

## Nilehi Students Send Gift Boxes Through Red Cross to War-Torn Lands

THE NILEHI CHAPTER of the American Junior Red Cross, under the supervision of Miss Alice Line, which began its "Gift Box Project" for children in war devastated lands on December 1, will bring the campaign to a close today.

A treasurer was appointed in each home room to collect the students' contributions. These contributions will go to buy gift boxes which are valued at two dollars apiece.

Since the war, the Red Cross has emphasized that school and health supplies

to help make up the scarcity of such items in these war devastated areas, should be included with gifts.

The Gift Boxes include such items as pencils, paper, tooth brushes, tooth paste, toilet soap, rubber balls, yo-yos, cambs, and wash clothes. The boxes will be packed by 25 active members of the Junior Red Cross at Nilehi.

The school also sends five representatives downtown to the monthly meetings of the Junior Red Cross which operates in Chicago area high schools. The representatives are Jo Anne Eberhardt and Barbara Lange seniors, Ed Beebe, Ted Eckert, and Angela Voznos Juniors. Angela will also take part in the Junior Red Cross "Citizen of Tomorrow" broadcast on December 18 at 7:00 p. m.

## Candlelight Processional To Open Christmas Vespers

A CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL will mark the beginning of the fourth annual "Christmas Vespers" of Nilehi next Sunday afternoon, December 14, at four p. m.

According to Miss Clara Klaus, Nilehi music director, the choir, Glee Club, and Madrigal Singers will be featured at the program. The song presented by the Choir will be "Song of the Holy Night," a cantata based on the theme "Silent Night, Holy Night." Songs by the Glee Club include "Christmas Snows of Sweden," with violin obbligato by Armin Watkins, "The Birthday of a King," "I Wonder as I Wander," and "The Christ of the Snow." The Madrigal Singers will contribute two numbers—"Out of the East" and "Carol of the Birds."

The cantata soloists will be Evelyn Mahnke, Marian Mueller, Eleanor Dyrsen, Frances Tomszak, Nancy Thiel, Kenneth Gengler, and Don Verlenden.

The final number will be the "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by the Choir. Alumni who have sung with the choir in previous years, will be invited to again sing the Hallelujah chorus, and the audience will join in the singing of several favorite carols.

## Six-Day Washington Trip Promises Experiences

### To 125 Nilehi Juniors, Seniors Planning Journey

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 21, a possible 125 Nilehi students will be aboard the Baltimore and Ohio's train, the "Columbian," leaving the Grand Central Station for points east.

This train ride will begin an escorted tour of Washington and colonial Virginia, under the direction of Miss Grace Harbert, problems teacher. The trip will last through the week until Friday when the pupils arrive back in Chicago by the same railroad.

The cost of the tour will be 95

### Nilehi Play is Financial Success

"A Date With Judy" seems to have been a great financial success, according to Miss Doris Tillman, head of ticket sales. Miss Tillman said the first dramatic show at Nilehi ever to have scenery played to a full house of 350 seats both Friday and Saturday nights.

Figure son the total gain were not yet available at the time this was written.

## Snow Ball Is Theme of School's Xmas Dance

SNOW BALLING will be allowed for the first time at Nilehi on the night of December 20, when the school's annual Christmas dance will be held in the assembly room.

The name of this dance will be the "Snow Ball" according to Miss Mary Thurman, head of the G.A.A., who is sponsoring the affair.

A new twist will be added to the dance this year as it is to be semi-formal. This means, says Miss Thurman, that the girls should be dressed in formals or a dressy suit or dress, while the boys should definitely be attired in suits.

Plans have been formulated to decorate the assembly in blue and white, and the music for the evening will be furnished by the Shoreliners.

dollars, which includes every necessary expense, with the exception of personal items and service. A deposit of 30 dollars in January will insure a reservation; payment must be made by March 6. All reservations are to be made through Miss Harbert.

Highlights of the trip, according to Miss Harbert, will be a visit to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, a trip to the Washington Monument, and an excursion to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Students also will spend two nights on the steamer "District of Columbia" during an excursion down the Potomac River to visit the Mariners Museum and then to Jamestown Island, site of the first permanent English settlement.

After stopping at the Smithsonian Investigation, will precede a trip to White House. A tour of Annapolis and the United States Naval Academy will set the mood for an evening visit to the Lincoln Memorial. A tour through the most modern of crime laboratories, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, will precede a trip to the United States capital, where the group may have a noppportunity to see Congress in session.

