

Merry
Christmas

NILEHILITE

Happy
New Year

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Pictured above are the Nilehi music students selected to represent the school in the Allstate Music Festival in Champaign, Illinois, next February.

'Mistletoe Magic' to Feature Holiday Theme December 18

A contest + plans = one dance.

THIS formula is the one used by the G.A.A. in planning the annual Christmas dance to be held tomorrow night, December 18.

"Mistletoe Magic" was selected as the name for the dance as a result of a contest open to all Nilehians. Receiving a free bid was Roberta Simmons, sophomore, who suggested the winning name. Four runners-up also received free bids.

MUSIC FOR the occasion will be provided by Jim Kleeman and his orchestra.

As an added attraction, "Mistletoe Magic" will take place in the boys' and girls' gym to accommodate the growing attendance at the dances, stated Miss Betty Schmidt, G.A.A. co-sponsor. Girls will wear after-five dresses.

No formals are allowed, according to Miss Schmidt. Boys will wear suits and ties.

BIDS are priced at \$2.50 and were sold in the school cafeteria this week.

The first bars of music will be heard at 9 p.m. and will continue to 12 p.m.

ALL ALUMNI are welcome according to the G.A.A.

Plans Being Made For Local YMCA

STUDENT hopes for a YMCA in the Niles Township area may be coming true. On December 9 the Organizational Committee voted on plans for the Skokie Valley YMCA, as it will be called if plans are approved. The final decision was not known at the time of this writing.

A program committee is planning activities and facilities for children, teen-agers, and adults.

DR. JOSEPH A. Mason, chairman of the steering committee, revealed that the "Y" will probably have a pool, gym facilities, and rooms available for Youth Center Activities and private parties. This "Y" will be affiliated with the Metropolitan YMCA in Chicago.

Music Department To Send Eleven to Activity at Urbana

"Music in the Air" might well be a description of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, come February 4 and 5 when 10 of the best students of the Nilehi music department join more than 1,000 music students from high schools all over the state to take part in the All-state Music Activity.

STUDENTS attending the activity from Nilehi are Gloria Bolin, Eleanor Collins, Bob Below, Rudy Malz, and Diane Donile, from the choir and Diane Haas and Chuck Bitter from the orchestra. All are seniors. Band representatives will be chosen at a later date.

The purpose of the activity is to give those who attend a fine and very stimulating experience singing and playing with so many other students their own age and to perform under the direction of many well-known directors, according to Miss Clara Klaus, music director.

ALONG with the concentrated rehearsals during the two days, there will be a dance the first evening to help everyone get acquainted. In the afternoon of the second day recordings will be made of the groups.

Senior Boys Usher At Pep Assemblies

TWENTY senior boys have been chosen to usher for pep assemblies, according to the Nilehi cheerleaders.

The purpose of the ushers are to see that students remain in the gym until the pep assemblies are finished.

CHAIRMAN of the committee is Caryl Bristo. Assistants are Bill Kuchar, Marie Heppner, and Bruce Debes. All are seniors.

"The ushers are a very good idea and helping the situation considerably," remarked Caryl Bristol, varsity cheerleader.



Evanston Strives to Restore True Meaning of Christmas

In many department stores and on numerous street corners you see fur-clad Santas now that the Christmas season is here. But there is more to this festive occasion than red-suited Santa Clauses.

The phrase "Put Christ Back into Christmas—" is familiar to you. You've read about this project in the newspapers, heard it on the radio, and probably have even voiced your opinion about it with friends.

More and more people today are realizing that religion, which has been pushed further into the background for commercial purposes, is more important to the inspiring meaning of Christmas.

We have a good reason to be proud of our neighbor city, Evanston, as reported in the December issue of American Home magazine. Early in 1951 an Evanston housewife, Alice Hamm, thought of how a community like Evanston could recapture the spiritual significance of this holy day the coming Christmas. "Could a busy mother get enough help to dent the overly commercialized observance of Christ's birthday?"

Shortly afterwards a group of young married couples organized the Christian Family Christmas Committee. They aimed the first year to encourage public displays portraying the deeper meaning of Christmas. They adopted the slogan, "Put Christ Back into Christmas."

By November all Evanston was enthused with this new idea. Evanston judges, housewives, churchmen, businessmen, teachers, and civic leaders joined the project. Young people helped build life-sized Nativity figures for outdoor displays. Pastors and priests wrote Christmas editorials and the press published them. Radio and television gave their help. Busses carried slogan cards.

To all who come to see them, 60 Nativity scenes expressed love, tenderness, and hope. The community was showing its love for Christ and his birthday.

The aim the second year was to keep the idea going and to put more emphasis upon the religious theme in home decorations. The best home displays visible from outdoors were awarded prizes. Large firms stamped their outgoing mail with the slogan, whose words were also set to music.

The third year was better yet. Evanston's business, civic, and spiritual leaders kept hoping that this religious emphasis upon Christmas would last. From all parts of the country letters poured in asking for help in starting similar projects.

Our elders of Evanston have begun this great project. It still needs a lot of planning and work to establish itself in the hearts of Americans everywhere in order to continue for years. We teenagers can fulfill this dream, so that our children will remember and look forward to the deeper meaning of Christmas as well as the entertaining side of the holidays—Santa Claus and the decoration of Christmas trees.

Nilehi . . . Talks Back

Dear Editor,

The time has come for Nilehi to make a choice between gold and blue and orange and blue for school colors.

The basketball players wear orange, and so do the varsity cheerleaders. The frosh-soph cheerleading squad wears gold. In our school song we sing to the "Gold and Blue."

Both colors are nice, but the difference is very noticeable.

Barbara Neuman
Junior

ED. Since this is a question that concerns the entire school, let's hear what some of the rest of you students think.

Dear Editor,

Christmas time is here again and with it our annual custom of sending cards. Looking up everyone's address in the big telephone book can get to be a pretty tedious job—especially if you happen to forget somebody's father's first name. A directory containing first names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all Nilehi students would be very convenient.

In many other schools the Student Council or some such organization makes a directory and sells it to the student body at a reasonable price.

Liz Carter
Junior

ED. Since it is too late to plan a student directory for this year, perhaps the Student Council, Service Club, or some other organization can plan it as a project for next fall.

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate the hall monitors on the great job that they are doing by relieving the halls of the congestion which there would normally be without them. Keep up the good work.

Don Urlich
Junior

Dear Editor,

I would like to know, and I think others would, if I could be on the school paper staff. I'm interested in journalism and would like to know more about it.

Judy Ringel
Freshman

ED. The journalism classes, which are open to juniors and seniors who have maintained at least a B in sophomore English, compose the NILEHILITE staff. If you wish to apply for a position as an editor, it is necessary that you take the course during your junior year.

Vesper Ushers in Yuletide Festivities

CHRISTMAS Vespers, Nilehi's annual music program, was held last Sunday, December 12 to usher in the Yuletide Season.

Over 200 singers and the Orchestra opened the program with "Fanfare for Christmas Day." The Choir sang selected choruses from the "Messiah" and "Twelve Days of Christmas." "Vivace," a select girls' group, sang Fred Waring's arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," while the Madrigal singers sang "A Musical Christmas Card," and several other songs.

THE ORCHESTRA played "Sleigh Ride," while more numbers were presented by the Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs.

The entire chorus and the orchestra combined for the finale, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

ALL GROUPS were conducted by Miss Clara Klaus and Mr. Hugh McGee, music directors.

Many students as well as the public of Niles Township Community attended the Sunday afternoon program.

Frosh Learn Dancing

AS AN activity of the freshman class, some of the homerooms on Tuesdays during homeroom period are learning ballroom dancing.

The dancing is taught by Miss Betty Schmidt, physical education teacher of Nilehi. Mrs. Rita Gauer, homeroom teacher and Karen Holmberg, junior, are assisting her.

"THOSE freshman students not wishing to learn to dance are not compelled to do so," said Miss Marjorie Schwab, freshman adviser.

NILEHILITE

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These five choir members make last-minute robe adjustments before the annual performance of Christmas Vespers. Left to right are Bob Bonebrake, Ardath Wharton, Ron Shipka, seniors; and Claudia Joslyn, junior. Seated on steps is Judy Coleman, senior.

Senior Class Elects Twelve For New Yearbook Section

TWELVE "distinguished seniors" were recently chosen by the senior class at Niles. These seniors are to have a separate section in the 1955 yearbook for their pictures because of their many services and outstanding leadership at Nilehi, according to Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior class adviser.

Board Plans Union; January 15 is Date

THE NEXT Union will be held Saturday, January 15. Dancing, ping-pong, movies, and refreshments are some of the things the Student Youth Board have chosen to help Nilehians spend an enjoyable evening at the Student Unions in the past.

The board consists of 14 members under the leadership of seniors Kay Christiansen, president; Joyce Rossmann, secretary; and Carol Borchert, treasurer. Six committees in charge of refreshments, chaperones, entertainment, publicity, and rules and regulations help to plan the Unions. The co-sponsors are Mr. John Sheahan and Miss Lois Lamberg.

