

## NILEHILITE

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### Representatives of Fields Speak Here

Vocations Day, held last Tuesday proved to be a great success. Outstanding representatives of various occupations gave the students a chance to find out about the qualifications and training for the occupations in which they were interested. The program was arranged by Mr. Benette, our senior advisor. Dr. Ovid Eshbach opened the day which lasted from 9:15 until 12:00, by giving a talk at an all school assembly.

One of the larger fields represented was that of medicine. Dr. Mussil of Skokie spoke on the occupations of physician, surgeon, and optician. Dr. Lommel, also of Skokie, spoke on dentistry. Perhaps of more interest to the girls in related fields were the talks on laboratory technicians by Dr. Robert Dillon, head of The Analytical Division of the G. D. Searle Company, and nursing by Miss Mamie Klayman, instructor of health at Edison Hospital.

The room that seemed to hold the greatest interest for the girls was 219 where Miss Vera Blomberg of the Vera Jones Studios held forth on the glamour of modeling. The girls also found out that much hard work is involved. Holding almost equal interest was room 210 where Miss Frances Minett, Chief Hostess of the Transcontinental Western Airlines, spoke on being a stewardess.

For the first occasion of this kind at Nilehi, it turned out very successful. It is hoped that more days like it can be arranged in the future.

The staff of the Nilehilite, along with all of N.T.H.S., wishes to thank every person that had anything to do with making the Vocations Day program the success that it was.

First of all, we thank Dr. Biehn for the idea of the program. The Nebraska school from which he came had the same type of program, and he brought the idea along with him when he came. Dr. Biehn wishes to say that as long as this program was a success, students can make it an annual affair if they wish.

Mr. Benette, Miss de Booy, Miss M. Ronalds, and Mr. Ihne were in charge of the program for the day, and certainly rate hearty thanks.

The custodians took the extra work in their stride, and should have a bow from all.

Every teacher in the system comes in for some "thank you," as each served as chairman for the speakers in the various rooms.

### Ghosts 'n Everything Await Play Audience

The scene is the home of the late lamented Lucille Evans. Her servant, Minnie Strange, has just entered the living room carrying an ouija board.

**Minnie:** Miss Lucille, there's many a time you talked to spirits on this. Talk to me tonight!

**Pete:** Spirits! oh Lawdy!

**Minnie:** Quiet, I just heard a spirit voice!

**Sally Ann:** My stars! You do beat all for tryin' to break into de graveyard sassity! Some day you'se gwine to turn into a spook you'self and den where'll you be?

**Minnie:** Ssshhh! Keep still: Miss Lucille, are you here in this room? (The board spells yes) Y. E. S. — yes!

**Sally Ann:** I don't believe it!

**Minnie:** Miss Lucille, have you a message for us? (Again the board spells yes) Y. E. S. What is your message? D A N G E R — Danger!

**Sally Ann:** I'm believin' it more than I did!

**Minnie:** Sshh! where is the danger — In this room! Y. E. S.!

**Sally Ann:** Oh — I - I - I'm believin' it completely now!

**Minnie:** Miss Lucille, what is the danger? Murder — Strangling! Evil spirits are with us!

(A figure draped in a white cloth runs across the room and falls on top of Sally Ann)

**Sally Ann:** (Screaming) Help — help — help! The Ghost! The Strangler! help — help!

We mercifully draw the curtain here, but if you would like to find out what happens come to see "The Valley of the Ghosts" on April 27, 28, and 29.

The cast includes such favorites as Edward Fisher who plays the part of Amos, in pursuit of Sally Ann, played by Gloria Westerberg, maid of Helen Wayne, portrayed by Jeane Bates.

Make "The Valley of the Ghosts" a must in your date book!

### Seniors Outclass All In Red Cross Drive

Congratulations are certainly in order for the splendid showing in the schools most recent Red Cross Drive Niles Township High School had \$620.67 to its credit at the climax of this drive.

