



Nick Boznos snaps a few art students applying the last touches to the cafeteria's Christmas village scene. Other evidences of the coming Yuletide are the trees in the cafeteria and the library, the figures watching over the service flag, and the appearance of a boy disguised as Santa Claus.

Unknown Teacher Forms New Club

Teachers, if you see some students roaming the halls with bent backs and a scavenger's look in their eyes, let them alone, because they are keeping Nilehi's halls clean.

These scavengers are members of an organized club. They even have pins and are under the direction of an anonymous teacher who doesn't want his name publicized in the Nilehillite.

The pins were designed by Bill Sanke and are about one-half inch in diameter with a large "S" and a small "N" in the background.

The president of the club is Hilda Bonaguro; vice-president, Jerry Porter; treasurer, Bill Bierbaum; and publicity chairman, Bill Sanke.

Scale Models Augment Edgar's Demonstration

A scale model of the new 200-inch reflecting telescope being built on the mile-high top of Mt. Palomar, California, was shown in an all-school assembly at Nilehi Monday morning when Robert T. Edgar, lecturer, explained the operation of the "Cyclops of Palomar."

Mr. Edgar is the son of the inventor of the 170-ton bearing which will enable the huge 500-ton telescope to be pointed toward any spot in the heavens including the North Star, heretofore impracticable with telescopes of even lesser size.

Among the other scale models shown and explained in the lecture-demonstration was that of the 20-ton Pyrex mirror which is 16 feet in diameter and two feet thick. This mirror, costing a million dollars, required nearly nine years to make.

Work on the largest telescope ever attempted has been resumed at Mt. Palomar following suspension of activity immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack, the speaker said.

School Nears Goal Of 5 Hospital Units

As a reward for the "splendid cooperation of the student body in purchasing stamps and bonds," Miss Grace Harbert is planning to have an all-school assembly at a date to be announced later.

The amount of stamps and bonds sold thus far to purchase five hospital units in the Vaughan General Hospital is \$14,981.75. The goal is \$15,000.00 and Miss Harbert says, "One more bond will do it."

The students chosen to present these units to Vaughan General hospital are Bruce Cook, senior; Bob Bierbaum, junior; Jane Schewe, sophomore, and Pat Scheuerman, freshman.

Foreign Lands Take Party Spotlight

The foreign language club party, held in the assembly December 19, turned out to be a jolly festivity.

The Latin classes explained the origin of the Saturnalia or Christmas. After comparing the Latin Christmas customs with the American customs, they gave a skit of the Roman Saturnalia using Roman costumes.

The German class was told about the origin of the Christmas tree by Ted Eckert. Then followed the German songs, "O Tannenbaum" and "Stille Nacht" sung by the class. Anita Schmid gave a reading about Christmas customs in Germany.

The Spanish class followed with a short play on a Spanish Christmas with a Spanish solo by Audrea Bredberg.

The French class gave a representation of a Christmas Eve as a church celebration, which included the French songs "A Shepherd's Song," "Qu'as-tu, Bergire?," "Nuit Silen Ciense," and "Minuit Chretiens."

Vespers Service Includes Candlelight Processional

Despite the near-zero weather Sunday afternoon, December 16, there was a large turnout at the second annual "Christmas Vespers" held at N. T. H. S. The program was presented by the school Choir and Girls' Glee club under the direction of Miss Clara A. Klaus.

The setting was an appropriate one, with colorful replicas of church windows in the background, Christmas trees flanking the stage, and the candlelight processional. One hundred and fifteen robed singers participated in the latter, each one carrying a lighted candle, and singing the "Vesper Hymn."

The Girls' Glee Club opened the program with the singing of "From Heaven High the Angels Come," "Christmas Snows of Sweden," and "Carol of the Bells." The pieces were sung in three parts, with the last one a capello. Margaret Donovan was accompanist.

The blue-robed Choir presented "Led by a Star," a cantata by J. Lillian Vandevere and Haydn M. Morgan, with Doris Bailey, Evelyn Mahnke, and Frank Backes as soloists. Muriel Hendrickson was the accompanist for this group. Armin Watkins, freshman, played violin obbligato for Doris Bailey's solo and for the Glee Club's singing of "Christmas Snows of Sweden."

Grace Klehm played a flute solo, "Nocturne," by Chopin, with Marilyn Gustafson accompanying her on the piano.

The Choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" as their last number, while the audience stood silently attentive.

