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Theme of Hop Is Toddle Trot

Jan. 27 Dressed-Up Girls Appear at School Dance

Weather forecast for Saturday, January 31, reads hot and hotter. It is not the weather man's day, but Turnabout day when the gals put on their best bib and tucker and ask the fellas to creep along to the all school nursery Toddle Trot dance sponsored by the G. A. A.

From 8:30 p. m. till 12, the tots will rock to the lullabies of Howard Klehm's orchestra. All the girls will wear their dress-up outfits to show the latest fashion apparel.

Baby chairman for decorations is Mary Lou Leonard; band chairman is Cherie Neutz.

Fluffy dogs, balloons, baby blocks and bibs will elaborate the gym's decorations. Admission is 40 pennies for each tot, and alumni 55 pennies.

Dramatics Group To Raise Funds

Today Nilehi is moving swiftly into an "all-out" defense effort. Students and teachers alike are participating in widely varied activities aimed to aid America win the war.

On February 6 and 7, Mrs. Ruth Esch and company will present "That Crazy Smith Family" to raise funds for the Defenders' council. In this play Mrs. Lawrence Westerberg, Mrs. Charles Butler, Mr. Robert Throop, Mr. Kenneth Kuhl, Miss Virginia Mehren, Grant Kuhn, Edward Kritch, Pat Reiland, Hildegard Schottleutner, Pat Canty, Bob Harms, and Bud Lauth will depict a comedy of family life.

Many other prominent defense efforts are being made. Homerooms will soon be racing for top honors in a contest to buy the most defense stamps. Rumor has it that the Forum is planning a spring dance at which defense stamps will be used to pay part of the admission. Hundreds of individual students are doing their share by sewing, typing, and knitting for the Red Cross. Do your bit — buy defense stamps!

Let's Go Nilehi The Heat Is on

By Erman Kramer

TONIGHT our undefeated basketball team travels to Arlington Heights to shoot it out with the third place Cardinals. Yes indeed, undefeated and at the top of the standing of the Northeast conference is our school's name; Niles Township high school. Heading another standing by a good forty points, we find our name again, the highest scoring team in the conference. Unerring shooting by our untiring team has netted 242 points, an average of 48.4 points a game. The only other team coming close to this enviable record was Crystal Lake, which we knocked out of second place by a score that our score-board could not record because it stops at 70. Our red hot cagers totaled 76 points to beat Crystal Lake's 53.

NILEHI has had a championship team developed by Coach Galitz, and so far the boys have come through, but let's look at the whole conference standings and see why they have to come through. One defeat and we will be tied for first which would be contested by three teams tied for second, a mighty uncomfortable position when we are looking for a trophy. Such close competition is unpredictable and unhealthy unless the school lends its support. The word "spirit" has really been kicked around in this school. The last time our team played away from home, we had one bus load of cheering supporters, thanks to the browbeating unleashed by Bob Moore about our negligence in getting behind our hard-working team. Tonight we should have at least four buses to Arlington.

WAKE UP NILEHI! Get behind that team of yours. They're fighting for our first undisputable championship with an undefeated season. You help.

Cram Session Comin'

Jan. 16 — Arlington there 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 20 — Semester Exams.
Jan. 21 — More headaches.
Jan. 22 — Ah! Sweet rest! No school.
Jan. 23 — School's still out.
Jan. 23 — Woodstock here 7:30 p. m.
Jan. 27 — American Legion Oratorical contest 8 p. m.

Exam Mystery Solved at Last

Puzzled by New System? This Clears up Confusion

Because of the inability to seat large groups of pupils except in the library and the study hall, and the added inconvenience and probable extra cost of running buses to and from school at noon, semester examinations this year will be held during regular class periods on next Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday, January 19, will be a day of final review. There will be no school Thursday and Friday next week.

Exams in Classes

Minor subject examinations, if given, will be during the regular class period in which the minor subject meets unless otherwise specified.

