

Standing where they may be studying next year are Jean Jacobsen, sophomore; Tom Hallberg, junior; and Carol Czarnota, sophomore.

## Assembly On Oct. 1 To Launch Nilehi's Annual Magazine Drive

NILEHI'S annual magazine drive will begin this year with a freshman, sophomore and junior assembly on October 5 during the second period.

The purpose of the assembly, as in the previous years, will be to encourage students to sell enough magazine subscriptions to finance the 1955-56 yearbook and to maintain the price of the book at \$5 per copy.

"This year the total school goal in the drive will be \$15,300. This means each homeroom will have a goal of \$225," commented Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, sponsor of the drive.

Free yearbooks may be earned by students who sell \$20 worth of subscriptions. Students may also earn discounts on their books by selling between \$5 and \$20 worth of subscriptions.

TURN IN days in homerooms will be on October 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, and 17 (final day). High salesman awards of \$10, \$7.50, \$5, and \$2.50 will be awarded on each turn in day.

Grand prizes at the conclusion

of the drive for the high salesman will include a Smith-Corona typewriter, matching luggage sets, Gruen watches, Columbia phonographs, an Emerson 3-way portable radio with top-grain cowhide leather cabinet, Philco table radio, Coronet 3-D camera, and other prizes.

THE assembly on Monday will consist of music by the Nilehi band, cheers by the cheerleaders, speeches by Mr. Ed Murdock of the Curtiss Publishing Company and Mr. Van Arsdale and stunts by members of the Golden Galleon Guild, %100 Club, and Yearbook Finance Staff.

Miss Mary Nutt is faculty assistant to Mr. Van Arsdale

## New Building To House Seventeen Classrooms

FOR those of you who have been wondering exactly what's going to fill up the excavation to the north of the school, a building has been designed to house seventeen new classrooms in this space.

The classrooms will include a print shop, wood shop, electric shop, and some special rooms for business education practice.

According to Dr. Joseph Mason, superintendent, there will also be an unusual social studies department, consisting of a large room devoted to reference material for social studies projects.

THE NEW building, which will be completed by September, 1956, will have a student capacity of about 500.

New this year to the school is the third-floor wing addition. The new classrooms consist of a Spanish room, 319; a study hall, 320; a speech correction room, 322; and 3 new classrooms. Some classrooms are decorated in two-tone green while others are done in cinnamon and peach. All are equipped with cafe-style curtains designed to keep out the maximum amount of light for movie-showing.

## Frosh to Hold Mixer

ATTENTION FRESHMAN! Don't forget the Frosh-Mixer tomorrow night, Saturday, October 1, from eight to eleven p.m. in the boys gym.

The mixer will be a sock-hop, dressed up socks will be awarded with prizes.

Refreshments will be served and music will be by a Nilehi band the Twilighters. Added entertainment will also be present. All Freshmen are invited to come and get acquainted and meet their new classmates.

The mixer is sponsored by the Student Council.

along with Miss Ada Immel and Mrs. Parepa Rice, sponsors of the 100% Club and Golden Galleon Guild, respectively.

# What Nilehi's Annual Magazine Drive Means To The Average Nilehier

THE Magazine Drive of 1955 will officially begin next week with a starting assembly on Oct. 3 during the second period!  
"So What?"

What does this mean to you, the average Nilehier? Is it just another school activity or is this something really important? will it affect you or should you forget about it? They give you subscriptions to magazines that you're supposed to sell. Is this wastebasket material or something that deserves your attention?

Unfortunately, too many students feel that they don't have to worry about selling magazines. They settle back and let the other fellow do it. Then spring rolls around and these idle people are the first to complain about the high price of the Nilehi yearbook and to ask, "Why didn't more kids sell magazines?"

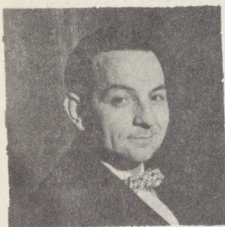
THE magazine drive is held for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to support your Yearbook, Reflections. Money from the magazine sales also helps to finance the Golden Galleon, and the 100 Per Cent Club. It is evident then, that this money must go a long way in supporting these activities at Nilehi.

Often students think that they may have to go from door to door to sell magazines. Selling magazines among relatives or friends is a good way and the many sales you have would surprise you! Door to door selling is not discouraged, though, and you might find it quite interesting if you tried!

TRYING would certainly not hurt since rewards for high salesmen are some very exciting prizes. If you sell just one \$5 subscription you earn a discount on your yearbook. If you sell \$20 worth of subscriptions you earn a free yearbook! Among the list of grand prizes at the finish of the drive is a typewriter, luggage sets, wrist watches, radios and many others. You have nothing to lose by selling magazines but everything to gain.

The school's goal is \$15,300 and this means about \$8 worth of sales per student. In order to help your school and yourself, set your goal now, and start selling!

## A Welcoming Message from Dr. Mason



Dr. Mason of the beliefs of the Nilehier.

NILEHI extends a warm welcome to all incoming freshmen and new students. We can't be quite as gracious in our welcome as we were a few years ago — because of our shortage of space — but we hope that you can feel the friendliness that is traditional at Niles.

