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Nilehi says goodbye to Supt. Cotanche

With echoes still resounding from the cheers given him by the student body at assembly May 26, Superintendent R. E. Cotanche prepared to close an eleven-year term as the head and guiding influence of Nilehi. Under his direction the school has grown from a two-year high school of 45 pupils to a fully accredited four-year high school with a present enrollment of 770.

"I feel sure the students of NTHS are going to miss Mr. Cotanche next year," commented Bob Moore, president of the Student-Faculty forum, when asked for a statement on Mr. Cotanche's resignation. "I am only thankful that I was able to complete my high school education under his direction, and I know that many other seniors feel the same way."

Faculty members, in an expression of appreciation, presented Mr. Cotanche with a pen and pencil set at a birthday dinner, April 24.

It is probable that Mr. Cotanche will return this fall to assume teacher's duties while studying for his Ph.D. at Northwestern university.

'Tonight's the night' for Nilehi's sixth class to be graduated

Here is your diploma



CONGRATULATIONS! Just like that we're grownup. With those few words our lives change, and in the eyes of the world we become men and women.

Tonight, as we leave Nilehi, we enter a troubled world — a world too busy to stop and ask us what we'd like to do or what would please us. America itself is engaged in battle to defend its heritage of freedom and democracy — indeed, a fight to maintain truth in a world ruled by oppression.

The world we are to meet will need everyone of us — and we must give to the best of our ability. Some of us are talented, some of us are not; some have ambition, some have not; some will climb high to fame and glory, others will struggle only to fall again and again.

146 seniors receive their sheepskins at 8:30 in gym

Members of the sixth graduating class of Niles Township Community high school will make their last appearance in the role of seniors at the exercises to be held in the school gym at 8:30 tonight.

Growing proportionately to the expanse of the school and township, this year's senior class of 146 is the largest one in the history of the school. Boys are in the minority of this class of '42, being outnumbered 85 to 61.

Two senior speakers will be on this evening's program. Erman Kramer, president of the class will act as master of ceremonies; and Mary Lou Leonard has been elected by the students from the 15 highest ranking seniors in scholarship to tell their memories and thoughts during their four years spent at Nilehi.

The stage decorations are under the supervision of the junior class. Junior girls who will usher are Claire Juniac, Margie Burkland, Lois Jaycox, Rosanna King, Betty Westerlund, Elsie Kraft, Carol Ellis, Doris Burkland, Gerry Deily, Betty Perrin, Ann Hoth, Mary Baumhardt, Jeanne Nelson, Lois Rutherbeck, and Bernice Gehrs.

Commencement Program

Chairman, Erman Kramer
Senior Class President

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KING COTTON, MARCH.....	SOUZA
PASSACAGLIA AND FUGHETTA.....	JOHNSON
AMERICAN PATROL	MEACHAM
PROCESSIONAL	ORCHESTRA
CLIFFORD COLLINS, DIRECTOR	
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	COLOR GUARD
OATH OF ALLEGIANCE	
STAR SPANGLED BANNER	ORCHESTRA
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATING	
GREETINGS	ERMAN KRAMER
REFLECTIONS	MARY LOU LEONARD
	CLASS OF 1942
SELECTIONS	CHOIR
LIEBESTRAUM (LOVE'S DREAM).....	LISZT-BOURDON
IN HEAVEN ABOVE.....	CHRISTIANSSEN
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.....	MALOTTE
MISS CLARA KLAUS, DIRECTOR —	AUDREY BROWN, ACCOMPANIST
THE CLASS OF 1942.....	D. W. FLAGG
	ASSISTANT-PRINCIPAL
CLASS SONG	CLASS OF 1942
WORDS AND MUSIC BY CLIFFORD COLLINS	
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	R. E. COTANCHE
	SUPERINTENDENT-PRINCIPAL
RECESSIONAL	ORCHESTRA

Enjoy going to school? Attend summer session

Three days after the formal closing of school on June 5, classes will again convene, this time for Summer School students who will attend two and a quarter hour classes for a six weeks session terminating July 17.

The Niles Township high school again received full recognition by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the highest honors that can be given to any high school. Graduates from Nilehi, providing they have earned acceptable grades, may enroll in any college or university without entrance examinations.

Clyde M. Campbell, high school visitor from the University of Illinois and representative of the North Central association advised the Board of Education in his report to Supt. R. E. Cotanche, "This is a good school."

