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Sport Slants

By Ed Beebe

Special physical education classes have been set up at Nilehi for the boys unable to attend the regular classes for medical reasons, according to Mr. Harold Isaacson, athletic director. The classes feature shuffleboard and other forms of non-strenuous exercise.

By the look of some of those grade-school basketball players that played in the tournament held at Niles last week, the opponents of future Trojan cage teams had better beware! There is undoubtedly a great lift to high-school basketball given by these young cagers. The experience and practice they are getting now should be beneficial in the future.

The boys' physical education classes are playing volley-ball now. Softball will be next on the agenda as soon as the weather permits.

Gil Dodds Talks to Hi-Y; Tells Track Experiences

When Gil Dodds was guest speaker at the Niles Township High School Hi-Y club on March 22, one of the country's most well-known track stars was on the premises.

Dodds, known as the "Flying Parson" because of his firm religious beliefs plus track prowess, holds the record for the Banker's Mile held in the Chicago Stadium.

On March 11, 1944, Gil Dodds ran in the annual Knights of Columbus track meet held in Madison Square Garden and set a new record of 4:07.3 minutes for the one-mile run. One week later Dodds, paced by Bill Hulse, set the Banker record—a world's record for the indoor mile—4:06.4 minutes!

In setting these impressive records Dodds ran for the amateur Boston Athletic Association. Today, he has turned professional and has an offer to tour England with Gundar Hagg, the Swedish miler.

Dodds has many beliefs concerning his track work. For religious reasons he refuses to run on Sundays. Because of his conviction, four nationwide track meets have been postponed!

Gil Dodds believes the four-minute mile is coming, and he thinks possibly that Don Gehrman, Wisconsin, might be the miler to set the record!

Facilities Opened to Graders

The athletic facilities at Nilehi have been opened to grade-school athletes this year to increase interest in sports among the pre-high-school-age boys and girls.

According to the athletic department, Nilehi sports activities should be im-

Golf Team Swings Into 1949 Schedule

The cry of "fore" will soon be heard on the Nilehi athletic fields as the golf team practices for its 1949 season.

Including the ten regular season matches, the Trojan golfers will compete in a Northeast Conference meet. Arlington, Leyden, and Niles will compete in the second annual conference match won last year by Arlington. Nilehi linksmen will also compete in the state district match.

Returning this year are three varsity golfers. Ken LaPlant, leading the returnees with an 83.9 average, along with Ted Eckert (88.8) and Dick Baumann (92.5) will carry most of the Nilehi hopes for victory, according to Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, coach.

This year's schedule includes meets with Arlington, Leyden, Evanston, and Maine.

Coaches Agree on Best Cagers in State Tourney

Four of Nilehi's coaches, Mr. Harold Isaacson, head of the athletic department, Mr. Charles Hussey, Mr. Robert Mackey, and Mr. James Phipps attended the Illinois State High School Basketball Tournament at Champaign, over the week-end beginning March 18.

Mount Vernon won the tournament in a close final game on March 19 with Hillsboro by the score of 45-39, before a crowd of 7,000 in the Huff gymnasium. It was Mount Vernon's first state victory since 1920.

All four coaches agreed on the same men as their choice for the three outstanding ball players — Max Hooper, Mount Vernon's six foot, six inch center; John Biever, guard on the third place West Aurora five; and Le Roy Ott, a guard on the number two team—Hillsboro.

Coaches Hussey and Isaacson commented on the large number of small guards that were dead shots at quarter floor, and that there was a higher percentage of good shots made than they had ever seen in any previous tournament.

Hooper was rated as number one because of his accurate pivot shot and his rebounding ability. In the final game with Hillsboro, Hooper dropped in a total of 21 points.

Mr. Mackey, varsity basketball coach, thought that the only team that showed real team work was Johnston City. All the coaches agreed that play was mainly set up for the individual stars of each team, playing a two out, three in, offense.

proved through encouragement of such programs. A basketball tournament has already been held and a swimming meet and perhaps a track meet are being planned for later in the spring.

Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

The round-robin basketball tourney being held in Miss Montgomery's gym classes is really at a fever pitch. The teams in "Monty's" classes will play each other twice.

As soon as spring puts a dent in the winter weather, the senior girls will try their hands at some field hockey. This is a fall sport, but "Monty" thinks the girls will like to try out the new equipment that arrived too late for use last fall.

G.A.A. Bits

The G.A.A. Board and Miss Heitmann are busy planning the "Wishing Well Whirl," 1949's turnabout dance, which is sponsored annually by the Club. The date to remember is Saturday, April 23. One other thing to remember is that this is the dance to which the girls squire the fellows. Harry Barry will provide the "wishing" music in the gym from 8.30 p.m. until 12:00.

Morton Grove Wins 1949 Invitational Cage Tourney

Morton Grove Grade School defeated Cleveland by a score of 31-18, on Friday, March 25, to win the Niles Township Elementary School Invitational Basketball Tournament held at Niles Township High School on March 23, 24, 25.

Paced by Dick Rosenberg and Riha, Morton Grove led 10-3, 16-8, 20-15, and 31-18 at the end of the respective periods. Rosenberg scored 15 points for the victorious Warriors. Butterworth paced Cleveland with six points.

Reviewing the tournament: On Wednesday, March 23, Morton Grove downed Sharp Corner in a close contest, 25-21. Riha scored nine points for the victors. St. Peter's defeated Niles Township Lutheran, 38-13; Niles whipped Golf, 19-16; Cleveland drew the bye. Thus, Morton Grove, St. Peter's and Cleveland entered Thursday's semi-finals.

Morton Grove advanced to the finals by downing St. Peter's, 34-21, on March 24, Riha again leading in the scoring with 15 points for the Warriors from Morton Grove. Cleveland thrashed Niles, 18-8, in the second game.

McNeil's Teams Wins Title

In the playoffs for the Niles Township High School intramural basketball championship, the five captained by Frank McNeil, senior, swept through to victory.

The team, consisting of McNeil, George Bussey, Dave Carlson, Conrad Cornell, Warren Jones, and Jerry Seltzer, defeated Bill "Red" Graefen's squad in the final game, 26-14.

Immigration Survey Tells Why Our Ancestors Sailed

"My grandparents met on the boat while they were on the way to the United States, and were married when it docked."

"My great-grandfather on his way from Ireland to the U. S. passed by his mother and father in another boat going from the U.S. to Ireland to get him!"

"My grandfather was born aboard ship and was named after the ship."

These were some of the many answers to the survey on immigration which was recently taken by some of the seniors in Miss Grace Harbert's problems classes. Questions such as: "Where did your ancestors come from? When? and Why?" were asked.

The majority of ancestors came from Germany, Scandinavia, and the British Isles, and the main reasons for immigration were economic.

Many of the ancestors of Nilehiers were very much bewildered in the strange new country of the United States. Such things as eating bananas with the skin on, and being surprised at seeing wooden houses were not uncommon. Illinois was the state in which most of the ancestors settled.

Sherrill Rudd McDonald, who was graduated from Nilehi in 1945, was graduated in February from Purdue University in Aeronautical Engineering "with distinction," according to Miss Margaret deBooy, junior adviser.

Sherrill was the Harvard award recipient when he was a junior at Nilehi, and was elected to membership in the National Honor Society in his junior year.

In college he was elected to the Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honorary fraternity, and also the Gamma Alpha Rho, the aeronautical honorary fraternity.

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SHORT CUTS

Seven, Yes, lucky seven! These are presumably the healthiest seniors at Nilehi, who have never been absent from school during their entire four-year careers: Eleanor Dyresson, 102; Ted Eckert, 102; Fred Gatter, 310; Marge Peterson, 316; Dick Provost, 316; Don Verlenden, 102; and Elaine Wolitski, 209.

