

## As We See It . . . .

By Bill Heveran

'Rah! Rah! Rah! Sis-boom-bah! Trojans! Trojans! Rah! Rah! Rah!'

Have you heard that cheer so often at games or at pep rallies that you're sick of it? Do you get disgusted at seeing the cheerleaders running out so often beseeching you to give "just one more cheer" when you're already hoarse from yelling? In brief, do you cheer?

If you go so far as not to cheer when cheers are called for at the games, then your school spirit has taken quite a slump. If you have no school spirit, then all you go to school for is the book learning that you're made to take, and you don't like that, so you don't get any fun out of school.

'School spirit' may be defined as the enthusiasm of the students backing something pertaining to the school, whether it be a football game, dance, play, or anything else. Without school spirit, a school cannot properly function to the students' own good.

A sophomore, newly transferred from a school nearby, was very enthusiastic upon entering Niles, and he felt that the school spirit was better by far than at the school where he had attended before. This thought was further developed during the pep rally held before the first game, but was rudely shattered the night of the game when the sophomore noted the turnout.

Why is it that the school spirit at Niles has been dropping year by year? Even some of the students are beginning to realize that now, and the football team has known it all along.

Why is it that visiting teams have cheering sections coming from long distances when Nilehi students, just a short distance away, don't bother to come? Why is it that those same visiting cheering sections make louder cheers than we do? Our cheerleaders certainly aren't to blame.

Finally, why is it that Niles does not always pitch in wholeheartedly at the projects undertaken, such as the cheering of the team to victory, or the developing of a bigger and better band, or the attending of a student-produced play or group of acts?

Perhaps you don't agree with some of the accusations put forth. If not, then you'll have to prove that they are wrong. Support Niles in all her activities, and you'll find yourself getting prouder every day. What's more, you'll be helping both yourself and the school.



Signing for a ballot on November 2 for Nilehi's mock election held by the Problems classes in Room 209 are, left to right: Seated—Dick Hughes, Dorothy Hannemann, Bill Poehlman; Standing—Chuck Lind, Nancy Lundberg, Richard Krohn, John L. Betts (with back to camera) Vernon Jennetten, and John Hall.

## Dewey Is Choice, Nilehi Election Results Show

It wouldn't take a straight "A" algebra student to determine that the votes of the students at Niles were not a reflection of the nation's choice for president. Proof of this was the poll conducted about six weeks ago, and also the results of the mock election last week.

The poll was part of a nationwide survey of high-school students conducted by the Institute of Student Opinion, which is sponsored by Scholastic Magazines. The question they asked was "If you were of voting age today, which candidate would you vote for in the coming presidential election."

A total of 193 students from all four classes was polled and the results were; Dewey, 169 votes; Thomas, 1; Thurmond, 2; Truman, 15; Wallace, 10; and 6 were of no opinion.

In the tabulations from the cross-section of the United States, Dewey and Truman were the leading candidates in the Student Opinion poll with 46.29 percent and 38.76 percent respectively.

In the mock election in which the entire school participated, the Republican candidate again scored a hit with 621 votes compared to the Democratic candidate's 158. Claudé A. Watson, presidential candidate of the Prohibitionist party, claimed 14 votes and five votes were cast for the Socialist party's Norman Thomas.

In the runnings for senator, governor, and representative in Congress, the Republicans had it over the Democrats nearly three to one.

## New Radio Programs Offer Opportunities

"Plantation Party," a new weekly radio program, will be heard from the Evanston Y.M.C.A. Plantation Room youth center on station WNMP starting Saturday, November 27, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This program, for and by high-school students, will be produced and directed by the station staff and the youth center director.

Admission to the broadcasts requires membership in the youth center, and payment of its regular admission fees. It is not necessary to be a member of the Y.M.C.A. to join the youth center.

"Plantation Party" strives to offer an outlet for teen-age talent for north shore high-school students.

Almost every type of talent will be used on these programs. Students may submit samples of dialogue writing, continuity, and programming. Vocalists, musicians, actors, impersonators, moderators, bands, announcers, and sound effects men will be auditioned weekly. All Nilehi students are eligible to participate.

First auditions will be held each Tuesday in the Plantation Room. Anyone interested in an audition should look at the notice on the bulletin board in Room 216.

Another project for Nilehiers interested in radio is the semi-weekly program "Nilehi Presents." This program will be transcribed and presented Thursday nights at 7:45 p.m. on the Evanston radio station WEAW—FM.

## 'June Mad' Rehearsals Going in Full Swing

"The play's the thing!" This is the opinion of many Nilehi students who are now busily engaged in rehearsals for this year's first dramatic production, "June Mad."