Aged senior recalls mirth of lost youth

Jest about milk-in' time fore yer'es ago, paw got a note in th' male sayin' as to how I'd have ta come up to hi-skool to git some book-larnin'. Maw and paw hitched up th' team an' brung me into Niles Center, where I boughten some a them store-pants for th' opinin' day — real slick, that's me.

'Course I hadta ask Mr. Galitz (old thundercloud) ta help me opin my locker that fatell day — but I missed gettin' hazed on accountta they didn' take me t'be more than a seventh grader!!

Fer my sophmoar yeer, the skool hours were moved bak so's they didn't no longer interfere with my gettin' to bed. Maw use ta be awful put-out about my stayin' up till 5:30 . . . And then I met Mabel — my first real gal — right here on th' stairs — 'fact I nearly fell down myself wen I bumped in to her. Come spring and I got romantikle, so me and her went down an' saw Bob Hope on one of them "skool toors" — 'least that's wat I think it was, but room 107 shure was crowded the next day . . .

Maw was always a-worryin' about me durin' that junyer yeer — but could I help it if all them gals didn't have enough fellas to go 'round? I reckon Ascaph warn't a-relizing how much joy they took outa life — and jest when I was a-learning how ta waltz! An' then paw added mor trouble by a-sayin' I'd halfta be in earlier cause I was wakin' the roosters.

Senior days went pritty quick, only I wisht I'd learnt ta understand th' Hutsut Song . . . Paw — he's awful patriotic — got kinda scotch with the family jalopy aftur December 7, makin' it hard ta keep up with th' Trojan basketees — but nobodie else could either . . . And now commensment. *Gee those skool-books were in-trusting!*

Journalism class names news staff for next fall

On the basis of last month's tryouts, Phillis Brooks, junior, has been named to head the Nilehilite's staff for the first issue next September.

Chosen for other staff posts were Rosanna King, second page editor; Edwin Albright, columnist; James Watkins, sports editor; Cleo Thlimmenos, third page editor; and Marlyn Woodworth, copy reader.



Last editorial finished in 219 as journalists close own story

Behind the doors of the "Pub" room and 219 this year, 15 issues of news, features, and fun have evolved, somehow managing to escape unharmed from the din of counting, correcting, and typing.

Glancing back at fellas and gals who wrote the paper, we see their typical troubles . . . Over in the corner tall, blond Harley "I won't date" Anderson, complacent sports editor, writes — just writes all period. That fellow running around the table is Erm Kramer, keeping fit for track, and counting papers at the same time. As Erm reaches number 899, in comes

Doris Mussil, screaming to the public at large that she has a four inch hole on her page that must be filled.

Pat Reiland, busy cutting long strings of paper-dolls, is unmoved by Doris's pleas and threats. Ruth Roberts hears the commotion and rushes to ask the aspiring scribes, "Didja hear Duffey's Tavern?"

Toni Thlimmenos and Bunny Fran-son walk on the set, their fingers moving up and down. (You'd be surprised how many typists we lose that way!) Kracky comes in only to get the keys to the "Pub" office, where she heads with homing-pigeon precision.

Millie Bergmark is found continually switching pictures in a mad rush to finish her annual copy. Jean Dudick, sitting almost hidden behind towers of papers, displays a frown over the folding to be done — but just then Betty Holmes arrives, and the twosome promptly "blitz" all 1200 papers.

Dottie Lutz and M'Lou Leonard are discovered deep in conference trying to determine who to crown "couple of the week," when Barb Rasmussen and Wayne "Professor" Barton finally straggle in — but naturally Wayne forgot something and must go back. Barb gasps a sigh of relief to find that her annual pictures turned out O.K. — after three retakes!

Professor Wayne again enters the scene, this time to draft headline writers. Grace Langan trots in late — not at all phased by Nilehi's bells — and nearly half the class pounces on her for stories long over-due. In the midst of this farce, Dick Hartney sits calmly at the paper-cutter or braids the shade cord while La Palmquist patiently initials pass after pass.

All the bedlam, the wild chase after hot scoops that have turned cold, the mad race to beat "der deadline" is over now. This year's staff extends its sincerest appreciation to Miss Bernice Palmquist, adviser, who has helped make the Nilehilite a paper we're proud of. We're sorry to leave, we've had a grand year. G'bye now, Nilehi.

