

# NILEHILITE

No School Monday!

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## J. Moyer Assembly Set for March 16

At an all-school assembly on Monday March 16, Mr. John W. Moyer, staff taxidermist of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, will tell how animals, birds, and reptiles are mounted and how expeditions are planned and sent to all corners of the globe.

Colored motion pictures on painting and sculpturing taken in the Field Museum will be shown.

Mr. Moyer's lecture will be studded with "Believe it or Not" sort of statements such as "Sugar is used as snow" and "It takes 18,000 leaves, individually made of wax, to make one tree top."

"Maybe museums haven't been interesting to you before, but you'll want to visit one after listening to this talk," predict museum authorities.

## Demand Performance By Smiths Acclaimed

"That Crazy Smith Family" popped up in the Morton Grove school last Tuesday evening, reliving the lively comedy of their troubles.

Performing by popular demand, the cast, directed by Mrs. Ruth Esch, helped to raise funds for the Morton Grove PALS, a serviceman's organization.

The Skokie Defenders' council, play sponsor, profited \$300 in the first two showings of the play. While plans for future performances are not definitely arranged, rumor has it that the casts may travel to Fort Sheridan to entertain the soldiers.

## Biologists Taught Art of Architecture To Build Miniature Homes for Contest

General-contractor John Benette and his crew of carpenters, architects and landscapers have entered the National Flower and Garden Show contest for miniature homes.

Biology classes have undertaken the job of reproducing, to the minutest details, typical suburban homes, complete with floor, elevation, and landscape plans. The second period class, supervised by Mildred Bergmark, assisted by Lorraine Weller, Doris Willney, Lillian Miethke, Jim Moore and Gene Bergmark, is the only class

## Seven Faculty Members Plan Five Committees for Defense

### Arabian Myth Carnival Theme

Behind the front, behind the frills and decorations, old man work is lurking. At present he is haunting the six committee members of Nilehi's synchronized swim team who, under the direction of Miss Mildred Schaefer, are preparing for an Arabian water carnival to be held April 16, 17, and 18.

Captains Anna Bock and Dick Hartney, assisted by Angie Weber, Eileen Heinz, Ray Nitch, and Bob Evans, began working on the carnival in December.

As a matter of fact, work actually began last June, when the committee as well as many others, were enrolled in the synchronized swim classes. Since then they have been spending time practicing for the climax of their work, the water carnival of 1942.

Last year's participants in the program numbered over fifty; this year's program will have even more. Of this group the fairer sex will be in the majority.

The Arabian fantasy is divided into five numbers plus a comedy. As in preceding years, the carnival is built around an historical episode or myth. Last year's background was Lolita, an Aztec maiden. This year the water carnival will be based upon a background of Arabia.

working independent of teacher direction.

Models are under construction in the three classes. Built on a scale of one inch to four feet, they are made of balsam wood and will be surrounded by simulated trees and bushes of steel wool and sponge.

Presentation of awards is scheduled for the week between March 15 and 22 at the International Amphitheatre. Models submitted by these classes will be judged as amateur entries in the suburban homes classification.

"Fall in for defense" will be the keynote at Nilehi for the duration. The summons for more defense-consciousness has come and the students are to be drafted for defense — defense of health, safety, morale, vocations, and public relations.

The plans will be stressed in the drive begun by Superintendent R. E. Cotanche and seven of the faculty members who organized, on February 23, five committees to help work out plans for the school's "role in these times." The committees will inform the student body as soon as definite ideas are established.

Mr. John Lienhard and his monitors are working out a scheme for protection of the students. They are to solve the question, "What shall we do in an air raid?" by following directions stated by authorities in the township.

Morale will be bolstered by Miss Ruth Lant and her group. The keynote will be to preserve faith in the government and to build for the future.

Defense of health will be under the supervision of Mr. Harold Isaacson and Miss Mildred Schaefer. Already special classes for keeping the students physically fit have begun. Further plans will be announced later.

Miss Alice Line and Mr. Robert Mackey have charge of vocational defense. The boys in the shops are constructing model planes and will probably be assigned other duties. A similar program for the girls is being formulated.

## Foreign Language Club To Hear French Pupils

A French girl, Nancy Wright, and a French boy, John Vickers, from New Trier high school will speak about life in France at the Foreign Language club on March 10, in the assembly room at 3:45 p.m. The French classes taught by Miss Adelaide Berry have made all arrangements.

