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- May 17 - Jim Wilson, All-school assembly.
Track Meet, Arlington Here.
Freshman Night 8:00 P.M.
- 21 - Foreign Language Club Picnic 3:40.
Baseball Game, Arlington there.
- 24 - Conference Track Meet, here.

Plans Made For Prom

Tickets for the junior-senior prom June, 8, are now on sale. Sue Schaefer is chairman of the twelve juniors selling tickets which are \$1.50 a couple. Buy them during homeroom period or at lunch time.

Dick Carlton and his well known orchestra will furnish the music for that evening.

The annual election for Prom King was held Friday, May 10. Jack Kristof is to be the King, Ruby Bowser the Queen. Roger Schoenberger, who was second, will act as the attendant.

Conference Track Meet Coming

Seven schools, all the schools of the Northeast Conference except Warren, will be represented at the First Annual Northeast Conference Track Meet to be held here on May 24 at 2:00 P. M. These will all be Varsity events except one, which will be a relay for the Frosh-Sophs. This will probably be the largest event held at Nilehi this year and will not be here for another six years.

NILEHI HOST TO COMING FRESHMEN

This evening, May 17, 1940, Nilehi's annual Freshman Night Program for eighth grade pupils and their parents will be presented in the assembly room. The program will include music by the orchestra, led by Mr. Collins, the vocal group, under the leadership of Miss Clara Klaus, and some dramatic material directed by Mrs. Ruth Esch. The parents and students will then be invited to go to the natatorium to watch three events from the Water Carnival. Freshman Guidebooks will be given to the guests in order that they may more fully understand the courses to be offered in high school, particularly in the freshman year.

Auditions For Nilehi Students

The Columbia College of Drama and Radio of Chicago, Illinois is offering an audition for scholarships in the near future to students of Nilehi, according to word received by Mrs. Ruth Esch, the head of the dramatics department.



"Gee, Bonnie, how'd I know Mom was going to wash my uniform?!!"

Did You Know----?

Did you know that there are more than ten sports offered at N.T.H.S. to boys and girls of this school? Six of these are major sports in which letters can be earned. Yet we find three-quarters of our boys not taking part in any one of these major activities. Some athletes will say, "Well I'm too light for football," but they do not mention other sports in which they would probably excel.

Boys will make up excuses for not going out for sports, but in most cases one will find that they are too lazy to stay after school to practice. Why don't they have more interest? The school offers a remarkable program for athletics and has the finest equipment. It has beautiful and well kept playfields. Every boy or girl should have some sports interest and find himself a place in the large variety offered to him.

A great man once said:
"Health is the vital principle of bliss,
And exercise, of health."

Help yourselves, Nilehisters.

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TWO SENIORS HONORED

Mary Winger and Eugene (Beany) Field, two members of this year's graduating class, are being congratulated this week by the faculty and student body of Niles Township High School.

Word has been received from Heidelberg College that Mary has been awarded an entire semester's scholarship. She was one of a large number of applicants for this non-competitive scholarship. The selection was based on scholastic record-character, and probable future usefulness to society.

Mr. O. F. Field, in a letter to Superintendent Cotanche, advises that Eugene has been offered a full scholarship at the University of Tennessee. Following a recent trip to the University of Georgia and University of Tennessee taken during spring vacation, Eugene was offered a scholarship at Tennessee and also at the University of Georgia, Mr. Field states. This senior has been an outstanding athlete at the local school, having participated in football, swimming, and track.

GOOD LUCK

Eight Niles Township dramatics students are going to the Chicago School of Expression and Dramatic Art to compete for one full and two partial scholarships. Several other high schools will be competing at the same time, May 22 at 5:00 P.M. Those representing our school are as follows: Bud Lauth, Bob Harms, Eugene Razkow, Ruby Bowser, Helen Miller, Virginia Kadlec, Allan Brauch, and Paul Mikota. Several others may be named later by Mrs. Ruth Esch.