G.A.A. Dance Gets Kraemer's Band

The annual G. A. A. Christmas Dance will take place tonight in the assembly room from eight to eleven o'clock. This year it is known as the "Yuletide Yump" and festive holiday music for the occasion will be provided by Chuck Kraemer and his orchestra. The bids were made up by Lorelei Meilicke and are priced at \$1.80 apiece.

The teachers and their wives who will act as chaperons for the "Yuletide Yump" are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald VanArsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Meier, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ohlson.

Several groups deserve mention for their work in connection with this dance. Nancy Hall and her committee arranged the decorations and advance publicity was handled by Mrs. Ruth Esch and her students over the public address system. Executive Board were responsible for conceiving and organizing the dance.

Assembly Features Vespers Selections

An all-school assembly devoted to Christmas, under the direction of Miss Clara A. Klaus, choral director, was held in the gym on Monday, December 17, during parts of the second and third periods.

The Choir and girls' glee clubs repeated some of the Christmas music which they sang for the "Christmas Vespers" the day before. The Choir wore blue robes and the girls' glee clubs were dressed in maroon robes.

The girls' glee clubs sang "Christmas Snows of Sweden" and "Carol of the Bells." The Choir sang some selections from the Cantata, and the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah."

The stage was set with drawings of church windows, made by the art class, under the supervision of Mr. John Wilkins. There were two decorated Christmas trees on each side of the stage.

Song booklets were sold in homeroom on December 17 for 2 cents. The students sang Christmas carols from these after the program by the groups on the stage.

Dramatics Students Enjoy "Dear Ruth"

"It was wonderful." After seeing the play "Dear Ruth," 19 students from Mr. Ronald VanArsdale's beginning dramatics class made similar remarks as to how they appreciated the play.

Last Wednesday, December 12, was the day that the class went. This custom of class attendance at theatre parties is a tradition of the school dramatics department, Mr. Van Arsdale said.

The play is now at the Harris Theatre and has been seen and enjoyed by many during its unusually long engagement in Chicago. The students from Nilehi who saw it were Audrea Bredberg, Marice Ray, Jeanette Oehring, Melaine Mickow, Eva Lou Michel, Charlene Jacobson, Barbara Ballantine, Joan Hull, Doris Bernges, Howard Florus, Don Biehn, Jo Ann Eberhardt, Mary J. Brandt, Lyle Dye, and Jackie Conard.

Mrs. Esch Receives Bouquet of Roses

Red roses and warm gratitude from the dramatics students were given to Mrs. Ruth Esch for her direction of *Ever Since Eve*. Howard Haynie, who appeared in the play, presented the bouquet of small roses to Mrs. Esch at the end of Act II of the last performance, Saturday night, December 8.

Students from the double cast who were chosen to appear Saturday night were Marilyn Burns, Betty Weldon, Shirley Hoddinott, and Sandra Goss.

English Classes Create Unique Book Court

"Order in the court. Guilty or not guilty?" These are some of the things that have been heard recently in Miss Grace Pendleton's freshman and sophomore English classes.

The student reads a book and is then summoned to court as defendant and charged with "having read a dull book." Each defendant pleads his own case and tries to prove that he read an exciting book. After cross-examination by the prosecuting attorney, (Don Biehn and Don Carlson were outstanding, according to Miss Pendleton) a jury of five, following due deliberation, brings in its verdict and the "culprit" is either acquitted or penalized by the judge. Occupying the judicial bench last month were Bill Comstock, Ed Beebe, Dick Norman, and Jim Wieder.

Wells Leaves Nilehi; Gets Farewell Gifts

Miss Natalie Wells, former physical education teacher, left Niles Township High School on December 7 to be a field secretary with the Chicago Council of Girl Scouts. She will be one of five professional workers in the field of scouting and responsible for scouting in the east section of Chicago.

Miss Wells attended the University of Iowa where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She came from Maine Township High School a year ago last September to teach physical education at Niles.

Miss Mildred Schaefer will take over Miss Wells' classes until a new teacher is secured. Mr. Anton Schubert will have charge of the synchronized swimming and the "Water Carnival."

A "going away" party was given by the 300 members of the Nilehi G.A.A. for Miss Wells last Friday in the girls' gym during the ninth period. She was given a gold pin, a jacket, and a pen and pencil set.

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Harbert Reorganizes "See Chicago Club"

Maxwell Street and the Jane Addams Housing Project were visited on Sunday, December 9 by 69 of the 100 members of Nilehi's newly reorganized "See Chicago Club." They were transported in school buses for the first trip which this organization has prepared in three years. Miss Grace Harbert, the faculty sponsor, originated the club in 1932.