This is your school — its tradition of student and faculty cooperation is well established with the class cabinets, the Student Council and the student court all providing opportunities for democratic participation in the operation of the school. High in the mores of the school is the Student Code of Ethics — it is the embodiment

Crowded corridors and a split shift make difficult the integration of our student body — but the beliefs which we share as Nilehiers weld us together so that together we can build a school which will get better and better as the years go by.

J. A. Mason

## Nilehi . . . Talks Back

Dear Editor,

What's happened to the wonderful school spirit Niles has had in previous years.

On Friday, September 16, we had our first pep assembly, if you'll pardon the expression. Out of a school as large as Niles we should have had twice as many kids as showed up.

If we want our team to go out and fight and win, why don't we show it? How can we even expect them to want to win for a school who doesn't even care? They practice all week long and look up on the stands the big night or afternoon only to find them almost empty.

Elaine Shuman  
Senior

Dear Editor,

With a school as large as Niles, it seems a shame that so few students showed up for the Bremen pep assembly. If we want our team to win, we should at least cheer them on. It's our team, representing our school. If more kids showed up for more of the pep assemblies, our team would have a better chance to win.

Marilyn Escher  
Junior

THE NILEHILITE extends sympathy to the relatives and friends of William Carlsen, sophomore, who died as a result of injuries in an automobile accident September 11, and James Falk who died September 16.

## NILEHILITE

The NILEHILITE is about the students, written by the students, and primarily for the students. It is intended for the enjoyment of its readers and to stimulate pride in Niles Township High School, Skokie, Illinois. Dr. Joseph A. Mason, Superintendent-principal.  
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## 'Excitement' Chosen As Yearbook Theme

"EXCITEMENT" will be the theme of the 1955-56 yearbook according to Mrs. Mary Ida McGuire, staff sponsor. The yearbook is expected to come out around the first of June.

Barbara Neuman and Linda Morse, co-editors of the yearbook, and other members of the staff worked on the yearbook during the summer.

Experienced staff members are Sandy Bruening, Daryl Foley, Karen Holmberg, Nancy Keppler, Jane Scheuer, Elaine Shuman, Jerry Vick, and Bob White, seniors. Sandy Dragasic, Frank Kizely, Roberta Rice, Debbie Rotholtz, Carol Stine, and Jay Wollin, juniors, are the new members.

## Students Write Spring Musical

"Over The Rainbow" will be the name of the student-written musical to be presented at Nilehi next April 20 and 21. Under the supervision of Mr. Hugh D. McGee, music director, the musical will include the Choir, Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs, Vivace, Barbershoppers and the Orchestra.

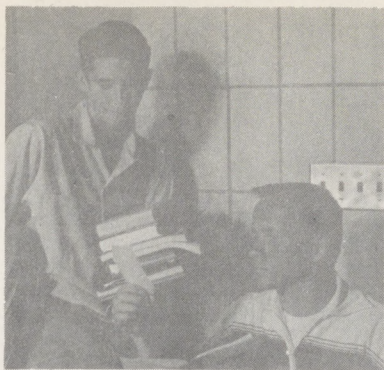
Mr. McGee selected a group of students who have been working on the production since the beginning of summer.

"With still a year of work ahead of them, these students plan to present a musical-comedy completely different than any other musical production Nilehi has had in the past years," stated Mr. McGee.

BOB MARTIN, senior, was appointed acting student director.

Positions in production are open for any student who wishes to participate in the musical.

THE NILEHILITE was one of 12 Illinois high-school newspapers rated All-American by the National Scholastic Press Association for the first semester of 1954-55, according to the September issue of The High School Journalist, official publication of the Illinois State High School Press Association.



Checking passes is one of the duties of the senior monitors. Here, Jim Esbrook checks the pass of Jerry Gaughan, sophomore.

## 135 Senior Monitors Handle Hallway Traffic

"BECAUSE OF the crowded conditions at Nilehi this year, the senior monitors have had more than their share of problems;" stated Lois Lamberg, the sponsor of the monitors. "However, the student monitors have been off to a good start and they hope the whole student body will co-operate to help in the crowded conditions at Nilehi."

One hundred and thirty five monitors are on duty during the eight periods. Their jobs include checking passes, assisting visitors, picking up the attendance sheets, and taking responsibility for student behavior in the halls and washrooms.

Between periods one hundred and forty monitors help regulate traffic in the halls while during the lunch hours, sixty eight monitors keep general order in the cafeteria.

During each period there is a student monitor captain who is in charge of all the other monitors. The monitor captains are Barbara McKaig, Chet Middaugh, Bill Di-Gilio, Ted Pristash, Lynne Izard, Joel Febel, Leo Wotan, and Dave Chevrier.

THERE have been no fines issued yet but after a meeting is held on Wednesday, September 21, they will be issued.

A bulletin will be given to all homerooms explaining the rules for the halls and the stairs.

## Enrollment Grows To All-Time High

THIS year's enrollment is a great increase over last year's, according to Mrs. Florence Keppeler, registrar.