The Staff

Senior's thoughts before graduation

As I sit dreaming, thoughts drift through my mind,

Of people and places—things that have happened—memories both cruel and kind.

Once again I live those hours of quiet happiness past . . . And wish that all

The darker moments might be over-cast.

But if we lived our one life full, with happiness complete,

We soon would yearn and look ahead for some strange unknown feat To happen—to change our steady ways—to make life

More lively . . . to excite those same dreary days.

We must accept our way of life. The plans are varied,

Each differs from mine. Don't try To change . . . to be like another.

Life goes on . . .

Not one can beat . . . the TIME

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Sports editor Harley Anderson
Miss Bernice Palmquist, adviser

Production Managers

Ray Keegan, Bob Krier, Leo Mueller
Mr. Clement Meier, adviser

It took four years, but

In gown of black
He slowly walks
As in the deepest coma.
With shaking hands,
He grabs the thing —
It is! It's his diploma.

TNT .. this 'n 'that

WANTED — the thief who stole the cookies, on display in the first floor show case, because someone forgot to lock the door. **BEWARE.** The ones that are now "taking their place" are not **HOMEMADE!!**

Among the many seniors whose future was still patternless, several members of Mrs. Ruth Esch's dramatics and radio squads recently entered the tryouts for dramatics scholarships offered by the Goodman theater and the Chicago School of Expression. Results from these auditions have not yet been announced at this writing.

Muriel Milke and Mildred Bergmark are the two senior girls selected to go to the Illini Girls' State which is to be held at MacMurray college at Jacksonville, Illinois, June 24 to July 1.

Girls' State, an annual event, is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary. Mildred was selected by the Skokie unit 320 and Muriel by the Morton Grove unit.

Establishing a celebration which is expected to become a tradition, the Student-Faculty forum sponsored Autograph day last Friday. As the *Nilehi Reflections* were delivered on that day, classes were shortened and students given the opportunity to have their yearbooks "endorsed" at informal class assemblies. Following individual class meetings, the entire student body congregated in the gym to complete their collection of John Hancocks. Dancing concluded the program.

Midshipmen of 1942 answer last call to mess before 'shipping out' of Niles

At two bells (9 a.m. to you landlubbers) yesterday morning, 146 seniors entered the mess hall of NTHS to enjoy a hearty, sea-faring breakfast. The program was launched by Chief Petty Officer Erman Kramer, senior president.

Heading the program was a Rogue's Gallery of senior baby pictures, after which came breakfast. Marie Throop sang "Miss You" and "I Threw a Kiss into the Ocean."

Superintendent R. E. Cotanche, Mrs. Ruth Esch, and Miss Clara Klaus then presented the seniors with attendance certificates, dramatics awards, and music honors, respectively.

The seniors again partook of chow before the class sang a parody to the song, "Somebody Else is Taking My Place." Coach Isaacson and Mr. Dean

146 seniors will climb ladder of success by using rungs of education and exertion



With diploma in hand, the 1942 graduate leaves NTHS to make his way on one of three roads to success: the superhighway of college; the avenue of work; or the boulevard of education plus exertion.

N. U., Illini harvest Trojans

Those taking the superhighway by way of Northwestern university are J. Allen, W. Barton, M. Bergmark, J. Dudick, R. Gerhardt, S. Kluesing, E. Kramer, W. Kunkel, T. MacCleary, L. Miethke, P. Perlman, J. Pike, B. Risser, M. L. Schilling, D. von Gillern, and F. Wilcox.

Those who will make an indefinite stop at Urbana, Illinois are J. Cecil, D. Hartney, B. Holmes, R. Johantgen, G. Langan, and R. Oppice.

Traveling the paths of shorthand and bookkeeping in the fall will be G. Alterini, A. Bock, E. Heinz, D. Jaehnke, W. King, B. Luckett, D. Musil, E. Muto, L. Witte, J. Yates, and B. Zika.

Learning how to teach others the way to success, besides other things, will be J. Florus, M. Iverson, and O. Krajchovich.

Colleges scatter class of '42

Colleges of small magnitude will welcome L. Anderson, C. Jaycox, M. Leonard, R. Moore, V. McClure, D. Nelson, R. Nitch, V. Reuter, W. Roseman, E. Theobald, B. Wetmore, and

E. Zust.

Those who intend to further their education, but are undecided as to what school shall have the honor are E. Breitenbach, F. Hamilton, N. Heidtke, J. Kadlec, R. Krier, M. McKeever, R. Miller, D. Mueller, P. Reiland, M. Schuett, T. Sheridan, and T. Thlimmenos.

