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Holiday

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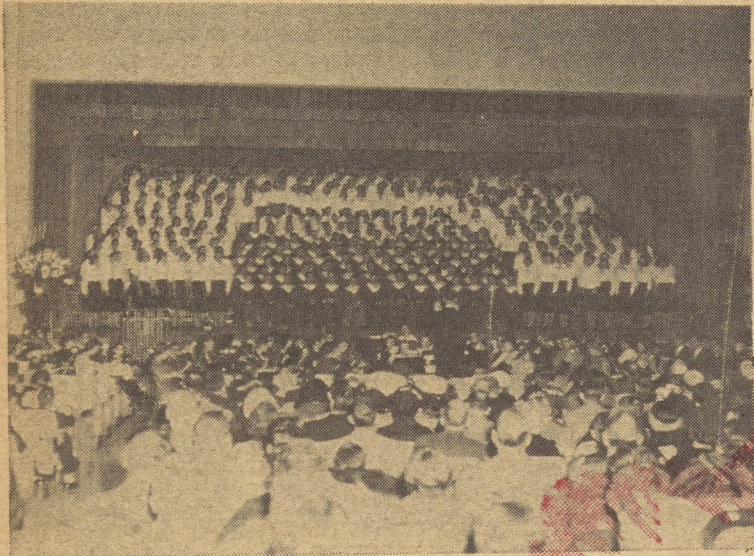
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To Come Back  
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## Seasonal Music Highlights Annual Christmas Festival



Over 400 students took part in the annual Christmas Festival presented for the first time in the West Division auditorium by the Combined music Departments.

As the Christmas season draws nearer and jolly old Saint Nicholas himself prepares to distribute gifts among young and old alike, Niles Township high school also had a present for Chicagoland. The music of the high school's annual Christmas Festival echoed throughout the Nilehi West auditorium on Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The opening selection, "Toy Train," directed by student conductor, Lynne Anderson, expressed the thoughts of many youngsters during this festive season. After this rendition by the orchestra, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Hugh McGee, blended its voices to the sparkling arrangement of "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky. The choir was then joined by the junior-senior girls' glee for a Ringwald arrangement of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The strings and woodwinds of the orchestra presented the overture to the "Messiah."

Under the direction of Mr. Earle Auge, the combined choral groups and the orchestra continued with another selection from the "Messiah." The combined frosh-soph girls' glee proceeded to sing "Shepherds Awake" and "The Lamb," followed by the combined girls' glee singing "Christmas Hymn."

The combined groups, numbering some 450 voices, then joined together in singing a selection from Johann Sebastian Bach, "Now let Every Tongue Adore Thee." The boys' glee continued the program with "Gloucestershire Wassail," while

### Steve Smith Represents Nilehi in WGN Contest

Steve Smith, junior, represented Nilehi at the WGN-sponsored "Voice of Democracy" contest.

Out of over 30 schools participating in the semi-finals, Steve was one of five chosen to represent Cook County in the finals for the Chicago area. When the finals were presented on November 17, Steve broadcasted his speech over WGN television and radio.

As a result, he was asked to join the WGN Summer Broadcast Workshop. If he can "fit it into his busy schedule," Steve would like to take the offer.

### Yearbook Wins Medalist Award

The yearbook staff was pleased and proud to learn that the 1958 "Reflections" had been given the highest possible rating — a Medalist Award — by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Over 1,275 books from the 48 states, Hawaii, Canada, the Philippines, Netherlands, West Indies, and American Dependent schools in Japan and Europe were rated in this 24th annual yearbook contest. In the rating, books are compared with others in their own particular class (determined by size of school), and out of a possible 1,000 points, Nile's book earned 970.

East Division students who had not already ordered yearbooks, had the chance to do so during the week of December 1 through 5 when yearbook staff members took orders in the homerooms.

### Renown Science Seminar Accepts 13 New Members

The Nilehi Science Seminar is famous! Five million people in the United States and throughout the world have heard of the Science Seminar program.

The "universal" knowledge was gained through an article about the Seminar (Opportunity for the Brilliant Science Student) appearing in the August, 1958, issue of Reader's Digest.

This article, which was condensed from the August, 1958, Parents' Magazine article, was concerned with the establishment of the Seminar, its objectives, and how the idea has spread throughout the nation to forty-two high schools from Newton, Massachusetts, to Palo Alto, California.

The organization is composed of thirty members. This year thirteen new members were "selected" to Seminar's membership. These students are juniors Gary Goldstein, Susan Krawitz, Russ Luepker, James Miller, Robin Withall, and Milford Wolfpoff.

Sophomores accepted to the Seminar are Lee Bromberg, Dave Christensen, Bob Feinberg, Mike Honig, Ron Johnson, Glenn Rosenthal, and Ken Williams.

The "selection" was based on a three hour screening test in math and science. Those who passed the examination were admitted on a trial basis of five weeks. At the end of this time lapse another examination will be given.

There is no set format for the meetings. They vary from hearing an authoritative speaker to breaking up into small discussion groups of seven to ten members, each being guided by an "expert" in the field being discussed. These groups are concerned with biology, physics, geology, psychology, and other related matter. Each student

is responsible for a project in his "chosen field" of interest, based on the discussion groups.

According to Dr. Evelyn Tyner, the first specialist to volunteer her time and help, the Seminar has a two-fold approach: (1) To provide a general, broad look at all the sciences through research and background work. (2) To pursue the individual's interest in depth.

Dr. Tyner stated that the biggest difficulty they face in their Seminar work is finding the needs of the student, and then attempting to satisfy these needs.

The Reader's Digest calls the Nilehi Science Seminar "a simple plan which is helping gifted youngsters to enlarge their learning at a vastly accelerated pace."

### Swanson Steals Show; Wins 4-H Electric Program Award

Traveling fourteen miles to attend 4-H club meetings has proved worthwhile for Rod Swanson, senior.

After only seven months in 4-H, Rod recently won the Westinghouse 4-H Electric Program Award, the highest award Westinghouse gives a 4-H boy or girl in Cook County.

In May, Rod, who is interested in agriculture, decided to become a 4-H member. He learned that that closest 4-H Club was in Mount Prospect, Illinois, a distance of 14 miles. However, this did not stop him.

This fall all the 4-H clubs in Cook County held a fair at Arlington Heights. Two of Rod's projects



Doug Spengler, Jerry Gould, and Doug Marshall point out parts of the vast universe in a regular meeting of the astronomy club.

### Nilehi Stargazers Lead All-City Club

Five members of the Nile's Astronomy Club are involved in a Chicago area first!

Astronomy Club officers have taken over part of the Chicago Academy of Sciences' building in Lincoln Park in order to form a city-wide club, the first of its kind. Donated by Dr. William Beecher, new head of the Academy, these boys have been working on the project since last August.

It all started when Dr. Beecher approached several Astronomy Club members through the Science Seminar. After explaining his idea to them, officers of the school astronomy club began fixing up these facilities turned over to them by the Academy.

These facilities consist of a new auditorium that seats 176 people, rooms in the basement used for making telescope lenses, and the Academy's planetarium. According to Douglas Spengler, astronomy club president, there are "only two planetariums of this type in the world. The other one is in Europe." In these planetariums the whole sky can be observed in its different seasons at the same time.

The first meeting of the city-wide club was held December 12. Dr. Beecher invited the superintendent, a science teacher, and the two most interested students from every high school in Cook County.

Future meetings of the club,

which is controlled completely by the members themselves, are planned for every other Friday night. Facilities will also be available to members over weekends.

Organization of the club is divided into five parts, and all happen to be headed by Nilehi students. Mitchell Goodman, Michael Gear, and Jerry Gould, all seniors, are in charge of the planetarium, optic shops, and astrophotography laboratory respectively. Glen Rosenthal, sophomore, takes care of publicity and announcements. The whole operation is supervised by Doug Spengler, also a senior.

"Because of limited space, membership will be limited to 50," stated Doug. "In order to be eligible for membership, one must come to two club meetings and then present a written statement showing desire to join. At the end of January, applications will be reviewed and members will be chosen on the basis of interest."

The Astronomy Club is open to adults, too. Both Marlin Perkins, star of Zoo Parade, and Burr Tillstrom, creator of Kukla, Fran, and Ollie, have shown interest in making mirrors in the optical shops, Doug mentioned.

### Township Vetoes Expansion Plans

At a special election held on Saturday, December 13, the voters of Niles Township defeated a \$8,625,000 referendum aimed at enlarging the high school facilities of the Township.

The bond issue consisted of three propositions: 1) to purchase a site at the southeast corner of Dempster street and Skokie boulevard and building a third high school, \$6,500,000; 2) to purchase a site bordering upon Dempster street and bounded by Harlem and Waukegan avenues, \$1,000,000; and 3) to build additions to the present East and West high school plants, \$1,125,000.

Arguments against the referendum were stated on the basis that both Nilehi East and West could be expanded to meet the rising high school population of the area and that three schools within a mile of each other would create an unnecessary overlapping of transportation area.



## Of Cabbages and Kings

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'if you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon."

**VIRGINIA, YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS ARE WRONG.** They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

**YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS.** He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

**NOT BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS!** You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but there is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

**YOU MAY TEAR APART THE BABY'S RATTLE** and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

**NO SANTA CLAUS!** Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

An editorial by Francis P. Church reprinted from the "New York Sun," Sept. 21, 1897.

## Nilehi Talks...

Dear Editor:

**AFTER READING THE LAST NILEHILITE,** I decided to write this letter telling the staff and workers of the NILEHILITE that I appreciate their hard work. I have never read anything in the NILEHILITE thanking the staff for the job they are doing and I think the staff is doing a good job of producing a paper every two weeks with the handicap of having the school split in two divisions.

Connie Brodzik, Junior

Dear Editor:

**WE THINK** that the Christmas decorations in the school are just terrific! They really add to the spirit of Christmas, and brighten up our school. Many thanks to the Art Department for their fine work; we really appreciate it.

