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Sincere Congratulations

Tonight at the headquarters of Troop 31, Niles Center, Ernest Miner will receive the Boy Scout Heroism Award for his quick-thinking one day in May, 1939.

"Asia" was returning home from baseball practice when he saw an oddly-weaving car bearing down upon Dick Nelson and Joseph Byron, both of Lincolnwood. Miner, at risk of both life and limb dashed into the street, pushed the two unaware boys to safety, then jumped to safety himself. The car, operated by a drunken driver, then proceeded to pile into a tree.

NILEHI WILL JOIN CHILDREN'S CRUSADE

The week after vacation, the students of Nilehi will join the great national movement in which nearly thirty million children and young people of America are expressing their sympathy and friendship for

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HERE'S WHAT

April 26 - Spring Vacation begins at 3:36.

April 26 - First conference baseball game. Warren-here.

April 28, May 2 Washington trip for juniors and seniors.

May 6- School resumes; 8:50.

May 6-All School Assembly 12:40pm.

May 7- Matinee dance, Frosh - soph.

Sights They'll See

Nilehi students and teachers who are planning to go to Washington D.C. during spring vacation are packing such valuables as toothbrushes, cameras, diaries, and those little things that, if forgotten, take the joy out of traveling.

Since we are very curious to know what they want to see most on their trip to Washington, we have questioned the following Nilehiers and have been answered thus:

Louise Kruger-- "The President."

Howard Harrington--"Congress in session."

Norma Delfino--"Lincoln Memorial"

Miss Carolyn Lump--"The White House."

Marie Nordby--"Naval Academy--Annapolis"

Jane Comstock - "Washington's Monument."

Allen Brauch--"Mount Vernon"

Irene Guenther - - "The Home of Robert E. Lee."

Miss Grace Harbert--"The Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, built in honor of Woodrow Wilson."



"Smi-i-le, ple-e-e-ze."

PROPAGANDA

The most insidious menace to the peace and happiness of United States citizens today is propaganda! Blaring radios and staring headlines leave false impressions and misunderstandings and formulate public opinion. Much depends upon your ability to recognize the truth, your reactions to foreign uprisings, and your reasoning behind statements you advance.

The question arises: Is it legitimate for a belligerent nation to publish misleading statements to win the sympathy of a neutral nation? Should foreign censorship be able to menace our lives and distort our conceptions? Is the sound thinking of democratic America to be undermined by rotten fallacies?

Everyone to whom you speak has taken sides in the latest European explosion. Many are prejudiced because of World War happenings and allow others to confuse them. Don't let this happen to you. Analyze your opinions and have definite reasons for holding them to be logically correct! Be willing to admit yourself to be wrong if you are now harboring a decided misconception.

America's greatest safeguard against being included in this war is her group of citizens who are intellectually stable and who have foresight enough to recognize certain propaganda — composed of deliberate lies — which come to us via radio, press and screen. Dread it as you would leprosy — for its effect can be far more devastating!

Kiddie Kare Kadettes

Marie Throop, sophomore, is head of a unique service called the "Kiddie Kare Kadettes." It is a bureau designed to care for small children. Comprised of twenty four high school girl's, this service promises responsible care of children for a small charge. To obtain a girl to care for children, all one has to do is call Marie, and she will send a Kadette to the home. Rates are fifty cents for four hours before midnight, and twenty-five cents per hour after twelve. A ten per cent service fee is also charged. This organization is extremely successful so far, and is widely known. It was begun in January of this year with ten girls.

CLOG HOP

Members of the Niles Center Junior Women's Club will sponsor a "clog hop" dance tomorrow evening, April 27, in the assembly room. Dancing will begin at nine to the music of Lee Arnold's orchestra and continue until one. Bids are \$1.10 and may be purchased from Mae Schoeneberger.

Children's Crusade - cont. from page 1
children of other lands who have been driven from their homes by the miseries of war. The Children's Crusade is to be led in our school by the Student-Faculty-Forum. Winnifred Flagg will act as the chairman of the committee for receiving contributions.

NILEHILITE

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“What,” the little birdie asks, “are you going to do during spring vacation?”