With indomitable spirit, these few students will traverse the boulevard of education (school) plus exertion (work): M. Abbink, H. Aliprandi, C. Artner, D. Baumann, C. Clark, C. de Caro, B. Dickinson, J. Fisher, A. Grover, M. Heiniger, L. Holbeck, S. Kendall, V. Kottke, G. Lebbin, F. Ochs, D. Petty, M. Reagan, and E. Such.

Many to help Uncle Sam

In order to do their utmost for Uncle Sam, the following boys will don one of three colors: the brown of the army, the blue of the navy, or the olive green of the marine: H. Dahm, R. Eichelkraut, F. Hunziker, D. Smyser, H. Wertz, and E. Wise.

Leaving the superhighway of education, we turn off on the avenue of work only to find the following seniors already there: G. Anderson, J. Anderson, L. Baptist, M. Bennett, A. Bertoncini, L. Betlinski, J. Blameuser, G. Bremer, R. Buthman, R. Clarkens, J. Dinelli, P. Donnell, V. Druke, B. Franson, R. Friese, A. Hannemann, C. Huscher, E. Jarmuth, E. Johnson, W. Keating, F. Keegan, R. Keegan, C. Koller, E. Konowich, R. Krier, B. Kuehne, L. Miller, H. Mueller, L. Mueller, J. Murray, D. Nelson, H. Nelson, R. Podraza, K. Reasland, R. Roberts, B. Rossmann, G. Schewe, W. Schnur, E. Schon, M. Sesterhem, A. Weber, M. Wettengel, and C. Whittington.

Not to be outdone in doing their bit for defense, several girls will go into training so that they may put on nurses' white: E. Anderson, D. Cotanche, M. Curtis, G. Dahm, M. Hohs, L. Hoth, D. Lutz, M. Milke, B. Rasmussen, C. Thomas, and E. Zavrel.

Future vague for five

Undecided as to their future plans are H. Anderson, B. Hegarty, B. Roman, A. Sell, and M. Throop.

Misses Lant and Stone to leave NTHS for Chile

The Misses Ruth Lant and Alice Stone are soon to leave NTHS for Santiago, Chile, where they will teach English and biology, respectively, at the Santiago Girls' college. They intend to leave on or about June 15, and stay for three years.

28 senior boys earn honors in interscholastic athletics

Twenty-eight of the 62 boys in this year's graduating class have received major or minor awards in interscholastic athletics.

In the following list, (M) means a major award; (m) a minor award.

Wayne Barton, Football (M) 41. Swimming (m) 40-41.

Ed Breitenbach, Football (m) 38. (M) 39, 40, 41.

Glenford Bremner, Baseball (m) 41; (M) 42.

Calvin Clark, Football (m) 39, 40; (M) 41. Track (M) 41.

Henry Dahm, Football (m) 39; (M) 40, 41. Basketball (m) 40-41.

Vernon Druke, Basketball (M) 41-42. Baseball (M) 39, 40, 41, 42.

Bob Eichelkraut, Football (m) 40; (M) 41. Track (m) 40, (M) 41, 42.

Robert Gerhardt, Swimming (M) 40-41, 41-42.

Bart Hagerty, Football (m) 39; (M) 40, 41. Basketball (M) 41-42. Baseball (M) 41, 42.

Dick Hartney, Football (m) 40. Swimming (M) 40-41, 41-42.

Floyd Hunziker, Football (M) 41. Basketball (M) 41-42. Track (M) 42.

Carl Huscher, Basketball (m) 38-39, 39-40, 40-41; (M) 41-42.

Earl Jarmuth, Football (m) 39; (M) 40.

Francis Keegan, Football (m) 38, 39; (M) 40, 41.

Ray Keegan, Golf (m) 41.

Stanley Kendall, Football (m) 40. Track (M) 41.

Howard Klehm, Swimming (m) 39-40.

Erman Kramer, Football (M) 40, 41. Track (M) 41, 42.

Bob Krier, Football (m) 39, 40.

Ray Krier, Baseball (m) 41; (M) 42.

Eugene Lebbin, Football (M) 41. Swimming (M) 41-42.

Tom MacCleary, Football (M) 41. Baseball (m) 41; (M) 42.

Larry Miller, Football (M) 41. Basketball (M) 41-42. Track (m) 40; (M) 41, 42.

