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## COMING UP

March 29 - All-School Spring Dance

March 31 - Music Festival

April 1 - All Fool's Day

April 5 - Freshman Evening Party

April 12 - Track Meet Crystal Lake

Here

## BROKEN MIRRORS

Our proud seniors will have the first "crack" at the Nilehi Reflections of 1940 when subscriptions come out soon. After the seniors have bled their purses and pockets for the 50c down payment, the remaining subscriptions, probably very few, will go to the lucky underclassmen who apply first. When the book is delivered, near the first of June, the remaining dollar will be paid.

Better buy your copy early so you can show all parents and friends what Junior looked like the day he wore his suit to school.

## School Concert and Art Display

Next Sunday, March 31, in the school gymnasium at 3:30 P. M. the annual music concert under the direction of Miss Clara Klaus and Mr. C. W. Collins will be given as a part of the "Know Your School Program" for this year. The band, orchestra, boys' chorus, girls' chorus, and choir will contribute to the program. Preceding the concert, according to Mr. R. E. Cotanche, the art rooms will be open for inspection of the exhibition of art work done by Nilehi students under the supervision of Mr. J. G. Wilkins. There is no paid admission for the concert or exhibition.



"Gee, Bonnie, I could go on like this forever!"

## Spring Frolic Tonight

Tonight, March 29, 8:30 P.M., the doors of the gymnasium will open to the third annual spring dance. It is an informal, all-school affair. We are glad to welcome a new orchestra, led by Ozzie Gyllin who has been acclaimed for his performance at several Chicago Park Recreational Centers. We can't wait to see the outcome of the contest to nickname the vocalist. Is he tall, short, blond, dark, fat, thin? No body knows.

The social committee, with Catherine Ann Nelson as chairman, sponsors this dance, and student

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Ah me--Spring! The season when a young man's fancy lightly turns to--? (what] Bugs? Bees? Birds? It couldn't be love? If you see the boys wandering around with dazed looks, moody dispositions, glassy eyes, you can be sure that it's not just love but more likely a case of "spring fever."

More seriously, spring is the sign of budding flowers, trees, and grass, and warm weather. I doubt whether most of the student, especially the under-classmen, realize what a beautiful "campus" we actually have. Not only will an array of yellow tulips bloom around the front of the building, but the trees and shrubs have taken good rootage and will be greener and fuller than before.

All of you snapsters can't begin to realize what good pictures you can get right here on your own school grounds

Spring is here and it's time for all biology classes to go on field trips and art students to take their easels outdoors.

Dear Readers:

Your Nilehi swimming pool is not like my home in the briny deep, but I did feel more at home last Friday night than I do when my tentacles are coiling around you in the class rooms. You made quite a splash, Armin Mayer, when you hit the water the other night. That Henry Patrick Hegarty must be almost as nice as his sister, Mary- Are they Irish? You're really quite a pretty mermaid as is, Donna Jeanne Cotanche, but I suppose mirror work never hurt anyone. I'm a homely sea-dweller, but it might improve even me.

If I get my tentacles on the right person, I may see you at the dance.

THE OCTOPUS

## BONNIE and JOHNNIE

Since Bonnie and Johnnie are musically minded their conversation tended to lead toward the topic of music as they loitered in the hall.

"You know, Johnnie," said Bonnie, "there are a lot of good bands, but my favorite is Dick Jurgens'."

"Sure," replied Johnnie, "the Nilehilite's last poll proved it."

"Boy, he should have won by a large margin," laughed Bonnie. "I voted for him."

"He did not," snapped Johnny, "My favorite, Kay Keyser, trailed him by only eight votes. Close behind him were Orrin Tucker and Glenn Miller," added Johnnie with a look of knowledge. "I ought to know. I counted the votes."

"Well, since when are you working for the paper?" asked Bonnie.

"Oh, I help a little here and there. You know, Bonnie, I know the favorite songs of the students of our school too."

