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## Five-day Mock Session Of Congress Adjourns

The five-day session of Congress held in Mr. John L. Betts' problems 7 class adjourned last week. The purpose of the Congress was to give an actual example of how Congress really works.

All the states of the Union were represented by the students in each of the classes. Each class was divided into two groups—Republicans and Democratic. The majority and minority groups each elected a leader, the majority leader being the Speaker of the House.

Each student was required to write one or more bills. The following day, the bills were read by the clerk, a member of the majority party. After the bills were read they were given to these special committees: Housing, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Appropriations, Education and Labor, Ways and Means, and Armed Forces to either be approved or rewritten.

The bills were then again read by the clerk, and were either passed by the Congress or thrown out. The bills that were approved then were discussed by Congress.

The period 3 class had some additional fun when Dick Shiley started to filibuster. He read to the class about early colonization in Virginia out of the encyclopedia.

## Hi-Y Needs Members; Magic Show Presented

If you're a junior or senior boy who likes to keep busy, and you have a few nights free, the Niles "Hi-Y" club still has room for a few more members.

Variety has been particularly key-noted in the "Hi-Y" meetings. On Thursday, October 21, a magic show presented by Mr. John Guyton was featured along with a basketball game with the Mitchell "Hi-Y" club of Evanston, and last Tuesday, October 26, the boys saw colored slides of a canoe trip to Canada by Mr. Roth Holtz of the Evanston Y.M.C.A. Athletics, too, are well under way, with several touch-football games having been played already.

A future highlight is a "splash" party for "Hi-Y" members, according to Dean Whitton, president of the club. He also reports that "Hi-Y" T-shirts will soon be appearing.

On Sunday, October 17, a "Hi-Y" leadership conference held at Evanston Y.M.C.A. was attended by Dean, along with Bob Peterson, secretary-treasurer, Roy Nelson, and Mr. George Roth, sponsor. A recreation time was held in addition to special sessions, and a free dinner was served.

## Parents Take Places Of Nilehi Students

By Sandra Ravencroft

Remember the day—the 16th of November! What's going to happen then? Why, that's the date of Nilehi's eighth annual Parent's Night, which is our own observance of American Education Week.

On this special evening, the faculty will have new students—the parents. Moms and dads, with the aid of their children's program cards, carry through the typical student's day by attending their son's or daughter's regular classes. This will give them a chance to meet the teachers and learn as much as possible about each subject in 10 minutes, which is the length of each period. They even get a taste of everyone's favorite class—lunch!

The Music and Speech departments, under the direction of Miss Clara Klaus and Miss Virginia Stemp, are preparing first-class entertainment for those parents who can come as early as 7:15 p.m.; which is 45 minutes before the first-period class. The Speech department is planning to give a radio skit, while the N.T.H.S. Choir and Madrigal Group are going to sing several numbers.

The parents themselves will later be given a chance to sing some old favorites such as "School Days" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" during the assembly period after homeroom. These will be led by the Madrigal Singers over the P.A. system.

Many students and members of the faculty are working hard to make the 1948 Parent's Night a big success. The foremost committee on the project consists of Miss Ada Immel, Miss Helen Johannis, Mr. Paul Eberhardt, and Mr. Eugene Napier.

## Lynch, Expert Archer, Shows Archery Is an Art

"Interesting" only begins to describe the life of J. J. Lynch, our last assembly speaker. His 'bow and arrow' performance on October 21 proved to be a lot of fun, as well as beneficial to those who have experienced the art of archery.

Indeed it is an art, too, as two seniors, Diane Leach and Dean Whitton, who assisted him, will verify. Although it took Diane eleven shots to break the balloon target, she didn't give up and finally succeeded.

For the past three years Mr. Lynch has been touring the country, performing in many Sportsman shows and more recently for school assemblies. His favorite audience is that of high-school age, because they are so enthusiastic.

During the war Mr. Lynch taught soldiers how to shoot arrows as a silent way to get snipers.

## Nilehi Students Will Vote November 2 too

This year the Problems classes of Nilehi, under the direction of Miss Grace Harbert and Mr. John Betts, are again busy with preparations for the model election to be held at N.T.H.S. on November 2.

A class committee spoke to all social studies, business law, and business training classes on October 25, explaining the method of registration and election, the marking of ballots, and the use of the voting machine. On Tuesday, October 26, another committee registered students in these classes for the actual voting, and on the two following days all pupils who had not been registered on Tuesday, did so in the cafeteria.

When the voting actually takes place, the above classes will go into the Problems room, 209, and go through the exact process of voting in a Presidential election, according to the law. All students will vote.

