

Foreign Language Xmas Party Fun

"It was wonderful!" These few words reflect the typical opinion of those who were present at the Foreign Language Club party, which was held on Tuesday, December 12, in the assembly room.

The German class sang three songs. They were "Oh du Froehliche", a popular German church song, "Vom Himmel Hach", a prominent song in the German Lutheran Church, and "Ihr Kinderlein Kommet", a child's song. Students of this language then supplied an innovation at the party in the form of a band, which played four popular German Christmas melodies arranged by the members themselves. Herbert Jarosch played the trombone, Stanley Martin, the alto saxophone, Herbert Behrens, the clarinet, and Louis Nachbauer the trumpet.

The Latin contribution to the success of the party was a two act play, showing the similarities between Christmas today and the Roman Saturnalia. John Barkel, Sandra Goss, Howard Haynie and Pat Conard, second year Latin students, were responsible for this entertaining feature.

Christmas customs of Spanish speaking countries provided the theme for the Spanish presentation. Ann McKeever performed a Spanish dance and Pilar Dorado spoke on Christmas in Cuba in Spanish and English. A play was also given and the principal participants were Lloyd Seltzer, the "gaucho", Noelle Elkins, the street vendor, Mary Jean Brandt, Beryle Schwabe and Marilyn Davis. At the conclusion of the skit, a Mexican tradition was enacted by breaking a pinata filled with candy. Francis Klein served as the master of ceremonies.

The French division of the Foreign Language Club gave a skit concerning the nativity scene, which was supplemented with the singing of French carols.

Christmas Stocking Quota Filled

A words of thanks to the whole school for their grand co-operation in filling the stockings for our servicemen is expressed by Miss Line.

Special credit should be given to the home rooms who more than filled their quota of 10 stockings. They are: seniors—Miss Line 315, 22; juniors—Mr. Ashworth 106, 12; Miss Harrison 308, 14; Miss Bloxom 214, 11; sophomores—Mr. Collins 101, 11; Miss Kranz 206, 23; Mr. VanArsdale 211, 10; Miss Sayre 219, 16; Mrs. Hind 310, 17; freshmen—Miss Lamberg 108, 27; Miss Green 112, 19; Miss Johanns 121, 16; Miss Wells 209, 16.

A Christmas Prayer

by

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Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts and voices in praise and adoration for the gift of thy Son to all the world. With the birth of the Christ Child, hope has been born in our hearts, for in the Christ we see what God is like, and what we may become.

Our world is dark with strife and suffering, and our hearts are heavy with sadness and sympathy. We pray thy blessing on all who suffer because of the selfish madness of men without light.

But Christmas reminds us that man is not forever doomed to darkness—that light has come into the world. We and our society can be made something better than we are through the grace of God. May the light of the Christ Child make us discontent with our darkened world, and transform us to the light and beauty which thou didst intend from the beginning.

—Amen.

Little Honey Proved To Be Sweet Play

It was a hit and this isn't referring to baseball. Yes, once again Mrs. Esch and her dramatics classes have scored with the world premiere of "A Little Honey".

In case you missed it here is a brief resume of the story. Diana (Marilyn Davis) has been taught the wrong methods of holding a man by her mother (Mary Ellen Racine). Grandmother Thornton (Pat Cauty) decides to take a hand in the situation and to solve all family problems. The results were startling and the audience howled with delight. The other characters were: Tom Cerning (Chuck Bailey), "Scoots" (Laura Breckenridge), Jerry (Sally Fjellman), Albert (DeForest Hamilton), Eve Tyler (Betty Burns), and Mr. Minton (Ralph Nettland).

The thrill of it all was having the publisher, author and photographers witnessing the second performance. From what your reporter could gather all concerned were very pleased with the results.

Highly deserative of thanks are Mrs. Esch, the players, and the crews who helped make this grand world premiere possible — it was "A Little Honey".



Nile Hi Prepares For Veterans

Post war planning! You hear and read that phrase over and over again, and now Niles Township has taken up the cry.

NileHi is formulating plans for special classes in school for those men and women who did not have the opportunities to finish high school and for those who wish to attend post graduate courses.

The servicemen will be able to attend the regular high school classes or late afternoon classes; for those who wish to work and attend school, there is the part time work program.

To make the returning servicemen's leisure more enjoyable the high school's plan also includes recreational classes in dramatics, orchestra, band, chorus, art, shops, swimming and basketball.

A questionnaire is being sent to servicemen and women asking if they plan to reside in Niles Township after the war. If they plan to continue their education, return to their former position, or begin a new line of work.

The questionnaire asks if they plan to go to college immediately upon their return and what college they have chosen.

The returning servicemen are asked whether they are interested in completing requirements for graduation and what subjects they want review and evening recreational classes in.

They are asked if they would be interested in taking tests to help discover their aptitudes. The men are then asked to suggest ways in which the high school will be of service to them.

Junior Council Planned Colorful Decorations

President Stanley H. J. Noesen of the junior council appointed a committee of three students to make the preparations for the colorful Christmas decorations which now grace our school.

The committee consisted of Stanley Noesen, John Barker and Renee Hain.

In charge of the beautiful "Cresh" scene in the tower, the most prominent display center in the school, was Stanley. Noesen was also the promoter of the sprightly decorated Christmas tree, which is an annual event at NileHi.

John Barker added color and gaiety to the cafeteria through his efforts at decorating. Many Xmas reminders were to be found throughout the lunchroom.

Renee Hain was responsible for the good times had in the assembly during the 5th, 6th and 7th lunch periods on December 14. On this occasion every one had the opportunity to greet Santa Claus.

Christmas Brings Good Cheer -- And Hints

Christmas Thoughts

What do you think of when Christmas comes?

Of presents of trains, dolls or drums?
Or do you think of mistletoe,
And of girls and of lights, low?
Or do you think of a Christmas tree?
And of Santa who you will see,
Who'll bring you presents all so neat
But if you're bad, they won't be so sweet
I always think of snow and fun
In the snow I love to run
But when the morning's sun goes down
I turn serene and do not clown
And be a little reverent, too!
Because the Lord wants me to
Remember Him and be sure to see
Without Him, Christmas would not be.

