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Spring Musicale Given Tonight!



Tonight is the night! All music lovers will be found in the Niles Twp. High School at the Annual Spring Concert which begins at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are only 40c for adults and 28c for students and are available at the door. Miss Klaus and Mr. Collins are directing the festival and promise an enjoyable evening to all. One of the many features of the concert will be the appearance of the choir in their new gowns. The band is playing the "Peer Gynt Suite" by Grieg and the major work of the orchestra is a suite by Nevin.



There are going to be featured soloists, both instrumental and vocal. The flute quartet also will appear in a novel number. The festival is sponsored by the entire music department.

Program

- Presentation of Colors.....The Star Spangled Banner
 "Gold and Silver" Waltz.....Franz Lehar
 Flute Solo — "Concertino"Cecile Chaminade
 Harriet Hart
 Accompanist — Mrs. Dorothy Taraba
 Flute Quartette — "Three Blind Mice" Scherzo
 Harriet Hart — Grace Klehm
 Dolores Brooks — Nona Holappa
 "A Day in Venice" — Suite Romantique.....Ethelbert Nevin
 Orchestra
 "Czech Dance Song".....Arranged by Beatrice P. Krone
 "Carmencita" — Spanish Folk Song.....Arranged by Beatrice P. Krone
 "An Easter Chant".....Traditional French Melody
 Freshman Music Classes
 "The Green Cathedral"Carl Hahn
 Freshman Girls' Chorus
 "Thanksgiving Hymn" — 17th century Melody.....Arranged by B. Krone
 Freshman Music Classes
 "The Star"James H. Rogers
 "In a Persian Market".....Albert W. Ketsfbey
 "Hear the Sledges with the Bells".....Hugh S. Robertson
 "L'Amour — Toujours — L'Amour".....Rudolph Friml
 Obligato by Dolores Mohrbacher
 Girls' Chorus
 "Stouthearted Men"Sigmund Romberg
 "The Mountain Pine"David Brooke
 "Pale in the Amber West"J. A. Parks
 "Hallelujah" from "Hit the Deck"Vincent Youmans
 Boys' Chorus
 "O Sing Your Songs".....Noble Cain
 "In the Night, Christ Came Walking".....Noble Cain
 "Chiapanecas" — Mexican Dance.....Arranged by Jeffrey Marlowe
 "Stodola Pumpa" — Czech Folk SongArr. by G. F. Strickling
 Choir
 March "A. A. Harding"Mader - Vero
 Overture "Lustspiel"Keler - Bela
 Peer Gynt SuiteEdvard Grieg
 "The First Heart Throbs".....R. Eilenberg
 Band
 Nilehi "Loyalty Song"Clifford Collins
 Band and Chorus

Swimmers Prepare For Carnival Nites

Just lean back and picture a little Swiss Toy Shop stuffed to the ceiling with every type of toy imaginable. Remember how you would beg mother for one of those Jack in the boxes or a Raggedy Ann or Andy? There was always "some other time" she would reply, but now you've outgrown (we hope) that want for those toys. Now supposing those wooden soldiers and those dressed upped dolls were real? Different situation isn't it? The chance is coming. Meaning the Water Carnival of course. Every toy shop dream will come true in the "Swiss Toy Maker." This is something that shouldn't be missed.

There are nine numbers altogether. The first one being "The Swiss Toy Maker" of course. "The hour of Midnight" strikes and the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" march out, followed by the "Jack in the Boxes." Then comes the "Frolic of the Dolls" preceding "Starry Eyes," "Raggedy Ann and Andy's" number, "Hawaiian Dream" and last of all "Reveille."

The participants of the Carnival promise a full hour of stirring entertainment. There are three performances. April 13, 14, 15, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from eight to nine. See you there?

Ghosts Take Over

Stage Apr. 27, 28, 29

Ghosts and spirits plus a haunted house in a mysterious valley set the weird stage for the new spring play that Mrs. Esch plans to produce the 27th, 28th, and 29th of April.

"The Valley of the Ghosts" is the name of this strange mystery which was written by Jacob Lear.

Helen, the heroine of the story, who is played by Jeane Bates is forced by a strange testament to live in the same house as Jack Martin (better known as Rupert Roegner) much against her will, or should we say pride.