The school population has reached an all-time high of 1815 students, as compared to last year's enrollment of 1519.

The freshmen lead in number with 545, sophomores number 474, juniors total 430, and there are 366 seniors.

THE majority of the 135 upper-class transfers are from Chicago.

Because of the large enrollment, Nile is on a split-shift system, with the majority of the students coming from 8:15 to 2:50. The balance come at 9:15 and stay until 3:45, thus freeing much needed classroom space.

## New Speech Club Begun at Nilehi

ATTENTION all sophomores and junior speech makers!

A new speech club sponsored by Miss Virginia Stemp, Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, and Mr. William Bost will soon be under way at Nilehi.

Membership will be by invitation only.

"Sophomores and juniors who did outstanding work and showed exceptional ability in freshman speech classes may very soon receive membership invitation," stated Mr. Van Arsdale.

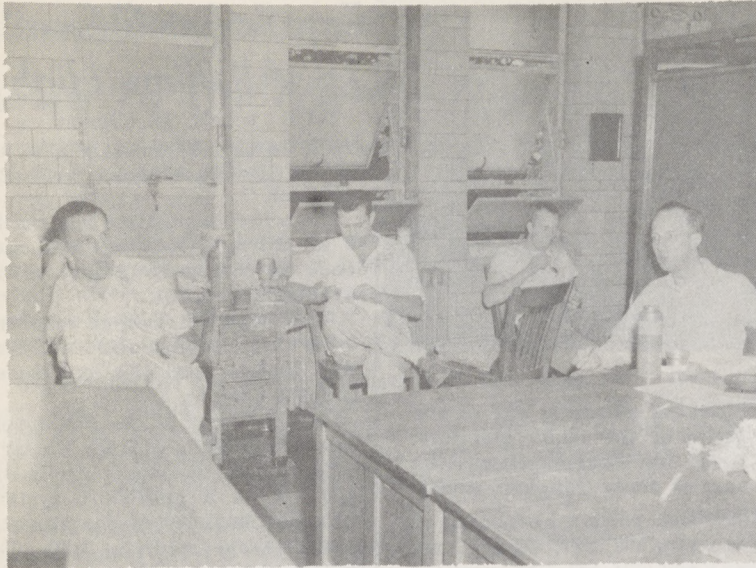
MEMBERS will learn how to plan interesting public speech contests in which they will compete among themselves.

## Fall Play Chosen

"CUCKOOS ON the Hearth," a mystery comedy by Parker Fenelly, will be the annual fall play this year according to Miss Virginia K. Stemp, drama coach at Nilehi.

Tryouts will be held Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday October 4th at 3:45 p.m. in the Assembly Room. All students are eligible to try out.

"Cuckoos on the Hearth" was successful on Broadway in 1941. The play is full of both humor and suspense and offers good roles to both boys and girls.



Four of Nilehi's faculty who helped clean up the school building this summer are Mr. Mike Basrak, Mr. Nick Oddivak, Mr. Leo Hoosline, and Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma.

## "Gay Nineties" is Trend of Nilehi

"GAY NINETIES" color scheme, that's the interior of Nilehi this year, and we owe it all to 18 members of the faculty who spent part of their summer vacations working as school custodians.

Scrubbing floors and scraping gum off the desks and chairs was the "easy" job of social studies teachers Mr. Eugene Napier, Mr. James Michael, and Mr. Charles Mattka.

A COMPLETE change in the gymnasium floors and refinishing them was a job undertaken by faculty members of the athletic department, Mr. Mike Basrak, Mr. Nick Oddivak, and Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, and Mr. Leo Hoosline.

The chemistry laboratory received quite an undertaking when Mr. Gale Wesley and Mr. George Fink installed new lighting and new outlets, and Mr. Bernard Welch of the science department made the chemistry room into a semi-micro laboratory.

The gluing and sandpapering department was headed by Dr. Arthur Ryden, junior advisor, Mr. Bill Bost, English department, was in charge of building cleaning.

"May I say that they all did a wonderful job," commented Mr. Harold Palmer, head custodian.



## ALUM NEWS

WHILE traveling in Paris, France, this summer, Miss Dorothy Lungmus, history teacher, met two former Nilehiers, Donna Rohden, '52 and Al Haut, '49.

VISITING 11 countries of Europe, proved to be an interesting vacation for Dolores Renberg, '55, who spent most of her summer traveling.

THIS summer Roger Yost, '53, and Barbara Brown, '54, were married. Roger is now working on the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper.

## Project of 208 is Giant -Sized Note

A GIANT-sized note is the project of homerooms 208 5A and 5B, according to Miss Dorothy Lungmus and Miss Helen Heitmann, homeroom teachers.

THE NOTE, written on a long roll of shelf-paper, is for Ed Malecki, senior, who was stricken with Bulbar polio this summer. Hoping to live up his spirits, each of Ed's classmates will write a note on the paper and when it is finished one of them will take it to the Michael Reese hospital where he is now recuperating.



"WHAT WOULD be your idea to improve the crowded conditions in the halls," was the question your Inquiring Reporter asked this week.

Mr. James Michael, history teacher: "Remove all hoop skirts at once."

