

# NILEHI LITE

Vol. IX, No. 1

Skokie, Illinois

Friday, September 26, 1947

## 'Finance Follies' to Be Held Saturday To Raise Funds for New Yearbook

Do you want to show your visiting friends a yearbook that you can be proud of, or do you want to be forced to "conveniently" misplace it when they come visiting you? Your answer would of course be that you want a book you can be proud of, but you won't be, unless you, too are willing to put yourself out just a little bit.

Mr. Paul Eberhardt met with the "Reflections" finance committee a couple of weeks ago and told them of a situation that will take work and school spirit to remedy. The general staff, because of high prices, went above their budget the last two years, which left a big job not only for the finance committee but for the students.

Mr. Eberhardt tells us that if we don't raise quite a bit of money then he will be forced to make a choice between the following: no yearbook at all, one with just a few pages, or a poor substitution, with a flimsy paper cover.

After a long discussion he suggested various ways of raising money and three girls from the group took on the responsibility of giving the first dance of the year, "The Finance Follies." The money raised at the dance will go entirely toward the making of the 1948 yearbook. The dance will be held on Saturday, September 27 in the gym and will

## Lightning Strikes School Second Time in History

Whatever it cost to put lightning rods on the Nilehi building paid dividends last week when a bolt of lightning struck one of the rods on the chimney.

According to several students in Mr. James Michaels' period 8 history class, the bolt seemed to explode on the top of the rods like a bomb.

Miss Mildred Schaefer, girls' P. E. instructor, said that her gym class was rudely interrupted when the electrons came dancing down the water pipes in the girl's gym.

According to Mr. L. R. Mackey, the school engineer, students need not worry about the school being demolished by lightning. It is adequately protected from the forces of nature by having lightning rods on the highest points of the building, the tower and the smoke stack. Mr. Mackey also said that this is only the second time that the school has had such an occurrence, as far as he knows.

The students and faculty of Nilehi extend their sympathy to Donald Carlson, senior, whose father passed away recently.

be strictly a mixer.

Asking you to attend this dance shouldn't be like pulling teeth, because who knows, you may meet someone you never knew was so nice before. When things don't go entirely on schedule, many students make a fuss, but we usually find that these are the ones who never participate in school activities.

Everyone from freshmen to seniors should be there because you certainly wouldn't want an "F" for the first school dance. In coming to this dance you will not only be enjoying yourself, but you will also be helping your school to have a better yearbook in '48.

## Three Faculty Members Meet Stork This Summer

"Old Mister Stork" certainly didn't have much rest this summer! No, sir, it was his job to deliver three small junior faculty members during the summer months.

The arrival of little Donna Mae Schubert, daughter of Mr. Anton Schubert, Nilehi swimming coach, started this chain of events on June 3, 1947. Sixteen days later, the birth of Ida Lynne Kiviluoma, was announced by her dad, Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, who teaches math at N.T.H.S.

The last link on the chain was delivered August 9 to the home of Arthur Ryden, history instructor at Niles. Her name is Jo Anne and she was recently named the "Baby of the Year" by the National P.T.A. Congratulations, Jo Anne!

## Nilehi Teachers See the Country First Hand; Travel to Points East, West, North, and South

While Nilehi students sat racking their brains in hot summer-school classrooms and unfamiliar offices and factories, it seems that many of the faculty were enjoying themselves in cities all over the United States.

Miss Kranz tells us that after teaching six weeks of summer school she spent a week in Minnesota. From there she traveled three weeks in the mountains of Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. She also tells us that while the heat was soaring to 96 and 98 degrees in Chicago she was playing in snow and had a fire in her cabin at Grand Teton National Park.

But on the other hand, Mr. Eberhardt must have been even warmer than we were because he was traveling in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and

## Skokie Youth Club Opens New Term This Evening

The official opening of the Skokie Youth Club for the 1947-48 term will take place tonight according to Mr. Clement Meier, the new director of the club, who is replacing Mr. Lester Galitz.

After the official opening all active members will be assigned to a committee and be required to work at least four or five times during the year. New cards will be issued this month requiring the usual 10 cents a month dues.

Mr. Meier announced that the new hours for the club would be:

Tuesday—3:30-5:30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday—3:30-5:30, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Friday—7:30-11:30 p.m.

Saturday—7:30-11:30 p.m.

Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.

## More Credits Needed For Graduation in 1951

Attention! Especially you freshmen who will be the future class of 1951.

According to Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser and chemistry instructor, more credits will be needed for graduation. Also a new grade-point system has been approved and will affect this year's freshmen.

Instead of the usual 30, the new system will require 32 credits for graduation. This, however, does not include physical education or other minor credits. They must come extra. The total will then be boosted to about 34.2.