A's or B's Equal Freedom

Pupils need only report for examinations which they are not exempted from taking. Even though minor classes, including physical education and study hall will meet on these two days, pupils with grades of B or better for each quarter in one or more subjects are exempted from attending these classes. All others, those not exempted in any subject, will attend minor classes and study hall according to their regular programs. Pupils who are exempt from an examination may remain home until they have an examination to take. If they are already at school, pupils are privileged to report to the library. Any of these pupils may forfeit their rights for exemptions if they are found in the corridors during any period.

Exemptions Announced Monday

Exemptions will be announced at the close of the regular class periods on Monday January 19, except seventh and eighth periods when the exemptions will be announced at the beginning. Exempted pupils may get library passes to go to the library. They must not stay in the halls. Pupils exempted in all subjects will be called to the office during seventh or eighth periods Monday to arrange to take one examination, as they are required to write on one subject.

Profiles

- . These Clever Janes
- . Sonja the Second

Five-foot four and brown-eyed senior Jane Kadlec is president of the G. A. A. and her home room. Her hobby, obviously, is sewing, and her favorite band is Howard Klehm's. Her friends all know that she has a mania for hick towns, and olive and nut sandwiches. Jane likes antiques and her queer ambition is to go to China when she's 89. Her favorite song is "Penny Serenade" and just for the novelty of it, some day she wants to have someone say to her "Stick to me, baby, and I'll put your name in lights."

"Figure skating is just like falling upstairs, only more fascinating," mused Virginia Reuter.

Embarking on her third season of "figure-eighting," Ginny related the details of her summer vacation which — you guessed it — were spent in skating. Only this time she traveled up to Rochester, Minnesota to try the rinks up there. Among her acquaintances in the skating world are such notables as the Shipstads and Evelyn Chandler.

Besides practicing many times a week, she finds time to design and sew all her own clothes and skating costumes. As for her plans after graduation, she simply stated that she would like to go to William and Mary college. Then the bell rang and our chat ended as we hurried on to our next class.

Red is Usually Bright!

Have you wondered why all of your teachers were looking at you with a glance that embodied evil pleasure? Have you been enmeshed in too horrible nightmares without apparent causes? The answer to all this is simple. It is here. The big week when the learned circle of Nilehi instructors will sit in judgment of us po' chickens

Although our holiday has ended, theirs is just beginning. But who can tell; we may pass our exams with flying colors. Flying colors meaning the teacher's red pencil will fly all over the page.

We are told that we should study hard for at least a week before the test, with a friend if we want to, and then, we are told to have a good time on the day prior to the test and to relax completely. But who can have a good time knowing of the massacre next day. Fort Dearborn had nothing on us.

Fifth Column Dodges FBI; Pre-War Habits Indicate a Spy Ring Loose

Since weather reports have been officially banned, only Nilehi's empty seats and student's chattering teeth will reveal that the mercury in the thermometer has "dug-in" for the duration. Yet by the rings and pins evidenced around school on the first day back, Cupid is one fella who did not go into hibernation!

Nothing can match: The speed of Messrs. Kent and Benette who ran to find Miss Lant after reading the Niblets last month. Disheartened, they trod slowly away — someone had removed the mistletoe . . . Or the rapid exit of Niles Townships Trojan's from the Tick Tock upon the entrance of their master, "Simon Legree" Galitz . . .

Or have we been noticing a shift to "Ben's" by Jean H., Grace L., Millie B., Mo, ad etc.?

It's June in January when, according to the old superstition, we find:

SOMETHING OLD found Ray Nitch and Herman Aliprani working off demerits by the grace of Kitchen Klenzer and a few blackened pots in 313 . . . SOMETHING NEW in the addition of a swell "line" by Lois and Caryl Jaycox. Fellas will have to wait their turn for Skokie 4130 — the new phone . . . SOMETHING BORROWED brings the gals to don that certain

"aggressive" look and ask for the family jalopy — oh happy turnabout! SOMETHING BLUE — just everybody's Christmas sweater!