Hyde Park Weekly Aids Exchanges

Dumbell Pome:

Little bankroll ere we part,
Let me press you to my heart,
All month long I worked for you,
Slaved, toiled, and sweated, too.
Little bankroll in a day,
You and I will go away,
To some gay and festive spot,
I'll return and you will not.

—Taft Tribune

"The Night of January Sixteenth" is the name of the play that was given by the Leyden Community High School on November 17 and 18. It was the story of a girl being held for the murder of her employer.

I'll Always Remember—

Of course I'll wait,
It won't be long —
Perhaps a year or two.
Our Love is sweet
And much too strong
To vanish with the dew.
I'll wait for you
And write to you
To say, I'm still the same.
I'll write real soon:
Where is your camp,
And dear—what is your name?

—Gamecock

Said the professor:

"If there any dumbbells in the room, will they please stand up?" A long pause and then a lone freshie stood up. "What! Do you consider yourself a dumbbell?"

"Well, not exactly sir, but I hate to see you standing by yourself."

—Hyde Park Weekly

How True

You can tell the freshmen by their grin and by their stare,
You can tell the sophomores by the way they comb their hair,
You can tell the juniors by their manners and such,
You can tell the seniors—but you can't tell them much.

—Phillip Journal

Reporter Helps Santa By Writing Notes

The inquiring reporter decided to take Santa's place at N. T. H. S. this year. He promises to forward his list to Santa's headquarters and if you are good he might deliver your gifts in person.

"What would you like for Christmas?" the reporter asked various people. Some of the replies are as follows:

Violet Martinson, sophomore, thought for several minutes and finally decided on a typewriter.

Gerry Rockow, junior, is keeping up to date with the famous operas. She would be delighted with a ticket to "Winged Victory."

Mr. Ashworth, instructor, would appreciate it if Santa would bring him a four room apartment so he can have two dogs. The only requirement is for the apartment to be in a high class neighborhood because his dogs are used to the best of company.

Don Sandin, sophomore, "a train ticket home." You aren't lonesome for your mother, are you?

Lavern Kellen, junior, "A sailor six feet two inches, preferably blond with wavy hair." What an order for Santa!

Ronny Bair, freshman, wants a date with Betty Weldon.

Danny Sullivan, senior, calmly asked for a fountain pen.

Muriel Hendrickson, junior, "A beaver coat would be a splendid gift." Don't want much, do you, Milly?

Bob Hilton, freshman, answered dreamily that he would really like a five passenger '42 red Buick Century car. It must be a convertible. "Fog lights, spot lights, a radio, a heater, and a bea-u-ti-ful girl are needed for the comfort of driving" states Bob.

Bob Burke, freshman, "Oh for a date with a dear blonde." Poor Santa will have a heavy load.

Two Library Books Tie For Popularity

What is the most popular library book in NileHi? According to the students and faculty it seems that there is a tie between the two best sellers "The Moon is Down" by Steinbeck and "Into the Valley" by Hersey. Both these books have recently been called for by 21 people. Running second with 16 reservations is "Meet The Malones" by Weber.

For third place on the list of NileHi's favorite books comes another tie, with both "None But The Lonely Heart" by Llewellyn and "Clung Brown" by Sharp, taking the honor of 15 reservations each.

The library staff has reported that these books are now available for the people who have asked for them.

Whozit That's Hep

He's a kid who's hep and knows the score
He's lots of fun and is no bore,
His favorite actor is none other than
"Bugs Bunny"

And his line is sweet, just ask his honey.
Just mention Millie and watch him beam.
He's a player on our basketball team.

To get flat tires makes him mad,
He follows all the latest fads,
His clothes are super and up to date
He's a real good sport and really rates
But wait! I see one fault in this
He nonchalantly beats all, woman and
miss,

Yes a "woman beater" (how he kicks
up dust)

And his name is

Wally Zurst

Profile Honors Go To Two Seniors

This he-man is 6 feet 2 inches tall, he weighs 180 pounds, has blue-green eyes, and the color of his hair is brown. Don't rush too fast, girls!

Like to know who this "hunk of man" is? Well, he's a senior and his name is Ernest Gustav Reiman. Sometimes called Ernie and sometimes called Reamer.

Ernie's favorite movie actor and actress are Gary Cooper and Janet Blair. He also has a favorite actress in the major dramatics class. Wonder which Mary she can be? He would rather listen to Bob Hope than any other radio comedian. (Most people feel the same way.)

Ernie is one of these brainy persons whose favorite subject is Chemistry. The Reamy, as some people call him, was born during the "Roaring Twenties" on September 18, 1927. Maybe one of the Marys is interested.

He has a pet peeve—one that has caused much discussion. Ernie hates to see girls wearing boy's clothes. How many other boys agree?

Perhaps some of you didn't know her before "A Little Honey," but all of you must know her now. She's Dolores the maid with the bright red hair. Incidentally her name is really Mary Jane Nelson and her real hair is brown and not the bright red of the wig.

She's a senior with stores of energy and enough personality for two people. Mary Jane's nickname (so she says) is "Stinky". She will be referred to as Stinky in the remainder of this article.

Stinky loves major dramatics more than any other subject. She appeared in "And Came the Spring" and numerous dramatic programs.

A truth has come to light. Stinky is a swooner! (almost at least.) Her favorite movie idol is Frankie Sinatra, her favorite radio program is Frankie Sinatra and her favorite platter recorder is Frankie Sinatra. And by the way, her pet peeve is Bing the Crooner.

