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Dress Up
The Band

East is East; West is West Our U. S. A. is Best!

In '14 the troops of Germany swept into the kingdoms of Europe, bringing ruin and destruction with them. Such peaceful places as Chateau Thierry, the Marne and St. Michiel became flaming hells with men, women and children, dead or wounded, lying there without assistance. And then in March 1917, the United States declared war and sent millions of men (your fathers and mine) to "Save the World for Democracy."

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the bugle was sounded, and the great war ceased. The war to end all wars was over, and thousands of Americans thanked God.

Today we will be doing the same — thanking Him that we are 3,000 miles from bullet-torn Europe and are not waiting for a second bugle call to be sounded.

Problems Classes Select Oratorical Contestants

The annual oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion, is well under way. The contestants, members of the senior problems classes and juniors who wish to participate, will submit their written orations November 8, 1940, and hope for the best!

After the eliminations in the local contest, the best orators will take part in the zone contest. The winner and his alternate will then enter the state finals.

The five prizes to be awarded are: 1st, a gold medal and a four year scholarship to the University of Illinois; 2nd, a silver medal and a two-year scholarship; 3rd, a bronze medal and a one-year scholarship; 4th and 5th, bronze medals.

The dates and places of these contests are as yet unknown.

Calendar

- Nov. 1—J. V. vs. Arlington—here
2—Varsity vs. Arlington —
there
8—Freshman Evening Party
11—Armistice Day — No
School
13—Entertainment—8:30 p.m.
"Harmonies from Dixie"

Two NileHi Girls Sing in All-State Chorus

For the first time NileHi had representatives in the Illinois All-State High School Chorus. Marie Throop and Phyllis Brooks, after learning ten songs in the odd moments snatched from homework, sang in this chorus of picked voices under the direction of Mr. Olaf Christianson of Oberlin Conservatory. The concert, given by the chorus, was a feature of the Thirty-sixth Annual High School Conference held at the University of Illinois, Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, inclusive. Mr. Cotanche and Miss Klaus attended.

After three rehearsals with Mr. Christianson, the chorus gave its concert in conjunction with that of the All-State High School Orchestra on Friday evening, Nov. 1.

In the name of the school we congratulate Miss Klaus and the girls for this musical achievement.

With Sympathy

The faculty and students extend their sympathy to Mr. Meier, upon the death of his father.

"Harmonies from Dixie" To be Presented Nov. 13

Proceeds to be Used For Band Uniforms

On Wednesday evening, November 13th, the Student Faculty Forum will present the first in a series of all-school assemblies to be held for the benefit of our band. These programs will be open to students, parents, and the public for the admission of 25 cents.

The first of these assemblies will bring to you a negro quartet of Southern singers. The "Plantation Singers" will present their own unique arrangements of folk songs, Negro spirituals, and modern melodies. Harmonies from Dixie will combine with Southern swing to make a delightful evening of truly American music.

Tickets to this performance will be on sale Thursday. Get yours early — be sure of a seat, and back the band!

See Chicago Club

To Visit WGN Studios

Next Monday, November 4, the See Chicago Club will visit the WGN Broadcasting Studios. They will be guests of the "Play Broadcast" program.

The participants of this program are selected from the audience. Interesting questions are then asked the various contenders.

About 100 pupils will attend the broadcast. Miss Harbert and Miss Lumpp will accompany the group.

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Are You a Critic?

Every student has a critical mind. He judges justly and unjustly. Everything is criticized, ranging from the curriculum to student activities. The instructors, the school board, the janitors; none are exempt from his criticism. Everything is criticized but himself!

The fault does not lie in the student's critical attitude. It is his privilege to make inquiries, suggestions and criticisms. However, the privilege is sometimes abused. Criticisms are often made without a thought given to the effect. Unintelligent criticism warps one's personality and severs friendships. Unless you have sufficient reason, do not make any criticism. On the other hand, some criticism is just, and must be recognized as such.