The club's two chief offices of "major" and "majorette" are filled by Stewart Munroe and Marion Schubert, respectively. They direct the work of ten "captains" and the planning committee which consists of Bill Anderson, Francis Klein, Marilyn Burns, Charmaine Neutz, and Dave Wilkinson.

In the past the club has made spring vacation trips to Washington, D.C. in the even-numbered years, and to Springfield, Illinois, in the odd-numbered years. The former trip will be taken next spring if at all possible, according to Miss Harbert.

The "See Chicago Club" will make a Chicago trip each month and in January the group has decided to see the stockyards, the Rosenwald Museum of Science and Industry, and perhaps the Oriental Museum. Miss Harbert also hopes that soon they will attend a night radio broadcast.

Previously the club was open to seniors and juniors, but the school's increased enrollment has forced limiting the membership to seniors, Miss Harbert commented. The club's members pay for all expenses and make their trips on school holidays.

Health Council Tests School's Eyesight

On Thursday, December 6, 759 Nilehi students had their eyes tested under the school health program. Other tests to follow will include hearing tests, Schick tests, Mantoux tests, smallpox vaccination, and the chest x-ray.

Eighteen girls, composing the Student Health Council, under the direction of Miss Mildred Schaefer, did the testing. They will also help in other tests.

The Student Health Council consists of 18 girls from the 5-6 period Friday gym class. They are Margaret Andreson, Alison Ash, Helen Axell, Donna Bishop, Dorothy Breden, Nancy Burge, Frances Fuhr, Dorothy Horitz, Lois Kerley, Margaret LeClerq, Margaret Meindl, Rae Ihrke, Joyce Olson, Jane Sparkman, Dolores Wilson, Ruth Howard, Mary Biederer and Peggy Swindell.

Last year the tests were also given, but were conducted by the Leaders' class. An account of "How We Did It," written by Miss Schaefer, appears in the December, 1945 issue of the American School Board Journal. The article tells of the methods of interpreting the tests and how the tests were completed in one day.

Twelve Nilehi Students Resemble Hollywood Stars

By Eleanor Rollick



Seated, left to right: Gene Lewis, Pat Horner, Dolores Wells, Barbo Martinson, Jim Katzel.
Standing, left to right: Dick Graf, Carl Bjorkdahl, Paul Leondis, Wally Krysher, Marilyn Burns, Uno Larson, Nick Rollick.

Has anyone ever come up to you and told you that you looked like Lana Turner or that you were the "spittin' image" of Alan Ladd. It would be some compliment, wouldn't it?

We've listed some Nilehi people that resemble movie stars and we do hope you agree!

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| Marilyn Burns | - | Bette Davis |
| Wally Krysher | - | Guy Madison |
| Pat Horner | - | Merle Oberon |
| Paul Leondis | - | Humphrey Bogart |
| Dolores Wells | - | Linda Darnell |
| Nick Rollick | - | John Garfield |
| Dick Graf | - | Van Johnson |
| Barbro Martinson | - | Sonja Henie |
| Carl Bjorkdahl | - | Alan Ladd |
| Uno Larson | - | Jackie Cooper |
| Gene Lewis | - | Orson Wells |
| Jimmy Katzel | - | Lloyd Nolan |

22 Redheads at Nilehi; Only Seven Are Boys

By "Torchy" Fortman

"Casey would waltz with the strawberry blonde," which goes to show that redheads have always been outstanding in one way or another. In New Zealand long ago, redhaired people were considered sacred. Redhaired women were called witches and burned at the stake during the Middle Ages, but now in modern times they are whistled at.

A fiery temper has always been associated with the titian-haired and though this may be true, there is no scientific basis for it. The color of the hair is caused by a pigment in the skin.

"Hey Red!" is Definitely Taboo

Here is a tip for you when you meet a "redhead" don't say anything like: "What's the color of your hair, red"? Every redhead would swear he has heard it at least a million times.

A disadvantage of having red hair is that the skin tends to be very fair and easily freckles.

Among the 21 redheads at N.T.H.S. only seven are boys. (This should prove something!) The students of our school who were blessed(?) this way are:

Gene Hegarty, Gwendolyn Tiseth, Jean Eickelberg, Jo Ann Peters, Shirley Peters, William Graefen, Elsie Odegard, Barbara Johnson, Tommie Coleman, Marianne Ruesch, Frank Williams, Mary Jean Brandt, Barbara Steele, Alice Heiman, Don Siegal, Joan Geng, Howie Siegal, Earl Carlson, Ruth Kluge, Lola Werhane.