Even though Home-room 102 has the lowest attendance record, it has the largest number of seniors with perfect attendance. Mr. Charles Selden, 102's adviser, has never missed a day since he began teaching at N.T.H.S. in February of '43.

Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, who had previously shared the record with Mr. Selden, fell from the ranks on March 1 when he was forced to take the Dick test because of his daughter's case of scarlet fever. Mr. Kiviluoma joined the faculty in September, 1944.

Various members of the faculty are planning to operate in association with corresponding senior committees in preparation for the commencement exercises of the class of '49, according to Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser. These committees are now being selected from a pool of senior.

The committees include the breakfast committee, under the supervision of Miss Grace Harbert; the program committee, under the supervision of Mr. George Adams; the staging committee, supervised by Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma; the cap and gown committee, with Mr. Roth as chairman; tickets and announcements, under Miss Harbert's supervision; and the decoration and ushering committee, under the supervision of Miss Alice Line.

Attention, Seniors! This is Your Column

She didn't get it! Yes, she did! No! What's all this confusion? Seems six senior girls, Pat Sommer, Joyce Creaves, Ann Morrison, Mary Morse, Elaine Esch, and Audrey Nordlof, took a scholarship exam for Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, last February 12.

All received notice shortly thereafter that they had not qualified for scholarships. A few days later, however, Ann Morrison had word that one of the students who had received a scholarship was not accepting it, and Ann was next in line.

Now Ann has decided she would rather go to Northwestern University, and has applied for an entrance exam to be given next month.

Bill Campbell just won't be able to make it to his graduation in June: The reason: he'll be very busy taking entrance exams at West Point Military Academy in New York.

Seniors, take note! Do you lucky people know you have only 45 school days more to slave over your textbooks till that great day, June 10? What then? Senior exams!

Nilehi traveled to Waukegan March 19. Not a basketball or baseball game, but a run to the outskirts of Waukegan—26 miles from Skokie.

Eight boys entered the marathon race, but only three finished. Bill Grafke took first-place honors, with Dennis Joyce and Don Berg tying for second.

Falling by the wayside during the grueling run were Ward Nipper, Mike Henry, Bill Nickel, Ralph Bennett, and Harold Harper.

Betty and Karyl, Mermaids in Water Carnival, Swim Into the Nilehilite Profile Spotlight

She's the 17-year-old senior girl with brown hair and eyes who organized "cupid's corner" for the senior dance, the "Gold Rush" this year.

Her name is Betty Loeffgren. She likes just about everything including Nilehi, people, swimming, dancing, and tennis. Her favorite vocalists are Frankie Lane and Doris Day while Guy Lombardo's band rates tops.

Spaghetti, french-fried shrimp, steak, and chicken are her favorites when it comes to eating.

Betty loves to knit argyle socks in her spare time, but never knows who they are going to until they're done.

Among her activities at N.T.H.S. are Reflections Revelry, Nilehilite staff, and three years in the water carnival.

This coming summer Betty will spend at Lake Geneva or on a dancing tour for Margot Koche. Next winter she plans to go to college, but hasn't been decided as yet.

As water carnival time comes 'round, one of the people that the N.T.H.S. spotlight will focus on will be a cute, brown-haired girl who has been active in synchronized swimming for the past three years.

She's Karyl Marholz, senior, who stands 5 feet 1½ inches tall, has snappy brown eyes, and will be 17 come May 5.

Karyl's likes are many, including her senior year "because it's fun to be looked up to," strawberries, steak, the kids at Nilehi, and chemistry "even if it is hard." As for dislikes, people who can't spell her name at the top of the list.

Her future plans include study at Lawrence college in Appleton, Wisconsin, where her majors will either be dramatics, interior decorating, or chemistry.

According to Karyl, who ranked in the upper fourth of her graduating class, her only ambition in life is "to be able to water-ski backwards."