The seniors who were the first to start the drive and later challenged the other classes, led the totals with \$168.95. The standing of the other classes were sophomores 2nd, freshman 3rd and juniors 4th.

### Elected Delegates

#### Cheer Candidates

The juniors and seniors, under the direction of Miss Grace Harbert, took part in a model Democratic-Republican Nominating Convention Friday, April 21 at 9:40 in the school gymnasium. The senior Problem's class took charge, and all participants were composed of students in the junior and senior class. The freshman and sophomore class and the faculty formed the gallery.

The keynote addresses were given by Bob Arnold, Democratic Party and Elizabeth Krysher, Republican. There were six nominations, three Democratic and three Republican and six demonstrations, two of which were given by New York.

The Democrats offered President Roosevelt, Cordell Hull, and Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky for nomination. The Republican delegates put up Governor Thomas Dewey, General Douglas MacArthur, and Governor John Bricker of Ohio as their candidates.

Nominating speeches were given by Jim Holmes of New York, Roosevelt; Evelyn Rugen of Tennessee, Hull and Bob Kirscht of Kentucky, Barkley. Republican nominations were Dewey of New York by Howard Langan, MacArthur of Texas by Bob Pasek and Bricker of Ohio by Bruce Gifford.

Gloria Westerburg acted as permanent chairman and Rosemary Racine as temporary chairman. Secretaries were Barbara Mason and Harriet Hart. The report of the Committee on Credentials was read by Jim Lannert, and the report on the Committee of Permanent Organization by Bob Weidemiller. Leora Ross gave the report of the Committee on Rules and Order of Business and Betty Bray the report of the Committee of Resolutions.

Chairman of the Committee on Stage Setting was Phil Hoffman. Betty Farr acted as time keeper and Doris Hampton was in charge of the Press Box.

### Math Teacher of Nilehi

#### Engaged to Evanstonian

The next time you're in room 306 take a gander at Miss Lytle's third finger left hand. There you will see a beautiful diamond engagement ring! Miss Lytle recently became engaged to Walter E. Culter Jr. of Evanston. When asked when she would be married Miss Lytle replied "I don't believe in long engagements!" but she also said they wouldn't be married before the end of school.

# Peculiar Classroom Occurrences Are Mysteries No Longer

You d'nd't know Nilehi had a group of — — of — — wh-er — — eccentric (for want of a better name) foreigners, did you? Well, neither did I until I found myself in the midst of their classroom listening to mingled phrases spoken in an incomprehensible tongue. This language was obviously some sort of double talk contrived to confuse trespassers and in my case it was quite successful. But to start at the beginning, it all happened this way —

One morning last week I started for school with a ravishing new up-sweep "hair do." Everything was going fine until — just as I entered the building a strong gust of wind caught up the one vital bobby pin and released the whole works. My beautiful tresses topled down from their lofty peak, fell in front of my face, and completely cut off all vision.

My arms were laden with books, and so, unable to brush the unruly locks aside, I groped along the wall. Somehow in that unseeing state, I took a wrong turn and found myself in the above mentioned surroundings.

There were many odd noises and then from somewhere a voice yelled, "let's play." This was followed by "pitch it up." "If it doesn't work, use some rosin," somebody shouted. "I can't hit anything that low," to which the reply seemed to be, "that sounds natural."

The noise subsided for a second and a meek little soul close by said, "I'm not playing well. It doesn't seem like I'll ever get that run."

I was still unable to brush the misplaced hair from my eyes. However, it didn't matter for I was almost convinced that this was an early spring baseball game — until I heard.

"Open the case." "Where's the mouth-piece?" My convictions were becoming shattered. Perhaps I wasn't on a baseball diamond, but instead in a criminal court.

Just then someone whispered, "Does anybody know where we are? I'm lost. What bar is this?" Cold shivers ran up and down my spine. I wondered what my mother would say; after all I wasn't old enough to be in those kind of places.

