**Homerooms Give Christmas Cheer**

Eighteen families will have a merrier Christmas thanks to the efforts of Milne students. These families are the recipients of Christmas packages prepared by Milne homerooms.

Throughout the past week, Milnites brought in items, ranging from little toys to huge tins of food, to help the family whose home-room is sponsoring. Clothes, especially for children, and just plain money have also been contributed.

**Yearly Giving Extravaganza**

Every year Catholic Charities provides information about nine needy families to the Milne administration. The Protestant Family and Children’s service of Albany also provides nine families.

Each homeroom is given a family from Catholic Charities one year, then a family from the Protestant Service the next year. The homerooms know neither the family nor the Service providing it.

The Services pick up the packages on the afternoon of the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Usually about a ton of merchandise is collected.

There are as many plans for filling the packages as there are homerooms. Some homerooms make out a complete menu for a day, and then provide all the food in the menu. Others bring in money and have a committee purchase the food and food for the children. Still others give enough money to cover expenses for a Christmas meal.

**Music Introduces Merry Christmas**

Milne’s music department annually introduces Christmas vacation with a concert. Directed by Dr. Roy York, the Milnettes and Milnemen and Junior choir entertained the student body on December 19.

The Milnettes began this year’s Christmas program by singing “Adoramus Te,” a stately devotional hymn by Palestrina and Swift. In contrast to this was “White Night” by Marjorie Ellet.

**Groups Sing Varied Program**

The Milnemen joined the Milnettes in singing the gentle, graceful “Mediation.” From the receptive joy of “Mediation,” they changed to the lighthearted delight of “Riding, Riding” by Mitchell and Skyles. Winston Hamilton was the tenor soloist in the selection.


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Margaret Childers concluded the program at the piano with five gay Rumanian folk dances by Bartok.

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**Societies Inaugurate**

Quintilliaan and Zeta Sigma, the two girls’ literary societies, inaugurated their new members at banquets last week.

Quin had its banquet at Herbert’s restaurant Wednesday, December 10. The new members provided entertainment. Sigma members enjoyed their banquet at Jack’s restaurant Thursday, December 11. Their new members also provided the entertainment. Quin and Sigma together are planning a sock hop January 9.

**Crocker Prowls**

Betty Crocker is searching for the American Home Maker of Tomorrow. December 2, 1958, seventeen senior Milne girls took the Betty Crocker test of homemaking knowledge and attitude. There are scholarships and trips to Washington for the winners.


**Stress Woman’s Importance**

This program, set up by General Mills, is designed to help the high schools of America build a stronger home through the strengthening of home and enriching family living. The most important reason for the program is to impress on all high school senior girls the importance of their role in the future of America.

**Council Visits Voorheesville**

Voorheesville High school was the scene of a student council workshop December 2, 1958. Eight Milne students attended the workshop, where current topics and ideas were discussed.

Milne presented thoughts on “Smoking Areas in High School," its workshop topic. Delegates Bob Blaney, Larry Giventer, Dick Collins, Fred Taylor, Tom Rider, Bonnie Reed, Ricki Stewart and Joan Kaltenbach conducted the discussion.

**Speaker, Groups Discuss**

Jacob H. Herzog, Adjunct-Governor of New York state, opened the first session of the Milne workshop December 2, 1958. Eight Milne members attended the workshop, where current topics and ideas were discussed.

**Neophytes Now Know News Views**

C. & W., members and other interested students attended a journalism class in room 229 December 2, 3, and 5.

George Houston, editor of the C. & W., conducted the classes. On the first day, he explained several rules of good news writing. The construction of a lead paragraph, the preparation of copy, and body construction were discussed.

At the end of the first session everyone received a sheet which contained the facts of three sample situations. The second and third periods of study were spent going over the news stories as written by the students, who were then encouraged to criticize and revise their work.

**Seniors Get Ideas**

Larry Giventer, chairman; Jon Harvey, Julie Propp and Ann Wilson, members of the executive committee, have been organizing this year’s Career Series.

January 8, during homeroom period, an interior designer and a chemist will speak on their respective vocations.

January 15, the topics will be dentistry, broadcasting, and entertainment.
The Christmas Spirit

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the entire Milne staff, I would like to extend that and all of the other season's greetings to each of you Milne students. You may be sure that you will have many happy thoughts throughout the Holiday Season, and we will be hoping that this will be the most enjoyable Christmas you have ever had.