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# NILEHI NIBLETS

Is there a "feud" starting between the juniors and seniors? Annette Carroll seems to think so, because she tried to shoot Gene Razkow at the senior party....Carole Lee Rouse, our "dancing slave" of water carnival fame, is in a dancing class in which "the" Raymond Massey is also enrolled..Ruby Bowser went to get a license for her dog. The gentleman in charge asked her name."Bowser" she replied. "Say, I want your name, not your dog's.".....A group of senior went to Kalamazoo College for a "model Democratic Convention." At dinner our people had no knives. Maybe Kalamazoozers thought that the group from N.T.H.S. was "souvenir hungry.".....Which sophomore insists upon spelling "somersault" "summer sale"? Ask any senior how he'd have spelled the word. Ha, ha .... Evelyn Kreutter does exhibition square dancing .... Octopus is the new mystery of Nilehi .... Who is he? .... Phyllis Ahrens played double solitaire with the invisible man .... Nick May has his nations mixed. He asked at the office for French instead of Scotch tape. What became of Merrie O'Sullivan's shoe?....Merle Iverson has Jeanette MacDonald's signature. Mr. Taylor becomes an artist in the sixth hour study hall....The new song outside school seems to be "Go Fly A Kite" ....Grace Langan tries to get candid camera shots of Nilehi teachers.... Remember the look on Zenon Tur-ski's face when Mr. Raymon cracked the whip over his head?.... We were worried too....Ask Elva Johnson to spell dichlorotetraflorothine. She can do it!

# WHATZIT?

It's weather worn from flying true  
The pole beneath has history too.  
When we see it we follow through,  
With good applause for the Red,  
White and Blue.

Last Week's: LOCAL CINEMA



She's blond and she's small  
And of course that's not all-  
She can make funny faces galore.  
With travel a hobby  
She need never lobby  
For excitement from shore to shore  
She's a cheerleader, too  
And it now must be true  
That you've got all the info' you  
need.

To guess who she is,  
I hope, if you pliz,  
These numerous facts you will heed!  
Last Week: Ed "Flip" Boyk.

## Answer to puzzle of March 1

1	G	2	R	3	A	4	M	5	P	6	A	7	S	
7	R	8	I	9	D	10		11	A	12	D	13	O	
9	A	10	T	11		12	M	13		14	I	15	N	
12	C	13	A	14	T	15		16	B	17	T	18	N	
	E			15	E	16	E	17	L				18	Y
				16	S	17	O	18	U					
17	A	18	L	19	S	20		21	E	22	W	23	E	
22	N	23	A	24		25	T	26		27	R	28	B	
25	A	26	N	27	N	28		29	W	30	E	31	B	
28	S	29	T	30	E	31	V	32	E	33	N	34	S	

## Mr. Kent And Circus Life

Ah! Spring! Yes, our thoughts now turn to spring. Spring flowers, rain, fever, and the circus. But--when we think of the circus, do we think of Mr. Norman C. Kent? We should.

Did you know that Mr. Kent was a circus director last year? Did you know that he taught high school pupils of our own age to perform feats that only professional circus people attempt, with perfect self-assuredness?

One of the most daring numbers was an outstanding adagio dance designed to bring even the most phlegmatic to their feet in admiration of this high throwing, fast-catching group. Two boys used a girl as a jumping rope while another boy jumped over her. Another startling performance was by a "girl with an iron jaw" far above the floor. Some of the other acts directed by Mr. Kent were ballet dancing, clowns, aerial ballet, and the only high school tight-wire acts, and slack-wire acts in the United States.

When asked about this, Mr. Kent merely replied, "It wasn't anything."

## Capitol Bound

The fever to go to Washington is growing greatly among the juniors and seniors. About twenty-five people were present at a meeting called by Miss Grace Harbert on March 19, to learn just who were interested in going to see the Capitol City. All seemed enthusiastic and eager to learn various things that will occur on the trip.

