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Clothing Class in Step For Style Show Tonight

Friday the thirteenth will prove to be a lucky day for those who attend "Fashion Steps," the 1949 style show, to be held in the boys' gym tonight at 8 o'clock.

This annual show, under the direction of Miss Alice Line, instructor, is the final exam for the girls of the clothing class. The script was written by the girls themselves.

Those on the committees are: scene 1—Charlotte Dressel, Marilyn Birkenmeier, Dona Korsmo; scene 2—Ardyth Ball, Marilyn Carlson, Jane Nymark; scene 3—Marie Halbrendt, Joan Merites, Dorothy Campbell; scene 4—Lois Juul, Shirley Timberg, Jean Kelly. Beatrice Bornemeier will act as narrator.

'Green Vine' Cast Is Ready For May 21, 22 Presentation

The new all-school play, "The Green Vine," will be given on May 21 and 22 in Nilehi's assembly room. The play is one seldom attempted by high-school students, according to Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatics teacher and play director.

The stage set is to be built by the students of the dramatics classes. The play is an emotional study which will require much of the hard work and talents of the participating students, according to Miss Stemp. Although it is highly dramatic there are some characters which add high-lights of satirical humor.

The cast of characters, in order of their appearance: Cousin George, played by Armin Watkins; Myrtle Brand Kenan by Phyllis Yates; Tom Brand Powers, Thomas Robb; Peter Brand, Jack Brown; Mary Brand Tennant, Angie Vosnos; Peggy Brand Mason, Nancy Thiell; Geoffrey Cannon, Philip Nymark; Mrs. Birdie Fuller, Kaye Jaeger; Massalina, Marilyn Corduan; and Japhet Twilliger, Thomas Madden.

Six Schools Organized First Suburban League

Historically speaking, the Suburban League was organized in 1928. The schools participating in the new league were Deerfield-Shields, Evanston, Morton, New Trier, Oak Park, River Forest, and Proviso.

J. Sterling Morton High School dropped from the league in March, 1933, but was re-admitted in December of 1934.

Waukegan became a member of the league in 1934. Deerfield - Shields changed its name to Highland Park High School in 1936. Highland Park dropped from the league in 1943 only to be re-admitted in 1946.

Thornton Township High School was the next member to join in 1946. She remained a member until this year.

Nilehi Joins Suburban League

Plans Laid for Graduating Exercises of 220 Seniors

Once again Niles Township High School is going to lose something that has been with her for four years—the senior class.

Yes, on June 16, approximately 220 students will graduate from Nilehi, leaving behind a record of achievement, advancement, and good citizenship.

According to Dr. A. L. Biehn, superintendent, the speaker at the commencement exercises will be Bergen Evans, author and professor of English at Northwestern University.

Another outstanding feature of the 1949 graduation exercises lies in the fact that Armin Watkins, Nilehi senior who is now a professional pianist and violinist, is going to play on the piano the First Movement of the "Sonata in D Minor" by Beethoven.

The exercises will begin at 8 p.m., and the seating on the main floor will be reserved until this time. Each graduate has been limited to the number of tickets to which he is entitled, probably four. Seating in the balcony of the gymnasium will not be reserved at any time.

One of the most awaited events of the day will take place in the morning at 3:30, the senior breakfast. At this breakfast, awards of high honor are given, such as the Phi Beta Kappa key to the scholastically outstanding boy and girl, the Hi-Y Scholarship Award, and the honor pins and certificates.

Plan Annual '60' Banquet For Seniors on June 2

Approximately 60 Niles Township High School seniors will be honored next month, June 2, at a banquet sponsored by the Board of Education of Niles Township.

This banquet has been a regular annual affair with the board for the past few years.

The problem of selecting the limited number of seniors to be invited has been the task of three school bodies.

Number one basis for selection of the recommended candidates was made on the number and quality of the activities participated in by each member of the senior class. These activities lists were put to the judgment of the Senior Cabinet, and then were turned over to a committee composed of the class advisers and the superintendent—Miss Marie Green, Mr. Marvin H. Ihne, Miss Margaret deBooy, Mr. Harold Ohlson, and Dr. A. L. Biehn.

Vacancy When Thornton Quits; League Play Begins in '50

By Ed Beebe

Ten years is not a very long time, but Niles Township High School, in its tenth full year of existence, has been accepted officially as a member of the Suburban League, according to Dr. A. L. Biehn, superintendent.

The league consists of some of the most outstanding high schools in the country: New Trier, Highland Park, Evanston, Proviso, Oak Park, Morton, Waukegan, and now, Niles.