Donna Vanderwall, senior: "Install ski-lifts at the head of the stairs."

Dotty Platt, junior: "There's no hope. They've done all they could."

Hank Feuerzeig, junior: "Half days for everyone — uppers in the morning and lowers in the afternoon."

Sarane Crowther, junior: "Anyone for elevator passes?"

Bruce Robins, junior: "Stop and go lights."

Jim Beddia, senior: "Extend the middle stairs to the 3rd floor."

Mildred Bjurman, senior: "Hour passing periods, eight minute classes."

Barbara Kowppman, sophomore: "Keep constant movement in the halls."

Nancy Harris, senior: "Get rid of the students."

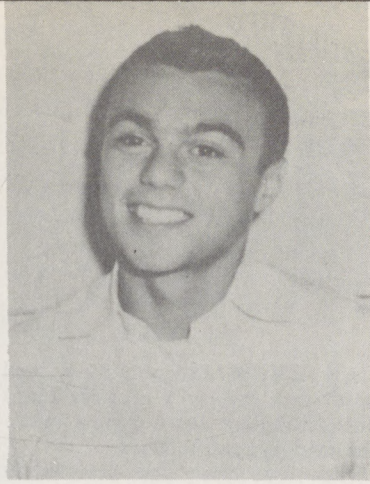
Myrna Zlatos, senior: "Have all freshmen use the elevators."

Allan Birholtz, freshman: "One way stairs enforced."

Marilyn Dell, senior: "Get thinner students."



Miss Dorothy Lungmus reads the long note her homeroom 208 5A and Miss Helen Heitmann's homeroom 5B wrote to Ed Malecki, senior, who is in the hospital.



*Introducing* **Elaine Shuman** *Introducing* **Bill DiGilio**

**PEPPY**, pleasant, and always smiling, that's Elaine Shuman. You've all seen Elaine with all her school spirit and cheering, standing by her teams either as a cheerleader or as a spectator in the stands. "Winning the Hi-Y Citizenship Award in my junior year was the biggest thrill I've ever had," admitted Elaine.

In addition to being on the yearbook staff, president of 100% Club, Honorary N-Club member, on the Union board, and a member of the Senior Cabinet this year, Elaine previously has been a cheerleader in her sophomore year, a Student Council representative, and the secretary of the French club in her freshman and sophomore years.

Graduating from Nilehi, television and any kind of commercial, spinach, eggs, and pea soup are among her dislikes.

Elaine does homework in her spare time, and likes it, and also likes ice skating, swimming in the ocean, traveling, school, and all sports events, fattening foods, people, and birds.

"My future is still undecided. I don't want to go to college but would like to become a secretary and naturally get married later on."

IF ELAINE could start a fad at Nile she would like to have every boy get a crew-cut.

"My secret ambition is to become a beautician."

All students interested in receiving information concerning scholarships should contact Miss Margaret deBooy, the co-ordinating advisor, in Room 104.

**THIS** 17-year-old senior, president of the Hi-Y, vice-president of the N Club, Hi-Y Citizenship Award winner, National Honor Society student, Student Council Member, and vice-president of the Junior Cabinet last year, needs no introduction. Bill DiGilio has given a lot of his time to the many activities at Niles.

"I ADMIRE good sportsmanship," commented Bill, "and I dislike a poor sportsman." Among his other likes are sports, especially wrestling, Nilehi, talking to people, fried chicken, and ice cream. Bill's only other dislikes are liver and the crowded halls.

Learning to be an apprentice plumber and working as a soda jerk at a dime store in Evanston, took up most of Bill's vacation

this summer.

"AS TO the plans of my future," Bill stated, "I would like to attend a small college with a good rating and become a medical doctor. I don't know about getting married yet, it's too far ahead."

TO TAKE fifth year Latin is his secret ambition, and if he could start a fad here at Niles it would be that everyone would wear gold and blue the days of the football and basketball games.

## Bright Future Ahead For Nilehi Bands

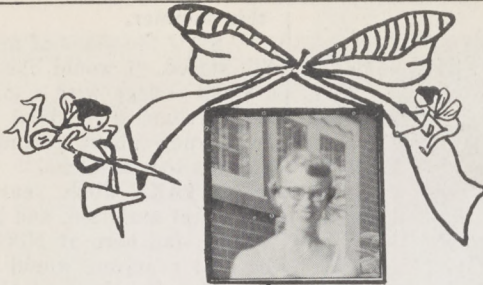
"THIS IS the beginning year for some really good Concert and Marching Bands," announced Mr. Leo Provost, band director. According to Mr. Provost this is due to the building up of the bass sections, giving the Concert Band more tone quality.

ALONG with a great many new members, mostly from Cadet Band and also some new freshmen, new instruments and new music have been added to the music department. This year also introduces a new double period of Concert Band and Orchestra, giving more time for practice and a major credit to those who take it.

"Now the band is practicing their marching during class period so they will be ready for the football games and parades engagements that are coming up soon," replied Mr. Provost. "They are also required to know all of the routines and to practice them on their own free time," he added.