WHATZIT?

What always takes us by surprise
Wherever we may be?
A reddish fiend upon the wall,
Now do you follow me?
Why do we then so quickly go?
And, woe be unto him who's slow.
Answer to last week's --the library

Why Counselors Need A Vacation

Excuses that enter 107

- Dick Wilson "I was resting my leg."
Robert O'Connell "I couldn't get out in time."
Clark Barton "The clock was slow."
LaVerne Efflandt "I was fixing my bandages."
Joe DeChambre "I didn't know it was skipping if I just left school."
Harry Donahoo- "Stummick ache."
Betty Pfister - "Our alarm clock stopped."
Robert Harms - "Overslept."
Leone Becker. "I modeled for my cousin for her beauty culture examine."
George Schmitt - "I went to Milwaukee."
Will Stevens - "I was trying to find my pen."
Phyliss Ahrens - "I just didn't get here."
Helen Schuett - "The alarm clock didn't ring."

Paging the Papers

Seen on an English history book:
seven days of this make one weak.
The Forester

I think, you think, he thinks all
thunk,
I copy, you copy, he copies, all
flunk.

Litton Blast

Highland Park High sponsored
a senior baby picture contest!



In "What a Life"
This boy was sensational.
He can't be hurried
In things educational.
Is behind in his Spanish-
Of his 'heinie' is proud.
As the 'tail-end of the bull'
He drew quite a crowd.
Blue eyes, blond hair,
He's five feet two.
Come on, people!
Can't you GUESS WHO?
Last week: Helen Miller

MISSED - CHRIS

Vecchito was forgotten in the listing of the cast in last *Nilehilite*, just as he was in Mr. Bradley's of fice; but we've found him, Chris Lindhoy. He just "a sit an' a look. He's a wait for see Meester Brad."

OUR SHOP INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Calvin Lindley, our shop instructor, possesses a Bachelors Degree from the University of Illinois and expects to secure a Master's Degree from Northwestern University at the close of this summer.

Mr. Lindley was first a teacher in a rural school; then he became principal of a grade school in the northern part of Illinois. He followed that by being coach and teacher of industrial arts in a junior high school in Blue Island. Previous to his employment here at Nilehi, he was a woodshoop and mechanical drawing instructor in the Blue Island Community High School.

Seward, Illinois, a small town in the western part of Illinois, approximately one hundred and fifty miles from Niles Center, was the birthplace of Mr. Lindley. At present he and his wife are living near Niles Center. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, when he has time for them.

DEAR STUDENTS:

Almost didn't come back to you because I found a grand patch of dandelions to stretch in. Sort of wish I was a centipede instead of an old fish, then I would have just stayed in that patch and lived on greens. Wish those teachers wouldn't be so hard on all of you "guys" about playing hooky, and then maybe, even if Clark Barton's feet were sore he would skip school. I'd bum a ride on his back to my patch. Glad I came back, though, because I watched the election last Thursday. Miss Harbert made a good Dewey at the ballot box, didn't she? I've heard that the tall broad-shouldered handsome Jack Kristof has set more than one girl's heart aflutter. Ruby Bowser is'n't going to take any back seat, though, when it comes to looks. I'll see you floating around prom night. Keep your eyes peeled.

THE OCTOPUS



The Lil' Birdie Says

*Who do you think the
Octopus is,
or do you think?*

RUBY BOWSER, senior; "What do you think they want to do, serve him with a subpoena? If you ask me, El Gato's the only one that seems to know!"

CLYDE HENNING, junior; "I think the Octopus is none other than our old friend 'Yehudi!'"

RUTH ROBERTS, sophomore; "I think the Octopus is four inquiring reporters with writer's cramp"

LOIS JAYCOX, freshman; "I think it's one of the teachers."