Through my troubled brain I vaguely remember a polite individual murmuring,

"Pardon me, but I think your bridge is slipping." Suddenly the lull was broken by a new outburst of queer tones and more odd words. It descended on me like a blitzkrieg.

"Watch the shadeing," — "he's a first chair," — "I need some oil," — "fix your bell," — "I want a liar," . . .

Oh, I could stand it no longer. Throwing down the books in my arms I reached up and pulled back the hair from my eyes. And there before me was really not a group of lunatics but merely musicians. Well, of course, it was all very clear now. I was in 101 and these were Nilehi's instrumentalists practicing.

And now that the mystery is solved, I think (if you'll permit me to borrow an old musical term) I'll "blow."

## Is Nilehi Heedless?

"The modern generation is heedless, with a false set of values. They try to get the most they can by putting the least into it."

Row upon row of chairs in the gym are empty, as students stand before them — solemn and quiet. Their shoulders are straight, their heads slightly bowed with something akin to reverence. The only sound in the large room is a low beat of drums and muffled orders. The flag is passing by!

"Follow me in the Pledge to the Flag."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag—" a thrill through their bodies at the sight of the banner.

"and to the country for which it stands," a thought of the boys near and dear, who are in the thick of it. Boys that might have been standing by their side.

"One nation, indivisible, —"

Their jobs that are taxing, and tiring after a day of school. But how little that seems compared to what others are giving — friends and brothers. Their security must be insured for their return.

"With liberty and justice for all!" And it must always be that way — in the world that is to come — the world that they must build out of chaos.

This generation could be worse.

# College Entrance Exam Determines Intelligence

This college entrance exam has been especially prepared for all seniors who are soon to take college entrance exams. It has been compiled from a selected group of college entrance exams. It is a college entrance exam to end all college entrance exams. We call it the

"College Entrance Exam."

This test is to discover just how much you don't know. We guarantee that anyone who passes this test will gain prompt and welcome entrance to either Dunning or Elgin colleges with full benefit of padded classrooms and hand embroidered straight jackets.

Here goes:

1. You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool.
  - (a) Dr. Biehn,
  - (b) the Nilehilite,
  - (c) around with me, kid.
2. Samuel Clemens was called
  - (a) Choo-choo Twain.
  - (b) and had a straight flush.
  - (c) (censored)
3. Grant was a general
  - (a) in the Salvation Army.
  - (b) nuisance.
  - (c) in the Latin class.
4. Christopher Columbus discovered
  - (a) wear proof paper dolls.
  - (b) the "sick friend" gag didn't work with his wife.
  - (c) all he needed was 2-a-day vitamin tablet.
5. The great ideals set forth by Jefferson was "Life, liberty, and the
  - (a) pursuit of women."
  - (b) Ladies Home Journal."
  - (c) pursuit of men."
6. By restricting the sale of rubber, the government acquired, overnight
  - (a) an army of tireless workers.
  - (b) thousands of corny jokes like this one.

Our airplane plants are turning out new bombs and fighter planes with dizzy speed. Last week at Lockheed it was reported that they built a plane in eight hours flat. Five minutes later a pilot took off in it. Six hours later still the plant received a cable from him. It read, "I am in Australia. Please send motor."



# Kitty Korner

How's about some of the latest gossip? Here goes. We see all, hear all, but can print only half of it.

Having to walk into one of Mr. Kent's freshman boys' science classes might have proved to be a terror to any meek young girl. But the more modern version is watching a poor boy as he tries to escape any of the girls' shorthand or typing classes without being whistled at.

Your snooping reporters really bungled into something when they stuck their noses into 301, commonly known as Mr. Inne's Gestapo Headquarters. DeForrest Hamilton informed us, that was the place where all of the bad boys go. Now we are trying to figure out what he was doing in there.