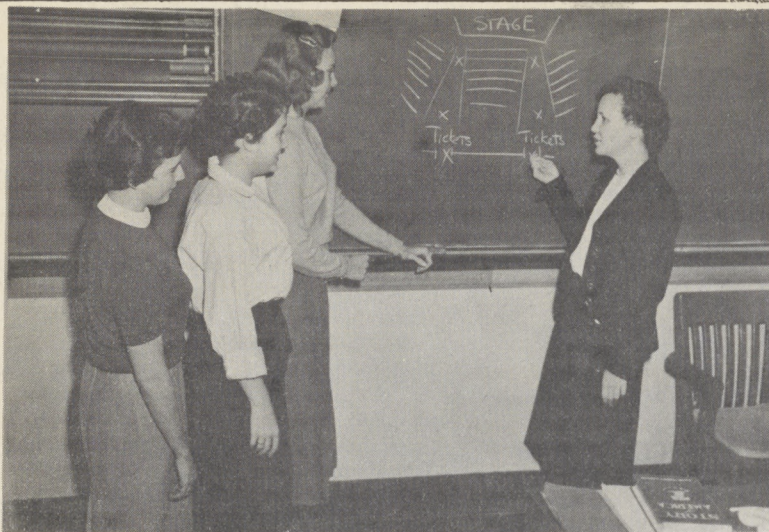
THIS YEAR membership cards were sold for 25 cents apiece. One guest from another school may accompany each holder of a card.

Music from the juke box has been replaced by music from a band.

Those named outstanding senior boys are Bob Bonebrake, Bob Drake, Fred Melberg, Don Owen, and Bob Petersen. Selected for their athletic ability are Jim Elliott and Al Karnatz. Dona Baumann, Kay Christiansen, Carol Larsen, Anna Otiepkka, and Janet Piper are the outstanding senior girls.

THE PROCESS of choosing these seniors was begun by the Senior Cabinet, the Yearbook General Staff editors, and the senior homeroom teachers who are Mrs. Parepa Rice, English teacher; Miss Lois Lamberg, problems teacher; Mr. Howard Byram, problems teacher; Dr. Arthur Ryden, junior adviser; Mr. Marvin Ihne, sophomore adviser; and Mr. Harold Ohlson, senior adviser.

A complete list of the entire senior class was read and reduced to 32 who were judged on their contributions to the school. From this number, 20 were chosen and placed on a ballot with a place for write-in candidates for the senior class to vote upon.



Miss Dorothy Lungmus (right) gives last-minute instructions to the three captains of the Ushers Club. Left to right are senior Diane Donile, and Barbara Neumann and Claudia Joslyn, juniors.

Problems Classes Plan for Student Government Day

The senior problems students at Niles have found a way to make the study of government more interesting. They've made plans to have a Student Government Day on January 20.

THIS HAS been made possible because of the assistance and co-operation given by the officials of Golf, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Skokie, and the Niles Township High School Board of Education.

Seniors Start Now; Plan Spring Dance

PLANS are now being made for the Spring Dance which is to be held on Saturday, March 12, 1955. This dance is given by the senior class for the entire school.

Committees and their chairmen are as follows: decorations, Mrs. Parepa Rice; ticket sales and promotion, Mr. Howard Byram and Mr. Onni Hendrickson; orchestra, Miss Doris Tillman; bids, Miss Lois Lemberg; and arrangements, Mr. Charles Suydam.

ON DECEMBER 16 and 17, each senior was asked to donate one box of silver Christmas tinsel for senior dance decorations, according to Mrs. Rice, committee sponsor. Tinsel had to be collected now since it is not available during the spring. If there are still seniors who have not donated a box of tinsel, new or used, it can be brought to room 206 as soon as school resumes in January.

No other plans have been made for the dance.

On the Student Government Day, the students in the problems classes who have been elected village or township officials will leave school for the day to get a firsthand look at government with the officials they're replacing for the day.

"I THINK that this gives us an excellent opportunity to make government more meaningful and I believe that it would be advantageous to have the Student Government Day become an annual event," said Mr. John Hallberg, problems teacher.

Assemblies held in December with the seniors divided up according to their districts or towns cleared up any questions that they may have had concerning any phase of the forthcoming Student Government Day.

While the sixth period problems class did most of the basic planning, Miss Lois Lemberg's and Mr. Howard Byram's classes were in charge of districting and registration, nomination and ballots, campaigns, publicity and a committee formed to keep in touch with the town officials.

92 Ushers Serve School This Year

THE GIRLS who guide you to your seats and hand out programs at special Nilehi events are members of the Ushers' Club, one of the service clubs here at school.

Composed of 63 juniors and 29 seniors, the club ushered for Parents' Night, the fall play, and Christmas Vespers this year, according to Miss Dorothy Lungmus, sponsor.

Assisting Miss Lungmus are Diane Donile, who is in charge of senior ushers, and Claudia Joslyn and Barbara Neumann, who are in charge of junior ushers.

"PLANS for the future include ushering at the annual induction ceremony of the National Honor Society," said Miss Lungmus.

Club membership is limited only to junior and senior girls.

Debaters Victorious At DeKalb Tourney

ELEANOR Collins, senior, and Jay Wollin, sophomore, swept four debates from their opponents at the DeKalb Tournament on Saturday, December 4. The topic had to do with free trade for the United States.

The four wins earned by Eleanor and Jay were decisions over La Grange, East Aurora, Arlington Heights, and West Rockford in the varsity negative division. Phil Quigley and Jerry Vick, juniors, snatched two out of four as affirmative speakers.

ON THE sub-varsity roster were Janet Erny, Joan Comiano, Fred Wattering, sophomores, and Frank Saunders, junior. The affirmative and negative sides each won two and lost two. Fifteen schools participated in the activity and the result sheet read ten wins and six losses for Niles.

For the first two tournaments of the season the Nilehi team set records of 13 wins and 11 losses at the La Grange tournament, and 11 wins and 10 losses at Evanston. This gives Niles a total of 34 wins and 27 losses thus far, which, according to Dr. John L. Betts, debate coach, indicates a very satisfactory season.

Student Librarians Aid Miss Walker In Keeping Library Working Efficiently

"WHERE ARE the overdue cards?" "What do I do with the fine notices?" "Has the December issue of 'Post' come in yet?"

These are only a few of the many questions you might ask Miss Mary Walker, Nilehi librarian, if you were a student librarian helping Miss Walker keep the library in order.

The 21 girls and two boys on the staff of library assistants check in and out books, keeps magazines and shelves in order, make out fine slips, and do a million and one other things that are a part of library work.

If it weren't for this help volunteered by the students librarians, Nilehi's library wouldn't run as smoothly and as rapidly as it does.

These girls and boys are given one-tenth minor credit for each day of the week that they work. In other words, if a student librarian worked three days out of every week, at the end of the year, he would receive three-tenths credit. However, this is not counted as credit toward graduation, but it does aid someone if he ever applies for a librarian position. These student librarians may render their services only during a study hall.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to become librarians. This year's staff members are as follows: Nancy Scanlan, Suzanne Waddell, Marilyn Kamin, and Karen Carlson, sophomores; Harriet Boyd, George Theiner, Donna Cutro, Jacquie Worthley, Shirley Kriese, Sandy Hagen, Lois War-kenthien, Donna Pionke, June Co-han, Eve Bleckman, Lois Rose, Barb Busch, Gail Dent, and Ken Livnick, juniors; and Judy Bruce, Barb Kamin, Janet Wahlen, Cindy Bergquist, and Dolores Renberg, seniors.

Just Once A Year

by Kay Christiansen

It comes each year
Welcomed, blissful and new.
A warm, friendly hearth fire
Surrounded by gifts,
An adorned tree
And all your loved ones.
This must be heaven.
No, It's just Christmas
Once every year.

Of Gentle Bethlehem

by Janice Jack

As the snow falls down
On the sleepy little town
Of gentle Bethlehem.

A donkey's hoofs beat
On the roughly paved streets
Of gentle Bethlehem.

A woman and a man
Look for shelter where they can
In gentle Bethlehem.

But no shelter from the danger
Is found, except a manger
Of gentle Bethlehem.

And in the manger is laid
The precious, kingly babe
Of gentle Bethlehem.

With swaddling clothes to keep him
warm
He is wrapped to face the gather-
ing storm,
Of gentle Bethlehem.

And the angels of heaven sing
Praise to Christ, the new-born King
Of gentle Bethlehem.

Unto You

by Bette Halvorsen

Unto you a King is given,
Unto you a savior sent,
Unto you, no favors asked,
To save your soul, a life was spent.

Unto Him, what have you given?
Unto Him, what have you done?
Unto him you owe salvation,
Have you given a thing, just one?

'Mid the turkey and the trimmings
And the presents, and over the din
Stop to think, "Unto you is given."
What have you given unto Him?

Too Young to Believe?

by Sandy Messe

The name of Santa Claus is often
ignored,
When people speak of him they
seem to get bored,
"Oh, that's only for children" some
folks will say,
But if you'd think about it there's
a Santa in each passing day,
He exists not only during the
Christmas season,
And for the good he does there's
rarely a reason,
If you think of all the good things
someone has done for you,
Before you know it you'll believe in
Santa Claus too,
He might be the mailman or even
a friend,
'Cause St. Nick could be anyone
if happiness he sends.

Bad Boy's Lament

by Bob Below

Out of his bed,
Across the floor,
Down the stairs,
He looks out the door.