The students will next visit the Supreme Court, which will be the last point of interest visited before the return trip home.

### Sympathy

The staff of the Nilehilite extends its sympathy to Loretta Donaldson, senior, whose mother died recently.

## Hi-Y Discusses 'Boy and Girl Dating' at Meeting

### With Girls From Tri Hi-Y at Evanston Y. M. C. A.

"BOY AND GIRL Dating," was the subject four students from Northwestern University discussed before the Nilehi boys Hi-Y Club at a recent meeting in the Evanston Y.M.C.A.

Twenty-one boys from Nilehi and 30 girls from the Girls Tri-Hi-Y and the Y. W. C. A. attended the meeting.

Many phases of "Boy and Girl Dating" were discussed. While they were discussing how long should a girl keep a boy waiting, Bill Kella, Nilehi senior,

said that sometimes he enjoyed talking with the parents more than he enjoyed the date with the girl. The discussants also came to the conclusion that it was not necessary to go on "expensive" dates.

Mr. George V. Roth, advisor, announced that the Hi-Y Club was going to manage a checkroom during the Nilehi home basketball games. According to Mr. Roth, the purpose of doing this is "to raise some money for the Hi-Y Club."



## SHORT CUTS

### Math Award to Be Given to Senior

Mr. T. J. Kiviluoma, chairman of the math department at Nilehi, announced recently that the math department has decided to present a mathematics award to the Senior student who is considered most worthy.

Mr. Kiviluoma believes that the honor will be bestowed at the senior breakfast along with the other awards for school achievements. The final judgment will be based on the winner's math grades throughout his school career plus his other scholastic accomplishments and his extra-curricular activities.

### S.C.C. Visits Maxwell Street

Last Sunday, December 7, the "See Chicago Club" under the direction of Miss Grace Harbert, problems teacher, visited Chinatown and Maxwell Street. This was the fourth in a series of trips planned for the club this year.

According to Miss Harbert the S.C.C.'s next trip will take place on January 17, when an excursion is planned to the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry.

### LaVeau Shoots Three Deer

The hunting reputation of the LaVeau family was upheld by Phil LaVeau, senior, who has recently returned from a two-week deer-hunting trip in Iron River, Michigan. Phil not only got his deer, but also shot one for his father and brother.

Phil plans to mount the head of the largest deer, a ten-point, 225-pound buck, and from the hides of the three deer, Phil will have a jacket made.

### Dramatics Club Tryouts Start

Something new has been added! Yes, in the dramatics department at Nilehi a new club has been formed, under the direction of Miss Muriel Higgins, dramatics and radio teacher.

The dramatics club is open to any one in the school who can pass tryouts which are based purely on talent. Miss Higgins hopes that the club will progress far

## Ten New Inhabitants in Biology Room; Mother Hamster Bears Brood at Nilehi

TEN TINY, hairless creatures were born Thursday, November 15, and formally took their places among the inhabitants of the biology room at Nilehi.

The new enrollees are golden hamsters, a type of rodent, weighing when fully grown, from two and one half to four ounces, measuring about five inches in length, eating grain, bread and green vegetables, and making a tame, clean safe and easy-to-handle laboratory pet.

Originally there were ten little ones, but now only four remain, because Mother Hamster got into a tizzy and nipped the heads off the other six—an act which

enough this year to produce one major play and also join the National Thespian Society. They will meet every two weeks.

### Party Given for Gridmen

AFTER A BUSY football season, Nilehi's gridmen were given a few hours relaxation at the expense of Miss Johannes' home room, 121.

The boys were invited to a swimming party given from 3:30 to 5:00 on December 2. After a dip in the pool, the gridgers were escorted to the cafeteria where hamburgers and cold drinks were served to them. The cooking and serving were handled by chefs Dick O'Brien and Jack Nixon, aided by Busboys Bill Permer, Willy Hardin, Tom Fitzgerald, and John Heinz. Of course, Katie did her part to help too.

### Nilehi Teachers Aid Europe

The teachers of Nilehi are doing their part in helping underprivileged teachers in Europe.

Reports from various sources in Europe state that many teachers are carrying on in spite of such hardships as scarcity of working materials, crowded rooms and unheated, poorly lighted rooms.

Voluntary contributions from teachers, sponsored by the National Education Association, are to be used to rehabilitate and ease the hardships of the European educators, according to Mr. Anton T. Schubert, president of the

is not uncommon among rodents, but is as yet unexplained.