As you enter this season with joy and thankfulness for all that you receive, you will keep in mind the idea that there is another side to this coin, that of giving. We hope that you will devote some of your extra winter money to someone who is not quite so fortunate as you. Your response to the Christmas basket program in the home rooms is one way in which you can do this. We are sure that you will find others.

Concern for the needs of others is one of the signs of the maturity which we are trying to help you develop. If you can get satisfaction out of helping others, you will have the Christmas Spirit indeed and our wish for a Merry Christmas for you will come to fulfillment.

Theodore H. Fossieck, Principal

League Rewards

Sportsmanship

Milne, as a school, has a chance to win an award this year. The Capital District league is experimenting with an award for the most sportsmanlike school at basketball games.

Winning every game, each referee will rate the team, the cheerleaders, and the fans, as to their sportsmanship. He will mark his ratings on a card provided for that purpose and mail the card to the secretary of the league.

Let's Win!

At the end of the season, the ratings will be tabulated. The school rated by the referees as having the best sportsmanship will win the award.

Fans are to be judged generally as to their behavior and actions during the game. If Milne is to win this award, the fans at the basketball games must be reasonable. They should demonstrate both intelligence and knowledge of the game.

Look What's Coming

Friday, December 19

School dismissed for Christmas recess.

Basketball: Milne vs. Academy at home.

Monday, December 22

Alumni Ball, Brubacher hall.

Saturday, January 1

College Entrance Examination Board.

Basketball: Shenendehowa away, Friday, January 16.

Basketball: Rensselaer, at home. Friday, January 23.

Basketball: Watervliet, away.

Yearbook Sells Ads.

Sarah Gerhardt, Advertising editor of the Crimson and White, and her staff have made approximately $475 on ads for the yearbook. All senior portraits have been taken, and the cover is to be finished soon.

THE SENIOR ROOM

Students' Opinions

Question: What is your outlook on the senior room?

Wilma Mathura—Sooner the Juniors

Connie Evans—It's great and could be a useful way of unifying our class.

Stu Horn—It's traditional and a privilege, but only those who acquire good marks deserve it.

Max Striebel—I don't think it should be abandoned; it's a perfect place to relax and get away from the rush outside the door.

Bowie Wilder—I don't care what happens to it, I won't be in this year.

Carol Hukay—It's very convenient for doing homework and relaxing.

Richard Lockwood—I think it's a great privilege for seniors. Each year the senior class looks forward to it.

Maria Peraldi—They didn't better take it away. It's the only escape from the hubbub of the halls.

Dick McMillan—It's a great place to do homework, I don't know what I would do without it.

Fred Bass—I think definitely it should be converted to an office for Dr. Moore.

Dick Grear—I have no opinion about it. It doesn't matter either way.

Barbara Lester—I want the senior room. That's what all seniors look forward to.

Dave Certner—I think it should be turned over to Dr. Moore.

Bob Bildersee—It's a great place if you can get into it.

Linda White—I'm completely indifferent.

Bob Bildersree—The space is not employed to the best advantage of the students.

Editor's Opinion

Milne has long been noted for its formal treatment of students. Their budget and rules are designed to build and maintain discipline. They accept responsibility and are treated as intelligent people. Senior privileges are another part of this liberality, and the Senior room is one of the chief senior privileges.

The Senior room was founded to help seniors learn to accept responsibility and become mature persons. It was originally meant to aid in the growth and development of the seniors.

Room Loses Original Purpose

Does it serve the purpose now? No. There are extensive and detailed instructions as to the treatment of this room, down to "waste paper must be thrown in waste paper baskets." It doesn't take much intelligence to follow these rules; a senior need not be responsible to follow this list of laws.

Yet this is not all. The Senior room has become a social place for those students who get good marks and follow school rules. Does this make responsible students? All this does is establish the Senior room as an award given to those students who obediently follow school regulations and keep up their marks.

Two Solutions Possible

There are two ways this problem may be solved. First, if the statement that "any seniors demonstrating responsibility, in the faculty, may use the Senior room," were substituted for the present laws, the room would lose some of its reward-for-being-good quality. Second, and probably more permanent (though not necessarily better) would be the complete disbanding of the Senior room and the establishment of it as a classroom.

Milne Merry-Go Round

Ann Riley, Bob Huff, Mary Ann Galpin, Sue Johnstone, Jeff Sperry, Chuck Barbaro, Keith Shaver, Elaine, Alice Joe Allions, Sandy Scoons, Chuck Oliver and Rod Abele cheered Milne to victory against Collesekill.