"June Mad" is a sparkling comedy in three acts concerning other teen agers and their activities. According to Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatics teacher, the play appeals to all ages and audiences.

The curtain will go up at 8 p.m. on December 3 and 4. The cast: Joan Andrews, Richard Martin, Beattie Borne-meier, Robert Jaeger, Tom Robb, Sonja MacIntosh, Doris Lyde, Jack Brown, Bill Graefen, Tom Madden, Sharon Thompson, and Geri Dodge.

The Hallowe'en celebration at the Skokie Youth Center went over in a big way Saturday, October 30.

The room was all decked out in corn stalks and pumpkins. Free cider—five gallons of it!—was given to all members attending.

## Naval Reserve Again Offers Scholarships; Covers Full Four-Year College Course

"The United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps again take pleasure in presenting their College Training Program. The program is designed to supplement the Naval Academy in producing career officers for the Navy and Marine Corps, and to provide a continuous supply of well-trained officers for the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve. The response to this program, offered for the first time to students entering college in the fall of 1947, is gratifying and indicates a widespread interest in all parts of the United States and its Territories."

The above quotation, taken from the NROTC Bulletin of Information, is an invitation appealing to all male high-school students about to graduate. Candidates for NROTC scholarships and commissions are selected on a basis of intelligence and physical fitness. Successful candidates are given the rank of Midshipmen and become regular members of the U.S. Naval Reserve. The scholarships received cover the major portion of expenses during a four-year college course.

It is expected that about 2360 students will be selected from all of the applicants taking the Navy College Aptitude Test on December 11, 1948, for entry in the fall term of the academic year 1949-50.

If you are planning to become a doctor, dentist or a veterinary it is advised that you do not even consider application for the NROTC, due to the fact that the work load of these majors is practically impossible when carried in addition to the courses required by the NROTC Program.

A candidate has to agree in writing that he is willing to accept a commission upon completion of his training, and to serve not less than two years on active duty after receiving the commission. This does, however, defer a candidate from the draft.

For further information on the NROTC there is a NROTC Bulletin of Information posted in the library under the senior section.

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## SHORT CUTS

Know who's sitting next to you in homeroom? Sure, you say. But think back to when you were a freshman. How could you ever forget! Did you know all of your homeroom classmates then? If you did you probably came through with flying colors in the contest. What contest? you ask. Why the "Know your homeroom - classmates contest" which is given every year to the new freshmen to get acquainted with each other.

According to Miss Marie Green, freshman class adviser, these are the freshman winners of the November contest: Joanne Van Horne, Mary Ann Frownfelter, 121; Denise Kessel, 112; Myra Wokoun, 313; Juanita Flores, Audrey Henrici, 208; Patsy Paddock, 221; Carol Tessien, 216; and Dorothy Kuehn, library.

"All Hail to the Trojans" is the title of the new school song introduced to Nilehi last year by Barbara Ballantine, '48 Nilehi graduate. Written by Barbara and set to music by Mr. Clifford Collins, band instructor, the song seemed to be quite a success last year.

During the summer Mr. Edward Ballantine, Barb's father, and also the director of the orchestra on Don McNeil's Breakfast Club, made a special arrangement of the song for our band, and it will be introduced again this year and played at the basketball games, Mr. Collins says.

Katie Kestenholtz, Nilehi cafeteria manager, and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Saturday, October 15.

## Jean Jump Tomorrow

Tomorrow night is the night all Nilehiers will rally to the gymnasium for an old-fashioned Jean Jump.

"Rio Rancho" music will greet you at the door, and this and the decorations will help to put you in the "cowhand" mood!

For the frosh this will be a different kind of dance. Anyone can come, stag or hag, but be sure to be decked out for the occasion, which means blue jeans and bright plaid shirts, or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

To suit everyone's mood there'll be some dreamy sentimental music, aside from the western tunes. Se ya at the Jean Jump, pahdner!

The council of the Nilehi chapter of the Junior Red Cross met in Chicago, Saturday, November 6, with the major Red Cross group. The Nilehi J. R. C. is under the direction of Miss Alice Line, clothing instructor, and has a membership of about 25 students.

The council members, consisting of one student from each of the four classes, are Angela Vosnos, senior; Jean Votava, junior; Jack Nettland, sophomore; and Albert Mather, freshman.

## Two Talented Senior Musicians Stalk Nilehi Halls; Interviews Uncover Likes, Dislikes, and Ambitions

Talent stalks the halls of Nilehi in the shape of Bill Van Horne, senior, promising young pianist. Bill feels his greatest accomplishment in the field of music was when he played with the Chicago Piano Symphony, in Orchestra Hall in 1946.

