

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Give 'Thoughtfulness' Gifts To Friends Throughout Year

If you ever hear anyone say he doesn't have enough money to buy Christmas gifts, you can smile to yourself knowing that there are a hundred little things he could give, things which do not cost a cent.

A smile to a lonely stranger may light up his morning. Remember the day the pretty girl smiled at you when your team had just lost the game? It helped to brighten things, didn't it? And a willing, helping hand with the Christmas cleaning does a lot toward making Mother's Christmas a happier one.

Life's too short to miss all the opportunities for making it a merry Christmas every day of the year, and sincere friendship is one of the loveliest gifts you can give. One kind word to a disheartened friend will be some-

thing he'll remember long after your compact is broken and is thrown away.

You are the youth of today. Let age look through your young eyes for age may have forgotten to see ripe wheat dancing in the field or wild daisies winking at the sun. These scenes are some of the most beautiful paintings in all the world, nature's paintings which can't be purchased for a million dollars.

Let others enjoy your vitality and modern ideas, you youth of America. Your laughs, jokes, and dancing feet will do much to lift dreary hearts and worried minds during our period of war.

Your spirit and hopeful outlook must fill the gap in our gloomy world. So give a gift of thoughtfulness this year. How about it?

Round Up Lassoos \$325.91 for Band

Nilehi's annual Round-Up lassoed \$325.91 last Friday night for the band uniform fund, according to office reports.

The finale in which the whole cast participated in singing the school song, did not end but marked the halfway point in the evening's entertainment. There was dancing in the gym to the music of the new juke-box.

Acts not before publicized in the paper included Bernice Franson and her group of dancers who did a military version of the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"; Natalie Schilling whose acrobatic number was done with professional finesse; and the tumblers, who with pyramids and formations put the "Up" in Round-Up, included, Ruth Henning, Charlotte Einhouse, Barbara Schaeffer, Dolores Chapman, Caryl Jaycox, Arlene Lalashis, Virginia Lenzen, Doris Mussil, Grace Nelson, and June Ohlson. They were trained by Miss Lorraine Spikings.

Holiday Fun Begins With Alumni Hop

Nilehi's newly acquired juke box will make its second appearance at the Alumni dance, sponsored by the cheer-

Fall in!

We'll see you at the Alumni game tomorrow evening, 7:30.

leaders, tomorrow night after the game in the assembly room.

Some added attractions will be a specialty turnabout dance, and all the latest records to dance to. The price of admission is 15 cents a head.

Those already sending R.S.V.P.'s are Ben Domas returning from Michigan; Kermit Faust and Charlie Williams from Iowa Wesleyan to play in the game and afterwards to attend the dance; Corky "Happy" Harrington from Illinois University; and Bill Fiech, who is attending night school at Northwestern and working during the day. It is rumored that Buzz Barton, Henry Maier, Bill Peterson, and Bud Ceconi will probably be on the stag lineup.

Awards Given Today at 1 p.m.

Yuletide Songs by Chorus Plus Community Singing

An all-school assembly awarding scholarship certificates and pins, and presenting as a new feature at Nilehi, an all-school sing, will be held at 1 p.m. today.

Miss Clara Klaus will direct the choir and choruses in several intricate carols and then the audience will sing Christmas carols.

Certificates, bronze pins, and silver pins will be awarded according to scholastic rating. Seniors Mildred Bergmark, Norma Heidtke, Florence Ochs, and Virginia Reuter have earned silver pins. Approximately 27 bronze pins and 22 certificates are to be awarded at the assembly today.

Each quarter honorable mention is equal to one point while honor roll is equal to two points. Certificates and pins are awarded at the close of each year. The minimum number of points required for a certificate are seven; 14 points are needed for a bronze pin. The minimum for a silver pin is 21 points, and the coveted gold award demands 28 points.

Men in Service Receive Old Books from Pupils

Santa Claus found that he had some co-operation in his search for gifts this Christmas because the Red Cross committee and forum members took charge of a "book for men in service" drive which ends today. The Red Cross motor corps will pick up the books and deliver them to the camp libraries.

Miss Susanne Ostergren has urged pupils to bring western, mystery, or detective stories for the men who are defending their country on land, on the sea, and in the air.

Niblets

Bit by bit, much like a Burma shave sign, 1941 has come in, taken shape, and is now "drifting" out. Reminders of the year gone by are many — reminders printed into history by the Nilehilite, or scribbled on scraps that constantly fall from the pages of your English books, or just the things that you recall-once-in-a-while with a smile.