In addition to this at least 40 grade points will be necessary. The grade points are A-4 points, B-3 points, C-2 points, and D-1 point. This new system will raise our school standards, Mr. Ohlson said.

Virginia.

Miss Green spent her summer at her beach home in Delaven, Wisconsin, while at the same time Miss Schaefer was just a few miles away in Green Lake at her mother's home. Miss Schaefer also claims that she made 15 trips of 400 miles each during the summer.

Miss Klaus was in the "same shoes" as many Nilehi students because she spent five weeks studying music at Boulder, Colorado.

You may have seen Mr. Hussey, for he was the summer recreational director at Oakton Park right here in Skokie, except for a week which was spent in Missouri on a fishing trip. Dr. Biehn made several trips between Geneva, Nebraska, and Skokie, but devoted a great deal of his summer preparing for this year's school term.



## Ten Teachers Added To School Faculty

Among the ten new members of the 1947-48 Nilehi faculty are a former army nurse who served in the Philippines, a professional ball player under contract with the New York Yankees, two former superintendents of public schools, and a former instructor at Chanut Field.

Miss Muriel Higgins, the new dramatics teacher, received her A.B. degree from the University of Indiana. Previously, she held the position of dramatics teacher at the University high school.

The new school nurse, Miss Kathleen Atkinson, served with the army near Manila in the Philippines and as head nurse in the Michael Reese hospital. Miss Atkinson received her nurse's training at the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis and at Michael Reese.

Miss Kate Bicanich, librarian, received a B. S. degree from the College of St. Catherine in Minnesota. She has served as assistant librarian in libraries in Chisholm, Minnesota, and South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. Anne Curl, teacher of English, French, and Spanish, has taught at the Junior College at Muskogee, Oklahoma. She received a B.S. in Education degree from the University of Oklahoma, and an M.A. in French at Middleburg college in Vermont.

The new foods teacher, Miss Florence Butler, has served at Lincoln and Roosevelt schools in Cicero and at Garfield in Maywood. Miss Butler received her bachelor's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. James Phipps will be coach of the varsity baseball team and the freshman football and basketball teams. Mr. Phipps received a B.Ed. degree from the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College and an M.A. degree from the University of Indiana. Mr. Phipps played with the White Sox before the war and now his contract belongs to the New York Yankees. He is taking the place vacated by Mr. Lester Galitz, who left his position as coach and instructor to go into the frozen foods business in California.

Mr. Carl E. Burgener, teacher of physics, received his B. S. degree at the Illinois Wesleyan University and an M.A. degree at Columbia University. He served as an instructor at Chanut Field and as aerial navigator with the Navy.

The Driver Education program will be headed by Mr. L. P. Babcock who will also teach the new course in psychology. Mr. Babcock received an M.S. degree from the University of Illinois after having been graduated from Southern Illinois State Teachers College. He was formerly superintendent of schools at Breese and Louisville, Ill.

Mr. Albert Heiby, teacher of mathematics, has previously taught at the University of Illinois and at Austin High

## Faculty Notices Marked Improvement In Attitude of Nilehi Students

Has your attitude toward school changed in the last year? The teachers of Nilehi think it has.

Of 19 faculty members questioned recently by the Nilehilite, nine said they had detected a definite upward trend in the attitude of students. Six had noticed no improvement, and only one thought the attitude of pupils was on the down grade.

Reasons for the turn of mind varied, but most common among the teacher's opinions was that pupils are feeling more security in their home and school after the unsure days of the war years.

Here is how some of the teachers account for the students' change of attitude:

MR. MARVIN IHNE thinks student attitude toward school has improved in the last year because young people are getting a better understanding of the purpose of school and education; the traditions of our young school are also

becoming more established.

MR. CHARLES SELDEN accounts for an improvement in attitude by the fact that we are farther from the war hysteria, and the attitude of, "what's the use—I'll be in the army soon. Let's have fun now."

MISS HELEN JOHANNIS says students attitude is definitely better because returning veterans are impressed with the importance of a good education, and they are passing on this attitude.

What difference, you might ask, will this improved attitude make to the average student?

According to DR. A. L. BIEHN, school superintendent, improvement in attitude on the part of the pupil should make work better with less effort. This would give a student more free time and enable him to take part in a greater variety of extra-curricular activities.

## SHORT CUTS

A magazine subscription contest will be held at Nilehi from October 1 to about October 15. The purpose is to raise money for the 1948 Reflections, the school's annual.

Mr. Max Reynolds, of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, will come to N. T. H. S. soon to talk to the English classes about the contest.

Some of the magazines to be sold are Women's Home Companion, Colliers, National Weekly, and American. The students who sell the most magazines will receive a prize.