Orchids to the kids in the Water Carnival for their swell job. They might have had their troubles, but they pulled through and made a huge success of this year's carnival. Congratulations!

Couple of the week — Barbara Nelson and Robert Roman.

Saying of the week—"I'm through with homework for good!"

(Also famous last words of the week.)

Song of the week — "A Journey to a Star."

Plea of the week — Would someone please fix the lock on the telephone booth. A total of 4½ fingers have been lost or strayed in struggling with that key.

One of the best April fool jokes we have heard of so far was an egg game played at an April Foolish party. The game was to walk blindfolded and barefooted over eggs without smashing them. But when the blindfolding was done, the eggs were usually removed and crackers substituted. Only this time they weren't and you can guess the results.

And while we are on the subject of practical jokes, we think Howie Johnston should receive at least honorable (?) mention.

Why is Dave Hawkinson always drooling so longingly outside of 5th and 6th period typing class ? ? ?

A very highly prized Latin dictionary was found in Francis Fuhr's open locker. Inside the cover, the inscription reads, "In case of fire, throw in the other Latin book, not this one." Such devotion!

In countless science and first aid classes, the question has come up as to the uses of the human skin. We have at last uncovered the scientific answer.

1. It makes your appearance more natural.
2. It doesn't show your ribs or your insides.
3. It keeps part of the wind from getting in.

For Mr. Nesmith's sake it's nice that the weather has warmed up so much. Now he won't get a red nose any more riding his little green bicycle to school.

Were Pat Conard's and Paul Winger's faces red! No, it's nothing for you gossip fans. It's just that they both had scarlet fever. We hope they are coming along fine now.

# Fever Takes Heavy Toll

Ah Spring, lovely spring!

Time when handsome boy meets beautiful girl.

Time when couples love to walk in the rain.

Time when the most beautiful dreaming is done.

Time when the moon is most enjoyed by all.

Time when young men's fancy (especially those of Nile Hi) turns to . . . . SLEEP! — Maybe there is a little resting involved, and then too, it may be just plain loafing, but it still has the same cause. What cause? Spring fever! That's what is behind all this.

Of course there are many different types of this fever, (speaking scientifically) but it all amounts to the same thing.

And just think of these poor, sweet demure girls all decked out in frilly blouses and cotton skirts with flowers in their hair, looking like "Miss Spring" herself, and for what? All the available man power just sits. And with the man shortage the way it is that absolutely should not be the case.

To explain what we mean, take any typical he-man of Nile Hi. There he sits in study with a very bad case of spring fever, and being the type that makes you dizzy, he has that far away look in his eyes. Of course, he's day dreaming. Of he and his gal? Of moonlight and roses? Absolutely not! He's probably day dreaming of fishing, or something much more appropriate in his estimation.

I ask you, is that fair? Of course not, but what can we do about it.

I guess it's just left up to those fellows, and the hope that spring can be used for many other purposes rather than just fishing!

## NILEHILITE

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# Spectular Scenes In Swiss Toy Shop

Another fantasy has been presented by Nile High's swimming department.

This year the Swiss Toy Shop was very well received by the spectators. The carnival was under the direction of Miss Mildred Schaefer who has had charge of former shows.

The toy shop theme was well executed by dolls of every imaginable sort. There were can-can dances, colonial dancers, mammy dolls, Hawaiian dancers, Hercules, a Spanish senorita, and a baby doll who was portrayed by Bernadette Creany in a very engaging manner. The makeup was excellent and Betty Farr deserves much credit for her skill.

Although former carnivals have usually been longer, the long awaited black-light number made up for this. Ann Marie Shirra, Ann McKeever and Lorraine Sorenson of the tumbling class were dressed in luminous costumes and did all sorts of tumbling stunts in the darkened pool area. A large group of students attired in luminous bathing caps did a maypole number. This effect was used in the Ice Follies and acquired national fame.