The golden hamsters which live in the biology room were purchased for the class by students taking the course, taught and directed by Mr. Charles Hussey.

Among other animal life in the laboratory are frogs, captured in nearby lagoons, a horn toad, which has the coy habit of playing dead when visitors are around; also many crayfish and turtles, obtained by the students on their field trips.

One of the strangest of the plants in the nature nook at Niles is a tropical one, always thirsty and constantly stretching out tendrils in search of water, which it obtains by suction from plants nearby or other aquatic sources, such as the turtle tank. These tendrils have reached a length of 8 feet.

## Driver Education Ready For 'Old Man Winter'

WITH "OLD MAN WINTER" here to stay, Mr. L. P. Babcock, head of Nilehi's driver-education program, reports that his classes are ready for him.

When foul weather is on hand the upper-classmen will then have the pleasure of marching to the Tower Room and receiving their instruction in the 22 mock up-cars made by head custodian, Charlie Brunke. These mock-up cars are ready for duty expect that Mr. Mackey, chief engineer, has yet to install the controls.

Mr. Babcock, while commenting on the progress of his driving course, said, "The students are showing a great improvement in handling the car. Their confidence, also, which comes from more driving, seems to be helping them to conquer the general weakness of lack of control over the car."

Movies expected to arrive soon will add a newslant to the course, says Mr. Babcock.

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## Language Clubs Hold Parties in Assembly; Students Provide Wide Variety of Entertainment

WITHIN THE LAST four days, two of Nilehi's language clubs have had their annual Christmas parties. The first, held on December 9, was the Latin club under Mrs. Dorothy H. Hind and Miss Marjorie Ronalds, Latin teachers. The second was the Spanish club on the following day, December 10, under the direction of Miss Jean Small, Spanish teacher. Both were held in the Assembly room.

The Latin department was entertained on Tuesday by the play "Io Saturnalia," given by the second year students.

According to Mrs. Hind, the main cast

members were John Krupka, Barbara Daly, Bob West, John Young, Ronald Peterson, Louis Keesey, Charles Jones, and Joe Donovan, and Deane Liesveld.

Other activities at the party consisted of two Latin contests and community singing of Latin Songs.

The Spanish party, with Howard Siegel as Master of Ceremonies, was a varied program, with a series of acts, songs, and dances, the songs being in Spanish. Betty Loeftgren gave a report on the origin of Christmas customs, and Beverly Slack entertained with a Spanish dance.



## This 'n That -

If the students at Nilehi were asked to give their "John Henry," the popular name would probably be "Schmidt", with variations of spelling. It seems that nine students from Nilehi were blessed with this last name. "Carlson" and "Peterson" tie for second place with seven students each.

Nilehi has surpassed its 1938 student body enrollment by 491 pupils. In 1938, the opening year at Nilehi, 449 students were enrolled and now the number has increased to 930.

Mr. Harold Isaacson, Nilehi athletic director, is one of few people in the world who can boast of a third set of teeth. No, it wasn't in Ripley's column, but it could be!

**Note:** To students who have signed petitions for the return of Kitty Korner, we shall be glad to revive the cat if you, the students, will give suitable contributions. The Black Box is still resting in room 216 waiting to be filled.

## Seniors Slightly Sad As Years Roll Quickly On

By Lyle Dye

The annual reindeer, snow, pinetree, and Santa Claus season is here, and no matter how grown-upish we become in our high school days, nor how many major awards we've won or complicated, worldly novels we've read in English, there are still a few times, especially during Christmas, when the green-eyed monster of jealousy rears his head in quite an undignified manner.

Yes, during the gay holiday season many a teen-ager finds himself gazing at a four-year-old at play and definitely, but very secretively, reminiscing.

It's fun now to look back on all our childish Christmas beliefs, and get a giggle from them, but why do we all heartily agree with our little brother or sister when they proclaim old Saint Nick to be the most wonderful man in the world and the fir tree to be the most beautiful tree in the world? (Especially when it's got lots of bright lights on it!)

Although all these things seem long ago and far away, the memory of dashing into a warm house with a runny nose and smelling cookies baking and getting up after an almost sleepless, exciting night to tear downstairs to see the tree and all the nice things Santa brought to put under it, is still a pretty happy one.

It'd probably break most of our mature hearts to admit it, but as we grow older and more ancient (after all, seventeen is no young age in an atomic world!) year by year, we think more and more about how maybe it wasn't so bad being a mere youngster and not quite so grown up.

