

Lincoln's Memory Still Lives

by Beverly Markus

Once again the memory of Abraham Lincoln is awakened within us. For it is February, and every school child knows, the month the "great emancipator" was born.

It's more than just the month that makes us think of him. We think of "Honest Abe" now because more than ever we need the memory of his courage and fortitude. Right now we are witnessing some very dark days, days when we need these attributes.

Lincoln never had things easy in his life, but still he never weakened. The tougher things got for him, the harder he worked to get ahead. That's a good lesson for all of us now.

Abe was not always successful in things he attempted. There was the time he and a friend bought out three failing stores and as Lincoln said, "they petered out". This left him in debt for several hundred dollars. The "national debt", he called it, but he finally paid in full.

Later in life, after serving a term in Congress he was not re-nominated. Still another set-back was losing the senatorial race against Douglas in 1858. But despite all these disappointments, Lincoln still achieved the highest position in the U. S. A., that of President.

The story of Lincoln's life makes one stop and think. If a farm boy raised in the backwoods, with little education, can become the leader of his country, then there's something in a democracy after all. That something is the right to get ahead and be as good as the next fellow. America unlimited, that's what this country is. If we can always keep that in mind, then Lincoln will never die, for his memory lives as long as democracy exists.



G. I. 's Get Your Pictures In



By sending the staff of the Nilehilite more pictures like the two above (sent by Dick Boyd and Jim Kozak), you in the armed forces can make the March 9 service men's issue of the Nilehilite a really big success.

Letters telling of your activities are equally welcome and we will try to print as many as possible. In this issue we will run a sports summary which will include football, swimming, and basketball. We will make this as complete as possible considering the publication date.

The deadline for all pictures and letters is February 21, 1945.

Virginia Reel Will Be Hatchet Hop Highlight

The Hatchet Hop, one of the first dances to be given at NileHi in '45 will be presented at 8 o'clock on February 21. The dance will celebrate Washington's birthday.

It is being given by the Yearbook Fund Committee to raise money for the Reflections. At the last dance given to raise money for the yearbook, \$103.00 in clear profit was made. The committee hopes the Hatchet Hop will surpass this figure. The price of admission, however, will only be 30c, including tax.

This isn't going to be just an ordinary dance either. There will be refreshments, games, entertainment and up-to-date music from a juke box.

One of the big attractions will take place midway in the dance. It will be an old fashioned Virginia Reel, in which all will be asked to participate.

The decorations will be in keeping with the occasion, two 6 foot busts of George and Martha Washington being the most important. These will be made by the art department on sign cloth which can be saved for other years so the dance can become an annual affair. There will also be drawings of hatchets, cherries and eagles.

January Graduates Headed For Service

Bob Bennett and Wayne Hansen are now absent from the halls of NileHi. Both boys graduated last month and expect to enter the service soon.

Wayne (being 18) plans to go into the army and Bob hopes to enlist in the navy in spring.

Weldon, Trietch Vie For Victory Queen

Those gallant young people who are tabulating the "Victory Queen" votes are having a tough time. Thousands upon thousands of votes are pouring in. Up to date Joan Trietch and Betty Weldon, the senior and junior candidates, respectively, are neck and neck. Joan is slightly ahead with 47000 and Betty right behind her with 43000. Even the freshies and sophs have thrown their candidates, Joan Schewe and Pat Schirra, over for those gorgeous, sophisticated, delicious upper classmen.

The Queen and her court will preside throughout the launching ceremony of the landing craft bought by the students' purchase of stamps and bonds. The date as yet is not definite but it will probably be in the gym on the evening of March 2.

This contest goes on for four weeks--during that time each person votes by purchasing defense stamps and bonds.

In addition to a great ceremony NileHi will witness some radio personalities.

Reflections Revelry Plans Near Completion

NileHi's Reflections Revelry of last year was such a success that the yearbook staff has decided to stage another one this year. This program will be held in an effort to acquire sufficient funds to cover the expense of this year's annual.

The date that this event will be held is Friday the 13th of April. All students are welcome to participate in this show. Students who are talented in one way or another should express their desire to take part in the show to Miss Sayre. This should be done by Feb. 23, in order to have enough time to get the program organized and to start rehearsals.

Rate Bows For Exchange Aids

Freshman: "Mama, may I go out to-night?"

Sophomore: "Going out tonight, mother".