The average student is sincere and wishes to learn. Although he is critical, his attitude is usually justified due to his ardent desire to learn. The student must, however, bear in mind his position as a student.

Were it not for criticism, life would be dull. In our years at school we pass through an important stage in our life. In this period criticism is truly needed. Criticism and taken. We, as students, should — just criticism — must be given strive to benefit from such criticisms.

NIBLETS

You people have been quite dull in the past two weeks—the only real news was made by a dog that walked into school with a dead rabbit in its mouth—quick, Mr. Bennett!—also by Miss Johnson who played with a jumping bean all period.

My, my, will Jim Rau never grow up.

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One minute left before the bell Would ring and end the class. A sophomore boy snatched up his books And went right through the glass.

Moral: Take your time!

—from a reporter.

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On the side: Editor receives Black Eye. Colleen Thomas, a friend of mine—after next Tuesday —received that bruised optic from an enemy Republican — so she claims . . .

Evidently when the bug bites, it bites quite hard — look at “starry-eyed” Frank Thulstrup, for instance . . . Or Ray “Dynamo” Nitch who seems to have fallen hard for a certain Shirley in spite of himself . . .

One of the high lights of Science Night, although not viewed by the audience, was the role of fireman played by Mr. Kent during the chemistry exhibition. The idea was to wrap a blanket around the person whose clothes happened to catch fire and smother the flames. He was hoping for a blond. Shucks. . . . Add Science Night: A freshman girl found the label reading, “Live Bear.”—abbreviation for the ‘live bearing’ type of fish—and innocently began to look for a live bear . . .

Casey: Frances Hamilton is seen wearing lipstick conspicuously about school but immediately sheds it upon arrival at home.

Back to the Dogs: It seems Merwyn Becker's 110 pound, 7 month old puppy (?) Bernadine—it's a St. Bernard — playfully pulled Dick Nelson's \$7.00 football helmet apart for his lunch.

P.S. It's school property.



“What beautiful Rings”

UPSTAIRS AND DOWN

Our Inquiring Reporter collected the following answers to the question, “What do you object to most in our school?”

Johanny Henning (senior): “Not having a good swing orchestra in the school!”

Madonna Wettengel (junior): “We don't have enough pep assemblies.”

George Ruesch (sophomore): “I object to the boys' gym being set up for night assemblies during the day. We fellows will lose too many gym periods.”

Anonymous Freshman: “There are too many upperclassmen!”

Nick May (senior): “There's too much time for classes and not enough time for lunch.”

Arline Madson (sophomore): “There aren't enough lights in the corridors for these dark afternoons. It's too hard to see the numbers on the combination locks.”

Niblets continued

And then there's the freshman who wondered what the abbr. for abbr. was until someone told him that abbr. is the abbr. for abbr.

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Reading from left to right: Those stage-door-johnnies who hung around Miss Ellen Hogue's dressing room door after “Prologue to Glory” to get her autograph and mayhap a word and a smile were “Flash” Swardstad, Gene Bergmark and Keith Pike. — They succeeded !!

When Chris Lindhoy saw Miss Hogue he fell off the stage and all he said when he got up and limped away was: “Wonderful.”

NileHi Chefs- Super Cooks

Super-snooping around Miss Line's food classes for boys has brought to light some plenty fine cooking. Starting with cereal, cocoa, and apple compote, our boys have rapidly advanced to the muffin and cup cake stage of fine cookery. About the only casualty so far was Bob Paroubek's muffins. For some reason or other, Bob found that baking soda doesn't have the same effect on muffins as baking powder has!

Charles Williams and Frank Thulstrup are really going places. Miss Line is just waiting for a want-ad so she can recommend two good chefs. William Carrol, Lawrence Miller, John Anderson, and John May have all started to practice their cooking at home. Reports of fine baking have already come back. Bob Brunson and Peter Conrad have been acclaimed the neatest cooks in the lab.

The men have always claimed that the world's greatest cooks are men. Our boys' food classes seem bent on proving the claim. You girls had better look to your laurels!

