

# NILEHI LITE

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## New Choir to Go to WMAQ

Keeping up the custom of the last years, the school choir has had an invitation to perform on the High School Studio Party early this year.

The representative from Station WMAQ has asked the choir to appear on the program early in November.

In past years, the choir has been asked to perform for various organizations in the community, and for almost all school programs. The high points of the year for the choir are the Christmas and Spring Concerts, and the commencement exercises.

The students who will sing in the choir this year are:

Audrey Brown, Leota Harper, Joan Cutsler, Peggy McNeill, Dorothy Gustafsen, Arline Madsen, Laura Breckenridge, Grace Nelson, Evanne Thomas, Marie Stritch, Patty Todd, Gerry Thulstrup, Hildegard Jarosch, and Rosemary Meyer.

Zenon Turski, Bill Gohl, Mike Hermes, Paul Hoppe, Daniel Mack, Bill Nissen, and Gordon Peterson.

## Freshmen Class Lead By Girls in Frosh Test

Home Room 308 won the Freshmen Room contest to determine the highest percentage of knowledge of the student bulletin. They had the score of 77.8% which is not bad for Freshmen. The second highest Home Room 108 had 77.7% and Home Room 106 rolled up a percentage of 71.8%. The scores were all equally distributed; the lowest percentage was Home Room 110 with 67%.

There were seven of the pupils with perfect scores. They were: Marion Shubert 212, Marion McClaim 212, Ethedred Girten 214, Dolores Mohrbacher 108, Arlene Chastain 308, Lorie Milicke 308, and Alison Ash 211.

Variety was given the tests by the Freshman illustrating 54 different ways to spell courtesy. In their tests the word was spelled all the way from courtsecy to certlosy. The upper classmen think the Freshmen were courteous to even attempt courtesey? Cortsey? ???



## Freshmen Class Tops Enrollment

Nilehi Freshmen again lead the student enrollment with a total of 263, followed by 238 juniors, 227 sophomores, 168 seniors, which is an increase of 18 over the 1942 graduating class, and 3 post graduates. This brings the total enrollment to a new mark of 889, a 97 increase of last year.

The long and short of the freshmen this season is Jim Ehmer who stands six feet two and one half inches and tips the scale at 240.

Dick Buchen reaches four feet eight inches, barely tipping the scale at 76 pounds.

Marjorie Lange, junior, tops the girls at six feet and down the line is Bernadette Creaney, a tot of four feet three and one-fourth inches.

## With Sympathy

The school extends its sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Biehn on the loss of Mr. T. A. Wilmore, Mrs. Biehn's father.

## New Principal Wants to Know All Students

Students, take notice: Dr. A. L. Biehn, the new principal at Nilehi, recently declared that he was anxious to meet the high school students. "I want them to speak to me wherever we meet," he said. However, "students should remember that there is just one of me, but many of them," he continued. So, if he should not call every student by name, this fact should be recalled.

Dr. Biehn received his Ph. D. at the University of Nebraska. He has also studied at the University of Wisconsin, the Kansas State College, and the Peru State Teachers College.

He was principal at the high school in Fairbury, Nebraska for six years before coming to Niles Township high school. Previous to obtaining the principalship he was the high school athletic coach. He also taught history and physical education.

The fact that he was an athletic coach brings up the matter of his hobbies. These, as does his last name, all begin with "b." He classifies them as "the four b's." They include balls, which, in this case, is any game played with a ball; boys; beauty; and books, especially biography (another b).

The new "beacon" of Nilehi was president of both the Kiwanis Club in Fairbury, and the Nebraska State Teachers Association, which includes teachers of the entire state.

His family is composed of but two: his wife and his twelve year old son, who is now in seventh grade. His boy accounts for the fact that the younger members of the masculine sex rate his hobby list.

Dr. Biehn also pointed out that he is "not going to be the kind of principal who shuts himself in the office." He wants to know and like Nilehi.

## NTHS Alumni Direct Summer Drama Group

This summer a few Thespians more diligent than the rest in Niles Township continued their study of drama by attending the Little Theater Group. This group was divided into several smaller groups under the direction of the more experienced actors from years gone by.

Two of these groups, of high school age, were supervised by Bill Stevens and Bob Harms. A third group composed of younger people was directed by "Mardy" McKeever.



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## Editorial

It seems that women are not the only members of the human race capable of changing their minds in a split second. Freshmen here at Nilehi, both male and female, have found that it is extremely interesting not only to change their minds, but their classes as well. But I must remind the "kindergarten" of this fact: a freshman can not merely step into a senior class and call it square. Nor can he rearrange his program without reporting said intention to the office.

