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COMING UP

April 12--Junior Senior Girls' Assembly 2:00 P.M.

Father and Son's Program 8:P.M.

April 18-19--All-School Play, "What a Life" 8:15 P. M.

April 23--Foreign Language Club 7:30 P. M.

April 24--Mother and Daughter's Tea 4:00 P. M.

April 26--Vacation begins

"What A Life" Is Coming

Mrs. Ruth Esch, director of the all-school play, "What a Life" to be presented here next Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19, at 8:15 in the school assembly, has given us these comments on the play, which is to have two casts (see Nilehilite of March 1):

The principal characters are Henry Aldrich, a youth who just can't memorize the dates in Roman history, who tries to sell anything he owns in order to raise two dollars to take his girl to the spring dance, and who finally in despera-

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Dad And Sons To Have Fun Tonight

For tonight, April 12, a program has been arranged for Nilehi boys and their fathers. The following events have been planned to begin at 8:00 P.M. in the school gymnasium: an archery exhibition by Mr. Russell Hoogerhyde, National Archery Champion; one three-round boxing match; five to ten minutes of wrestling; and a volley ball game between a team of Nilehi boys and a team of dads. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.



"Don't stub your toe, Johnnie!"

Track Is Here

The "thin clads" who will represent Nilehi this year seem very promising in quality, if not in numbers. The track boys have promised that at least forty eight will get to compete in every meet this season. So far not enough candidates have presented themselves to fill all the assignments. The plan is to have two boys for every event, both varsity and frosh-soph: two one-half milers for varsity, two one-half milers for frosh-soph, and so forth for each event. Much equipment has arrived, pits are being constructed, and the track has been reconditioned-all this for a few boys. Don't let your school down. Come out to try your skill.

Notice to Our Travelers

Those who plan to go to Washington D.C. during spring vacation and who have not as yet made their "down payment" should see Miss Grace Harbert at once.



HONOR ROLL

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SENIORS

Doris Anderson	Willard Baumann
Ruby Bowser	Wallace Brunke
Harriet Bus	Lillian Bartz
Josephine Brodtke	Margaret Dahm
Duane Ford	Dolores Gehrs
Werner Heidtke	Mathilda Hermes
Harold Hynes	Virginia Kadlec
Viola Nelson	Harriet Schroeder
Dorothy Van Cleave	Norene Whitworth
James Winklehofer	Mary Winger

JUNIORS

Clark Barton	Gloria Bartz
June Berg	Armin Bierbaum
Phyllis Braeseke	Shirley Dilg
Ben Domas	Rita Jane Fisher
Don Fisher	Mary Hegarty
Jeanette Hueimmer	Isabelle Hoth
Dorothy Kranz	Florence Margalski
Laura Nunemacher	Marjorie Riser
Mildred Risinger	Sue Schaefer
Phyllis Schlotterbeck	Edward Springer
LaVerne Schuler	

SOPHOMORES

Donald Baumann	Mildred Bergmark
Ruth Clarkens	Gertrude Dahm
Margaret Dolan	Bernice Franson
Richard Hartney	Norma Heidtke
Merle Iverson	Olga Krajchovich
Dorothy Lutz	Doris Mussil
Dorothy Nelson	Raymond Nitch
Florence Ochs	Paul Perlman
Pat Reiland	Colleen Thomas

Betty Wetmore

FRESHMEN

Adele Bartz	Jean Bates
Audrey Brown	Richard Boyd
Doris Burklund	Peter Conrad
Danny Dever	Helen Evett
Betty Farr	Dagmar Franson
Pat Galitz	Rosana King
Catherine Kretsch	Virginia Lenzen
Lucille Lindeman	Janet Lutkehaus
Carl Mueller	Ernest Nordquist
Dorothy Rings	Tom Sheridan
Betty Stielow	Bill Stockfisch
Gerry Thulstrup	Betty Westerlund
Viola Stoll	Ted Wojtkiewicz

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Unfettered Thoughts

Representatives of mid-western high school publications recently attended the Medill Press Conference held at Northwestern University. At this annual convention for high school delegates noted educators and writers delivered talks on the journalistic profession. Perhaps most significant of these talks was the one given by Dr. Curtis D. MacDougal entitled "Propaganda and the War."