Did Seniors Think Differently as Frosh? Nilehilites of Three Years Ago Give Answer

Can you remember back when "Chick-ery-Chick" was number 7 on the hit parade? Or better still, when the seniors were freshmen? They probably thought quite differently about things but we'll see after looking through the old Nilehilites.

What's the matter with girls?

Tom Black, freshman: They cause you so much trouble, but they'll do.

Senior: A marvelous invention made to solve all problems of man's freedom. Should be kept on a leash.

What three things would you want if you were alone on a desert island?

Dave Carlson, freshman: A girl, toothbrush, and a bathing suit.

Senior: Touhy Beach, the Drive-in, the fun in Miss Tillman's 8th period English class last year.

Dick Norman, freshman: Betty Grable, Lana Turner, Betty Hutton.

Senior: Three tootpicks.

Charlotte Campbell, freshman: Dana Andrews, Van Johnson, Robert Walker.
Senior: Pete, a horse, and a bathing suit.

What restrictions would you put on kissing?

Hank Trausch, freshman: Be sure to let the girl breathe!

Senior: No restrictions at all!

Jim Hosfield, freshman: Time limit, two minutes.

Senior: Eternity.

Carl Bjorkdahl, freshman: To begin with—don't go around with girls.

Senior: I don't know—I haven't kissed anyone yet.

What do you think of N.T.H.S.?

Tracy Hill, freshman: Fine! Haven't met any girls that interest me, but give me time.

Senior: Give me more time!

Angela Vosnos, freshman: Everyone is friendly, but the classes—up and down. Oh mah legs!

Senior: Love it! Nothing to complain about with only two months 'til graduation.

Tom Cleary, freshman: Everything's okay. Wow, some dishes!

Senior: Everything about it is so beautiful.

Bob Peterson, freshman: This school really believes in giving a lot of homework.

Senior: Did I say that there was too much when I was a freshman?

Don Carlson, freshman: I'm like everybody else, I think school is quite the thing.

Senior: I think it's swell and I'm still having fun.

Nilehi Ned Thinks of New Twist to Lunch

*Why is Nilehi Ned dreaming so,
His teacher wants to know.*

*He eyes the clock, he's got a hunch,
His thoughts have turned to lunch:*

Hash...the fellas after Mr. Schubert's swim classes.

Kix...what we need in football season.
Good Egg...Bob Witte.

Spry...our N.T.H.S. cheerleaders.

Sunkist...the kids back from Florida vacations.

Dole...out that money, the Prom's coming up.

Swift...the last months before graduation.

Duz...you have a date for the Turnabout?

Spic 'N' Span...Nilehi lockers.

Pep...Mari Cysewski.

Nuts...the kids that ran 26 miles to Waukegan.

Airwick...what the chemistry room needs.

Kraft...you need it to pass quarter exams.

Beef...What Mrs. Baker's period three class does.

Peaches...the Miss Safety Slogan candidates.

Relish...that spring vacation!



Since April is "All-Fools Month," this week we concentrated on Nilehiers born in April when we asked:

What have you ever done that makes you think you're an April Fool?...

Dona Korsmo, senior: I constantly forget people's names—even if they're my oldest friends. When I go to introduce them to someone, my mind goes blank and I can't remember who they are.

Bill Van Horne, senior: Somehow I just can't catch buses on time. One day I made what I think is a record and missed seven of them.

Pete Heiniger, junior: I always get spring fever in April and never want to come to school.

Fran Tomczak, senior: The night of "Reflections" when I told Mr. Van Arsedale that I didn't want a mustache for our cowgirl act—so I got the biggest and bushiest of them all.

Kathleen McCabe, senior: I once went swimming in Lake Michigan on the first day of April.

Dotty Bowles, sophomore: I started going steady with Pete Heiniger.

Frank DeVitto, senior: I was born.

Joe Donovan, junior: My parents drove me around on my first date when I was a freshman.