These and the frightened negro characters portrayed by Gloria Westerberg, Jimmy Holmes, June Olson and Edward Fisher add comedy to the play while Elizabeth Krysher and Lillian Sprud add a touch of insanity. These parts are those of Minnie Strange and Mrs. Scott. Mr. Black, the over seer of all these affairs, is played by Ralph Nettland. Other characters are Elvira, a villager, (Dorthea Sandberg), the watchman (Charles Massman) and the ghost himself, (DeForest Hamilton).

These twelve characters put together, present this play which contains mystery, comedy, love, and drama all rolled into one.

Yes, it is much different than the usual type given here at Nile Hi, but with this setting and plot, and the characters mentioned, what play could go wrong?

Kitty Korner

Hep! In the groove! And on the ball! Yes, here we are another time for all our gossip fiends with all the latest — uh — well; you know what we mean, at least!

Things have been happening fast and speedy around good old Niles Township. For instance it sounds as if every body had one gay time a few Saturday nights ago at the Veteran's Hall. At least Jean Wagstaff should know, if no body else does.

Meow! Meow!

And as ever, we'll always have —

Couple of the week: Mary Ann Ziegele and Martin Alterini.

Song of the week: Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me.

Saying of the Week: Tough !!! (So there too!)

Sight of the week: The last of the track stars on Touhy Ave. (What could that mean?)

Question of the week: Who's Helen of Troy?

To be prompt and to the point will somebody please explain what the "Poehman-Holmes Corporation" is —

And while we are on the subject of Poehman, whats going to happen to Rollies three ring circus?

Meow! Meow!

"Do we have to write out and hand in all 38 questions? If so, by when?"

Love,

3rd period."

This note was sent to Miss Harbert by one of her problems classes, but this equally startling answer came back.

"Yes, by Friday.

Love,

G. G. Harbert."

Quite a few students have taken advantage of the Nilehilite box in the library. Remember that signed contribs receive a dime war stamp if printed.

One unsigned reader wants to know what happened to Jane B.'s "Mirine." Now who is Jane B.?

What about Louie R. and Norma K.? You know the shortest way between two dates is a good line! . . .

Meow! Meow!

Another reader came up with something interesting. Words to "Mares Eat Oats" were published in the Nilehilite last year in the form of a confuzin' rhyme.

In Memorium

The shriveled and mutilated body of Mr. Benette was found on the floor beneath the sink in room 314. The gory and bloody details of his death can be kept back no longer. Unbelievable though it may seem, a closer inspection of his body showed that he had been brutally trampled on. Mr. Benette was a great favorite and his death is mourned by all who knew him. Biology students will never forget his lively and cheerful manner. Many were the times that students crowded around just to coax him to accept a crumb to eat, to watch his bright pink tongue dart out to lop up a drop of water, or to admire the adorable way he twitched his tail. Yes, everyone will agree that the loss of the Biology class's pet salamander, Mr. Benette, was a great tragedy.

Inside Facts On Typing Classes

A; sldkfjghfjdkls!; ! ! ! ! What No! We're not kidding, and just for that here's another one — awergfa—; ouipy; ! ! !

Further more, the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog, and now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. Better still, the blue bell being begin better big bird bet bring church city did drink drive during egg and even every eye.

For some explanation, may be watching some students file mechanically out of No. 114, one by one, with their fingers still jerking up and down, will give you a hint. That weird combination of letters is a typing exercise which has driven practically everyone, including you readers, completely insane. Of course hearing Miss Johanns' proteges muttering about "brown foxes" and "all good men" doesn't help the situation any. — To tell the truth it makes use of all the letters in the alphabet and makes little more work for everybody in general. — And about blue bell being begin letter, . . . well, maybe we had just better forget about that.

I know this either sounds all very complicated or just plain nuts, . . . but I'll let it go at that and let you sit in blank bewilderment.

Staff Is Swamped By Student Contribs

Kids, thousands of kids, pouring into into the library with little pieces of paper clutched tightly in their hands. Do they stop at the Petty calendar? No. Do they scramble for a table in the back of the room? No. They march straight up to the Nilehilite contribution box on the desk and drop their contribution in.