Nancy is a sophomore and has lived two and a half years in France and one and a half years in Brussels, Belgium. John is a junior and has lived ten years in Brussels.

*Mr. and Mrs. Nilehi*

We present to you for your approval Mr. and Miss Nilehi. Upon doing a little investigating we have compiled the following list of attributes that a super couple of Nilehi would possess.

- Boy:**  
 Gordon Davis ..... hair  
 "Chuck" Artner ..... eyes  
 Bill Carroll ..... smile  
 "Heinie" Dahm ..... teeth  
 Ray Nitch ..... physique  
 Jack Fredericks ..... posture  
 Eddie Breitenbach ..... humor  
 Fred Wilcox ..... courtesy  
 Bart Hegarty ..... line  
 Ted Canty ..... charm  
 Tom Sheridan ..... speaking voice  
 Bob Podraza ..... athletic ability  
 "Duke" Hezner ..... dancing  
 Gene Lebbin ..... clothing  
 Edwin Albright ..... grooming
- Girl:**  
 Barbara Horton ..... hair  
 Joan Blaumeuser ..... eyes  
 Joan Trietsch ..... smile  
 Phyllis Fribourg ..... complexion  
 Nancy Allen ..... nose  
 Virginia Reuter ..... teeth  
 Lois Jaycox ..... hands  
 Peggy Kansteiner ..... figure  
 Doris Willney ..... posture  
 Beverly Kramer ..... courtesies  
 Betty Kuehne ..... sweetness  
 Doris Burkland ..... charm  
 Mardy McKeever .... speaking voice  
 Pat Harms ..... athletic ability  
 Gloria Westerberg ..... clothes  
 Betty Wetmore ..... grooming

**'Stitch in Time'  
Is Modern Design**

Whirr . . . whirr . . . "Modern Design" in sewing machines enables the girls of Miss Alice Line's advanced sewing class to turn out well-made professional-looking garments in spite of varied difficulties.

Here are a few typical situations: Frances Hamilton disgustedly tried to thread a needle. Finally it dawned on her that the hole was at the wrong end.

Theresa "Skippy" Sutter woefully ripped out her third basting thread. She had been sewing on the wrong side of the material.

Janet Lutkehaus spilled her box of pins so she sticks around the janitor because he sweeps them up by the dozen.

All laughed at Mary Abbink when the bell rang before she could be fitted — a slam of the door and Mary disappeared into the fitting room.

**Niblets: Bounce Play Started at Game; Campaign for Assembly Lounge Chairs**

Between the lulls of groans about no spring vacation, we'll try to remember some of the funny things that have happened lately. If they don't make you laugh, you get double your money back. On second thought, at least we'll apologize.

**Couple of the Week:** Jeanne Nelson and Jack Allen.

**Saying of the Week:** "I can't have the car; I'm being punished for ditching."

**Did you see:** Dick Boyd at the Libertyville game? His new cheer resembles a Negro spiritual with laryngitis.

**Did you also see:** Ed Krupa and "Heine" Dahm looking everywhere for a comfortable chair Tuesday after school and Bettie Perrin, Eleanor Klinge, and Joan Briggs not being able to look a chair in the eye. You can't please everyone. Tuesday, classes were vaguely empty it seemed. But the missing occupants were spending a day "on the house" in the assembly room. They each got one chair but that's all and "Lucky" Luckman expected to catch up on some back sleep but found out those assembly chairs don't make very good beds.

**Didja know** Mr. Ohlson won a lollipop from a senior at the donkey game? Those darn animals made everyone self-conscious because they'd come to the edge of the stage and look at the audience as though it were in a zoo.



**Isn't it awful?** You'd think a certain teacher would put on weight the way she craves food. She was in such a hurry to get down to lunch that she was locking her door when Ruth Roberts saw a little girl sitting in the room.

Plea from a gal losing her mind. If anyone finds out what the other side of Downwind's face looks like in "Smiling Jack" please notify at once. Signed, Worried.

Fred Wilcox's new name is Buck Rogers and Dan Petty's monicker is Flash Gordon. And were the boys shocked when Arlene Rechtermann came in on the beam! O.K. So it's corny.