Kitty Korner - Hilda Makes Use of Pumpkin Pie

Dorothy Horitz Reveals Hypnotic Powers

Kat pulled in his head, and was turning around
 When down the chimney, St. Nick came with a bound
 He spoke not a word but went right to his work
 He filled all the stockings and then turned with a jerk
 Laying his finger aside of his nose
 Up the chimney with Kitty Kat he rose
 Then Santa told short stories of one and of all,
 Especially about kids of NileHi that he saw
 So this time, dear friends, you have Santa to thank
 For this gossip you read.—This is no prank!
 Couple of the week:
 Dick Wilton and mistletoe
 Song of the week:
 White Christmas
 Saying of the week:
 Merry Christmas
 Sight of the week:
 The "Snowflake Swirl"



Dorothy Horitz, what is this spell that you've cast over some little man? It sounds like that note was pretty interesting—the initials were J. D.—weren't they?

It seems that Bev Pearson's slumber party guests enjoyed themselves a few weeks ago by watching the couples around them in the Uptown Theater.

What's all the talk about this place called Howard's? Ask the sophomore boys!

"Jake" said a bad word!

Who is that Marilyn Pearson is dreaming about? It seems as if he's pretty popular with these 'lil freshmen gals. He just broke up with one of them!

Ed Dean was walking around with wooden legs a few weeks ago. Betty must have kicked you too hard this time.

The physical ed department has definitely gone to the dogs, we hear! figurately speaking, of course and yet we wonder. Ask Schaefer or Wells about "Bambi" sometime!

It seems that Mr. Ashworth has a way of making Sandra Goss awfully embarrassed sometimes. Last week he told her what an awful color lipstick she had on and a few other things. It seems that Sandra blushes easily!!

Is this a rumor about Renee Hain having a new beau? Where's Quentin? Hmm—Renee?

Its only at a certain time that Ted (alias "Binky") Stockfish gets that gleam in his eye—and that seems to be when Pat Schirra's around!

Mary Kopp is having gobs of competition lately. You better watch out for these freshmen, Mary.

Yum, Yum, pumpkin pie with whipped cream around the edge. Miss Berry, where did you get the drag? Hildegard wants everyone to know that she wasn't using the pie in place of a shiny red apple. Is your father willing to be hired out as a baker, Hildegard? We would all appreciate a sample of his delicious pies.

"Two Girls And A Sailor" Is Movie Of Week

Stupendous! Colossal! Terrific! You've heard these adjectives sprouted by press agents to describe every movie, whether good or bad, but they really pertain to "Two Girls and a Sailor" which contains music, dancing, pretty girls and Van Johnson, too!

"Two Girls and a Sailor" is the story of June Allyson and Gloria DeHaven, two sisters who are night club singers. One night a sailor (Van Johnson) dropped into the night club and became acquainted with the two girls. They invited him to a party which they were giving that night. At the party Gloria DeHaven tells him if her wish to get a certain empty warehouse and turn it into a canteen for servicemen. Van Johnson is a very rich young man (the girls don't know it) and buys the warehouse and completely furnishes it for them. June and Gloria are at a loss to discover the donor.

The picture has a slightly complicated love affair with Van Johnson in the center of things.

"Two Girls and a Sailor" is loaded with stars: Jimmie Durante, Lena Horne, Xavier Cugat, and Gracie Allen with her Concerto for the Index Finger to mention a few.

The picture is one that everyone will enjoy with June Allyson lending a very bright note. It will appear at the Skokie Theater, December 17, 18 and 19.

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Pennies Prove To Be Quite The Fad

Pennies, pennies everywhere. An easy way to make money has been brought into N. T. H. S. The only requirements are: To start a club, ask all your friends for their pennies, and just receive them. Now, isn't that easy?

Why are so many of the girls at school knitting? Maybe Lorrie would know.

On November 22, Joan and Dorothy plus a few others went to a basketball game. Did you girls take the long way home or why was it you arrived home at 2:30?

The choir members really worked before the concert so they thought it would be nice if they didn't have to sing at all the day after the swell concert. It was nice to have the illusion but can you picture a choir that didn't want to sing?

Why is it that all Miss Kranz's students looked like they hadn't slept for weeks? Whose fault is it that you didn't start your project until the day before it was due?



It appears as though there's been a little re-arrangement in couples since Norma Jean Keern's party, including Norma Jean herself, but who's Louie's new girl?

What's this about Choo-choo Train going over to his girl friend's house to roll cigarettes? (So he claims)

Among our freshmen this year, there seems to be stir-up about a certain cute girl named Sona Baptist. She was found dashing away from a boy she wanted to meet. (because her hair wasn't just right) Can you figure that out?

We are back again to that struggling student Alison Ash who finally received her missing "G" string on her bass violin but now has to put up with a too well worn-out bow.

Janet MacCleary ran the toy train at Sears downtown. For some unknown reason it broke down. Janet doesn't work there anymore. I wonder why it broke?

Betty Risinger is going steady with a soldier just back from overseas awaiting his discharge. He has the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Infantry Medal. His father owns the Peacock Inn. Wow! some girl, Risinger!

Six girls suddenly became ill without their parent's knowledge and decided they had better go home via downtown. Anita Schmidt happened to forget her Christmas stocking at home that day and her mother brought it to school. Anita couldn't be found in school. Poor Anita!

Scrapping feuds seem to be all the go with Norma Jean and Dolores over somebody by the name of "Champ".

Is There Is Or Is There Ain't A Santa

by Fred "Archie" Bernard

The young boys and girls of NileHi were exterminately forchunate for to see Santa Claus on December 14, which you undubitably recall was yisterday.

Well, on the gala ercaission, numerous youngsters frolicked upon the stage in the ensamble in order to get a squint at the old geezer—er, Saint Nick, that is.

The old boy gave out with some purty nifty giffs to the studunce. Which, same, were appreciated erroneously and a lot, too.

Now to say the aforementioned occurencies weren't hep to the Christmas spirit wold be a profabrication and a misde-meanor besides.

You't be surprised to see how many numerous teachers also have a belief in Santa Claus. There is a rumor ruminating about controversy to the fact there is sech a character. But, I don't see how come that sech intelligential beings sech as teachers' is being taken in on this "ringer" deal, that is if there ain't a Santa Claus, you see.