Culled from last year: The surprise of Hezzie Weldon's pin on Doris Burkland when it rapidly became entangled in Bill Moorad's sweater, dragging a good yarn everywhere . . . The Christmas present of peanuts to Miss Johnson met with no shock, no surprise, though every pupil had brought some. Tables were turned when she hinted for more. . . . Don Baumann caught in the spirit of pin hanging, is giving pins to all the girls. With the metal coming from a bottle neck, Nilehi's males may soon find a shortage of girls . . .

Laugh, good anytime, goes to unidentified sophomore, who, about to receive a perfect attendance award, was absent the day of presentation.

Confusing conditions may arise if a stranger goes unenlightened into the Rasmussen home, and meets the pup Corky Harrington gave Barb. Named "Honey," it may cause romantic inclinations . . . Definitely in the class of Ripley's Believe It or Not, we have discovered a boy chasing a girl. Boy Eugene Wise is stepin' fast after Doris Mussil, a steady . . . That crippled fellow in the



corner is only the much sought after Gene Lebbin, suffering from the de'rage . . .

Between brother Bob's squabbles with sister Sue as to who will un-trim the Christmas tree, and NTHS's air raid alerts, comes the mad rush for exams. I have to quit now and study for them. Recommend you do the same. Goodbye.

Freshmen Relish Sue Barton Epics

Helen Bolyston's "Sue Barton" stories won first place recently in the poll, sponsored by the Freshman Literary Society, to determine the most popular book among freshmen.

Votes were cast by all the students in the freshmen English classes and after they had been counted by Mary Louise Kendall and Marilyn Wahlborg, it was discovered that the Sue Barton books had received the highest number of votes. In second and third places were "T-Model Tommy," by Stephen Meader and "Silver Chief: Dog of the North," by Jack O'Brien.

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Eighty-two Local Scholars On Final Honor Roll of 1940-41

In the following listing, the Honor Roll for the year 1940-41 is brought to its conclusion. These returns include the name and total number of scholarship points earned by the student during his entire high school "career," and give his standing as of the fourth quarter of last year.

Scholarship presentations of gold, silver, and bronze pins were given these students at the award assembly in December.

Juniors

Mildred Bergmark 24
Norma Heidtke 24
Virginia Reuter 23
Florence Ochs 22
Donald Baumann 20
Grace Langan 20
Olga Krajchovich 18
Paul Perlman 17
Bernice Franson 16
Daniel Petty 16
Virginia Nordin 15
Lois Anderson 15
Wayne Kunkel 14
Dorothy Nelson 14
Beatrice Rossman 14
Lillian Baptist 13
Marilyn McKeever 12
Doris Mussil 12
Gloria Alterini 11
Richard Hartney 10
Dorothy Lutz 10
Marie Throop 9
Lorraine Hoth 8
Virginia McClure 6
Robert Gerhardt 4
Mary Lou Leonard 4
Robert Podraza 4
Tom MacCleary 2
Elvira Zust 2

Nilehi Students Prepare for Raid

Although chances of an air raid on midwestern United States are seemingly remote, Supt. R. E. Cotanche recently planned and executed an authentic air raid drill at NTHS. Following exacting details, students and teachers co-operated fully with this wartime measure.

On the basement, first, and second floors, the scene of the mock alarm, teachers, as wardens, were stationed at both ends of the halls. The top floor, which would be dangerously exposed in case of bombing, was cleared completely as janitors patrolled the roof, armed with pails of sand to extinguish fires that might be set by incendiary bombs.

Sophomores

Adele Bartz 16
Richard Boyd 16
Daniel Dever 16
Dagmar Franson 16
Virginia Lenzen 16
Tom Sheridan 16
Betty Stielow 16
Viola Stoll 16
William Stockfish 16
Janet Lutkehaus 15
Carl Mueller 15
Dorothy Rings 15
Lucille Lindeman 14
Ernest Nordquist 14
Patricia Galitz 13
James Watkins 13
Audrey Brown 12
Ruth Hennig 12
Harold Anderson 10
Lois Ruthenbeck 6

[Freshmen Listed Next Issue]

This 'n That

Mr. Robert Mackey's mechanical drawing classes that have been studying machine drawing during the last semester will soon have their work rated by experts. As a semester finale, each student will submit his 20 plates to the office, where the best are to be selected and sent to defense board officials. If this board gives its nod of approval, the lucky student stands eligible for a defense post as a draftsman after graduation.