Some Appreciative Seniors

## Go You Trojans, Go!

*Dashing through the snow,  
To get to Nilehi's game,  
Oh what fun it is to go  
And see our team win fame!  
Racket Squad will cheer,  
Making spirits bright,  
New Trier will want to run and hide  
When we beat them tonight.  
So, come on Niles, let's really go,  
Let's go all the way.  
We are known as the Trojan champs,  
That's what the kids all say.  
So, come on kids, to Nilehi West,  
And watch our boys succeed  
You know our team's the very best,  
All others they will lead.  
Our Nilehi's the best,  
Of any school around.  
Of sports and scholastics both we boast,  
We've the best that can be found.  
In basketball and baseball too,  
We're sure to win each game,  
Swimming, wrestling, to name a few  
They all add to our fame.  
So if you want to see us win  
The New Trier game tonight  
Come to the brand new Niles Gym  
And watch this wonderful sight.  
And don't forget the Council dance,  
The "Snow Shuffle's" it's name  
Held in Nilehi West's new lounge,  
You'll be real glad you came.*



What would you most like to find under your Christmas tree

Bill Reading, senior: "Any sports car that will fit under the tree."

Joel Baker, senior: "A crystal ball forecasting Niles as state basketball champs."

Penny Hensel, junior: "A big white teddy bear."

George Gallega, junior: "Study hall 120."

Jane Barnett, freshman: "Marlon Brando."

Les Lange, senior: "You can't print that!"

Judy Matter, senior: "The floor."

Harvey Nilehi: "A muscle building set."

Judy MacCorkle, junior: "Presents, what else?"

Mike Skol, senior: "A plaster of paris statue of Mr. Markus."

Don Kornelly, junior: "A Hari Kari kit, a do-it-yourself head shrinking set, a book on how to play Russian roulette, and a four pound wedge of guano."

Norm ("Bret") Levander, senior: "A gun and holster set to go with my cowboy boots."

Jean Lovering, junior: "A doll with blue eyes and a blond crew cut."

Kathy Stockmar, freshman: "Answers to the years final exams."

Carol Stern, senior: "My chem lab book filled in with all the right answers."

Mary Fine, junior: "A year's worth of opportunities."

Karen Magner, senior: "My college boyfriend."

## Spanish Club Party Reflects Yule Spirit

Though there is no white Christmas in much of Spain, the East Division Spanish club overlooked the snow and recreated a Spanish celebration December 18 in the assembly room.

According to Mr. Gentil da Rosa, club sponsor, the highlight of the party was a pinata made by Senora Maria Rodriguez, a native of Guadalajara, Mexico.

The pinata, which is the feature of many Spanish parties, is a hollow object usually made in the shape of an animal and filled with candy, fruit, cookies, and surprises. It is suspended from the ceiling and the guests, who are blindfolded, try to break it open with a long stick.

Mrs. Rodriguez, a friend of Mr. da Rosa, makes the pinatas as a hobby.

To add to the Spanish mood, the club members sang Christmas carols in their "adopted language."

Some of the familiar carols were La Primera Navidad (The First Noel), Paz En La Tierra (Peace on Earth), Voces Celestes (It Came Upon a Midnight Clear) and Noche De Paz (Silent Night).

Refreshments, arranged by Faith Peterson, senior, were cokes and "bunuelos" or Spanish doughnuts.

Decorations were supervised by Nancy Kelly and Terry Schnable, juniors. Iris Lippman, junior, was chairman of the entertainment committee.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Sheila Erdmann, senior, for winning the Youth Appreciation Week Essay Contest, sponsored by the Skokie Optimist Club. Sheila won a \$25 savings bond with the essay "Opportunities for Youth in Building the World of Tomorrow."

The West Division Student Council for collecting \$303.96 for the Our Lady of the Angels fund.

## West Gymnasium Chosen As Site Of Junior Prom

**LAST SPRING THE BOARD OF Education** was already considering the question of the prom. But when it was announced this fall that the 1959 Junior Prom will be held in the new Nilehi West gymnasium, it came as a shock to many students — particularly to the upper classmen who have been looking forward to this traditional big event.

The aim of the change was to discourage students from travelling downtown and to encourage the holding of school affairs in the school.

Rumors flew far and wide throughout the school. Will formals be allowed? Will we have to wear gym shoes?

A committee of Junior and Senior Cabinet members was formed to look into the matter. After several conferences with administrators and a tour through the West Division gyms, lounge, and courts, many of the committee members were more or less "won over." They received the following information concerning the possibility of holding the prom at Nilehi West.

The contest gym alone has an approximate area of 12,500 square feet and would hold a larger crowd than most Chicago hotels.

As for decoration possibilities, a special band stand could be erected, a false ceiling could be installed, lighting effects could be achieved from above and from the balconies, and clever waterfall and fountain effects are available.

A large area is available for parking and a system of bringing up cars can be developed. Refreshments can be served in a decorated student lounge and smoking will be permitted in both the lounge and garden courts.

The Board decision disappointed many students, but considering the many advantageous possibilities, the 1959 Junior Prom should turn out to be a memorable occasion.

## Students Interview Prominent People

A bookie . . . a well-known Congresswoman . . . a group of famous singing sisters . . . an elevator operator . . . all were the subjects of the journalism class fall interview projects.

Every year, Mr Paul Eberhardt's journalism classes embark on what may be their most fascinating experience. The assignment is to interview someone interesting, and interview interesting personages they did.

These projects might take place anywhere — from downtown Chicago to a little home in the suburbs, and even here at Nilehi. Perhaps at the next-door-neighbors or the home of some star in the entertainment field.

When the opportunity presented itself, the show business folks proved quite helpful. Howard Miller fixed one girl's camera during an interview. When one of the McGuire sisters tore her dress, the others, while they waited, gave one enterprising student an otherwise improbable interview. Two drama teachers gave illuminating glimpses into the work of the theatre, while P. J. Hoff gave his opinion on accurate weather reporting.

People from all walks of life were visited — a nurse, who has aided many famous movie stars; a prominent magazine artist, Johnny Wolters; a CTA superintendent; a teacher of deaf mute children; and Roy Knapp, an accomplished drummer.

Some off beat interviews were held with an anonymous bookie, Mr. X of Skokie; Ray Russell, editor of Playboy magazine; a talkative elevator operator, and a Chinese immigrant.

Many people connected with journalism told of their experiences. They were Tom Branagan, editor of the "Villager"; Mrs. Elaine Fallon, "Lincolnwood News" columnist; Jack Rosenburg, sports writer; and Jack Mabley, Daily News columnist and mayor of Glenview. A former NILEHILITE sports editor, now prep editor for the Chicago Sun-Times, Roger Yost was among those interviewed.

There were interviews with one student's own brother, two juvenile officials, and the assistant principle of Montefiore School, a corrective school for the unfor-

tunate young people of the slum areas.

The lady in the information booth on the world's busiest corner, State and Madison, told of how lonely her job is even though she sees hundreds of people daily.

Around Niles, Mr. Leo Babcock, psychology teacher; Mr. Bob Frala, Varsity football coach, and Nilehi's foreign exchange student, Joe Tagliabue gave their impressions of Niles. The gracious Marguerite Stitt Chuch gave insights into her political career.

The general opinion of the journalism classes is that they are surprised over how human and friendly most of their interviews were.

## English Family Spends First Christmas in U. S.

Christmas in America will be the true highlight of the Christmas season for Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, Nilehi East cook and recent immigrants from England.

Since a white Christmas is unheard of in England, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their three children will spend a quiet Christmas in their new land enjoying the spirit that a white Christmas brings.

"Money is scarce in England," stated Mrs. Patterson. "Women in the United States buy clothing all year around. In England, only essentials are purchased during the year. Dresses, hats, gloves and weathers are usually bought only during Christmas time."

But Santa Claus and his reindeer are symbols of the Christmas spirit and good will in England, Mrs. Patterson observed.

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Even in the frenzied Christmas season's rush, Nilehi clubs manage to keep up their plans and activities.

The Nilehi Spanish club celebrated Christmas as the Spanish do, yesterday, at their annual Christmas party. The festivities were highlighted by the breaking of the pinata, a large shell filled with candy and cookies. Spanish Christmas carols were sung while refreshments included bunuelos (cookies), torron (sweet candy), and poluverones (cookies).

The Teachers of Tomorrow club has a new college bulletin library. The library, which is open to all members of the club, is in room 127 and is open from 7:50 to 8:05 Monday through Friday. Bulletins from colleges offering teacher education and related fields are included in the library.

ByLines, a special newspaper published by the 100% club and presented to business classes, will soon be published. Club members are now gathering news for the future editions.

The 100% club has also been selling school stationery decorated by the Niles crest. The stationery can be purchased with either black or blue crests. Money obtained from the sale of stationery will be used for the club scholarship fund.

To explore the field of nursing the members of the East and West Division Nurses club attended their first field trip to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

The girls were taken on a tour of the hospital, were given lunch, and attended a movie.

"The field trip was a success, and we plan to have more of them," commented Miss Massmann, East Division club sponsor.

Do you look the same as you did when you were a year old? German club members had a chance to find out at their Christmas party yesterday which was held in room 323 after school. Club members tried to identify each other by baby pictures. Each member brought his picture in a sealed envelope. The person who identified the most people won a prize.

Heading the list of this year's activities for the Future Nurses club will be a special Christmas project. This project is designed to help the less fortunate celebrate Christmas.

Other future activities include guests from the Army, Navy and Air Force who will speak on nursing careers in the Armed Forces. Graduates of Nilehi who have entered the nursing field will also speak on their careers in nursing. Climaxing the school year will be a party for graduating members of the club and their mothers in June.

## Mr. Babcock Defends Nilehi Girls' Driving

GIRLS USUALLY LEARN to drive just as well as boys, according to Mr. Leo Babcock.

Mr. Babcock feels that he is well qualified to come to the girls' defense in this age-old argument as he has been teaching Niles' Driver Education classes for twelve years.

The driving course consists of thirty hours of classrooms instruction and six hours of driving practice. These requirements have been set up by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction since the course has been under state control for two years.

It usually takes about six weeks for each group of students to complete the course.

The students usually take their license test on their own, although a State Examiner will come to the school if the class is large. Most of the students go to the Evanston testing station and a few of them are so nervous that they have to take the test again.