History Is Subject of Student Conversation

By Dolores Wells

"Hello Trudy. Oh, I must have the wrong number. My, what a deep, masculine voice you have.

"Why no, I wouldn't mind talking to you for a while. I was calling my girlfriend, but it isn't often a girl gets to talk to someone who sounds like Alan Ladd. I'm sure I asked for Longbeach 8888. Are you on the same line or something?

"It is! Well for goodness sake, jerk, put your big sister on the phone and stop wasting my time.

"Hello Trudy? I called to ask about our history homework. What page was it?

"I've simply been dying of curiosity about that blind date I fixed for you.

"Oh—he was!

"He did!

"He didn't?

"Well, he certainly had a lot of nerve making all that fuss, just because I sort of exaggerated a teeny bit when I described you to him.

"He said I lied about your resemblance to Lana Turner! Why he agreed with me when I showed him that snapshot of you at the beach with your head sticking out of the deep water. You know, the one where your face blurred because I moved the camera when I snapped it.

"Yes, even though he didn't have his glasses on, he said right away that it looked like Lana Turner.

"That humming sound? It's just the other people on our line listening in. They probably want to make a call. Whenever I'm phoning, they pick up their receiver every 15 or 20 minutes. It's so annoying.

"Oh, Jane! You know that good look-

ing boy who sits next to you in Spanish class? I went to the show with him last night.

"Well, no, I didn't exactly go with him, I sort of met him there.

"I did NOT pick him up! As a matter of fact, I was sitting next to an empty seat near the aisle when he walked by and saw the empty seat and me of course, so he sat down.

"No he didn't say anything to me. He was waiting for me to speak first, naturally. But I don't think he's very polite.

"Why? Well, I had seen the picture before and when everyone was wondering whether Mrs. Van Greer was going to stab her husband, I told him that she wouldn't. I explained all about how she poisons him instead, how the jury acquits her after the witness is found dead, and the way she commits suicide because her boyfriend falls in love with the waitress. What do you think? After I went to all the trouble of telling him everything, with all those nasty people saying 'shhh!' to me, too, he didn't even act grateful!

"I guess he must have spotted one of his boyfriends in some other part of the theatre because all of a sudden, he got up and changed his seat."

"Yes, mother, I'm coming right away."

"Bye Jane."

"But mother! I had to call about my homework; it's not my fault if Jane is so talkative."

KITTY KORNER

Suicide? Not at Niles!!

What is this about Charlotte Monson committing suicide by taking too many aspirins—and all because of Bob Klump? She looks pretty much alive to us.

- COUPLE OF THE WEEK—Alan Karlove and Lucy Kluesing.
- SAYING OF THE WEEK—Why don't we get a longer vacation?
- SONG OF THE WEEK—Waitin' for the train to come in.
- SIGHT OF THE WEEK — Christmas Decorations.



Due to popular demand, from this date forth this column will carry the addresses of all parties mentioned herein. If you would like to have the address of any boy in service and it is possible to get it, we will gladly send it to you.

Also any letters received will be put in the column so if you have an odd picture lying around just put it in an envelope along with a little news about yourself and it will make a much more interesting column.

In the U.S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, Bob Anderson writes to tell us all about the service he is in. In this organization he goes to school for six months and then to sea for two years. When this is finished he is sent to Kings Point, New York, for two years and then receives a commission in the USMS and the USNR. He is now aboard a troop ship that was just commissioned on September 10.

C/M R. R. Anderson
S. S. Marine Jumper
%PM, San Francisco, California

Allen Grover, in the toothpick fleet of the Navy, sends his best wishes to the Nilehilite and all concerned, from the far-off-but-much-heard-of island Okinawa. This toothpick business is really on the level as he is on a motor mine sweeper and the entire boat is made of wood. He has met only one boy from Nilehi recently and that was last September when he saw Warren Gochenbach at Pearl Harbor. They had quite a time discussing old times and especially enjoyed reliving Mr. Wilkins' mechanical drawing class.

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Survey Shows Not All Girls Stuff Their Purses

By Pat Schirra

What do girls carry in their pocket-books? That is a question boys often ask. Sometimes very odd things are found. A few girls were asked what they carried in their purses.