According to Dr. Biehn, there is a great deal more to the entrance and participation in this league than athletics. The member schools meet frequently and exchange ideas on school policy. The various departments of the schools, such as sciences or English, hold meetings and discuss new ideas or changes. The advantages to be gained in all fields in the new league are tremendous, he points out.

The league was reduced to seven members when Thornton Township High School of Harvey withdrew because of its geographical location, though the school immediately applied to be reinstated. This left the number-eight spot open and Nilehi was accepted.

In athletics, Nilehi will probably play its first full league schedule in baseball in 1950. The schedule will be opened to the Trojans that year. The Nilehi athletic program will be bolstered decidedly. The hiring of additional coaches has been approved by the Board of Education.

Dr. Biehn feels that many of the elementary schools in the area will go seriously into competitive sports because of Nilehi's new conference affiliations. This effort should reflect greatly on future high school athletics, for the competition will be keener in the Suburban League.

"To be accepted with equal status by the members of the Suburban League is an honor of the highest rank. It is a tribute to the community for its willingness to support a high school such as Niles Township Community High School. It is complimentary to the sportsmanship and character of our students. It is evidence of the esteem for our faculty and coaches. I am confident that those who have helped N.T.H.S. achieve this distinction will be the source of whatever it takes to make our school worthy of its selection," says Dr. Biehn.

SENIOR COLUMN

By Marilyn Lee and June Sprungman
Ed Archibald and Bill Van Horne have been awarded scholarships to De Paul University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

These scholarships were earned by their work in the competitive examination held at De Paul on April 9. Ed received first place honors and Bill took second place honors.

Another winner is Audrey Nordlof, who received a scholarship to the School of Liberal Arts at Northwestern University. Audrey took her exam on April 16 at the university.

Dean Whitton and Fred Gatter, who were recently selected as candidates for Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarships, received letters of congratulations from Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois.

In his letter Senator Douglas said, "It is a splendid achievement, and I am sure that this educational opportunity will mean much both to you and to our country."

The song "Far Away Places" would seem to apply to senior Roy Nelson. The whole Nelson family will leave for Sweden on June 4 where they will spend the summer. Roy says that he may decide to stay next winter as well, if he likes it.

Although Roy will not be able to participate in commencement exercises on June 16, he will take his exams on Friday, June 3, and will be sent his grades and diploma, according to Mr. Ohlson.

Seniors Charlotte, Bill, Dorothy, and Sharon all have at least one thing in common: the last name, Campbell.

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Nilehi Students Inspect State Institutions; Report Varying Conditions and Improvements

Have you ever wondered what the institutions in our state are doing to solve social problems? Some of the seniors in Miss Grace Harbert's problems 8 classes have, and for special projects they recently visited many social institutions in and around Chicago.

Dunning

Nancy Thiell and Charlotte Dressel went on a tour through the Chicago State Hospital, formerly known as Dunning, and found it to be very well kept and equipped, with nice grounds. There are over 5000 patients there, a great many of them victims of syphilis, who are cared for and treated by electric shock or insulin shock.

Many of them improve; some are even cured. Those who are able help with work, such as in their bakery or on their 116-acre farm. They have library and music facilities, a band, and what surprised the girls even more is the beautiful needlepoint, embroidery, and weaving that the patients turn out.

Old People's Home and Orphanages

Rosie Deak, Mari Cysewski, and Nancy Newton started off on the wrong foot when they entered the Angel Guardian Orphanage by the boys' dorm, where girls are never allowed — no wonder the boys stared at them!

They also visited the Presbyterian Old People's Home and the Cradle in Evanston. They were very welcome at the former — because they were so young, according to Rosie. The people there seemed very happy and contented.

The girls found the Cradle especially interesting. This beautiful home is for babies under six weeks of age who are for adoption. The nurses are like mothers to them and the surroundings are very pleasant. Well-known people such as Bob Hope and Al Jolson have adopted

Unusual Science Projects Produced by Freshman Gals

"The girls' science projects are quite varied this year," said Miss Florence Harrison, science teacher. And a look into room 303 says she's right. Everything from a working crystal set to a dinosaur panorama is present.

Marilyn Plath, with the guidance of her brother, made a working crystal set with an earpiece no larger than a quarter. A booklet giving the history of radio accompanied the set.

As you go in, staring at you from the corner of the room is a coconut carved by Sandra Moberg to resemble the human head. She used it to point out the parts of the brain mentioned in her written report.