The date for leaving is Sunday, April 28. The cost of the trip is \$46.00 which includes everything except incidentals and souvenirs.

## Paging the Papers

### Daffy Definitions

Pessimists - people who go places and boo things.

Sleeping - what, when you come in at two o'clock, your parents aint.

*Student "W" World*

### Drilling Drama

In a Massachusetts graveyard there is a tombstone with the following inscription: "Here lies Dentist Smith, filling his last cavity."

*The Shoreline*

## Caesar Died Twice

The meeting of the Foreign Language club was held on Tuesday, March 19, in the assembly room. The program, which was in honor of Julius Caesar, was sponsored by the Latin group. Bill Dickinson gave the first report on the derivation of the name of March. Then Helen Miller made an explanation on the "Ides of March." Phyllis Braseke talked about "The Life of Caesar." Julius Caesar, a play, (with apologies to Wm. Shakespear) was enacted by the togaed boys of Latin II and IV. The title role was played by Dwain Kuhn. The girls gave a musical version of the same play, Gloria Bartz taking the part of Caesar. Last on the program was Merrie O'Sullivan's explanation of the name, "Trojans". For refreshments, grape juice was served to represent wine and oatmeal cookies to represent Roman wafers.

### DRUM FOR SALE

Small field drum; Good condition  
\$10.00 Call Morton Grove 1866

## RAH SOPHOMORES!

When it comes to real co-operation we give our cheers to the four sophomores who answered correctly the questions of the Contest in the last NileHiLite:

WAYNE BARTON  
ANN MARIE BERTONCINI  
BEATRICE ROSSMAN  
ELEANOR SCHON

Some of you people don't seem to know yet that there is a little brown box, marked *Nilehilite*, in room 214. That box is intended for your contributions: jokes, crazy incidents that happen in the classrooms, suitable material for Nilehi Niblets, and comments for a "Voice of the People" column. If you will talk, we'll print.

Now, there's another list of questions for Nilehi readers this week. (See page 6). If you answer these correctly and place your answers in the Nilehilite Box by 12 o'clock on Tuesday, April 2, we'll publish your name in caps in the April 12 issue. Will the sophs take the honors again?

## Answers To Contest

1. Ann Jurasitz
2. \$46.00
3. "Cleanliness Brings Friendliness"
4. "Duke" Hezner
5. Virginia Conrad, Grace Moorad, Agnes Sliva
6. Kathryn Pewitt's horse
7. 12-0 in favor of Trojans
8. Jiky and Ginger Kadlec
9. Ruby Bowser
10. 600

## Alumni

A graduate of '37, Adeline Ide is now a junior at the Chicago Teachers' College. Adeline received the first D. A. R. award presented at Nilehi and was among the top ranking students on the honor roll. At present she is teaching at the Armstrong Grade School in Chicago as a requirement of her college curriculum.

## Soup's On

The girls in Miss Alice Line's foods class served themselves some delightful and, at times, exasperating luncheons Wednesday and Thursday of last week and Tuesday of this week. After carefully studying the "why's" and "wherefore's" of serving luncheons and suppers, the class was divided into three groups: the "Russian" girls, the "English" girls, and the "compromise" girls. Constance Anderson, Lillian Bettlinski, and Lillian Kreuger were at the head of each group respectively.

The Russian luncheon is strictly formal and requires a maid, while the English style, also known as the family style, has the host or hostess serve the food while seated at the table. The Compromise is a combination of the two. In the last style the daughter, if there is a daughter in the family, otherwise, the hostess, is left the unpleasant task of serving and removing the plates.

Mary Abbink, who was a member of the "Russian" group, required much persuasion before she kindly consented to act as the maid. She gave the luncheon a Russian atmosphere by continually "rush-in'" from the foods kitchen to the dining room across the hall, where the luncheon was served.