REMEMBER? M'Lou Leonard's face when she was told that Bill Roman might compete against her in the January oratorical contest . . .

That while the government ordered a two-ocean navy, "sailors" Angie Weber, Anna Bock, Grace Langan, Kay Smith, and Doris Mussil raised their own fleet, uniform and all. Perhaps prompted by the trend of world affairs, the question now is: Was this a tactical defense, or the result of *someone else's offense*?

WE'RE STILL WONDERING ABOUT the series of signs that have been seen around. One in a certain classroom claims that the new paper cutter is not a toy, even if Dick Hartney did appear with a fresh haircut a day after its arrival!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS often range anywhere from giving up candy, to getting better marks. We hope that Lois Anderson fails just once to bring a pear for lunch next year, and that some day Gerry Deily will eat the apple she brings each day instead of presenting it regularly to Pat Reiland.

WITH EVERY YULETIDE COMES CHRISTMAS trees, Santa Claus, and mistletoe — especially mistletoe, and more especially, hanging from Miss Lant's doorway. We expect it from experience. But one thing we've puzzled over.

Why does Miss Lant stand in her doorway by the hour?

Now another year of Niblets

goes to bed, closing its doors on the personal, behind-the-scenes life and history of Nilehi. The year 1941 has brought more than 200 names into the Niblets, touching every field of activity at NTHS. We had a "bang-up time." Hope you enjoyed them.

R.I.P.



Hints on Holding Hands at Christmas; It Can Be Not Only Art But Also Fun

Well here it is again, Christmas. Most of us are once more greeting old friends and relations. If you want to shake their hands, here are some ways to do it. I have included four: an irritating type, a kid type, a painful type, and the serious but sincere type.

Dead Fish Clasp

One of the most irritating types is the "dead fish" manner of greeting in which the person hands you a limp, cold piece of flesh which is supposed to represent a hand and which one is supposed to wring and get enthusiastic about. The reason for this lackadaisical clasp is not apparent but I find that usually the person is as lazy and dull as the grip which he "represents."

Kids Handshake

Then there is the kid's type of handshake or "just-for-fun" variety. He has seen his elders do it and out of a merely mischievous act, he shakes hands. The wind-up of this "friendly" greeting is usually a playfully attempted jui-jitsu with one of the participants on the floor. In this class, without the scrimmage of course, might be included the mooning freshman boy who has been dying to hold hands with that cute senior girl and this is as close as he'll ever come.

Football Special

A third type is the "football player's special," a strangle hold in which the guilty person grabs the unsuspecting victim's hand, and proceeds to "tighten the screws." While you stand there with your knuckles cracking like chestnuts in a fire, he proceeds to

wish you good luck on a forthcoming test. Your right hand (if you're right handed) feels as if it won't be in fit condition to do anything, much less write, for several days. As he releases your mangled member, you sneak a side glance at it to view the horrible pulp. Wonder of wonders, it seems to retain the same shape. After congratulating yourself on your good fortune you probably go around the rest of the day patting yourself on the back for being so tough and being in such good condition. This concludes this division of "knuckle-kneaders" although I might add that you don't have to "make the varsity" to be eligible for this class.

Sincere Crip

The fourth type of handshake, the sincere greeting, speaks for itself. It is a gentlemanly, friendly greeting between friends or new acquaintances. The grip is a normal one, firm but gentle, and much can be told of a person's disposition in the normal handshake which might be called an art.

Whozit?

This character is big and strong
With twinkling eyes and a merry song.

His mouse-like actions and mighty shouts

Are heard from roof tops all about.
He knows when you've been good or bad,

Stingy or selfish, happy or sad,
He only comes but once a year
And when he does we all should cheer,
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Santa Claus

Christmas '42

Under Nilehi's Christmas tree
A lovely maiden stands.
The blond a thoughtful girl is she
With small and dainty hands.
She stands below with just one friend
Her eyes are filled with tears;
She knows how lucky she has been
Through all these four grand years.

Yes, Mary is a senior now
And next year will not see
This tree and lots of friends and how
The good times used to be.
So, while looking at our Christmas tree

A silent thought she'll pray:
That our next Christmas will not see
The world in such dismay.

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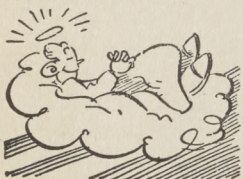
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This 'n That

Future Writers, Inc.

By attending the Midwest Writers' conference, November 29 to December 2, five Nilehi girls, Ruth Roberts, Jane Cecil, Marie Throop, Lois Anderson, and Mardy McKeever returned to their English classes with practical ideas for creative writing.