Mr. Wilkins may be interested in Pat Buller, as a prospective art student. Pat penned and painted many bird sketches. Miss Harrison added that the written

children from here.

Yahn School

Nancy Watson and Pat Scheuerman visited the Yahn School for handicapped children. It was depressing to see these children, deformed by epilepsy, polio, or heart conditions. The school has special classes conducted by physiotherapists. Pat thought they could have better facilities there.

Evanston Receiving Home

The Evanston Receiving Home was a point of interest for Dorothy and Charlotte Campbell and Joyce Ash. This home is for orphans or children from unsuitable homes who have emotional disturbances. They thought the atmosphere was very homelike and the director pleasant.

Hull House

Shifting to Chicago's south side, we find the Mexican Youth Center at Roosevelt and Halsted. June Sprungman, Joanne Day, Pat Meyer, and Sharon Campbell were well received by Mexican teenagers, and a volleyball team from Niles was invited down for a game! The center boasts a large gym, a juke box, and one of the four largest television screens in Chicago.

Just a few blocks from here is Hull House. The girls said, "The thing that struck us most was the surrounding area, which was very dirty. Hull House is very clean and neat, however. Many stay there just as in a hotel. Clubs and recreation are provided for all ages, an art gallery for aspiring artists, and studios where any may work as long as he wishes."

West Madison Street

West Madison Street, visited by Nick Rollick, is largely populated by alcoholics and drug-addicts, catered to by flop houses and tavern dives which only increase the depravity of these people. Nick said that the Salvation Army is doing a great job there in helping many of the men find faith in themselves and in God.

May 21 Is Last Club Trip

May 21 marks the last trip for See Chicago Club members. The trip will be an all-day affair at Starved Rock State Park.

The group will leave the school at 7 a.m. arriving at the park at 10:30. Those taking the trip will take their lunch. This trip is open only to members who have attended four preceding trips, according to Miss Grace Harbert, club sponsor.

work was just as outstanding.

Pat Peterson's dinosaur panorama seemed real enough to come to life. The background was painted in, while crepe paper trees and five clay dinosaurs were under the spotlight in front.

The rest of the projects are mostly posters and booklets. Donna Becker's poster showed 33 kinds of cotton in a wheel.

You've Seen These Feet Many Times; Now Try to Identify Them



Whose feet are these? If you think that you can identify them, enter the Mystery Quiz contest. The winner will receive a ticket to the play "The Green Vine," which will be given May 20 and 21. Identify each pair of feet from left to right on a sheet of paper with your name and homeroom, and drop it in the black box in 216 before ninth period Tuesday, May 17. Winner will be announced on Wednesday. All students of Nilehi are eligible, except the journalism class, and persons appearing in the picture.

This 'n' That -

Tests are usually very morbid things—especially algebra tests. But Miss Margaret deBooy has the right slant. Recently her third-period algebra class was told to substitute a letter for the answer to every problem they got. The result of the word substitution was a welcome invitation: "Let's eat!" They did.

The art of women's self-sufficiency seems to be becoming more popular every day, as illustrated by Miss Virginia Stemp, Nilehi's dramatic teacher.

While we were loafing over our spring vacation, our ambitious faculty member was busy making her own bookcases, coffee-table, and buffet. And the only tools Miss Stemp used were a hammer, a saw, and a screw-driver!

The "eyes had it" when freshman John Damman donated 62 steers' eyes to the boy's freshman science classes.

Because of the close resemblance to the human eye, and because they were large enough to work with the steers' eyes were dissected by the freshmen under the direction of Mr. George Roth, freshman science instructor.

Dorothy Hartigan, junior, won second place in the Cook County finals of the Hearst Newspaper's annual oratorical contest held May 2 at Morton High School in Cicero.

Dorothy's six-minute speech on Alexander Hamilton was the first Nilehi speech to place in the County finals since the contest started seven years ago, said Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, Nilehi English and speech instructor.

Dorothy will compete in the state finals in Chicago on May 12 along with three other district finalists in the state.

SONG OF THE WEEK — "Once In Love With Amy."

SAYING OF THE WEEK — "Oh feet!"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK — "Are you goin' to the prom?"

SIGHT OF THE WEEK — The beauties in the style show.

Ronald Leganger, senior, recently came into his ninth-period typing class with his hands smelling of butyric acid from his eighth-period class—chemistry. After he had washed his hands numerous times and the odor still hadn't subsided, Miss Marie Green decided there was only one thing to do. She took out her sweetest-smelling hand lotion and poured it all over his little patties.

Ronald now has "the skin you love to touch."