Over the roof,
High in the sky
Through the trees,
Away Santa flies.

Back to the tree,
With the angel on top;
For this naughty boy,
Santa didn't stop.

The Lamplighter

by Jeanie Von Rautenkranz

On the soft white snow there's a
thin white track,
Where a little mouse ran but didn't
come back,
For close to some rocks where the
tall weeds lean,
The little mouse changed to a sub-
marine!

At the foot of a fir he ducked down
under
Does he live in a house down there,
I wonder,
With a wreath on his door for his
friends to see,
And a sprig of spruce for a Christ-
mas tree?

Christmas for an Unhappy Soldier

by Joyce Rossmann

Slowly he strolled down the almost deserted street. A few hours before, the same street had been a place of activity, with people rushing and bustling about intent on last minute shopping. The store windows were no longer brightly lit, everything was dim. The lad wandered aimlessly, not caring where his steps led him. Seeing a cafe open, he entered and ordered his dinner. He ate slowly, not even seeming to care what he ate. After paying his check, he left the cafe and hopped into the bus on the corner of the deserted street.

Upon reaching his destination, he hurried to his quarters. He threw himself on his bunk and just lay there and stared. Despite the officers' unsuccessful attempts to give cheerful parties and celebrations, Christmas Eve in an army camp can be heart-breakingly lonely!

Dear Santa Baby

by Barb McKaig

Since Christmas is coming,
I've made out my list
For Santa to bring me
What I can't resist.

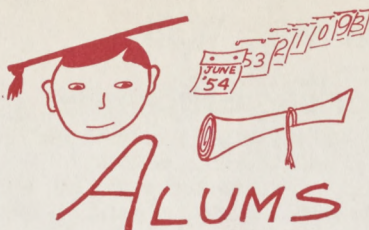
Some jewelry, I guess,
Diamonds are fine,
A bright new convertible
That will sparkle and shine,

A couple of cashmeres
Gray, purple, and blue.
Oh! all these things
Are too good to be true.

But if I had just one wish
I'd like to have done,
I think that it would be
Merry Christmas for everyone.

Santa Claus

by Jeanie Von Rautenkranz
Santa Claus has a beard so white,
And a big round stomach that rolls
with delight,
His eyes sparkle, his cheeks glow
as he
Dances merrily through the snow.
He says, as he rides from the light,
MERRY CHRISTMAS to NILEHI,
and a very good night!



Bill Pohlson, '54, broke his foot during basketball practice at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Ron Hicks, '54 broke his ankle while playing basketball at the University of Iowa.

Roger Yost, '53, is now a sports writer for the Chicago Sun Times. In his senior year at Niles, he was sports editor of the Nilehilit.

Fred Holzl, '54, is on the freshman basketball squad at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana.

Jerry Weissburg, '53, Joan McCown, '54, and Betty Mengarelli, '53, took part in an all-collegian debate held at Navy Pier on December 11. Jerry represented the University of Wisconsin, Joan represented Northern Illinois State Teachers College at DeKalb, and Betty represented Marquette University at Milwaukee.

Jean Pilkington, '53, played one of the 7 roles in Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She is also editor of the college newspaper.

Bob Gamer, '52, is president of his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Donna Jack, '52, represented Michigan State in the Homecoming Queen's Court at the University of Illinois. Donna, one of the ten girls in the court, was chosen out of 4,000 girls from University of Illinois. She is also a candidate for one of the queens in the Ilio, University of Illinois' yearbook.

Marv Farwell, '53, was elected president of the sophomore class at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin. He is sports editor of the Carroll Echo, a member of the cross country team and he pledged Delta Rho Upsilon.

Twinkle Toes

by Darlene McLeod

"I'm so mad!
I could sit down and cry!
To think some snooty reindeer
Is better than I!"

"I went to Santa
The other day
And asked if I was again
To lead his sleigh."

"You know what he said?
Gosh, I feel so bad!
"Rudolph," he said,
"You've been swell, my lad!"

"But sorry to say,
There's someone new
Who will lead this year's sleigh,
Instead of you."

"Who, Santa, who?
Just tell me his name.
I'll get a big stick
And make him lame!"

"Whoa there, Rudolph,
Now that isn't right.
Among your friends,
You want to fight?"

"I'm sorry, Santa
For acting this way,
But I counted so much
On leading your sleigh."

"This year's leader,
I suppose
Is that new baby reindeer
'TWINKLE TOES'."

"That's right, Rudolph,
But don't be that way,
For you can teach him
How to lead the sleigh!"

"Well, okay, Santa,
I guess you're right.
There's really no sense
In starting a fight!!"

"Good boy, Rudolph.
That's what I like to hear,
For with Twinkle's toes and your
shiny nose,
We'll have the best sleigh ever,
wherever it goes!"

A Gift to Nilehi

by Joanne La Plant

For all our school has given us,
We really should repay,
And the nicest thing to give to her
Is a peaceful Christmas day.

Last Year's New Year's Resolutions Included Money, Men, and No More. .

FIVE NILEHILITE REPORTERS conducted a survey lately to determine what New Year's resolutions students made last year and whether or not they kept them. Here are some of the discoveries: Doug Wold, sophomore: I resolved not to get any more cafeteria fines. I didn't either.

Phil Quigley, junior: I resolved not to swing golf clubs in the house. I never succeeded.

Lennie Miresse, junior: It's been so long ago I've forgotten.

Bill Riha, junior: I said I was going to save my lunch money for Christmas presents, but I didn't live up to it.

Carol Jean, senior: I resolved not to be late to school anymore. I kept it!

Carol Larsen, senior: I resolved to get a man. I got one, too. This year's resolution is "to keep him!" Roberta Jorgessen, senior: I gave up making New Year's resolutions, and kept it!

William Kuchar, senior: I resolved not to eat anymore.

Wayne Harrison, junior: I forgot all of them. This year I'm going to try to be on time.

Seymour Becker, junior: I resolved not to get anymore traffic tickets. I didn't keep it.

Dale Kaiser, junior: I resolved to grow five inches. I did!

Christmas '54 Style

by Linda Morse

Christmas '54 style,

What will it be like?

Will Santa be wearing the new 'H' line?

As he delivers every doll and bike.

Will he drive a Ford Thunderbird

As he travels across the sky?

Or will he still use the sleigh and eight reindeer

As he did in the years gone by?

Will he have an opinion on McCarthy?

And what of the Democratic Congress?

What will he say on Bermudas?

Is this American Progress?

When he has filled all the stockings,

And goes to his sleigh with a zoom, He may turn to you with "Merry Christmas,"

With an "Oop Shoop" and a "Sh Boom!"

America Impresses

Freshman Hans Jung

"I LIKE everything about America." These were the words of Hans Jung, Nilehi freshman, formerly of Frankfurt, Germany.

Hans, who now lives in Lincolnwood, came to America in 1950 after both his mother and father had been killed. His father was killed fighting in Russia in the early part of World War II, and his mother died of a heart attack.

After living with their grandparents for a while, Hans and his younger sister, Helmi, came to America to live with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jung.

His father was acclaimed as one of Germany's greatest gymnasts, a member of the winning German Olympic team in 1936.

"I like Niles very much," said Hans. He is a member of the freshman swimming team, and is a Freshman Cabinet alternate. "I like anything concerning wood-working."

HIS FUTURE plans are to attend the University of Illinois or the University of Michigan to become an architectural engineer.

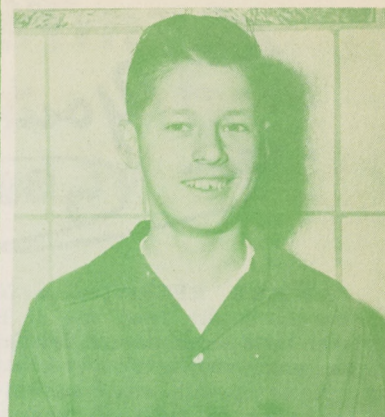
One Small Gift

Dear Santa,
The gifts I ask this year
Are presents for one and all,
Excuses for being tardy
And freedom from detention hall.

A cashmere for every girl,
A car for every boy,
And no more exams from teachers
Would bring us all some joy.

An "A" for every classmate,
An assembly every day,
And a brand new roomy locker
Where nothing gets in the way.

But most of all, dear Santa,
Something that money can't buy—
Please help our varsity cagers
Win the regionals for old Nilehi!



This smiling freshman lad is new to Nilehi. Hans Jung, who came to America in 1950 from Frankfurt, Germany, is now living in Lincolnwood.



THIS WEEK your Inquiring Reporter asked the question: "What do you want for Christmas?"

Mr. Provost, faculty: "A house of my own."

Tom Hirte, senior: "I want to do the mambo with Mrs. Rice."

George Simmons, senior: "Snowy-white beard like Santa."

Warren Hanson, junior: "Season ticket for the submarine races."

Dave Chevrier, junior: "Ertha Kitt."

Mrs. Rice, faculty: "A week in Florida with no English papers to grade."

Donna Vanderwall, junior: "I want Mr. McGee to remember to call me by my first name."

Diane Payne, junior: "I would like snow for Christmas."

Mr. Bost, faculty: "A place in the mountains to fish."

Sheron Davis, senior: "A C.O.D. male package."