This talk, undoubtedly made many delegates realize the advantage of living in a country where the freedom of the dress is guaranteed. Several nations of Europe-dictator powers as we know them-do not guarantee the right of their country. Only "democratic" nations of Europe allow freedom of the press. Even this freedom, however, is limited.

A meeting of this type, therefore, is characteristic of America, in that it is not held to acclaim a new ruler, a new dictator, or a new war. Rather, it convened for the purpose of encouraging and nurturing freedom of speech. This condition of free speech characterizes democracy and American democracy in particular.

These Medill Press delegates are some of the future journalists of America. In ten years time, some of them will be holding positions on our leading dailies, others will be on our weeklies, others, on magazine staffs. Only in this country may such a meeting as last week's be held - only in the country where freedom of speech is allowed. Only in this way can the American form of democracy be upheld.

PRINTING PUBLICATION CLASS

Baumann, Willard
Keegan, Raymond
Wunderle, Ted
Matchen, Henry

Dahm, Henry
Krier, Ralph
Sullivan, Richard
Nosal, Matthew

WHATZIT??

Two hands but no arms,
And it sets off alarms.
Two hands, not a finger,
While they move, people linger.

It has a round face,
Upon which two hands race.
They're uneven, these hands,
On which mighty time stands.

Last week's: The Flag



His hair is dark,
His lashes long,
He's the tallest boy in school.
He swims like a shark-
He cannot go wrong
When he's on his back in the pool.
His car is a Buick
And a big one, too!
Come on kids-
You know who!
Last week: "Ginger" Kadlec

"What a Life" - - - cont.

tion "borrows" answers for use in his examination, only to be found out in the end; Barbara Pearson who is gloriously happy and desperately unhappy over the prospect of her first formal dance; George Biglow, Henry's enemy, who almost gets him into serious trouble; several teachers, including Miss Pike, Miss Johnson, and Miss Wheeler with their worries about spring vacation, the heating plant that doesn't work, and no towels in the washroom; Mr. Nelson, the assistant principal, who in the end straightens out Henry's problem and sets him on the right path; not to mention Henry's mother who insists that the boy go to Princeton though his real talent is for drawing and not for the winning of Phi Beta Kappa keys — these are some of the human ingredients in a play which further treats the universal problem of adjustment in the lives of boys and girls.

From The "Little Brown Box"

Dear Students,

So, the Octopus has you frightened, huh? Well, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

Wait'll I grab off a few of you "guys" and "gals" too.

Now, this Bart Hegarty is nothing to "sneeze" at. Ho, ho and wait'll I get little Lulu Deatricks in my arms, oh, boy!

G'bye for now- but you'll be hearin' more from me and the Octopus too.

Respectfully yours,
THE LITTLE MAN
WHO ISN'T HERE

Cat Chat

Greetings all! And especially you, Octopus! I know who you are. Surprised? While you've been watching the students I've been watching you. And I'm going to get you. So beware, take care, dear enemy; your days are numbered. Do not dare to coil your tentacles around any of my beloved friends. I will protect the students of N. T. H. S. with my lives! -and I have nine of them.

Hasta la vista
El Gato

Mother - Daughter Tea

After school, Wednesday, April 24, Nilehi will be hostess to a Mother-Daughter tea. This will be the first event of its kind in the history of our school. A gymnastic program has been planned for the occasion. Every girl is urged to invite her mother and to see to it that she is here. Don't forget - April 24 - after school.

MICKEY IN THE MAKING

On his trip to Hollywood last summer, Mr. Wilkins, our art teacher, and his wife had the honor of visiting with Walt Disney at his studios. The Wilkinses were shown how the cartoons are drawn and produced. Mr. Wilkins received twelve original Snow White drawings; Mrs. Wilkins was given a model of Baby Ferdinand which was used for the making of "Ferdinand the Bull". They received also a piece of pottery which was used in this picture.

Three of Mr. Wilkins's former students are now working in the Disney Studios. Two are heads of departments there.

