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Former Nilehi Teacher At China's War Front

"It hasn't been easy; one can't keep from speculating about grim possibilities at times, but we're used to recurring crises now—you really do get used to them—and the daily work goes on."

"All of this has a certain air of unreality; one feels a bit as if one is living in someone else's story; but it's real enough to send some of us mentally parking occasionally, dividing possessions among Chinese friends, and stowing the essentials in one bag."

This is how Miss Margaret Sheets, former Nilehi English teacher, describes life in China as the Communists continue to move in. Miss Sheets is teaching at Hua Chung University in Wuchang, Hupeh, China.

On a Christmas card to Miss Florence Harrison, Nilehi science teacher, Miss Sheets describes the approaching holiday as follows:

"I'm working on a Christmas play and it quite effectively takes precedence over the battle raging near Nanking. Christmas will be a good day for us, as we are a closely knit group now, drawn closer by the strain of these days."

Almost No More Job Hunting For Seniors Starting to Work

Many students graduating from Nilehi often wonder where they will go from there. Most will go to college, but some will not, according to Dr. A. L. Biehn, superintendent.

"The Nilehi faculty plans to help those students by preparing them for jobs in industries in the nearby area," he said.

Nilehi was the host to representatives of 18 of Niles Township industries on January 5. Dr. Biehn gave a talk to these representatives explaining the need for jobs for Nilehi graduates.

He then gave out questionnaires to determine how job opportunities of the township might be brought to the attention of the students of Nilehi who are not planning college careers.

Also attending this meeting from Nilehi were Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser, and Mr. Eugene Napier, instructor, who are working with Dr. Biehn in this project.

"David Copperfield," the exciting story by Charles Dickens, was shown in a movie after school on January 4 and 5 for students that were interested, according to Mrs. Priscilla Baker, Nilehi English teacher.

Two other film presentations of Dickens' books are scheduled to be shown soon. They are "The Tale of Two Cities" and "Oliver Twist."

Katie's and Carrie's Services Began With School's Moving

February marks the tenth anniversary of Nilehi and also of the service of Carrie Schoening, matron, and Katie Kestenholtz, head of the kitchen staff here.

Carrie and Katie both started in the kitchen, which was then located in the teachers' corner. Their equipment consisted of three tables, a coffee pot, a hot plate, and a tiny ice-box.

Carrie also worked in the locker room part-time for two years; then she started full-time as matron of the girls' locker room.

Gym was held only a few days out of the week at that time and numbered about 15 students to a class in comparison to the daily classes of 50 or more now.

Katie's helpers in the kitchen have increased from two to eight. She has cooked many graduation breakfasts and has catered for some of the same students' weddings.

Shakespeare Lives Again For Senior English Classes

To help increase interest in the works of Shakespeare, the senior English class under the supervision of Mrs. Priscilla Baker planned two projects, one of which has already been done. On February 14, they will present to a senior assembly some of the scenes from Shakespeare's famous play "MacBeth."

The other project was an excursion downtown Tuesday, December 14, by 55 members of the senior class to see Laurence Olivier in the movie "Hamlet."

The presentation of the plays was undertaken by Mary Morse and Charlotte Dressel. The cast includes Joanne Day, Mari Cysewski, Kay Jaeger, Kaye Haefel, Nancy Thiell, Bill Bruce, Herbert Veit, Nancy Newton, and Rosie Denk.

Senior to Hold Party Soon

The seniors will be presented with quite a big Valentine this February 14 in the form of a Valentine Day party in the assembly room. This party is under the student chairmanship of Bartella Schultz and Pat Sommer, with the faculty help of Miss Alice Line and Miss Grace Harbert.

The witches scene and the sleepwalking scene from Macbeth will furnish the half-hour of entertainment. Admission is 25 cents, and the festivities will begin promptly at 3:15.

Tom Black and Nancy Newton head the committees and report that food will be served. The faculty is invited.

Plans Made for Second Edition 'Golden Galleon'

Plans are now being made for the second annual edition of the Golden Galleon, magazine composed entirely of the creative writings of students of Nilehi.

The staff for the magazine: editor-in-chief, Danna Barbour; associate editor, John Young; art editor, Mary Morse; business manager, Judy Larson; assistant business manager, Paul Slusser; senior editor, Kathy Russakov; assistant, Dona Korsmo; junior editor, Sandy Ravencroft; assistant, Bill Van Horne; sophomore editor, Audrey Nordlof; assistant, Angela Vosnos; freshman editor, Phyllis Yates; assistant, June Sprungman.