Bob Podraza thought up a new play February 20 when he bounced the ball off Bill Stockfish's head — very original to say the least, Bob, but the victim ought to get an aspirin . . .

"Rich" Baumhardt wondered why he wasn't guarding anybody when he looked down and saw No. 42 of Warren. He's about 4½ ft.

"Buck" Rogers has discarded his Tom Mix outfit for a sailor suit and is now the latest addition to the Great Lakes Naval Training station. He wants to get back his football helmet, however, because his first night there he fell out of his hammock three times on his head.



**Song of the Week:** "Moonlight Cocktail."

**Have you been wondering** if Betty Riser has started a dog kennel the way she runs around with chow dogs on each hand? Don't get excited they're mittens.

**Green Genius**

Today the sun is shining bright,

To some the world is gay;

But here I sit, two lines to get,

And don't know what to say.

Shirley Gregor

I have a little brother;

He makes a lot of noise.

But I'd rather have a brother.

Because girls are worse than boys.

Ralph Nettland

Our English book is full of things —

Stories, poems, and plays.

But I'm getting sort of tired of these,

'Cause I've read them for days and days.

Ralph Nettland

Some people have atrocious taste,

Their mixtures are a crime;

Pink and red, stripes and plaids

Make shivers go down my spine.

Hester Camp

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## Upper Fourth In Honor Roll

Oh, Happy day! All borderline geniuses of NTHS will be given a chance to obtain honorable mention this year. Going by the standard A-4, B-3, C-2, and D-1, these students will have to obtain only 11 points per quarter to get on the honorable mention list.

Freshmen are Joseph Bailey, Edward Ballantine, Charles Bryan, Mary Dietsch, Dorothy Gustafson, Betty Hoggie, Wayne Hansen, Nancy Haynie, Rosmary Lutz, Shirley Nellesen, Ray Nelson, John Ohlson, Marjory Plummer, Barbara Roberts, Rupert Roegner, Barbara Schaefer, Juanita Shoening, Betty Sparkman, Virginia Waldin, and Robert Wright.

Sophomores are Patricia Bennett, Patrick Bennett, Pat Cole, Tom Cook, Marion Eichelkraut, Betty Grosse, Jack Harrer, Robert Humburg, Elizabeth Krysher, Marjorie Lange, Nancy Larsen, Olga Makarski, Rita Meyer, Eileen Molitor, William Moorad, James Moore, Harriet Murray, Annaliese Nachbauer, Dorothy Neumann, Rose Marie Norum, June M. Olson, Melvin Pieper, Helen Roberts, Roegene Scholow, Betty Strum, Robert Weidenmiller, and Gloria Westerberg.

Juniors are Catherine Kretsch, Lucille Lindeman, Dorothy Lund, Arline Madsen, Gloria Malchrist, Connie Anderson, Harold Anderson, George Ruesch, Fred Epton, Howard Sonderman, Harvey Tolzien, Betty Westerland, Ted Wojtkiewicz.

Seniors are Wayne Barton, Ruth Clarkens, Jean Florus, Alvin Hanne-man, Mary Lou Heiniger, Eileen Heinz, Betty Holmes, Lawrence Miller, Josephine Murray, Dan Petty, Eleanor Schon, Evelyn Such.

## Woodshop Boys To Get Honorary Certificates

Here comes the Navy — ranks and all. Soon certain members of Mr. Robert Mackey's woodshop classes will hold the positions of cadet, ensign, lieutenant, lieutenant commander, commander, or captain aircrafts-men. These ranks will be awards for careful attendance to duty in building the 50 model airplanes.

To become an ensign aircraftsman, for instance, three models of any specified type will be built, including a scout bomber and an observation plane. Of course, each rank is harder to attain and for the highest rank it is necessary to build ten different planes of various types.

## This Wacky World: Dramatists Thrive On Gum Wrappers, Apple Tarts, Work

Paint and props adorning the rehearsal set of "My Heart Beats for You," two young casts struggle daily with lines and cues in preparation for this season's spring play. Gathering momentum, the comedy has already reached the second "stage" of production.

Walking in on the set, the actors are found to be most diligent — about eating. While teacher eats *that* apple

## Year's Big Wedding Will Tie Val - Aleta

It is doubtful whether many Skoki-ans know that Hal Foster, creator of the comic strip, "The Adventures of Prince Valiant," once lived in Skokie and now resides in Evanston.