But no matter how old we are, everybody still loves Christmas.

## Vacation Is Almost Here; Merry Christmas to All

The long-awaited period of freedom is almost here! Yes, Christmas vacation is right around the corner, so, as jolly old Saint Nick would say, "Merry Christmas to all!"

Stanley Anderson has returned from his cruise to Haiti and has a real tan to show for it.

His cruise lasted for two weeks and according to all reports he enjoyed himself.

Stan is a member of the Naval Reserve and he went on the battleship "Wisconsin."

For the first time since 1919, Mr. C. W. Selden, Nilehi woodshop instructor, has sent his car to a garage for repairs. Always before this, he has made all major and minor repairs himself.

Maybe the tired and drawn faces around N.T.H.S. are resulting from that Thanksgiving vacation. Could it be that some people didn't stay home, rest, and do their homework?

## Publishing Nilehilite Is No Easy Task

So you think its a breeze to put a highschool newspaper, do you? Well it might be a breeze, but is seems more like a hurricane! The average non-partisan has little comprehension of the many jobs which have to be done to turn out the 6500 words of the school's bi-weekly publication, the NILEHILITE.

Work on a current edition begins over two full weeks before it is ready for distribution by the weekly report of news beats, which the 32 members of the staff cover in order to keep up with the current happenings around school, and to give the editors tips for stories.

A story, after the editor reads it and makes any changes necessary, is then sent out to a professional linotypist, who sets the story up in type. After the story is returned to school it is rechecked for errors, equipped with a headline, fitted into a page, and taken down to the print shop for printing.

You may think that after the paper is out, the staff members can sit down and take it easy for a few days, but this is a very false impression because their work is never done. By that time work has already started on the next issue.

So if you have any ideas as to what's wrong with the NILEHILITE and what you would like to do about it, why don't you enroll in journalism next year, or write a letter to the editors and take it up to room 216? The NILEHILITE is always glad to hear any criticism or comments from its readers.

## Variety of Birthplaces Among Nilehi Students

From Germany to Hawaii! No, it's not a trip offered by a travel agency. This great distance represents the area throughout which Nilehi junior and senior students were born.

Wilderstadt, Germany, was the birthplace of Louis Nachbauer, senior. He is one of three juniors and seniors born outside of this country. Raymond Casson, a junior, was born in Winnepeg, Canada, while Nancy Watson, another junior, claims as her birthplace, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nilehi upper classmen were born in 20 of our 48 states. Of course, the state which is the birthplace of most of these students is Illinois, having a total of 381. Wisconsin runs second with 11.

Chicago is the city with the highest rating, which is 224, and Evanston is the winner in the suburban race with a total of 87 Nilehi students claiming this as their birthplace. Second place in cities went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with four, and Skokie was second in suburbs with 15 students.

Even Washington D.C. was represented in this student birthplace inquiry along with such states as Oregon, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Utah, and many more.

Who says it isn't a small world?



This week, victims were given the first three lines of a poem and were then asked to write a fourth. Here is the poem and some of the answers your Inquiring Reporter received:

"The cleanup drive is in full swing,  
Pick up the paper and that thing.  
Let's keep our school cleanest by far,"

Jim Wiedler, junior: "Where the heck do you think you are?"

Pat Olson, senior: "And we'll all deserve a big gold star."

Barbara Kokum, sophomore: "For it's the best in the land, by far."

Jane Heath, freshman: "Our lovely school we should not mar."

Gene Coleman, freshman: "And not as dirty as a junkman's car."

A. Halbrendt, freshman: "They're wastebaskets, remember, there really are."

Bruce Harris, junior: "We aren't running a circus hyar."

Mary Lou Schey, junior: "As all the Army barracks are."

Al Wdowicki, junior: "And don't throw away your old love letter."

Bill Kella, senior: "For the hall is no place to throw cigars."



## Senior Pat and Freshman Dave Interviewed; Represent Classes on Cabinet and F. B. A.

Dave Tegtman, freshman, and president of the Freshman Board of Advisers, is slowly acquiring a "lone wolf" nickname due to the fact that he is the only male on the board.

After graduating from Our Lady of Perpetual Help grammar school, Dave, upon entering Niles, immediately went out for football and is looking forward to swimming and baseball season.

Dave's ideas of a perfect evening is a dish of spaghetti, that "special" freshman girl, and Harry James' orchestra with Dorothy Shay as vocalist.