In someing up this commandable re-view of the 1944 Christmas Frolics, a extricated attrakshun, I wish to make but only one pernt clear to youse all, that is me and the other snozy members of this real zooty journal staff of life for the paper wishes to all of youse—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Nile Hi Sends Alumni In Service Best of Christmas Greetings

Charles Valkenaar was home this last month but is now back at school again at East Lansing Michigan. He likes this mail box column as he gets a chance to hear from his former pals.

John Forbes is at Camp Kearney near San Diego, California. Believe it or not, his hobby photography is a great help as he flies in a B-24 taking pictures. However, even that cannot take the place of Niles Township for John.

From Chanute Field, Illinois, Ed Keegan claims he has chased electrons all over the United States and he would dispense with all that pleasure(?) for good old Niles Township. And also spend most of his time studying problems. Miss Harbert says she'll believe it when she sees it.

One of our alumni, Raymond Balfour, was wounded in action in Germany. We don't know the nature of his wounds, but we do wish him all the luck in the world and hope he will be home with us soon.

Leonard Christensen is studying surveying and fire direction work in a specialist's school and likes it fine. He is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and would like to know if anyone from Skokie is near him.

Bill Kaiser is still holding down the the amphibious forces at Little Creek,

St. Nick Becomes Bewildered



Friday, December 15, 1944

Christmas Assembly

Friday, December 15, 1944

Basketball, Crystal Lake 7:30, there
Friday, December 15, 1944

Swim meet, Loyola 4:00, here
Saturday, December 16, 1944

Start of Christmas Recess
Saturday, December 16, 1944

Basketball, Evanston 7:30, here
Friday, December 22, 1944

Swim meet, Elgin 4:00, there
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 29, 1944

Basketball, Dundee 7:15, here
MONDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Friday, January 5, 1945

Basketball, Libertyville 7:30, there
Friday, January 5, 1945

Swim meet, Highland Park 4:00, here
Tuesday, January 9, 1945

Swim meet, New Trier 4:00, there
Friday, January 12, 1945

Basketball, Woodstock 7:30, there
Friday, January 12, 1945

Swim meet, Lake Forest 4:00, here
Saturday January, 13 1945

Basketball, Lake Forest 7:30, here

'The Christmas Season Isn't At All What It Used To Was'

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse," read mother to three children, quietly sitting by her before the fire. But all was not quiet in Santa Claus' quarters.

His quarters, an enormous foxhole (some stray robot bombs were bothering him) were as busy as a beehive, but at last it was time for Santa to leave.

He climbed into his big jeep, which was piled as high as a skyscraper with gifts, and was off in a flash, jumping over moonbeams and bumping on the clouds.

He drove through the sky and in no time at all it was time for him to land. His first stop was in a little midwestern town that you've probably never heard of called Skokie.

The first house that he reached was that of a slick chick whose name was Katie Clark. Katie was waiting up for him, and as he got into the room she pounced on the packages.

First, she pulled out a beautiful platinum mink coat.

"It's really wonderful," boomed Santa, "isn't it?"

But Katie just gave a disgusted look and threw it back to him. She opened other packages that contained a diamond and emerald bracelet, a "C" card ration book, and even a book containing the answers to all of the tests for the following years, but she was still dissatisfied.

Then, she spied a tiny little box, opened it, and cried with joy.

"This is just what I wanted! I only have 1,999 silver bracelets and I had to have one more! Thank you so much, Santa."

Santa was very much bewildered. The same thing happened last year. A girl named Betty Burns had only beautiful presents offered her, but all that she wanted was another boy to add to her collection. She was only going with 49 boys in two months and she was ashamed of herself.

Santa, driving through the sky to deliver more packages, growled to himself "What I'd like someone to give me for Christmas is a book called, 'How to Understand Women'".

Freshmen Learn How To Use Library

Miss Lamberg's freshman English class have been going through the books.

It seems that every Friday for six weeks Miss Myers has been instructing the freshmen as to how to make use of the library, such as finding books, using dictionaries, readers guide, encyclopedias and other useful information.

Virginia. He says he will soon be through with training.

Artie Baumhardt, in the Navy, says he is still "searching the seas" for someone from Skokie.

Don Smyser, a marine stationed in the Southwest Pacific, wrote a very interesting letter home to his uncle. The letter reads as follows: "As per usual there isn't much doing out here and what there is I can't say because of censorship so I'm right back where I started from. Holy Mackerel, that's the biggest rat I've seen. He just ran out of the bulkhead, (wall to all you civilians) I don't believe you'd go for this place. The rats out here swipe our bayonets from our scabbards and attack us. That's how big they are.

One guy had his rifle stolen and found it two days later underneath the barracks. The only thing we can figure out is that one of the rats took it to shoot the bum that was running around with his wife. How about that?"

We appreciate and want to thank you boys for writing to us and letting us know how you are coming along. And even though you may be far away from home this holiday season, we want you to know that we are thinking of you and wishing you the merriest of Yuletide Greetings.

Swimming Outlook Good Says Coach

by Fred Bernard

Well—, for the first time in many years the prospects for the Niles swimming team are encouraging, even to the point of attracting crowds to all home meets.

Mr. Rickard, in charge of the squad, is fairly satisfied with the returning mariners and the net turnout of some 50 boys.

Some of the lads on which our swimming season depends are Jim Tagney, Don Lyons, Bill Clynes, Bob Hartney, Sherrill McDonald and Hunter Reynolds, along with many other juniors and underclassmen.

Well gates, NileHi has the material for a winning swim team, now all it needs is your support. The average student doesn't know beans about how a swimming meet is held. Why don't you all attend a few and find out? It's guaranteed to hold your interest and there's no reason why our home meets shouldn't draw capacity crowds.

Come on, juveniles, let's all get behind the team and our new coach!

Cross Country Closes; Season Success

The cross country team at Niles this year closed its season on Saturday, November 3, at Proviso Twp. H. S.