During his twelve years at Niles, Mr. Babcock has trained over 2,000 students and, in evening and summer classes, between 400 and 500 adults.

High school students learn faster than adults," Mr. Babcock admitted. "If a person waits until he is 40 years old, he has more tensions."

The most common mistake the trainees make is going around a corner too fast. "They forget themselves and give it too much gas," Mr. Babcock explained. The worst thing that ever happened was when one girl got so excited that she let go of the steering wheel and covered her eyes! By using the dual control brake, the car was stopped."

To supplement Mr. Babcock's "nerves of steel," a 1958 Ford (donated by Fergus Ford) with automatic transmission and other cars with standard transmission, are supplied with dual controls.

"On the whole, the students turn out to be very good drivers. I only wish that more potential drivers could have the opportunity to take Driver Education," Mr. Babcock concluded.

## Racket Squadron Marches On

Nilehi has formed its own drill team! This marching group, called the Racket Squadron, is composed of 12 rhythmic members of Racket Squad. The 12 members performing in the first pep assembly were Pat French, Carolyn Kuchar, Arlene Pfaff, Ron Raben, Stan Berman, Karen Rosenquist, Ron Krishke, Neil Seigal, Chuck Ragland, Noel Ostrom, Susie Backus, and Ron Krone. Besides marching with the squadron, Ron Krone accompanied the group on his trumpet.

The purpose of the Racket Squadron is to promote school

spirit, and to entertain the audiences at our sporting events. Because the squadron was formed recently, they are limited in the number and variety of their performances, but with time and practice hope to perform many routines.

Other projects with which the Racket Squad has been busy are the selling of tickets to home games, publicity for games, procuring of buses to away-games, and performing of skits at pep assemblies.

## Thespians Attend Conference

Nilehi Thespians learned more about drama at the Northern Illinois Region of the National Thespian Society regional conference. Twenty-five schools participated in this all-day event at Wheaton Township high school Saturday, December 6.

Charlotte Cooperman was given a part in "Three's A Crowd," a play given before the people attending the conference. The cast used scripts while on stage — a method known as oral interpretation or Readers Theatre.

Marianne Marks read a poem from "Spoon River Anthology" by Edward Arlington Robinson. Members of the Northwestern

faculty also read poetry. A speech choir comprised of students from the different schools performed.

Other students who attended the conference were Judy Young, Sandy Eggert, Penny Johnson, Carole Povlo, Holly Freeman, and Harry Taxin. Miss Virginia K. Stemp, sponsor of Nilehi's Thespians, was also present.

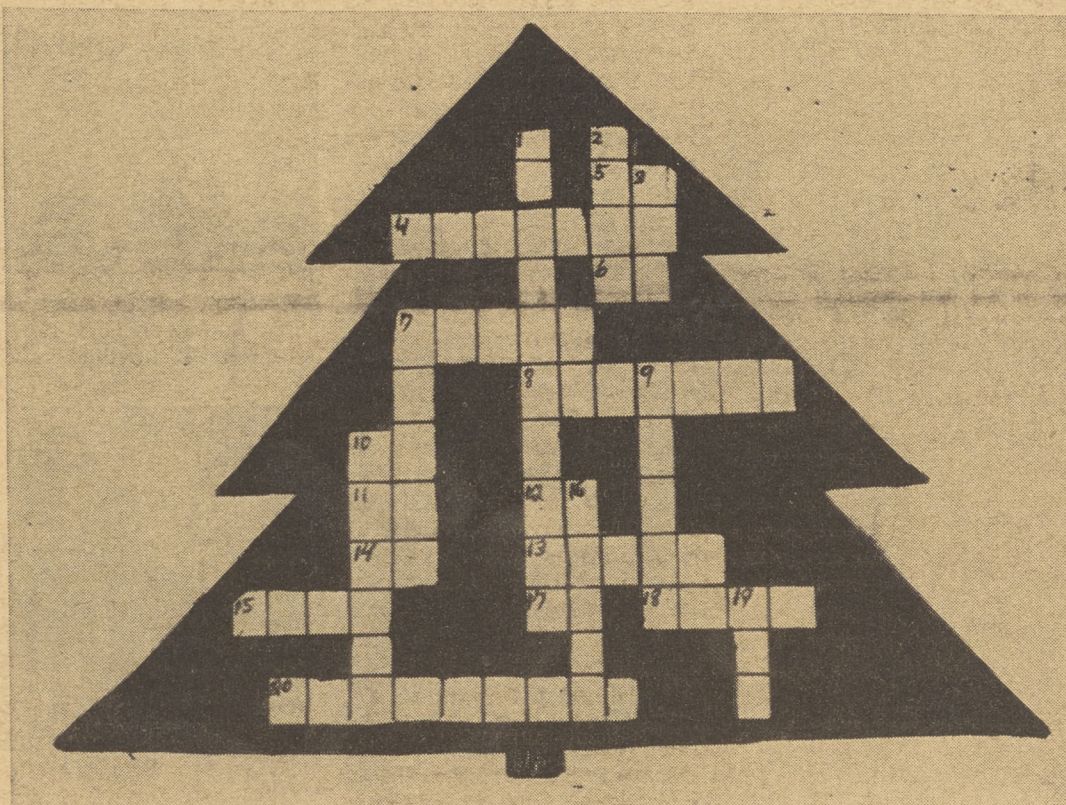
## Cabinet to Prove Santa Does Exist

Living over 4000 miles away from home can get pretty lonely, especially at Christmastime, as any of the area's foreign exchange students can testify. But for Nilehi's foreign student, Joe Tagliabue, a little of the anxiety of his home back in Villasanta, Italy, will be relieved.

Perhaps Joe's most memorable American Christmas present will be given to him by the Senior Cabinet. It won't be wrapped in expensive paper with beautifully-designed bows atop it, yet Joe won't mind! For, on Christmas Eve Joe will be able to speak to his parents in Italy for fifteen minutes.

The bill will be paid by the Cabinet.

Joe, who has not seen his parents for almost five months, mailed his gifts to his family. Joe wanted to get something very special for his younger brother who is thirteen years old. After looking everywhere he came upon a gift that he KNEW his brother would treasure dearly—a white, zipper Nilehi sweat shirt.



### ACROSS

- The boys on the wrestling team do this
- Preposition used in indicating place, time, etc.
- Preposition meaning in contact with a supporting surface.
- Our school
- Our school nickname
- Morton Grove (abb)
- Expression of contentment
- Adverb meaning to such an extent
- Large, long-handled spoon
- New Trier (abb)
- The bells do this on Christmas day
- Ellen spelled phonetically
- Synonym of Christmas
- This holiday season

### DOWN

- Our biggest winter sport at Niles
  - An angel wears this above her head
  - Number after 9
  - Silent (a Christmas song)
  - Gay, merry
  - Where Jesus was born
  - He brings presents to good children at Christmas
  - We burn this in the fireplace
- (For solution, see page 6)

## Lunchroom Brightens While Rules Tighten

EVEN IN THE RELAXED atmosphere of Nilehi's cafeteria, rules are established to regulate behavior, and monitors are on duty to enforce them.

"These rules are for the benefit of all. If everyone would comply with them, there would be no need to have fines. They are as simple as could be," states the introduction to the list of rules given to every Nilehi student. "If everyone cooperates, there will be no need to have these fines," said Mr. H. Ellis.

Since these fines have come into effect, approximately \$15 has been collected. As much as 40 cents has been collected for one offense in a single day. The amount collected during the four lunch periods depends a great deal on the "mood" of the students.

Fines are used to buy extras for the lunchroom and make it a more pleasant place in which to eat. Copper planters, artificial leaves adorning the windows, and the frames for the photographs on the walls were purchased with this money.

Monitors are stationed at the doors and at dish carts.

The monitors are: 4A—Dawn Murray, Pam Russell, Peggy Bartelson, Kathy Waddell, Judy Mesh, Jon Vraney, Donna Akerlund, and Rita Berens.

4B—Sue Korshak, Ron Lis, Bob Saltzman, Kathy Zajac, Roberta Thies, Cary Miller, Phyllis Newton, Barb Wessendorf, and Ron Wessendorf.

5A—Linda Slade, Barry Slotky, Steven Rioff, Connie Brodzik, Harmon Motch, Dale Murray, Jean Barrett, Cherie Habib, and Marie Pogue.

5B—Allen Escher, John Rutherford, Douglas Spengler, Kip Herbst, Harmon Motch, John Korsan, Shari Fishman, and Willa Bryer.

## Silver Clipper Expands

The Silver Clipper, honorary writing club of Nilehi freshmen and sophomores, has admitted ten new associate members. Wednesday evening, November 5, an initiation reception was given for the members, associates, and parents by the Golden Galleon Guild, the big brother organization of Nilehi est.

The Silver Clipper now consists of thirteen students: three members, Adrienne Kennedy, Helen Seidler, and Madelyn Voss; and the newly-chosen associates, Sheryl Beauchamp, Janet Bloch, Peggy Franz, Denise Goss, Judy Kaplan, Karen Osney, Diane Simons, Deborah Van, Ron Wolfstyn, and Darlene Woywot.

Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Lisa Hobbs and Mr. Richard Gragg, West Division teachers, membership in the Silver Clipper is kept to a minimum by the rigid entrance requirements. Each member is admitted solely on the merit of a manuscript he has written. Poems, essays, or short stories may be submitted.



# Merry Christmas



Face-washing with snow is strictly for the snowmen! Kip Herbst recovers from a cold snow-bath given to her by Carol Dankowski, Ron Henrici, Bill McDowell, and Bruce Norgan, as these five seniors romp in the first snowfall of the year.



Christmas trees make Christmas even gayer. Dixie Nelson, Jerry Hildebrand, Marcia Braverman, Sandee Kagan, and Gene Fogarty wonder if this will be just the right tree to add the Yuletide spirit to the house.



Santa Claus is probably wondering of towering Jim Tansor: "... And what do you want for Christmas, little boy?" Could it be that Jim is asking Santa for a doll? We wonder.



A flaring fireplace is just the right thing for cold Christmastime nights. Ken Norgan, Sue Faust, Bob Lukes, Judy Matter, and Mark Johnson enjoy Christmas punch and fun as they gather around a roaring fire.