Junior: "Goin' out - don't wait up".

Senior: "G'night, mom, I'll bring in the milk".

—Hi-Times

He: Please

She: No!

He: Just once?

He: Oh, ma, all the kids go barefoot.

—X-Ray

Passenger: "Have I time to say goodbye to my wife?"

Porter: "I don't know, sir; how long have you been married?"

—The Electron

Lash: "Yes, water is found in three states".

Tom Vandivier: "I thought there was water in all 48 states".

—The Electron

Sailor: "There's a torpedo heading straight for us!"

Lady Passenger: "Gracious, I hope it's one of ours."

—The Harper Highway

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

(A nifty young blonde)

And don't we all?

—Taft Tribune

Daffynitions:

Dates—food for the heart

Divorce—the key to wed-lock

Night-mare—a milkman's horse

—Taft Tribune

Roses are red

Carnations are pink

But the chemistry lab

Has a definite—aroma.

—Marshall High

Irritated Man (to the fellow in back of him in a large crowd): "Who are you shovin'?"

Answer: "I don't know. What's your name?"

—The Harper Highway

Biff (twice nicked by the barber's razor):

"Hey, barber, gimme a glass of water"

Barber: "What's wrong, sir, hair in your mouth?"

Biff: "No. I wanna see if my neck leaks".

—Jones Reporter

Trojans Display I. Q. In Latest Intelligence Test

You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time but you can't fool (a) Dr. Ziehn (b) the draft board (c) around with me, kid.

Earl Browder was called (a) jack ass of all trades (b) and had 6 aces.

The N.T.H.S. swimming pool is (a) an under classman's grave (b) known as Rickard's Dive (c) too cold.

What you don't know won't hurt you, but what you do know (a) isn't enough (b) is boring (c) shouldn't be revealed.

Christopher Columbus is (a) a student's enemy (b) h-m-m, who cares? (c) forgotten.

Once, twice, thrice and (a) fource! (b) quadruple (c) go!!

Howard Hughes flew around the world to (a) see how the other half lives (b) show off his "C" coupons (c) show up the birds.

Tests And 'Bob' Are Semester Highlights

When asked the question: "What to you was the highlight of the first semester?" many various replys were given, as follows:

Delores Brooks (Senior)—The time we swiped Rosie's shoes in Bookkeeping.

Mary Ann Ziegele (Junior) — Passing my shorthand brief forms test.

Rosemary Lutz (Senior) — All of us flunking a Business Law test..groans..

Bob Bennett (Senior) — The fact that it's my last one.

Ruth Jones (Senior) — Christmas Vacation.

Pat Conard (Junior) — I think the high light is yet to come—the end of the semester.

Muriel Hendrickson (Junior) — Are you kidding! (Now that couldn't have anything to do with Don, could it? Millie?)

Don Nepstead (Junior) — Nothing ever happens to me!!(?)

Sandra Goss (Junior) — BOB! sigh....

Don Dye (Junior) — Listening to Sambo (Dave W.) in homeroom.

Johnny Mercer's Hit Proves Most Sung

Once every year about this time Kitty's good friend "Cupid" makes his annual visit to the Korner. — Now Cupid is an interesting person, especially around Valentine's Day, but he has one weakness. That is relating all his adventures of his whole career. With his kind consent, Kitty has been allowed to print a few of his stories.

Couple of the week: Marilyn Burns and Kenny Stezkal.

Song of the week: "Ac-cen-u-ate the Positive".

Question of the week: "How many exams did you flunk?"

It seems that Bob Hartney had quite a time at his surprise birthday party. He wound up in the kitchen, - drying dishes, though.

Speaking of surprise birthday parties, Pat Lannert fared pretty nicely a few Sundays ago. Fortune telling seemed to be a main feature of the party, and the results were shocking.

Joan Trietch should be complimented for the lovely tea she had on the 27th of January.

Did you ever watch Ronnie Bair make his rounds during the fifth period lunch? Watch him sometime—he has quite a variety!!

Bob Cleary recently received a letter from a young junior girl telling of her admiration. He will not submit to questioning.

Who's the junior girl always talking about tractors? It couldn't have anything to do with one named "Hayseed" could it, Lois?

Why is everybody playing bridge in Latin? Please let us in on this great secret.

What's this we hear about Marty and Mary Ann breaking up? Couldn't have been about a girl named Dot from Chicago, could it?