However, many of you freshmen have apparently incorrectly understood that this was the accepted procedure at Nilehi. Many of the lowly creatures have been seen, some calmly and some wildly, stalking into sophomore, and even senior classes just as the tardy bell rings. Freshmen, that is no way to behave! "It will only lead to bloodshed."

To tell the truth, I must confess, you have improved. Yes—you at least know where your lockers are and that the stairs do not work as escalators do. We, the upper classmen, now accept and welcome you as our colleagues, though in most respects, you are still lost.

You have truly been grand, and we hope you will enjoy your "internment" at Nilehi as much as we have. And, in your moments of distress, always remember one more fact: seniors are always willing to direct you to the nearest elevator.

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This is to introduce a brand new feature, a gossip column. Never having had such a column before — (ha ha) we shall hereby state our policy: No one dealt with unwillingly, unjustly, or unknowingly. Most important: no one's feelings will be considered. Doesn't that make you happy? We thought it would. Our motto: LOOK — LISTEN — WRITE — PUBLISH. Look out, here we go.

In this secluded little corner we meet the cringing freshman and ask "How do you like high school?" Isn't that original? No it isn't, but the replies are:

PAT PRICE, Lincoln (Brunette)

'Oh boy!' (We think she probably means 'Wow, boys!')

JOHN KOKUM, also Lincoln.

'It's O.K. The work? All right. Athletics? Fine. The building? Big. The a—(ahem) girls? Now you're talking.' (P.S. Better keep your eye on Sandra, John. Competition you know.)

ANN McKEEVER, Cleveland.

'Oh, just fine. Locker on third floor. No classes on third floor. Up—down, up—down. Just fine.' (Just between the three of us, she surely is a fast worker, or is it Hegarty? Ask Pete, he knows.)

DICK SWANSON, Lincoln.

(Puff — Puff) 'Very good' (puff) 'First period third floor' (puff) 'Second period, basement' (puff) 'Third period, second floor' (puff) and so we leave little Richard — puffing into the night. Will he recover? Tune in tomorrow and find out . . .

## ODE TO A CLOCK

The periods our clocks do regulate.

If you're not on time, you're counted late.

But, so far this year, they do not work.

So take your time, you little jerk.

Looks like we have another 'Ray Nelson - Tommy Davidson' act this year in big Jim Ehmer, six foot, infinity inches, and little Jerry Burke, three feet, minus inches.

Who will it be next year? . . . Someone told us that a good way to make "Tootsie" Nachbauer mad is to call her "freshie." That's alright "Toots," we were all like that . . .

Seen Here and There. Strange, new animals, called freshman, trying to find lockers, room numbers, etc. Clarence Hacker, did you find the elevator yet?



## Faculty Corner

### A Challenge To Youth

On the battlefronts, in the factories and in the schools of America, patriotism demands personal sacrifice and suffering to guarantee our freedom of mind, body, and conscience. High school boys and girls can do their part by directing their energy toward worthwhile goals; getting pleasure out of aiding in the cause for which our fighting men are giving their lives. Seriousness toward school work by high school pupils is expected, just as it is of those who are in our armed forces or in our factories. Youth of America, this is your opportunity to accept the challenge and to prove that the youth of this great land are ready and willing to forgo the fancies of your age and to get pleasure from playing the part of more mature citizens. "Seriousness toward our daily tasks" could well become the watchwords of high school youth for the duration.

—A.L.B.

## Freshmen Lament

Everyone is asking every freshman they know,

How'd you like high school?

How'd your first day go?

Well here's my answer where everyone can see;

It includes too much walking to ever suit me.

You walk to school — no bus transportation.

You walk to classes — no escalator.

You walk at lunch time — there are no waiters;

They don't even provide an elevator.

Now I don't mind walking if it's the time and the place.

But going to high school is one long race.

Just cut down on walking and this would be

The world's best high school

And the high school for me.

Anne Nonymous

After hearing Dr. Biehn speak of gallantry to the "little ones," we heard of this: Every day at the beginning of 4th period, four or five girls come into Trig. 17, room 310, and borrow chairs. Well, with 93% boys in that class, one would think the girls wouldn't have to carry the chairs. But no. What do the boys do? They sit back and whistle and watch! Shame Mr. Lienhard — Dick Boyd — Warren Donarski — Danny Dever — and of all people Edwin (Emily Post) Allbright! . . .

Tank You.