MISS LUCILLE RONALDS, teacher, "Can't imagine but I'm mighty curious"

Versatile Mary

Vivacious and attractive Mary Breitenbach scored again when she contributed several vocal solos at the annual Water Carnival of Mundelein College. This is Mary's sophomore year in college, and she is an active member of the Terrapin Swimming Club. In addition to swimming and singing Mary can play the piano, saxophone, clarinet, and French Horn. While attending Nilehi, Mary belonged to the cheer-leading squad, Girls' Glee Club, band, orchestra, and G.A.A. She was graduated in 1938.

GOING TO SEE MEI-MEI

On May 25, the See Chicago Club will have its first annual picnic. The members will pack their lunches and spend the day at the Brookfield Zoo.

They will see all sights, and it is rumored that some senior members are anxious to see everyone's heart-throb Who's that? Why, Mei Mei, the giant baby panda, of course.

Faculty History

Some of our faculty have given the following as their favorite pastimes before they entered grade school.

Miss Harbert- "I rode my bicycle played baseball, flew kites-anything that boys did."

Miss Lump- "I had a mania for pestering my older brothers and sisters."

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A Traveler's Diary

Sunday, April 28

With eager hearts and bursting valises, seventeen Nilehi students boarded the train today enroute to the nation's capitol. Crossing six states, the train wended its way through the Allegheny Mountains and will arrive in Washington at 8:00 in the morning,

Monday, April 29.

Going directly to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, we watched, with eyes popping, the nonchalant way those employees tossed around \$1000 bills. What temptation! From there we went to the Washington Monument, where some of us climbed the 898 steps to the top and staggered over to a window to view the panorama of the city. After deciding that seeing that alone was worth the trip, we went down to the Pan-American Building, where the diplomats of the South American countries meet. The White House, although we didn't see the President, was a source of much interest to everyone. Ask any girl where we went after lunch — you'll find out: To Annapolis, the U.S. Naval Academy; oh, those Midshipmen! Some of our boys have about made up their minds to join the Navy. Oh, by the way, ask Miss Schaeffer about "Joe." Tonight we went on a spree — our free night. We all got in at twelve, and will sleep like logs.

Tuesday, April 30

Today we went to the National Cathedral and Franciscan Monastery. They are both very beautiful. Then we saw the Smithsonian Institute. After lunch we visited the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We're bringing home a target for room 209. The G-Men are very good shots. After the FBI, we saw the Folger Shakespearean Library and the Supreme Court in session.

Theme Song

Miss Grace Harbert's "Problems of Democracy" Classes have decided to have a theme song while studying their characters and personalities. They think an appropriate one would be "What's the Matter with Me?"

A Traveler's Diary, continued.

The Capitol and the Legislative Department were next in order. Barney Brauch wasn't allowed in the visitors' gallery, because he wasn't wearing a coat, so he had a secluded side-seat all to himself. Some of the Representatives must have sore throat after all the shouting. The Lincoln Memorial after dinner tonight was a highlight in the trip. The sight of the monument reflected in Mirror Lake was one never to be forgotten by any of us. We next viewed the famous Congressional Library.

Wednesday, May 1

Arlington Cemetery was our first stop today. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with its perpetual guard and the National Amphitheater were high points of interest. Washington's dignified home at Mount Vernon and his tomb were next. We came back to the hotel, packed our bags and said good-bye to the beautiful city, Washington. On the way home, Hank Maier, after seeing the blonde stewardess, suddenly developed a strained ankle. Hmmm . . .

Thursday, May 2

Arrived home in the midst of a snowstorm. For months to come, no one will ever grow tired of talking about the wonderful time we had.