Miss Meyers has reported that this steady stream of contributions is disturbing the peace in the library. We are appealing to you, kids, to please, please take it easy with your offerings to the Nilehilite. A staff of fifteen students has to be on duty constantly carrying the overflowing box up to room 216. We certainly appreciate your interest in the newspaper, your suggestions and contributions, but if the situation continues as it has been, Miss Meyers threatens to do something desperate. We simply cannot handle all of your countless contributions, and if everyone would cooperate, we feel sure we could get the problem in hand again.

Juniors Beg For Second State Test

Recently all the juniors and the seniors who were not here last year took a state wide test. There were many things that the students just loved about the test and many students just begged Mr. Benette to let them have another one.

The test itself was not hard or tiring. Everything was very easy to understand, especially the physics. The people who never took physics found it very easy; just ask them. The number work was child's play and one all the time tests everyone finished way before Mr. Benette told them to stop.

Everyone was very fascinated by the pencils handed out, and when they were told they could keep them, they about jumped for joy.

There were a few things the students couldn't bear. One thing they decidedly didn't like was that the students taking the exam were given 40 minutes for lunch. Another thing the students didn't like was all the nice classes they missed, second through seventh periods. Think of all the wonderful work that they missed.

Everyone wants the Statewide Test again very soon.



Profiles

Dear human beings, friends and oh yes, — all you kids at Nile Hi too. This time we have the great honor and privilege of presenting to you one of the greatest genie of our school. Who? Who else but Simonevard Mechantment Van Goldberg. Of course he really doesn't need a formal introduction because every body knows who he is and what he's done.

Now, of course, he is a typical student of Nile Hi in many ways seeing as he likes school work, study, and he doesn't even think about girls; but after all, he deserves more, much more credit than any of us.

Simon has a lot of interesting hobbies also. The favorite one, though, is flying over to North Africa in his little tri-cornered rocket plane and collecting butterflies. Of course he could find all his "rare" species out in the prairies of Skokie, but that's beside the point. His favorite past time is cutting paper dolls and counting the squares in the corridor floors.

And now as this interview draws to a close we bow our heads in worship, for wasn't Simonevard Mechantment Van Goldberg the only person who has ever been able to keep the same stick of gum through every class for a whole week of days?

(P.S. Why Simon likes butterflies so much is still unexplainable.)

Students Reveal Baby Nicknames

In the lives of most of us there was a time when, having set aside our diapers and taken leave of the perambulator, we attempted to destroy the only thing that remained to threaten respectability . . . the baby nickname. After a few tantrums, our parents were finally convinced that their little offspring had become too old to bear a childish moniker; hence, the dreaded nickname was cast aside to embarrass us no longer.

BUT . . . your snooping reporter, braving a few derogatory remarks, set out in the hope of uncovering what was not supposed to be uncovered; and now, a few of those baby names that were left lying around are disclosed herein.

Marion Robertson admitted that she was called "Dynamite," and she wasn't kidding.

After a little coaxing, Jim Holmes confessed he was known as "Lasses," short for molasses. This fetching little name, he confidentially whispered, was conferred upon him because he was so sweet.???

Because of a certain physical aspect, Mary Clark was dubbed "Fatty," and Marion Eichelkraut was given the flattering title of "Tubby."

Renee Hain was named "Joe Bush" because she had so much hair. (After hearing this alias, we can't help adding, what a Guy!)

That cute little fellow, Jim Stefek, answered to "Dodie" as a child. Why, we couldn't say.

Questionnaire Brings Out Favorite April Fool Jokes

Knowing all innocent "Little Trojans" so well and knowing that April Fools Day is coming we decided to find out their reactions to the day of all days. You know — find out their favorite jokes and stuff. Here are just a few replies that your reporter got.

JoAnne Detweiler (junior): I don't care particularly as long as it's mean.

Chuck Bailey (Junior): Passing loaded cigarettes to dumb people.

Pat Lannert (Junior): Anything in general.

"Louie" Nachbauer (Soph): You'll see! (hm).

Ada Fredericks (Junior): I don't care! Don Falknor (Soph): To put a cigarette next to a person's shoe and tell them it's in their cuff.

Katie Clark (Junior): Put salt in somebody's beer.

Jim Stefek: (Senior): Plugging up sinks and letting the water run.

Rosie Racine (Senior): Tie knots in all girls clothes in the girl's locker room.

Jim Tagney (Junior): Gee — I don't know!

June Ohlson (Senior): I'll bring no sandwiches for Chuck!

"Boots" Jenkins (Senior): To stand a girl up.