The occasion was the Proviso invitational meet, to which Mr. VanArsdale took Meinke and Wettengel.

Previous to this meet, the Niles runners engaged in three cross country meets, losing to Leyden High and winning from Evanston and Arlington.

Much interest in this sport was developed this year, and it is hoped that this will carry over into next year. If a sufficient number of boys take an interest in cross country running over a two or three year period, it is quite possible that a team qualified to meet such schools as Leyden, LaGrange, Morton, Proviso, and Crane of Chicago can be developed.

The boys who were active participants in one or more of the three dual meets

This Crazy Ball Is The Nuts

It seems that Miss Schaefer has thought of a new outdoor game for her gym classes. It's called "Crazy Ball" because only crazy people can play it.

Crazy Ball is a combination of football and soccer. More fun and more people killed.

There are girls on each side and the object of the game is to kick the ball over the opponent's goal line. However, it is very easy to miss and kick someone else. Ask Ann Maria Schirra, G. A. A. president, as she was the first casualty of the season.

So if you see any disabled Janes struggling down the hall you'll know they're "Crazy Ball" casualties.

Key Pounders Pass Typing Tests

Clickity clak, clickity clak, can you hear those typewriter keys bounce? They are really bouncing high for Arlene Chastine, LaVerne Kellen and Margaret LeClereq who received their competent typists certificates in September of this year.

In October fourteen more students received their awards. They were Dorothea Sandberg, Corinne Brunger, Marion Schubert, Beverly Markus, Esther Kraus, Elaine Hoppe, Dorothy Gustafson, Nancy Ohlson, June Fredricks, Jean Schultz, Sally Fjellman, Ruth Kluge, Marion Nachbauer and Marilyn Burns.

In November, Muriel Hendrickson, who has taken typing for only three months, typed 95 words per minute on a one minute speed test. This is such a remarkable feat that she is now with the advanced typing class although she is still in the third period beginners class. She has been classed with the advanced group because it is too much of a handicap for the rest of the beginners who average between 60 and 69 words per minute.

Three new competent typists have passed their 10 minute tests. They are May Robinson with fifty-two words and two errors, Dorothy Gustafson with forty-seven words and two errors, and Eleanor May with forty-three words and two errors.

Pass Shorthand Test

Since the typists of this school have been honored, a bit ought to be said about those students taking shorthand. Three girls have shown their ability to take 80 words in the five minute tests which must be 98% correct or better. They are Lois Buhrke, Dorothea Sandberg and Irene Weis.

Five girls passed their 60 word tests and are well on the way higher up. These hopefuls are Corinne Brunger, Lois Toulur, Evelyn Lange, Katie Clark and Rosemary Lutz.

Latest additions to the shorthand 60 word tests are June Fredericks, Marion Jennetten and Esther Kraus.

Movies are being shown to the typing and shorthand classes. They are put out by the navy department and were originally used to instruct navy personnel. So far the two films shown have shown short cuts in typing and how to use a dictaphone.

Nile Hi Grad Voted Typical College Girl

Pat Galitz, a graduate of NTHS, was voted the "most typical college girl" at Lake Forest College, where she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Pat graduated with the class of '43 and was known for her scholastic ability and as a swell all around gal.

Super Salemen Sell Subscriptions

On December 6, Mr. N. D. Reynolds, a representative from the Crowell Publishing Company, spoke to the English classes concerning the selling of magazine subscriptions. The students undertook this job in order to get a bigger and better annual for this school year.

If every student did their part the annual should show a great improvement over last years. With every student co-operating by selling one subscription the quota should have been \$3500. If the quota was reached by December 14, the annual was expected to have 72 pages instead of 60 pages as last year's was.

Of every subscription sold from the Crowell Publishing Company N. T. H. S. received half the amount of the subscription; except for the American from which the school received 40 cents on every dollar. From each of the other subscriptions 30 cents was received on the dollar.

Charts were displayed on the bulletin boards showing the total amounts received according to English classes.

Vesper Decorations By Art Department

The art department, under the direction of Mr. Wilkins, decorated the gym stage for the performance of Christmas Vespers, presented on Sunday afternoon, December 10. The scenery represented a church interior, complete with stained glass windows and two candleabras, each containing seven candles three feet high. The excellent work done by the art students was an important factor in the success of this unique service.

The art department was also responsible for the Christmas decorations in the library. A chorus of eight beautiful angels four feet high was placed in the balcony of the library during the Christmas season.

Kismet or Henie, For Holiday Entertainment

Just in case any of the students of Niles are spending the hours of darkness in solitude every night, here are a few suggestions endeavoring to shake the dust from your lonely limbs.

First of all, Sonja Henie's ice revue is coming to Chicago on December 26 for its annual holiday season performances, but for those of you who would prefer a good movie, what say you visit the "big city" to see one of the many good pictures in Chicago such as "Kismet".

Last, but not least for those of you who can commit the supreme sacrilege of tearing yourself away from that "swoon crooner", Frankie on Wednesday nights, you can always "hep step" it over to Portage Park, where the music is so hot, the trumpet player has to wear an asbestos glove, and "knock yourself out" there for awhile.

Speech Correction Classes Held By VanArsdale

Something new has been added this year to the Niles Township speech department. It is the important work of speech correction, remedial work being carried out three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in room 121.

This valuable work, which is being carried out by Mr. VanArsdale, consists of selling each student with a speech impediment on the advisability of having such a defect remedied. After this sales technique has proved successful, a remedial course of action is mapped out. The student then reports to Mr. VanArsdale during the eighth period on designated days for corrective treatment. Although progress is slow, the fruits of much labor with the defect eventually take form and shape.

A more detailed report on the progress of this department will appear in a future edition of this paper.

Bataan Success With Haynie As Narrator

"Message from Bataan", directed by Mr. Van Arsedale, was quite successfully presented before two capacity audiences on Parents' night, November 9. In addition to these two performances, productions of the play were presented for the benefit of the students and faculty on Friday, November 10 at a mid-morning assembly.