That season's here again: CHRISTMASTIME — 1958! All through the halls and classrooms runs that familiar feeling of breathless excitement. "How long is it now — half an hour? Oh, will that Christmas holiday ever come!" It's hard to concentrate—especially with "Deck the Halls" running crazy in the brain, and visions of holly and mistletoe geeting tangled in your Chemistry problems.

No wonder that English homework just won't jive. Christmas pops up everywhere; you just can't escape it. "Dickens was an English author who wrote a novel about Christmas . . . I wonder if it will snow for Christmas? . . . I'll have to remember to wrap all my presents this week end . . . I wonder if I'll be going out Christmas eve?" Oh well, who can study at a time like this anyway?

To almost everyone at Niles, Christmastime is something very special — that once-a-year season of giddy secrets carefully wrapped in sparkling foil and ribbon, and the mad rush to the Loop in one frantic effort of buy just the "right" present for that someone special.

Christmastime is a fireplace, blazing warmly, with a crowd of laughing teen-agers gathered around drinking Christmas punch and eating Christmas cookies. This is the season for fun! Spare time is a novelty. Who ever heard of sleep over the holidays when Christmas parties keep everyone in the gay, wonderful mood that Christmas brings? Winter sports win new popularity especially when snow makes tobogganing and ice skating possible.

For young and old alike, Christmas is sharing in the fun of picking out a Christmas tree — toes and fingers numb, even though you have mittens to protect them against the wintery cold. It's the pride and excitement in seeing the decorated tree, lit up from base to tip with sparkling red and green lights, twinkling bulbs, and tons of tinsel.

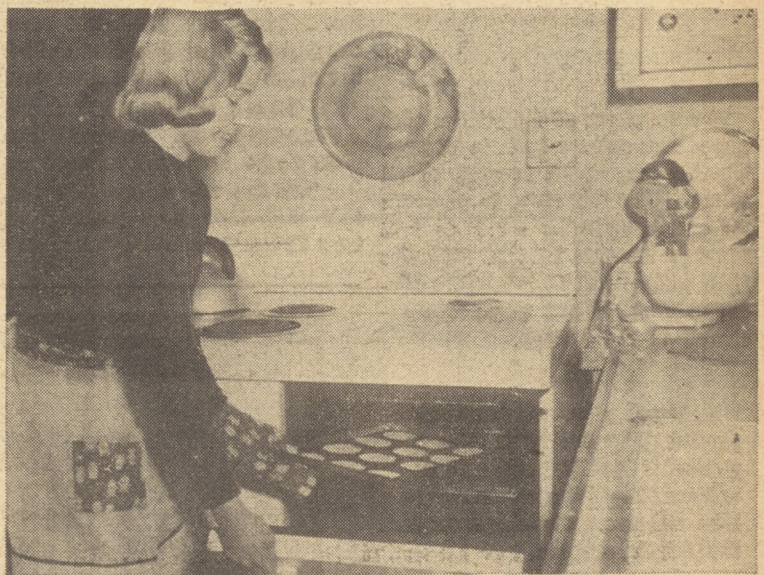
With a loud thump on the roof, and a little stub of a pipe, SANTA CLAUS is here! St. Nicholas to some and Santa to others, he is still the spirit of giving and good will that means Christmas. Bulky stockings hanging by the fireplace greet his arrival, along with a carefully written note beginning "Dear Santa: Please bring me . . ." Half of the fun of Christmas is watching the painfully good behavior, and incurable curiosity of younger's brothers and sisters who impatiently await Christmas morning.

Christmas morning brings squeals of joy, the sight of cleverly wrapped presents under the tree and a quiet trip to the church of your choice to remember just why we celebrate this beautiful season. The smell of roasting turkey is enough to make any mouth water—who cared about that diet anyway?

Finally Christmastime means welcoming in the new year in one last fling before we settle back into the normal routine of school. It's remembering not only the fun, but also the wonderful feeling of good will that we should have year 'round yet somehow only seem to remember once a year. It's nostalgia in realizing that Christmas is over for another year. But 'til then, we on the NILEHILITE staff wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY YEAR!



Snow fights are fun — but wet! Carol Dankowski, Kip Herbst, Ron Henrici (ducking), Bill McDowell, and Bruce Norgan, seniors, send snow flying. One thought occupies their minds: "Will there be a white Christmas?"



Christmas cookies are a must during the holiday season. Arlene Pfaff makes sure that she has all the right ingredients to get some delicious baking done before the busy season begins.



Wyn Dorrian is "all wrapped up" in her job of wrapping Christmas presents. Time is running out and there are still many presents to be wrapped. Wyn's only problem is finding her scissors; they must be somewhere around.



The party's over — LET'S RELAX! Sue Debes and Don Hansen collapse in the nearest chair, and do just that, after a gay New Years Eve celebration.



# Happy New Year



Left to right: Pam Engstrom, Judy Sholin, and Tina Benson sing a traditional Swedish Christmas Carol.



Bobbi Goldstein and Ferne Yesinick demonstrate a typical Slavic dance which is done to celebrate the Christmas season.

## Chicago Offers Opportunities For Christmas Vacation Fun

When work on term papers, projects, and book reports have been laid aside, the old familiar cry of "What shall I do!" will echo through the homes of Nilehi students. Chicago offers us many opportunities for livening up a "dead" vacation.

The Michael Todd Theatre, formerly Harris Theatre, has had a picture titled "Gigi" playing for six months. On the 22 of December the picture will move to Todd's Cinestage where it will continue its successful run. "Gigi" will be replaced at the Todd Theatre by a stage play, "Two For The Seesaw" starring Ruth Roman and Jeffrey Lynn. "South Pacific" will continue at the McVickers Theatre throughout the holiday season as will "South Sea Adventure" at the Palace Theatre. As are many of the stage plays in Chicagoland, "My Fair Lady" is completely sold out for New Years Eve, but if you hurry you can purchase tickets for the play for another holiday dates at ticket agencies in downtown Chicago.

"Auntie Mame" and "Romanoff and Juliet" are both stage plays that came to Chicago after successful runs in New York. "Auntie Mame" will not be presented on December 22, 23, or 24, but will resume its regular schedule on the 25 and continue through the holiday season.

"Romanoff and Juliet" gave its first performance in Chicago on December 15 and will play for three weeks.

If you wish to see these shows on New Years Eve, all of these mentioned will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the exception of "Gigi," which will have two performances 7 and 9:45 p.m., and "South Pacific" with performances at 7 and 10:45 p.m.

Prices for most anything you would like to do New Year's

Eve have been raised. The stage and long-running pictures have raised their prices to \$2.50 and \$3.00, and up.

If you want to see something different, go to the Ling Long Museum in Old Chinatown. Two more very fine museums are located in Chicagoland: the Chicago Natural History Museum and the Field Museum. The Adler Planetarium and the Shedd Aquarium are within walking distance of each other.

If you feel like "Nite-Clubbing" it over the vacation, you will have not trouble finding a good floor show. The Chez Paree will have Red Buttons for the New Years Eve celebration; the Black Orchid will have the very fine jazz pianist, Errol Garner; and Mister Kelly's is featuring Shelly Berman, telephone-talking comedian, who will play there until Cindy and Lindy and another yet unnamed act come on December 29. Gene Krupa will be at the London House from before Christmas till after New Year's day.

If you enjoy seeing rougher entertainment, you're sure to like wrestling at Marigold Arena. However, the main event for the evening of December 27 is yet undetermined.

If you like a fast game, then hockey is more likely to suit you. The Chicago Blackhawks will play a home game December 21 against Detroit, the 28th against Tornado, and will play a New Year's night game against Montreal.

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo will open at the Civic Operahouse December 24. On New Years Eve, the company will present Swan Lake, Gaite Parisienne, and two other numbers.

However, whatever you do, don't forget to come back January 5!

Whether it's called Lucia Day, Saturnalia, or Linksmoo Kalaydo, Christmastime is felt in much the same spirit all over the world. Each country preserves its own traditional Christmas customs, yet they all carry the wonderful feeling that Christmastime brings.

Perhaps the country with the most unusual Christmas customs is Sweden, where the Christmas season begins with the celebration of Lucia Day, December 13. Young men carrying silver stars and wearing tall hats, and young women with candles serenade their friends.

The next important day in the Swedish Christmas celebrations is "Dipping Day" similar to our Christmas Eve. The whole family gathers in the kitchen, around a large kettle of traditional Christmas sausages. Each person solemnly dips a slice of bread into the broth and eats it to insure good luck in the coming year. Christmas day is traditionally quiet in Sweden. On the second day following Christmas, however, social life begins again and is climaxed on St. Knut's Day, on January 13 — the end of the Swedish Christmas cycle.

The Lithuanian Christmas season is much like ours — the bulk of the celebrations being a royal feast. The family has 12 courses to look forward to during the Christmas night. Preceding this enormous feast, very thin wafers — similar to those used in Catholic Communion — are passed around as a symbol of happiness and friendship.

The original home of the Christmas tree is usually referred to as Germany. The well-known carol "Silent Night," Kris Kringle, and hand-carved toys are only a few of the many contributions made by Germany to traditional Christmas celebration.

Kris Kringle represents a beautiful angel messenger who brings the Tanninbaum, a surprise Christmas tree, to the children every year. His silver bells herald his arrival, and he departs after leaving gifts for everyone.

December 25 is a happy day for the people of Greece, for it's the season of family reunions, parties and fun. Remembering a custom of long ago, Greek mothers again make fried cakes, while young and old alike listen to stories and old folk-legends. Along with these Greek legends, the Greeks decorate trees, send greeting cards, and exchange gifts. New Year's Eve is also celebrated in Greece, with festivities and dances for all ages.

Italy today is a country of strange contrast. Their Christmas customs are as old as the birth of Christ, as the singing of nativity songs.