This election is a follow-up of the mock National Convention which was put on by Problems classes last spring.

## 'See Chicago' Club Members Visit Famed Brookfield Zoo

Many new friends were made by members of the See Chicago Club when they brought back younger days and visited the Brookfield Zoo, on Saturday, October 16. About 80 of the club's 150 members went.

For five hours, according to Miss Grace Harbert, sponsor of the club, the group gaped at the slithering creatures of the Reptile House, and eyed appreciatively the prospective rugs of the "big pussy cats." Feeding peanuts to the lively monkeys seemed to be a popular pastime, too, and it was difficult to tell who stared at the other the most, the ones behind the cage or their rumored descendants.

The trip, second in the series, left school at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 3:45 p.m.

The next trip will be November 14 to the Chicago Historical Society in Lincoln Park.

Safety was the theme of the play given by Niles Township High School at the Hotel Sherman for the National Safety Congress held in Chicago last week.

Mrs. Virginia Hackett, the director of programs for the convention, asked that Nilehi's dramatics department present a short dramatization expressing teenagers' view-point on safety.

## Nilehilite Guinea Pig Meets No Sympathy

A battered and be-banded figure staggered down the Nilehi halls. He was the picture of distress, and many a kind soul stopped him to sympathetically ask, "What in the heck happened to you?"

This whole thing was just an experiment conducted by the Nilehilite staff, in which a member went around school for one whole day looking as though he had had a head-on-collision with the crack 'Hiawatha.' The idea was to see how many students would say something about the injuries and what their reactions would be once they found out.

About 75 per cent of the people our "guinea pig" met asked what had happened to him. Of these 20 per cent couldn't stop long enough to find out. The remaining 55 per cent took it for granted that there had been a fight, and immediately asked, "Who hit you?" and "Who won?" One bright character was sure that the victim had shoved his face into a sharp meat grinder.

Those who waited for an answer heard, "I ran into an old friend last night." This little statement brought out a wealth of wisecracks ranging from "You must have run in kind of hard!" and "It sure must have been an old friend!" to "Looks like you got the worse of it!" and "How does the other guy look?"

One guy couldn't say anything—he was laughing too hard!

Have you noticed the excitement in freshman homeroom 216 lately? Hobby Lobby talks are the current attraction. Foremost among the talks were those given by Jerry Betts, who has a one-track mind when it comes to model railroading, and Jack Kirkby whose hobby is puppets.

Though not quite a second Joe Louis Bob Biederer, another 216'er, has fought in the Golden Gloves tournament in Terre Haute, Indiana, and hunts for arrowheads in Glenview on the side!

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## SHORT CUTS

The Visual Aid Operators Club rolls into high speed this year with an estimated 181 films spread over 19 subjects. Don Kettel, senior, is the president of the club and John Ahrens, senior, is the chief operator. Seventeen freshmen have been admitted to the club and are now working toward membership cards.

With another week of school gone swiftly by, much has been accomplished. Today, October 29, after feverish preparation, the last of the senior pictures have been taken. Forty-eight seniors had their pictures taken each day from 9 to 12 each morning and from 1 to 3:15 each afternoon since last Monday, October 25. Some teachers also had their pictures retaken.

If you haven't recognized the girls who pick up the attendance slips each period, it is because we have some new faces in the office this year.

Mrs. Frank Miller is secretary to Dr. Biehn, and Mrs. Norman Miller (no relation) is replacing Mrs. Dorothy Ruesch as the receptionist and attendance clerk. Mrs. Ruesch, a Nilehi graduate, left on October 6 after working in the office since 1944, and Mary Jane Nelson, also a graduate of Niles, left on September 23 after working since July 1, 1948. She went south with her parents because of ill health.

### EDITORIAL DIFFICULTIES

Getting out this paper is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are too silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we stick close to the office all day,

We ought to be around hunting material.

If we go out and try to hustle,

We ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions,

We don't appreciate genius,

And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk!

If we edit the other fellow's write-up,

We're too critical;

If we don't we're asleep.

If we clip things from other papers,

We are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say

We swiped this from some other paper. We did!

From The Park Beacon  
Washington Park High School  
Racine, Wisconsin

A doctor fell into a well  
And broke his collarbone.

A doctor should attend the sick  
And leave the well alone.

—The Catalyst

Melbourne Technical College  
Melbourne, Australia

## Homework for Once Proves Lots of Fun

Wouldn't it be nice if the only homework you ever had was self-assigned? That is just what Mr. Paul Eberhardt's Junior English classes did the week of October 4-8.

But what these students turned out seems to have taken a lot more time than the usual assignment of "Read the next chapter and write questions two, three, and eight."