Dear Students,

Pan came from the hillside; I, from my lair, my watery home, last Sunday afternoon to attend the music concert. My tentacles itched to coil around that silvery baton of Mr. Collins. Didn't you like his orchestra and band selections? I liked the singing too. That Brunke boy is a good looking fellow, isn't he? Nick May's little brother would certainly make a good little Eva if you ever did "Uncle Tom's Cabin" around here. He kept his eyes continually on heaven. That Bear boy looked interesting to me.

Do you think that even my many arms could ruffle the "unruffable" efficient Miss Ross in the office? Hats off to her any day. Maybe I'll sleep now until I see "What a Life," but won't I roll in clover there? I wonder if clover is good for the digestive tract of an octopus.

signed,

THE OCTOPUS

Fanning the Fads

The boys say the girls have "freakish" fads. Did they ever look at themselves? Those "Heinie" hair-cuts are anything but beautiful. One "cute little diddy" the boys do have is their type of shirts. Some of them have been taken from the horses, while on others we see everything from the World's Fair to Honolulu. Some even wear their pajama tops, my, oh, my!

I will admit, however, that the girls do go in for more elaborate fads. Saddle shoes, moccasins, "Sloppy Joes", every girl has at least one of each. "Wedgies" are the latest spring "step-ons". The belts are "catchy" and novel little things these days too. You know-the Mexican ones-with all those "purty" pictures. Stripes help the "new creations" along, especially with those "accordion" skirts.

You see, boys, the girls at least have sensible fads. Of course, I'll admit "kiddie" hair bows are a little childish for us "big-folks", and when the girls start having "towel" socks, that is going rather far.

Anyhow - they're "cute". Now confess, aren't they?

AIRING OUR VIEWS

Did you know that most of the Nilehi pupils prefer comedy to information? In the recent poll taken by the Nilehilite, it was discovered that a majority of the students preferred Bob Hope's program. It received twice as many votes as the runner-up, the Lux Radio Theatre.

Other current favorites are the Aldrich family, "Blondie", and Bing Crosby's program.

ALUMNI

Roy Moore, a graduate of Niles Township in '38, is attending the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. His ranking was so high in chemistry that he was asked to be an assistant to his professor.

He is also director of the first-aid team of the Boy Scouts of Niles Center.



THE LIL' BIRDIE ASKS

What do you think of our new marking system?

Fred Huscher, senior, "I don't think it's the best."

Sue Schaefer, junior "I like this system better than last year's, because it's easier to get good grades."

Bart Hegarty, sophomore, "It's all right with me, as long as I get A's"

Evanne Thomas, freshman, "I don't think it's so hot."

Miss Lump, "I like it. We teachers don't have to make out grades so often."

PAGING PAPERS

Have you said it this way?

Ever get tired of saying, "Is my face red!?" Try these variations:

Is my mug mulberry!

Is my countenance cerise!

Is my pan pink!

Is my map maroon!

Is my visage vermilion!

from the *The Forest Scout*

A sign posted near an electrical powerhouse:

"Beware! to touch these wires means instant death. Anyone found doing so will be prosecuted."

from *The Shoreline*

NILEHI NIBLETS

Who writes to Dorothy Gutman addressing her as "funny face" and signing himself as "screwball"? We wonder..... Upon leaving the senior party, one of our alumni of the industrious seniors three years ago, said, "We never had so much fun at our parties. Why didn't we have parties like this?"....Who's this mysterious Lady Esther that sends Mr. Benette her magic fingernails?....A senior, upon being asked if he was going to Washington, answered brightly, "I'm pretty sure," -- and then in a low tone -- "I'm not going."...Carole Lee Rouse has started rehearsals with the Abbot dancers for the May show at the Palmer House. She will be a steady member of the "line."... Paul Mikota had on Ginger Kadlec's suspenders at the Spring Frolic.....Who was the girl whom Jack Kelly had at the Spring Frolic?....A sophomore states that Silas Marner was engaged to Sahara (poor Sarah). "But he became handicapped, when he died at at early age," says a senior writing about John Keats.....