Kay, Tom Tell Plans

"I was shocked, surprised, and awfully happy!" These were the words Kaye Jaeger used to describe her reaction to the news that she had been voted the outstanding senior girl to lead the Grand March at the 1949 Junior Prom.

The day of the election, Kaye was home in bed with a bad cold. She credits most of her success to her campaign managers, Shirley Timberg, Jean Votava, and Joan Turnquist, juniors.

As yet, Kaye's partner for the Prom is indefinite as Uno Larson, '47 graduate of Nilehi, is in training with the Chicago Cubs' Farm team in Centralia, Illinois, and might be unable to attend the Prom on June 4.

The masculine half of the Grand March leaders is Tom Black. Tom considers his being elected Junior Prom leader the greatest honor he has received besides his athletic awards. Nothing could compare with his being elec-

More Homework Is Cure For Spring Fever Cases

By Bill Graefen

As one lies moodily and hears the lapping of the waves against the edge of the bathtub, his thoughts turn instantly to the seashore, the girls, the flowers, the girls, the trees, the girls... Yes, when even your best friends won't tell you, you've got it bad.

In some cases it resembles the Black Plague; in others it corresponds to Leprosy, but the more common medical term for this disease is Spring Fever.

It has been said that in the spring a young man's fancy turns to what a young woman has been thinking all year, but in most cases even love cannot revive the slowly dying interest and initiative in the human mind.

"Darling! I love you, I love you!"

"Aw, quit your naggin'!"

There is really only one way to rid the body of this horrible fever—a heavier schedule. You must fill your brain with new ideas and new thoughts.

Do you realize that the average Nilehi student wastes 187 minutes of precious study time in one school day? Home room takes up 20 minutes, study hall 55 minutes, gym practically demolishes another 55 minutes, 25 minutes go into filling the stomach, and then you wasteful people spend 32 minutes in passing from class to class.

My system is to just stay in one room all day—no study hall, no lunch, no gym, no homeroom, no passing—just plain class. Shall we say seven and one-half English classes a day? HMMMMMMMM!

ted "Most Valuable Player" in football, according to Tom.

Tom's campaign managers were Edmund Scheurman and Nancy Anderson, juniors.

Tom's partner for the Prom is senior Kathleen Russakov.

Kaye and Tom will greet all guests in the receiving line and have the first waltz together.

Nilehi Places Second In Palatine Relays

In the annual Palatine Relays held Saturday, April 30, the Nilehi track team ranked second in a field of 11 Class A teams.

Niles scored 42½ points, falling just three points short of Naperville's winning score of 45½ points. Mooseheart captured the title in the Class B competition with a total of 46 points.

The field events were run off in the morning; at the close of the morning competition Niles had a total of 6½ points to Naperville's 20½ points.

After a win by the two-mile relay team, however, Niles came back into the race with a total of 16½ points.

The four top teams—Naperville, Niles, Crystal Lake, and Arlington—remained fairly even from this point on until the Naperville 880-yard relay team overcame Niles by approximately one foot to take the number four position, leaving Nilehi number five. This proved the margin of victory.

The varsity tracksters received their first loss of the season at the hands of Highland Park on the Nilehi cinders, Tuesday, April 26. The final score found the Trojans trailing by a score of 61-51.

High-point man for Niles was Jim Kennedy with a total of 7¼ points. He was closely followed by Jack De Stories who racked up 6¼ points.

The varsity squad swept the field at Leyden, May 3, defeating the Eagles by a score of 76¼-34¼. Jack De Stories was high scorer for the Trojans.

The track team, coached by Charles Hussey, has done well this spring by defeating Waukegan by a narrow margin of .2 of a point, and Leyden by a wide margin, besides taking a second in the Class A of the Palatine Relays.

Seniors Win In Volleyball

The playoffs for the boys' intramural volleyball championship were held Monday, April 25, in the boys' gym.

In the semi-finals the eighth-period seniors defeated the second-period senior squad, 14-6. The ninth-period juniors whipped the fifth-sixth juniors team in a close contest, 15-14. Each contest was 10 minutes in length.

In the 20-minute finals, the eighth-period senior team smashed the juniors by a score of 20-7, winning the 1949 intramural championship. The winning squad is made up of Bob Hicks, George Bussey, Pete Pasek, Jerry Seltzer, Conrad Cornell, and Frank McNeill.

Frosh Whip Leyden, Evanston

The Nilehi freshman baseball team opened their season with a victory over Leyden, 9-2, according to Coach Robert Mackey. Ronald Juern was the winning pitcher for the Trojans.