Roundy: "As good a bunch of kids in '55 as in '54."

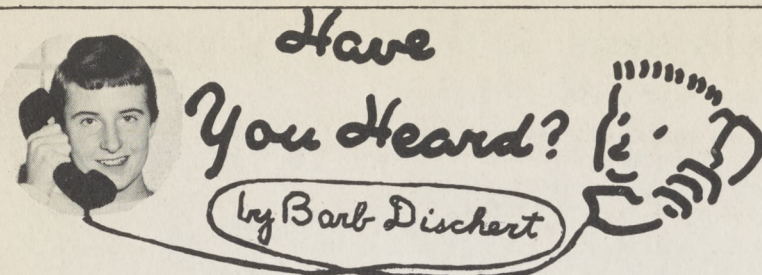
Mr. Michael, faculty: "Good bridge hands for the next year."

Bruce Christiansen, senior: "My two back teeth."

Lee Brink, sophomore: "An all-expense paid trip to Kankakee."

Gary Cockrell, senior: "A student lounge for Nilehi."

Al Karnatz, senior: "Ah, ha ha ha!"



AFTER RECEIVING a few friendly insults from one of his lunch table acquaintances, Jim Beddia, junior, stated, "I'd love to have a battle of wits with you, but I don't like to fight an unarmed man."

When asked by Mrs. Priscilla Baker in period-5 English class why he put the wrong identification number on his theme, John Ravencroft replied, "I'm writing under a pen name."

During the recent campaigning for chairman of Miss Lois Lamberg's period-2 problems class, the following platform speech was given for Don Owen:

- (1) More fines — BOO — brought in a Student Court — YEA.
- (2) More supervision — BOO — by a student — YEA.
- (3) Homework — BOO — once a year — YEA.
- (4) Tests — BOO — few and far between — YEA.
- (5) Three hour detentions — BOO — in the drive-in — YEA.
- (6) Report cards once a week — BOO — all A's — YEA.
- (7) Shorter lunch periods — BOO — but no shorter than an hour — YEA.
- (8) Two teachers in every class — BOO — 18 and blond — YEA.
- (9) No more pop in the cafe — BOO — but free BEER — YEA.
- (10) No more bus service — BOO — but private cars — YEA.
- (12) No talking — BOO — while teachers are looking — YEA.

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BILL KUCHAR, senior, asked Edie Dally, senior what was wrong with her eyes to cause her to wear sun-glasses. Edie told him she had drops in them, whereupon Bill wanted to know if they were cough drops.

Miss Smith's period-8 English class was listening to records of Julius Caesar one day. At the very dramatic point just before

Caesar is stabbed, the record ended; and a voice came from the back of the room, "Meanwhile, back at the ranch . . ."

When they entered Room 106, Dr. John Betts' U.S. history classes were confronted with this urgent message:

Dear Kiddies:

Youse has got notebooks which'll be do any day after terday. Also a unit test on next Monday ready or not! Also agin turn in arl papers marked A, B, C, D, F, (1-100) by Friday for credit.

John L. Betts, A.B. M.A., M.D., Ph.D., B.U.D., U.S.T.

CLIFFORD SWITZER, junior, is on the road to recovery at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. Clifford caught his hand in the printing press early in November and will be out of school until next semester. His room is 360 at the hospital. Let's help him recover by dropping a card to him.

After a junior girl saw one of her grades, she expressed an appropriate Shakespearean quotation . . . "Out, damned spot! Out, I say!"

A talk was being given about Andrew Jackson in Dr. John Betts' period-6 U.S. history class. "His one trouble," it was reported, "was that he couldn't tame women." A small voice from the corner questioned, "But who can?"

Christmas Candle

by Bette Halvorsen

The Christmas candle burns
In the window
To guide the Christ Child
On his long journey.
It lights the path of those
Who may have troubles
In their life.
It beckons all
To follow the path
Of the Holy Child.
Oh, pray
That your Christmas candle
May guide someone
This year.



Because Christmas is so near, the introducing column into an interview men of the season and his wife—Santa they were quite busy, they managed view in the Toy Center at Lord's Dep.

ANSWERING THE request of 1 season is nothing unusual to this Santa Claus every day of the year," he replied which help me deliver the toys on Christmas desires of the 500 children day.

The most sincere wish came from Santa Claus asked her what she would reply, "I just want happiness."

The most unusual request came from Claus, "May I please use your bathroom?" This couple, the only Mr. and Mrs. Claus, begins talking with Thanksgiving each year. Santa Claus and his real wife, Mrs. Claus, has been married for 50 years.

"Our youngest visitor was a grandpa came; this was our oldest. Some children are afraid of Santa Claus to Mrs. Claus because she reminds her of her mother."

"There are all types of youngsters. Some, whose parents are separated, come to their parents for Christmas," said Santa Claus.

In real life Santa keeps a small notebook, paper clipping, and picture of his children.

Each child who talks with the bank. Even the two editors who interviewed him.

THIS SANTA CLAUS and his wife, Mrs. Claus, that when they were asked what they would tell, but only replied, "We're here." In reference to his age, Santa Claus said he was 70 years old on December 14. Santa Claus has been married for 50 years.

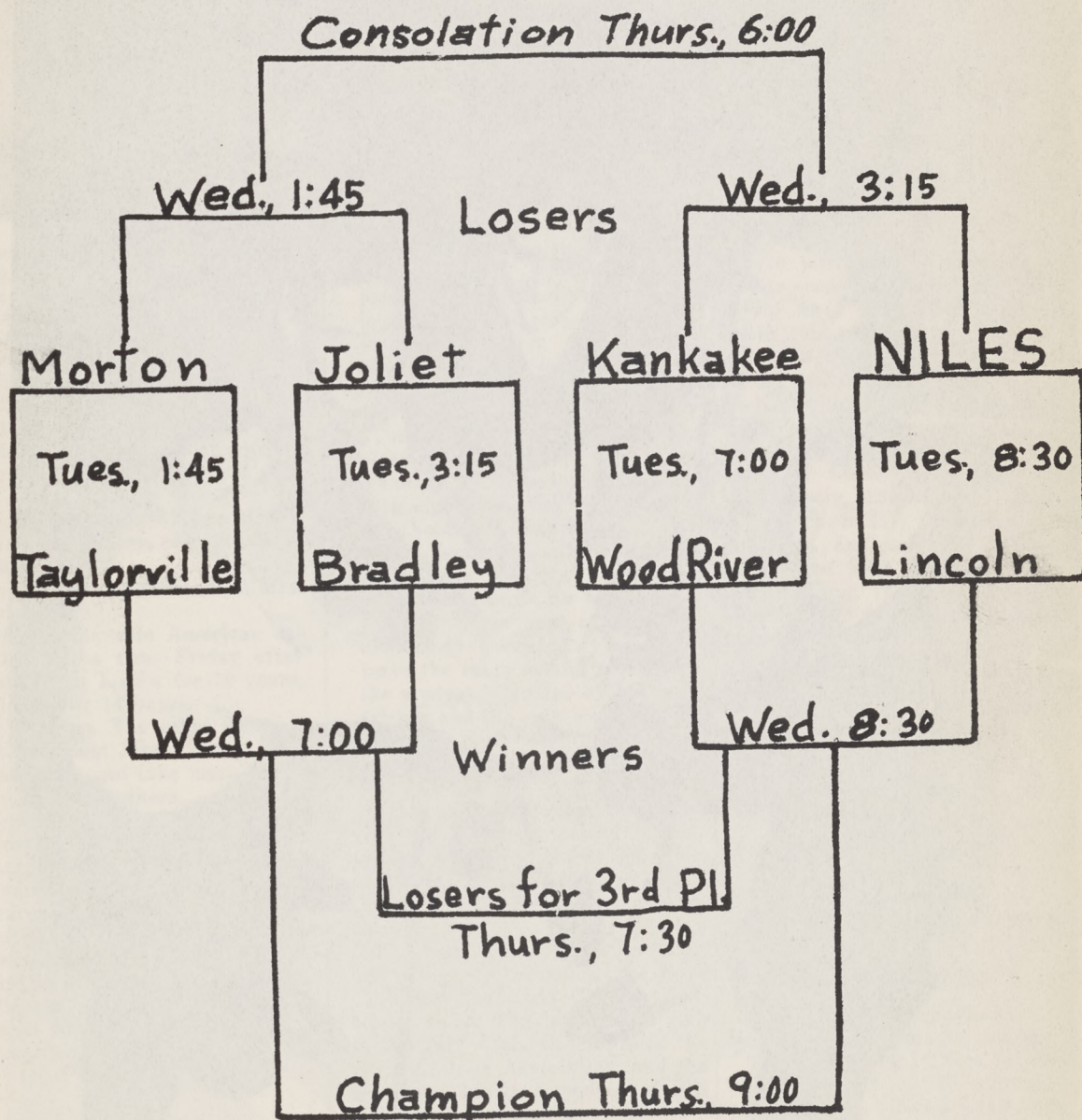
No More School

by Barbara Kamin

For counting the days till Christmas, The Nilehi students are keen. But the date that's most awaited Is December seventeen!