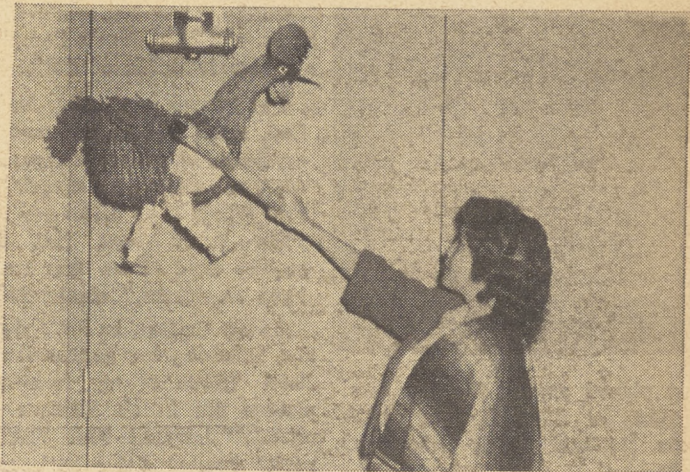
The Italian Santa Claus is the kind old witch, "Befana," who rides from house to house on a broomstick, leaving presents beside the hearth for the children.

Christmas in Japan is celebrated much like it is in the United States. Santa Claus is called Hoteiosho, and little children are taught that he has two eyes in the back of his head. Although Christmas is not widely accepted in Japan because of the national religion, shop keepers do sell Christmas gifts several weeks before Christmas. The idea of exchanging gifts appeals to the Japanese.

Whether it's in the United States or abroad, Christmas is a time for fun and festivity. That wonderful feeling of giving and good-will is there — even though the method of celebrating may be different.



Pam Engstrom exhibits Japanese hospitality by removing Sue Nelson's shoes, a Japanese custom.



Marilyn Maypole strikes the brightly-colored pinata, the Mexican symbol of Christmas.

## Language Club Offers Diversified Programs

The Foreign Language Club of Nilehi West, numbering 376 members, is probably one of the largest organizations at Niles.

Officers are Ken Norgan, president, Jerry Rabin, vice-president and treasurer, and Rosanne Schiff, secretary. These officers and the Executive Board members, consisting of representatives of the foreign language language classes, plan the programs for the month's activity.

Last month the group held a program honoring our foreign exchange student, Joe Tagliabue, and United Nations Week. Joe was made an honorary member of the club, as were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroon, at whose home the club built its homecoming float.

This month the individual language groups met for their own planned activities and to make plans for the next meeting.

On December 11, a fashion show consisting of various costumes from different countries of the world was held, accompanied by songs, dances, or explanations of the festivities of those countries during December or January. Some of the countries represented were Sweden, France, Spain, Lithuania, Italy, China, Japan, Hawaii, Switzerland, Mexico, Greece, and Germany.

## Drivers Receive Parking Permits

Students who drive to school no longer have to search for parking areas. The East Division Student Council has opened the Lincoln Avenue lot for student parking.

Surprisingly enough, the amount of applications were very few and 39 students received these parking space.

Each car must have an official parking sticker on the windshield, otherwise a \$2 parking fine will be charged.

## Pocket Books Now Kept in Libraries

"Still Growing" is a term that aptly describe the state of the libraries of both East and West Divisions.

Having just added several hundred new books, the East Division library now has 14,635 books in circulation, and 208 magazine subscriptions, according to Miss Mary Walker, East Division librarian.

The West Division library boasts of over 6,500 new books including 1,500 pocket books, and 85 magazine subscriptions.

"Pocket books," revealed Miss Irene Garrigan, West Division librarian, "have reached a position where they can be placed on the shelf with the standard books."

## Dance Exemplifies Christmas Spirit

Getting into the Christmas spirit early, the Selin Tri-Hi-Y girls successfully presented an informal dance with an unusual theme. This unique dance, "Winter Whirlabout," was held December 6, in the West Division student lounge.

From 7:30 to 11 o'clock, couples at the "Winter whirlabout" dance to the music provided by a juke box, knowing that aside from enjoying themselves, they were doing their good deed for the day.

This "deed" consisted of presenting a gift for a patient at a Marine Hospital, as admission to the dance. The minimum mount spent for the gifts was \$1.00 per couple. The tobacco, books, and candy collected will surely be welcomed by the patients.



## Introducing: Pat French

"To me, one of the greatest things in life is learning. The important thing is not how much we know now, but that we keep on trying to learn," philosophized Pat French. This wise senior girl has done just that! Having transferred from Lyons Township High School as a sophomore, Pat has done more in her two years at Niles than most students do in all four!

Scholastically, Pat is tops. Both as a junior and senior, she has been in accelerated classes, and hasn't missed the honor roll once. Climaxing her ability, this year



Pat placed among the ten semi-finalists at Niles for the nationwide National Merit Scholarship tests.

As for extra-curricular activities, this capable senior is active in nearly every phase of Nilehi life. As a Student Council representative, Pat heads the Foreign-Exchange-Student committee. "I honestly hope that this program becomes an established tradition

at Niles. It's a great honor that Niles has been selected to participate in such a worthwhile program," emphasized Pat.

Among her many other activities are secretary of French Club, an associate Golden Galleon Guild member, and drum major for the band, both junior and senior years. Racket Squad is still another of her interests. She is the head of the newly-formed Racket Squadron.

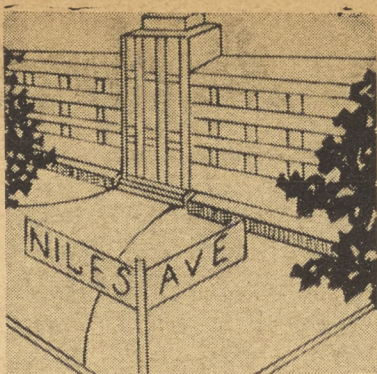
Pat is not only active in school but also in her church. She is the re-elected president of the Park Ridge Baptist Church Youth Fellowship, as well as a member of the Chicago B.Y.F. Board.

What does such an outstanding girl as Pat like? Number one is eating — ANYTHING! The word "moungy," red and white convertibles, and Mrs. Rice's Comp class also are favorites of Pat's.

Pat Peeves are rather hard to find, since Pat likes almost everything. However, drivers who don't use their turn signals, and thoughtless boys make her mad. "Too many boys just don't realize what effect their actions have on others," stated Pat.

Simons College is Pat's destination following her graduation next June. "None of my friends can picture me in an Eastern girls' school!" laughed Pat. "But I'm really excited about it!"

When commenting on Niles, Pat smiled in saying "I feel like I'm a part of Nilehi, and that feeling of belonging is something you don't always find." With personality plus, she can't help but find that "something special" in her future.



The holiday season is finally here! There are only six more days 'till all the excitement and fun of Christmas morning. Christmas is a wonderful season. Selecting just the "right" gift for that someone special, going to church Christmas Eve, opening gifts early the next morning, going to holiday parties, and of course, celebrating New Years Eve, are a few of this season's memorable events.

Election process . . .

Mr. James Michael's U.S. History class is located within view of the chimney from the school's incinerator. One day last month, large puffs of black smoke poured from the chimney. Noticing this, Mr. Michael remarked, "Looks like they haven't elected a new superintendent yet."

Hitler and his theory . . .

During a seventh period American Ideas class, the students were talking about Hitler's theories. Anita Musgrave mentioned that Hitler believed more in a good body than in a good mind. Joan Zweig then quipped, "He would have liked Brigitte Bardot."

BOYS ONLY READ THIS:

Grammar lesson . . .  
A KISS is a NOUN because it's common and proper  
It's a PRONOUN because she stands for it  
It's an ADVERB because it makes an explanation  
It's a CONJUNCTION because it brings together and connects  
It's an INTERJECTION because it shows strong feeling  
It's a PREPOSITION because it has an object.

Anon

Korean Christmas . . .

It will be a merry Christmas for at least one Korean orphan this year. The East Division Student Council is sending a \$25 check to Yang Hong Shik to help brighten his holiday season. Yang is Nilehi's foster child.

Overheard in Nilehi halls . . .

I wouldn't date that girl. She's so stupid she thinks Sherlock Holmes is a housing development.  
She says she can date anyone she pleases. Too bad she doesn't please anybody.

What was that? . . .

While substituting in an SSS class, Coach Mike Basrak was talking about the Illinois State Constitution. Coach Basrak asked, "In the Illinois government, who makes the appointments and fills openings?" From the back of the room came the answer, "My dentist."

Alums . . .

Gloria Mengarelli, '58, was elected freshmen representative of the school of music at Duquesne University to the Student Government Association.

## Introducing: Lee Isel

Be calm, be cool, and be collected may be words of wisdom to some people, but to popular senior Lee Isel they are a source of undending embarrassment. "I hereby promise to clobber any person who repeats those words to me," threatened Lee very convincingly.

Aside from performing in pep assemblies, Lee is also co-activities editor of the yearbook, co-ordinator of ushers' club, a member of Union board, Racket Squad, and National Honor Society.

Lee, who has undertaken many responsibilities and has proved she can handle them, believes the most important job of students is learning to make wise decisions. "The decisions we make now will influence us the rest of our lives, and so it is important that they be wise. Learning to accept the consequences of our decisions, though they may not be as we hoped, is also necessary," asserted Lee.

Catching Lee in a half serious, half whimsical mood, she admits that she would love to become a scientist and work in an official laboratory with a huge OFF LIMITS sign on the door. "My second and more down to earth hope," continued Lee "is to major in commercial art and work in TV design." "Not for long, though," she admonished, "because like

most girls I want to marry and raise a family.

When asked her likes, sparkly Lee had no trouble rattling them off. "I just love pizza, Maverick, high school sports, hamburgers, and bridge," she remarked. When it came to dislikes Lee had a hard time drumming them up although she admitted that confusion and December without snow leave her cold.

Lee as yet is undecided as to where she will go to college next year. "Right now I am chiefly interested in Michigan State, the University of Illinois, and Rice



Institute in Texas," she replied.

Where Lee goes her poise and charm will prove a great asset to her.

## Introducing: Lance Lindquist

A linguist is a Lindquist is a linguist. And so it will be, because Lance Lindquist wants to study languages as his college major. "I also would like to write a song, someday," Lance hesitantly admitted.