He also appeared on three radio programs: "Reubens Stars of Tomorrow" twice, and "Sach's Amateur Hour" once, winning a watch each of the three times!

Last year Bill won first prize in Reflections Revelry (not a watch!) and played for the National Honor Society inauguration.

Nilehi's watch-winner is six feet two, has blue eyes and light brown hair. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, bowling, and golf.

Bill must be an individualist because he says he likes doing trigonometry which takes up most of his time. His only dislike is old jokes.

For the future Bill would like to have a career in music playing with a dance band.

She's six feet six inches tall, has blonde hair and green eyes, and has sung on the radio in Chicago, Evanston, Aurora and Joliet. You guessed it — Jeannelee Eckhardt.

Jeannelee began her career at the age of eight, both singing and doing acrobatics. Lee sang in Reflections Revelry last year, when she was a junior.

"Singing just comes naturally to me," says Jeannelee. To help it along she studied at the New Era Professional College. She has appeared on "Rueben's Stars of Tomorrow" and the "Teens and Tunes" program.

Lee's ambition is to be a singer with a dance band. Her special likes include Touhy Beach, fried chicken, animals, and the "Schmoe's" team in gym class.

If you happen to recognize some of your friends in a photograph in the Chicago Tribune, don't be surprised. Uast Friday, the Tribune took pictures of the new mock cars with Mr. Suydam's third-period driver-education class at the wheels.

## Life of a Reporter Is Hard, Trying, but Fun

By Lois Lenberg

How many of you have ever stopped to think of how much a Nilehilite reporter goes through to get a story? I don't imagine very many of you have. Here, in print, are the trials and tribulations of every member of the staff—at one time or another.

First of all the source must be located. This is rather difficult at times, because usually when you are out looking for a certain teacher, they are having a free period and are nothing short of impossible to find.

If you should glance out of a window overlooking the parking lot and see Phyllis Yates crouched on the bumper of the driving education car, don't be alarmed. She is merely trying to cover her beat with Mr. Babcock, driver education teacher.

Once you find your teacher, your next job is to try to obtain some really interesting news from them. It is a little discouraging to follow a person up and down the halls all day, wait for him outside of rooms where faculty meetings are going on, and then catch up with him, to have him tell you that he's sorry, but he just doesn't have any news this week. With a weak smile you thank him and trudge wearily to Journalism class to try to dig up a brilliant item for the paper.

Finally, you get an idea, you have it! The perfect story for the good old Nilehilite. You rush home, dash to your trusty typewriter and being careful to follow all the instructions on double spacing, style, etc., you finish your story. Three or four hours are gone—but you have a proud, happy, feeling!

Next day, with a kind of parental pride, you hand your story over to the editor. He commences to knock out some words, put in others, cut out unnecessary cracks and make a general mess of your once neat copy. From an original story of six paragraphs you may be fortunate to have one or two left by the time this is cut out and that is cut out because "it just doesn't sound right."

Then immediately after your story has been accepted and you see your name in print, you discover that it is time to start chasing the teachers all over again. Oh, for the life of a reporter!

On October 23, twelve members of the Nilehilite staff went to the Medill School of Journalism on the downtown Northwestern campus to attend the first meeting of the Chicago Scholastic Press Guild. This year Nilehi is able to say it plays a big part in these Guild meetings as Mr. Paul M. Eberhardt, journalism instructor, is president.

The two speakers for that session were Professor Elmo Scott Watson, who talked on "Let's Write It Right," and Clarence Hach, journalism instructor at Evanston Township, who gave as his subject "High School Editorials."

## This 'n' That - Saturday Night Romeo Tells Romantic Story

By Bill Graefen

Calvin Russell, junior, caused quite a commotion in Mr. Eberhardt's second-period English class. While he was standing at the board, the class noticed these words on the back of his jacket. "Illinois State Prison 76781345." When asked what he had done, he said, "I painted it on myself."

It's generally agreed that it would be hard to find anyone that's perfect in every way. Just the same, the junior girls have got together and decided that if any junior boy were perfect, he'd look like this:

Hair—Gordon Smale  
Eyes—Delbert Whitney  
Height—Larry Henry  
Personality—Jim Kennedy  
Sense of humor—Martin Seidler  
Smile—Bob Tait  
Voice—Charles Hale  
Best Dressed—Paul Lange

Prosaic Shakespeare quotations are suddenly transformed when applied to modern ads, as you will discover if you browse around in 221.