JEAN PETERSON, freshman, “Do a good job of loafing.”

BOBEICHELKRANT, sophomore, “Fix my motor scooter.”

JEAN ARMSTRONG, junior, “Go to Iowa.”

JACK KELLY, senior, “I’m going to Rod’s cottage.”

BUD LAUTH, post grad, “Sleep! Sweet Sleep!”

COACH GALITZ, coach, “Drill my boys on my baseball team.”

THE WINNAHS

Nilehi’s favorite actress is no less than the Queen of the Movies - Miss Bette Davis. She was an almost unanimous choice and far ahead of “runner-up,” Priscilla Lane, who was fifty-seven votes behind her.

Twenty votes behind the leaders came Ann “Oomph” Sheridan. Judy Garland, Deanna Durbin, and Ginger Rogers tied for fourth place, one point behind Miss Sheridan. Jean Arthur placed fifth.

Nilehi’s favorite actor is that dashing hero - Errol Flynn. Only four votes behind him was none other than tall, handsome Jimmy Stewart. King Mickey Rooney placed third in Nilehi’s poll, twenty votes behind Stewart. Spencer Tracy two points behind Mickey, came fourth, and Richard Greene tied with Clark Gable for fifth place.

Now you have the results. Niles Township High School’s favorite actors: We give you Miss Bette Davis and Mr. Errol Flynn.

Ah! News We’ve Been Waiting For Prom King Election Coming!

This year the Junior-Senior Promenade will be on Saturday night, June 8. Bids for the summer formal affair will cost one dollar and fifty cents, as in previous years. Instead of having outside decorators, the juniors are taking charge themselves and are keeping their plans secret. If you see someone duck into a room hiding something, be assured he’s a junior working on the Prom. The orchestra’s name is another secret; that will be announced soon after spring vacation.

The Junior Council, consisting of two juniors from each home room, has been the steering committee of the junior class for the entire year. This group will lead the juniors through their plans for the Prom. The members of the council are Bill Stevens, president; Bill Taylor and Sonny Rizzo, publicity men; Edith Luxem and Phyllis Braeseke, program-makers; Catherine Nelson, decorator; Bill Ross and Sue Schaefer, in charge of Prom King election.

The Prom King election will be made the week of May 6. All senior boys bringing junior or senior girls are eligible for this honor. Get your dates, boys, and hand your name to the Junior Council which meets every Wednesday in Room 110. Remember, the Prom King and his Queen lead the Grand March!

FOR SALE

Larceny is a Nuisance

For sale, one green pet parrot named Larceny; no longer wanted by owners; at low price; will trade Larceny for a cute bulldog.

Phone X-203

BONNIE SUGGESTS - *For Girls Only*

Today vacation begins. (As if I needed to tell you!) I'm going on the Washington trip Sunday, but if I weren't I'd probably be doing some of these things I'd like to suggest for you during your vacation — unless you're going traveling too:

April 27 go to see "Swiss Family Robinson" or some other good movie.

April 28 — see the spring flowers down at the Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago (Free!)

April 29 — take a tour through Marshall Field's store at 11:00 A.M. or 2:00 P.M. (Free)

April 30 — the weather should be "tops" for roller skating.

May 1 — Wash your face in the dew — you know why!

May 2 — It's time to go bowling.

May 3 — Go places and see things on your bicycle.

May 4 — Catch up on the newspapers and your favorite magazine stories.

May 5 — Find someone whose car has a top that goes down, and enjoy a long, breezy ride along Lake Michigan. Ah—!

May 6 — (Oh, never mind.)

Sincerely,

Your Bonnie

Night For Coming Freshmen

Mr. R. E. Cotanche, principal, announces that for the evening of May 17, at eight o'clock a program has been planned to inform next year's freshmen of Niles Township about the high school and its curriculum. All eighth graders and their parents are invited to this meeting. Special guide books are being prepared for the guests of that evening.