Stories can be submitted by the students through their English teachers. Poems, essays, sketches, and short stories will all be accepted, but originality will be stressed, according to Danna Barbour, editor-in-chief.

Archibald Takes Top Honors At New Trier Speech Contest

On January 12, members of the Nilehi speech class and of the debate team, under the direction of Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale and Mr. John Betts respectively, traveled to New Trier High School to take part in an extemporaneous speech contest. Other schools that took part in this contest were Waukegan, Highland Park, and New Trier.

Ed Archibald, of Nilehi, won a first place in the finals, while Christianson of New Trier took second place.

Members of the speech class who participated were Phil Nymark, Armin Watkins, Jim Arthur, and Nancy Blake, seniors; and Dan Winger, a junior. The debaters who participated were Ed Archibald, Don Verlenden, Tom Shields, Ralph Smith, seniors; and Ashley Craig, John Young, Nancy Gerhardt, and Elsie Eppler, juniors.

Class of '48 Holds Reunion

With a band playing in the background, bright multicolored lights overhead, and the busy hum of conversation mixed with laughter, the first of a planned series of reunions of the Nilehi graduates of '48 was held in the assembly room last December 28.

The turnout was large; almost 100 joined in the festivities. The reunion was planned and organized by Pat Hartung, Don Carlson, and Jeanette Oehring.

Watkins to Give Concert

A professional debut with both piano and violin will be given by Armin Watkins, senior of Nilehi, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 on February 13 at Kimball Hall in Chicago.

Armin has studied under several well-known private teachers, and included in the program is "Hebraish" by George Perlman, his violin teacher.

Northwestern, Nursing Claim '48 Graduates

Each year a class enters Nilehi, and each year a class leaves—usually losing contact with its old friends and the school itself. Have you ever wondered what happens to the graduates after they graduate?

The journalism class did, and as a result, a survey was taken. It showed that about fifty per cent of the 1948 class are attending colleges from coast to coast.

Northwestern now claims the most of the '48 Nilehi grads, with the Universities of Illinois and Colorado running a close second.

Nursing seems to be the most popular profession among the girls.

Willard Hardin, who was so well-known for his art ability at Niles last year, is continuing his studies at the American Academy of Arts.

Barbro Johnson recently returned from a trip to Europe.

The Navy claimed four of Nilehi's former students: Don Stolteben, Bill Hutchings, Roy Hattendorf, and Louis Hennig.

Everybody seems to be traveling these days, even the lower species of animal life. Take lizards, for instance. One was found recently, crawling up the leg of Mr. Adam's desk in room 310. It was caught by Carol Stockenberg.

The lizard and his mate had apparently become tired of their confinement in the biology room and had crawled out of their cage. Ferol Kent had brought the lizards to Carol Stockenberg as a present, from Florida. Carol gave them to Mr. Hussey for safe-keeping.

P.S. The other lizard is still roaming the halls of Nilehi!

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Club Flush

"The Royal Game of Kings" has come to Nilehi recently with the formation of a chess club. According to Mr. George Adams, sponsor, 30 Nilehi students came out for the first meeting last January 4.

The meetings are every Tuesday and Thursday in the cafeteria. Even if you are just a beginner, you are welcome to come and learn, according to Mr. Adams.

Four wins and no losses was the record chalked up by the Niles Hi-Y basketball team which entered the tournament held at the Evanston YMCA during Christmas vacation. The only other team also to come out undefeated was the Mitchell team of Evanston.

The Nilehi boys doubled the score on three opponents and tripled the score on the fourth.

Those who played in the tournament are seniors Bob Hicks, Bill Grafke, Ward Nipper, Bob Peterson, Don Brod, Dean Whitton, Al Haut, and Roy Nelson.

The coal mine was one of the many exhibits that the "See Chicago" Club observed when they visited the Museum of Science and Industry in an all-day trip last Saturday, January 15.

Ed Archibald, senior, presented a magic show to the Ni-Hi-Sci club members January 14. It was unusual in that there were no slight of hand tricks.

Lindahl and Provost, Two Top Tankmen on Nilehi's Swim Team Tell Likes and Dislikes

By Angie Vosnos

Have you ever noticed with what graceful ease Bob Lindahl, Nilehi junior, seems to glide through the pool to break school swim records and score victoriously for Niles?

Well, if you have, you'll probably be surprised to learn that Bob knew nothing about swimming when he entered as a freshman. It was here he learned how to swim and began to take such an active interest in the sport. He accredits all his skill to Mr. Anton Schubert, swimming instructor, who has coached him since his entrance.