The comedies were more predominant than in former years and seemed to be sprinkled throughout the show. The leaky boat added much to the effect as did the slightly thick (?) hair of a certain occupant of the boat.

# .. Date Book ..

Dear Me,

Don't forget to see the Chicagoland art exhibit at the Art Institute now. I hear tell that even my feeble art sense could enjoy it.

See if you can't get the kids to go to the circus with you next Saturday night. Never too old for cotton candy and clowns.

Wednesday night is something special. We're going down to hear **The Tales of Hoffman**. My favorite opera because I love to hear **Olympia**, the mechanical doll, run down.

With your fondness for **Rebecca** and **Diana Barrymore**, too, don't miss the combination at the **Selwyn**. You'd better grab your tickets now, because they're going to be hard to get.

In case you have any spare time, get a copy of **Time for Each Other**, another **Miss Boe** book, and a good one, too.

A lovelorn sailor in Honolulu decided to celebrate pay day by sending a wireless to his girl back home in Duluth. After chewing on his pencil for several minutes, he finally turned in a cable that read: "I love you, I love you, I love you. John."

The clerk in the cable office read it over and said, "You're allowed to add a tenth word for the same price."

The sailor pondered for several minutes and then added his tenth word. It was "Regards."

## Track Schedule

April 24	Lake Forest at Niles 4 p.m.
April 29	Palatine Relays
May 2	Meet will be scheduled later
May 5	Meet will be scheduled later
May 6	Frosh - Soph Invitational Meet at Evanston
May 9	Meet will be scheduled later
May 13	State District Meet at Evanston
May 16	Meet will be scheduled later
May 23	Meet will be scheduled later
May 26	Conference Meet at Lake Forest 6 p.m.

## Leyden Takes Triangle Meet

Leyden won the triangular track meet held last Friday, April 14, with a score of 87 points. Niles was second with 33 points and Arlington third with 24 points.

The Trojans scored most of their points by winning first place in the high hurdles and 440-yard relay, and second place in the low hurdles and the 880-yard dash. Niles also placed third and fourth in a number of events.

### Mile Run

Won by Leyden, Leyden second, Niles third, Arlington fourth. Time 5:13

### 100-Yard Dash

Won by Arlington, Arlington second, Niles third, Arlington fourth. Time :10.8

### 440-Yard Dash

Won by Leyden, Leyden second, Niles third, Arlington fourth. Time :57.2

### 200-Yard Low Hurdles

Won by Leyden, Niles second, Niles third, Arlington fourth. Time :22.4

### 220-Yard Dash

Won by Arlington, Arlington second, Niles third, Leyden fourth. Time :25.1

### 880-Yard Run

Won by Leyden, Leyden second, Niles third, Niles fourth. Time

### Shot

Won by Leyden, Leyden second, Leyden third, Niles fourth. Distance 42'2"

### Discus

Won by Leyden, Leyden second, Leyden third, Arlington fourth. Distance 127'

### Pole Vault

Won by Leyden, Niles and Arlington second, Niles third, Leyden fourth. Height 9'

### Broad Jump

Won by Leyden, Arlington second, Niles third, Leyden fourth. Distance 18' 10"

### 440-Yard Relay

Won by Niles, Leyden second, Arlington third, Arlington fourth. Time :50.8

### 880-Yard Relay

Won by Leyden, Arlington second, Niles third.

### High Jump

Won by Arlington, Niles and Arlington second, Niles and Arlington third, Niles fourth. Height 5' 4"

## Basketball - Swim Awards Given

The annual awards assembly took place on Friday, April 14. The major events were, of course, the presenting of various types of sports awards. The band played the school songs and a few other numbers.