"What A Life"

Clifford Goldsmith's gay comedy of high school life, "What a Life," was given in full color by the Nilehi dramatics groups under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Esch on Thursday and Friday nights, April 18 and 19, and again last night, April 25. This third showing was intended to accommodate those who were not able to get tickets for the first performances; however, many who saw the first casts came to enjoy the third: a cast selected by Mrs. Esch as the best. Those chosen for this honor were as follows: Pat Reiland, June Vincent, Helen Miller, Paul Mikota, Wayne Barton, Ruth Werdell, William Taylor, Allen Brauch, Virginia Kadlac, Bob Harms, Florence Gabel, Louise Kreuger, Katherine Nelson, Ann Jurasitz, Walter Lauth, Will Stevens, Doris Burklund, Pat Kelly, Connie Kohtz, Norene Whitworth, Tom Sheridan, George Struck, Zenon Turski, Robert Flynn, and Robert Fawcett.

Vocational Assembly For Girls

The sixth vocational assembly, "Jobs in the Home Economics Field," was presented Thursday, April 25, during the third period. Miss Griffith, a specialist in this field, offered her advice to ninth grade girls and students of Miss Line's classes.

Shop Students Enjoy Trip

Fifty-eight students of Mr. Lindley's electric, wood, and auto shop classes took a trip through the Ford assembly plant on April 15. They were particularly amazed at the speed with which automobiles are put together. Three hundred and seventy-five cars are finished there every day.

NILEHI NIBLETS

Mardy McKeever has made her clothes closet into a dark room. Want any pictures developed? . . . Ever notice how polite Bart Hegarty is? . . . The members of Latin group of the Foreign Language Club plan to have a Roman banquet. They're going to have a recline on couches and eat with their fingers, just as the Romans did . . . Was Roy Moore surprised when he heard he was an assistant to a professor! (See the last *Nilehilite*). He does rank high in his subjects, but he says he isn't an assistant as yet . . . The journalism class received information that stated Mrs. Esch adjusts her face to the emotions of "What a Life." While directing play practice. Jean Dudick, a reporter, sat through a whole rehearsal, but didn't get her story. The very next rehearsal, however, saw the director almost weeping, then laughing, etc. . . . It seems that Nilehi students read the "Wake of the News"; we always find some little "expressions" taken from there in our "Little Brown Box." Unfortunately, we cannot use them — it's against the law . . . One young lady was very much perplexed, when, after looking for all of ten minutes at the encyclopedia in the library, she couldn't find anything but definitions of words. She asked at the desk, only to learn that that was not an encyclopedia, but a dictionary. Was her "mug mulberry!" . . . For a split-second Laura was worried when she got this note: "Laura — The speaker in the men teachers' room is dead — D.W.F." . . .

A very strange incident occurred in Miss Bernhart's room on a certain day not long ago. A map of Norway was fastened to the wall with scotch tape. Suddenly it fell

From The "Little Brown Box"

*Niles Township High
Niles Center, Ill.
April 16, 1940*

Gentlemen:

In regard to the story told by William C. White on page forty-three of the April 1 SCHOLASTIC, may I present the following solution: The hero, upon finding a weak, rusting link, snaps his chains and grabs the octopus. Using the octopus for a shield, he advances upon the villain whose bullets im-bed themselves in the octopus. When the villain's ammunition runs out, the hero flings the mortally wounded octopus upon him and leaves just as the villain rises from the dead monster's tentacles.

*Sincerely,
Paul Perlman*

(We hope Paul doesn't mean our *NILEHILITE* Octopus!)

Junior Girls Visited University

In Ida Noyes Hall, on Chicago University's campus, the Chicago Alumnae Club played hostess to junior girls and teachers at a tea last Sunday afternoon at three-thirty. Niles Township was represented by the following girls, Gloria Bartz, Phyliss Braeseke, Genevieve Conrad, Frances Ether-ton, Rita Jane Fisher, Florence Gabel, Mary Hegarty, Edith Luxem, Mildred Risinger, Majorie Riser, and Sue Shaefer. Miss Ruth Lant accompanied the group.

Nilehi Niblets Cont.

to the floor. On that same day, Norway was overrun by Germany. . . . Why has a group of senior boys been going up to Highland Park several times a week? They certainly don't go for the ride . . . Two Nilehi students, Margaret Dahm and Meredith Madsen, have won scholarships to Grinnell College.