It was without a doubt, his versatility and yearning for excitement that led him to be a gold prospector, North Woods guide, and Canadian fur-trapper.

It is easy to see that his own life deigns it possible for him to create such a colorful character as Prince Val. However it is years of experience and a natural talent for art that has put him on the pinnacle of success where he now sits — and draws.

Nineteen thirty-three saw the breaking of a new era for Mr. Foster. It was then that he was signed by a syndicate to draw "Tarzan."

"I thought Tarzan was silly so I was glad for the change," sums up Foster's feeling about being contracted by King Artists syndicate to create his own cartoon, Prince Valiant.

### Two Years for First Page

"It took me two years to finish the first page," he said. This may seem incredible but it is true. For when Foster sat down to draw Val's adventures for the first time he realized he didn't have an inkling of the Arthurian period — their dress, manner, or speech. So two long years were spent in extensive research.

### Held in Esteem

"I am not satisfied with the way I draw women," may be his *own* estimation of his work but Foster is held in esteem by fellow craftsmen. His pages are complete in every detail, for he spends 30 to 50 hours a week on each individual page which is done three to four months ahead of actual publication.

And now disappointment for the girls, and the fellows too — Val will eventually marry the Queen of the Misty Isles.

But then there's always Sir Gawain!

between scenes, the dramatists hungrily devour potato chips, fish sandwiches, pop corn, ice cream, cokes, cherry pie, or anything edible. Random impressions exposed Grant Kuhn deep in siesta as Bill and Pat Dickin-son waged war for the use of the family rubber supply.

Hard at work, Mardy McKeever was seen clutching dearly a lone piece of Dentyne, afraid to chew it during lines . . . Or Danny Dever "bearing down" while setting the stage, carrying more than Mr. Meek does during a Christmas shopping tour with his wife! . . . June Ohlson struggling with "ten easy" typing lessons for her role as a "ghost" . . . Dick Boyd learning (?) to be a wolf . . .

Through all these off-the-scenes candid, a note of earnestness reigns as Mrs. Ruth Esch and the casts carefully groom their production of "My Heart Beats for You," which will have its world's premiere at Nilehi.

## This 'n That

### Architects Build Pyramids

Mathematical notes . . . Tom Wetmore and Shirley Gross, students of Miss Edith Lytle's algebra class, are the only ones who have proved that a pyramid can be made from four pieces of wood.

### Teachers Offer Scholarship Advice

Are you wandering around in a daze looking for scholarships? Steer yourself right into the conference room at the rear of the Library.

On the bulletin board can be found the requirements of numerous colleges awarding scholarships this year. On the shelves can be found catalogues. For general scholarships, Miss Berry is the authority. But if you're considering a scientific scholarship, see Mr. Ohlson.

## Friday 13 Not Feared; Freshie Party Planned

Friday, March 13, may mean bad luck to most persons but to the freshmen it means a P-A-R-T-Y which is to be held in the assembly from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The admission is ten cents.

There will be games, dancing, and refreshments. Miss Alice Line's home room will have charge of the refreshments; Miss Mildred Schaefer's home room will have charge of the dancing; and Mr. Norman Kent's group will have charge of the games.

## Track Begins Spring Season

With snow still on the ground, last Monday the 1942 Trojan tracksters opened their rigorous spring campaign. Both veterans and rookies answered the call in a sizable turnout which indicated Nilehi's determination to be "in the running."

During the next month, the tracksters will go through intensive training in preparation for their first meet early in April. Later in the season the Trojan varsity and frosh-soph squads will attend the district competition at Evanston High, which is part of the state tourney.

Interest in track at Nilehi has reached a new peak, according to coach Morgan Taylor, who credits this stimulus to the fact that NTHS holds the conference record for the medley relay.

Coaches of the various track and baseball teams in the Northeast conference met recently in an effort to co-ordinate the schedules and thus minimize the transportation problems. Due to the seriousness of the rubber shortage, it may be necessary to limit Trojan competition to near-by schools.

### TERMITES

## In the Bench

LAWRENCE MILLER'S wolves sent Erman Kramer's Butterflies into a spin, defeating them 31 to 20 in last of the semi-finals basketball games. The finals will feature Bob Brunson's snipes against Miller's wolves and will be played Fathers and Sons' Night April 10.