## New teachers here like NileHi spirit

Nilehi students welcomed eight new teachers for the 1942-43 year. They are Mr. Wilbur Blanke, English and journalism; Miss Florence Harrison, general science; Mr. Ardin Larson, work shop and general math; Miss Frieda Ellerbrake, English; Miss Doris Sayre, English; Miss Ada Immel, shorthand and business training; Miss Margaret de Booy, algebra and general math; and Mr. Jesse Dees, geography and United States history.

Mr. Blanke said, when asked his opinion of the school, "It is the best organized and equipped of any school in which I have ever taught." Mr. Blanke got his A.M. at the University of Chicago.

Miss Harrison hails from Milbank, South Dakota. She says that the co-operation between teachers and students is wonderful. The University of Wisconsin granted her a master's degree.

The Great Lakes Naval Training Station lost their general math teacher when N. T. H. S. got Mr. Larson. His B.S. came from Stout Institute, he went to Northwestern University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He allows that Nilehi compares most favorably with any place he has ever taught.

The University of Southern California awarded Miss Ellerbrake her A.M. degree. She likes the school very much and thinks that the students are grand.

"I like it fine," is what Miss Sayre, who has an A.M. from the University of Illinois, said when asked her honest impression.

"Very favorably impressed," stated Miss Immel, who has an M.A. from the University of Iowa. She also did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Miss de Booy, who has a B.S. from Northwestern University and an M.A. from Columbia University, foretold of the school's students the following: "Surely they will play a major role in the solution of the world's great problems both today and tomorrow."

"I think anyone who has the privilege of going to N. T. H. S. is just plain lucky! Anyway, I'm glad to be here!" exclaimed Mr. Dees, 1937 high point man in his school. Coach Dees got an A.B. from Illinois Wesleyan University and an M.A. from Northwestern University. He got letters in track and participated in other sports. He also attended the University of Illinois and the University of Indiana.

## Aviation Course Interests Future Flyers: Enroll 26

### Freshies Read Dog Gone Good Yarns

No, the Misses Lucille and Marjorie Ronalds are not twins. Although we all I guess were guilty of mistaking them so at one time, but regardless we are certain of one thing they are very much alike, and after you hear this you will be more than certain.

Both of the sisters are teaching freshmen English, and since the beginning of school have had their English "prodigy's" reading dog stories. Both also have bulletin boards containing the covers of books about dogs. (You dog lovers mosey over and take a gander.)

(All this and pictures TOO!)

The next thing they will sink their teeth into is the short story and the short story writer. Well, it's a dog's life, freshmen. I know! DOG-GONE IT!!

### School Year Over But Band Plays On

Last June when examinations were completed and students awakened to the happy realization that another school year had worn itself away, most of them turned their backs on school activities to seek new diversions and to rest their weary brains. By June 5th dear old Nilehi was seemingly deserted. Its rooms were empty and a melancholy silence crept through its corridors. But suddenly there was — music!

The band alone had remained to keep alive the spirit of the gold and blue. For the first time in the history of this organization summer rehearsals were held and public appearances were also made on two occasions.

On the evening of July 4th the band made its second summer appearance playing a concert at the Skokie Day celebration where twirling exhibitions were given by Annaliese Nachbauer and Bernice Franson. The concert was well received and the band was rewarded with a donation from the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. This money has been put in a special fund to provide music, uniforms, or other necessary equipment for the band.

With a busy summer completed, playing membership now numbers fifty-seven of which only fifty will be used until more uniforms are obtained.

N.T.H.S. is now helping to produce the future aviators and mechanics of our armed forces. Through the newly inaugurated aeronautics class, under the direction of Mr. Dean W. Flagg, Junior and Senior boys are learning basic information which will reduce the time necessary for Army or Navy instruction of a prospective flyer.

Not only is the type of class new but the method of instruction is also different. The class is conducted as a lecture with each student making a report on the assigned subject. While the discussion is in progress, notes are taken by the class for later references.

As yet the nearest thing to an airplane which has been submitted for class study is air-minded Fred Epton's gas model. This may be all right for study of the fundamental parts, but beyond that the resemblance ends, so at a later date the class plans to visit airports where airplanes might be studied more readily. Mr. Harry Hienz of Skokie has agreed to let the class examine his private plane, and also tell something about the highly complex airplane motor.

### Wright Begins Work As New Head Janitor

Man wanted on the first floor; wanted on the second floor; wanted in the wing. Height 5 ft. 8 in. Weight 175 lbs. Eyes brown. Hair dark. Was last seen heading North with murder in his eyes and a screw driver in his hip pocket. Have you seen a man answering this description? Well, of course you have, for he's none other than our chief engineer, Mr. Wright. The new custodian of Nilehi is the successor to Mr. Mercatoris, and he hails from the University of Chicago where six buildings were his responsibility.