Dorothy Lacy was the first person encountered with the question and she replied, "There is nothing unusual in my purse: only a comb, two compacts, three pencils, a fountain pen, letters, a tube of lipstick, a small notebook, gobs of Kleenex, gum, candy, safety pins, wallet with pictures, and a bunch of little things that aren't important." Well, Dorothy didn't have many things in her purse, did she?

Then while we were walking down the

It surprises many of us to know that Japan was not the old-fashioned place many of us thought it to be, and for first-hand information Dick Assmussen says it sure surprised him. Even though the places he has seen, including Hiroshima and Kure, are completely demolished, the place is very active with people and the civilians are being treated remarkably well for the way they treated the Americans during the war. He would like to hear from any of his old friends who would be interested in writing.

Dick Assmussen, 36906100
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%PM, San Francisco, California

Just aboard the U. S. S. Princeton, Peter Jaeger tells of a sight-seeing trip that most any civilian would enjoy, a complete inspection of a navy ship. He has come to the conclusion that you definitely need a car to go from one end of the ship to another. As this paper goes to press he is probably on the high seas, but when he wrote, he had just come from Newport, and was waiting for sailing orders in Philadelphia. There the ship had just been completely recon-ditioned.

Peter Jaeger, S1/C
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From scenic Santa Fe, New Mexico, Rupert Rogner tells of his short life in the army. Although he has only been in since September 27, he says the food is swell and he has loads of time for recreation.

After being inducted he spent eleven days at Fort Sheridan and was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, where he received his basic training. This place that he says has loads of good food and free time is an atomic plant in New Mexico. Also as an after thought, he writes of beautiful scenery and nice warm weather.

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hall, Betty Ann Rae came running up. In the commotion she dropped her purse and a number of little objects fell out, such as lipstick, combs, compact, small notebook, pencils, fountain pen, handkerchiefs, cough drops, money, pictures, nail file, ink, bobby pins, keys, shoe laces, and a small screw driver.

Combs, lipstick, and compacts seem to be the common things carried by girls, along with a lot of other things to fill up the purse, but Nancy Ohlson has a different idea on the situation. She carries a big purse with only a comb, lipstick and a compact. Nancy says, "Nothing else is very necessary; it just clutters up your purse so you can't find anything!"

Donna Wilton said that she never carried a purse. "Everything I need I put in my pockets. I'm not different from anyone else, am I?"



By Pat Horner

You often hear of people complaining that they never have time, so—we decided to find out what they need more time for. When we asked, "What would you do with a twenty-fifth hour?" we were told:

Wally Krysher—"Spend it with Sue."

Dolores Wells—"Stay out an hour later nights."

Eleanor Rollick — "Spend it with Wally."

Don Olson—"Spend it thinking about what I could do with a twenty-sixth hour."

Betty Fortman—"Sleep."

Dolores Lauth—"Eat, sleep, and listen to WIND swing program."

Phyllis Humphrey—"Wash my hair and go to bed."

Gloria Malnick—"Use it to learn how to change a flat tire."

June Pence—"I would be so angelic I would devote it to studying for journalism." (She has to get a B some way next semester.)

Dorothy Davis—"Would do history that I never have time to do."

Sally Nissen—"If I had an extra hour I would get to school on time for a change."

Margie Rochow—"I would forget about school and homework."

Polly Wettengel—"I would sit with Harry."

Bill Hohn—"I would talk to my brother who is on his way home."

Earl Carlson—"I would spend half of it wondering why there were twenty-five hours and the other half at the "Rag Doll."

Marilyn Pearson—"I would spend that hour with a certain someone."

John Lane—"I would put it in just before it was time to get up so I could sleep that much longer."

Bob Blessing—"I would study the stars."

Pat Freeding—"Daaah!"

Carol Homberg—"If it was at night and the stars were out, well, use your imagination."

Barbara Baldwin—"Stay out an hour later."

Bud Horton—"Sleep for a half hour, eat for a half hour and go hunting for a half hour." (That boy's arithmetic is wonderful!)

Gene Lewis—"I would spend it with Elly Nelson."

Nancy Burge—"I'd go and see someone I haven't seen in seven weeks."

Jack McNeely — "Aw, gee, I don't know."

J. V.'s Beat Leyden For 2nd Victory

By Bob Kepen

The Junior Trojan cagemen easily won their second conference game by swamping the Leyden Blue Eagles 35-21, Friday night, December 14 on the Nilehi home floor.