Kankakee Christmas Tournament

December 28, 29, and 30



Student Admission
35¢ a Session

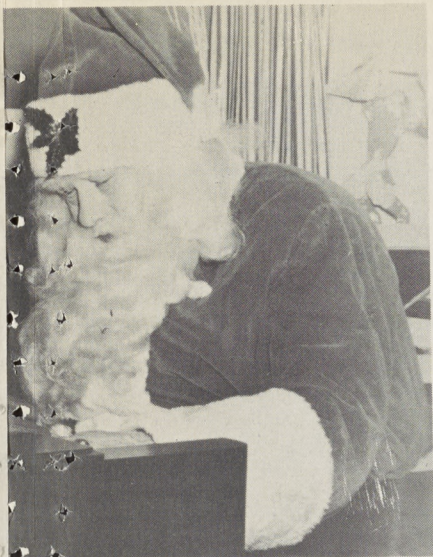
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the editors decided to turn the senior interview with one of the most important Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Even though aged to give the editors a brief inter-Department Store in Evanston.

of 10,000 boys and girls each yuletide Santa Claus and his wife. "I'm Santa Claus," he replied, "and I have eight reindeer on Christmas Eve."

For the girls are still the most popular children who visit the toy department each

from a little blind girl. When Mrs. Claus wanted for Christmas, she seriousness for everybody."

came from a small boy who asked Mrs. Claus, "bathroom?"

and Mrs. Santa Claus in American department with children the first Friday after Christmas Claus has been at Lord's for 19 years, as has been there for 14 years.

is a baby in arms. The other day a oldest visitor," said Mrs. Claus.

Santa's whiskers and take more easily than the children of their mothers.

gisters — cute, sad, and a few ornery. If a child is dead or deceased, ask me for a visit from Santa.

book of every advertisement, news- paper experiences.

the Clauses receives a toy, a piggy bank, and the interviewer received a souvenir.

His wife are so sincere about their roles that they did the rest of the year, they said.

"We live at the North Pole all year," Santa remarked, "I was 154 years old when I was born."

Christmas Cheer

by Bob Below

"Drink to me only with thine eyes,"
And I'm positive you will be
Much more able to stand up
To trim the Christmas tree.

Highland Park Classes Run Nursery and Build Homes

HIGHLAND PARK High School, though the "baby" of the Suburban League because only 1260 students are enrolled, believes in doing things in a big way.

"To accommodate the 1350 expected enrollment next fall," said Mr. A. E. Walters, principal, "we started building in June a \$4,250,000 new addition, which will include a new gym and swimming pool for the boys, a snack bar, two student lounges, an all purpose room equipped with a television set, and a new cafeteria."

Highland Park's Student Council, an important organization, meets every day to discuss school problems. It consists of an executive board, which is composed of ten seniors and six juniors who do the major planning, and a legislative board, composed of one representative from every homeroom, which carries out the plans.

The Student Council sponsors drives for charities, conducts a freshman orientation program, and takes eighth graders on a tour of the school in the spring.

The honor committee of the Council is trying to prevent cheating through an honor system. Fifty per cent of the students now participate. Teachers leave the room during tests, and the student is guided by his conscience and the sign which hangs in every room saying, "On My Honor I Know of No Cheating On This Test."

There are four dances during the year sponsored by school organizations, but other dances are given regularly at the Highland Park Community Center by local organizations.

The rest of the school functions are put on by the clubs. The Boys Club and the Girls Club are all-school clubs. The letterman's club is the "H" Club, the HGA is the Girls Athletic Association, and the Penguin Club is composed of girl swimmers.

The dramatics club is called Garrick. There is also a Rifle Club and a Riding Club. In the spring all classes and clubs elect officers. The Girls Club rolls bandages at the Highland Park Hospital as an extra service.

Productions during the year in-

clude students' stunts put on by the senior class, the spring play, and an operetta, Christmas concert, and spring concert given by the music department.

The home-economics classes at Highland Park run a nursery for children between the ages of 2½ and 3½ of families of the surrounding communities. Fifteen are now enrolled although there is a waiting list and they go to nursery school from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The girls who take home-economics courses learn child care through experience with this nursery.

The building-trades class, consisting of 32 junior and senior boys, each year builds a house in Highland Park which is sold with profits going into the school budget. The last house was sold for approximately \$20,000.

The school day, which begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m., consists of nine periods, each 40 minutes long. The three lunch periods are also 40 minutes long. The students are given five minutes to get from one class to another.

HIGHLAND PARK High School, besides giving its students an education that will last throughout their lives, is a real credit to the communities of Deerfield, Highland Park, and Highland Park through the two big projects — the nursery and house-building program.

Next issue: Morton.

An Old Fashioned Christmas

by Marjorie Beckman

Since Christmas now is nearing,
There's a thing I'd like to know.
Will we have, or will we not
Have a good, old-fashioned snow?
Old timers always tell us
Of sleigh-rides and the like
But recently, in place of sleds,
You have to ride a bike.
What's happening to that "White Christmas"
Of which the soldier dreams?
It's not as white as it used to be
In recent years, it seems.



Miss Carrie Schoening beams with pleasure as she receives a cash present and orchid from seniors Ardath Wharton (left), representative of Nilehi girls, and Bertie Jorgesen (right), president of G.A.A., on behalf of all Nilehi girls. Carrie, matron at Nilehi for 15 years, retired December 1.

McGee and Murphy Make Vacation Plans

WHILE MOST Nilehi student and faculty members are spending their Christmas vacation at home, two of the teachers will be vacationing away from home.

Mr. Hugh McGee, choral and orchestra director, and his wife, are driving to Paducah, Kentucky and Dyersburg, Tennessee to spend Christmas with their families. Mr. McGee plans to catch up on his sleep during the holidays.

MR. MURPHY, diversified occupations director, plans to vacation at his cabin, which he built this summer at the Lake of the Ozarks, near Sun Rise Beach, Missouri. He and his wife will do some hunting and fishing.

'Carrie' Retires; Plans to Travel

"AFTER SO many years of pinning orchids on the girls at Niles, they pinned one on me," said Miss Carrie Schoening, retired locker room matron, when presented with an orchid and \$50. Better known to Nilehi girls as "Carrie," she was on hand at each of the big dances to help the girls with their corsages.

Miss Marie Green presented her with an electric steam-iron on behalf of the faculty and other personnel. The girls' physical-education teachers presented Carrie with a department store gift certificate.

After 15 years of being the girls' locker room attendant at Nilehi, Carrie retired. She could remember the time when there were only about 600 students in the entire building, and how the faculty were worried that there would never be enough pupils to fill the classrooms. She had served the school in many ways, has chaperoned a few "See Chicago Club" trips, and has helped behind the scenes at the school dances and water shows.

CARRIE remarked that she would now like to do a bit of traveling. She plans to visit Niles to see her favorite sport, basketball, at the games.

Mrs. Wheat, who was formerly employed at a tailoring firm in Chicago, is the new locker room attendant. Mrs. Wheat stated, "The students are wonderful and everyone is very courteous here at Nilehi."

Reporters Reveal How Boys Shop for Girls at Christmas

NOW THAT Christmas is approaching, everyone at Niles, including the boys, is shopping. Have you ever wondered how a boy faces the annual problem of Christmas shopping or how he shops for himself for school and dress clothes?

Throughout the year when birthdays or anniversaries arrive, a boy can bribe someone else to do his worrying and shopping, or at least he has more time to think about it.

BUT AT Christmas time, it's every man for himself and the poor, inexperienced male shopper is forced to go out and fight the vast hordes of women shoppers.

The biggest problem facing the boy is that of buying gifts for the girls in his life, including those past thirty.

Most boys take the easy way out and buy jewelry or compacts: but there is a stalwart breed who, fortified by his sister, mother, or best girl, barges straight into the nearest woman's section, swallows his pride, and undergoes the torture of asking the salesgirl about prices, sizes, and styles.

When shopping for himself during the regular school year, the average boy uses his own taste and judgment. A word of approval from his best buddy is all he needs to buy anything he likes, in spite of the cost. If mom is paying the bill, a word of her advice is listened to, but seldom heeded.

ALTHOUGH boys don't follow fads as much as girls do, occasionally a new style comes in and becomes very popular. The latest style in dresswear for boys seems to be the color combination of pink and black and pink and blue.

A well-dressed boy will wear a blue suit, pink dress shirt, blue and pink tie and socks, and black loafers.

When shopping for boys, remember that they are always on the lookout for accessories such as cuff links, tie clasps, men's toiletries, and last, and certainly least, ties.

A girl will appreciate such accessories as rope beads, cuff links, and bracelet, necklace, and earrings sets. She will certainly love gifts of clothing: such as cashmere sweaters. Keep these gifts in mind when you are shopping for the ladies in your life, boys.

When you are doing your own shopping, girls, you may see a helpless, floundering male shopper searching tirelessly for gifts but don't laugh. He may be shopping for you.

Students Behind the Scenes Important to Plays' Success

EVER wonder what goes on behind the sets of a play? Ever wonder who works at pulling light switches, changing furniture, or pulling the curtain? You see only the people who have speaking parts on the stage, but did you ever stop and think how many kids are on that stage that you don't see—the kids that are so necessary for the hour and a half of entertainment.

The hard work of six weeks is climaxed on the night of the performance as was the case with "Goodbye, My Fancy," Nilehi's fall play this year. The commotion and excitement that reign before the opening curtain is something to witness and remember.