This tall, friendly, senior is well-known for his work as president of Hi-Y East. He also carries out is Hi-Y activities on a larger scale as vice-president of the Chicago Metropolitan Hi-Y Council. Lance is active in SSO — as supervisor of SSO and assistant chairman of

(no-not steak. Lance would 'take a friend to a steak, anyday') a smile, and sincerity." Those who know Lance know that he really appreciates sincerity because he is such a sincere person himself.

In fact, Lance's personal philosophy is "(1) be sincere and (2) be willing to help others."

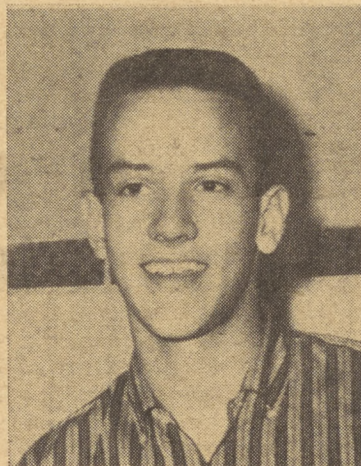
There are not many things that Lance does not like, except he "doesn't like things that have to be done in a hurry," and he "hates cars that don't start."

After graduating, Lance plans to go to Sweden for the summer with his parents. "I would really like to attend the University of Bonn, in Germany. Actually, studying abroad is not as expensive as people think." Lance also likes Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, as a place to further his education.

Lance had no trouble thinking of the event which highlighted his high school career. "My biggest thrill at Niles was being elected president of Hi-Y."

As for ways to improve Niles, Lance had very few suggestions. "Well, if we could think of way to get more kids to the swimming meets, — that would be an improvement," Lance kidded.

Few improvements could be suggested for Lance himself. With his modest, unassuming manner, he has no trouble achieving his secret ambition, which is "to be liked."



SSSH. A major "N" was awarded to Lance for his participation on the swimming teams. To round out his list of activities, Lance is a member of the Student Council foreign exchange student committee.

"There are three things I like," Lance said thoughtfully. "Friends

Carol Elenewski, Lorraine Swital, and Donna Swanson, '58 are cheerleaders at Kendall College.

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to Mr. Mel Pirok and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Susan Janet, December 2.

Well, kids, that's about it for this issue. Have a real wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Bye for now,  
Sandy Brumley

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## Introducing: Bill Reading

The crowd in the gymnasium sits hushed. All eyes turned toward Bill Reading as he stands on the Niles free-throw line. With one second left in the final quarter of the game, the clock is stopped as Niles gets its chance to win this basketball game and the prestige that accompanies such a win. Bill aims and shoots. The ball drops through the hoop as the gun sounds to end the game, and pandemonium breaks loose in Huff gymnasium, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, as Niles Township high school wins the State Basketball Tournament by a score of 77-76.

This is the secret ambition of senior Bill Reading — to see his team "go downstate" in basketball. But this tall senior, who has played basketball during all four years at Nilehi, has another ambition. That ambition is to continue his schooling at the University of Wisconsin, and to follow the example of his father, a Certified Public Accountant for the Chicago race tracks.

Besides playing basketball, Bill has been an active football player for the past three years. In his junior year, Bill won his letter in both football and basketball and became a member of the N-Club. Other activities on Bill's list include homeroom presidency, Sophomore Cabinet alternate, track, and assistant study hall chairman. This year Bill holds the position of fourth period monitor supervisor, a job which he really enjoys.

Because Bill is so interested in sports, he lists "Monday Morning quarterbacks" as his pet peeve. Monday morning quarterbacks are the people who approach the players after a game

and offer their suggestions of how the game SHOULD HAVE been played. "It looks different from the stands," asserts Bill. When you're in the center of the action, you get a different view of the plays." Others who annoy



this level-headed senior are "people that take advantage of others."

On the other hand, Bill's likes include chicken, roast beef rare, Chevie convertibles — "I'm hoping to get one — Mr. Metzel's seventh period S.S.S. class, and Nilehi West — I'd like to go to school there." "Beating Evanston and New Trier in football were the two things that I'll always remember about this year," happily stated Bill.

In conclusion, Bill did a little philosophizing. "The sophomores in West Division have so much authority this year that they feel like upperclassmen. Then they come to East next year, they had better be prepared for a jolt. They will only be juniors—with very little power."





## Introducing Mr. Basrak

**ALTHOUGH IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE**, "Big" Mike Basrak was sent home from college, and denied his athletic scholarship. The reason; he was too skinny to be a good football player!

Mr. Basrak, however, had his revenge. When his school, Duquesne, played the school which didn't want him, Pitt., they beat them. They were the only team to beat them in five years, and they did it with the skinny reject playing center.

Today the Trojan varsity football head-coach stands 6'4" and weighs 235 pounds. In comparison, as a freshman in high school he weighed 90 pounds and at the time of his graduation he was all of 135.

Born in Bellaire, Ohio, Mr. Basrak went to Duquesne University, where he majored in Physical Education. He received his masters degree at Indiana.

In 1936, when Mr. Basrak, as a senior, was the captain of his football team, he was selected as the All-America center of the year. The first and only boy ever chosen from Duquesne. This is not like being chosen All-American, for there were only eleven boys picked for the All-America award.

That same year; Duquesne won in the Orange Bowl, and Mr. Basrak won the Kate Smith Football Award. In 1937, Mr. Basrak played on the first all-star team ever to beat a pro team.

Chosen all-pro center in 1937, Mr. Basrak played two years with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He then entered the Navy as an ensign. Three years later he left as a full lieutenant. He served in the two biggest states in the Union; Alaska and Texas.

Before coming to Nilehi, Mr. Basrak taught at Marietta, Ohio, where he was given an award for being the most outstanding citizen in the town. He then coached at the DuPont Manual High School in Louisville, Kentucky. During his six years there, he went undefeated one year and his team won the state championship. He was chosen coach of the year, that year.

The coach, who's favorite food is steak, likes it very well done. As any of the boys on the football team can tell you, his favorite expression is "fer cryin' out loud".

Mr. Basrak and his wife, Emma, live in Nilehs with their son Roger, who is twelve. The coach has great hopes for Roger although he has not been too active in athletics as yet.

For more information about our famous coach, one has only to look in the who's who of football, "The History of American Football". Mr. Basrak appears in this volume along with other football greats.

# N-Club Admits 49

**DRESSED IN BLOUSES, OLD PANTS**, bathing caps, and gym shoes without laces, Trojan athletes shined the shoes of the members of N-Club. This was one phase of the initiation which took place November 18, in the East Division.

To round out the day, a formal initiation was held that night. The new members took the oath and then enjoyed refreshments and color movies of the Nile-New Trier football game.

The lettermen's club plans to sponsor a Future Trojans Day. This will be held in the Spring for all prospective athletes in eighth grade. This will be in addition to the traditional N-Club — Faculty basketball game.

Important figures in the ceremony were; Mr. Howard Byram and Mr. Bob Frala, co-sponsors of the club, and Kirk Hopper, head of the initiation committee.

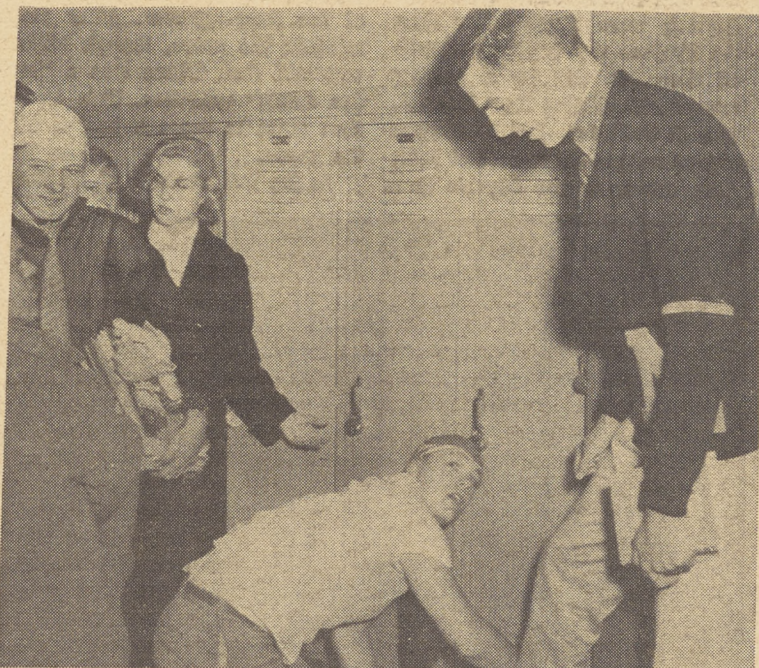
The officers of the N-Club are; Ron Henrici, President; Barry Mink, V.P.; Bob Dilg, Secretary; Les Lange, Treasurer; and Kirk Hopper, Sgt. at Arms.

The new members of the Nilehi lettermen's club are; Jim Allen, Murray Averbach, Joel Baker, Les Berens, Scott Best, Carl Bonfiglio, Ted Bristol, Denny Corr, Jim Dahlman, Denny Dobrowski, Tom Dobrowski, Lenny Engstrom, Gene Fogarty, Jerry France, Ray Giovannelli,

Arnie Goldstein, Remer Griner, Don Hanson, Don Hayes, Paul Heinze, Bill Hess, Al Hoffenberg, Jim Huberty, Dick Iverson, Phil Karafotas, Bob Klingensmith, Wayne Klingstedt, Larry Knopka, Ken Kramer, Jim LaFrentz, Lance Lindquist, Ron Linick, Bob Longfield, Dave Magnuson, Jack Maloney, Ed Mikkelsen, Jim Miresse, Bob Oliver, Bob Palm, Jim Papendrea, Mitch

Portugal, Steve Rioff, Bernie Roos, Stu Saken, Bob Thomas, Ray Thomas, Sennett Tzinberg, Fred Weil, and Bob Zender.

The objectives of the N-Club, as stated in the constitution, are to promote good sportsmanship, and to establish high ideals and standards in athletics. They must also assume the position of leaders in all sports and set a good example for the rest of the school to follow.



Don Hansen shines N-Club member Jim Tansor's shoes, while Jackie Cooper (in coat) looks on in amusement.