The game got off to an even enough start and at the end of the first quarter it looked as if the Trojans would have a hard fight on their hands, for the score was tied, 6-6. The second quarter was anything but the first, for the powerful "Boys of Troy" piled up a total of seven points, and with smart defensive play, held Leyden to only one point in that period. The first half ended with Niles leading 13-7.

The second half opened with a bang as both teams did a lot of scoring, but the sharp shooting of the swift Trojans scored twice as many points as the Blue Eagles were able to get, and an exciting third quarter came to an end with the Trojans out in front 13-25.

The final quarter was just as fast as the third with both teams turning on the power. The Leyden Blue Eagles made a last desperate attempt to catch the runaway Trojans but failed as the Trojans scored 10 points compared to 8 scored by Leyden. The final score of this second conference game was 35-21 in favor of the Trojans.

The big guns for our Junior Trojans were Dick Fisher with 10 points and Bill Comstock with 8.

The J.V. basketball team of Niles is undefeated in its conference race, so far, with two wins.



NILES	FG	FT	TP	
McNeely	1	1	3	
Fisher	4	2	10	
Comstock	4	0	8	
Heiniger	2	0	4	
Garner	1	2	4	
Farr	1	0	2	
Karnatz	0	0	0	
Ratray	0	0	0	
Kutz	0	0	0	
Racine	0	0	0	
Boehni	1	0	2	
Lindstrom	0	0	0	
Siegel	0	0	0	
Anderson	0	0	0	
Soergel	1	0	2	
Blessing	0	0	0	
Brown	0	0	0	
Kunkel	0	0	0	
Bierbaum	0	0	0	
LEYDEN				
Bollig	2	1	5	
Gettings	0	0	0	
Burton	0	0	0	
Kamurski	0	0	0	
Carnehl	2	1	5	
McCarthy	1	1	3	
Hermanson	1	1	3	
Meyers	0	2	2	
Ott	0	0	0	
Larson	1	1	3	
Gooden	0	0	0	
Scoring by periods:				
Niles	6	13	25	35
Leyden	6	7	13	21

TROJAN WARS

By John Lane

It seems that Mr. Ike gets great pleasure in beating Leyden. Why? only Mr. Ike knows, but he sure goes at it in a big way. Last Friday when the Frosh, Junior Varsity, and Varsity were all playing Leyden at some time during the day, Mr. Ike called Mr. England, coach at Leyden, and asked him to send up the pick of their gym classes so there could be a game during the half of the varsity game composed of Nilehi and Leyden gym class greats. Small wonder who won.

Have you noticed anything strange about the basketball team lately? They've won a couple of games. It shouldn't be so strange, though; they sure are big enough. Edward Fisher wants his name in the paper but I won't put it in.

Then we come to the case of Howie Korsomo. He says he tries hard but he just can't help it. What's "it"? Well, all those who see him play basketball know. He just can't forget football. Ah yes, Mr. George Riha is no longer playing amongst the gym boys. He played football too.

According to some reports, this year's freshmen are the biggest the school has ever had. This leaves a very bright future, especially if the Trojans have to leave the Northeast Conference because of a growth in attendance. Fellows like Norman, Wilson, and Beebe who are all over six feet now, just imagine them in four years!

Trojan Aquamen Drop Second Swim Meet

By Don Olson

The Nilehi swimming teams suffered their second straight defeat at the hands of the Maine Blue Demons last Thursday, December 13, at the Maine Township High School Pool.

The scores were identical with those of Nilehi's first meet against Waukegan when the Trojan Varsity lost by a score of 46-20, while the Frosh-Sophs were beaten by a 45-21 score.

The only event in which the Trojans took first place was the Varsity diving. This honor was won by Gene Hegarty. In most events the competition was pretty keen, but the "Boys from Maine" completely outclassed the Trojans in the breast stroke.

The Trojan swim teams with some "school spirit" ought to do much better in their first home meet on January 8 against Morton.

The support of the team by the students will go a long way toward developing a winning team, Coach Anton Schubert pointed out.

By Beryle Schwabe

In the girls' gym classes this year, the American Red Cross swimming rules are being used to teach the students how to swim. When a girl gets into a new class she is first sent to help a student in the class she has just finished.

The classes are divided into three groups: beginners, intermediate, and swimmers. In this way both the student and student-teacher benefit. The student is told the mistakes the other made, and the student-teacher, in trying to teach, puts firmly in her mind the correct way of swimming.

As the student goes from one class to another she receives a regular card similar to the life-saving card which shows each individual achievement.