## Contest II

1. Who played "Cathie" in "Wildcat Willie"?
2. How many seniors were on the honor roll first quarter?
3. What is the size of Ford's socks, according to Nilehilite?
4. Who has been called "Man in the Bleachers"?
5. What are the names of our cartoon characters?
6. Who wrote "Dollar Day"?
7. Who wore carrots at La Femme Hop?
8. What adventure book was reviewed by what freshman?
9. On what date did the first issue of Nilehilite appear?
10. Did Katie get what she asked for for Christmas?

How well do you read your paper? Can you answer the above questions?

All but number 10 have been answered in previous issues of this paper. Put your answers in "the little brown box" in Room 214 by 12 o'clock on Tuesday, April 12. Get your name in caps in the next issue- have the right answers.

## College Concert Coming

The Kalamazoo College Glee Club will sing here on Tuesday morning, April 2. It will give one in a series of performances here in Illinois. An instrumental trio and a main choir of fifty-five voices will appear. Mr. Henry Overly, director of the College Singers and Men's Glee Club and Mrs. Mabel Overly, director of the women's Gaynor Club, will accompany them.

## World's Amateur Champion Typist

Chester Soucek, world's amateur champion typist, has reached the following accomplishments:

1. 134 five-stroke words a minute for an hour.

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## Twirlers

Twelve girls of Nilehi are pursuing the art of baton twirling. This new class meets every Monday and is under the supervision of Mr. Kenneth Wiedau, a drum teacher and renowned drum major. The twelve majorettes are Jean Bates, Helen Miller, Jean Donaldson, Elva Johnson, Pat Reiland, Phylliss Braeseke, Martha Adams, JoAnn Pike, Joy Inman, Olga Raskow, Bernice Franson, and Virginia Kadlec.

For those interested, new classes are being formed. More freshman and sophomore boys and girls are invited to enroll in these classes.

## "What a Life" Say All

"What a Life" is commencing to be the slogan used by all the members of the cast. A frigid teacher, ambitious students, plus spring fever — all these sub-plots add to the main one in contributing hilarious jokes and tense moments. Any clubs or organizations desiring to sell tickets should employ Gertie; she gets rid of tickets rapidly. Mr. Ferguson tries in vain to get Oxford 0100; Miss Johnson, the gym teacher, certainly is effervescent. On the whole, the All School Play to be sponsored by the seniors on April 18 and 19 is rapidly progressing and developing a degree of perfection.

(Incidentally, Sullivan High School of Chicago is giving the same play. Evelyn Jorgensen, who transferred there plays the part of Miss Eggleston.)

2. 120 actual words in thirty seconds.
3. 240 words a minute from memory.

## Guess Who?

As in all institutions, there are always forces at work which, though little heard of, are constantly doing good for those whom they represent. One such institution in our school is the Student-Faculty Forum. As we all know, through the Forum, students and teachers as well, may express their grievances, and have them discussed in open forum. The Forum meets twice a week, and through your home room representative your problems are discussed and in turn these discussions bring about all necessary legislation.

Accordingly then, let us briefly discuss some of the things which the Forum has done for your benefit. The traffic jams on one of the stairways were eliminated by a unique plan devised by the Forum. The Blackouts died down simultaneously with those of England when the Forum saw to it that the corridors were well-lighted. The teachers also got in their bit of legislation, in as much as the meddling with their cars was stopped by the speedy action of the Forum. These were practical improvements. We also have the Forum to thank for some not-so-practical measures, namely the Bonfire before the Arlington game. Remember it? They gave us more and better pep meetings too. We thank them for our Hobo Day last spring. It was the Forum that backed Family Night; and, of course, none of us will forget the memorable Femme Hop. Things of a more serious nature sponsored by the Forum were the Red Cross Campaign and the recently waged Easter Seal Campaign. (You all did quite well on that yourselves.)

This article is not meant to throw bouquets to the Forum, but merely to remind us of what it has done, and that its representatives are always ready to take your problems there for discussion.