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By Barb Kitch

THIS IS a brand new column, a feature which will be printed in every edition of the NILEHILITE. Like last year's "Have You Heard?" column, our policy is: No one dealt with unwillingly, unjustly, or unknowingly. Most important: No one's feelings will be hurt (we hope), and no gossip will be printed.

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For all those who care: There are approximately 160 days left of school.

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According to Mr. Gale Wesley, print shop teacher, about 92,000 passes were used last year. Presuming that the average pass takes you about 100 feet (and if you don't get caught, a lot farther than that), each student traveled approximately 11 1/2 miles on passes last year.

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IN THE course of vital statistics are offered: Two hundred gallons of paint were used in the school this summer. Two bushel baskets of gum were scraped from the bottoms of desks and tables.

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"I JUST can't throw the shift," replied a little voice in Miss Thompson's period 3 typing class. To this Miss Thompson attempted to show her pupil the proper procedure when much to her dismay she threw the shift too hard and knocked the typewriter off the desk.

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During third period gym class last week there were some very embarrassed junior girls.

While waiting for Miss Betty Schmidt, girls physical education teacher, to appear, the class was seated on the stage in boys gym. Soon Miss Schmidt meandered in and solemnly looked at her class; after awhile she finally said, "I see you've been hitting the bottle again this summer." As mouths dropped open in surprise, Miss Schmidt laughed and pointed to her hair.

AN UNUSUAL vacation? And how," was the reply of Miss Mary Nutt, Nilehi's new clerical practice and typing teacher.

The day after she arrived in Santa Fe, New Mexico, she had an appendicitis attack and spent the rest of her vacation recuperating from the operation.

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IN DR. John L. Betts seventh period problems class, a student asked if it wasn't required to take the American flag down when it rained. To this Dr. Betts replied, "Oh I wouldn't worry about it, it's sanforized."

## Nilehi Boy Delegate At Conference

A DELEGATE for the United States at the Y. M. C. A. conference in Paris, France, that's how Jim Person, sophomore here at Niles, spent most of his "exciting" summer.

Jim flew from New York to Europe where he visited the guard-changing at Buckingham Palace in London; and viewed the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triumph in Paris. He also took many tours covering the eight countries of France, Ireland, England, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany, Monaco, and Switzerland.

STANDING next to royalty was one of the bigger thrills Jim experienced while he was in London. The Queen of England walked into the hotel which was only a few feet from where he was standing.

Jim met many students from other lands at the conference and said he was very impressed that they could fluently speak other languages besides that of their own native country.

ALTHOUGH he only came back from his trip with 85 cents in his pockets, Jim said he brought many souvenirs back to this country for his parents and sister and hopes he can go again sometime.

## Meet . . . Mrs. Herkert



BACK AGAIN after nine years, only now Mrs. Dorothy Herkert is taking Mrs. Ora Ihne's place as secretary to Dr. Mason.

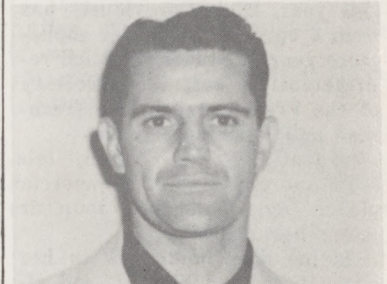
After graduating in 1946 from Nilehi, Mrs. Herkert went to Moser business school in Wisconsin and later worked as a secretary.

When asked about her first impressions on her return to her alma mater, she said, "Niles has grown so much!" She also stated that among the new things that have been added since she left were the S.S.S.H. and many new courses.

"EVEN WITH many more teachers and students, Niles is still a very friendly school," she replied.

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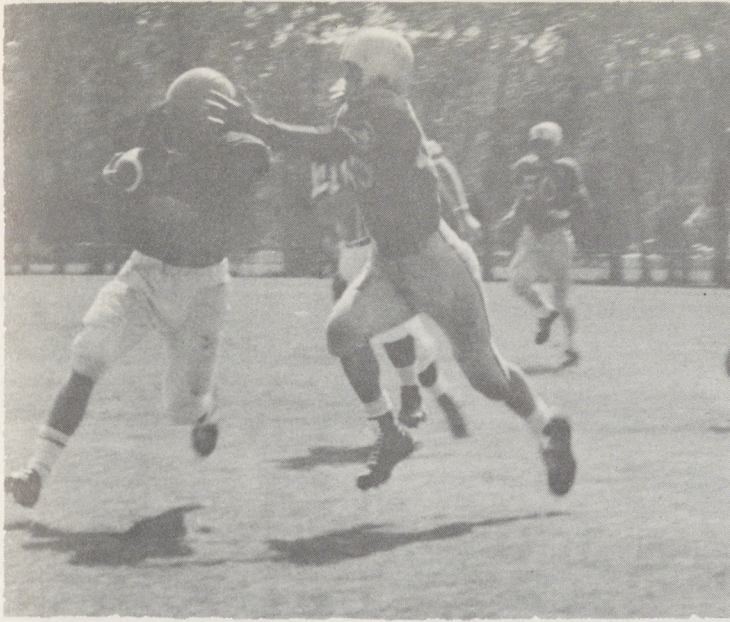
## Mr. Oddivak



"THIS IS A very impressive school and it will remain that way only with the support of the students," was the reply of Mr. Nick Oddivak, new assistant varsity football coach and driver education teacher.