Among the many school swim records Bob has broken are the Varsity 50-yard free style, 100-yard free style, the free style relay, and Junior Varsity medley relay.

Besides swimming, Bob enjoys building model airplanes. He likes trigonometry, chemistry, and the kids at Nilehi—Ann Morrison in particular.

His favorite food is spaghetti and meatballs. The only pet peeve he has is girls who drink and smoke.

After high school, Bob plans to join the Navy. Following this, he thinks he will probably settle down, find a good job, and get married.

Freshmen Display Talent In Recent Hobby Assembly

Here comes Tizzy! With her saucy blonde pigtailed, and her dad's shirt hanging down over her jeans, she's a typical teen-ager.

"There's only one thing wrong," says Jack Kirkby; "she's pigeon-toed. Maybe I could switch her feet."

"Speaking about switching," says Jerry Betts, "I'm having a terrible time switching the Northwestern Railroad, because it's left-handed."

What's all this about? Well, Tizzy is a puppet, and Jerry's left-handed train is one of his collection of model railroads. This all took place at the frosh hobby assembly, Thursday morning, January 13.

Fred Rother told about his hobby, which is stuffing—not turkeys, but wild animals. Bob Johnson (alias Rembrandt) showed some pictures that he had painted in oils. A fellow artist, Ray Logothetti, did some sketching, and Lorna Albert told about her hobby of textile painting.

What has happened to this year's elevator passes? These passes are annually sold to frosh and new students, but this year the sales have become practically nil.

From all reports, the elevator is still functioning between the third and fourth floors!

By Lois Lenberg

Shy? No, sir! That word doesn't fit Dick Provost, Number One diver on the Nilehi swimming team. In fact, it isn't even in his vocabulary!

Dick's hazel eyes really light up when he sees his favorite meal of ham, mashed potatoes, asparagus, milk, and chocolate cake, not to mention the effect long-haired, blue-eyed brunettes have on him.

His idea of an ideal date is to go to a dance—school or otherwise.

He dislikes girls who drink, long skirts and boys who depend on other boys to get dates for them. His favorite sport, of course, is swimming, but he also wishes that there were a course in tumbling at Niles.

Dick considers his winning third in the preliminaries of the downstate contest last year the greatest honor of his high school career.

Although his secret ambition is to drive race cars or jet-propelled planes, his plans for the future include attending Eastern State Teachers' College to become a physical education teacher. At the present time he is a member of the Naval Air Reserve.

This 'n' That - Nilehilite Poll Shows Ideal Senior Boy, Girl

The senior girls' 5-6 period swim class had a short style show on Monday, January 10. Charlotte Dressel had been chosen by Carrie Schoening, matron, to try out a new red tank suit. Charlotte paraded out to the end of the diving board and did a real model's pivot while the entire class sang "Lovely to Look At!"

At a holiday slumber party given by Carole Briggs, two pair of boots were left. Only one pair's owner was found, however. After berating everyone for not knowing her own boots, Carole discovered the owner—C. Briggs!

Jeannelee Eckardt, senior, will join the entertainment world when she graduates next week, by becoming a member of the Abbott Dancers.

Lee will do ballet, acrobatics, tap, and toe dancing with this group at the Empire Room of the Palmer House. Practicing is tiring, but well worth the effort, Lee says.

Welcoming his physics students back after the Christmas vacation, Mr. Carl Burgener gave out an assignment due June 1. Each student has a project of his own choice. Projects have varied in recent years from collections of spark plugs to a working model of an electric motor.

Reporter Records Typical Repartee

"Let's move on. What do you think this is—3:11?"

"Can I have a bite of your sandwich?"

"Hi, honey!"

"Nancy, did he call you last night?"

"Only fourth period Can I live through the day?"

This chatter sounds familiar, doesn't it? It should, if you are listening as well as looking while walking down the halls of Nilehi.

Monday is probably the most "talkative" of all days. The conversation always covers events from the previous Friday afternoon to early Monday morning. This is what you might hear:

"Yawn...sigh...what a weekend!"

"Boy, you sure played a good game Friday night."

"I spent all Saturday at the library and still couldn't find the answer."

"And then I said to her..."

Friday runs a close second as a "talk" day, and the chatter runs something like this:

"Are you going to the game?"

"Well, it just so happens I don't have anything else planned for tonight."

"No, I can't get the car, but I'll pick you up on my motor scooter at eight."

"Do the NILEHILITES come out today?"