Forty people entered the Nilehi halls to attend the University of Illinois extension school here on Wednesday, September 17. Messrs. Harold Ohlson, Anton Schubert, Charles Hussey, Albert Heiby, Samuel Fox and Mrs. Robert Rice will be the teachers.

Twenty-six of the 40 collegiates will be newcomers at Nilehi, although all are residents of the state.

It looks as though Nilehi is getting an exceptionally well-behaved freshman class this year.

No Einsteins are expected to come out of the freshman class, say the eight freshman teachers polled, but the students have been doing very well considering the hot weather and the fact that high school is a new experience for all of them.

"The freshmen have been very alert in class and love to do homework," says Miss Florence Harrison, girls' general science teacher. From all reports the other teachers also expect the freshmen to keep this cooperative attitude throughout their four years at Niles.

## See Chicago Club Makes First Trip to Tribune

"The blood, sweat, and tears of a thousand men make the paper and the articles of the Chicago Tribune possible."

This idea was driven home forcibly to the members of Nilehi's See Chicago Club who visited the Chicago Tribune on Friday nights, September 5 and 12.

The tour through the Tribune began with a movie made especially for the Tribune Centennial. The movie followed the manufacture of the Tribune from the cutting of the trees to the delivery of the completed paper. The movie was followed by a tour through the editorial room, pressroom, linotype and mailing rooms.

According to members of the club, one of the most enjoyable parts of the trip was seeing the Sunday comics two weeks ahead of time.

The trip to the Tribune was the first of eight scheduled for the club. The next trip, which will be to Brookfield Zoo, is scheduled for October 18.

school in Chicago. Mr. Heiby received a Ph.B. from the College of Wooster, an LL.B. from the Washington College of Law and an M.S. from DePaul.

Mr. George Roth, the new general science teacher, has served as principal in the Rockton grade school and as science teacher at the junior high school in Beloit, Wisconsin. He received his bachelor's degree from the Milwaukee State Teachers' College and an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Roth will organize and sponsor a Hi-Y Chapter for N.T.H.S. boys.



## This 'n That - New Column Is Here Contributions Wanted

Are you tired, worn out, stiff and sore? Do you feel as if your legs can no longer support your feeble body? Then you, like many other Nilehi fellows and girls, are suffering from the strange malady known as cheerleaderitis.

This is a seasonable disease usually brought on by watching football practice. The Junior girls seem to be the most highly susceptible. The tragic side of this disease is that there is no known cure. Those victims who don't make the squad are temporarily cured—the disease merely lies dormant until the next fall. And those who make it? Well, you were at the game—you saw them stumble out on the field and rasp hoarsely: "Let's have a cheer!"

\* \* \*

Just a minute! Haven't you forgotten something? Why, certainly! You forgot to take the straws out of your milk bottle and you left a napkin on your plate. From now on everything should be taken off the plates before they are put on the carts, say the students of the senior problems classes. A neat, clean cafeteria is again their goal.

## Legs Are Still There -- Just Harder to Find

"Yippe!" "Ugh!" "What is it?" There are a few of the printable opinions expressed by Nilehi students concerning the new dress lengths. At any rate the poor suffering males of Troy are not alone in their grief as the whole nation seems to be mourning, or in very few cases, enjoying, these styles.

The girls ask: "What do the fellows dislike about these styles?" Howard Korsmo, homeroom 208, summed up the male opinions when he said, "These dresses make the girls look like a bean pole in a burlap bag."

Contrary to popular belief, some girls are not slaves to style and are protesting against these styles by forming "Little Below the Knee" clubs.

However, variety is the spice of life and this change is quite drastic compared to last year's styles. When skirt lengths zoomed up above the knees this was taken very much for granted by the males who were pleased as well as calm.

Now that something new has been added (mainly several inches of cloth to every hem line) the fellas turn many quick glances in the direction of a retreating gal in hopes of seeing the top of her shoes! This may be a slight exaggeration, but ankles are slowly, but surely being brought under cover.

But cheer up, fellows, for these new styles are like prohibition in that the old joints are still there, but they're harder to find.

After having such a gay time last October at Tom Black's cottage, the whole crowd are going back for another weekend this year. His guests include Gloria Baumann, Jo Ann Eberhardt, Shirley Schmidt, Lyle Dye, and Clay Merrill.

\* \* \*

First it was gasoline that was hard to get, then meat, silk hose, even marshmallows, and now there is a shortage of lumber for projects down in the Nilehi woodshops. Mr. Charles Seldon is practically at his wits' end, he says. Seems that most of the fellows enrolled in the woodshop want to make something which would require large pieces of the elusive lumber, and if the situation persists—who knows, the shop may be overflowing with an assortment of book ends, small boxes and other miscellaneous items of all sizes and shapes.

## Eager Nilehi Spectator Finds Football Confusing

By Doris Bernges

The football season is here again and all the ardent Niles fans welcomed it back last Friday night in their very best style.