BEFORE coming to Niles, Mr. Oddivak was a coach with Mr. Mike Basrak at Du Pont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to that he coached for four years at Atherton High School, also in Louisville.

When asked what he thought of the turnout for football, he replied that it was fair and there is still room for a lot of improvement.



Quarterback Ken Walter, number 5, tries to escape Bremen tackle, number 45, in an attempt to gain more yardage on September 17 at Nilehi. The Trojans won 31-13.

## Trojans Overpower Braves In First Varsity Encounter

OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE and defensive play by senior halfback Bruce Reinger, and the defensive play of Lenny Miresse and Ron Hein, co-captains, assisted by Gary Mills and Jack Hagman, enabled the Nilehi varsity football team to down Bremen Township of the Southwest Suburban League, 31-13.

Coming from behind last Saturday, the Trojans downed Bremen for their first win in the first game. Hustling, a fighting team spirit, and the capitalizing on a few of the Bremen miscues, helped lead the Trojans to victory.

The Trojans recovered three Bremen fumbles and intercepted one of their passes and turned two fumbles into touchdowns. While the Trojans scored in all four periods, they held Bremen to a 13 point first half and a scoreless second half.

**BREMEN SCORED** first when they took the kickoff and marched all the way down the field, finally scoring on a twenty-yard run. Bremen's try for the extra point failed and they led 6-0. Niles' Trojans bounced right back and scored on an eight-yard run off tackle by Lenny Miresse. Miresse then



**THIS WEEK** the Sports Inquiring Reporter asked members of Nilehi's football teams, "What do you do to bring good luck before an athletic event?"

Every boy answered that he said a prayer.

Clarence Reynolds, junior, "I always wear a new pair of sweat socks."

Lenny Miresse, senior, "I always do a special warm-up exercise."

Bruce Reinger, senior, "I wear the same pair of socks for each game all season."

Bill Enke, junior, "I wear a special ankle brace every game or meet."

Vince Donile, junior, "I always take a shower before going out on the field."

Larry Schildgen, junior, "I always put on my left shoe first."

Ken Walter, senior, "I always put on my right shoe first."

Art Wittkamp, junior, "I put a little round disk in my shoes."

Ted Bristol, freshman, "I put water on my shinguard before going on the field."

Jack Hagman, senior, "I always step on the field with my left foot first."

## Frosh Lose to Arlington 6-0

**THE TROJAN** freshman football squad lost to Arlington 6-0 on September 16, on their own gridiron.

The first half was sparked by added the extra point on a two-yard plunge. Bill Pegausch scored for Niles on a twenty-yard end run, only to have Bremen take the kickoff all the way down the field for a touchdown. At half time the score was 13-13.

Niles came back and scored three times in the second half on runs 1 to 40 yards by Bruce Reinger and a three-yard pass play of Ken Walter to Dave Chevrier. Scoreless in the second half, Bremen was beaten 31-13 by the Nilehi Trojans.

great runs by Trojan halfback Dave Kutok. A spectacular pass play for a touchdown was made by Arlington but is was called back because of a penalty.

**THE SECOND** half was a deadlock with both teams out playing each other on defense and neither scoring until very late in the last period. When Barry Mink, Trojan quarterback made an incomplete lateral pass to Dave Kutok, Arlington fell on the ball in the end zone for the only score of the game. The try for the extra point was a failure.

Dave Kutok and Barry Mink looked outstanding for the Trojans in the team's first effort.

# SPORTLIGHTS

by Bobbie

**NILEHIERS, LET'S WAKE UP** and come to our senses! Aren't we tired of being looked down upon by other members of the Suburban League? Will we stand by and let our school be ridiculed because of its small football team and the little support it receives?

Since we joined the Suburban League in 1951, we haven't won a league football game. We've heard that we have no business being in the league, and that we should get out.

Our excuse in the past for being on the losing side of the score sheet has been that we're the baby of the Suburban League. This year, with almost 2000 students, our excuse will sound fake—even to us.

**WITH THE LARGE** increase of students in the school, it seems that our football team would increase in size. Why is it, then, that our varsity squad has only 35 boys? Surely we have more able-bodied boys in the school.

Those who didn't go out for football all think they have good reasons. They don't think they are good enough for the team, they don't want to get hurt, or they don't want to put in a lot of time practicing.

How many of these boys came out to practice a few times to see if they were right? According to varsity coach Mike Basrak, not many of them did. "Sure, it's a sport of rough bodily contact, but a boy can get hurt anywhere," says 'Big Mike.' "It wouldn't hurt anyone to come out to practice a few times so we can see if he is a football player. It's never too late for any boy to join the squad."

"We've won in all other sports," Basrak added, "so there's no reason why we can't start winning in football."

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**THE TROJAN FOOTBALL** squad has been working hard since August 29. They've practiced about three hours a day and they sometime work out under the lights.