Why was it that Miss Sayre had Miss Johann's lunch put away in her desk, not so long ago???

Boys, have you seen the latest attraction from Northwestern who claims a seat in the last row of room 219 during 6th and 7th period? Don't miss this attraction.

SPARKPLUG STANLEY

HAIN & BERNARD

Our hero!

Sparkplug Stanley

Watta man!

Stan's fiancée

Ida Wonna

Watta girl!

Chief Morque

Watta cop!

The Tub

Watta crook!

Watta Story!

They'll all be back Next Issue. Hold tight!

Book Covers Are Displayed By Students

There are numerous United States history students who are cognizant and proud of the attractive display on the bulletin board in room 206 and they certainly deserve some recognition. This exhibit consists of the most artistic covers chosen from the book reports. Miss Kranz's pupils wrote recently on any fiction, non-fiction, or biography books related to the chronicle of the nation.

"The Buccaneer" is printed on a cover which portrays a pirate ship and the rather gruesome countenance of a man being hanged in the foreground. This piece of work is the product of George Peschke. Ray Baumgartner painted the picture of an American backwoodsman for his report on "The Revolutionary War" and the cover by Gert Dettmer for "Blue Ridge Country" cleverly depicts the location of that area in blue. An excellent drawing of a watchful Indian by Eleanor May is found on the cover of the book report which tells of "Before the Covered Wagon" and a book called "The Illinois" is the subject of a colorful panorama of our state by Mat Boemmel. Stanley Noesen painted the bust of U. S. Grant to illustrate his report on "A Man Named Grant".

The covers done by Walter Gatzke for "Arundel," Sherrill McDonald for "Sergeant Lamb's America," Margaret Morita for "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," and Robert Swanson for "With Lieutenant Pike" are also outstanding because they have such fine lettering.

Fast Trojans Are Too Much For Cardinals

The Trojans breezed to their fourth North East Conference victory on Friday, January 19, by defeating Arlington 52-34.

A crowd of over 500 students filled the bleachers to watch the pre-game favorites smothered under the fast Trojan attack.

Arlington stuck stubbornly with the Trojans during the first quarter, and realizing that 11-10 was much too close, the Trojans moved to a sizeable 27 to 19 half time advantage.



The fast breaking Trojans proved too much for the over confident Cardinals, who totaled only 15 points during the final two periods, compared to 25 for the men of Troy.

The scoring was evenly distributed with the Trojans, Anderson being high with 12. Stroaker was the best Arlington could offer with 10.

St. Valentine Brought With Him Two Special Valentines; - 'Pepsy' Racine, 'Bubs' Bailey

Jet Propulsion Man Joins Nilehilite

Introducing "Sparkplug Stanley"!

He is the hero of our new comic strip which begins in this issue of the Nilehilite.

Sparkplug Stanley promises to be one of the best features in this paper and the staff firmly believe you will enjoy him. He is going through some thrilling adventures and at times will seem to be doomed. However, with your support, he probably will be able to win most of his battles.

Also in the comic strip are: Ida Wanna, a beautiful girl; Chief Morgue, police chief, somewhat on the dull side; and the Tub, the crook who weighs 385 pounds. Later, more characters will be introduced in the strip.

Mr. VanArsdale Plans Speech Program

The speech correction program, started in November by Mr. VanArsdale, is gradually increasing in importance from day to day in the minds of certain students whose defects have been corrected, or are in the process of being corrected.

This speech improvement program which will gradually be expanded, it is hoped, will eventually affect the entire student body of this high school; as a matter of fact Mr. VanArsdale will soon give a speech test to each senior, after which he hopes to advise every senior whose test reveals that he is in need of remedial work.

As the successful cure of a defect is entirely a matter of remedial work over a long period of time, Mr. VanArsdale expects his program to be a slow one. However, one of his goals is making the defective realize that when his deficiency is remedied or cured, his opportunity for selling himself more effectively in the business and social worlds in years to come will be greater.

Barbershop Quartet Is Secret of Semester

In the new semester, freshman Girls' glee club will meet on Tuesdays 9th period, and freshman boys' chorus will meet on Thursdays the 9th period. All freshmen interested in these classes may still enroll.

It has been rumored that a barbershop quartet is in the process of being organized. The personel?—Well, that's still a dark secret.