NILEHI NIBLETS

Greetings, gates! let's swing! Spring is really here. With summer vacation due in three weeks, can't you just picture the North Woods, Canada, or Maine? Reminder: Are the Krajchoviches still planning for Florida? . . . Since our school play is over it is safe to mention that Lake Forest is producing "What a Life," at a dollar a ticket! . . . And now, the senior boys that are said to go to Highland Park regularly have extended an invitation to each and any persons who wish to accompany them—her name is Winifred . . . Paul Perlman saw the finish at the Kentucky Derby — do those boys get around! . . . Miss Schoenbaum seemingly accepted Howard Klehm's terms. You see, she insisted on a turn at bouncing Howard's ball, even though Mr. Klehm relinquished it only on terms of a good grade . . . Dear Dan Petty: quote — how did you know about that dream house Grace Good was planning? unquote . . . Helen Miller must have felt very much alone when, in assembly, she was completely deserted by the seniors . . . Did you see Keith Pike with that skinless snake? . . . Who is this "Joe" that Martha Adams is always talking about? . . . Mr. Collins can't be blamed for being jumpy while the instrument cases were kicked about in Friday's bang-up performance of "What a Life." . . . And at the fiesta, Wayne Barton created a sensation equal to that of his performance in "What a Life" when he followed Jack Kelly to help in Stevens's bullfight . . . Johnny Nelson is probably

Musical Notes

The glee clubs and chorus have been taking the new Drake Music Memory Test. This is a rather difficult examination, and Miss Clara Klaus, the director, has found the results extremely interesting. The glee clubs are beginning trio singing now also.

Miss Klaus wants to announce that beginning next year, music awards will be given to students participating in glee club and choral work.

Faculty History continued

Mr. Taylor- "I played tiddleywinks."
Miss Schaeffer- "I used to climb fences."

Mr. Bennett- "I played ball."

Miss M. Ronalds - "I collected dolls and pencils."

Miss Bernhart - "I used to take my mother's knives and build roads, bridges, tunnels, etc. in the dirt, using the knives to dig."

Mr. Galitz - "I played cards with my grandfather."

Niblets continued - - -

still wondering about the balloon that stuck to the back wall-how it got there and who held it up . . . yehudi! . . . Oh, by the way, maybe he knows the answer to the Octopus — or is it the Octopus who knows all the answers? . . . I'll bet Merrie Madsen could give even the Octopus information since she was fortune teller . . . After the Spanish Fiesta people had fun too, we know. Who lost his pants in Evanston — and why did you, Bob Reiland? . . . What is happening to the annual Hobo Day tradition at Nilehi? Let's have some action, home rooms.

Greasepaint Gossip

While peeping from betwixt pinnacling props, and dodging laboring stagehands, I must have had a scratch pad within easy reach, for when I issued from the din I found I possessed a permanent record of those three "house rockers" in the form of some "scrubbly" penciled notes. Largely-

"Helen Miller, our Thursday night Barbara, found a beautiful bouquet in her dressing room about five minutes before 'curtain time.' She wondered from stage to dressing room with the flowers clasped fondly in her arms and tears of joy trickling down her powdered checks, wondering if she was going 'to deserve them.'

"Bob Harms not only tore off the stage [in Act II.], but also his pants. With his left hand striving to hold up his reputation, he yanked the laughing Duke Hezner from the stage and the blushing property girls. It was a joy to all concerned to find Duke's trousers were just the right size.

"During one of many trips between dressing room and stage door I saw a tall silhouette standing in the moonlight with a Canadian penny clutched tightly in his hand raised to the stars.

"The extras played ping pong in the hall with a golf ball between entrances. Almost everyone else played with 'that' game.

"After curtain call the make up room's washroom was packed with perspiring Thespians diligently wielding the cold cream and Kleenex

"On Friday night the Thursday cast members sitting in the audience looked bored and sour at in-

Seeing Chinatown

Approximately one hundred wide eyed See Chicago Club members saw Chinatown at its best, Friday evening, May 10.

They strolled down Chinese streets eyeing strange things in store windows and suspiciously watching the many dark alleys. They saw the Chinese museum and the large Chinese mart. A guide showed them through the famous En Een Tong building. As they passed the many Chinese signs, the general thought was, "It's all Greek to me."