One example of these contributions by Mrs. Baker's senior English classes was an ad for "Evening in Paris" perfume headed by the quotation "It smells to heaven!"

Information gathered from "The Elm Bark," student publication of Elmhurst College, reveals that Harold Renis, class of 1947, was elected president of the sophomore class, is a member of the Student Union Electrical Committee, is a head of the homecoming dance committee, and is in the homecoming revue "No Reservations."

When Nick Jostock came to school a couple of weeks ago he had a good excuse for not bringing his world history book with him. The book was in Ed Bedony's car and the car had caught on fire the night before with the book still inside. It looks as if Nick is living up to the saying in many school books: "In case of fire, throw this in!"

Senior Homeroom 310 has done its share in supplying warriors for the Trojans this year. Eight of the fellows in Mr. Adams' group are members of the Varsity.

I sent my boy to college  
With a pat upon the back;  
I spent ten thousand dollars,  
And I got a quarterback.

The Catalyst  
Melbourne Technical College  
Melbourne, Australia

Ho, hum... Saturday night. Let me see now... Is it Carol, Mary? Oh, that's right, Doris. That lucky girl! It's about time to pick her up. So long, Ma, I'll be back early; she's sort of a drip.

Oh, why the heck doesn't she come out? I've been honking this horn for the last thirty seconds. Well, at last. Zounds! She's wearing that same old sweater.

Hi, hop in. Yea, you can sit in front. Where would you like to go? It doesn't make much difference; we're going to a show anyhow. Boy, what an evening this is going to be!

I want to pull in here a second and get some gas. Fill 'er up, will ya, bud? Oh, no thanks, Doris, here's a dollar back. I'll pay my half this week. Save it for next time.

What do you mean, park in the lot? We're only seven blocks from the show. No, I don't want to keep ya warm! Now get away, somebody might see us.

Candy! Boy, are you going to get fat! That's right, Miss, the large box of carmel-corn for me and, here's a nickel for you, Doris, get whatever you want. I'm going over and get a coke.

Well, hurry up and decide, don't take all day. I at least want to see the news-reel.

As I walked up the stairway with Doris, a gorgeous, curvacious blonde came floating down before me. I stopped and... (to be continued in the December 3 NILEHILITE.)

## Typical Tutored Typists Tell Turbulent Troubles

Behind the scenes in Room 114! Something unusual talways seems to be happening in the beginning typing classes and so the other day we peeked around the corner and observed the junior typists for ourselves.

Everything was status quo in 114. Ronald Leganger, the champion restler of period 9, was resting. Beverly Dillely was hunting madly for the letter "Q." James Nock was calling "Hold it!" just as the class began a timed writing.

Irene Holtman had just found out what makes the bell ring and was grinning happily. Miss Green was busy looking for new members of the "Peeker's Club."

In another period, Mike Henry and Dick Martin were passing notes. A little unusual; Miss Green thought so too.

A few typical remarks after typing are:

Carl Bjorkdahl — That machine is more involved than my car.

Jack Heurlin — Nuts!

Carol Enke — Amen.

A bad habit is like a soft bed;  
Easy to get into and hard to get out of.

—Paul Gibson

## Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

Ready, set, go! The Glamazons are venturing into a new game. It's called field hockey. The hockey sticks and balls are here, but we're still waiting for the all-important shin guards. The gals are very enthusiastic over the new game, and competition is rugged.

### Saddle Club

Pat McMannus, a representative from the School of Horsemanship, talked to the girls interested in riding, at a gathering held last week.

### Bits from G.A.A.

Diane Leach and Marilyn Lee were victors of the final game in the recent badminton tourney. Julia Dean and Sandra Weber were the runners-up in the close match.

Don't forget the "Jean Jump" tomorrow night in the gym from 8:30 to 12:00. Just for fun, bring a Texan drawl along—you all!

### Cheering

A round of applause is due the cheerleaders, who helped make homecoming such an exciting event. They planned the pep rally with that extra side-splitting skit and decked the goal posts with streamers for both Niles and Woodstock.

## Leyden Trounces Trojans

After nine consecutive victories over Leyden, the string was broken as the Nilehi varsity lost to the Leyden Eagles 41-0 Friday, October 29, on the Leyden field.

With the game just three minutes old, Leyden carried over left guard for the first touchdown. The Eagles scored twice in the second quarter, the latter of which was set up by a 70-yard punt return by Jim Sperra, Leyden's ace halfback. The final tallies were added in the fourth quarter on a one-foot plunge over center and a 70-yard pass.

## Maine Whips Juniors 20-7

The Trojan junior football team was routed by Maine Township High School on Wednesday, October 27, by a score of 20-7. Nilehi's points were scored by Al Hartig, left end.