Little do we know how lucky we are to have Dave with us this year because way back in fifth grade, while on a fall on him, almost enrolling out FBA farm, he had a twenty-foot load of hay president as a permanent student in the School of Angels.

## Time Flies Back and Sees Teachers as Teen-Agers

By Deane Liesveld

Turning back the dusty pages of Father Time's Almanac, to pages not so dusty, we checked up on the adolescent years of our teachers. Here are a few interesting facts that may help you to know your teachers better.

All time Hit Parade tunes then were "Margie", "Whispering", "Sleepy Time Gal", "Red Sails in the Sunset", "My Blue Heaven", and "Harvest Moon." The faculty hepcats cut some pretty mean two-steps, charlestons, and cariocas, not to mention the big apple, to those tunes.

The clothes styles were about the same as today's long skirts. As for popular fads, we discovered galoshes unbuckled at the top, (the wearers were known as flappers) large black taffeta hair bows, bobbed hair or hair wore in buns on either side of the head. Model-T flivers instead of the hot-rods were all the rage.

Ah yes! Then too did fair Cupid let go his little arrows of romance into their normally palpitating hearts to make them flutter and quiver like little "boidies". "Bunny" Ryden's got that way over redheads. Many other of the faculty sacrificed class rings and DeMolay pins to the sweet song of high school love — — — sigh!

The inevitable jive talk went something like this; "Baloney." "What's the difference as long as you're healthy?" and "Shiek" (for a cute fella).

To the question "Did you ever ditch school?" most answered with an abrupt "no" or refused to answer at all. Mr. Van Arsdale, however, can remember a few blank days on the calendar and Mr. Eberhardt and a couple of buddies made a day of it—once.

A few miscellaneous details found in our research: Miss Tillmann sat in acid

One of our prettiest and most active senior girls is Pat Hartung.

Pat takes twirling and belongs to the See Chicago Club, G.A.A. and the Senior Cabinet. Her favorite sports are basketball and bowling.

Being a dance fan, Pat puts Tex Beneke at the top of her list of dance bands. Pery Como is her favorite crooner.

Her likes are Kentucky and eating sandwiches between classes. Her pet peeves: the styles (because she hates to lengthen skirts) and people who don't like to listen to hillbilly music.

Pat is taking the commercial course, and after graduation she hopes to start working for a tall, dark, and handsome boss who is both young and single.

## Journalism Students Interview Crooner

Mel Thorme, baby faced, blue-eyed idol of the bobby soxers, gave a coke and milk interview party November 25, exclusively for high school journalists.

This party was held in the Bamboo Room of the Hotel Sherman's College Inn. Those representing the "Nilehilite" who were there were Deane Liesveld, Doris Bernges, Marcia Connell, Dona Korsmo, Carole Schuler, Lyle Dye, Rudy Schmid, and Dick O'Brien.

To open the session, Mel sang his extremely popular composition "Christmas Song" and closed after about an hour of intensive questioning with the song everyone begged him to sing, "Ballerina".

Laughing, clowning, and at times blushing to the roots of his blond hair, Mel proved a very likeable and interesting personality to interview.

A Chicago boy, he attended Hyde Park High School for three-and-a-half years until he left Chicago in 1942 with Chico Marx's band. He was graduated from high school in Los Angeles.

All along the hallway on the way out to the street you could hear faint, feminine sighs, "Didn't he look adorable when he sang?"

in chemistry class; Mr. Schubert drove across a sidewalk and was expelled from school; Miss Harbert throttled her conscience and threw bee-bee shot at the desk in study hall (but she never confessed); and Miss Atkinson upon discovering a Latin "pony" got good grades for a week and then was called on to recite.

These high school hepcats from yesterday, for the majority, feel that their charges from 8:15 to 3:11 every day are more mature, less interested in school, and more bold than they, themselves, were at our age.

## Classes Choose Pupils With Outstanding Traits

By Gertrude Brua

If you've been wondering for the last three weeks why you filled out a certain paper in homeroom and who won this student opinion poll, the Nilehilite now has the answers for you:

Bill Comstock was selected as the best-looking boy in the senior class, and Eva Lou Michel as the prettiest girl. The two students with the best personality, Biehn and Polly Wettengel. Don Christensen was chosen by the senior class as the person most likely to succeed.

The junior class nominated Jack Heurlin and Joan Harrer as having the best personalities. Ed Beebe was chosen as the person most likely to succeed, while Donna Korsmo was chosen as the prettiest girl and Carl Bjorkdahl as the most handsome boy.