I stayed up 'til way past midnight the night before the game, washing out my yellow (gold to you) sweater and shaking last summer's sand out of my bluejeans.

I arrived at the game simply brimming with school spirit, and when the game started, I cheered for our team like mad. I was awfully surprised when I looked around to see everybody nearby glaring at me. That is, I was surprised until I discovered I was sitting in the West Chicago section!

When I finally got seated with the gang the second quarter was just beginning, but that was the quarter I missed. You see I had been doing daring things with my bubble gum and when my prize bubble of the evening popped I had my eyes closed and when I finally got them open again the half was over.

The second half was swell. The new uniforms looked positively drooly (to say the least). I did think they could have been more careful of them though. All that falling down must have got them awfully dirty, and simply full of grass stains.

Maybe some of you grid heroes will tane a hint after reading this article and be more careful next week. You must look neat and pretty, you know!

\* \* \*

Schaefer and the G. A. A. promise a number of dances this year, so sharpen your shoes, kids!

## Song Titles Form Basis Of Pete McSwine's Plight

Frankie Carle may have his girl friends but N.T.H.S. students have their songs. These seemed to strike the right note.

Freshmen "Everything Happens to Me."

Sophomores: "Remember When."

Juniors: "As Time Goes By."

Seniors: "Where Do We Go From Here?"

"Or Would You Rather Be A Pig?"

If so, you might run into someone like our hero, "Pig Foot Pete."

"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" sighed Pete McSwine, hero of Porkville.

"Who?" demanded a "Passerby", his father.

"Ivy", my "Sweetheart", the "Pig I My Heart". She left me for a Parisian Pig who wooed her with his "Jous Vous Aime", "Mamselle" and they eloped!" groaned Pete.

"That gal was poison, you were "Always" "Feudin' and Fightin". "This Can't Be Love"! I'll admit, "It's Almost Like Being In Love", but you were smarter "When You Were Sweet Sixteen". "Ask Anyone Who Knows"! replied papa.

"Papa, Don't Preach To Me"! moaned Pete, "I Have But One Heart" and "I'm Feelin' Mighty Low". "I Want a Sunday Kind of Love", "The Things We Did Last Summer", "Eating Chocolate Sundae On A Saturday Night" and "Celery Stalks At Midnight". But now this "Jealousy" is killing me. Oh well, I guess "I'll Get By."

How about it? "Would You Rather Be A Pig?"



What was some unusual incident which happened to you during the summer?...

Bill Permer, senior: "I worked."

Marice Ray, senior: "I went up in a plane over Lake Tomahawk and saw all the beautiful scenery."

Ray Olson, freshman: "I went and saw the National Air Races at Cleveland. I saw one plane crash in which the pilot was killed."

John Krupka, sophomore: "I caught a two-and-one-half pound bass this summer. This was really something for me!"

Marge Peterson, junior: "I did nothing which would interest anybody."

Leslie Meyer, senior: "I won a medal at Blue Island, Illinois, for synchronized swimming. We came in third."

Tom Fitzgerald, senior: "It happened on the first day of school. I brought my car to school. Never again!"

Ida Franson, senior: "I had to walk home from downtown in my bare feet, because my high-heel shoes were killing me."



## Liz and Essex Go Separate Ways

Elizabeth and Essex were walking arm in arm ((steadies, you know,) down one of N.T.H.S.'s dimly lighted corridors to their next class, when Essex, being quite a woman-hater, piped up with: "It's too bad more girls aren't taking that new driving course." Elizabeth, faintly detecting the playboy in Essex, came back with: "Isn't that a shame! But at least there are some; in our food class we haven't even got a man! Even the teacher is a woman."

Why is this so? Let us journey to the psychology class and discover the secret. But first we must witness the melancholy farewell of the two lovers. It is so sad to part for one hour! There is a firm handshake as they gaze into each other's eyes, a few encouraging words from Essex, "Buck up, kid...", a trace of tears, mixed with the pathos in Elizabeth's wistful orbs. Sniff!

So, on to psychology!

In psychology it is explained. If you were your father and your father were your mother and vice versa with you and your sister, then maybe, you, being like your mother, but actually your father, and vice versa with your sister, would like to cook and she would like to drive. Crystal clear! Taking the majority, we find that the idea of patiently standing over a hot stove, whipping up some mess to satisfy the appetites of your family does not appeal to most men, and most women do not enjoy speeding along a highway, lugging the family to a picnic, or some such razz-ma-tazz. There we have the whole thing in a nut shell, with the nut still inside.

Now, back to Liz and Ess, who have just come out of their Food and Driving classes. There is a firm handshake, an eager, "How are you, kid?" a radiant smile, as the two burst into conversation.