THE play begins at 8:15 p.m. for the audience, but for the cast and crews it begins at 6 p.m. At this time the make-up crew arrives at the school and assembles the grease paint and mascara. Towels, cold cream, and eyebrow pencils are to be seen everywhere as the make-up crew goes to work making a 16-year-old boy appear to be 50 years old to the audience, and other cases of similar nature. There must be about one make-up artist for each student in the play. It takes approximately 35 minutes to make up a normal part, but sometimes it takes as much as one hour.

The property crew is upstairs on stage making sure that each prop is in its right place on the stage and that the special prop table backstage contains all props which must be carried on stage by the actor. Absolute accuracy is necessary, for it would be a disastrous thing if the actor had to write something down, and there was no pencil to be found!

PROBABLY the most active crew in the play is the stage crew. The stage crew puts up the scenery about a week before the performance, but even then there is still work to be done. Lights must be checked, stage furniture put in the correct place, and sound cues checked. All sorts of things have to be done. A nail that is sticking out of a piece of scenery must be tacked down, and a picture that has fallen must be put up again. The stage crew is busy before, during and after the performance. Their work is unending.

About now the make-up crew has finished making up the actors. They come to the stage with their respective character to receive the

"okay" on the makeup from Miss Virginia Stemp, director of Nilehi plays. A little more hair whitener might be needed to make the hair of the character grayer, or more lines in the forehead might have to be added to increase the age of the character.

MEANWHILE, in the make-up room, the cast and crew are signing each other's programs of the play and wishing them good luck on the impending performance. "Where's my program?" and "Who's got my pencil?" are the cries to be heard as they give congratulations and compliments to each other early.

Curtain time draws near and the hands on the clock point to 8 p.m. Miss Stemp is giving the cast a "pep" talk and clearing up last minute questions which might have come up during dress rehearsal. Five minutes are left until curtain time, and a general round of "good lucks" are exchanged between all. The cast and crews assemble behind the stage as the director calls, "Places everyone — Act I." Tension and anticipation fill the silence as the words go around. "Footlights up, houselights down. Then there is a swish as the curtain opens and the play finally begins.

All the work of these crews is vital, although you never see them on stage. We're not trying to slight the kids who do the speaking parts, but next time you go to a play, remember that there are more people responsible for its success than meets the eye.

Christmas Blues

by Bob Below

Mandel, Field, Wieboldt and Carson
All should be the victims of arson.
They take away our money, you
see,
When Christmas gifts should all
be free.

Empty Nilehi

by Barb McKaig

The night was silent, the faithful
had gone,
But through the decked halls, there
lingered a song.
The song was from angels, remembering well
The story of Christ and the first
Noel.

But as it happened on this mid-
night clear
The three kings in the hall were
Joy, Hope and cheer.
Some crumpled paper and stuff
on the floor
Retold the story of the day before.

Even though departed the kids had
left
Cheer through the school, as part
of their gift.
Then through the window there
came such a light,
That was as at noon, so shiny
and bright

As Christ's light came flickering
through the vacant halls,
Each life-giving ray bounding off
the wall,
The thrill of this wonder brought
the school relaxation,
And old Father Nilehi said, "Have
a happy vacation."

Recipe for a Merry Christmas

by Jacquie Worthley

To make this recipe just right,
Take one crisp cold December night.
Stir in air so clear it tingles;
Then add some snow and sleigh
bell jingles.

Into this scene then place
A child's young sparkling face.
A fireside with loving parents near
Will help complete your Christmas
cheer.

Set your mixture then to bake
Into a happy Christmas cake.
Good will to men and peace on earth
Will add to it a note of worth.

Bedeck with one great star
Setting in the east afar.
Serve then with Christmas carol
bright
For a very merry Christmas night.

The Year's First Snow

by Dave Kraus

The year's first snow was falling down
When he called for her to do the town.

She noticed there as they entered the show
That the ground was beginning to hold the snow.

Two features later when out they came,
The street somehow was not the same.

The snow came up to their ankles now
And the air seemed so much colder somehow.

He had a little trouble starting the car,
She never noticed, her mind was afar.

She was thinking of snow, a wonderful sight—
The beautiful flakes, a romantic night

They came at last to a place far away,
Had much to eat and little to say.

An hour later and time to go,
The temperature fell below zero.

Again he had trouble, but this time worse—
It just wouldn't start, he wanted to curse.

He tried for a quarter hour or more,
At last it started, they were off with a roar.

All went well until they came
To a desolate stop, the trouble, the same.

He stomped and stammered and shook his head,
But it was no use, the battery was dead.

"Well," he said, "There's nothing to do."
She smiled and said, "I'm suspicious of you!"

"Honest, it's no trick," he stoutly declared.
"I'm really sorry and 'hardly' scared."

So of a bad situation they made the best,
If you have any brains you can guess the rest.

Then to the surprise of the young pair
Was a rap on the window that made them stare.

In his bright red suit he was quite a sight
With his great big beard of sparkling white.

"Why Santa!" she said in start and amaze,
"Why are you here before the holidays?"

"To see if the children have been behaving,
To get the gifts that they've been craving."

"This is my pre-Christmas check," he cried,
"And with you two I'm not satisfied!"

But he listened patiently to their tale of woe;
Then he tried for himself to make the car go.

Adding to the anger and embarrassment of them,
It started right away, he said — "Ahem."

As he got in his sleigh they could hear him say,
"Just wait, you two, til Christmas Day!"

They'd both been the victim of coincidence and fate,
But they finally arrived home from that long, long date.

Who are these two of whom we've said much,
Told of their troubles, tricks, and such?

No one will know til Christmas Day,
Til then we have but this to say—

On Christmas Eve when Santa comes knocking,
They'll be the only ones at Niles with an empty stocking!

A Gift

by Bette Halvorsen

What do you want for Christmas? Is it a sweater, a phonograph, a camera? You may get one of these things, but you will get something else. You didn't write to Santa for it; you probably never even thought about it for longer than a few minutes on Sunday morning. You never asked for it, but it was given to you long before you were born. Whether you are in a foxhole, on a battlefield, or sitting around the Christmas tree in your living room, this gift will be given again to you this Christmas. It is found in these words, "For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

Snowflakes

by Marilyn Schneider

Soft and gentle, pure and white,
Tumbling from heaven above,
Quietly landing over all the land,
Spreading a blanket of love.

Each little flake has a different design;
Each one is made with care.
Some are made from stardust,
And others from angels' hair.

Together they form a wonderland,
Bringing happiness into the hearts of all,
Spreading peace, hope and good will
As they softly and quietly fall.

Yea! Boo!

by JoAnne La Plant

School's out—yeah!
Till '55—boo!
Christmas presents—yeah!
Empty wallets—boo!
Tempting food—yeah!
Indigestion—boo!
New Year's parties—yeah!
The day after—boo!
A day of rest—yeah!
Then back to school—boo!
Victorious in Kankakee—yeah!
Final exams—boo!

Kankakee, Here We Come; Niles Dumps Huskies, 76-60

Beat GIANTS

STARTING tonight against Highland Park, the Trojans will open a heavy Christmas holiday road trip including the big Kankakee Tournament, December 28, 29 and 30.

Despite a heartbreaking loss to Proviso's Pirates Friday night, 58 to 57, in which Dave Winchester scored 24 points and Al Karnatz tallied 19, the Men of Troy came back Saturday evening to dump Oak Park, 76 to 60.

KARNATZ led the victors with 24 points while Jim Elliott followed close with 19. Winchester in a repeat great performance got 15 — 12 in the first half.

The Trojans jumped ahead to an early lead and the Huskies never threatened while Niles enjoyed a field day. At halftime Oak Park was 21 points in the hole.

In winning, the Trojans established a new school scoring record. The previous high was 65 against Oak Park in 1952.

ELLIOTT recorded an amazing 63 per cent accuracy from the field, while Karnatz and Dave Chevrier tallied for 88 per cent of their free throws.