The basketball awards consisted of major, minor, and frosh soph shields. Those receiving major awards were A. Anderson, J. Fredericks, C. Gockenbach, M. Jenkins, C. Liebrandt, J. Moore, R. Poehlman, E. Putnam and G. Wagner. Chuck Gockenbach was voted honorary captain by his teammates and Charles Liebrandt was voted most valuable player. The following received minor awards: L. DiSalvo, D. Falknor, W. Guenther, E. Heartstead, W. Kunkle, H. Mueller, S. Monroe, L. Nachbauer (Capt.), E. Reiman, W. Zust, G. Kuhn and R. Sandin.

The two boys presented with frosh soph shields, were A. Karlove and K. Stezkal. Those who earned frosh shields are Babowski, J. Crawford, R. Farr, R. Fisher, D. Kunkel, H. Lindstrom, Jim McNeely, Jack McNeely, T. Stockfish and F. Williams. The managers were W. Hughes and J. Casson.

"The swimming team has had a good season this year" Mr. Dees was heard to remark. The school was represented in the state meet and Jim Tagney topped many of the divers from other schools. Those receiving major awards were Tom Cook, Ray Didier, Bob Kirscht, Don Lyon and Jim Tagney. Tom Cook was captain of this year's squad. Four minor awards were presented to Ted Ebert, Bob Hartney, Jack Massman and Don Sandin. Frosh soph shields were earned by Ken Bennett, Eugene Hegarty, Louis Kettel, Sherrill MacDonald, Chas. Massman and Thayne Sando. Al Heim received a freshman manager's shield. A manager minor was given to Ruppert Roegner.



## Plane Will Bear Nilehi's Name

The \$15,000 goal set for the purchase of the Pb-19B Fairchild "Cornell" Trainer, the plane which the Trojans have been working for this semester is almost complete. With \$10,975 toward this trim little flyer, leaving less than half in front of the objective, Nilehi will terminate its campaign April 25. This date has been designated by Miss Harbert and the activity committee as Niles Township's Bond Day.

With the completion of the purchase of the trainer a plaque stating that the plane has been purchased by the students of Niles Township High School, Skokie, Illinois will go inside the plane. A duplicate of the plaque will also be sent to school.

## Baseball Season

Friday, April 21	Warren Here
Wednesday, April 25	Evanston Here
Friday, April 28	Leyden There
Thursday, May 4	New Trier There
Friday, May 5	Arlington Heights There
Tuesday, May 9	Highland Park Here
Friday, May 12	Warren There
Tuesday, May 16	New Trier Here
Friday, May 19	Leyden Here
Friday, May 25	Arlington Hg'ts Here

## Trojans Lose First Game

Nilehi started its 1944 baseball season on Monday, April 10, when the Trojan team met Waukegan here. Maybe it was the result of a little too much spring vacation, or just bad luck, but the Trojans were defeated by a score of 13 - 6.

The first inning, Waukegan started off with five runs, and kept on gaining points with no opposition from Niles, until the fifth inning, when runs brought in by Wagner, Liebrandt, D. Sandin, Anderson, and Janke brought the score to 7-6. This momentary burst of speed woke up Waukegan and in the last two innings they batted in six more runs. The game ended in a score of 13-6. The results of the game were:

	Niles	Waukegan
Runs	6	13
Hits	4	9
Errors	9	2

## Presenting - La Belle Esch And Her Proteges

Yes, starring in the little theater just off the main corridor on the 2nd floor in front of the library are the Proteges of La Belle Esch.

Here they are enacting Macbeth, doing impromptu and public speaking, showing how make up is applied, and working on technique. Mrs. Esch herself is the overseer. Of course there aren't the real characters, but rather dolls taking their place. Eight neatly dressed paper mache dolls decorate this little display window stage.

Off to one side behind the curtain you can notice the prop room chuck full of davenport, chairs, tables and all the other necessities of the "Petit" show people. A fireplace occupies the side of the stage while a brick wall with a ladder against it forms the background. The display was organized by the major dramatics class with Gloria Westerburg being the chairman of the group.

This little performance has been billed for several weeks now, and there are many reasons to believe it will be held over a few more.