three of them will reach the top.

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Milne Turns Back New Lebanon, 61-52; Manhasset of Long Island Triumphs

Milne's quintet opened the basketball season with a 61-52 trouncing of an aggressive New Lebanon team on the loser's court, November 21, in a game which proved to be close until the fading minutes of the contest.

The Red Raiders jumped into a 5-2 lead early in the first quarter, but New Lebanon tied the score at 9-9 midway through the period. Milne took the lead again for a 10-8 margin at the quarter.

New Lebanon grabbed an 11-10 lead as the second stanza began, but Milne rallied for six straight points to go ahead. The two squads fought almost evenly for the rest of the period, giving Milne a 25-21 margin at half time.

**Rams Nail Milne in League Game:**

St. Peter's of Saratoga Wins

Van Rensselaer High School defeated Milne, 37-34, in a hard fought, closely played Class C League encounter on the Page Hall court, December 8.

Milne's hoopsters showed deadly accuracy as they scored on 41%, or 15 of 37 attempts, in the contest. Van Rensselaer shot 46%, or 19 of 41, in the game.

**Football Players Awarded Letters**

In a recent Pop Assembly held in the school auditorium, Coach Greggi awarded varsity letters to the players on Milne's six-man team.

**Ring Stick Hockey Begins**

Ring stick hockey has started in the gym classes and it proves to be a welcome change from murder ball. Hockey intramurals are held on Mondays and Thursdays for the senior high, and on Wednesdays and Fridays for the junior high. The senior high teams are Barbara Van Dyke, Nancy Bryant, Mickey McGrath, Mary Allen Leete, and W.A. Smith. The junior team comprises Janet Vino, Sally Simmons, Judy Hallenbeck, Ann Gayle, Alice Gossell, Mimi Ryan, and Deirdre Becker head the junior high teams.

Bowling will start at Rixe's bowling alleys, right after Christmas vacation. This will be played every Wednesday during your gym classes.

Milne has been invited to a baseball playoff sponsored by Albany High, which will be held at Phillip Livingston Junior High on January 13. Several area schools will participate in this playoff.

You gals had better not forget to keep all your boots and belongings in the locker room, in case you are short of some change! Yes, everyone! McLaughlin finds a stray belonging in the locker room, she will keep it until you claim it; and then you must pay five cents to get it back. Occasionally, incidentally, all the money that is collected will be deposited in the M.G.A.A. treasury.

**Learn Your Cheers**

The J.V. and varsity cheerleaders are working hard this year to make their squads good ones. However, some of you seem rather dubious about the words of the cheers, so here is a list of a few of them.

**Tommie Talks**

The roller skating party at Hoffman's Stamps on December 9 proved to be a huge success. Nearly one hundred Milne girls and also some Milne boys who were there found that roller skating really is a lot of fun. Surprisingly enough, most girls found little difficulty in appearing at home on the rink. But Delly '32, Sandy Baird '32, and Frances '33, proved to us that they really have the perfect skates. Miss Murray amazed many of the seventh graders by gliding by them on her skates with the greatest of ease.

**Stand 'em On Their Heads**

Can't be beat!

**Open the Gate**

Open the gate, open the gate
Give us room to circulate.
We're not rough, we're not tough.
We're from Milne, that's enough.

**Shoot 'em in the Basket**

Shoot 'em in the basket,
Bounce 'em on the floor.
Cone on the air,
Rise that score!
Have a Very Merry Christmas,
everyone!

**Milne JV Beat St. Peter's**

Dan Coombs paced the Milne Jayvee to a close 31-27 thriller over St. Peter's Jayvees by scoring 15 points.
Seniors Accept Their Privileges Gratefully

By BARBARA STEWMAN

The fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty, will go down in the annals of time as “Independence Day” to approximately 65 seniors in the class of 1951, in the Milne School. It was on this date, a cold, miserable, rainy day that great shouts of triumph were heard echoing throughout the halls, proclaiming to the unfortunate lower classmen that at long last, ’51 had received its senior privileges.

Senior privileges! Two sacred words, forever to be preserved in the hearts of upperclassmen. What do these words mean? They represent a goal toward which we have striven since our entrance into Milne in the seventh grade. They stand for effort on the part of all in the senior class to become good citizens, to share our responsibilities and to be aware of the way is the way to success. All these things play a part, for the privileges are not given for nothing, nor is any good thing.

In definition, the words senior privileges, we may say that to us, they are mostly the privilege of going off the campus of Milne. Where do we go? Silly people! At exactly 11:03 a.m. one great cloud of dust may be seen by the survivors as the class heads for—you guessed it—“Ed’s.” In storms or fair weather, from now until graduation day, this will be the place to which we migrate (reminiscent of “The Swallows of Capistrano”) for lunch and a quick chat before we return to the old “grindstone.”