The double quartet is still going strong and is busy preparing for spring engagements. Paul Winger has been chosen to replace Don Sandin, who has moved to Michigan.

The big event of the second semester for the entire music department will be the annual spring concert to be held the last of April. Never a dull moment in the music department!

We have in the midst of N.T.H.S. a beautiful brown-haired, blue-eyed gal named Mary Ellen Racine, alias Fraulein Racine, the Pepsodent Kid. These are the so-called nicknames of this lovely senior girl. She was born on February 14, 1928 (one of these Valentine babes!) in Chicago. Mary Ellen's favorite sports are roller skating, and—basketball! (That couldn't have anything to do with Ernie, could it?) What is that German cross hanging on your neck for, Pepsy? Her pet peeve is people that call her Mary.

Fraulein Racine's favorite class is major dramatics because she sits between Rupert Roegner and Ralph Nettland (hint-hint, Mary Lou!) Mary Ellen's favorite actor is Helmut (drool) Dantine and actress, Joan Fontaine. By the way, Mary Ellen, what is that secret name that you absolutely have hysterics when someone calls you?

In the sophomore class there is one sharpie named Merryl Bailey. His birthday is Valentine's Day (February 14, 1929) and he was born in Hartford, Michigan. Merryl's nickname is "Bubs". He has brown hair and brown eyes. "Bubs" favorite actor is Lou Costello and his interest as far as actresses are concerned is Betty Grable. (Do you blame him?) "Little Orphan Annie" is the receiver of his admiration for radio programs. His favorite teacher is Mr. Collins and his favorite subject is band. It seems that Merryl has no pet peeves. (Pretty easy guy to please, huh?)

Battling J.Vee Team Falls To Maine

A hard fighting Niles team was defeated by Maine 43 to 23.

In the first quarter, Stockfish led the scoring, making six points. Maine made a total of eight points and the score at the end of the quarter was 12 to 8 in favor of Niles.

The second quarter found Maine rapidly gaining while the Trojans were practically stopped. Maine made twelve points, while Alterini made two free throws.



The Trojan J. V.'s were held scoreless in the 3rd quarter while Maine added eleven points to her rapidly growing score.

In the last quarter, the Trojans were able to make 9 more points, six of which were made by Munroe. Maine matched this however, scoring twelve points and winning the game. The final score was 43 to 23.

Stewie Munroe was high point man for Niles, making nine points.

Allen Assembly Takes Nile High By Storm

Radio Stars Relate Past In Interview

In the midst of mikes, canned music, voice and other radio equipment stood Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen, two talented radio performers. Your S. R. (star reporter or scared reporter) caught them just after their show in the gym Jan. 18th.

Mr. Allen stopped whistling long enough to say, 'I've been in the movies, **Music for Madam, So Ends Our Night, Theodora Goes Wild** (in which he whistled for Melvin Douglas) and **Dimples** (where he whistled and imitated for Frank Morgan).

Mr. Allen has had a wealth of radio experience mostly from Los Angeles. "I had a show in L. A. for a long time. It was called 'Cartoonist of the Air'."

Next I cornered Mrs. Allen (a very sweet personality) and asked her about her experiences. "Well, I've been with stock companies and I've done producing, directing and writing. I've also had a show of my own, for a cosmetics company - interviewing (at this I smiled knowingly), and doing pianologues."

Mrs. Allen has some good advice for you dramatics students interested in radio. "There's a very good chance for you in radio if you prepare before you go for an audition."

The Allens work free lance and do three broadcasts a week in Detroit, but at present they are on a personal appearance tour.

University Provides Tours For Many

A new series of conducted tours through the Technological Institute of Northwestern University have been announced beginning Saturday February 3. The buildings will be opened to the public and students free of charge.

The auditorium, the high-voltage laboratory, the one-million-pound-testing machine, the heat-power laboratory, the foundry, the chemical unit-operations laboratory, and the faculty lounge are some of the main points of interest that can be seen.

Americans Outrank All With Humor

The recent German offensive in Belgium was a matter of grave concern to all Americans. However it was responsible for a humorous situation in regard to radio commentators, since their vivid descriptions of the battles sounded more like discussions on human anatomy than on modern warfare. Here is a sample which is guaranteed at least to make you smile:

"American troops have successfully nipped the waist of the Belgian bulge, and have caught the shoulder of the German flank, stubbing the toe of the sock of the entire German thrust."