## Easter Seal Campaign

Mr. J. C. Benette announces that our school sold its 1,000 Easter seals. Home Room 214 again topped the list for high sales and will receive a special certificate. Pat Reiland, a member of the Student Faculty Forum took charge of the collection.



## THE LIL' BIRDIE WONDERS

### How do you study?

Florence Schramm, freshman, attractive slave of the Water Carnival: "I rove about the house and ask everybody questions about my work while sipping on cool, thought provoking cokes. I usually skip from one subject to another-never completing anything." Wayne Barton-sophomore acting enthusiast, "As progress in study halls is impossible, I can study best about five o'clock in the morning in the comforting depths of my bedclothes-without the radio." Carol Blameuser, Junior-Neptune's Daughter, "I find I can study best on the kitchen floor with pickles and orange juice at my elbow and the radio blaring "The Lone Ranger." Usually little brother is playing "Cowboys and Injuns." Barney Brauch, senior,

(You guessed it.)

Mr. H. R. Ohlson, math and science teacher, "While shaving, with the radio as accompaniment, I find I can accomplish wonders perusing a book precariously propped betwixt medicine cabinet and towel rack."

## Spring Frolic Tonight - cont.

tickets are available at thirty-five cents apiece; guests tickets are fifty cents. Each guest must be accompanied by an alumnus or student. Tonight all tickets sold at the door will be \$1.00 per couple. Hurry to get your tickets before the close of the day.

## Batter Up

A baseball meeting was held a week ago Wednesday in the assembly room during the home room period. All boys going out for baseball were present when Mr. Galitz announced the opening of the season. There are more boys out for baseball than there have ever been before.

## Pin Downers

Attention, all you bowlers of Nilehi! In less than a week, on the third and fourth of April, there will be a tournament for you at the alleys, with *Handicap* matches for singles and doubles. This means that everybody has an equal chance of winning. If you want to bowl in the doubles, remember to get yourself a partner.

## Another Feud Is On

Wednesday, March 20, was a great day for the girls who showed the women teachers just how volley ball should be played. The first game was close, but the girls won, 13-15 and the second tussle was 11-15 in favor of the girls.

The teachers who participated in the great event were Miss Line, Miss Schoenbaum, Miss Schaefer, Miss Lant, Miss Lumpp, Miss Bernhart, and Miss Fledderjohn. The girls were Olga Krajchovich, Doris Burklund, Nancy Allen, Connie Kohtz, Barbara Williams, Martha Krajchovich, Dorothy Lund, Pat Harms, Lois Cummings, and Ann Jurasitz.

## On the Cinders

Only seventeen boys heard the crack of the gun which signified the opening of the track season at Nilehi on March 18. By the end of the first week this group had swelled to thirty boys which is nearer Mr. Taylor's goal of forty boys for the two teams, Varsity and Frosh-Soph. Meets will be held with six of the teams of the Northeast Conference. The first meet will be held on April 12, with Crystal Lake at Nilehi. The season will close with the Northeast Conference Relays on May 24, also at Nilehi. Although this is one of the youngest of the Nilehi teams, these tracksters ask for the same interest you have given the older Nilehi teams.

## Bonnie and Johnnie - con't

"What are they?" coaxed Bonnie.

"Well, I really shouldn't tell, because it's rather confidential," answered Johnny, the tease.

"Oh, please tell," pleaded Bonnie.

"I won't tell a soul."

"Well, okay. The favorites are 'Careless' and 'Indian Summer'."

"Isn't my old memory song, 'Stardust' even in the running?" asked Bonnie with a sad look on her face.

"Don't feel so bad. It came in third."

"Swell! I knew it would be high."

"There goes the bell," Johnnie said, whistling "Careless" as he strolled off.

"So long," hummed Bonnie to the tune of "Stardust."

Attend the Spring Frolic Tonight