At the present time, however, Mr. Wright is centering all his attention on one building, and he is asking for the help and cooperation of every student to keep things running smoothly. His opinion of the school as a whole is very favorable, but he says he has already discovered that Nilehi has an exuberant number of gum fanciers who lack the proper knowledge of where to discard the object of their affection, as well as a host of fresh air fiends who go about propping all the doors open. What could he possibly mean?



## Veni, vidi, vici



Front row, left to right: Carroll, Rieland, Kuhn, Boufford, Dean, Denley, Canty.  
Back row: Weldon, Krupa, Harrer, Kuhn.

## Trojans cope with Leyden

This afternoon, the Leyden Township high school football team will be out for Trojan scalps, due to the beating they received from us last year. They were tough last year and to all reports are tougher this year than ever. According to Coach Isaacson's report the probable lineup for this game will be: Paulsen or Dean at center, Boufford and Kitteredge at guard, Rieland and Kuhn at tackle, Carroll and Glauner at ends, Weldon at quarterback, Biegert and Harrer at halfback, and Gagliardo at fullback.

Friday before last saw Nilehi's Varsity football team pitted against the Evanston team who seemed to have trouble getting their hands on the ball. The final score was 26 to 6.

However, the prospects for this season are unpredictable, according to Coach Isaacson. On the deficit side of the ledger we find that two tried and true veterans, both major letter winners, Jim Rau and Ed Krupa, have been forced to give up football. Coaches Isaacson and Kent had been counting heavily on them to help support a new formation, for which the Evanston game furnished a tryout.

One major difficulty this year has been to get enough practice time. Most of the players held down jobs until school began and were thus unable to show up for pre-school training. The team as a whole therefore, has had less than three weeks to train.

The point of all this explanation is that our team will need all the help you fans can give them, so com'on out. We'll be seeing you there.

## Coaches see cadets train for air force

"They certainly are tough. Yessir. As a matter of fact, after what we saw, we feel confident that the Japs and Germans will be facing the best, toughest, and cagiest aviators in the world."

That's the way Mr. Isaacson and Mr. Galitz feel, having just completed a trip this summer to the Naval pre-flight school at Iowa City, Iowa. At this pre-flight school there are 14,000 naval cadets and 150 officers.

If any of you fellows think that the Physical Ed training here in high school is tough, just look at what these cadets have to do every day.

Besides their regular pre-flight training — that is, trigonometry, flight theories, geography, navigation, etc. — they are required to spend 8 hours a day of programatic physical work. Included in this program are drills, calisthenics, and sports such as football, basketball, boxing, wrestling, soccer, touch-football, military track, and hand to hand fighting. After several months of swim training, all cadets are also required to swim five miles without rest.

After three months of this, the cadets are moved to a primary flying base, like Curtis Airport. Here they are given flying experience for three months and then moved on to a secondary base like Pensacola. From these bases, of course, they are sent to the battle arenas of the globe.

"The whole program stresses strength, endurance, agility, and com-

## Girls Sports

Splash! There goes senior Gerry Deily, girls' synchronized swimming captain, getting the 1942-43 swimming season off to a good start. Representing the boys is James Moore, sophomore. Making up this year's teams we find: Carole Ellis, Dagmar Franson, Pat Harms, Jeanne Nelson, Evanne Thomas, Gerry Thulstrup, Connie Kohtz, Marion McClain, Betty Bray, Joan Briggs, Myrl Callmer, Dolores Chapman, Charlotte Einhaus, Betty Farr, Beverly Kramer, Lorraine Weller, Sally Fjellman, Helen Kuehne, Dortehea Wolcott, Mae Kennedy, Don Lyon, Thomas Davidson, and Joe Weber. Miss Mildred Schaefer, girls' athletic instructor, announces enrollment in these classes is still open and any upperclassman wishing to belong to either the Wednesday or Friday class should see her immediately.

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Rah! Rah! Rah! With this year's cheer-leading squad we should have a one hundred per cent turn out at the games. The girls chosen to lead the **Trojans to another year of victory** are: Betty Burns, Betty Farr, Marilyn Hynes, Lois Jaycox, Nancy Cutes, June Ohlson, Captain and Grace Nelson for the varsity squad. Marilyn Burns, Barbara Horton, Ann McKeever, Charmayne Neutz, Ann Schirra, and Betty Weldon will be the junior varsity leaders.

bative spirit," says Mr. Isaacson. "This year's physical education program has been designed to prepare our boys for this type of training."