Now on exhibit in the showcase opposite the assembly room are garments made by Miss Line's advanced clothing class. Featured this week is a coat and dress, both by Jane Kadlec. More projects of the clothing class will follow in the near future.

Girls seem to have IT! At a junior assembly Friday, January 9, the winners of the speech contest held in Miss Ruth Lant's English classes competed against each other for the honor of acquiring a book of the winner's choice. The six finalists all turned out to be girls! They were Viola Stoll, Marie Stritch, Adele Bartz, Jean Neuson, Bettie Stielow, and Audrey Brown. Their speech topics were selected from a variety of subjects specified by Miss Lant.

Orchids to Miss Lee Maskrey who has so successfully taken Miss Edith Bronson's place for the past semester. Miss Bronson has spent the last six months in Costa Rica. She will return to Nilehi on Monday, January 26.

Neutz Opus Airs Expose on Youth

Just what does go on at these girls' summer cottages? What kind of food do they favor? Do they get lonesome for the male element? Not much is known about this subject and professors won't get together and spend a lifetime in an exposé on this subject, but Cherie Neutz has compiled, produced, and performed on this topic.

"And the Stars Fell Down," the Cherie Neutz opus reveals in none too uncertain terms just what thoughts penetrate the brain of the typical saddle-shoe girl. Incidentally the inspiration for the script can be traced to a lake cottage vacation last summer which is very similar to the script.

Cherie and a cast of young Nilehi Thespians will go "on the air" over NBC mikes at 11:00 tomorrow morning. Nearly 300 tickets to this broadcast at the Merchandise Mart are available to NTHS students. Those who wish free tickets to see the program may obtain them from Mrs. Ruth Esch.

Cherie Neutz and the entire cast, including Wayne Barton, Barbara Rasmussen, Mardy McKeever, Joe Fisher, and Bill Dickinson will bravely face that thrilling mike in a representation of "typical" high school youth. It is expected that some 300 of their classmates will be on hand rooting for them.

Oratorical Contest Coming Jan. 27

Finals in the American Legion oratorical contest will be held in the assembly room Tuesday, January 27, at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this contest and hear youth give its views of America, its democracy and its future.

The six finalists and the topics of their orations are as follows: Merle Iverson, "The Future of America;" Joe Fisher, "What Our Democracy Offers;" Mary Lou Leonard, "America Moves Ahead;" Harley Anderson, "Having a Free Press;" Doris Mussil, "Youth and the Future;" and Tom Sheridan, "Democracy Will Not Perish".

These orations, chosen from among nearly 150, were selected as best for oral delivery. At the finals, gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded respectively to first, second, and third place winners. Honorable mention will be given the others.

Trojans Lead Conference Meet Cardinals at Arlington

Sport fans! Would you like to see a thrilling, exciting, speedy game? Then don't miss the game tonight at 7:30 when the Trojans meet the Cardinals at Arlington Heights. It promises to be a tough battle, because the Cardinals are out seeking vengeance of last season when the Troys won in an overtime game. Arlington is now tied for third place with Woodstock and Crystal Lake in the Northeast Conference.

Last Friday night the Trojans showed their ability when they chalked up 76 points against Crystal Lake's 53 which is the highest score made by the Troys this season. But 53 points is the highest score made by any opponent which fact shows that Trojans defense lines need improvement. Outstanding scorers were Bob Podraza with 29 points and Bill Stockfish with 24 points.

TERMITES

In the Bench

WATER BASKETBALL continues to feature the Monday and Tuesday boys' swimming periods. Largest score to date was a 40 to 7 victory by Glatze's Polywogs over the Smelts. Some of the boys shot at the wrong board but, as far as it is known, none of these attempts went through the hoop.

"BUD" TRACY, varsity swimmer and football man, has two ambitions in life, one is to play on a college football team and the other is aviation. His hobbies are "Amazing Mystery" stories and his own type of art.