## Frosh Lose to Maine

The Nilehi freshman football team suffered its first home defeat by losing to Maine Township, Wednesday, October 27, by a score of 43-13.

Although the football game September 17 was the first of the 1948 season it was the very first game for little John Curl, Johnny, who is four years old, is the son of Mrs. Anne Curl, Nilehi English and Spanish teacher.

He liked the game but couldn't understand why it wasn't possible for him to play with the Trojans.

## Trojans Win Homecoming Tilt; Sophs Down Woodstock, 6-0

A fighting and determined Nilehi varsity team gave the shivering homecoming crowd the sweet taste of victory over Woodstock, 13-6, on Friday, November 5, at Nilehi field.

With the score 6-0 in favor of the Woodstock Bluestreaks, the Trojans started to roll near the close of the third period. A long pass put the Trojans on the Woodstock nine-yard line. A fumble on the next play ended that threat.

In the fourth quarter, a Nilehi drive carried from their own 35 to the nine-yard line of Woodstock. From there Pete Heiniger skirted right end for a touchdown. Lange passed to Nipper for the extra point.

With one minute and 17 seconds remaining, Pete Heiniger gathered in a Woodstock desperation pass and raced 80 yards for the touchdown, making the final score, Niles-13, Woodstock-6.

A homecoming victory came to the Nilehi sophomore gridmen last Friday night, November 5, when the Trojans defeated Woodstock high by a score of 6-0.

Scoring was hampered by a wet and muddy field which held up play for almost an hour. Don Berg, Nilehi halfback, fought through this mud, however, in an exciting second quarter; racing 30 yards around right end he racked up the only touchdown scored in the game.

## Juniors Bow to Arlington

The Nilehi junior gridmen lost their last game of the season to Arlington Heights high school by a score of 9-0. The game was played on the Nilehi field November 3.

The Arlington boys trapped the Nilehi Trojans in the third quarter behind their own goal line for a safety; they racked up another seven points in the last quarter by making a touchdown and completing the conversion.

## Brei's Bombers Win Intramural Playoff

The boys' gym classes at Nilehi finished up their touch-football season with the championship playoffs on Friday, October 29. Fred Brei's ninth-period team is the intramural champion.

Five finalists lined up for the tournament: Chuck Bonney's second-period team, Bill Bruce's fourth-period squad, Ted Dolan's outfit from fifth-sixth period, Al Haut's eighth-period team, and Fred Brei's boys from ninth period.

The final game matched Bonny against Brei. The score was 20-7, with Fred Brei's "Bombers" on top.

## Harriers Lose Two Meets

The Nilehi cross-country team was defeated by Evanston and Arlington on October 22 and 26 by respective scores of 35-20 and 32-23. Ed Buerk of Niles took first place in both meets.

Cross-country consists of running about two miles over a rugged course without a cheering crowd to urge you on. Then, to place in the scoring you must be one of the first five to finish. If the runner comes in first, he receives one point; second, two points, and so on. The team with the lowest score wins.

## 1948-9 Basketball Schedule

### Home Games

Fri., Nov. 12	Evanston
Fri., Dec. 3	Arlington
Fri., Dec. 17	Taft
Sat., Jan. 8	East Aurora
Fri., Jan. 14	Leyden
Fri., Jan. 28	Mooseheart
Fri., Feb. 4	Marmion
Sat., Feb. 12	Crystal Lake
Fri., Feb. 18	York

### Away Games

Fri., Nov. 19	Waukegan
Sat., Dec. 4	East Rockford
Sat., Dec. 11	La Grange
Dec. 27-30	DeKalb Tourney
Fri., Jan. 7	Arlington
Sat., Jan. 15	Highland Park
Fri., Jan. 21	Belvidere
Sat., Jan. 29	DeKalb
Tues., Feb. 8	Maine
Fri., Feb. 11	Leyden
Fri., Feb. 25	Marmion

## Sport Slants

by Ed Beebe

The Nilehi football gridiron is used by both North Park College and North Park Academy for many of their games. Recently, the college team tied Wilson College 6-6, in North Park's homecoming game.

The homecoming battle began for many of the Nilehi Trojans long before the football game on Friday, November 5. It was a battle of boards, planks, chates, and assorted wood, and the victory was accomplished only after a fine start had been made on the homecoming bonfire. The wood which had been previously gathered on the Saturday preceding homecoming was burned by some thoughtless person.

Chuck Kranz, once a student at Niles, is doing a fine job as fullback on the Barrington High School football team. Barrington is leading the Northwest Conference.