In each class there are tests that must be passed before a student is advanced. A beginner must be able to float, swim all strokes, swim a length of the pool, and be able to get herself around in the deep end without too much trouble. The advanced swimmer is almost a perfect swimmer. The intermediate is about an average swimmer.

This program will enable the students of Nilehi to achieve enough swimming knowledge to swim under almost all conditions, Miss Schaefer said.

The synchronized swimming team now under the direction of Mr. Anton Schubert, has finally chosen its members. This group of students puts on the water carnival in the spring which is usually one of the outstanding programs of the school year.

The theme last year was "Showboat," a story of the Old South put to music and swimming. This year's theme has not yet been released. The members of this year's team are L. Kettle, D. Kettle, D. Straw, J. Katzel, W. Hardin, G. Hegarty, C. Wagstaff, D. Speer, G. McCormick, D. Sesterhenn, B. Gerheardt, D. Joyce, M. Corduan, C. Jacobson, B. Schwabe, J. Taylor, C. Valkenaar, B. Nelson, D. Goers, P. Freeding, R. Hillinger, D. Baker, F. Monahan, L. Meyer, E. Rodley, M. McClain, E. Robinson, L. Lamb, D. Paulson, M. Mickow, R. Ihrke, D. Davis, P. Schirra, K. Marholz, C. Gylden, E. Esch, J. Mathews, B. Delles, L. Bornemeier, and J. Eberhardt.

Scoring

Many people wonder how swim meets are scored. Maybe this outline will help.

The winner of each individual event earns five points for his team, second place earns three, and third place one. The winners in the 200-yard free style relay earn eight points while the losers four. In the medley relay, the winners earn six points and losers three. With five individual events, including diving, a total of 66 points are made.

Niles Beats Leyden For Third Win

The big Trojans of Niles notched their second victory in two weeks by defeating the Leyden Eagles last Friday night, December 14, by the score of 53-25.

A usual, the game started slowly, but once the local boys started to click there was nothing holding them back as they proceeded to rack up 12 points before Leyden had scored a point. The Eagles weren't quite sure of their defense during the first few minutes and this gave the Trojans a much needed mental support. The quarter ended with the Trojans leading 14-2.

The second quarter wasn't much different, as the Trojans kept adding to their score. By that time everybody had played and also made points. The half ended: Leyden 13, Niles 27.

To open the second half, the tall boys put in 10 quick points to sew up the ball game. From then on it was easy sailing.

NILES	FG	FT	TP
Behrens	1	0	2
DiSalvo	2	0	4
Guenther	2	1	5
Falknor	1	0	2
Kokum	3	1	7
Lane	4	0	8
Mueller	2	2	6
Munroe	2	1	5
Stezkal	1	2	4
Stockfisch	1	1	3
Williams	1	1	3
Casson	1	0	2
Glauner	1	0	2
Cook	0	0	0
Cole	0	0	0
LEYDEN	22	9	53
Guetzloff	2	2	6
Quaranta	1	0	4
Hedlund	0	1	1
Spina	1	0	2
Brewer	1	0	2
Matusek	2	1	5
Huffman	1	3	5
	5	9	25

Woodstock Easy Victim Of Trojans, 49-33

The Trojans decisively whipped the Blue Streaks of Woodstock on Friday, December 7, by the score of 49-33 for their first conference win.

The small but fighting Woodstock team was only a match for the big Trojans for the first quarter. At the end of the first period Woodstock led 9-8, but from then on they were snowed under by the Trojan attack.

The second quarter was much different, as the Trojans racked up 19 points compared to 10 for Woodstock.

Throughout the third and fourth quarters the Trojans kept their leading pace as they sank 'em from every angle.

NILES	FG	FT	TP
Behrens	3	1	7
DiSalvo	1	0	2
Guenther	1	0	2
Falknor	0	0	0
Kokum	2	0	4
Lane	4	7	15
Mueller	2	0	4
Munroe	0	1	1
Stezkal	0	0	0
Stockfisch	2	1	5
Williams	4	1	9
	19	11	49
WOODSTOCK			
Dale	3	1	7
Taverner	3	3	9
Dodge	0	0	0
Dusthimer	1	0	2
Olson	1	1	3
Pugh	4	0	8
Beamer	1	2	4
Polahan	0	0	0
	13	7	33

Trojan Swimmers Lose In Season Opener

By Don Olson

The Nilehi swim teams opened their 1945-46 season in the Waukegan High School swimming pool on Friday, December 7, by losing twice to strong Waukegan teams. The Trojan Varsity lost by a score of 46-20 while the Frosh-Sophs were beaten by a 45-21 score.