Science Classes Present Interesting Program

Spectacular displays amazed the parents and friends of NileHi's science students Thursday night, October 24th.

The scientific-minded freshmen staged a "quiz kids" program with Mr. Kent as the humor-lending professor. A movie on sound and fuels followed by the advanced science department's chemistry demonstration awed looker's-on.

The evening was concluded with an inspection of the various displays throughout the room.

WHATZIT?

I'm round and flat, and sort fat.
You aim at me, and laugh with glee,
When I am struck. I cannot duck.
My legs are three. Who can I be?
(Answer on Page 4)

Biology Students Wage Blitzkrieg

For the past few weeks Nature's wonders have found the vicinity of NileHi most dangerous enemy territory. First, Mr. Bennette and his famed biology class tore apart the pitiful grasshopper. Now these merciless biology youngsters are charging upon the helpless butterfly. Where this blitzkrieg will end is a question only the deep recesses of Mr. Bennette's mind can answer.

WHOZIT?

Some people think it's smart to be thin,

But not this lad, he is husky with lots of vim.

At football he shoulders his way through,

Which takes lots of brawn or no can do.

When you ask for gum to his pocket he sails—

And he likes a certain girl with dark pigtails.

His friends call him "Herman"; Senior year he's in.

With his dark hair and blue eyes any heart he would win.

Answer on Page 4

PLEA!

Whether Artie Shaw or Mr. Miller,
To us they both are killer dillers,
But whenever they come on at night

We have to study, OH what a plight!

So here is our wish both loud and long,

Let us hear those super songs,
And so we don't our duties shirk,
Please make the teachers stop homework.

Could Be?

Teacher: Who can tell me what the former ruler of Russia was called?

Class (in unison): Czar.

Teacher: Correct, and what was his wife called?

Class: Czarina.

Teacher: Correct, and what was the Czar's little children called?

Jack: (after pausing timidly): Czardines.

Floriculturists? Yes, We Have Them

Do you know that we have one hundred eighty-five plants in school, not counting Miss Meyer's dying Sedum, which is probably dead now? Mr. Bennette is our leading floriculturist. He has eighty-three plants in his solarium. It seems that any teacher having a sick plant takes it to Mr. Bennette who nurses the invalid back to health.

Miss Green's room has a greenhouse atmosphere with its twenty-one plants on the window sills. Miss Margie Ronalds' beginning Latin classes always find her plants to be something else green in the room besides themselves. Miss Johanns waters her plants regularly every seventh period. Miss Berry's plant looks a bit peaked. Perhaps it's lonesome. Miss Schaefer isn't taking any chances on her plants longing for company. She has ten mother-in-law's tongues in one pot.

Five NTHS Graduates Attending N.U.

Five graduates of Niles Township High School were admitted to Northwestern University this fall. Dolores Gehrs, Roy Lewis Jr., Ted Lindstrom, Paul Wertz, and James Winklhofer are the former students who are now "hitting the books" for old N.U.

D. Lund Leads Girl Bowlers

Hats off to Dottie Lund who has been the leading individual bowler for four consecutive weeks! Her average is 138. Doris Mussil is a close second with a 132 average. Carol Blameuser's 121 look very good too.

The leading team of the Girls' Wednesday Bowling League is the White Kats. Following them are the Lucky Strikers and No Blows in close succession.

A Friday bowling league is in the process of organization. Both the leagues are to be furnished with white shirts with the school's name on them in black letters.

Trojans Whip Woodstock 12-0

After a heart rendering defeat to the tune of 13 to 0 at the hands of a hard-hitting, hard-playing Lake Forest team, our Trojans came back fighting and rolled over the Big Blue team from Woodstock. Although not very well backed from the grandstand, our NileHi team fought its way up and down the gridiron and into "pay dirt" twice. The final score being 12 to 0.