"Wow, did we have the fun driving today," said Essex, "we learned how to play tag with other cars and run over people without hurting them!"

"And we learned how to bake Mexican jumping beans," cried Liz happily.

## NILEHILITE

This Nihilite is written, printed and published by the students of the Niles Township High School, Skokie, Illinois. Dr. A. L. Biehn, superintendent - principal.

### STAFF MEMBERS

Editor-in-chief: Bill Comstock  
Feature Editor: Lyle Dye  
Sports Editor: Jim Schilling  
Sports Writers: Don Brown, Bill Neuson, and Ed Linskey.

Girls' Sports: Doris Bernges  
Circulation Manager: Gertrude Brua  
Exchange Editor: June Sprungman  
Reporters: Marcia Connell, Bill Heveran, Lee Harrer, Sandra Ravencroft, Danna Barbour, Bill Neuson, Don Brown, Ed Linskey, Donna Korsmo, Eileen Rodley, Bill Fortman, Roger Coverly, Gertrude Brua, Nancy Borneman, Doris Bernges, Don Dadigan, Phil LaVeau, Dick O'Brien, Jack Nixon, Mary Morse, Patty Meyer, Deane Liesveld, Rudy Schmid, Carol Schuler, June Sprungman, Bill Wokoun, and Joanne Day.

### FACULTY ADVISERS

Paul Eberhardt Clement Meier

## Thumbnail Sketches of Frosh

Although everyone looks about the same right now in the freshman class, here is a little information about a few Nilehi newcomers who Miss Lucille Ronalds' Latin class think are setting a good pace this early in the year.

**NOEL CHURCH**—Haven school.

Dislikes: I hate to do things around the house. Like wiping dishes.

Pet Peeves: I can't stand people that are short and fat, or who talk too much.

How do you loaf? Playing records or listening to the radio.

Nickname: None.

Ambitions: To be a good rider so I can jump over 4' 9" jump.

**JOAN PETERSON**—St. Peter School.

Dislikes: I hate to do supper dishes or hang out clothes.

Pet Peeves: Big, fat, noisy people.

How do you loaf? Lay around and eat.

Nickname: Pete.

Ambitions: "To be assistant photographer or something in that order."

**NANCY LOU MOHLAR**—Rugen School

Dislikes: I hate having to obey Shire and Slim at the lunch table.

Pet Peeves: People who are conceited and forward.

How do you loaf? Lying on the floor reading love stories.

Nickname: Moldy

Ambitions: "To be a stenographer."

**DON WALTER**—Lincoln School

Pet Peeves: Girls who try to dress like boys.

How do you loaf? Lay down on my back.

Nickname: Walt

Ambition: "Play football for Army."

**ALLAN WEISSBURG**—East Prairie

Pet Peeves: People who don't get directions straight.

How do you loaf? Read a book and listen to the radio.

Nickname: Al.

Ambition: "I have no ambition"

**BUDDY HILDEBRAND**—Cleveland

Pet Peeves: People who stand in front of the juke box when it's playing.

How do you loaf? Playing football!!

Nickname: Buddy.

Ambition: "I wanta own a grocery store."

**JOANNE KENDLER**—Sharp Corner

Dislikes: I hate to get up in the morning.

Pet Peeves: Egotistical people.

How do you loaf? Riding horseback.

Ambitions: "Journalist."

**BILL PERRIN**—Sharp Corner

Pet Peeves: People that tell me I don't feed my dog enough.

How do you loaf? I like to read good books.

Nickname: Bill.

Ambition: "To be a flyer."

## Couples Are Here Today, Maybe Gone Tomorrow

"Couples, couples everywhere, but how many will stay together?" seems to be the much worn-out echo through the halls of Nilehi. After a long, hard summer, let's see what still is what or better still what's new, for one never knows how long we'll see these ardent twosomes strolling down the halls hand in hand.

We hope we can be fairly safe in mentioning Bill Comstock, Marilyn Pearson, Gloria Bauman and Tom Black, because rumors have it that they are all nearing their second year of "captivity." We might also mention the names of Lyle Dye, Jo Eberhardt, Marcy Connell and Don Biehn, who still have that happy "almost a year" look on their faces.

If we were to stand in the hall viewing the passing students, we'd probably see Bill Permer in front of 313 before home-room with Marilyn Long, Eva Lou Michel and Lee Garner standing by the water fountain, Pat Olson and Don Brown walking down the hall together and Clay Merrill standing at Shirey Schmidt's locker.

If we stood long enough, we might even see Don Racine in front of the typing room with Betty Sherman, Nick Rollick and Joyce Mathews standing at the end of the hall talking, or Bruce Harris and Karen Southworth entering the school together, followed by Bill Hutchings and Patty Meyer.