UNCOVERED FACTS

Bob Campell's favorite cereal - corn flakes; Jack Kelly's birthplace - Billings, Montana; Carl Reed's favorite meat - whale; Ed Jettman's middle name - William; Jack Ellis's exact age- 17 years, 11 months, 17 days; Alvin Kleusing's number of ties- baker's dozen.

Greasepaint Gossip Continued

tervals and turned eyes twinkling with victory and arched eyebrows on their cast mates when the curtain went down and the lights came up. Then they hurried back stage to say "how good everyone was."

Grace Good made quite an impression when she kissed Harold Hynes, in fact it was still there the next day.

Last results on Barney's party for the cast;

Consumed-

- 2 cases of root beer
- 10 packages of popato chips
- 10 lbs. of meat
- 5 loaves of bread
- 5 lbs. of sweets
- the toll - one dented pool table
- one floor washed with root beer
- 50 very happy kids."

Signed, S

Behind the Plate

- April 26 - Niles Township 9
Warren 4. Easy does it.
- April 30 - Niles Township 16
Woodstock 4. Four home runs - Sullivan, Faust, Reiland, and Boyk. Murderers Row!
- May 1 - Called on account of snow and cold. Some Spring!
- May 4 - Zion 5 Niles Township 4
Two extra innings. Tough one to lose.
- May 7 - Arlington 1 Niles Township 0. Boyk gave one hit but still lost.
- May 10 - Niles Township 8 Leyden 4. Taken in stride!
- May 14 - Niles Township 13 Woodstock 5. Three home runs were hit: Domas, Huscher, and Sullivan collecting them. Sullivan's was hit with the bases loaded. Powerhouse.

ON THE UP

The Niles Township track teams engaged in three meets since the last report, the first of which was here, on May 7, with Lake Forest.

The Foresters have one of the best teams in the conference, largely due to having the only indoor track in the conference.

Ralph Becker, the best of the 100 and 440 men on the Nilehi team, captured first in the 100 yd. dash and the quarter-mile for 15 points in the track meet with Leyden on May 10. Williams also took a first as Nilehi Varsity lost 58-53. The Junior Varsity lost by a very close score.

Against Palatine, the Trojan Varsity made a very good showing. Bob Carl tied for first in the high jump at 5'7" which is a $\frac{1}{4}$ " lower than the Palatine record. Fields took first in the shot, and Carl in the high hurdles.

BOYK PITCHES NO-HIT GAME

Yesterday afternoon Ed Boyk, Nilehi pitching ace, blanked Taft of Chicago with no-hits, no runs in seven innings. The score was Nilehi 10, Taft 0. Faust led the Nilehi barrage with 3 hits.

SPORT SPLATTER

Speaking of splatter, we ask, have you seen "Corky" Harrington's baseball shoes?

Washington "goers" tell us that Annapolis has a pool 150 x 150. We recommend it to the Octopus!

Baton twirlers furnish a lawn show for study hall members Monday afternoons. Quite flashy!

Incidentally, spectators don't bother the baseball team at all. How about supporting your team.

Incoming freshmen at the program tonight will witness the following acts from the water carnival: Lotus Blossom Ballet, synchronized swimming, slave races, and exhibition diving.

Proceeds of the Mother-Daughter Tea are to be donated to the church represented by the guest speaker of that day, Dr. Sattau.

Girls' swimming classes have a male app'icant. The initials? F. M. T.

Hot Dogs!

Have you had a "genuine" hot dog lately, gals? Whether you have or not, we know you'll have dozens at the G.A.A. hike and supper on May 29.

We'll tire our "tootsies" by hiking to Harms Woods at 3:45. (But don't worry about walking home-buses will take care of the return trip). Then, we'll roast beautiful weiners, and marshmallows. We'll start for home at six P. M. to be in time for dinner- if any of us will be able to eat any after all those hot[yum,yum] dogs.

You know, ths G.A.A. has at least one party or hike a semester- so, G.A.A. girls, if you don't want to miss real fun, come.