All Mysterious Sound Effects Revealed

"High ho Silver — Hooray! There is a sound of hoofbeats as the great white stallion etc., etc., etc." This, of course, is the beginning of the program, the "Lone Ranger."

Once you might have thought that there was really a big horse in the studio (naturally, that was when you were small. None of Nilehi's pupils would be that stupid!?) but now, since the Sound Effects Assembly given January 18, you know the sound of the hoofbeats is made by tapping two halves of cocoanuts together.

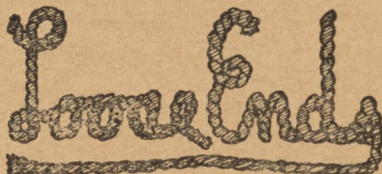
This program, one of the most interesting and delightful that has been presented at Nilehi, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Allen. They do work in the movies and on the radio.

Mr. Allen gave us some very beautiful imitations of birds and whistled some of the tunes that he has done in pictures.

The Allens showed how sound effects are made for radio programs. They demonstrated that fire can be made by crackling cellophane, and thunder by rattling an over inflated football that has a few bee-bee shots inside.

The Allens played some records of trains and an automobile with a little skit to show us how those sounds are made on programs.

Everyone enjoyed this program immensely, as some of the mysteries of sound effects have now been unraveled.



Homeroom 112 would greatly appreciate any old yarn that could be brought from home by anyone. Miss Green would like to have any color or any size. Let's cooperate with her.

The eighth period typing class has a champion typist in the one-minute tests. Jay Galles claims this title and Gertrude Dettmer came in second.

For Spanish students only: Robert Fee, a first year Spanish student in the eighth period class, caught Miss Small's attention one day by asking, "Do you know Ray?"

"Ray who?"

"Repasito."

Seniors, Attention

If you are interested in securing a scholarship, Miss Berry would be happy to help you in getting the information. The bulletin board in Room 221 has some booklets and other information which can be obtained just by asking. See Miss Berry in 221.

Freshmen Feature Odd Hobbies At Assembly

Eight freshmen aired their hobbies at an assembly on January 19, and such interesting hobbies they were.

"Hezzie" Florus collects keys. He "had to have a hobby, but quick" when his eighth grade class began spending a lot of time on hobbies. Bill Comstock likes fly casting and angling. One of the interesting features of this sport is picking the right fly. There are flat ones and furry ones, long ones and short ones, and the fish are fussy.

Joyce Mathews makes tiny rooms out of shoe boxes and fills them with miniature furniture. This may lead to her life work. Dolores Paulson collects baseball stubs and anything related to baseball. Autographs come under this heading and she has those of Phil Cavaretta and Bill Nicholson. She is a great Cub fan. Don Speer has a constructive hobby. He makes model airplanes, both flying and solid models. Building models takes a lot of patience and Don says girls have more patience than boys and should make model airplanes. Thanks, Don. Betty Long collects pictures of classical composers. Dick Noth keeps coins of all sorts. His specialties are alloys and invasion money. Jeanette Oehring has the unique hobby of collecting hairpins and napkins. Some of her specimens are very interesting and amusing.

Ah! yes. The morbid side. There is a zoot character in the class of '48 who collects turtle shells. But wait, listen to the whole story. In order to get the turtle shell it is first necessary to get the turtle. Follow? An innocent little turtle is sitting on a log sunning himself and in comes the villain, one Howard Siegal. He swims to within about twenty feet of the poor things and submerges. Then he pulls the turtle off his perch and drowns it, ever so gently. Later the turtle is headless with an axe; (and they let Howard run around loose). The insides are—let's pass over that part. Then the shells are scraped clean and lacquered, and can be used for ashtrays and flowerpots.

Oh well, the rest of the assembly was wonderful.

Surprise Party Honors Jim Hukill of 106

Jim Hukill, who is leaving for the service, was given a surprise party by his homeroom, 106. All the students in 106 were there and all of Jim's teachers, including Mr. Blanke, Miss Lamberg, Mr. Isaacson, Mr. Mackey and Mr. Ashworth. The party was held in the cafeteria on January 19, 1945 and all enjoyed the cake and milk. Jim was given an identification bracelet by homeroom 106. When asked to make a speech, all he could say was that the homeroom should write him through Mr. Ashworth.