HOWARD WERTZ plans to join the Marines as soon as he is graduated. His hobbies include photography, as if you didn't know, Boy Scouts, and travel.

AS THIS ISSUE goes to press, the freshman team has won two of three games played, winning from Maine and Libertyville and losing to Leyden. According to Coach Isaacson Leyden's freshman team looks very good.

THE LACK of height on our freshman team is one of the biggest handicaps. In the Leyden game the boys were not able to rebound. However, Coach Isaacson says "the boys are working hard."

BART HEGARTY has a collection of more than a thousand stamps. It's a hobby with him.

Team members will lapse into a battle for grades when they struggle to pass their exams. Following this exhausting process they will play host on January 23 to the Blue Streaks of Woodstock, '40 and '41 champions of the Northeast conference.

Saturday, January 24, the Nilehi quintet will play Palatine in a non-conference game. Palatine is leading the Northwest conference at present and is out to win.

NORTHEAST STANDINGS		
Varsity		
	W.	L.
Niles	5	0
Libertyville	4	1
Arlington	3	2
Woodstock	3	2
Crystal Lake	3	2
Warren	2	3
Lake Forest	0	5
Leyden	0	5
Junior Varsity		
	W.	L.
Libertyville	5	0
Crystal Lake	4	1
Lake Forest	4	1
Niles	2	3
Leyden	2	3
Woodstock	2	3
Arlington	1	4
Warren	0	5

Basketball Playoff Begins Wednesday

Winning Teams Play for Intramural Championship

Next Wednesday play-offs start in the boys' intramural basketball. Winners of Wednesday gym classes will meet the winners of the Thursday gym classes. Play-offs will continue until one team remains undefeated. To this quintet will go the honor of having their names placed on a plaque in the trophy case.

The boys' gym quintets have just completed their third and final round. As this issue went to press the following teams were out in front and appeared to have won in their respective classes. In the first period Wednesday class the Butterflies have flown over the opposition, and the Antelopes seem to have won in the second period. The Lizzards were ahead in the third period classes and the Silver Bugs had outshone the teams of the fourth period Wednesday class. The Pole Cats and the Termites were neck and neck in the fifth. The Snipes and Wolves lead the pack in the sixth and seventh period classes respectively.

In the Thursday gym classes the Cooties held the lead in the first period with the Coons on top in the second. The Buzzards, Mosquitoes, and Beavers were out in front in the third, fourth, and seventh period classes.

Swimmers to Meet Maine Township January 27 as Season Nears Close

In two weeks, Nilehi's varsity and frosh-soph swimmers will be fished out of the pool, officially ending their competitive season. Many old speed records have been broken and many new ones established this year by Trojan fish, despite the fact that the squads swam against teams from larger schools.

The past week has been marked by meets with two teams from the suburban league: Evanston and Proviso. On January 27 NTHS will duel with Maine Township in Main's tank. To round out the season, plans are being made for the squads to meet Steinmetz and Lakeview, both Chicago schools.

Pacemakers

Among the varsity pacemakers are Gene Lebbin, Bob Gerhardt, and the relay team of Ray Nitch, Bradley Fredricks, Bud Tracy, and Bob Gerhardt. Gene Lebbin, winner of a double crown, holds the 50 and 100 yard crawl titles with times of 28.2 seconds and 1:07.1 respectively. Bob

Gerhardt's time of one minute 20 seconds netted him the record in the 100 yard back-stroke, while the relay team set a new low with 2:01.1 seconds.

Frosh-Soph Winners

Frosh-soph winners include Jimmy Holmes; Al Wittorf; the relay team of Jerry Heinz, Stan Kendler, Jim Holmes, and Peter Hegarty; and the medley team of Tom Davidson, Tom Cook, and Peter Hegarty.

Promise for Next Year

As three months of racing against schools from the suburban and west suburban leagues draw to a close, the Trojan fish can point to a successful season. The team's power is growing, as evidenced by broken records, more wins, and closer scores. Though most of the varsity squad will be graduated, the "younger generation" shows promise of an even more successful season next year.

One of the inovations this season has been the addition of the "Record Board" to Nilehi's natatorium.