N Club initiates, Fred Weil, Sennet Tzinberg, and Bill Hess bow to members, Bruce Herkert and Glenn Kuehn.

## Niles Mermen Post Split Record After 4 Meets

**THE NILEHI VARSITY SWIMMING TEAM** was edged 45-41 by the Proviso Pirates in the Trojan pool a week from yesterday. This meet, the fourth of the season, evened up the Trojan's record at 2 wins and 2 defeats.

Nilehi was leading most of the way. In the first event, Mike Banks won the 50 yard freestyle in 25.8 time. In the 100 yard butterfly, junior Rick Kroon took the second Trojan first place in 1:15.2 time making the score 10-8 in favor of the Nilehi tanksters.

Captain, Norm Carberry tied most of the way with Akkeron of Proviso in the 200 yard free style, until the Pirate pulled away and won in a time of 2:15.5. This made the team score 14-13 in favor of the Trojans.

The 100 yard backstroke saw the Trojans take second and third places, tying the team score at 18-18.

It was the opposite in the 100 yard freestyle. Raul Martin, Trojan tankster, won this event while the Pirates took the next two places. His time was 57.5.

After the 100 yard breaststroke, it looked as if the meet would be closed. This time it was to Proviso's advantage. The victory held the score at 27-27.

The next event was the diving, in which the Trojans suffered most of all. Pirates took the first two places, moving the team score to 35-28 with the Pirates leading.

After Phil Karafota swam the 150 yard individual medley in a winning time of 1:39.3, the Trojans lost the 200 yard medley relay, costing them seven points. With the score 45-34, the Trojans won the final event, the 200 yard freestyle relay, in a time of 1:42.5. This set a school record.

In two other meets, the Trojans whipped Leyden 54-9 and Elmwood Park 42-22. Highlights of the Leyden meet were first places by Steve Wollack, Mike Banks, Al Gold, Norm Carberry, and Lance Lingquist. Both relay teams also won. In the Elmwood Park meet firsts were taken by Lindquist, Banks, and Carberry.

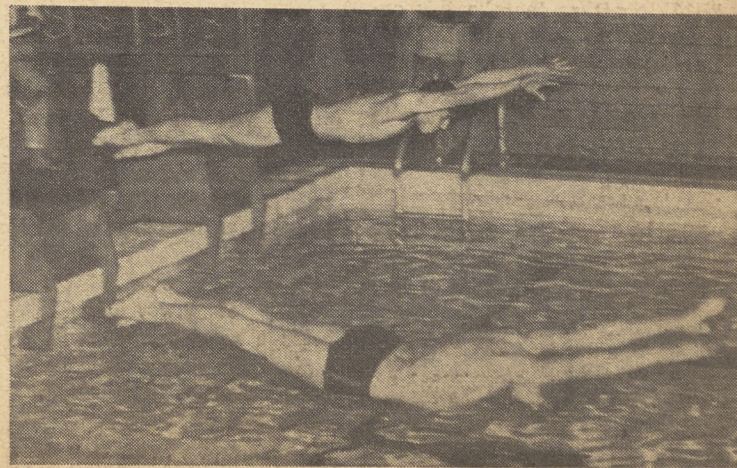
## 46 Major Letters Given At Fall Sports Banquet

**THE FALL SPORTS BANQUET**, sponsored by the Skokie Rotary Club, was held Tuesday, November 25, at 7:00. The dinner was given in the East Division Cafeteria.

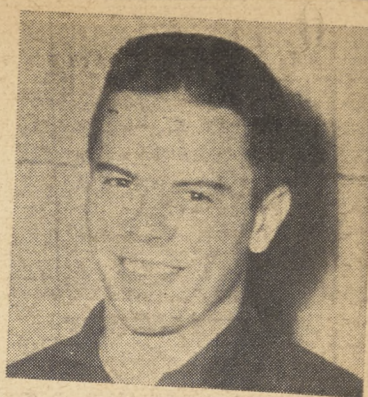
Barry Mink was presented with a framed citation for being chosen "The Most Valuable Football Player". Bill Nack received a similar award for being "Most Valuable" on the cross country team.

The varsity football players who received major letters are; Jim Allen, Les Berens, Scott Best, Denis Corr, Jim Dahlman, Denny Dobrowski, Gene Fogarty, Ray Giovannelli, Remer Griner, Don Hanson, Don Hayes, Paul Heinze, Ron Henrici, Bruce Herkert, Ken Hoppe, Kirk Hopper, Mark Johnson, Wayne Klingstedt, Bob Klingensmith, Les Lange, Ron Lis Bill McGrath, Mike Magit, Bill Maryanski, Ed Mikkelsen, Barry Mink, Jerry France, Robert Oliver, Jim Papendrea, Ron Pinkowski, Bill Reading, Stuart Saken, Bob Thomas, Bill Tomsic, Chuck Wheat, and George Willard. Two managers also won major awards, they are; Ted Bristol, and Jackie Cooper.

The varsity cross country runners who won major letters are; Jim LaFrentz, Bob Longfield,



Phil Karafotas (foreground) takes off ahead of his foe from Elmwood Park. In this meet the seniors won.



## Introducing Ron Lis

**IF YOU COULD MAKE ONE CHANGE AT NILEHI**, what would it be? Senior athlete, Ron Lis answered, "I would cut out all final exams."

On the serious side, Ron, who hopes to go to either Northwestern or the University of Miami (Florida), has had one ambition back as far as he can remember. That is, he wants to be a major league baseball player. Since a second choice would be coaching Ron plans to major in Physical Education in college.

When asked about his pet peeve, "Smiley", as he has been called for two years at Nilehs, answered, "girls who smoke". His likes include; girls, most of whom he calls "mophead", and steaks, "very well done."

Ron has been out for all three major sports since his freshmen year. He received his major letter in baseball as a sophomore. His other major awards, in football and basketball, were presented to him during his junior year.

Between practices, Ron is interested in many outside activities. Among these are; the N-Club, a monitor post, and a job in the lunchroom as a monitor.

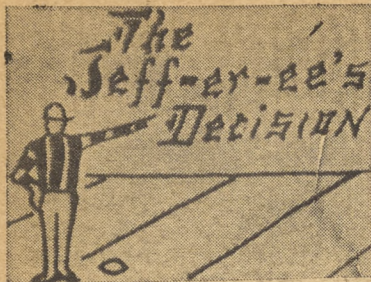
Ronnie has had many memorable experiences here at Nilehs. The most exciting were; winning the Suburban League baseball championship in his sophomore year, and, going downstate in 1958 with the baseball team. His most embarrassing moment came in his junior English class, when the zipper on his pants broke and he had to leave the class.

"My favorite course during my entire four years here has been physiology," Ron stated. "Mr. Ellis is a nice guy, and he makes the class very interesting," he added. In discussing the new varsity basketball coach, Mr. Fabri, Ron said, "he is one of the greatest guys I have ever known, he acts like one of the boys."

As far as a secret ambition, outside of playing major league baseball, Ron would like to own a yacht and travel around the world.

John McGinnis, Bill Nack, Robert Palm, and Bruce Stein.





BY JEFF LAMPERT

**WITH THE WINTER SPORTS IN FULL SWING**, I would like to use this column to explain some of the rules and the scoring of these sports.

Few students here at Nilehi understand the scoring of wrestling matches or swimming meets. A few simple facts will add to the average student's enjoyment of these sports.

In wrestling the main idea of each individual match is to pin, or hold down the shoulders of, your opponent. If you place your foe's shoulders on the mat for two seconds, you win by a fall.

The matches which are not won by a pin, are won on a point basis. The points may be scored in the following ways:

**TAKE-DOWN** ..... 2 points

When a wrestler gets behind or on top of his foe from a standing or neutral position.

**ESCAPE** ..... 1 point

Getting out from underneath an opponent to a standing or neutral position — facing him.

**REVERSAL** ..... 2 points

Getting out from underneath an opponent and behind or on top of him in one maneuver.

**NEAR FALL** ..... 2 or 3 points

Holding your foe's shoulders to or near the mat but not close enough or long enough for a fall or pin.

**STALLING** ..... to opponent 1 point

Having a position of advantage and failing to make an honest attempt to secure a fall.

**ILLEGAL HOLDS, ROUGHNESS, TECHNICAL FOUL** ..... 1 or 2 points

Awarded to offended wrestler.

All these points are indicated by the referee who holds up his fingers.

Team points are scored as follows:

**PIN OR FALL** ..... 5 points

**DECISION** ..... 3 points

**DRAW** ..... 2 points

**FORFEIT** ..... 5 points

In swimming there are ten events, eight individual and two relay teams. In each of the individual events five points are given for a first place, three for second, and one for third.

Since each team enters two boys the least of it can get in one event is eight points, while the other team must get at least one point in each event. In the relays, however, seven points are awarded for a first place, and none for second. Therefore although there are 86 points in every meet, to be split up by the two teams, the biggest margin a team can win by is 78 to 8. There can never be a shut-out in swimming.

The sports staff of the NILEHILITE wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Ron Henrici on making the all-state, first string, football team. We also extend congratulations to Barry Mink and Bill McGrath, who made the all-state special mention team.

Over the vacation, Nilehi is going to be the host for the basketball Holiday Tournament. Since it is to be played at our school, it might be fitting if the Trojans had some fans in the stands. Remember you do not have to travel — so there is no excuse for not coming to the games.

**HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY . . . SEE YOU AT THE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT.**

## Trojans Start Season With 1 Win, 2 Losses

THE VARSITY ROUNDBALL SQUAD started the season with a win and two losses. In the first, non-league, game, the Trojans beat Leyden, 47-41. They were then edged by Highland Park, 47-42; and Oak Park, 56-54.