Results such as stage and radio plays, recorded dramatizations, original short stories, research talks, quiz shows, and interview reports and actual interviews in front of the class showed the initiative of most of Mr. Eberhardt's students.

Joe Donovan did an entire radio broadcast with himself as soundeffects man, announcer, and all the characters of "Sixteen," by Maureen Daly. He even had the conventional pitcher and glass of water.

Beattie Bornemeier and Helen Nachbauer were curious about Daniel Webster's speech to the Devil's jury in "The Devil and Daniel Webster," by Stephen Vincent Benet. They wondered what the actual words might have been, since Mr. Benet only summarized the speech in his famous story.

Helen Nachbauer wrote the speech in her own way and quite successfully, according to Mr. Eberhardt. RKO, Hollywood, in the movie version, "All That Money Can Buy," had a completely different version, which was presented from memory by Beattie Bornemeier, after writing to Hollywood for the script.

In one class, Edgar Allan Poe was interviewed on the Nilehi assembly stage. The medium, John Young, contacted Poe, Paul Slusser, who actually looked like a spirit, thanks to lighting by John Krupka, electrician.

Two other authors, Jesse Stuart and Sheila John Daly, were interviewed by mail.

Margie Forbes played "the man" in Jack London's "To Build A Fire." As she said her part she showed lantern slides depicting her part in the tragedy of the Arctic snow.

Mr. William Glaser helped his son Rollin, together with Bob Jaeger and Ronnie Peterson, to record their own production of "Locomotive 38, the Ojibway," by William Saroyan.

Can you picture a girl with perfect height, lovely face, beautiful hair, flirty eyes, cute nose, and a sweet smile plus vim, vigor, and a sense of humor? According to Nilehilite poll, the junior boys have set ideas as to who would go to constitute such a person and their ideas run like this:

Hair — Geri Dodge

Nose — Mollie Asmussen

Smile — Joan Mertes

Eyes — Lois Lenberg

Personality — Marilyn Reiland

Sense of humor — Donna Groll

Height — Jean Votava

## Homecoming Whirl Just 1 Week Away!

Come the night of November fourth and all loyal Nilehi supporters, including dazed-looking freshies and knowing seniors, will gather in the football bleachers for a Pep Rally royale! It will be the cheering send-off to all Homecoming activities during the following days.

Each year N.T.H.S. celebrates its Homecoming game and honors its Trojan Warriors with a weekend of events. This

### "Kick-Off" - Nov. 6 Style



## Single Male, Single Frosh on Cheerleading Squad Interviewed; Many Talents, Hobbies Are Discovered

"It's a bird, it's a plane,—no, it's Freddie!" Superman himself has nothing on Freddie Burghard, sophomore, when it comes to performing cartwheels and somersaults, because Freddie has added a new spark to our cheering squad with his acrobatics. He likes being the only male on the team, and who can blame him?

Freddie is five feet, seven and one-half inches in height, has dark brown hair and blue eyes, hails from Lincolnwood, and, like most of us, likes school but dislikes work and study. (Or is there any difference?) High on his list of hobbies is playing the piano, and his current favorite is "Malaguena." He likes popular and classical music as well as boogie-woogie (particularly "Bumble-Boogie") and, like most pianists, the only part about it he dislikes is the practicing!

Model airplanes and boats, and gasoline motors also take up much of his spare time. But the hobby which we know him best for is, of course, acrobatics. He has been at it for only a year and a half, but we hope that in the next three years we'll see a lot more of Mr. Freddie's tumbling!

## This 'n' That - Kluesing Plays Hero

Rounding up cattle for five hours is all in a day's work to Mary Lynn Herring, who was a sophomore at Nilehi last year. She moved to Colorado recently, lives on a mountain, and is going to school "via mail"!

includes a Pep Rally and Snake Dance on Thursday, the fourth, and a football game against Woodstock on our home field on the fifth. A traditional dance, the "Kick-Off," will be held on the following night to celebrate what we hope will be a victory.

Though that little freshie may not understand what it's all about, he'll soon discover that the Pep Rally is only the beginning and is very mild compared to what's going to follow!

Cheers, yells, and speeches by a few of our Varsity Warriors, and the whole school population of 926 students are off to a weaving Snake Dance. It goes thru, in and out, and around Skokie and then back to school where a huge bonfire is burned to symbolize a Trojan homecoming victory.

That next evening they're still up to it. Everyone attends the big game and the following night, from 9 to 12, they'll dance to the smooth music of Buddy Mars' orchestra. To put everyone in the right mood will be a huge football standing four feet high in the center of the gymnasium, and a goal post decorated in blue and gold at each end of the room.