Girls' Sports - TROJAN WARS - Boys' Sports

Badminton Is Latest Athletic Interest

"She got the bird!" Why the badminton bird of course. While it is referred to in better circles as the shuttlecock, we choose to call it the bird, due to the incapability of some Niles students to pronounce words of more than one syllable. Every Monday at 2:30 from now on will be dedicated to the practice of this game. Of course beating a bird back and forth across a net may sound easy to some people who have never played the game, but it really is hard play — and take it from me! (?)

For the female sharp shooters and hot shots is presented a basketball club, to be held every Wednesday, ninth period. From this class there is expected to be a great girl's team. Who knows? They may even challenge the boys to a game. (Did someone say something?)

"Why Dearie, have you been swimming?" Now what makes people ask absolutely idiotic questions like that? A girl runs from the locker room, her hair in her face, her clothes half on, and a few books dumped in one hand, with the other wiping the water from her neck and some questionable character will arrive upon the scene with a question like that. After asking a few people for their reactions on these characters all we got were various forms of rage, so decided to give it up and save the sanity of the Niles students.

Speaking of swimmers, many of the girls from the synchronized team are now swimming at the Town Club. The latest arrivals are: Betty Weldon, Helen Kuehne, Anna Mae Schmidt, Nancy Perrin, Barbara Nelson, and Shirley Hoddinott. We might even call it "old home night" down there every Monday and Wednesday.

Northeast Conference Has Own Nicknames

"Hey, what's the nickname of Leyden athletic team, what's Libertyville's colors, what's the school song of Lake Forest?"

These questions are often asked by the students and teachers. Here is a list solving these questions.

At Leyden High School the song is "Leyden Loyalty", their nickname is the Eagles, and their school colors are maroon and white.

With Arlington, the school song is "Arlington High" (On Wisconsin), their team nickname is the Cardinals, and their colors are cardinal and white.

The Libertyville school song is "Loyal and True", the team is the Wildcats, and their colors are orange and black.

At Lake Forest the song is the "Notre Dame Victory March", their nickname is the Scouts, and their colors are gold and blue.

U-Guess-It Result

What? No winners of the "U-Guess-It" contest? That's true, no winners in the contest this time. There were two equally close runners up though. The score to be guessed was Niles 55 and Arlington 35.

The two runners up were Harry Jensen, who guessed the score to be 54-35, and Paul Corso, who claimed the score to be 56-33. Neither can be said to be better than the other because they both came one point off for each.

That was pretty good predicting boys, but better luck next time.

Trojans Battle For Third Straight Swim Victory

The Trojan swimmers won their second meet in 5 days as they outclassed Elgin, 37-29 at the latter's pool on January 16.

The first feature, the 160 yd. relay went to Elgin as did the next offering, the 100 yd. back stroke. This event was only the second loss of the season for Bill Clynes. In the 100 yd. breast stroke Don Lyons' best was only good enough for second.

Niles took a 1st and 2nd in the 100 yd. free style event. In this, the most exciting race on the card, Jim Tagney and Ted Ebert swam stroke for stroke before Ebert pulled away 5 yds. from the finish.

After dropping the 40 yd. crawl, Niles came back by having Jim Tagney cop the diving contest. The meet ended when the Niles medley team of Clynes, Lyons, and Ebert came home on top.

The scoring was distributed as follows: Tagney 11, Ebert 7, Clynes 5, Lyons 5, Hartney 1, McDonald 1, Sando 1, and Bennett 1.

200 yd. relay—Lake Forest (Johnson, Vaile, Brocks, Stritt) 1:59.6; Niles (Bennett, McDonald, Hartney, Ebert), 2:04.7.

100 yd. breast stroke—Lyons (N), 1:20.8; Peters (N), 1:25.5; Nuzum (LF), 1:30.

50 yd. crawl—Johnson (LF), 28.0; Hartney (N), 28.8; Kennedy (LF), 28.9.

100 yd. backstroke—Clynes (N), 1:19.5; Clinton (LF), 1:19.6; Dobroth (N), 1:26.5.

100 yd. crawl—Stritt (LF), 1:04.5; Ebert (N), 1:04.6; Tagney (N), 1:07.8.

Diving—Tagney (N), 59.45 pts.; Bartlett (LF), 38.2 pts.; Hegarty (N), 30.6 pts.