Did you know LaVerne Witte is an autograph hunter? She has the personal autographs of Bob Young, Errol Flynn, Dick Powell, and many more. She also has all the Cub stars' autographs, including the great "Dizzy" Dean....What's this about Ted Canty saying the Octopus can have all the pretty girls in school except Ruth Johantgen?...Mary Desmond and JoAnn Pike provide the necessary background when an especially emotional part is being played in dramatic art. They weep!.... In geography, when Mr. Taylor was discussing architecture, he mentioned "little Gothic niches" in the buildings of Rome. Was Ray's face red!

Looking Back On The Spring Frolic

Under soft lights, with cherry blossoms banked on the stage giving springtime atmosphere, Nilehi's third annual Spring Frolic drew a large crowd of eager students and alumni to an evening of gayety and unforgettable enjoyment.

The event was held on Friday evening, March 29, in the school gymnasium. Valuable comments were heard about the smooth styling of Ozzie Gyllin's orchestra--why haven't we seen them here before? Ozzie has a very new and different way of playing songs in the particular style of famous orchestras. Devotees of Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Dick Jurgens, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey and others, found great enjoyment in the way Ozzie played their favorites. Marjory Burklund, who won the nickname contest with her "Chatterbox" uncannily seemed to sense the vocalist's personality---or did she? Anyway, Marge won a free bid to the prom, lucky girl! We'd like to know what weird contortions the girls and boys on the stage were doing? It looked silly, but cute! Some of these jitterbugs ought to go into vaudeville; they were really "in the groove". And who were the two stags that dashed around madly getting dances, and incurred the undying hatred of a few local escorts? The report is that the two "lone wolves" even had the first and last dances engaged. Tsk, tsk, boys, is that the way to be? We saw lots of new faces, too. It seemed as if everyone was there. On the whole, the social committee can be highly complimented on a thoroughly successful affair. Here's hoping for more!!!

CONTEST WINNERS

Best wishes to our winners in the March 29 Contest.

MARY ABBINK
WAYNE BARTON
ANN MARIE BERTONCINNI
NORMA DELFINO
RUTH HENNIG
MARILYN HOHS
CAROLYN HUEMMER
ELEANOR SCHON

These are the correct answers to the questions of that contest:

1. June Vincent
2. 12
3. $9\frac{5}{8}$
4. Bill O'Connell
5. Bonnie and Johnnie
6. Don Fisher
7. Wally Strange
8. Richard Boyd reviewed "Up the Mazaruni for Diamonds."
9. November 22, 1939
10. Yes. A stick of candy.

Dorothy Kranz Receives High Place

The Latin classes of Nilehi were represented at the district meet of the statewide Latin contest, held at New Trier High School, March 30, 1940, by Margaret Dolan and Norma Heidtke from Latin I. And by Gloria Bartz and Dorothy Kranz from Latin II. Dorothy tied for fifth place, competing with students from Oak Park, Evanston, and Highland Park High School.

Miss M. Ronalds graded papers after the luncheon while the contestants went on a tour of the Northwestern University Campus.

Those Unusual Spanish

On el dia de 23 de abril, el Club Espanol is presenting a Spanish Fiesta, instead of the usual Foreign Language Club program. All the atmosphere of gay Latin America and Spain will be captured by the group. The forces of the entire Spanish class, the decorations, a bull, un burro, y un matador - mostly Bill Stevens - these are the chief boasts that will guarantee las dos horas to be crammed with surprises and fun.

To predict just what is going to happen is impossible; for only at the fiesta will impish Spanish students[?] reveal their plans. "Una noche de abril" is the theme song of the students - since this to be la primera meeting of the club ever held at night. From 7:30 to 9:30 that night, los Espanoles will climax months of discussion and work in THE Spanish Fiesta.

Foreign Language Club members are urged to come, and bring a guest for the small sum of ten cents. Oh! by the way, a costume is desirable - profitable too - dos prizes will be given for the two best costumes. Tambien, there will be dancing during the evening, and do bring a penny - for more fun.