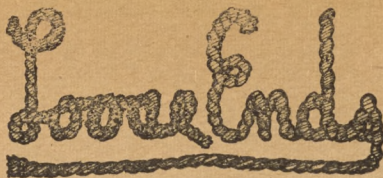
The play, produced in the style of design known as suggested realism, was very reminiscent of the play "Our Town" which ran for several seasons on Broadway. Although "Our Town" was a lengthy three-act play, and "Message from Bataan" but a short one, the similarity between the two was nevertheless apparent.

As the stage narrator, Howard Haynie did an exceptional job of interpretation. The responsibility of holding the play together rested upon his shoulders, and he did a magnificent job of this task.

Byron Krysher and Howard Suckow as Alec Martenko and Bill Rand respectively, were both honest and sincere in the interpretation of their roles. The very important scene of their parting was well acted.

In minor roles Marion Carlson, Don Biehn, and Paul Reiland were effective; the performance of each of these helped immensely in making the play a success.

Honorable mention should be given the following, all of whom contributed their bit in the success of the production: Betty Smith as Mrs. Rand; Beryl Schwabe as the Red Cross nurse; Merrill Taylor as the wounded soldier; John Barker as another wounded soldier; De Forest Hamilton as the captain on Bataan; and Muriel Farrell as the radio announcer.



The annual subscription drive for "Reflections of '45" netted the financial staff \$618. It is estimated that 700 students will purchase next spring's yearbook. More than half, 456 to be exact, have already purchased their annual. Students were contacted through the English classes and if anyone was missed through absence or other causes, there is still a chance to buy a book. Come to room 219, preferably at 2:30, and purchase one from Miss Sayre.

Miss Berry's English students enjoyed roasting hot dogs at Harms Woods on Tuesday, November 21. Potato chips, coke and cake were devoured also.

Shirley Rohrer planned the event and led in some bea-u-ti-ful singing.

The forty students present wanted to "cut the dirt" but the portable phonograph which was present decided to get sick.

Don Busscher's car ran out of gas. The only possible means to get some more would be to siphon it. Mars Bishop's car seemed to be a good potential source.

Mary Kay DeWitt, one of Nilehi's own graduates, has had two selections published in the "Student Anthology of Creative Writing" from Stephens College.

Mary Kay is in her sophomore year and is chiefly interested in dramatics. In her freshman year she took a course in creative writing, two of her contributions were published in this book just put out by the journalistic sorority.

She wrote a poem and a descriptive essay. The staff is happy to be able to acknowledge Mary Kay's work because as we who have read it know—it's really good!

Something new has been added to Miss DeBooy's algebra room. In prominent display on a shelf in the front of the class are brightly colored solids in the shapes of pyramids, cubes, prisms and cones for the purpose of exemplifying algebraic terms.

Numerous, as well as helpful, the objects were presented to Miss DeBooy's classes by the art department which was supervised on this project by Mr. Wilkins.

No doubt the photographer was puzzled when it came to taking the vocal section of the music department's pictures. Why? Well for one thing four people showed up for the sextet picture and nine people were in the double quartet.

Miss Klaus stood in the back row for Girl's Glee Club, but at first couldn't be seen, so they had her stand on a pile of books and balance herself by holding on to Margie Plummer's arm.

Mrs. Wetmore Talks On Buying Books For Christmas

"Buying Books For Christmas," was the title of Mrs. Wetmore's (a librarian of Skokie Public Library) talk to the Senior College Preparatory classes.

"Remember that not all best sellers are best readers" said Mrs. Wetmore, Forever Amber, Rome Hanks and some other bests are not worth the money".

What will the person like to read or what will please them. This is the important question in choosing a book for a present.

There are many types of people that like different types of stories. The tired business man is not usually interested in books that are too serious. He likes interesting things, according to Mrs. Wetmore.

For those that like serious reading there are books like: Yankee From Olympus by Bowen, Anna and King of Siam by Landon, Exiles Daughter by Spencer.

Some people are interested in current problems. Here are some books for them: U.S.S.R. by Durante, Guide for the Bedevilled by Hecht, and Strange Fruit by Smith.

If the person you're buying a book for likes war stories get him: Brave Men by Pyle and A Bell For Adano by Hersey.

Probably the biggest choice of books is in the Children's field. Mrs. Wetmore thinks some of the best illustrations are in children's books. There are many children's books: Silver Chief by O'Brien, Thunderhead and My Friend Flicka by O'Hara, Abraham Lincoln's World by Foster, Narrowing Wind by Lawrence and Good For Scuffles by Beattie.



Mr. Collins is now looking for new members for the band and orchestra to replace those who have graduated. New candidates for membership will be enrolled now. It is not necessary to wait until next semester.

Any boy or girl who plays an instrument or is interested in learning how to play one should see Mr. Collins immediately. Knowledge of music is not necessary. Pupils will be given lessons once a week during class period. A minor credit will be given for every period attended; lesson, band and orchestra.

The school now has the following instruments which students may use at no cost to themselves: B flat clarinets; alto and bass clarinets; alto, tenor and baritone saxophones; baritone horn; bass horn; mellophones and French horns; trombones; drums; bells; and a xylophone.

DRIBBLE

by Fred Bernard

Winter — that means basketball to a great many sports enthusiasts. To me it just means an opportunity to stick out my neck and make some predictions.

CRYSTAL LAKE really seems a stand-out. Last year the Lakers won all but 2 of their 16 games and every boy on last year's team is back again for another good season. Crystal Lake is led by Hayden and Schroeder plus a host of boys from the football squad. The "far away" school employs a fast break which should mean trouble for the rest of the league.

Dribble

NILES' 43-44 cagers were rated better than the team up at Crystal Lake, however the Trojans have only one returning letter man. Anderson seems ready for another good year and Munroe, Mueller, and Guenther might add enough to the team to make it dangerous.