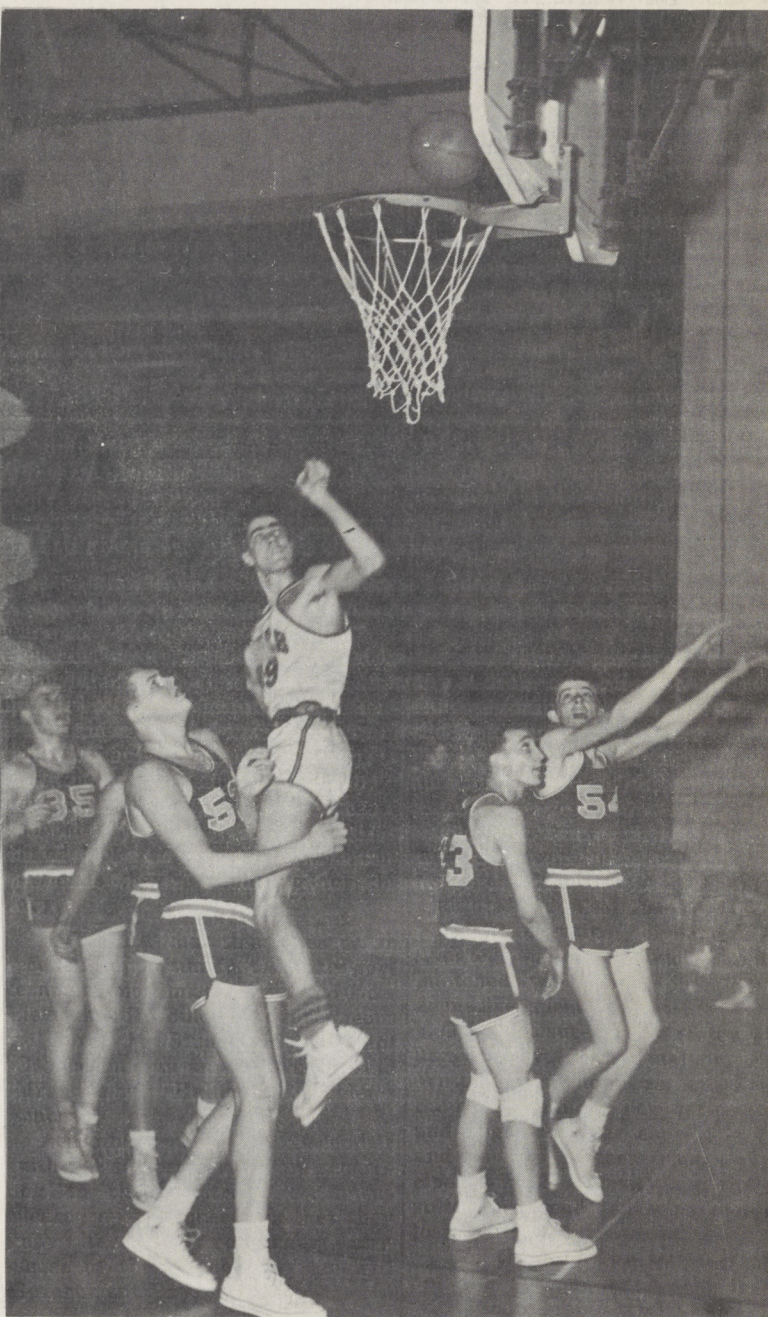
The Huskies succeeded in holding the Men of Troy to 11 points in the third quarter by means of a full court press, but playmakers Elliott and Chevrier soon found openings and passed to Karnatz and Winchester good for 25 points in the last period.

FORWARD Shel Mikkelsen played beautiful ball against both Proviso and Oak Park with superb ball handling and excellent rebounding—both offensively and defensively. "Mik" took but a few shots but excelled in free throws.

Lineups:

Niles (76)					Oak Park (60)				
	B	F	P		B	F	P		
Karnatz, f	8	8	1	Danz, f	4	3	3		
Mikkelsen, f	2	1	2	Shoup, f	1	1	4		
Kaiser, f	0	0	1	Kelly, f	1	0	0		
Winch'r, c	5	3	4	Wohlford, c	5	0	2		
Elliott, g	7	5	2	Nelson, c	0	4	0		
Chevrier, g	1	9	3	Rantis, g	6	3	4		
Pasini, g	0	0	1	B. Barney, g	7	1	5		
Schofield, g	1	0	1	R. Barney, g	0	0	4		
				Horsky, g	0	0	1		

Niles	21	19	11	25	76
Oak Park	11	8	19	22	60



NO, Oak Park's John Wohlford isn't boosting up our Dave Winchester to make a basket. "Winnie" scored 24 points Friday night and 15 points Saturday night when he played a major role in beating the Huskies at Nilehi. The other boys in blue surrounding Dave are Stef Shoup, 35; George Rantis, 43, and Don Danz, 54. Incidentally, Dave made the basket.

Nilehi's Topnotch Coaches Tell Interesting Athletic Tales

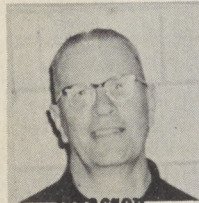
by Dave Kraus

ED. The NILEHILITE sports staff presents the first of a series of articles about your coaches—their college life, athletic activities, and a few tips you might not have known.

Harold Isaacson

HAROLD ISAACSON, Nilehi athletic director, attended Eastern Illinois State Teachers College where he earned three letters in football, but was graduated from Michigan State Teacher's College. After three years of coaching in Michigan, "Ike" came to Niles where he has been for 24 years.

The football huddle which we see today was supposed to be used first in the early twenties by Bob Zuppke at Illinois, but Isaacson tells the story of a game played in 1917



ISAACSON

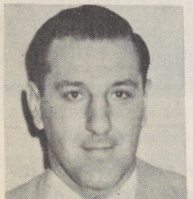
when a Paxton, Illinois high-school team, using their third-string center were forced to use the huddle before every play because the center didn't know the plays.

"I THINK that with these new and shifting defenses, football teams will go back to calling plays at the line," Ike added.

Mike Basrak

HAVING to quit pro ball on account of a broken leg, Mike Basrak took up coaching before beginning his three-year hitch with Uncle Sam. In 1948 after his Dupont Manual team of Louisville won the state championship, Basrak was named, "The High School Coach of the Year."

An All-American center on Duquesne's Orange Bowl championship team of 1937, "Big Mike" played in the All-Star game and was named All-Pro center in his rookie year with



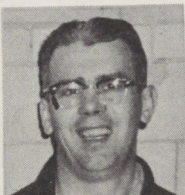
Basrak
the Pittsburgh Steelers.

BASRAK, whose hobbies include all sports, especially golf, which he shoots in the low 80's, is also a driver-education teacher at Niles. He hopes that his boy, Roger, will also play football.

Anton Schubert

AS A STUDENT instructor in swimming and wrestling, Anton Schubert worked through North Central College at Naperville after spending two and one-half years at the American College of Physical Education, where he was active in basketball, swimming, and baseball.

During his one year of Navy service, the Niles' varsity swimming coach taught frogmen in amphibious rescue work at Banbridge, Maryland, after which he earned



Schubert his Masters degree at Northwestern.

SCHUBERT, whose hobbies are golf and bowling, is married and has two children, a girl, eight years, and a boy who is a sophomore at Palatine.

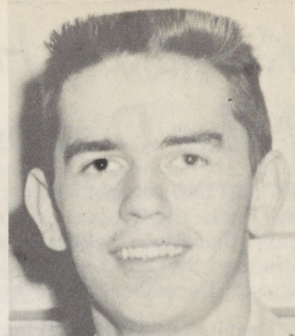
Howard Byram

UPON the return of his four-year tour of Europe in 1945, courtesy of the United States government, Howard Byram, Nilehi's varsity wrestling coach and problems teacher, enrolled at the University of Omaha, where he was active in football, wrestling, and track.



Byram
ion of the Midwest.

Winning four major letters in football, three in wrestling, and two minors in track, Byram was recognized as the A.A.U. wrestling champ-



AL KARNATZ, all-league forward, has chalked up 43 points in the first two games this season — 14 against Leyden and an amazing 29 against Waukegan's Bulldogs. The Trojans came out on top when Leyden invaded Trojanville, 51 to 45, but Waukegan completely outscraped the Men of Troy, 62 to 55 on the Bulldog's home court two weeks ago.

"I hope they become football players," says "Mr. Problems," speaking of his two boys, "but they'll probably be cheerleaders." BYRAM is also an assistant track coach in spring and football assistant in the fall.

John Sheahan

BUSILY preparing the Niles basketball team for the Kankakee Christmas tournament is varsity coach John Sheahan.

During the war, Sheahan served as assistant football coach of the Fourth Air Force Fliers team, which was better than most pro teams at the time. These teams flew all over the country to their games.



Sheahan a custom followed by college teams after the war.

Included on the roster were many pro players and also John Agar, the movie star. Sheahan was in attendance at Agar's marriage to Shirley Temple.

Mr. Sheahan attended Illinois State Normal College at Bloomington where he earned a major letter in football and in basketball.

SHEAHAN is married and has two sons and a daughter. His son, Mike, is a freshman at Niles and is very active in sports.

Peterson Paces Jayvees As Waukegan Surrenders, 54-45

PACED by Roger Peterson's 14 points, the Nilehi junior varsity cagers defeated the Waukegan Bulldogs, 54 to 45 on the Nilehi floor Saturday, December 4.

The Trojans started out as if they were going to romp over the Bulldogs, by scoring 22 points to the Bulldogs' six as the first quarter ended.

Waukegan, finding the range in the second quarter, pulled up within 8 points of the Trojans, 28 to 20, as the half ended.

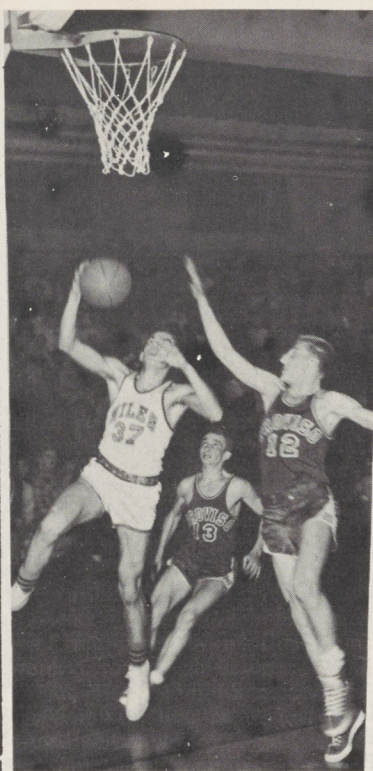
As the third quarter started, Waukegan again started to gnaw away at the Trojans' lead to pull up within 2 points as the period ended, 35 to 33.