To top the whole thing off, a perfect reminder of the 1948 Homecoming will be the gold and blue bids, dedicating each dance to an individual member of the Varsity crew.

It looks as if Nilehi is going to the birds. This doesn't mean that Nilehi is a birdie school—it's just that some birds would rather go to N.T.H.S. than go south, as proved by a recent event in the library.

A small bird ventured into that realm of study where it lay on a high shelf, presumably injured, for a long while. Finally it was rescued by Gil "Galahad" Kluesing and immediately rushed to Mr. Hussey's biology department where it was treated for wounds and then released.

Freshmen are still in a daze it seems! Bob Gamer, a graduate of Cleveland School, didn't know till recently who his algebra teacher was. Seems he's been thinking all along that Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma was the name of his math teacher while all the time it's been Mr. Carl Burgener.



Halloween is the Eve of All Saints. Although they have all grown older, Nilehi students still have the same thing in mind as Halloween comes around. Parties, costumes, tricks or treating, and pranks.

This is how some Nilehiers and members of the faculty plan to spend this ancient holiday.

**Chuck Lind, freshman:** I'm going to make up for some of the time I've lost during the rest of the year.

**Mr. Bob Mackey, coach:** I'm going to spend Halloween at a party, so you see it isn't just for youngsters.

**Sharon Campbell, senior:** Go out and have as good a time as possible without getting into trouble, of course!

**Jane Bastow, junior:** I'm going to sit home and do my History. (Miss Kranz take note.)

**Jesse Porter, senior:** It's a good time to have "some fun".

**Ward Nipper, senior:** Go to a party, "natch".

**Joyce Bruening, sophomore:** I'm not planning to do anything dangerous.

**Mr. Jim Michael, history teacher:** Chase pranksters that try to cause trouble around my house.

**Eddie Walther, senior:** I'm going to play tricks or treats with the rest of the "youngsters".

**Bill Freund, senior:** I'm traveling to Bradley University for their Homecoming.

**Mr. John Wilkins, art instructor:** Put on a mask and some old clothes. The Mrs. and I are going to ring some doorbells.

**Jane Nymark, junior:** Go out and ride with the witches—I have a new '49 broomstick.

**Jim Kennedy, junior:** I don't need a mask to scare people, so I'll stay home and read a book. (ha ha)

Yeah team! Yeah team! Rah, rah, rah ... Everytime this cheer and others are heard at the Nilehi games, you can scan down the line of cheerleaders and come across blonde, green-eyed, five-foot two Myra Wokoun.

Myra, the only freshman cheerleader, has a very full high school future planned for herself. She plans to join the debate team, the saddle club, the dramatics club, and later practice a little badminton and tumbling.

Myra likes to travel and collect fashion designs; and plans to go into fashion designing as a career, or into the field of psychiatry.

Her ability to cheer probably lies in the fact that she was a cheerleader at the Cleveland Public School for two years. At Cleveland she also won two essay contests, one third place and one first place.

The sister of a former Nilehi student—Bil Wokoun, Myra gets good marks in school and likes Nileh very much. She hopes that cheerleading will be a part of her life for the next four years.

Did you know that there are 2300 squares on the third floor hall?

## Trojans Lose 2 Games in Row

12-0 was the final score as the Nilehi varsity lost to the Arlington Cardinals at Arlington on October 22 for their third defeat in as many games away from home.

Midway in the second quarter Arlington intercepted a pass on the Trojan 40 and after a series of running plays and a 30-yard pass, Ragland, left half for the Cardinals, plunged over from the one.

In the fourth quarter, Bill Robinson, Arlington quarterback, gathered in a Nilehi punt on the Trojan 45 and raced all the way for the final tally.

The Trojans held a slight edge in yards gained running, with 99 to 68 for Arlington. The Cardinals, however, held the upper hand in the air with a total of 83 yards to 25 for Niles. This gave Arlington a total yardage of 151 and Niles 124. Arlington pined up seven first downs to three for Nilehi.

A strong Leyden team, which has lost only one game, will be the next opponent for the Nilehi varsity when they meet the Eagles at Leyden on October 29 at 8 p.m.

Trying for their first victory in two games away from home this season, on Friday, October 15, Nilehi Varsity was defeated by Blue Island 21-0.

The Nilehi Trojans led Blue Island in passing with a total of 42 yards to 12 for Blue Island. The two teams were all even in running with 117 yards gained. This gave the Trojans a yards-gained total of 159 to 129 for Blue Island.

The Nilehi boys also held the edge in first downs, having eight to four for their opponents.