She's small and she's quick
 And her hair's almost black.
 She has it cut short
 With curls, front and back.
 She dances and prances,
 And never is quiet.
 Say, don't give up yet-
 Come on, now, and try it!

Answer to last week's: Jack Kristof

WHATZIT?

There is a room that's large and
 light,
 Calm and quiet, very bright
 With beaming faces.
 There are some shelves, all in a
 row,
 And it's not difficult to know
 Just what this place is.

Answer to last week's - the class-
 room clock

Applied Education

Week before last Miss Ruth Lant's junior English classes considered the essentials of debating. Then, last week, Miss Theresa Kranz's United States history students gathered material on a variety of subjects from the reference books in our library; they were preparing for the debates which they gave later in the week. Certainly Nilehi is showing applied education.

Our Printers Watch The Paper Roll Off The Press

Members of the printing classes, under the supervision of Mr. Meier had the privilege of an interesting tour through the Daily Times newspaper plant on April 12. 15 boys made the trip.

Behind The Footlights

Speaking of our Alumni, we find Russell Larson, of the class of '37, doing well as an actor. The summer before last he appeared with the Clair Powell Stock Company in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Last year he was with the Theater Guild in Woodstock. We might have known he would be in the lights - remember his record in high school dramatics?

Reflections

Upon "Reflections"

The dummy is gone; long live the dummy. Out of the old rises the new, for the new annual which great presses unveil with each thundering roll, will be larger and more beautiful than ever. More pages, with more and greater pictures to fill the pages, will give many sparkling reflections of 1940 at Nilehi. Nothing in N. T. H. S. 's history has even rivaled this year's annual, the staff tells us. Your picture is in this book-look for it.

Hurry! Time is short now- the supply is limited. Make your reservation before the yearbooks are sold out. This, year as in years gone by, the down-payment plan will ease the cost. Arrange for your first payment now and be sure of a book in June.

Play Day

Ten girls will represent Nilehi at the Proviso High School Play Day which will be held May 11. The representatives are Ann Oden, Katherine Sutter, Ann Todd, Lulu Deatrick, Gerrie Thulstrup, Arlene Lalashis, Mary Lou Leonard, June Berg, Leone Becker, and Carol Blameuser.

THE OCTOPUS

Did you see me crawl in last Thursday and Friday evenings? I think I may have been on the northeast corner of the stage, just behind the curtain Thursday night, and maybe I was swinging from the ceiling lights Friday evening. Anyway you were all spotted and applauded. My tentacles wove frantically into the air. Do you suppose Ruby Bowser will really look like that some day? Shades of — if she does. Maybe Scotland Yards will cable Bill Stevens for a personal interview. I'll have to see him about making his reservations with me. I'd like to float him across. Didn't you think it was a tossup between Gloria Bartz and Florence Gabel? I like gals like that.

Maybe that cute little Helen Miller should have had some glycerine tears. Pat Reiland was good, but then, how could she be anything but good, particularly since she has that good looking brother of hers to back her up all the time. Wonder if Jane Comstock had gum in her mouth last night? It seems I've heard she really likes her gum. Do you suppose Mrs. Esch would let me wear her red hat sometime? Think I'll wind myself up into a ball and sleep though your spring vacation. Heavens! Maybe an Octopus sprawls out when it sleeps. Cheerio.

Signed,

The Octopus

SCIENTIST SPOKE HERE

During the third period, Thursday, April 25, Dr. J. Speer from the Searle Pharmaceutic Company of Chicago addressed the chemistry classes here. His subject was "Chemical Research."

Tracksters Cont.

Carl 7, E. Fields 6, C. William 4, R. Becker 3, P. Anderson 3, D. Kuhn 2, L. Miller, B. Flynn, C. Barton, R. Fanning, 1 each. Nilehi captured seven seconds in this meet, whereas against Crystal Lake they had taken only three.