WE TIP THE HAT to those unsung heroes of the past basketball season, the team managers, namely, Allan Nelson and Michel Hermes of the varsity. Besides sending Ye Hudi to the boys during a breathing spell in a game, the managers take care of equipment, keep track of shots and points, send letters to other schools, and give out towels. Each ball you see the varsity practicing with before games has been vigorously rubbed down. Yet with all these tasks, Mike and Allan find time to sharpen their shooting eyes.

NAMES OF BOYS' volley ball teams: Ugandis, Orogutanuger, Wycondas, and Obujuwebes. Mean Mastodoms, Jinkers, Yard Birds, anything to you?

BUD TRACY'S latest report: "I'm going in for poetry in a big way." Is it possible, Bud?



# C H A M P S

Standing left to right are Coach Galitz, Manager Mike Hermes, Dick Krewer, Bob Glatz, Bill Randquist, Bill Stockfish, Richard Glauner, and Coach Mackey.

Seated left to right are Howard Weldon, Vernon Drueke, Floyd Hunziker, Bob Podraza, Lawrence Miller, Bart Hegarty, and Carl Huscher.

## Basketball Awards to be Presented To Boys at All-School Assembly, April 2

The varsity team will receive special awards along with their letters for winning the Northeast championship of '41 and '42 on April 2.

Varsity members who will receive major letters are Bob Podraza, Bob Glatz, Bill Stockfish, Howard Weldon, Floyd Hunziker, Carl Huscher, Dick Krewer, Larry Miller, and Vernon Drueke. Bart Hegarty will receive a minor award.

The Trojans proved themselves to be champions by totaling 580 points this season while a smooth defense

held opposing teams to 403 points. These 580 points placed us in the season records as the highest scoring team in the conference.

The individual point standings of our team are:

Podraza . . . .	192	Hunziker . . . .	39
Glatz . . . . .	113	Huscher . . . . .	20
Stockfish . . .	111	Krewer . . . . .	14
Weldon . . . . .	43	Miller . . . . .	8

The junior varsity which won five of its ten games boasts seven minor awards winners: Helmet Biegert, Richard Glauner, Bill Randquist, Russel Hallberg, Jack Kittredge, Ed Krupa, and Eugene Bergmark.

Letter winners on the frosh-soph team are Chuck Gockenbach, Jack Harrer, Grant Kuhn, John Warokomski, Fred Tolzien, Bill Meyer, Eugene Putman, Roland Poehlman, Jim Whalen, and Dick Cutler.

This year's freshman won seven of its ten games. Letter winners are John Aliprandi, Norman Bailey, David Berg, Gilmore Cantanzaro, Jack Fredricks, David Hawkinson, Walter Herman, Jesse Hollifield, Joseph Pennacchia, Jim Shephard, William Kunkel, Walter Zust, Dick Wilton, Bob Wedel, Ernest Reiman and Ed Hearstedt.

Manager awards will go to Allan Nelson, Mike Hermes, Paul Winger, and Paul Jacobs.

THE DATE is set. It's April 16, 17, and 18. Yes, that's the date of the annual Water Carnival. With an Arabian theme and more than 60 persons participating, and the eighth period synchronized swim class working like mad, it's going to be the best ever. If you've seen the previous ones you know what to expect!

## Teachers Bowled Over; Lose Match by 178 Pins

"Did you notice that Miss Mildred Schaefer uses a straight ball — straight down the gutter!"

This was one of the comments heard at school on February 24, the day after Miss Helen Johanns, Miss Carolyn Lump, Miss Lucille Ronalds, Miss Schaefer, and Miss Alice Stone took their bowling defeat like soldiers when they bowled against Pat Harms, Dot Lund, Dolores Jaehnke, Doris Mussil, and Rosemary Racine. Though the teachers had an 86 pin handicap the girls beat them by 178 pins.

"The teachers put up a good fight and were swell sports. We'd just love to beat them again," the girls commented.

"We really enjoyed bowling against the girls," the teachers answered, "and to prove it, we intend to challenge them to another match some time this spring. If we can squeeze in a little secret practice, we assure you that we won't get taken for a ride again."