150 yd. medley relay—Niles (Clynes, Lyons, Tagney), 1:36.6; Lake Forest (Clinton, Stritt, Johnson), 1:40.

Trojans Seem Well On Victory Road

The fortunes of basketball are fickle. Last year's great NileHi team hadn't lost a game in their conference race a year ago at this date.

Incidentally, at the close of the season they still hadn't lost a game.

This year's team, losing 3 out of its first 4 conference games, should hardly consider its season successful. Yet they find themselves second to Crystal Lake in the standings.

Bringing up "Red" Williams from the juniors has strengthened the Trojans considerably, and they appear now to be the dark horse of the race.

The Trojans began their upward climb on Jan. 12. They knocked off Woodstock, which was in first place, by the score of 38-27. Then the following Friday, Jan. 19, Arlington was toppled from the top of the perch by the tune of 52-34.

Libertyville, which had ascended to the throne in the meantime, was defeated Friday night, Jan. 26 in a hair raising thriller, 29-27.

With the record now standing at 5 wins and 3 losses, the Trojans of 1945 seem to be heading towards the same goal reached by the undefeated '44 Trojan team — a conference championship.

Gayety Of Old South Told In Carnival

The water carnival is finally under way! Yes, plans and predictions have all been made for this great affair. Everyone has been assigned to his or her number and the committee has written them.

The swimming committee consists of six people and each becomes director for one number. These six people who run the carnival are: Jimmy Tagney, Don Lyon, Lou Kettel, Helen Kuehne, Barbara Nelson and Beryle Schwabe.

The theme this year will be a story aboard a show boat. As an old darkie dreams of his happy days past, this showboat will tell a bit of the gayety of the old south. Flying fish, darkie boys, slaves, and old southern waltzes with plenty of entertainment and end men in between swimming numbers, promises to make this year's carnival tops.

Catholics At Fenwick Remain Swim Kings

On January 25, after a 'El' of a trip across the city of Chicago, Niles aqua mariners finally arrived in the friendly little province of Oak Park in which they found Fenwick high school, affable Catholic league swimming kings.

After a brief struggle the Trojans went down in defeat 43-23.

Jim Tagney was dealt his first setback of the year in the diving contest

Maine Humbled by Strong Niles Five

After a heartbreaking Jayvee defeat at the hands of Maine, the varsity came back to show the Maine backers that all would not be a "bed of roses" on that night. In an exciting, fast action game the hail and hearty cagers of Niles defeated Maine by a score of 33 to 31.

Everything went well the first quarter with the Trojans scoring 6 points to their opponent's 4. In the second quarter there was a little more action with both teams collecting nine points. The half ended in a 15 to 13 score in favor of Niles.

In the third period Maine put on a drive and scored 14 points, putting them in the lead by a score of 27 to 22, but Niles was not to be beaten so easily. The last quarter found the Trojans a snappy team on both offense and defense. They scored 11 points while Maine could only sneak by the Trojan basket to score 4 points. The game ended in a well earned victory for Niles.

Williams played a hard game and led his teammates in the scoring. He totaled 10 points. Anderson, still maintaining his reputation as a basket maker, boosted his grand total by 7. Harry Miller and John Lane scored 5 apiece, while Zust and Nachbauer scored 4 and 2 respectively.

By the looks of the last few games Niles is one of the top notch battlers for the North East Conference crown.

Trojans Bring Four Way Tie For Second Place

By defeating a hard fighting Libertyville team, Niles has moved into a contending position for the North East conference throne.

In relieving Libertyville from the top spot, which it shared with Crystal Lake, the Trojans have brought on a four way tie for second place. The teams sharing this honor are Niles, Leyden, Arlington and Libertyville.

The Trojans bucketeers showed real fight in defeating the Wildcats from Libertyville on January 26, amassing a total of 29 points to their opponent's 27.

Niles took the lead early in the first quarter by sinking two quick baskets. This lead was never very seriously threatened, until the last quarter, when Libertyville boosted their total of points by ten. Twice in the waning minutes of the game Libertyville tied the score, but the Trojans tightened up their defense and again took the lead by two points until the time ran out ending the game with a hard earned 29 to 27 victory for the warriors of Troy.

Anderson led in scoring for the winners with a total of 9 points to his credit. Lane followed close behind with six. Williams and Zust did well on defense.