"So long...see ya Monday!"

"I wonder who is the swooniest senior?" has this question ever entered your mind? Well, it has now. One person just doesn't seem to fill all qualifications, so by breaking them up into pieces, we have the following results:

Hair	Phyllis Yates
	Don Siegel
Eyes	Marlys Lawrence
	Bill Grafke
Speaking voice ..	Angela Vosmos
	Ed Beebe
Smile	Marilyn Zohm
	Dennis Joyce
Height	Nancy Newton
	Jesse Porter
Figure.....	Karen Southworth
Build	Ralph Walberg
Sense of humor..	Carol Stockenberg
	Bill Graefen

Some seniors have other outstanding qualities, such as...

Most popular	Dona Korsmo
	Tom Black
Neatest dresser ..	Bernie Linnig
	Jack Heurlin
Friendliest	Kaye Jaeger
	Bill Mickey
Best dancer	Lee Echardt
	Frank De Vitto
Prettiest	Anne Juul
Handsomest	Carl Bjorkdahl

A full coated red fox is Ronald Roth's Christmas hunting quota. Red Fox is now lying in Mr. George Roth's general science room, having been stuffed by Ronald's brother, Fred. Both boys are in the freshman general science class.

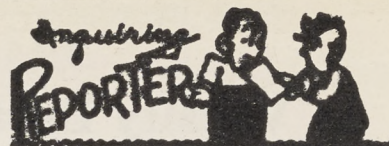
Sally Lutkehous, former student at Nilehi, and now a junior at Arlington High School, is furthering her bowling record by leading the girls at Arlington with a 148 average!

Even teachers get mixed up at times, as proved by Mr. Ihne in his world history class recently. While discussing the great men of science, Mr. Ihne casually mentioned Frankenstein among them. He insisted later that he had really meant the famous Einstein, however.

Jean Artelt, senior business machine student, is all set for graduation.

During Christmas vacation Jean became a licensed dictaphone operator by passing a proficiency test at a dictaphone school in the loop. The applicant must write 120 lines an hour, and all work must be mailable.

Did you come across a familiar picture in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE lately? If so, it was probably that of Miss Florence Butler, home economics teacher. Miss Butler was shown demonstrating one of the many uses of a new wax paper product for kitchen use.



This week the NILEHILITE staff asked a question which brought many sheepish looks as well as many smiles. The question: "What New Year's resolution have you made that you've already broken?"

Donita Yost, senior: Swearing. I had to when I dropped a plate of hot fudge upside-down on the floor.

Ron McLeod, sophomore: Detentions. Carol Enke, junior: I wouldn't say "it's a panic!", so now I say "it's a riot!"

Marilynn Nicklas, sophomore: I kissed him.

Bartella Schulz, senior: I've broken so many I can't keep track of them.

Frank McNeill, senior: I knew I would break them so I didn't make any.

Harold Nelson, senior: Getting home early in the morning.

Bob Jaeger, junior: Get "A's" in all my tests.

Jean Goodrich, junior: Eating my lunch before lunch time.

John Ahrens, senior: To give up women—so now I'm going steady.

Carol Elger, sophomore: To keep on my diet, but I get awfully hungry between classes.

Carol Proesel, senior: Stop putting wooden nickels in pay telephones.

Ellie Krueger, senior: Not to laugh so much.

Gloria Giles, senior: To stop putting dents in my father's car.

Tom Black, senior: That we would win the rest of the basketball games and we sure broke that.

Vivid Imagination Needed To Associate These Pairs

After a while Nilehiers come to associate certain people with certain things. Here are a few things and people that don't seem to jibe. For instance, can you imagine:

A slumber party with sleep?

Ed Beebe getting a low grade?

Don Carlson without Cathie McCabe?

Paul Jorgesen a mere 6' 4"?

Everyone liking his yearbook picture?

All the fellas dressed up just because they want to be?

Bob Witte with straight blond hair?

No girls having a crush on Tommy Black?

Jesse Porter without a smile?

All the seniors graduating?

Mr. Betts a staunch Democrat?

Lenny Lange without a girl?

"Peanuts" Fruend and Tom Cleary in charge of study halls?

Angie Vosnos voted "Girl Athlete of the Year?"

Bill Mickey a dancer with the Ballet Russe?

"Red" Siegel with dark hair?

Bill Bruce leading Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra?

Geri Dodge with short hair?