Give a Girl a Horse She Can Ride?

Though a bit unusual, A. B. Cameron, owner and director of Forest View, recently gave report cards to Nilehi's 40 horsewomen, grading them on their horsemanship. Grades of excellent, good, fair, and poor were determined by performance: walking, trotting, cantering, and general control of the horse.

Bad News for Skippers

That old system of skipping on Thursday and going after the mail on Saturday just won't work any longer. The attendance offices have a scheme all their own which will not be disclosed to the student body.

Home Room 212 Wins

Home room 212 recently defeated home room 114 in a bowling match. Both the winners and the losers agreed that it was a lot of fun.

Looking For Luck?

Jean Florus, senior, has gained a reputation for her four leaf clover collection. Jean started the collection several years ago while on vacation in New Jersey. Recently her picture and a short article about her hobby appeared in the Milwaukee magazine of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad.

Nilehi's Juke Box Brought by Santa

A committee from the Forum, Nancy Allen, Bill Roman, Pat Galitz and Barb Rasmussen, has sponsored the purchase of a juke box for the school. It can be rented by outside organizations for \$2.

All money taken in from the first rentals will be put into the band uniform fund. From then on, all "green lettuce" received will pay for new records in order to keep up to date with the latest hits. A variety of records will be bought in order to suit all the students.

"There will be," said Mrs. Inga-borg Fjurkland, character of Ruth Robert's "Smorgasbord Surrealism," "more yelly sessions in this school now than there are in the stores."



Santas!

Pictured here are the members of the Red Cross committee who are now promoting the "Books for Soldiers" drive. They are Richard Cutler, Caryl Jaycox, Betty Perrin, and Howard Wertz. They are shown here looking over the collection of books from the students. Miss Susanne Ostergren is faculty sponsor.

Once Again King Christmas Reigns Supreme over Subjects of Nilehi

Dear Students:

You know I love the Christmas season best of all because I feel so warm inside. It's kind of a storm before the lull. When you students go on your vacation, everything is so quiet but perhaps by that time I need the rest.

I feel I should give special thanks to the juniors for giving me two beautiful Christmas trees. Their spotlight idea was really clever. I know they collected \$12 in their homerooms to buy more tree decorations.

I wish I could name all the persons who helped put Christmas spirit in the air. But I'll just take time to thank a few:

Miss Louise Meyers and the library staff for transforming the library into an "Evergreen Wonderland."

Miss Lee Maskrey and Miss Adelaide Berry's classes for their "Books for Christmas" campaign. Miss Maskrey and her senior English class for building "Ye Olde Book Shoppe" opposite the library.

Miss Clara Klaus' glee clubs and their melodious Christmas carols. Also their Christmas concert and other Christmas activities.

The language classes for their work on Christmas carols and the Christmas customs of other countries.

Boys in the woodshop classes for their projects which some used as gifts.

Miss Marie Green's business train-

ing classes who are learning how to budget their money!

The typing classes for typing designs for Christmas cards.

Miss Lucille Ronalds' English classes and Miss Carolyn Lump's world history classes for their study of Christmas in foreign lands.

Miss Ruth Lant's junior presentation of "Dust of the Road." It added a serious touch.

Oh, I could go on and on for I'm sure that everyone did something to build our real Christmas atmosphere.

'Dust of the Road' Given by Juniors

A play, "The Dust of the Road," written by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman for whom the Goodman theater was named, was given yesterday, seventh and eighth periods in school assembly, by a cast of juniors chosen and directed by Miss Ruth Lant.

The cast was as follows: the tramp, Dick Boyd; Peter Steele, Fred Epton; old man, Melvin Schultz; and Prudence Steele, Helen Reeder. The play told the story of a man who tried to cheat the son of a deceased friend out of some money that was to be paid to the boy on Christmas day. But a mysterious stranger showed Peter Steele how to celebrate Christmas the right way. Cherie Neutz announced the play and Viola Stoll told the story.

Hung By Nilehi's Furnaces, Crew-sox Await Gifts From 'Santa' Mercatoris

This morning, upon arriving at his post at the engineer's room, Mr. Mercatoris, demonstrated his patience when he was greeted by rows of overgrown crew-sox, stalwart and well-mended, lining the front of the furnaces.

If the sox remained, the school would necessarily go without heat for the day. But he

certainly couldn't tear them down dreams embodied in the custom of hanging stockings at the exit of the portal through which Santa makes his and shatter all of those innocent annual appearance. No. There was only one thing to be done. He must



Volley Ball, Ping Pong Begin 1942 Calendar

Headlining the girls' sports calendar are the annual intramural play-offs. Volley ball and ping pong are required of every girl this year in order to acquaint each girl with some form of individual sport.