Bob Moore, Baseball (M) 41, 42.

Dick Nelson, Football (m) 39, 40; (M) 41. Baseball (m) 41; (M) 42.

Ray Nitch, Football (m) 38, 39; (M) 40, 41. Basketball (m) 39-40. Track (m) 40; (M) 41, 42. Swimming (M) 40-41, 41-42.

Dan Petty, Football (m) 38, 39. Baseball (M) 41, 42.

Bob Podraza, Basketball (m) 38-39, 39-40; (M) 40-41, 41-42. Golf (m) 41.

Howard Wertz, Swimming (M) 40-41, 41-42.

Bend and bandage for youth build-up

"All out for defense" is the motto of the senior class of 1942. Now more than ever before, each one should do his part in this great forge for victory. Not to be caught napping are the senior girls who have been regularly attending first aid classes conducted by Miss Mildred Schaefer and Miss Lorraine Spikings of the athletic department.

Coming right along, the senior boys are building up their bodies in a class of calisthenics conducted by Coach Harold Isaacson.

Twelve Nilehi girls win vacation at G.A.A. camp

Twelve Nilehi girls will be off for a week at Conference Point camp, Lake Geneva starting June 14. Nominated at a mass meeting of the G.A.A. May 18, the girls were approved by the executive board and Miss Mildred Schaefer, faculty adviser, and voted upon by the club.

Going are Nancy Allen, Doris Burklund, Florence Schramm, and Jean Nelson, juniors; Beverly Kramer, sophomore; and Nancy Haynie, Dorothy Gustafson, Mary Jane Nelson, and Barbara Schaefer, freshmen.

Spring sports close with added honors

After dropping early games to Arlington, Zion, and Northbrook, the Trojan baseball boys bounced back with victories over Warren, Leyden, and Arlington, in return engagements.

Seniors who have played their last game for NTHS include infielders B. Hegarty, R. Krier, G. Bremner, T. Sheridan, D. Petty, R. Nelson, and E. Theobald. Outfielders are T. MacCleary, V. Druke, and R. Moore.

Trojan track reached new heights this year as it sent its first delegate, Howard Johnston, sophomore miler, to the state meet where he finished sixth.

Other events on the track calendar included the team's entry in the Oak Park relays, in which it placed well ahead of many Chicago schools.

The Trojan track squad ended their season taking third place in the North East conference track meet after totaling 45 points.

At this meet, Howard Johnston broke the conference record while taking first in the mile. Larry Miller placed third in this event, making the total eight points. Ray Nitch and Floyd Hunziker took second and third, respectively, in the shot put scoring seven points. Ted Canty broke the tape in the half mile, while Johnston placed fourth. Total: seven more points. Another point getter, Leroy Kuhn captured third in the broad jump and tied for fourth in the pole vault.

Nilehi's medley team of Bob Eichelkraut, Wayne Barton, Ed Krupa, and James Berg, placed second.

Intramural swimming champions '42 gain honors before next year's frosh

After eighth-grade night, the following fish were declared intramural swim champs for '42.

Three girls, D. Chapman, G. Deily, and M. Callmer, dominated the mermaids' contests. Chapman took honors in the 25 yd. back stroke and diving. Deily, next year's synchronized swimming leader, swam to victory in the breast and 50 yd. back stroke. Callmer won both the 25 and 50 yd. free style events. The winning girls' relay team was composed of A. Bock, G. Deily, E. Heinz, and A. Weber.

Intramural honors in the boys' junior-senior swim division went to W. Kunkel, back stroke; F. Keegan, breast stroke; T. MacCleary, side stroke; and E. Lebbin, free style swim.

In the frosh-soph division J. Fredtricks took the side stroke; D. Hawkinson, breast stroke; D. Christensen,

free style; and B. Kirscht, back stroke. A. Grover won the novice.

The winning boys' relay team, the Minnows, was made up of R. Wagner, J. Webber, J. Lannert, R. Hartney, and R. Mussil. Winning members of the boys' water basketball team were W. Herman, E. Kramer, T. MacCleary, J. Fredericks, and W. Maier.

Top cheerleaders leave after successful season

Mention of the successful year of Trojan athletics would not be complete without a salute to the cheer leaders

Although the ranks of these pepsters will not be drastically thinned, tonight finds Capt. M' Lou Leonard and ex-Capt. Pat Reiland leaving the field.