In their second game of the year, the frosh dropped an 18-14 decision to New Trier in a wild contest. Leroy single in the last inning.

Niles Hears Plans for Athletics in League; Full Schedule of Spring Sports in 1950

At a meeting held at Highland Park High School on Monday, May 2, Mr. Harold Isaacson, athletic director and varsity football coach at Nilehi, learned something of the future of Nilehi athletic programs in the new Suburban League which Nilehi has entered.

Since the schedules for football and basketball are complete for the 1949-50

season, the Trojans will not compete next season in the League in these two sports. However, Niles will compete in cross-country next fall and swimming next winter.

Next spring the baseball, track, and golf teams will play a regular schedule in the Suburban League, according to Mr. Isaacson.

Then by the fall of 1950, Niles Township High School will swing into the new League in all its schedules. The football teams will play most of the League schools except those with special commitments. Proviso and Waukegan play night football. Nilehi will probably play them under the floodlights early in the season. The other games will probably be played on Saturday afternoons as is the League custom.

Mr. Isaacson is well pleased with the new athletic setup of the Suburban League and he feels that Nilehi has made a great stride forward by entering.

The hiring of additional coaches has been approved by the Board of Education, according to Dr. A. L. Biehn, Nilehi superintendent.

These coaches will probably be used with the juniors who will play in the Suburban League in the fall of 1950 as the Trojan varsity football team, according to Mr. Isaacson. Also, any additional coaches will probably be used with other underclass teams to prepare them for the keen competition the League affords.

Varsity Whips Northbrook Trojans Down Senn, 8 - 5

Bill Leeming, Trojan right-hander, pitched a no-hit, no-run ball game on Wednesday, April 27, as the Nilehi varsity baseball team crushed Northbrook, 15-0. The varsity scored nine runs in the first inning and six more in the third to clinch the contest.

The Trojans then promptly dropped three straight games to Waukegan, New Trier, and Arlington by respective scores of 13-1, 7-3, and 4-3. Al Haut, Jim Hosfield, and Bill Leeming hurled for the Trojans. Niles hit Arlington pitcher Bill Robinson for nine safeties, but lost the game in an extra inning. Bill Leeming pitched good ball, allowing only a handful of hits to the Cardinals, according to varsity coach James Phipps.

Two runs in the first inning, one in the second, and five in the third were enough to whip Senn High School of Chicago, 8-5, on Thursday, May 5, at Oakton Park, Skokie. The winning pitcher for Niles was Jim Hosfield, who won the previous game from Senn.

The junior-varsity baseball team dropped a 12-6 decision to Evanston, Tuesday, May 3, at Evanston.

Golfers Outpoint Two Foes

The Nilehi linksmen, coached by Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, showed good form as they won two matches recently. The golfers won 14 to 1 over Leyden on April 25 at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Ken La Plant won low medal honors with a 77, followed by Floyd Braeseke with a 78.

In the second match of the week, Niles defeated Amundsen of Chicago by a score of 12 to 3 for their second straight victory. Again Ken La Plant showed his ability by shooting a 76 for 18 holes, followed by Floyd Braeseke and Dick Baumann shooting in the 80's.

The Trojans will compete in the State District tourney tomorrow, Saturday, May 14.

Glauner, Charles Jennetten, and Ralph Wenk all pitched for Niles. A last inning rally by the Trojans failed to score enough runs.

Undaunted, the frosh came back to swamp Evanston by a score of 8-0 on May 3, in a contest played at Evanston.

Ronald Juern again was the winning pitcher limiting the Wildkits to one

Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

Congratulations, seniors, for winning the volleyball tourney! Girls on the senior team were Sharon Campbell, Alice Clarkens, Emma Copeland, Ruth Munsterman, Elsie Odegaard, Claire Heflin, Elaine Esch, and Charlotte Campbell. The defeated sophomores put up a strong fight. Evelyn Steward of the sophomore team was really working for points. Next on the tournament agenda is softball.

G.A.A. Tidbits

Joyce Baumann, sophomore, and Pat Walne, junior, have been chosen to represent Nilehi at the G.A.A. Camp at Conference Point, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Two girls are chosen every year from the active G.A.A. membership. The girls are sent to the camp for one week with expenses paid. Character, scholarship, cooperation, sportsmanship, and athletic ability were considered in the selection by Miss Heitmann and Miss Montgomery. The group was then voted upon by the faculty.

A Play Day will be held for Nilehi G.A.A. members in June at which time awards for achievement in the organization will be presented.