Libertyville	6	6	5	10	27
Niles	7	11	3	8	29

Crystal Lake Slower; Can Be Beaten

by Bill Harris

On February 9, 1945, the Trojans will attempt to defeat the Crystal Lake quintet. The Lakers took the Niles five in the first game of the series by a score of 40-28. However, the situation may be different this time because of the Troy five being so accurate toward the bucket lately.

It looks as if Crystal Lake is an example of a situation which so often happens in spots. A great team in the junior year with all returning as seniors a good many times makes a poorer record in the senior year than they did as juniors. We know of a number of such cases. It depends on the kind of boys they are. We wonder of an inflated ego is making possible those Arlington and Leyden upsets of that unbeatable Crystal Lake five. Sometimes under this situation boys feel they can win without working hard in the senior year. Maybe that is the situation. At any rate Crystal Lake is way below expected performance. Perhaps the last two jolts are just what they needed. We will see February 9, when they come to Niles Township's floor.

Twin Bill Falls To Visiting Niles Team

On Friday, Feb. 2, the flying Trojans journeyed to Lake Forest to take both ends of a twin bill, the varsity winning by the score of 43-29.

The Scouts showed more fight in this game than in the game played on the Trojan home floor, but the height of the young men of Troy was again too much for the Scouts.

From the opening tip-off the Trojans were never in trouble, although the first period score was 12-10.

The high point man for the evening was Linch of Lake Forest. He scored almost half his team's total points, 14 to be exact. Red Williams and Walt Zust followed closely behind with 10 and 9 points respectively.

This game was the Trojans' sixth conference victory and also their sixth straight win.

The Niles second stringers nosed out a high spirited Lake Forest jay vee team 30 to 26 at Lake Forest.

The first quarter found both teams fairly even with the Trojans making seven points to Lake Forest's five.

In the second quarter, Niles showed new spirit and was able to score fourteen more points making the score at the end of the first half 21 to 11 in their favor.

The second half found Lake Forest trying hard to regain the lead. However the junior Trojans were able to hold the lead and win the game, 30 to 26.

Stewie Munroe was high point man for Niles, scoring nine points and Burns was high for Lake Forest scoring six points.

Warren Falls Before Trojans

Niles Township's high school gym was the scene of a one sided victory for the Trojans over an outclassed and outfought Warren team, on Saturday Feb. 4th.

The first quarter started fast for the Trojans, who scored 12 points to only half that amount for their opponents. Wally Zust ran wild in this quarter scoring two free throws and two baskets totaling six points.

In the second quarter the Trojans added another 12 points to their credit, and again in the 3rd and 4th quarters they chalked up 12 points a quarter to total 48 points to a meager hard earned 20 points for the Warren boys. The second quarter found Williams duplicating Zust's first quarter scoring spree by scoring 6 points himself.

In the third quarter John Lane and Louie Nachbauer shared the high scoring honors by scoring 4 points apiece. In the fourth Harry Mueller scored 4 points.

High scorers for the whole game were: Red Williams with 10 points, Zust and Mueller with 8 points each and Louie Nachbauer and John Lane with 6 points each.

Despite a hard fighting Warren team, the Trojan J. V.'s were victorious Saturday night, February 3, by a score of 24 to 19.

Niles started out the first quarter with high spirits and scored seven points to Warren's two. Warren slowed the Trojans down in the second quarter and the score at the end of the half was eleven to eight in favor of Niles. Munroe and DiSalvo, each scoring two points, were the only Trojan players to score in the second quarter.

Warren took over the lead in the third quarter by scoring nine points to the Trojan's five. However, in the fourth quarter Munroe and Stockfish accounted for eight points for Niles while our team held Warren to only two points. The final score was 24 to 19.

Loyola Swimmers Defeat Improved Niles Team

The Niles swimming team, although it has shown much improvement over their last meet with Loyola, was again defeated by a close score of 34-32.

The meet was at Loyola, and the Niles swimmers were leading 29-28 until the final medley relay in which the Trojans lost the race by one second.

Jim Tagney again showed his splendid form by taking 1st place in the diving contest. Don Lyons took first place in the 50 yd. breast stroke with a time of 34.2. Ted Ebert, a junior, who has shown so much improvement in the 100 yd. free style, broke his old record of 1:18 and at the same time Gene Lebbins' 100 yd. free style record of 104.4. His time was 104.2.

The next swim meet will be in the Niles Natatorium with Elgin on Feb. 9.