The "Boys from Troy" coached by Mr. Anton T. Schubert were able to make only two first places and they split these between the teams. The Waukegan teams are coached by Mr. Norman Rickard, a former Nilehi coach.

The following boys make up the Varsity swim squad: Ted Ebert, Dick Dobroth, Gene Hegarty, Lou Kettel, Bob Blessing, Don Olson, Ruby Schmid, Jerry Dahm, Charles Massmen, Dave Straw, Bill Barbour and Jack Zimmerman.

Herb Jones, Don Speer, Phil LaVeau, Don Ebert, Bill Sanke, Chuck Wagstaff, John Kohl, Bill Nickel, Dennis Joyce, Tracy Hill, Burton Gerhart, Pete DeVries, Lawrence Gearhart, Jerry Porter, Harold Weigt and Bill Eichling are the Frosh-Soph swimmers.

Remaining Swimming Schedule

Tuesday, January 8	Morton	here, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 11	Highland Park	here, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 18	Maine	here, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 25	Evanston	here, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 4	Morton	there, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, February 11	Amundsen	here, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 21	Waukegan	here, 4:15 p.m.

Each meet includes Varsity and Frosh-Soph competition.

Sports (?) Intrigue Female Reporter

By June Pence

You kids don't realize how much fun it is to be a female sports reporter. Being a female sports reporter comes in handy when your story is bum and your editor is tall, dark and handsome(?).

No kidding, it really is fun to write about how many homeruns were made in the "homecoming football game." It's more exciting to mark down all the touchdowns made by the star pitcher on the baseball team.

The real test comes when and if you can count the free-throws made by the swimmer in lane four, as he floats toward the finish line using the breast stroke.

I like being a sports reporter anyway, (even if my editor dosen't) because it isn't every girl who is told to cover the swimming meet at Maine. Then when you ask how to get there, the editor smiles and says, "Just swim along with the rest of the team."

P.S. Some day I'm going to be a sports editor too!

Parkers Snap Niles' Winning Streak

The Trojans of Niles had their winning streak stopped at three straight last Tuesday as they lost to Highland Park by he score of 47-41.

The Parkers held an 11-10 first quarter lead due mainly to the sharpshooting of Kelley and Behn. The former finally wound up pacing the visiting squad.

The second quarter was much the opposite though as the Trojans racked up 17 points to take a 29-25 halftime lead.

With the start of the second half it seemed as though the Trojans could breeze along as they put in six quick points, but the Parkers were not to be taken for granted as they held the Trojans to two more points during the rest of the period while scoring 18 for themselves. During this period Art Eisenbrand starred for the visitors.

The Trojans entered the final period with a 3 point deficit, which they never overcame as the Parkers kept adding to their score with much consistency.

Kelley paced the Parkers with 12 points while Lane was high man for the afternoon with 14 points.

NILES	FG	FT	TP
Behrens	0	0	0
DiSalvo	4	0	8
Falknor	0	0	0
Kokum	0	0	0
Lane	5	4	14
Williams	3	3	9
Munroe	0	1	1
Mueller	3	1	7
Stockfisch	0	0	0
Stezskal	1	0	2
	16	9	41
HIGHLAND PARK			
Behn	3	1	7
Kelley	4	4	12
Malizia	0	1	1
McCulloch	4	0	8
Eisenbrand	3	4	10
Johnson	1	0	2
Daube	1	0	2
Melchoir	2	1	5
	18	11	47

Yuletide Spirit Grips Halls of NTHS

Christmas is almost here and Niles Township is all decked out in its finest decorations, awaiting the happy day.

Miss Grace Harbert has the cafeteria in silver bells and red and green festunes strung from wall to wall, with red Christmas wreaths decorating the windows. At the head of the cafeteria is a brightly lighted Christmas tree, and on the west wall is a village scene with Santa Claus flying through the sky with his reindeers and sleigh.

The Junior Council was in charge of the main stairway and assembly room. The main stairway is an activity scene with the carolers and angels watching over the service flag, and the assembly sparkles with red and green festunes with silver bells.

And, golly, did you see jolly old Santa Claus? He was here Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with a merry laughing face and lots of good cheer. Santa was a senior boy elected through the problems classes.

Miss Harbert and seniors from her problems classes, Miss DeBooy with the Junior Council committees, and Mr. Wilkins and his art classes were responsible for the decorations.