According to Pete Quackenbush, Jane Siegfried, Bob Miller, Chris Rourke, Janine Humphrey, Mike Wade, Helen Alpert, Janet Arnold, Sarah Gerhardt, Barbara Faulkner, Sheila Hoff and many others, The Night of January 16th was a big hit.

Mike Ungerman must have greatly enjoyed acting in the play, because he gave a wonderful open house. Faith Meyer, Barbara Reynolds, Bill Nathan, Jon Harvey, Sheila Burke, Myron LaMora, Ricky Santier, Clara Schmidt and many others had a wonderful time.

George Jenkins, Glenn Simmons, Sandy Berman, Alan Markowitz, Stu Horn, Howie Ott, Keith Shaver and Mike Cleman have been seen bowling at some of the local alleys.

Art Bass, Pete Quackenbush, Jerry Gibson, Mike Russell, Alice Wilcox, Janet Arnold, Steve Cosgrave and Ellen Price are in the Polar Bear club. Rules: Eat outside in winter!

Barbara Corbat, Nikki Genden, Nancy Feldman, Ellen Wolkin, Sue London, Laurie Hyman and Eileen Dunn were at the A.B.C. Thanksgiving dance.

Only Sue Scher, Sue Weinstein, Kate Wirshing, Sue Presse, Ellen Hammond, Mary Taylor, Mary Grear, Sherry Spritzer, Karen Thorsen, Lorraine Maynard, Diane Brown, Ilia Michaelson, Marion Kittirsch, Cherie Dominici, Krieger Casianno, Carol Magdorn, Peggy Crane, Barbara Toole, Betty Kligman, Lynn Criss, Christine Rourke, Mary Ann Galpin and many others went on M.G.A.A. bowling.

Nancy Feldman, Susan Tseider, Barbara Axelrod, Karen Giventer, Elaine Feldman, Judy Safranko, Carolyn Lannon, Susan Weinstock, Kate Wirshing, Elaine Tolokonsky, Sheila Goldberg, Judy Margolis and Barbara Richman attended the Interfaith Youth rally at Temple Beth Emeth.

CONNY, DAVE and GAY

I forgot my scarf!
Non-League Win

Lone Victory

In the first two weeks of competition, Milne has only been able to come up with one victory in five games, a non-league affair with Cohoes. The four losses were to Shenendehowa in the Capital District league, and its winless record leaves Milne alone in the cellar.

Burch by One in Overtime

In the most thrilling encounter of the young season, Lansingburgh eked out a 54-53 decision over Milne in two overtimes.

A sparse home crowd was treated to a nip and tuck battle in which the outcome was not decided until six minutes of overtime play had been completed.

Milne appeared to be in complete control with a four-point lead at the end of the second quarter, 27-22. At the start of the second half, Coach Tye unleashed his full court press which kept Lansingburgh at bay for the third quarter, and Milne entered the fourth quarter leading 38-33.

However, during this defensive maneuver, Wes Jacobs, who had accounted for eight points and played easily his best floor game, grabbing rebounds from the much taller Burch forward, came out to play. Also, Bob Blabey and Jeff Segal and Dick Lockwood amassed 12 fouls between them. Because of the foul situation, the game was in a state of mass confusion, and in the fourth quarter Lansingburgh caught up, knotting the score at 46 all at the end of the fourth period.

Grogan Cans Four in Overtime

Kip Grogan controlled the tip and the Raiders worked the ball along looking for the shot that would give them their first league victory. Grogan hit on successive jump shots to take Milne scoring honors with eleven markers. Wes Jacobs chalked up ten.

Rysendorph Swamps Raiders

Watervliet, one of the four new additions to the Capital district league, handed Milne its first setback behind 6 foot 8 inch Chet Rysendorph's 25 points. The contest was played on the Page hall floor December 5.

Milne started off well, but their 13 to 9 lead after the first quarter quickly evaporated by the Albany city five, who took a 29-20 lead at halftime. Milne closed the gap to four points with successive fast breaks by Bud Mehan and Bob Blabey, but Watervliet, with the giant Rysendorph controlling both boards, expanded their lead to 33-36 after three periods, finally winning by 23 points.

Kip Grogan led Milne's scoring attack with 13 markers, while Dick Collins accounted for 12. Paul Campbell added 19 points to the victor's cause.