The sophomores nominated Jim Kennedy as the boy having the best personality, the most handsome boy of the sophomore class, and the person most likely to succeed. Beverly Dilly was voted the prettiest sophomore girl and Marilyn Reiland as having the best personality.

The freshmen followed through by selecting Alan Weisburg as the person most likely to succeed. Donald Walters and Joyce Baumann have, according to the freshman class, the best personalities. Astrid Halbrendt is the prettiest girl and Ray Spencer is the most handsome fellow.

Although you may disagree with the results of the poll, the people chosen were selected by the majority of the students of the classes, and who are you to argue with the masses?

## Fads in Shoes Change; Feet Now Prefer Dress-up

Each and every bobby soxer still has a place in her heart for the brown and white saddle shoes of the "good old days," but the original version is now seldom seen, having been taken over by red and white or blue and white ones.

Gone too is the simple loafer, that for many years has been a headache to all mothers of teen-age daughters. The simple reason for this is that when worn by high-school girls they sound like a suction pump.

Into the halls of our school has also appeared the "flat" which in former years was seldom seen on girls. Any flat is acceptable so long as it has the "look" which means heel and toe in. The ballerina or plain flat is very popular.

However, here are some styles that go on and on. They are the fellas' fashions, and good old saddle shoes and students of the classes, and who are you best dressed males.



## 104 Trojan Athletes Receive Letters; Heiniger Named Most Valuable Player

One hundred and four boys received athletic awards on November 26 in the fall awards assembly at Niles Township High School.

Harold Isaacson, boys' athletic director and varsity football coach, gave out 27 Major "N's". Those award winners were

Ray Batz, Ed Beebe, Tom Black, Jim Blessing, Don Carlson, Bill Comstock, Bill Fotsch, Tom Fitzgerald, Lee Garner, Laurence Hall, Jim Heiniger, Paul Heiniger, Herb Jones, Ed Kadlec, Jim Kennedy, Noel Kiefer, Ed Kutz, Lenny Lange, Ed Linskey, Art Miller, Ward Nipper, Dick Norman, Don Siegel, Howard Siegel, Ed Soergel, Ralph Walberg, and James Wead.

The varsity team won six games while losing to Arlington and Lake Forest. Art Miller was named Honorary Captain, and Jim Heiniger was elected Most Valuable Player.

L. R. Mackey, school engineer and shop teacher, awarded 29 Minor "N's" and 17 Frosh-Soph shields to his Jay Vees, who compiled a four and four record for the season.

The minor letter winners were Ed Archibald, George Bussey, William Campbell, Don Carlson, Conrad Cornell, Jim Davis, Joe Donovan, Dick Erickson, Bill Freund, Burt Gerhardt, Al Hartig, John Kadlec, Lou Keesey, Gil Kluesing, Al Krueger, Jack Larson, Glenn Meyer, Ken Muto, Roy Nelson, Pete Pasek, Jesse Porter, Dick Provost, Nick Rollick, Dick Shiley, Martin Seidler, Harold Siemsen, Al Stillman, Lee Strubing, Dean Whitton, Bob Witte, Ed Butterworth, and Charles Voss.

Roy Nelson was named Honorary Captain.

The Frosh-Soph winners were James Brophy,

Jack Coe, Bob Cook, Bob DuBois, Bob Fuller, Richard Ferris, Fred Gatter, Clark Gerber, Bill Grafke, Bob Harwood, Warren Jones, Don Kettel, Ken LaPlant, Tom Merle, William Nelson, Tom Reed, Charles Klinger, Clyde Schultz, and Richard Voss.

Twenty-six Freshman Shields were awarded by James Phipps, new addition to the Nilehi coaching staff. They were awarded to Gary Abbott, Dick Baker, Elmo Barrow, Howard Baumhardt, Ed Bedony, Don Berg, Larry Britenstine, Bill Cattern, Walter DeStories, Don Gawrys, Buddy Hildebrande, Karl Holzl, Dick Hallappa, Warren Holcomb, Lester Jacobson, Nick Jostock, Paul Jorgensen, Eliot Kenny, Ronald Mellicke, Ed Meyers, Bob Raveret, James Schell, Ray Spencer, James Suckow, David Tegtmann, and Fred Yeum.

Don Berg was named Honorary Captain of this team which won two games while losing five.