Volley ball will begin the last week in January which will be used as a practice week. The following week, February 2 to 6, captains will be chosen by members of each class. These captains will choose the players for their teams the following week.

11 Point Game

This year an 11 point game will be played in volley ball with the winning team playing two out of three games in each period. All girls taking double gym must choose the team on which they will play before the first tournament game.

Ping pong will be divided into two classes. All non-players will be placed in one class and the girls who have played before in the other class. Every girl must play in one of the two groups.

Shuffleboard Optional

Shuffleboard will be optional as all games must be played after school. Any girl wishing to play should register with Miss Mildred Schaefer or Miss Lorraine Spikings on February 2 or 3.

The winning teams of each intramural sport will have their names placed on the plaques which are now in the trophy case.

fulfill the desires of the stocking owners and never let them know that it wasn't the bearded donor, but he, who carried out their requests.

Tucked down into the toe of each sock was a neatly penned note, addressed clearly to "Dear Santa" and signed by the desirous young man. Prominent on the sagging rope was the size 15 sock of varsity basketeer, Larry Miller. Mr. Mercatoris was surprised indeed to read the lone inscription: "Please bring me a basket with a four foot diameter"

Scanning hurriedly the pendant array, he smiled as he saw a wilted wool sock hanging boldly among the more noble specimens. Folded into the heel was the note saying, "Please bring us a carpeted gym floor. I don't mind an occasional hot-foot but when I start getting one on my knees that's going too far!" This missive was signed by Bill Stockfish, the lad who's had so many floor-burns he thinks Artie Shaw's clarinet blows icicles.

Through the slightly ventilated sole of Jack Reiland's sock showed this message to Santa: "Gee pal, couldn't you bring back Eby and Boyk to our varsity eleven?"

And then a plaintiff appeal: "Make the girls quit saying I look like Superman . . . Prince Valient's my ideal!" Of course, this was Ray Nitch's plea to Santa. And then there was Bob Gerhardt who demanded some water in the pool for the next time he dives.

Facts and Figures Show Trojans Outpoint Opponents in Early Games

Here are a few facts and figures on the varsity basketball team in its first six games. The team has scored an average of 41 points per game as compared to the 38 rung up by the opposition.

There was some talk after the 66 to 40 win over New Trier that the boys had developed an offense. According to Coach Galitz the team started meeting passes, getting the jump, and controlling the ball all of which is just good defensive play.

In this game 89 shots, most of them under the basket, were taken and 24 were made for 26% per cent.

This average is slightly better than the 23 per cent made against Leyden or the 23.6 per cent against Warren, but there is still plenty of room for improvement.

Trojans Meet Scouts Tonight

Tomorrow Former Stars Return For Alumni Game

Tonight the Trojan cagers will don their blue satin suits and travel to meet the Lake Forest Scouts, a team which nearly upset the Nile Hi quintet last year.

The Varsity defeated Libertyville by a score of 32 to 30 last Saturday, and will be seeking their fourth conference victory of the season against Lake Forest tonight.

Tomorrow night, the basketball fans will see the '42 varsity in competition with Nilehi's previous top team members. Although the alumni will use Eby and Boyk, the larger part of the team will be composed of the '41 squad, members of which are Red Williams, Frank Thulstrup, Kermit Faust, Bill Peterson, Perry Anderson, Ben Domas, Bud Ceconi, and Corky Harrington. This "return" engagement promises to be a battle with height as an asset of the alumni and speed as an asset of the '42 team.

Then, while Nilehi vacations, the Trojans will play at Watseka and Sheldon on December 29 and 30, respectively, where Coach Galitz was ex-coach. This trip will introduce the Watseka and Sheldon five to Nilehi for the first time. This will be the longest trip any Trojan team has made to play basketball. These two games should put the squad in the best of condition for the battle with Crystal Lake here, January 11.

Making 54 per cent of the shots from the free throw line, Trojan basketees have shown a definite weakness in this department. The 19 missed against Maine, the 15 against Warren, and the 11 which escaped the hoop in the New Trier game did not help to bring the 54 per cent up to the desired 75 to 85 per cent. Therefore, the boys spend a half hour in free throw practice each day.

Sinking 24 out of the 98 shots attempted in this game, the boys were 26% per cent efficient.

Podraza paces the team in scoring with Stockfish, Carroll, and Hunziker tying for second. Krewer has made 7 out of 10 free throw attempts or 70 per cent and is top man in this department.