Mickey Calmer (Senior): Come again — ? What did you say? — ? 14!!

Bob Weidenmiller (Senior): Really — I don't know!

Carol Krause (Freshie): Giving people runs in their newest (?) nylons.

Bud Horton (Freshie): Dropping banana peels on the street.

Moe Kennedy (Senior): Showing people a DEAD finger.

Nancy Cates (Junior): I don't have any — they are stupid!

Joe Jaskie (Freshie): Well — it's this way — ! (Wasn't that intelligent?)

Joan Hoddinott (Senior): Telling people I'll give them shoe coupons.

Bruce Gifford (Senior): Telling a person to look up their sleeves and look at the stars and then pour water down the sleeve.

Rollie Poehlman (Senior): Greasing railroad tracks.

That, boys and girls, is the morbid side of the minds in Niles Twp. Remember — April Fools Day and beware ! !



Spring Is Here

by Pauline Cebery

Ho, hum!

Spring has come.

All the birds and all the beeses, Flit around from tree to treeses.

Romances which started in early Spring, Have like the butterfly taken wing.

Office clerks and teachers, too, Have just about all they can do.

Freshmen now strut in childish glee, Pre-viewing the sophomores that they want to be.

Sophomores give a joyful sigh — Cause they're going to be juniors by and by.

The juniors go around with a pre-occupied frown,

Becoming a senior is getting them down. Spring means rain, which makes janitors despair;

Because of the mud which is tracked on the stair.

It also brings on bad poetry like this — Which, except for filling up space, would never be missed.

Ax Murderer Strikes!

Amidst screams, cries and frightened people, reporters of the Nile Hi Lite tried to investigate the rumor of an axe murder that just took place in the cafeteria.

Yes, it was true. A cold blooded murder had been committed, and there the poor victim lay, surrounded in a pool of her own blood, — gushing from the jugular veins about her throat — still warm. It was a horrible sight. The look of anguish on her face — full of terror and fear — was enough to make any one scream.

The murder weapon was left behind by the assassin, strained by a crimson color. — Who was the murder? Who did the killing? Is he still here in the building? The lengthening shadows of the day cast an eerie atmosphere over the ghostly lighted room. The gasping and fainting people were removed from the scene of the murder, — off to a possibly safer place.

What a typical place for a murder, off in a corner with all the bloodiest weapons imaginable right at the finger tips of the murderer. Still there was no idea of the murderer. There were tracks of blood leading to the hall, but where they went after that no one knew. But what was the motive? It wasn't too hard to guess, though. It must have been a craving — a craving something like hunger. Anyhow, some body must have wanted to eat that old hen, for the noon day's menu had chicken a la king.

DRIP by Puddles

The curtain is now drawn on another exciting, breath taking chess season, with Leibrandt emerging as chief victor and champion. And as we look back we can still recall many of the harrowing experiences of each and every opposing contestant. Remember the time when Gockenback got so excited that he upset the whole board, and Jenkins, who was winning at the time, played the role of the perfect gentleman and helped pick up the pieces of the game. They started all over again and he lost the game.

Yes, this and many other factors such as this made it a very profitable season.

And while we are reminiscing these long to be remembered events lets also include the basket ball season. Due to the man shortage the girls took over this line of sports for the year. We've had many victories also. "Bernie" Creaney,

Seniors Start Drive On Top

The seniors started off Nilehi's recent Red Cross Drive by contributing \$200 to this worthy fund, and they are now challenging the rest of the school to equal or possibly top their showing.

Having discussed the Trojans past showings in the Red Cross Drive, the seniors began their own drive within the Problems classes under Miss Harbert's supervision. They set their goal at \$1.00 per person, and did very well in accomplishing their objective.

The rest is up to the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Let's see if Niles Township can't contribute \$1,000 to the Red Cross! With \$200 from the seniors and \$120 from the teachers, this leaves only \$680 for the rest of the school — approximately \$1.00 per student. So come on and let's wind up our Red Cross Drive with a 100% record!

Kentucky Derby To Be Run on Nilehi's Track

This year the Kentucky Derby will take place on our own campus. The track field is being taken over for this purpose. Although Kentucky is the traditional place for the races, because of the war and the more suitable bleachers, the sponsors have offered the school large sums of money for the privilege of using our track.