Milne will not be able to even its slate until January 17, when the Raiders take on Rensselear by the Arena city five, who took a 29-20 lead at halftime. Milne closed the gap to four points with successive fast breaks by Bud Mehan and Bob Blabey, but Watervliet, with the giant Rysendorph controlling both boards, expanded their lead to 33-36 after three periods, finally winning by 23 points.

B.C.S. Playday Sponsor

Bethlehem Central will welcome one team from each of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades who participate in a volleyball invitational playday. This is an event in which only two schools participate, rather than the conventional playday in which a whole group of schools competes.

It will take place on December 5 at 3 p.m., and we expect our junior high to emerge victorious.

Miss Murray is now selling candy to help raise money so that the hockey teams may come to American in a few years. This candy is exceedingly versatile, and every household should have at least one box. It tastes good and thus may be eaten like candy. It also serves as glue when melted, carbon monoxide when vaporized, and paint when thinned with turpentine. Really, it's good stuff, and we hope everyone will buy some.

J.V. Starts Slowly

A young and inexperienced junior varsity has had a tough time getting off its feet, thus far in the campaign. The squad, comprised mostly of sophomores and freshmen, and only two juniors, has lost their first four encounters without scoring a point.

Milne took an early lead of 6-2 over the Hudson j.v., but it was quickly eliminated as the home team capped a 24 to 23 victory. Daggett was again high scorer for Milne with 11.
Red Cross Organizes

More than 40 pupils attended the first meeting of the Red Cross club. The new officers are Eve Pordasie, vice-president, Barbara Currey; secretary, Joyce Johnson; treasurer, Cherie Dominski.

Christmas parties for the club include making tree trimmings for Albany Home for children and St. Catherine's Home and together with the Red Cross council, singing at Catherine's home and, together with the eight graders, led by Stephen Doling and Mary Ann Gilmore, petitioned the museum to remain in Albany. As a letter to the seventh grade, the museum stated that it was going to remain here in Albany.

Losers are the eighth graders that is known as the Red Cross council, which is made up of selected representatives from the homerooms.

Latin IV Here Now

For the first time in over ten years, a fourth year Latin course is available at Milne. The Latin IV classes are open to all students interested in Red Cross work, and is not to be confused with the Red Cross council, which is made up of selected representatives from the homerooms.

Senior Spotlight

by MARYHA and AARON SHEILA BURKE

You won't see Sheila looking "fogged out" this winter. She gets all the exercise and country air she can use breaking through the snow barrier out there in Altamont trying to get to History class on time. Then she spends any free time (whatever that is) outdoors on ice skating, basketball, eventually rolls around out there. Sheila makes a beeline for Thatcher park and swimming.

You see she really enjoys sports. If just to watch them. One thing that truly infuriates her is being forced to miss basketball games in order to study for chemistry, and she's not play-acting when this happens. However, you did see her dramatizing in the senior play as Nancy Lee Falkner.

She exercises her musical talents for Milnettes every Monday and Wednesday, President of F.H.A. and Mistress of Ceremonies for Sigma, she has revealed her executive abilities.

Sheila, when she can find the time to copy long application blanks, intends to apply to the University of Vermont, New Paltz, and Harpur, one of which she would like to try to learn to teach. This will also complete the list of institutions of learning which Sheila has been associated with since May 5, 1941: Altamont school, Guilderland and Milne.

JON HARVEY

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse".

Suddenly came a gentle sound. It reverberated through the hall. Jon rolled out of bed to the ground. Boy! What a fall!

"What did you expect, chimes?"

This and many other bits of humor are attributed to the subject of this poem, Jon Harvey. But evidently Milne and all Jon does around Milne; he does all sorts of things.

Anybody who knows him realizes how hard Jon has worked; on the B & L as literary editor, as a judge, as a one-man Alumni Ball invitation committee, and as the mainstay on the tennis team.

In all his years at school, Jon has been collecting ideas, and when Milne can no longer affect him, Jon plans to publish his "Memoirs of Milne, in Poetry and Prose."

As a matter of fact, I just happen to have some of his notes at hand—here's one dedicated to Milne:

"When in question or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout!"

Einhorn, Berkun

Take T. U. Test

Steve Einhorn and Howard Berkun represented Milne at the Times-Union American History contest, November 5 at the Washington Avenue armory. About 460 students from the Albany area competed. The first prize is a trip to Washington and Philadelphia for 1 student and one adult.