Great Convention Here

The Problems of Democracy and the U.S. History classes of Niles Township High School held a model Democratic convention in the boys' gymnasium on Wednesday, April 10, at 9:00. All classes were dismissed for two periods. The object of this convention was to acquaint the students with the procedure used in nominating presidential candidates. Ann Jurasitz, Grace Langan, and Merrie O' Sullivan represented the Nilehilite in the press box.

Sport Splatter

The Trojan baseball team opened its season April 2. Its opponent was Waukegan. The score was tied, 5-5, at the end of the seventh inning.

If you'd like to have a banging time, try to play volley ball on a waxed gym floor . . .

The vicinity of the girls' locker room is literally a photo album; photographs, illustrating diving, and reducing exercises, are pasted everywhere.

"Curly" Taylor starred in the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He specialized in hurdling and other track events . . . Incidentally, have you seen the radio the boys' swimming team presented him?

LOST BUT NOT TO BE FOUND

Latin One Book. **No Reward.** (She doesn't want it that badly!) If anyone finds it please return it to Merrie O'Sullivan, and you will make her very unhappy.

JOIN THE BAND!

Mr. C. W. Collins announces that there are places for people of Nilehi in the school's band and orchestra. If you heard the excellent Sunday afternoon concert on March 31 you know that to belong to Nilehi's Music organization is a distinction. You can't play? Well, don't let a mere trifle like that stop you! Lessons and instruments are available, too, for the spring and summer months. Be ready to play in a peppy band next fall.

Bowling

Tournaments for singles and doubles this week ended the bowling for this year. The doubles were bowled on April 3 after school. All ten alleys were filled, and much excitement developed after the third game when the pins were being counted. Bob Reiland and Mona Mailander were the winners with a total count of 1038 pins. Bob Freres and Carol Blameuser took second place trailing by only three pins.

The singles were bowled yesterday after school. Perry Anderson was the winner of the boy's singles with 613 pins. Ginger Kadlec was high among the girls with 559 pins.

Baseball Schedule

Varsity		
Apr. 12	Taft	there
" 16	Highland Park	there
" 22	New Trier	here
" 24	" "	here
" 26	Warren	here
" 30	Woodstock	there
May 1	Waukegan	here
" 7	Arlington	here
" 10	Leyden	there
" 14	Woodstock	here
" 16	Taft	here
" 21	Arlington	there
Frosh-Soph		
April 18	New Trier	there
" 20	Waukegan	here
" 29	Evanston	there
May 2	New Trier	here
" 15	Taft	here
" 23	Evanston	here
" 25	Waukegan	there

Track Meet here with Crystal Lake
Tuesday, April 16.

Track Schedule

Varsity		
Apr. 16	Crystal Lake	Here
" 19	Libertyville	There
" 27	Palatine Relays	There
May 7	Lake Forest	Here
" 10	Leyden	There
" 14	Palatine	There
" 17	Arlington	Here
" 24	N. E. Conference Meet	Here
Frosh-Soph		
Apr. 16	Palatine	Here
" 19	Libertyville	There
" 27	Palatine Relays	There
May 7	Lake Forest	Here
" 10	Leyden	There
" 17	Arlington	Here
" 24	N. E. Conference Meet	Here

Dates for the New Trier, Waukegan, and Woodstock meets have not been set as yet.

Baseball Begins

In a practice game last Friday, the varsity baseball team was defeated by Von Stuenben 7 - 2. Boyk allowed one hit in the first four innings that he pitched. No score was made until the fifth inning. The Trojans scored two runs on errors. Von Steuben also scored two runs on errors making it a tied score at the beginning of the sixth inning. In the next two innings Von Steuben overpowered the Trojan varsity and won the game.

Pick-ups from the Convention

Art Baumhardt's bicycle carrying the mail for Farley . . Clyde Hennig shouting for Tom Dewey . . . stiff-looking pages . . Johantgen trying to keep up with his fellow bandsters . . Duane Kuhn bowing in three directions . . Red Willams chewing gum as usual . . Johnny Nelson's calm attitude . . . Dick Sullivan shooting a cap gun . . Jean Campell's singing of "Mr. F. D. Roosevelt Jones" . . Mardy Mc Keever's slip-horn-accompaniment.