The team has a much improved and more serious attitude than it has ever had before.

If spirit and determination



## RETURNING LETTERMEN

The Nilehi football team will be bolstered this year by 11 returning lettermen who should figure prominently in what the Trojans do in the 1955 season. They are:

Len Miresse	H.B.	165	5'7"	S
Ron Hein	T.	175	5'8"	S
Ken Walter	Q.B.	145	5'8"	S
Bruce Reinger	H.B.	155	5'11"	S
Bill Pegausch	H.B.	145	5'8"	J
Roger Simpson	C.	175	5'9"	S
Jack Hagman	C.	190	6'1"	S
Gary Mills	G.	170	5'11"	S
Robert Blowers	F.B.	170	6'	S
Leo Breden	T.	175	5'11"	S
Dave Chevrier	E.	190	6'	S

mean anything, our varsity squad will win more than one Suburban League game this year.

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**THE BURDEN** of getting off the bottom of the Suburban League rests on the student body as well as the team.

No school deserves a winning team if the students aren't willing to back it 100 per cent.

If the pep assembly of September 16 was any indication of Nilehi's pride in their team and school this year, it is something to be scorned. In the past the assemblies and the grandstands were always crowded, and fans always tried to cheer the teams on to victory.

Our team doesn't need anything to boost its fighting determination right now, but a lack of school spirit can certainly reduce it.

Let's show our boys that they have something to fight for and they won't let us down.

## Soph Squad Beats Bremen

**SHOWING UNEXPECTED** power, the Nilehi sophomore football team downed the Bremen Braves from Bremen Township High school by the score of 13-0 on the home field Saturday, September 17, 1955.

Boasting one of the smallest sophomore football teams in the history of Niles, 19 men strong, the sophomore team gained their opening day victory.

A 42 yard punt return by 121 pound Tommy Baumann gave the Trojans a 6-0 half time lead.

**MIKE SHEAHAN** did the second half scoring, carrying the ball for a touchdown from three yards out and then carrying over the extra point.

Other boys that looked good were half-back Bill Savas, guard Tom Paulus, and tackle Dave Wicker.

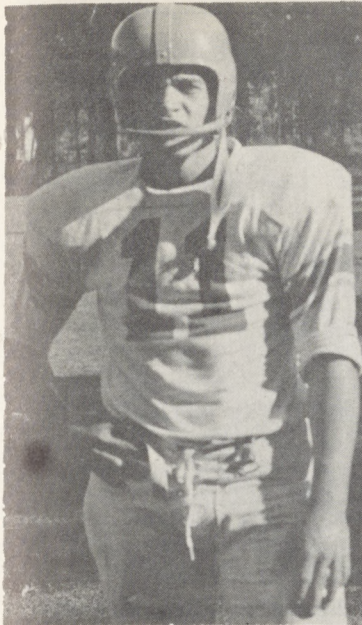
## Nilehi Summer Staff Refinish Gym Floor

**HAVE YOU SEEN** the boys' gym floor? Harold Palmer, custodian, Coach Mike Basrak, Coach Nick Odlivak, and Tom Kiviluoma, math teacher, plus many others, spent three weeks refinishing it.

The floor was first sanded to a fine finish, and then sealed. It was then striped, recoated with the seal, and finished off with a coat of acmalite. The striping alone took 580,050 feet of marking tape while the major "N" on the floor took the work of four men.



## Presenting Nilehi's Athletes



**RON HEIN**

"EVER SINCE I started playing sandlot football in seventh grade, I haven't stopped thinking about the sport," stated Ron Hein, co-captain of Nilehi's football squad.

This 175-pound, 5-foot-8-inch-tall tackler has been playing football for Nilehi for four years. "Our team this year is smaller than it has been, but we're faster. We have a lot more spirit, and that's going to help us," continued Ron.

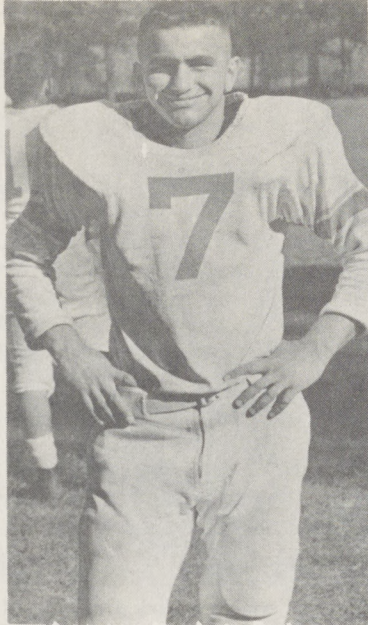
When asked what game stood out in his memory, Ron answered, "The 1953 Homecoming game against Highland Park. I was trying to make a head-on tackle, but I got a concussion instead!"

RON RECEIVED a major "N" in football last year. He won a letter in wrestling his sophomore year. Last year he placed fourth in the wrestling sectionals.

Ron likes to hunt, fish, water ski, and tease people. He dislikes the way the school is painted, gossip around school, and girls who smoke.

RON'S MAIN ambition in life is to play football in college—especially at Kentucky University or Michigan State.