1948-49 Varsity Basketball Team



TOP ROW: BOB PETERSON, MANAGER; AL HAUT, ED BEEBE, BILL LEEMING, JESSE PORTER, RALPH BRUCK, DICK SHILEY, AND ROBERT MACKEY, COACH.
BOTTOM ROW: DON SIEGEL, OSCAR FRANSON, MARTIN SEIDLER, BOB WITTE, TOM BLACK.

Mermen Down Maine; Swamp Amundsen, 52-19

The Nilehi varsity swimming team defeated both Maine Township High School on Tuesday, December 14, 36-30, and Amundsen on January 11, 52-19.

Bob Lindahl set a new school record of 58.5 seconds in the 100-yard free style in the Amundsen meet.

The frosh tankmen also defeated Maine on December 14 by a score of 45-10. The Trojans took four first places. The Trojan frosh-soph swimmers were defeated by Maine, 38-19. However, they fared better at home on January 11, defeating Amundsen 34-31.

The mermen will meet the Maine swimmers on January 25, at Niles, 7:30 p.m., according to Coach Anton Schubert.

Niles Township High School will be hosts at a Freshman Invitational Swimming Meet to be held Saturday, January 22, at Niles. The finals will be held Saturday evening.

A Lettermans Club is being organized in the school. It is to be made up of any eligible major-letter winners.

Tonight's Problem: Can They Solve It?

Bee—e	—ruck
Si—gel	H—urlin
W—lberg	B—ack
Por—er	—arsity
	W—tte
	Sei—ler
	Le—ming
	B—ei
	Shil—y

Three New Teams Toughen Cage Schedule

Three new teams on the Nilehi varsity basketball schedule should provide stiff competition in the Trojan's next three games. Mooseheart High School and Belvidere will meet the cagers in home games on January 28 and January 21, respectively, while the Trojans travel to DeKalb High School on January 20.

Mooseheart High School, 40 miles west of Chicago, has an enrollment of 325 students, all boys. Their "Red Ramblers" have won seven games and lost five so far this season.

Belvidere High School of Belvidere Illinois, a school of 500 students, has played one of the toughest schedules in the state, meeting such teams as Elgin Dundee, Champaign, Peoria, and East and West Rockford. So far this season the Bucs have a record of four games won and nine lost.

DeKalb High School, one of the most formidable opponents the Trojans will meet this season has an undefeated record of 12 won and none lost. The "Barbs" from DeKalb, who were rated the number six team in the state by the Associated Press, play most of their games in the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College gym. DeKalb won their own holiday tourney in which Nilehi was entered, but is a comparatively small school of 590 students.

*Niles vs. Belvidere
Tonight - 7:15 p.m.*

Cagers Down Taft; Lose in Tournament

The Trojan varsity basketball team broke into the win column defeating Taft High School of Chicago, 38-35, at Niles on Friday, December 17.

The lead changed hands often in the game, and Taft led 17 to 14 at the half.

The Trojans led 25-23 at the end of the third quarter and maintained their three point lead to win.

In the first game of the twin bill the Trojan junior-soph team lost to Taft, 35-32.

Playing in the DeKalb Christmas tournament, the varsity dropped a close one to Arlington Heights, 47-44. The Trojans' missed 14 free throws and the margin proved costly. Porter led Niles in scoring with 19 points.

On January 5, at Niles, both the freshman and junior Trojan cagers fell to the sharpshooting Evanston quintets, 43-25 and 30-21, respectively.

The Trojan varsity dropped an overtime game with Arlington Heights by a score of 36-35 at Arlington on Friday, January 7. The sophomore team also lost 42-27.

On Saturday, January 8, the Trojans dropped another close one to East Aurora by a score of 51-49 at Niles. The sophs lost in the preliminary, 43-29.

Varsity 44, H. P. 45 Sophs 35, Highland Pk. 30

Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

The opening of the new year will bring several changes to the Nilehi Glamazons. The basketball tourney is in its last stages. Volley-ball will be the next class sport.

Swimming

Water polo is adding a wee bit of excitement to the girl's swim periods. It gets so exciting no one thinks of keeping her hair dry(?)

Home Nursing

Seniors will be able to take advantage of the Red Cross Home Nursing course again this year. One day a week will be set aside in the second semester, but which day it will be hasn't been decided as yet.

Bits from G.A.A.

Plans for formal initiation were discussed at a mass meeting of the G.A.A. January 13. Only girls who have earned at least 50 points will be accepted.

A Basket?

Sandy Ravencroft, senior, became quite confused during a basketball game in the 5-6 period. She hurriedly threw the ball backwards, making a basket for the other team.