Dribble

LIBERTYVILLE has 5 letter men back for another season. Among these are Ercksen and Nickolay who were good enough for the varsity last year. By all pre-season reckoning the Wildcats should have the tallest quintet in the conference. Cherenovich, an all state tackle on the football team, bears watching as he is a better than average rebounder and measures 6 ft. 3 in. in height.

Dribble

ARLINGTON seems to have a fairly good team this year. The Cardinals beat Ela, a traditionally strong quintet but were soundly thumped by Maine, a team built around one man—Paynich. Botterman and Paige again figure prominently in Coach Siedel's plans for a winning team.

Dribble

LEYDEN didn't show much strength last year but is able to start an experienced team this season. Could easily win their share of close ball games.

Dribble

WARREN has only one redeeming quality and that is they "never say die". Not much real material available here but don't underestimate their will to win.

Dribble

WOODSTOCK is in quite a "sit-chea-shun". In their neighborhood they take basketball very seriously and really go in for it in a big way but as yet they haven't seemed to come up with any players capable of producing a winning team. However, if there's going to be a dark horse cage team this year, this may well be it.

Dribble

LAKE FOREST had no basketball squad last year and so far this year appears very weak. But this is the kind of team that once it gets a few games under their belt, may be able to furnish plenty of exercise for their opponents. Sure to improve as the season progresses.

AND

Three out of Four; Jay Vee Score

On November 22nd, the J. V.'s of Niles defeated Highland Park's lights by the close score of 30 to 29. This was the most thrilling game so far this year and gave Trojan fans something to cheer about. The teams played about evenly during the first half, and at the end Highland Park lead by one point, 13 to 12. However, during the third quarter Teddy Stockfish and Johnny Kokum really went to work and the team lead going into the final period by a score of 27 to 23. The last period was very exciting, with each team trying desperately, but both teams too jittery to do very much accurate shooting. Stockfish lead the scoring, making 9 points. This game marked the second straight victory for the J. V. team.

After winning their first two encounters, the J. V.'s, on November 29th, were defeated by a hard fighting Waukegan team, 26 to 25.

The game started out very slowly for both teams and at the end of the first quarter, Niles lead 6 to 3. During the second quarter, the two teams kept at an almost even pace and at the half Niles lead 11 to 7. During the third period of the game Teddy Stockfish and Frank Williams put in their best efforts and going into the final quarter, Niles lead 20 to 15. At this point of the game the team fell back and could not stop a heavy stampede of Waukegan baskets and the final count was run up. Stockfish and Williams lead the scoring, making 15 points. This game spoiled the junior varsity's perfect record and they now have two victories and one defeat.

On Friday, December 1st, the junior varsity of Niles played a weak and inexperienced Warren team and won 32 to 15 and have now won three of their four games. The game started out in slow tempo for both teams and at the half the Trojans were ahead 13 to 5. However, in the second half, Frank Williams, Teddy Stockfish and Lucien DiSalvo started to click better together and produced ten points in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, behind Frank Williams' shooting, and with the good defensive playing of the other boys, Niles kept their comfortable margin.

Giants Take Boilermakers In Final Tussle

In the finals of the touch football season, it was Bill Kunkel's Giants who defeated Bill Witte's Boilermakers, 13-0.

In this game both touchdowns were scored by Al Miller, the star Junior Varsity left tackle, on passes from Kunkel.

Forty-eight teams were chosen at the opening of school and each team had played 6 games. The class winners were paired together for tournament elimination.

DROOL

by Beryle Schwabe

With the swish of a net as a ball goes through the hoop twelve pretty maidens are found out on the floor playing basketball. Yes, all the girls' gym classes are finding the game, that until this year has been only for the boys, exciting, but very tiring. Although these frails are playing girls' rules, many of them have found muscles they never knew existed. Aching muscles! Isn't that right, girls?

Drool

The twirling team is expected to make an appearance at a basketball game around the first of the year. Rumor has it that after the uniforms are taken out of the moth-balls the girls will appear in them. (Drool.)

Drool

A few weeks back we found some girls that couldn't get up to the third floor for their first period class. After some investigation it has been found that some required P. E. tests were the reason. To receive credit for gym everyone had to run 8 minutes, do the chair stepping for ½ minute, hanging 35 seconds, (35 long seconds!) 3 let downs in 15 seconds, bouncing 20 times, 10 adominal curls and 13 pushups. Isn't that enough for anyone?

On Friday, Nov. 10 a splash party was held at the Sovereign Hotel for all G.A.A. members. There was quite a turnout and from all reports a good time was had by all, including the freshmen.(?)

Drool

"Candlelight and Music" came back with the G.A.A. formal initiation. On Mon., Nov. 6 at 8:00 p.m., 100 new initiates were formally accepted in the G.A.A. The traditional candlelighting ceremony was still very impressive and gives the members something inspiring to carry with them many years after their graduation.

A reading was given by Mary Ellen Racine and Sally Fjellman played a boogie masterpiece on the piano. Howie Lindstrom beat out his drums and then the sweet voice of Norma Jean Keerns singing "Always" made the program complete. After the initiation coffee and cake were served in the cafeteria.

Drool

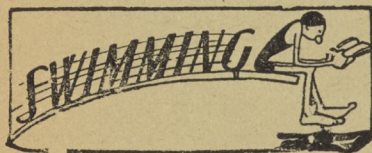
The Friday eighth period gym class is trying something new this year. It is a special class in which the activities include tennis, badminton, basket ball, archery and a little volleyball. They're playing girl's rules basketball now and if the boys don't watch out the second string team is liable to have some girls on it.

Drool

"Ouch!! my shins." Yes, the girls are at it again. This year they're toughening themselves up by playing soccer. The game started out quite innocently but somehow the ball has lost its importance. It seems the girls found this a wonderful opportunity to "fix up" their best enemies.