The jockies will all be picked from the students of N.T.H.S. and will receive the horses they ride as gifts from the owners. The faculty will operate a bookie establishment immediately preceding the races in room 216. Mr. Blanke will have charge of the bookies. Students of our school will be able to place bets on their favorites at reduced rates.

being our star player, has made most of the points during each game. Yes, she certainly had a knack for making baskets.

As we know this is the first time any thing like this has been tried and we are pleased to find out that girls on the basketball, baseball, and football teams for 1944-45 will have the wholehearted backing of all the students of Nile Hi.

Up to and including this years knitting tournament, it always has been a heart warming experience for those spectators who were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of one of the sessions. Horace Lindecker was champion of this season and he deserves much credit too. After all, he managed to knit five pairs of diapers, some "booties" and even a new sweater.

And taking all into consideration it has been a memorable season!

Man Shortage Hits Trojan Sports

The manpower shortage has at last struck Nilehi a crushing blow, by lessening the ranks of her valiant baseball basketball, track, and football teams. But, thanks to the indomitable will power, and the determination of the Trojans to keep Nilehi on the map, the lack of sports will be more than adequately made up by several teams, of the more athletic Helens of Troy.

Naturally, a baseball team will be formed, but it will consist of 27 girls, who will play in 3 shifts; the obvious reason for this is that girls cannot play more than 3 innings, without disarranging both hair and make-up. Arrangements will be made to offset this same situation in basketball, football, and track teams, as the seasons for these sports approach.

To make up any deficiency in the action in these games, the girls have decided to increase the number of sports, in which they will participate. Volleyball, checkers, knitting matches, and bridge will be among the new sports at Nilehi. The knitting contests should prove especially interesting, as all contestants must knit an original stitch — knit two, drop three, purl one — which has been devised by a special staff of students and teachers.

We herewith offer our best wishes to these Trojanettes, and commend their determination, and spirit. They should have no trouble keeping Nilehi on the map.

The latest totals of the stamps and bonds show that the Trojans now have \$9,950.20 toward the \$15,000 goal set for the purchase of a Fairchild "Cornell" Trainer. This leaves a small amount in view of the successful achievement already shown.

Chicago Cubs Plan Season at Nilehi

Manager Jimmy Wilson of the Chicago Cubs has just announced the decision of the club to play all home games on a new field this year. Niles Township has the honor of being host to the famous team. Nilehi's diamond was selected because of its extreme suitability of location, and the excellent playing field. Feeling that their usual field held a slight jinx, the team selected a committee, headed by Manager Wilson, to locate the ideal field in the Chicago area, in an effort to lift the jinx. The Trojan diamond stood head and shoulders above others on the consideration list. It will be rechristened "Wiggley Field."

When interviewed, Manager Wilson expressed the opinion that on Wiggley Field no team could lose a game. He believes that the addition of new blood in the person of an a-1 water boy selected from the Trojan ranks will put the team on top. He hinted that a great deal of controversy has been taking place between two possible candidates for the position. Names cannot be mentioned, so only a suggestion can be given. However, reliable sources reveal that the two in question might possibly be one of Nilehi's foremost chemistry teachers, and a certain boy's science teacher. Players may also be inducted from the Nilehi team to bolster the Cub offense. Wilson feels that the city series is "a cinch" this year.

Nilehi's students are expected to turn out in full force to witness the unusual turn of events — a major league team playing on a high school diamond.

Ed. Note. Any attempt of the Cub team or Manager Wilson to sue the Nilehilite won't get them very far. You can't bleed a turnip. Besides — it's all in fun.

Trojan Baseballers Begin Practice

The hopes for a bigger and better baseball team for the '44 season are by no means weak, for there will be a number of veterans from previous years plus an ample supply of new material.

Experience lies in such former players as Poehlmann, Piastrelli, Moore, Sandin, Wagner, Podolinsky, Nissen, and Gockenbach while some of the boys injecting the "new blood" are Dean, Meyer, Leibrandt, Lane, and others.

Last year's team was none too strong in the base hits department and coach Norman Kent explained that if he could find some hitters in this year's turnout the biggest part of his worries would be over.

Just like the Yankees the Trojan nine is faced with the loss of talent. Bill Shay is already in the marines and Chuck Gockenbach, although he has not been called as yet, is in the army.

Watch for a game schedule in a later edition.