The cross-country team, coached by Arthur Ryden, won two out of five scheduled meets. The only major letter-winner was Carl Schrimpf. Bill and Ed Hutchings won minor "N's" and Gordon McKinley and John Gerich were awarded frosh shields.

## Mermen Outswim Morton Two Records Broken

The Nilehi Varsity and Jay Vee swim teams both won their first meet of the 1947-48 season, Thursday, November 20, by out-swimming and out-diving their opponents from J. Sterling Morton High School.

The Nilehi varsity lost only one race and gave a splendid performance in its 42 to 24 victory over Morton's varsity.

On the other hand, luck was with our Jay Vee squad as the boys nosed out the Jay Vees of Morton 32 to 31.

Two of the varsity lads, dissatisfied with some old school records, went out and put some fresh ones in the book.

Herb Jones set a new record by swimming the 50-yard free-style in 26.4 seconds, beating his own record by one tenth of a second.

The other record was broken by Charles Lindahl, who swam the 100-yard free-style in 59.7 seconds, 3.2 seconds faster than Ted Ebert's old record of 1:02.9

## Jay Vees Drop Close One to New Trier

In a non-conference contest the Jay Vees of New Trier won a thrilling game 28 to 27 from the Jay Vees of Nilehi when Ronnie Samaha scored two baskets in the last minute of play after Nilehi had led all the way. The game was played at Niles Wednesday night, November 26.

Coach Hussey's boys led 11 to 6 at the end of the first quarter and 19 to 13 at the end of the first half.

After each team scored four points in the third quarter, New Trier came back to notch up eleven points to Nilehi's four points.

Fred Brei, center for Niles, was high scorer for his team with nine points.

## Cagemen Improve, But Lose to Terriers, 47-36

New Trier's Green Wave quintet jumped off to a quick lead which they never relinquished, as they conquered the Nilehi Trojans 47 to 36 at Nilehi on Wednesday night, November 26.

The Trojans, trailing 11 to 4 at the end of the first quarter, played better ball in the second period but so did the Terriers. The score at halftime was 20 to 11.

Although L. R. Mackey's boys showed quite a bit of improvement over the Evanston game, they were still unable to consistently drive past the New Trier defense.

Heiniger of Niles and Krantz of New Trier were high-point men for the night with 14 apiece. Christenson and Moore, both of New Trier, scored 13 and 11 points respectively.

## Swimmers Divide With Highland Park, Steinmetz

In dual swimming meets with the Highland Park and Steinmetz High Schools, the varsity aquamen of Nilehi broke even. They lost to a tough Highland Park squad 50 to 25 on November 26, and then outswam and outdived the Steinmetz swimmers, 41 to 33, on December 1.

Herb Jones and Dick Provost accounted for the two firsts against the Highlanders. Jones won the 50-yard free-style in 27 seconds, and Provost placed first in diving.

The Jay Vees did much better against this same opponent. They captured four first places and four seconds to beat the Highlanders, 35 to 31.

In the meet with Steinmetz, however, it was exactly the opposite, as the Jay Vees were defeated 34 to 31 and the Varsity was victorious, 41 to 33.

Herb Jones, Rudy Schmid, and Bob Lindahl took first for Niles, while Jones and Provost tied for diving honors.

Bill Nickel and Gordon Smale shared diving honors for the Jay Vees.

## Baseball Prospects Will Condition During Winter

For the first time in the history of N.T.H.S., baseball will be practiced in the crisp of winter, not actually out in the snow, but in the school gym after school. It will be under the direction of Mr. James Phipps, new varsity baseball coach who was formerly on the Chicago White Sox and now under contract with the New York Yankees.

Mr. Phipps thinks that the boys who intend to play baseball in the Spring and who are not participating in a winter sport need exercise—and that this extracurricular class, which will consist mostly of running and calisthenics, will do the trick.

## Trojans Out-classed by Wildkits 46 to 22

The Evanston Wildkits flipped 21 baskets through the hoop and sank four free throws to roll over the Nilehi Trojans 46 to 22 in a non-conference game on Evanston's floor Friday night, November 21. It was the opening game of the 1947-48 basketball season for the Trojans.

The Trojans tried 47 shots at the basket, but sank only six against the tall Evanston team. The Trojans also sank 10 free throws out of 17 tries.

Tritschler of Evanston was high scorer of the night with 13 points, while Gordon Anderson of Niles had five points to be high man for his team.

Evanston scored 25 points in the first half, while Niles could score only 13. Robinson and Tritschler led their team in scoring with three baskets apiece. Anderson and Jim Blessing each collected four points for the Trojans.