It is the sincere wish of the class of ’51 that our buddies, the class of ’52, may enjoy these privileges as much as we are.

What If?

Beverly were a hat instead of a Ball?
Bob were a cloak instead of a Callender?
Sue were a derrick instead of a Crane?
Rosemarie and Edith were kind instead of Cross?
Ruth were a bleacher instead of a Dyer?
Barbara and Brenda were hamburghs instead of Sandbergs?
Charles were ag elk instead of a Moose?
Sue were South instead of North?
Frank were a Waterman instead of a P. S. 4. Entering Milne in his sophomore year, he became a member of the M.B.A.A. in his junior year. When Art stated that he had no particular dislikes we were astounded; too bad we didn’t have more people in this world like him. On the other hand, Art’s likes are many. Toppling the list is a small blonde who likes big horses. He is fond of sleeping mornings to avoid the eight o’clock rush.

Cheers Increase Team Spirit

“T-E-A-M, yea team,” came the cries from the Page Hall auditorium on Friday, December 8, on the occasion of the first pep assembly of the year. Varsity and varsity cheerleaders led the seniors in several cheers. Luis Tewell, our leading captain, introduced Harry J. Grogan, athletic director and head coach. He awarded the football letters to this year’s team and also introduced the 1950-51 varsity basketball team.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Roy York, Jr., added to the event by performing some school songs and other selected pieces. Prior to the pep assembly a drama group from State college presented a one-act play, entitled “The Man in the Bowler Hat,” by A. A. Milne.

Milne Band Reaches Peak

“The Milne band is better this year than ever before,” said Mr. Roy York, Jr., school music director. After Christmas vacation the band will play at all week day, home basketball games.

During the intermission between the varsity and junior varsity games, the band will play selections. The rest of the playing time will be devoted to school songs, the national anthem, before the first toss-up, and of course, closing with the Alma Mater.

Mr. York particularly requests that students join the band by singing with it on the school songs.

Callender Selects Senior Committees

Robert Callender, president of the senior class, appointed the members of the caps and gowns and announcements committees recently.

Chairman of the announcements committee is John Kinum, Ruth Staley, George McDonough, Robert Tewell, Elaine Stein, Barbara Sandberg and Robert Callender are assisting her.

Harry Stevens, Harold Vine, Pat Ashworth, Edith Cross and Robert Callender have charge of ordering the caps and gowns.

Mr. Gerald Snyder and Mr. Jack Knall, homeroom supervisors, are working with the groups.

Junior Class Takes Vocational Tests

Juniors took the Kuder Preference tests in their homerooms on Wednesday, December 5. This test is given to find out what the interests of each student are in different fields of work. Information may help in his or her choice of a career.

During homeroom periods the juniors are being helped by State Teachers college students to pick out their vocations. This program includes discussing points on how to apply for college, what subjects are required, and reading some books published by the different colleges.

After Christmas vacation, the English department will offer a project to assist the juniors in their choice of a vocation. Having received the results of the tests each student will be better equipped to work on his project.

Praise Be For Petty Woes

Praise be to God for petty woes, For frosted-nipped hands and heavy coats.

For a run in a pair of nylon hose, And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes, For uncovered books and a slip that shows.

For a locker shared by an unbidden guest, And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes, For worn-out gloves and a shiny nose.

For locker crowds and boots that stray, For the backstage mease at the senior play, And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes, For the Latin verb that nobody knows.

For having to stand on a crowded bus, For getting “C” minus instead of an A plus.

For straggly hair after all one’s fuss, And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

Praise be to God for petty woes, For Alumni Balls and stepped-on toes.

For baby-sitting on Saturday night, And a shrieking alarm in the morning.

—By a Senior.

Society Leaders Discuss Plans

Representing the five Milne society at a meeting to discuss inter-society plans were the presidents of Zeta Sigma, Quinillithian, Theta Nu, Adonis and Theusim societies—Lois Levine, Judy Traver, Arthur Cardell, Harry Stevens, and Richard Fitts, respectively. Ways and means of raising money, and at the same time bringing together the bands in order to create a more profitable enterprise, were discussed. Joint sponsorship of a debate was suggested and this will be brought up in the individual societies along with any other ideas the members may have.

As yet no definite plans have been made, but watch for an announcement of an activity sponsored by the society council in the near future.

Things to Come

Wed., Dec. 20

Christmas Vacation

Fri., Dec. 29

Alumni Ball, Page Hall gym

Wed., Jan. 3

School resumes—8:10 A.M.

SINGING!! PRAISE!!