Then we have those cosmopolitan gals who can't find a satisfactory boy at Nilehi so go elsewhere. Among those we'll find Polly Wettengel, Kay Jaeger, Mary MacNamara, Carol Schuler and Dolores Mattson. The names that we've mentioned are considered "established" couples but you never can tell in this fast moving world!

## First Year Students Are Happily Growing Up

They're back like a bad penny, only please, mighty seniors, don't fool yourselves! The freshmen, who somehow pop up every year at the same time, usually amazed the school by the end of the year. By the time they've made good in a great many surprising ways and have managed to grow several inches, too. (This is always accredited to the healthy Nilehi atmosphere!)

The bewildered little things who run around the ball asking, "Which way is up?" or "I'm a big boy now, aren't I?" are, contrary to all rumors, normal, healthy children who are simply going through a stage called 'growing up.' (To the sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are now laughing, many teachers agree that this unfortunate stage often lasts several years!)

Along with this stage usually comes the eye-opening experience of having your first date, going around and getting acquainted with a new crowd, learning to 'jive' and 'walk' Nile style, wading through piles of homework to tear to a football game or a school mixer, trying out for choir, cheerleading, basketball, plays, besides joining every club you have the time for and—but this could go on indefinitely. For the upperclassmen it's simply a preview, and for the frosh it's a preview of a few of the many things that'll happen before the year is out.

However, if we're not mistaken it won't be the freshmen who'll be green after reading this, but the upperclassmen—green with envy remembering how just a couple of years ago all this happened to them and how it was kinda fun and how the old saying, "Mighty trees from little acorns," seemed after all to come true with them. At any rate, have a good time, frosh!



## Trojans Smash West Chicago, 46-0

Last Friday night the Nilehi Trojans proved that they will be a strong contender for the Northeast Conference when they whipped West Chicago 46 to 0 in their 1947 debut. The Trojans showed power thru the air, on the ground, and on defense when they reeled off seven touchdowns and four extra points. The game was played on the home field.

The Junior Varsity and Varsity will play their Conference opener here tonight against the Leyden Eagles. Junior Varsity game will start at 6:15 and the Varsity at 8:00.

After a scoreless first period, the Trojans scored three times in the second quarter. The first touchdown was set up by right end Don Carlson when he intercepted a West Chicago pass. On the next play left halfback Jim Blessing raced 48 yards for the score. Jim Heiniger added the extra point.

Minutes later Quarterback Ed Soergel pitched a 19-yard pass to Don Carlson, who galloped 50 yards for the second touchdown. Jim Heiniger again booted the extra point. Just before the first half ended, Ed Soergel threw a 20-yard pass to left end Bill Comstock, who went 30 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was no good.

In the third quarter Ed Soergel completed a 20-yard pass to Comstock, who lateraled to Jim Blessing. Jim raced down the left side of the gridiron to the two-yard line where he fumbled the ball and it landed out of bounds. After being stopped twice by West Chicago Ed Soergel plunged over for the score.

The final touchdown in the third period came when Comstock took a short pass from Soergel and sprinted 78 yards. Fullback Lee Garner tossed a pass to Comstock for the extra point.

In the final period Don Siegel scooted 50 yards around left end for the sixth touchdown. The conversion was no good. Howard Siegel scored the final touchdown when he circled left end for 74 yards. Fullback Tom Black passed to left end Ward Nipper for the extra point.

West Chicago (0)		Nilehi (46)	
J. Kautz	L.E.	Comstock	
Glasshagel	L.T.	Hall	
Merziani	L.G.	Batz	
Kaylor	C.	Kadlec	
Dalton	R.G.	Linskey	
Katsoulas	R.T.	Miller	
R. Kautz	R.E.	Carlson	
Pearson	Q.B.	Soergel	
De'tman	L.H.	Blessing	
Deutsch	R.H.	J. Heiniger	
See'ey	F.B.	Garner	
West Chicago		0	0
Niles		0	20
Touchdowns —		Comstock 2, Blessing, Carlson,	
Soergel, D. Siegel, H. Siegel.			
Point's after touchdowns —		J. Heiniger 2, Com-	
stock, Nipper.			

## Frosh-Sophs Defeat West Chicago, 19-0

Two long runs and a pass gave the Niles Township Junior Varsity football team, (minus the Juniors), more than enough points to whip West Chicago

## Yaukee Farm Club Player Is Nilehi Coach

A former professional baseball player, James Phipps is the new addition to the coaching staff of N.T.H.S. Mr. Phipps will take charge of the Frosh football and basketball teams, and will be the boss of the Varsity baseball squad.

Mr. Phipps has shown that he is going after that diamond championship in his initial year here at Nilehi, by calling the first autumn baseball practice in the history of the school. This first drill was held on Saturday, September 13, at Oakton Park. His purpose in doing this was to acquaint himself with the boys, and to see what kind of material he had on hand for the 1948 season.