Evanston racked up 21 more points in the second half while the 'Men of Troy' made only nine.

## New Scoreboard in Gym

A Scoremaster Basketball timer and scoreboard has recently taken the place of the old scoreboard which has been in use since the school was built.

The new scoreboard, which is made by M. D. Brown and Company, has been installed on the south wall of the gymnasium.



# GLAMAZONS

By Doris Bernges

Soccer is a thing of the past, these days, and the Glamazons are slowly but surely recovering from their bruises and bumps.

Basketball is the new "darling" of the junior and senior girls' gym classes. The captains have been elected and things are going strong. The freshman and sophomore gals are playing captain-ball.

Many girls are passing their swimming tests in all the classes. For junior and senior mermaids, a life-saving course is being planned. This course will be held after school, according to Miss Mildred Schaefer, girls' phys. ed. instructor.

Following this, a course in water safety has been planned. This will be

of special interest to girls who intend to teach in summer camps.

A home nursing course is planned for the senior girls for the second semester. Everyone should find this course valuable, no matter what their interests may be. Who knows? It might inspire some girls to go farther in the field.

The cheerleading uniforms have arrived at last. The girls have navy blue pleated skirts, worn with school sweaters. The boys are sticking to their white "sailor pants" and their school sweaters.

It seems that a couple of our "pep-steam" kids have almost dislocated their sacroiliacs during cheering practice. At that rate they ought to develop something really spectacular.

All girls who have swim make-ups are warned to do it soon, since time is growing short for that sort of thing.

## Trojans Face Tough Crystal Lake Team

The Niles Township Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams journey to Crystal Lake on December 12 where they'll meet the Tigers in a game that is promised to give the fans a good run for their money.

Of all conference opponents, the Tigers have given the Trojans the most competition, by succeeding in licking our boys six times. We have also beat them the same number of times.

The boys from Crystal Lake are not expected to be as tough as the team that took the Conference Championship last year, but it will "still be tough," says L. R. Mackey, Trojan Coach.

## Cagemen Win First Two; Get Off on Right Foot

The Nilehi cagemen, who finished in a two-way tie for fourth place last year in the Northeast Conference, started off on the right foot on Friday night, December 5, when they defeated the Arlington Cardinals 29 to 23 in the 1947-48 Northeast Conference opener at Arlington.

On the following night, the Trojans overwhelmed the Warren Bluedevils 44 to 14 in another conference game. The game was played on the Trojans' floor before a small crowd.

Tonight, Friday, December 12, Coach Mackey's boys will be going after their third straight conference win when they play the Crystal Lake Tigers, who were undefeated last year in the Northeast Conference. The game will be played at Crystal Lake. The Jay Vee game will start at 7:15 p.m.

## Jay Vees Drop Opener To Wildkits, 35 to 23

The Nilehi Jay Vee basketball team lost their initial game of the 1947-48 season to Evanston's Frosh-Sophs 35 to 23 on the latter's floor, November 21.

Bell was high point man for Evanston with 13, while Captain Tom Black, Bill Leeming, and Dick Erickson led the Trojans with five apiece.

## Alumni Can Join Choir

By Dona Korsmo

For the first time in Niles Township High School history, the school choir is extending an invitation to any alumni who are former members, to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with the choir at the annual "Christmas Vespers" on Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Miss Clara Klaus, music director.

### Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Schedule

Friday	December 12	7:15 P.M.	Crystal Lake	there
Friday	December 19	7:15 P.M.	Woodstock	here
Friday	January 2	7:15 P.M.	Alumni	here
Friday	January 9	7:15 P.M.	Libertyville	there
Friday	January 16	7:15 P.M.	Lake Forest	here
Saturday	January 24	7:15 P.M.	Leyden	here
Tuesday	January 27	4:30 P.M.	Warren	there
Friday	January 30	7:15 P.M.	Arlington	here
Friday	February 6	7:15 P.M.	Crystal Lake	here
Wednesday	February 11	7:15 P.M.	Woodstock	there
Friday	February 13	7:15 P.M.	Libertyville	here
Tuesday	February 17	4:30 P.M.	Lake Forest	there
Saturday	February 21	7:15 P.M.	Highland Park	here
Friday	February 27	7:15 P.M.	Leyden	there
Saturday	February 28	7:15 P.M.	Maine	here

*Season's Greetings*  
from the Sports Section



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