The Blue Island punts kept the Trojans deep in their own territory, but costly fumbles and a snap from center that went over Heiniger's head on the fourth down, gave Blue Island its scoring breaks.

Blue Island scored in the first, second and third quarters on plunges over the center for four, three, and one yards respectively.

## Frosh Beat Arlington 7-0; Lose to Maine 19-6

The Nilehi frosh gridmen suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Maine Township High School on Thursday, October 14, at Maine, by a score of 19-6.

Chuck Lind scored the only touchdown for the Trojans on a four-yard off-tackle play in the fourth quarter.

The Nilehi freshman football team defeated Arlington Heights by a score of 7-0 on Friday, October 22, on the Arlington field.

## Sophs Whip Arlington 18-14

The Nilehi sophomore Trojans came away from the Arlington Heights field with an 18-14 victory Friday night, October 22. The Arlington team, reported to be very strong, just couldn't keep the Niles boys down, suffering their first defeat of the season. Arlington led the scoring at the half by one point—7-6, the touchdown for Niles being made by Don Berg, halfback. The ball was handed off to Berg, who again crossed the goal line for N.T.H.S.

"Whitey" Gawrys intercepted an Arlington forward pass in the third quarter and after running 25-yards, went over for Niles' third touchdown, clinching the ball game for Niles.

Arlington came fighting back hard in the last quarter but could only gain seven points, their touchdown being made on the last play of the game.

The Nilehi sophomore Trojans were defeated Friday night, October 15, by the Blue Island sophomores, on their field, by a score of 38-20.

The Blue Island team led 25-0 at the half. However, Niles came back strong and scored three touchdowns on passes to Don Berg, halfback, and Russell O'Grady, fullback, with Walters, quarterback, doing the pitching.

## Glamazons

By Danna Barb our

"Ouch! that hurt." Have you noticed how many of the local gals are limping these days? As soccer enters its last stages here at Nilehi, it seems as though the casualty list gets longer and longer. Ellen Patzke, senior, and Beatrice Bornmeier, junior, headed the sprained ankles' department for quite a while. Yes, soccer's getting a wee bit rough.

G. A. A. Tidbits

Seeing as the hayride is a thing of the past, we'll just mention that it was a big success and lots of fun. Still in the future is the "Jean Jump" to be held November 13.

The soccer club has had some bad luck with old man weather this season. It seems to rain every day the club plans an outing. Miss Heitmann says the girls are still hoping, though.

The G.A.A. would like more freshmen out for badminton. If anyone is interested in joining, you may sign up on Fridays after school in the gym office.

Bowling

The "ten-pin girls" haven't started this year due to the need of a sponsor. Miss Montgomery says she will be glad to help any adult get started, who is interested in reviving the club.

**BEAT LEYDEN!**

## Sport Slants

by Ed Beebe

Cross-country running is a little publicized sport in high schools mainly because its season coincides with the football season. However, a great deal of credit must be given those fellows who compete in this grueling sport for it takes a lot of conditioning and hard work.

Don't look now, but that old basketball season is just around the corner. Plans for the coming season have been laid by many a college and high school team while some professional clubs have already begun the season.

The Trojan Varsity football team seems to be jinxed when it plays away from home. So far the team has won three games and lost two, both of which were played on enemy fields.

Lake Forest High School, a one-time member of the Northeast conference, lost its first game in several seasons a few weeks ago. They had previously been tied.

## Hockey's Thrills, Spills Bring New Fans

Wham! A defenseman is checked into the boards! The opposing forward fakes to the right, dodges the other defenseman and fires the puck toward the goal, as the crowd roars!

Now, maybe this sounds like unintelligible gibberish, but to the true fan of the world's fastest, roughest sport, ice hockey, it is a thrill never to be forgotten.

Ice hockey is played in a few high schools and colleges in this country, but the professional teams draw the greatest interest. More schools probably do not have hockey as a competitive sport because of the nature of the local climate.

The idea of hockey had its beginnings in Europe, but for hockey in its present form, Canada must be given the honor of being the originator. The game is today the Canadian national winter sport.

Also, the Canadian teams, the Montreal Canadians and the Toronto Maple Leafs, together with the Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Blackhawks, Boston Bruins, and New York Rangers make up the professional National Hockey league.

Because of its fast pace and roughness, hockey is thrilling to the spectator, but grueling on the athlete. Fast action, spills, and flaring tempers mark any hockey contest. The referees really have their hands full in maintaining order when that puck starts flying!

Bigger crowds are attending hockey games every year. The sport is really getting popular, for its fans realize that nowhere can they see so much action in such a short space of time!