Football is very important to this Nilehi senior who says, "Boys who can play football but don't are either crazy or chicken!"



**LEN MIRESE**

THIS 165 POUND, 5 feet 7 inches tall senior boy is well known around Nilehi as the co-captain of the football team, secretary of the "N" Club, and vice-president of last year's Student Council.

Lenny Miresse has been a member of the Trojan football squad for four years and is also a wrestler and a baseball player.

Len placed third in wrestling sectionals in his sophomore year.

The left-halfback's most valued memory is of the 87 yard touchdown he made against Morton in 1953.

LEN'S OPINION of this year's football squad is very high. "It's funny when you know you're going to win, and that's our feeling this year. As Basrak says, we have a whole new regime," he stated.

Modern jazz and pizza are the two of Len's likes. "People who don't go to football games rate very low with me," he admitted.

LEN'S AMBITION is to go into Notre Dame's commerce school. "I'd like to play football there but I think I'll be too small," he added.

In conclusion, Len said, "The football team wants to win. We'd like to see the kids backing us more, but we'll play to win whether the fans come or not."

## Trojanettes

THE EXECUTIVE members of the Girls Athletic Association board for the year of 1955-1956 are Karen Holmberg, president; Barbara Duckers, vice-president; Roberta Simmons, secretary; and Eileen Corr, treasurer.

The other board members are Bette Halvorsen, Kaari Kivimagi, Elaine Sahs, Pat Whitesell, seniors; Marilyn Kamin, Carol Latham, Lenora McColloch, Nancy Phillips, Dottie Platt, Debbie Rothholtz, Phyllis Roubal, Judy Sodemann, juniors; Betty Farwell, Betty Mataycka, Susy Schuster, Iris Sonkin, Barbara Wolfe, sophomores.

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THE ANNUAL "Get Acquainted Party" for the freshmen and all other new students interested in joining the Girls' Athletic Association was held September 19, 1955 in the Nilehi gyms. Information about the functions and purpose of the club was related to the girls. They also were given a list of the dress and activities for the informal initiation, which was held on September 23, 1955.

After the formal part of the meeting, refreshments were served.

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G.A.A. SPONSORED their membership drive on September 21, 22, and 23. A handbook was given to all girls who purchased membership cards. The book relates the functions of the club.

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THE "INFORMAL INITIATION" for all new girls joining G.A.A. was held on September 23, 1955. Dress for the initiates was as follows:

1. short sleeve blouses
2. skirt 1 inch above the knees
3. dark colored flats
4. a doll or stuffed toy (to carry)
5. knee socks or bobby sox with bows 5 inches or more above the ankles
6. signs 8½ inches by 11 inches with "Baby" (and name of girl)
7. a big bow 3 inches by 8 inches
8. rouge colored cheeks (no other makeup)
9. a plastic baby bottle
10. all girls memorized two pledges for reciting.

# Nilehi Wins League Game

## Trojans Whip Proviso, 13-0 Bulldogs Next

A FIGHTING Trojan varsity squad broke Nilehi's record of never winning a Suburban League football game when it trounced Proviso in Maywood last Friday night.

Before an excitedly cheering crowd, the Trojan made 13 points and kept the Proviso Pirates scoreless.

Niles lost the flip of the coin last Friday and kicked off to the Pirates who lost the ball on our 45-yard line. The Trojans marched steadily up the field until they were stopped on Proviso's 35-yard line. The ball was punted to a spot under the shadow of the goal posts.

Good blocking by guard Gary Mills then set up the Trojan's first touchdown. Mills caused a Proviso fumble on their own 9-yard line. Halfback Bill Pegausch carried the ball the final three yards but failed to make the extra point.

THE LAST scoring in the game took place midway in the second quarter. End Dave Chevrier caught a ten-yard pass made by Ken Walter, quarterback. Chevrier ran the ball into the end zone. Claire Reynolds was successful in making the extra point.

The Trojan offense failed to put Nilehi in the scoring column again. Excellent defense work kept the Pirates out of our end zones all evening.

Except for Walter's pass which hit pay dirt, Niles relied very little on aeri-



Varsity coaches Nick Odlivak, Mike Basrak, and Jack Lain look with confidence to the future of their squad.

Good team work led by co-captains Len Miresse and Ron Hein kept the ball moving.

THE PIRATES attack was led by Larry Buchanan, quarterback, and Jim Zeto, halfback, but they couldn't crack the tough Trojan defense.

The starting line-up for Nilehi was: ends, Frank Kiszely and Dave Chevrier; tackles, Ron Hein and Jim Morrison; guards, Gary Mills and Dick Proft; center, Jack Hagman; quarterback, Ken Walter; halfbacks, Len Miresse and Bruce Reinger.

In celebration of the Men of Troy's win, Coach Mike Basrak placed the football used in Friday night's game in the trophy case outside of the gym.

OUR VICTORY over Proviso Friday night was our first Suburban League win. Since joining the league in 1952 our record has been a not-so-good twenty loses and one tie. We tied Morton 12-12 in our homecoming game in 1952.



## Beat Bulldogs