Joanne Nielsen, junior: Try to beat up

This 'n' That - Found: Classified Ads

There are always food-fiends who try to steal the jump on the rest of us by devising quick and unusual ways to get down to the cafeteria before the mob. **Dona "Slim" Groll** is one of these. Slim's plan involved sliding down the bannister between floor two and floor one.

About half-way down, her foot got caught. Completely unnoticed by all the hungry devils on their way to the Nilehi food center, Slim began to wail loudly for help. After five minutes of agony, **Bev "At-a-girl" Dille**, pried her loose.

It doesn't pay to speak good English—at least, not if you eat at Mrs. Curl's fifth period French table in the lunchroom. These second-year French students are fined a penny for every word of English they speak during their lunch period!

For Sale . . . '29 Chevie—\$40.00.

Inquire—Mechanics Inc., Room 10. Proprietor—L. R. Mackey.

my twin brother.

Donna "Slim" Groll, junior: Riding around on my motor scooter....especially in Skokie.

George Boatright, freshman: I once came to school on a Saturday.

Paul Grasch, freshman: I came to school a day ahead of time last September and couldn't understand why the school was so empty.

FOR SALE: Two heads, 25 cents, slightly wilted. Lettuce, that is.

WANTED: Portable mint. \$5 and \$10 size preferred. B. O. B.

FOUND: An Eskimo's diary:

Morning: Got up and ate breakfast—Mush!

Afternoon: Took dog-sled to trading post—Mush!

Evening: Date with girl friend—Mush!

LOST: Yellow Cadillac convertible with Spanish book in back seat.

Please return book, keep convertible.

Bewildered.

FOUND: A barber who really gives a "good" haircut. See Bill Mickey.

PERSONAL: Locker D-72: Meet me in front of Kunkel's, Friday, at 3:30. Locker C-31.

PERSONAL: Young woman with garlic desires to meet young man with Sen-Sen. Object: Romance.

WANTED: A trim figure. Consult geometry class.

Clyde Schultz, junior, recently dropped a book of **Ted Eckert's** into one of the hall wastebaskets.

Ted, a prominent member of the Senior Cabinet, became very disturbed. He thought the little swinging door on the wastebasket was a gateway for a chute which led to the basement.

How long does it take to get to know N.T.H.S., anyway?

Nilehi Varieties

Nilehiers strike the "Blue Notes." Although the real name of this band is "Rollin Oliver and His Blue Notes," they are all members of the N.T.H.S. band and orchestra, conducted by Mr. Clifford Collins, Nilehi instrumental director.

Rollin Oliver, whose real name is Rollin Glazer, has led his band in several performances, two of them being at the Glenview Youth Center.

The "Blue Notes" also were starlighted at the Nilehi "Reflections Revelry" show.

Members of the band are Ted Dolan, Jeane Artelt, Gerald Dryer, Dan Winger, Jay Dahm, Bill Van Horne, Tom Madden, and Rollin Glazer.

Freshmen Science classes have a thermometer shelter patterned after the United States weather shelter from which they record temperature readings fairly accurately, according to Mr. George Roth, science instructor.

This weather shelter was made by Paul Byrd. The readings are taken by the freshmen weather bureau committee, Anne Odegard acting as chairman. Record is in a graph in room 316.

Richard LeVeau, freshman, is working on a weather vane to be installed on the roof. Bruno Del Corobbo is working on an electrical anemometer to show the wind velocity.

"What country did you or your ancestors come from? What type of employment did you take when you arrived in the United States? What state did you settle in first?"

These are just a few of the questions being asked in various surveys by students of Miss Grace Harbert's problems classes. They are studying sociology problems of quality and quantity of population, as well as theoretical relations between census statistics and food supply.

Junior Council Starts Plans for '49 Junior Prom Committees, Faculty Advisers, Student Chairmen Chosen

It's not too far away. No sir! In fact it's only 65 days away. What, you ask? Why the biggest social event of the school year, the junior prom!

Work has already been started on the affair as committees have been organized under the supervision of Miss Margaret deBooy, junior class adviser.