The few who braved the chilling gale saw a peppy and eager Orange Eleven, by a series of sweeping plays with Heiniger toting the pigskin and line plunges by Faust, bring the ball deep into enemy territory. Woodstock dug in and, after recovering a fumble, booted out of danger. Soon another march by the driving men of Troy, featuring Heiniger around the ends, through the line and all over the field, pushing the pigskin to the Woodstock 15 yard line. Then, with Keegan and Brientenbach opening the way, Dahm wearing No. 13, swept over for our initial score. The attempt conversion failed.

Faust Scores Second Touchdown

After a hard and even fought second period, NTHS opened its big guns and started rolling down the field in the third quarter. After several line bucks, a short pass and some thrilling razzle dazzle, the referee found an Orange No. 15, Nitch, and the ball at the bottom of a pile of bodies right down in front of the Big Blue's uprights. A few minutes later the players and coaches on the sidelines and the shivering souls in the bleachers were standing and clapping in salute to the happy Trojan team that was trotting down the field to kick off and to big Kermit Faust who had changed the score to 12 to 0.

Play Arlington Tomorrow

The entire team, line and back field, looked pretty fine from the stands and should be singing a victory song on the return trip from Arlington tomorrow afternoon.

...GOOD LUCK TROJANS!

Intramural Basketball Starts Next Week

Approximately three hundred tired males tramped into the showers following the first practice sessions for intramural basketball which were held last week. This was the beginning of a schedule of nine games to be played throughout the winter by each of the teams.

Regular games will begin next week, and will continue through the winter months well into February, when the winners in each class will enter in an elimination round. The final game will determine the school basketball champions.

L. Splett Leads GAA Magazine Sales

A freshman, Lorraine Splett, is leading all the upper classmen in the individual magazine sales, up to the time of the paper deadline.

If the goal of two-hundred and fifty dollars is reached today, a new radio will adorn the G.A.A. club-room, Miss Schaefer recently announced.

'41 Football Schedule Arranged

Next year's football schedule was the chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Northwest Conference held recently at Libertyville.

After careful discussion, a six game conference schedule was adopted. Each school drew one bye, and as a result Niles Township will not play Arlington Heights in conference competition next year. The first conference games will be played on September 26 or 27.

The application of the new Zion-Benton Township High School was tabled until such a time as a vacancy may exist. It appears unwise to increase the membership of the conference to more than eight schools. The present members are Arlington Heights, Leyden, Woodstock, Crystal Lake, Libertyville, Warren, Lake Forest, and Niles Township.

ANSWERS:

Whozit - Kermit Faust
Whatzit - Archery Target

Frosh Football Team Shows Promise

Another season of football competition at Niles Township draws to a close. For some of the boys it means their last year of high-school football. But for forty enthusiastic freshmen, it means three more years of good football. And when we say good we mean good, as this year's team is by far the best frosh we've had in recent years. Though inexperienced at first, under Mr. Galitz's coaching they developed enough to win three of their games while losing two and tying one.

The freshman's first game against Maine frosh-soph resulted in a beating, 7-12, due to the aforesaid inexperience. Later in the season they gained revenge for that defeat by beating the same team, 13-0. In their second game, the frosh put up a surprising battle to the big Evanston Freshman team but succumbed to a 7-21 score.

Tie Crystal Lake J. V.'s

At Homecoming the frosh took over a game on the J. V. schedule with the Crystal Lake J. V.'s and fought a far more experienced team to a stand-still, 6-6. The last two games of the year were "push-overs," although both were played within the space of three days, something unusual in football. At Arlington, our freshmen whipped a very weak frosh-soph 13-0. The freshmen closed the season "in the groove" by decisively beating the Woodstock J. V.'s 19-0.

Frosh Have Possibilities

In these last two games we could see the qualities that cause us to predict that within at least two years this same team will capture a Varsity Conference championship.

This team which rolled up 65 points while holding their opponents to 39 points, had many outstanding players but these freshmen have three years in which to receive individual mention for stardom. Suffice it to say that the squad as a whole has great possibilities.

Answer to last issue's puzzle

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