Ron Lis was the Nilehi top point man, in the Leyden game, with 12 points. Although the Leydenmen were much taller than the Trojans the cagers outthrustled them, to win by a narrow margin. Replacing Ron Henrici, who fouled out, Keith Krause played an excellent second half. Top scorer on the Leyden team

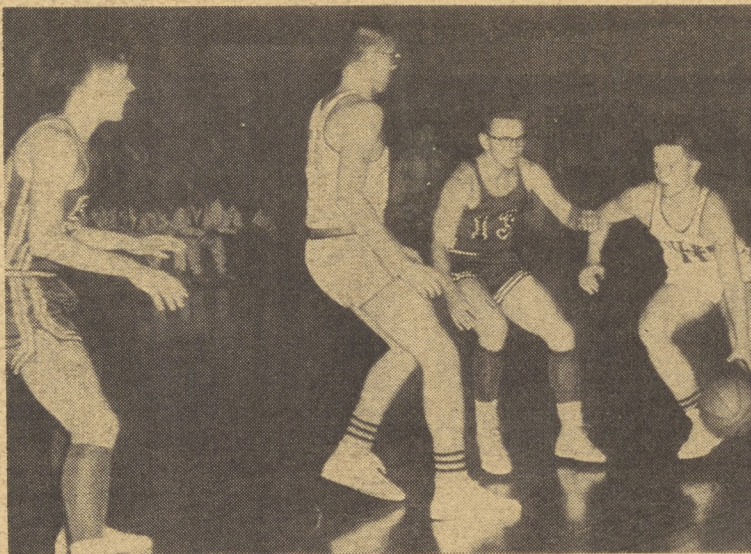
from the bench to help his team take the lead they were never to lose.

	1	2	3	4	F
Niles	11	21	27	42	42
Highland Pk.	10	20	34	47	47

In a very close, double overtime, game Niles dropped a rough one to Oak Park.

The game was tied at the end of the final quarter. After three minutes the score, though higher, was still tied. There was a "sudden death" overtime. This is, the first team to score a basket wins the game.

In the last seconds of the first



Ron Lis (11), dribbles around a Highland Park defender, while Bill Reading (55), screens. Despite this effort Niles lost 47-42.

was Rogers, a sophomore.

	1	2	3	4	F
Niles	12	22	36	47	47
Leyden	11	19	28	41	41

In the first half of the Highland Park game, the Trojans were definitely in command. At one point in the game, Niles was 12 points in the lead.

The third quarter was, as always, disastrous for the Nilesmen. Although they fought back in the fourth quarter, the Trojans did not quite overcome the lead the Little Giants had taken. The H.P. rally was sparked by Cohen, who came

overtime, Keith Krause made a basket, which would have won the game for Niles. The ref, however called traveling, and although the call was contested, it stood.

Rated near the top of the Suburban League, Oak Park had four returning lettermen. Tomb, a forward was a Suburban League high scorer, last year.

	1	2	3	4	Over 1
Niles	15	28	36	49	54
Oak Park	5	17	35	49	54
				Over 2	F
				54	54
				56	56

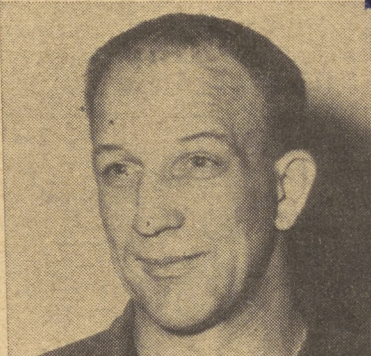
and the National Colligate meet. Having this background, he is the right man to be coaching the grapplers, according to the boys themselves.

Mr. Byram's pet peeve is one almost all the teachers agree with. He doesn't like a person who doesn't work when he has the ability. "No matter in what direction a person's talents lie, if he doesn't work up to his capacity he is just plain lazy," the coach stated.

In his six years at Nilehi, Mr. Byram says the best boys he's ever coached have been Lenny Miresse and the current Trojan captain, Bill McGrath. "Bill has more potential than any boy I have ever coached," he said, "if he works hard he can really be a good wrestler."

This 6', 198 pound, coach has the same favorite food as most of the other members of the coaching staff; steak. Mr. Byram laughed, "I like it so rare it tastes raw." His most frequent expression is "off and on." This means, off your back and on your feet. He uses it most in gym classes and at wrestling practice.

A family man, the coach and his wife, Nancy, have four children. The boys, Frosty and Scotty are five and six. Debbie and Sue are one and two. At his new home in Glenview, Mr. Byram likes what quiet he can get, with four kids, and he likes to read. His favorite books are historical novels of any kind.

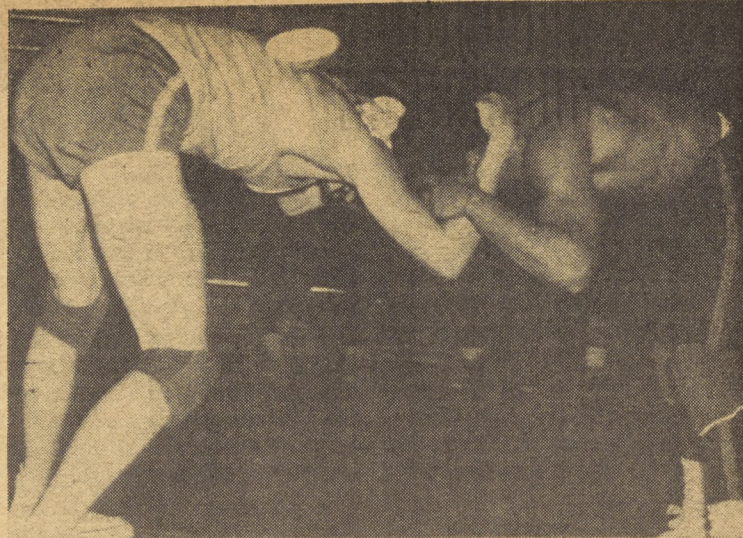


## Introducing → Mr. Byram

"I GUESS MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT was when my father caught me smoking," laughed Mr. Howard Byram. "I was thirteen and he was really mad," he added. Mr. Byram, the Trojan wrestling coach, explained this is only one of the difficult spots he has gotten into in 35 years.

Born in Salix, Iowa, a little town outside of Sioux City, this varsity coach went to college at the University of Omaha. He did his post-graduate work at the University of Iowa. Mr. Byram holds a masters degree in Education. His minor subjects were social studies, psychology, science, and physiology.

In college, he twice won the Midwest AAU championship in the heavyweight division. He also wrestled in the National AAU meet



Don Hayes, Trojan 145 pounder, locks up with his opponent from Lyons. Niles won the meet 38-13.

## Matmen Triumph Thrice Following Two Defeats

**BOWING TO THEIR FIRST TWO OPPONENTS**, the Trojan varsity grapplers, came back to win their next three meets. "It was a matter of getting enough practice, and making weight," said Coach Howard Byram.

In the first meet, with Maine, Niles lost 23-15. Winners for Nilehi were: Glen Kuehn, Fred Weil, Don Hayes, Bruce Herkert, and captain Bill McGrath. On the sophomore mat it was a different story. The sophs trounced Maine 44-5. Six men pinned their foes; they were Ed Hagen, Dennis Manzardo, Jim Tune, Harvey Brown, and Bill Fisher.

The story of the second meet was about the same as Niles lost to Leyden, by a very close margin. Bill McGrath wrestling heavy-weight, pinned.

The tide changed at Niles trampled Lyons of LaGrange, 38-13. Five pins paved the way. They

were made by Jack Maloney, Jackie Cooper, Glen Kuehn, Bruce Herkert, and Bill McGrath. Bob Dilg and Carl Bonfiglio also posted victories. Don Hayes drew and Fred Weil received a forfeit.

As Glen Kuehn and Bill Hearle pinned, the Niles matmen defeated Palatine, by a score of 24-17. The Sophomore team after being down 16 to 3, battled back to a 28-22 win. A pin by Bob Rhodes climaxed their third win.

To start the Suburban League season, the grapplers defeated Oak Park. The matmen lost only three matches, while winning nine.

Wins by Tod Wise, Steve Weiss, Ed Blumenthal, Dennis Dobrolowski, and Bill Fisher, paved the way for Nilehi's undefeated sophomore team to beat Oak Park. Dick Isel won by a fall for the fifth time in five meets.

## Sports Schedule

### BASKETBALL

Dec. 19 — New Trier  
Dec. 29 — Holiday Hardwood  
Dec. 30 — Tournament  
Jan. 9 — Morton  
Jan. 16 at Evanston  
Jan. 23 — Waukegan  
Jan. 24 at Proviso  
Jan. 30 at Highland Park  
Jan. 31 — Oak Park  
Feb. 6 at New Trier  
Feb. 13 at Morton

### WRESTLING

Dec. 19 at New Trier  
Dec. 20 at Glenbrook  
Jan. 2 ½ 3 Waukegan Invitational Tournament  
Jan. 9 at Morton  
Jan. 16 — Evanston  
Jan. 20 at Riverside  
Jan. 23 at Waukegan  
Jan. 30 — Highland Park  
Feb. 3 — North Chicago  
Feb. 6 — Proviso



## Introducing Jackie Cooper

**WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WOULD ASK FOR** if he had one wish, Jackie Cooper replied, "I would like to make 95 pounds for wrestling without any trouble." "Then I could eat all I wanted," he added.

High on his list of likes is eating, and being out for wrestling, Jackie has a hard time staying on his diet. "Coopie", as almost everyone at Niles calls him, has some pretty definite plans for the future. He wants to attend Illinois State Normal, and major in agriculture. He hopes someday to own a farm of his own.

One of the busiest people at Nilehi, Jack is currently in the N-Club and is the assistant monitor captain during fifth period. He has been a member of the Sophomore cabinet and as a junior, he was in the Student Council.

Jack has been out for wrestling since his freshman year and he won a major letter as a sophomore. 1958 marks the fourth year he has managed the football squad and he has managed the baseball team for two years.

"My most embarrassing moment," Jackie said, after thinking a minute, "that was probably during my sophomore year." "I had been wrestling varsity and I went back down to sophomore, yelling, 'everybody pins' I ran onto the mat and got pinned," he confessed.

The only dislike Jackie could think of was people who are false. "A person should say only what they believe," he stated, "anybody who does not act the way they really are, is fooling nobody but themselves."

As far as a favorite food, Jack preferred spaghetti and a chocolate milk shake. He did admit, however, if he couldn't get just that, anything would do. For a boy with a favorite expression of "birds", Jackie has a strange secret ambition. He would like to be a minister if he had the chance.