Un Gran Noche

A really grand evening was enjoyed in the soft continental atmosphere of the warmly decorated community room last Tuesday. The dusty spreading palms, soft lights, gay little tables surrounded by laughing Mexican senors y senoras, clicking castanets and undulating tangos—all blended into a mellowly romantic Spanish Fiesta. Costumes were bright and thrilling. The sombreros, flashing sarape, and jingling spurs made Meredith Madsen & Chris Lindhoy, the best dressed fellow and girl, feel quite proud of their honor. El torro turned the tables and chased the frightened matador from the arena. Then a quieter mood was assumed as the swaying couples dipped and spun to the sultry songs. Finally, complete silence fell after the sound of the laughing "adios" and slamming car doors had faded, and young Spain was left a silent and peaceful sleep.

Tracksters Show Improvement

On April 12, the first meet on Nilehi's new track was held with the Crystal Lake Varsity. The Niles Township "thinclads" garnered only 18 points against the 1939 Northeast Conference Champs. P. Anderson took second in the mile but has since bettered the time made by the Crystal Lake man. E. Fields captured second in the shot put and discus, losing the latter by only $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. He has since beaten the mark set in this meet. Those who made points were E. Fields 6, P. Anderson 3, R. Eichelkrant 2, L. Miller 1, C. Barton 1, D. Dever 1, B. Carl $\frac{1}{2}$.

Bob Eichelkrant opened the Libertyville meet on April 19, there, with the frosh - soph's initial first, a victory in the 120 low hurdles. This was the frosh - soph's first meet; they lost 85 - 10. The varsity squad, although losing this meet, 84 - 29, showed more speed and experience than in their previous meet, as was evidenced by an increase of 19 points. Point getters for Nilehi were B.

Sport Splatter

Last week the Trojan nine tied with Highland Park at the end of the fifth with a score of 4-4.

"Beany" Field placed second in the shot-put event in our first track meet with Crystal Lake.

All new members of the G. A. A. received their belated formal initiation at the mother-daughter tea. The candle lighting ceremony was very impressive.

Nilehi's first conference baseball game will be played against Warren this afternoon at Oakton Park.

After the volley ball tournament is completed the girl's gym classes will form a soft-ball baseball league.

Henceforth selected girls from the G. A. A. will tabulate the score sheets of all the home track meets.

Winners of the Tuesday third period shuffleboard tournament are Maralyn Woodworth and Estelle Thomas; they are both freshmen. Olga Krajchovich took the ping pong honors in the same class.

Volley ball critics of the girl's tournament state that the Termites will win.

Did you know that Violet Eifler boasts of 97 autographs of base ball players? She also has autographs of Max and Buddy Baer, Senator Scott Lucas and the late Wiley Post.

Start Training For Olympics

Coach Taylor announces that there are still places for would-be track stars. Nilehi boys are urged to take this chance for building up to future Olympic fame. Who knows, we may have some future "toppers" among our "thin clads" of 1940.

Baseball Highlights

First Conference Game Here Today

Today, Friday, April 26, Nilehi will play Warren here in the first conference baseball game of the season. Plan to cheer your team to victory.

On April 16, the Trojans played Highland Park; Boyk was pitching and Westerlund and Moore catching. The game ended in a 5 - 5 tie. Other games were played with New Trier, April 22, the Trojans were on the short end of a 5 - 2, and April 24, losing 15 - 2.

Coach Galitz hopes that the weather will continue to be good so that the team can get in some much needed practice.

Volley Ball Results

The final game of the lengthy volley ball tournament will be played to day between O'Connell's Little Angels and Domas's Dumbells.

Interesting results before the finals were as follows:

2nd period- Ben Domas's Dumbells defeated Kristoff's Jumpin' Jacks.

3rd period- Bill O'Connell's Little Angels defeated Hartney's 50 Fingers.

4th and 5th periods - Randquist's Dippy Dupes defeated Fiech's Blossoms.

7th Period - Bob Harm's Wishbone Boneheads beat Aliprandi's Jump in 5.

8th Period - Podraza's Pansies beat Hegarty's Lillies.

Intramural Championship Game Today

The last period today, April 26, was used for the play-off of the finals in intramural volley ball and ping pong. An all-school assembly was called.