The Jayvees scored 19 points during the final stanza, while holding the Bulldogs to 12, giving them an easy victory.

REBOUNDING strength by Peterson, Joel Febel, and Ted Pristash gave the Men of Troy their first win of the year as against no losses.

Assisting Peterson in scoring were Leroy Rennis, 9 points; Ken Walter, 8 points; Joel Febel and Ken Kay each scoring 7 points.

"The Jayvees showed a well-rounded attack for so early in the season," said Coach John Sheahan.



PROVISO'S high point man, Ron Ruschke, tries to block Al Karnatz's layup shot Friday night in the Nilehi gym. Proviso nosed the Trojans, 58 to 57. Ruschke tallied 19 points to lead the victors. Watching is Lowell Nauretz, number 23.

History Made As Soph Matmen Win

WINNING the first Frosh-Soph Wrestling meet in the history of the school, the Nilehi frosh grapplers trounced Palatine, 37 to 17, on the Nilehi mat two weeks ago.

Pins by Captain Henry Feuerzeig, Phil Letourneau, Tom Paulus, and Dave Horseman, plus a draw by Ronnie Chez and three forfeits gave the Trojans the win.

TOM PAULUS, 120 pounds, has remained undefeated in three meets while Ed Jaster and Henry Feuerzeig have won two straight without a loss.

Sheahan's Basket Tops Bulldogs, 29-27

WITH SECONDS remaining in the third overtime period, Mike Sheahan, Trojan guard, swished a long one-handed push shot to give the Nilehi frosh cagers a 29 to 27 win over the Waukegan Bulldogs on the Nilehi floor two weeks ago.

The frosh cagers, who are undefeated in Suburban league competition, started out slow, trailing 6 to 4 at the quarter.

THE BULLDOGS, paced by Jim Arnes, jumped to a 17 to 10 half-time advantage with Glenn Herriott scoring 6 of the Trojans' 10 points.

LED by Herriott, Sheahan, and Bill Alberg the Trojans scored 13 points while holding the Bulldogs to five points to give the Men of Troy a 23 to 22 third quarter lead.

As the final gun sounded, the score was 27 to 27. There were two overtimes of scoreless ball, then Mike Sheahan tossed in a nifty one-handed push shot to give the Trojans the win during the third overtime period.

The Trojan offense was carried by Herriott, who scored 10 points, followed by Sheahan and Alberg who scored 8 and 5 points respectively. The remaining points were scored by Captain Jerry Keidel, Ronnie Stone, and Dave Whicker, who each hit for two.

Not only did the Trojans play good ball offensively, they held the Bulldogs to one basket in the second half.

THANKSGIVING EVE saw the Men of Troy lose to a big Leyden quintet 41 to 32 on the winner's floor. Mike Sheahan paced the losers with 12 points.

Tanksters Win

COMING through with their first victory of the season the frosh-soph tanksters defeated Riverside-Brookfield, 39-27 two weeks ago at the opponent's pool.

Leading the Trojans were Bill Yaut, Pete Arnold, and Don Minkley. The relay team also triumphed.

COACH John Harmon said, "Our sophomores looked good enough that we might win a few meets this year."

Boosters Revive

"Forgotten Sports"

NILEHI'S Parent Booster Club discussed the problem of increasing attendance at sports events at its December meeting last Wednesday in the cafeteria.

After the regular meeting the Boosters assembled in the gymnasium, where Howard Byram, wrestling coach, gave a demonstration of the high-school version of wrestling.

A direct result of the work of the Boosters is the increased attendance, not only at wrestling meets, but at jayvee and freshman basketball games as well.

THE BOOSTERS are planning a series of these demonstrations to revive the "forgotten sports" at Niles.

Salamon and Albert Unbeaten As Palatine Pins Grapplers

TAKING the first two matches by pins but faltering during the rest of the matches, the Nilehi varsity grapplers lost 28 to 18 to Palatine, two weeks ago on the Nilehi mat.

Laurie Salamon, 95 pounds, and Dale Wright, 105 pounds, started out with pins, and things looked bright for the grapplers.

The next four wrestlers, Bill Di-Gilio, Jim Esbrook, Dave Wilson, and Bill Allen lost, giving Palatine a 14 to 1 lead.

A pin by Captain Bill Albert and a decision by Fred Thomas got the remainder of the Trojan points.

THANKSGIVING EVE saw the grapplers lost a heartbreaker to the Leyden Eagles, 26 to 24, on the Leyden mat.

Laurie Salamon, Bill Albert, and Dennie Moore gained pins over their opponents, while Dale Wright, Ronnie Hein, and Fred Thomas picked up decisions.

WINS by Laurie Salamon, Bill Albert, and Bill Kuchar took away some of the pain of losing as the Maine grapplers trounced the local boys 31 to 11.

Salamon and Albert have been the bright spots in the Trojan picture so far this year with three wins against no losses.

"The inability of returning lettermen Jim Esbrook and Bill Di-Gilio, to win has hurt the Trojan chances of improving upon last year's record," said Coach Howard Byram.

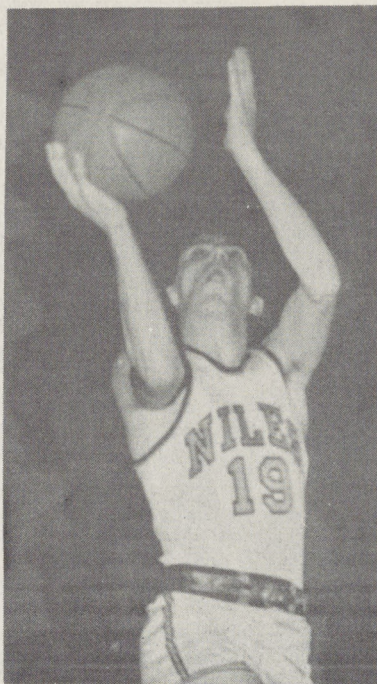
letterman, came through with victory, making the final score: Riverside-Brookfield, 41; Niles, 34.

COPPING second places for the Men of Troy were Holzl, Doug Stryker, returning letterman, and Friedner.

Mark, in addition to his diving feats, placed third in 50-yard free-style event. Hartmann, a new student, also took a third place.

ENGAGING in their first meet of the season, the frosh-soph swim team bowed before the Maine Township Blue Demons, 43-23, at the Maine pool recently.

Individual stars for the Trojans were Bill Yant, Pete Arnold, and Don Minkley, who compiled 21 of the team's 23 points.



DAVE CHEVRIER shoots a layup shot in Friday night's game with Proviso. Chevrier is the only junior playing first string ball with the Trojans. He sparked the team in ball handling and scored a respectable 11 points against Oak Park on Saturday.

Stoner, Mark, Win As Niles Drowns

A **BRILLIANT** diving exhibition, by Charles Mark, which earned first-place honors, following Jim Stoner's first place in the 200-yard free style event left Niles still in the running going into the next-to-last event in a recent swimming meet with Riverside-Brookfield in Nilehi's pool.

But the Trojan 150-yard medley relay team consisting of Bill Friedner, Bob Dann, and Chuck Wicker failed to win, giving Riverside an unsurmountable 14-point lead.

As a consolation, the 200-yard rela team, consisting of Jim Hartmann, Rich Holzl, Stoner, and Bob Peterson, Captain and returning (continued at left)

Neimer Sparkles But Sophs Fade

COACH Jim Phipps's sophomore basketball team has begun the 1954-55 campaign with a rather slow start, dropping a practice game to Leyden and suffering defeat at the hands of Waukegan's Bulldogs in the Suburban League opener.

Although the Niles defense, led by guards Bill Pegaush and Don Michonski, looked good, it was not enough to keep the visitors from recording a 45-24 win.

Despite a brilliant all-around performance by Hal Niemer, the sophs were stopped the next week by Waukegan, 62-29 on the victor's floor.

The Trojans seemed shaky and unsure, contrasting sharply with the classy performance and shooting ability of the Bulldogs.

The only rebounding strength mustered up by the Men of Troy was in the form of Niemer, forward, and Larry Van Mersbergen, center.

THE BULLDOGS grabbed an early lead and added to it steadily as the game progressed, mainly on the sharpshooting of two outstanding sophs. The "N"-men are in for a rather lean season unless they can develop a good offensive pattern and learn to hold on to the ball.

AS the sophomore quintet will not participate in the Christmas tournament, their next encounter after tonight's game at Highland Park will not come until January 7.

Trojanettes

MISS Shirley Wilson and the three senior cheerleaders, Caryl Bristol, Anna Otiépka, and Janet Piper headed a cheerleading clinic at Cleveland Grade School on December 8.

Thirty representatives from both Cleveland Grade School and St. Lambert Grade School attended the clinic.

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SIX of the eight basketball teams have elected their captain: Barb Duckers, Lynn Racine, Eileen Corr, Bobbi Karr, Sandy Howard, and Elane Sabs.