The sale of tickets will be under faculty supervision of Miss Florence Harrison with Jim Kennedy and Ted Dolan as co-student chairmen. Choice of bids will be under faculty guidance of Miss Ada Immel with Beattie Bornemeier as the student chairman. Mr. Clement Meier will be in charge of invitations with Jean Kelly as student chairman. The election of senior leaders for the grand

Contest for "Miss Safety Slogan of 1949" Closes; Top Safety Writers to Receive Cash Prizes Soon

Did you cast a vote for "Miss Safety Slogan of 1949" in the safety slogan contest that ended today? There was plenty of time to, because the contest has been running since March 14.

Just who "Miss Safety Slogan of 1949" is, is not known at the time we go to press, but there were eight candidates, two from each class, in the running. Seniors were represented by Kaye Jaeger and Dona Korsmo, Geri Dodge and Bev Dilley represented the juniors, Astrid Hallbrendt and Violet Kubany were the sophomore candidates, and the freshmen had Marilyn Mattes and Doris Smith. Miss Grace Harbert was in charge

of the Miss Safety Slogan contest.

Who won the \$20 set up as prizes for the four top slogans written during the contest is not known either. The contest was held in cooperation with the Niles Township Safety Council, who donated the money for the prizes.

The contest was supervised by members of the faculty along with two student co-managers. Faculty members were Mr. Charles Suydam, Mr. L. P. Babcock, Dr. A. L. Biehn, Miss Grace Harbert, Mr. John Wilkins, and Mr. Paul M. Eberhardt. Student co-managers were Bill Heveran, senior, and Bob Jaeger, junior.

Class Ranks of '49 Grads Tell Audrey Nordlof Highest

The class ranks for the class of 1949 were released Tuesday, March 15, after being compiled by the Nilehi office staff.

The list is based solely on the academic standing through the first seven semesters of school, according to Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior class adviser.

Audrey Nordlof is first with 30 A's and 2 B's. Rose Marie Denk follows closely behind with 28 A's and two B's. Audrey has the greater number of grades because she carried five majors in her sophomore year.

Close behind are Joyce Creaves, third, and Ed Beebe, fourth. Ann Morrison and Ted Eckert are tied for fifth.

Elaine Esch, Conrad Cornell, and Bill Graefen placed sixth, and Ed Archibald, Pat Sommer, and Don Verlenden tied for seventh.

Debaters Join Honor League

The debaters recently received notice that they had been unanimously admitted to the National High School Honor Forensic League for Speech Students, and membership in it is one of the highest awards a debater can receive.

Public Speaking Class Enters National Oratorical Contest

Highlights of the activities of the public speaking class this month will be the Herald-American oratorical contest. Taking place late in April and May, this contest is of national scope, some three or four hundred high schools all over the country taking part. The subject of each six-minute oration this year is Alexander Hamilton.

Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale will choose one representative from Nilehi from the following: Joyce Creaves, Pat Sommer, Tom Shields, Don Hartigan, Don Verlenden, Ted Eckert, Jerald Seltzer, Herbert Veit, and Bill Graefen.

'G' Man to Relate Cases To Nilehi at Assembly

The F. B. I. and adventures of a "G" man will be the subject of an all-school assembly on Monday, April 25, at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Sam Grathwell will give Nilehi students accounts of the F. B. I. war on crime and sabotage, with case histories of the fall of notorious criminals.

Mr. Grathwell has spoken to audiences throughout the United States, in most of Canada, and in Alaska and Japan. Mr. Grathwell also worked directly with J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I., in securing information for his newest subject.

Spring Tour Starts April 11

A week from Monday marks the big day for the 70 juniors and seniors going on the Spring vacation tour to southern Illinois.

The trip will leave early Monday morning, April 11, and will return Thursday morning after visiting Springfield, Vandalia, Harrisburg, and New Salem village. The groups will return on April 14.

Of the 25 students who took the driver's license examinations at Nilehi recently, approximately 50 per cent passed.