Trojan Mermen Take Dive

On December 7, the swimming teams of Niles went to Highland Park to begin a very strenuous season and for their first encounter did not look any too encouraging, the varsity losing 46 to 19 and the frosh-soph losing 41 to 21. The most outstanding feature of the meet from Niles' point of view was the diving of Jimmy Tagney and the medley relay team composed of Clynes, Lyon and Hartney, which won the medley by half the length of the pool. It was found that improvement in back stroke, breast stroke and crawl must come before the team can be held as a favorite for any meet.



Diving:

Tagney of Niles was first with 75.6 points, Boubes of Highland Park second, 67.6 points, Moran, Highland Park, third, 61.7.

100 Yard Breast Stroke:

Highland took first and second and Lyon was third.

100 Yard Crawl:

Highland Park received first and second place and Tagney was third.

Backstroke:

Highland Park first and second, Clynes of Niles came in third.

Four Man Relay:

was taken by Highland Park with a time of 1.23.

Medley Relay:

was taken by Niles, with a time of 2.45.

40 Yard Crawl

was won by Highland Park men coming in first and second. Hartney of Niles was third.

Former Niles Star Home From Drake

Howie Johnston returned to his 'ole stampan grounds here at Niles Township just before taking his army physical

NileHi's former track star expressed his good feelings at seeing the school again. Howie has competed against such teams as Notre Dame, Michigan, Iowa State and Ohio State during this past cross-country season. He didn't seem to think the competition was too tough, however. Howie felt that "you grow into facing the keener opposition."

Out of a squad of some 20 boys Johnston was the youngest but despite this he broke 2 Iowa freshman cross-country records, one at 3 miles and another at 4.

While running for Drake, Howie has frequently "been in the money". His finest achievements were his 2nd in the Iowa State meet and a 3rd in the National Cross-country meet at East Lansing, Michigan.

Lack of Defense Halts Niles Quintet

Suffering their 2nd straight setback, the Trojan quintet lost to Highland Park on Wednesday, November 22, 48 to 22.

Too much teamwork and speed combined with little or no Niles defense proved costly as the Trojans were completely outplayed in their second non-conference game.

A minor obstacle to the Trojans was a low running track that prevented any shots being taken from the corners of the floor. From these points many of the Trojan scores are made.

Capturing the lead early in the game, Highland Park didn't relinquish it once during the course of the evening although at one time in the first quarter the Trojans were only 3 points behind.

Highland Park was held fairly well in check in the first half, but after the start of the 3rd quarter there was no stopping them as they racked up 25 points to 8 for the Trojans.

Niles Trounced

The Trojans ventured to Waukegan on Wednesday, November 29, only to lose by a score of 36 to 17.

Playing before a packed house of Bulldog rooters the Trojans got off to a fast start and at the end of the first quarter the visiting quintet was ahead by a score of 7 to 6.

During the second quarter the score sea-sawed back and forth but as the period ended, a long leaping swish shot by Stew Munroe gave the Trojans a half time lead of 11-10.

In the second half the Bulldogs tightened their defense and during the whole last half the Trojans were able to score only 6 points, while Waukegan posted 25.

The high scorer for Niles was Mush Anderson with 9 points, while Munroe was second with six.

The young Trojans are still to find an eye for the basket as shown in this game when only 3 men did any scoring.

Trojan Hotshots

By not being able to take more than 12 shots during the whole last half, Warren lost to our Trojans on Friday, December 1, 36 to 25.

The first half was closely contested, with the score changing hands many times, but a nice shot by Bill Guenther gave the Trojans a 16-15 halftime lead.

Although the Trojans had lost 3 out of 4 games, they picked the right one to win, as this game marked the opening of the North East Conference.

In the first half Warren set up a five zone defense that couldn't be penetrated with any effect and the Trojans were able to score only on fast breaks.

In the second half Warren switched to a man-to-man defense and the Trojans then scored 20 points to 10 for Warren.

"Mush" Anderson and Ernie Reimann played a steady game, while Harry Mueller led the scoring with 10 points.

Trojan Quintet to Meet Evanston

Tonight the Trojans will attempt to begin their mid-term vacation with a victory over a strong quintet from Evanston.

Past performances don't hold much hope for Niles' cagers as their record of 1-4 against Evanston's 4-0 bears out. Playing on their home floor, however, will give the Trojans some edge in pre-game calculations. And the fact that Niles will be pointing for this game whereas Evanston probably will look to it as an easy encounter is another distinct advantage for the gold and blue.

The Wildkits topped off their 3 straight wins by adding a thrilling 37-36 win over Oak Park in the first conference game for both schools. Oak Park has a traditionally strong basketball machine because of the size of the school and the interest in the sport.

Evanston's squad won't be too tall, but instead has an exceptionally fast, sharp shooting team. Johnson and Eimers, a center and forward respectively, are both apt in this department.

Coach Hampton, whose nephew was the leading scorer in the Suburban league last year, but has since developed a knee injury which will prevent him from playing basketball for the year, doesn't relish the idea of going out on the limb, but admits prospects for this year's team "seem quite good."

Leyden Quintet Proves Strong For Trojans

Still lacking an eye for the bucket plus sloppy passing and little or no defense, the Trojans lost to Leyden last Friday night 41-35. This was the first time a Leyden team has defeated the Trojans in 4 seasons.

Keeping up with their usual habit of starting slow, the score at the end of the first period was only 11-5 in favor of Niles.

The next period showed more scoring and the lead changed many times but the half ended in a 22-22 deadlock.

In the next two periods, Leyden scored 19 points to 13 for the Trojans. This was the Trojans 4th setback in 5 games.

NILES	FG	FT	P
Mueller	2	0	1
Kunkel	0	0	1
Munroe	4	1	1
Zust	0	0	0
Guenther	3	1	4
Lane	0	1	5
Anderson	4	5	2
Nachbauer	0	0	1
Riemann	0	0	5
Falknor	0	1	2
LEYDEN			
Guetzloff	2	0	1
Robertson	8	8	5
Lofdren	1	2	2
Strutz	0	1	1
Roberts	0	0	0
Mazzulla	2	2	5
John	1	0	3
Hedlund	0	0	0