Phipps was born 28 short summers ago in the town of Kansas, Illinois, where he was raised. It was here that he first acquired his taste for the horsehide covered sphere. But he really didn't play professionally until he broke in as an outfielder with Wisconsin Rapids in the Wisconsin State League in 1941.

He then served four years in the Naval Air Corps, where he also played baseball. Then in 1946 he was moved to Class D baseball with Augusta, Georgia, a New York Yankee farm club.

When the Yanks sent him his 1947 contract, they stated that they wanted him to return to Augusta. Thinking he deserved a chance in a higher league, Phipps sent back his contract unsigned. When questioned as to whether he would return to professional baseball, Phipps stated that it was "very doubtful."

19 to 0 last Friday night on the Niles football field.

L. R. Mackey, Nilehi coach, split the team in half, dressing only the sophomores to combat the visiting frosh-soph team.

Paced by quarterback Lenny Lange, the Trojans scored on the first play of the second quarter, when Lange returned a West Chicago punt 65 yards for a touchdown. Lange's try for the extra point was no good.

Erickson, center, recovered a fumble on the next kickoff to set up another score. Lange immediately passed 15 yards to Jim Davis, right end, who sprinted 20 more for the tally. Lange converted to make the score 13 to 0.

Midway through the third period, Lou Keesey, right half, exploded through left tackle and raced 55 yards for the Trojans' final touchdown. Lange's conversion was no good.

The third period also saw West Chicago's only real threat, when they penetrated to the Niles' 10-yard line. The two teams battled to a standstill in the last quarter, and the score at the final gun was Niles 19, West Chicago 0.

## New Activities Offered by G.A.A.

The Girls' Athletic Association after three years has again joined the Illinois G.A.A. league.

There are to be after school activities for those girls interested in winning a letter. Since the previous records of individual points has been destroyed, a new plan for a credit system is being made. Sophomore, junior, and senior girls will be awarded a certain number of points according to their year in school.

The present activities now offered are archery and tumbling. Tuesday has been set aside as a day of archery and Thursday for tumbling. Miss Mary Evelyn Thurman, sponsor, is also thinking of starting a tap dancing class, so if anyone is interested, please see her about details.

This year the G.A.A. plans to sponsor a lot more dances than in previous years. For the Christmas Dance this year, plans are being made for the girls to wear formals while the fellows will be dressed in their best suits.

Besides the hay-rack party this year there will be a sleigh-ride outing, according to present plans.

## 2nd Half Proviso Drive

### Defeats Nilehi J.V.'s

On the morning of September 20, the Proviso Pirates scored three touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to defeat Nilehi Junior Varsity 20 to 12 in a non-conference contest at Proviso.

With three minutes left to play in the first half, left end Ward Nipper recovered a Proviso fumble on the Proviso 16-yard line. After two plays Right-Half Lou Keesey took a 7-yard pass from Quarterback Lennie Lange and then plunged over from there to score the first touchdown of the game. The conversion was no good. The half ended with Niles ahead 6 to 0.

In the third and fourth quarters, the Pirates had the ball most of the time. Jim Wilson, left halfback, dashed over from the 9-yard line to tie up the game. Wilson plunged over center for the extra point to put Proviso ahead for the remainder of the game. Niles was held scoreless in the third period.

In the fourth period Proviso scored twice when Eddie Bevans ran over from the 19-yard line and he set up the final touchdown for Proviso also when he returned a punt from the 50 to Niles 23-yard line. Three plays later Fullback Paulik plunged over from the 3-yard line. Tom Rhode plunged over for the conversion.

Niles scored its final touchdown when Lennie Lange raced over from the 6-yard line. The extra point was no good.



## Rugged Gym Program Planned

Here's your gym program, boys:

A strenuous program in physical education is being planned for all four classes, says Mr. Harold Isaacson, boys' athletic director. The freshmen and sophomore classes will concentrate on calisthenics, marching, tumbling, and apparatus work. They will also be taught the fundamentals of the competitive games.

The juniors and seniors are in the midst of an intramural touch football tournament. Soccer will follow football, and then the boys will go inside where they'll participate in tumbling, apparatus work, boxing, and intramural basketball and volleyball.

Softball will take up most of the schedule in the spring. These competitive sports are designed to teach competitive games to the boys so that they may continue to be physically active after they finish school.

The swimming classes, with the exception of the seniors, will be handled by Mr. Anton T. Schubert, boys' physical education instructor. The underclass non-swimmers will be taught to swim, and the swimmers will start work on the beginner and intermediate tests. The sophomores and juniors will work on the swimmer and advanced swimmers' tests.

The seniors, under the direction of Mr. J. Phipps, new addition to the Nilehi coaching staff, will work mainly on the life-saving tests.

## Gridders Comment On Conference

Question asked of Varsity football players: "What is your opinion of our chances of winning the conference this year?"

Laurence Hall — "We should be good if the boys work hard."

Ed Soergel — "Excellent chance for the conference if our line begins to work as it should."

Jim Blessing — "If our line starts working hard we will have a good chance."

Lee Garner — "It's hard to tell, but I think we should have an exceptional chance to end up on top."

Ray Batz — "We should win if the line and the backs work hard."

Ed Linskey — "If all the fellows work hard, the team should win."

# Beat Leyden

# GLAMAZONS

A week ago Tuesday a number of the enterprising and cooperative students at N.T.H.S. flocked gymward right after school, to try out or watch the try outs for the cheerleading squad. All students were urged to attend to indicate by their applause — or lack of it — their opinion of each candidate. According to Miss Mildred Schaefer, faculty sponsor, who was judging the "tryouts", it was very hard to choose the squad because all those who turned out were so good. After much pondering "Schaefer" finally picked an A-1 team. The members are seniors: Marilyn Pearson, Polly Wetten-gel, Mary Ann Ritter, Joyce Mathews, Nona Bartolini, Lyle Dye, Bill Kella, and Clay Merrill. Juniors were Jeanne Lee Eckhardt (who specializes in acrobatics), Edith Walther, Ellen Patzke, Kay Jaeger, Carol Stockenberg, and Nancy Newton. There was one sophomore, Marilyn Reiland, who was on last year's squad. With these cheer leaders we ought to be able to yell our team to victory at every game. Marilyn Pearson, who is now entering her third season as cheer leader, was unanimously chosen cheer leader capt. by the squad.

## Synchronized Swimmers

Tuesday, September 16, was also a busy day for Nilehi's swimmers, when the first meeting of the "sync." class was held. Mr. Anton Schubert, instructor, reports that 22 swimmers turned out.

## Gym Classes

The whole program for the girls' gym classes sounds like more fun (and exercise) than ever before. The senior girls have a super interesting schedule, including home nursing, first aid, and driver education courses to be held during the regular gym periods.

During the winter season, the junior and senior girls will play basketball on gym days. The freshman and sophomore girls will play captainball.

Miss Schaefer reports that there will be intramural tournaments in basketball, volleyball, softball and captainball.

The first nine weeks of the first semester are to be spent in taking tests and measurements and posture evaluation, also general calisthenics and group games for all classes.

Something new has been added for senior girls with medical excuses from swimming. Instead of dropping the class they now will have nine weeks of outside archery under the tutelage of Miss Mary Evelyn Thurman, girls' gym teacher. So if in the near future you should be "punctured" or merely poked by an arrow, it probably isn't cupid after all.

This year our football heroes will be clad in new uniforms. The junior varsity will inherit last year's varsity togs, while the big wheel varsity lads will have brand new equipment.

## Sport Club News

The Saddle Club will hold an organization meeting soon and various stables are being investigated, Miss Schaefer announces. She also reports that the Bowling Club will meet Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The starting dates for both leagues are October 7, and October 9, at Gabby Hartnett's Alleys. Leagues will start at approximately 3:30 and should be finished by 5:30.

Teams will bowl on a handicap basis, so that the poor bowlers will have as much opportunity to win medals or awards as the good bowlers.

An attempt is being made to make arrangements for bus service between here and the alleys. Our school has again been invited to belong to the American High School Bowling Congress.

For further information about these clubs, listen to the P.A. announcements.

## Leaders Class News

Miss Schaefer says that the leaders class has grown considerably in membership and the interest and enthusiasm runs high.

"I have the finest group of leaders and the finest gang of cheer leaders I have ever had in this high school," said "Schaefer", and added "I expect great things of them."

## Intramural Program Launched at N.T.H.S.

Nothing to do after school? Mr. Schubert, boys' physical education instructor, has launched a program of intramural activities that will solve this problem.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the swimming pool will be open to any boy who cares to go in. A ten-mile marathon swim has just started, in which first and second place ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Tuesday afternoons will be devoted to a synchronized swimming class. Both boys and girls may participate in this activity.

To satisfy the weight lifters, apparatus men, and those who would like instruction in boxing and wrestling, the gymnasium will be open at 3:15 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

These activities will be continued as long as there is an active interest shown on the part of the student body, Mr. Schubert says.

All the glory that is football has not yet reached N.T.H.S., for the "gold and blue warriors" have been having a tough time in preparation for the first conference game on September 26 with Leyden under the lights. The mighty Trojans have been practicing with full equipment three hours a day in this terrific 80 and 90 degree weather. That's a tough assignment in anybody's book!