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Pep Club Backs February Fling

The first week end of the new semester is certainly to be one of the biggest.

Friday night the Pep Club comes into its own, offering the "February Fling." This super attraction offers the music of Dick Lewis and his 14 piece band, a big favorite with schools and colleges along the North shore. Dick Boyd and June Ohlsen, in charge of the affair, promise that there will be special decorations to add to the charm of the dance.

All Pep Club members will be admitted free, merely upon asking for their tickets at the gymnasium door. Others will pay a nominal fee of \$1.00 a couple, or 75c for stags. Since this is one of the very few dances with a real orchestra, a large crowd is expected to turn out from 8 until 12.

The first home ball game in over a month will be played against New Trier Saturday night. This is the one the Trojans really want, as New Trier humbled them at the beginning of the season by a decisive margin. Since then both teams have beaten Evanston, and New Trier lost to Waukegan, the team that beat Nilehi by one point only. Last year's home encounter was won by the Trojans, 66-40.

The teams have broken even in the last two games, winning two at Leyden in easy fashion, and losing at Libertyville. With every player on both squads who made the trip getting in the games, the varsity won over Leyden 53-37 and the reserves 25-20.

Junior Senior Girls Pass Home Nursing

On Thurs., Jan. 28, eight junior and senior girls received certificates in Red Cross Home Nursing for completing a course which began early this fall.

Senior girls receiving certificates were: Marie Stritch, Catherine Kretch, and Germaine Monnig. Juniors: Bernice Tolzien, Lorraine Splett, Rose-Marie Norum, Eileen Molitor, and Marion Eichelkraut.

The class, which included women from Niles Township, planned for refreshments after class, and presented Miss Jorgenson, the instructor, with a plant and a box of candy.

Nilehi's Gold and Blue Has Gone to War

The Girls Auxiliary Corps, or the GACS, as they are called, had their first meeting Monday, January 18, in the Girl's gym. Membership is open to all girls in the high school. The purpose is to inform the girls as to preparation and requirements for entrance and advancement in the Women's Auxiliaries of the Armed Forces.

The meetings will consist of a 15 minute lecture, a 15 minute drill period, and 30 minutes of organized community service, such as assisting with Red Cross activities, Girls Auxiliary Corps, community health services, Poppy Day sales, etc.

The uniform will be a dark skirt and a light blouse or sweater. A blue armband with G.A.C. on it in orange thread will be worn at all times. Officers will receive insignia according to their ranks. Standards for advancement in rank are based on length of service, manner of handling responsibility, method of commanding companies, or conduct in them.

Victory Corps

Niles Township's students are now organizing a Victory Corps to aid in the war effort. The Corps is sponsored by the Forum and will consist of students who qualify by participating in various activities. Among these activities are: first aid and life-saving courses, air-raid service, messenger service, bandage rolling, Red Cross work, and others.

Anyone who enrolls will receive a general insignia. If they enroll for special service, they may receive a special insignia, such as air service, land service, etc.

One of the suggestions from booklets on the Victory Corps is to hold military drills. This has already been started in the Physical Education classes.

Pre-Induction Courses

Something new has been added. The something new is the pre-induction courses that will be added to the curriculum next semester, if enough students are interested. This applies only to junior and senior boys and girls. You may drop minor courses to enroll

in pre-induction courses, but it's impossible to change your major program. No minor credit will be given for pre-induction courses.

Basic radio code, if completed successfully, should develop a speed of ten words per minute. All students who enroll will enroll with the understanding that they will contribute half the cost of the equipment. The kit cost thirty-five dollars. The more students enrolling the less the cost per student. The course will be offered on Mondays the ninth period.

In review mathematics, offered on Wednesday the ninth period in room 306 by Miss Lytle, and Friday the first period in room 108 by Mr. Meier or Miss Ellerbrake. The teacher will help the student find his individual weaknesses and recommend exercises to them.

Mr. Kent will instruct pupils in simple laboratory tests commonly used in army and navy physical examinations. Instructions will be given Wednesday during the third period in room 316.

Mr. Larson's blueprint reading, offered on Friday the eighth period in room 100, will be the same as the one he taught at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Hardy Trojans Are Beaten by Cold

Nothing can stop the Trojans! — Except Jack Frost. All the Johnny Weissmuellers and Maureen O'Sullivans really showed their colors — blue! — during the cold wave of last Tuesday and Wednesday. After an entire semester of tough physical build-up in the gym classes, along comes a mere trifle like 15° below zero, and 500 of Niles Township's hardy students pull the blankets over their noses and forget that it's a weekday. Such is physical endurance.

The few sturdy souls who did brave the snows and Arctic winds to attend their beloved school looked lost in the three-quarters empty class-rooms. But

Anyway, never let it be said that none of our students are Trojans. There are the 300!

DISA & DATA Tidbits From Are You a Cold

Around The Corridors

Hey Spike! is a call that is heard up and down the hall incessantly. Of course, it doesn't have to be Spike — it could be Butch or Shorty. Just to be on the safe side here's a list of nicknames and originals for you to match. So next time an alias is called out in the hall you'll know who is being paged. You hope!

- The Owl — Bill Stockfish
- K. P. — Marilyn Tilton
- Doc — Mary Ann Wenzel
- Legs — Joan Taylor
- Tillie — Bob Farrell
- 4' 9 3/4" — Carol Ellis
- Sleepy — Bob Kunsy
- Hilda — Pat Bennett
- Sammy — Jack Ritter

It was too cold to go to school but not too cold for several girls to go downtown. Oh well, they did their good deed by singing for the mile of dimes on State street.

Eileen Molitor has been inconspicuously seen carrying a pipe in her purse.

Couples of the week:

- Robert Farrell and Mae Kennedy.
- Helen Kuehne and Dick Boyd.

What two seniors were seen playing "pie tag" from twelve to one o'clock after the Alumni Dance.

What girl with the initials M. C. made things very involved down in the office by looking for her girl friend who wasn't in school that day!?!?

Question of the week: Who tore the picture of Glenn Miller out of the new Metronome?

Sight of any week: Miss Meyers stalking prey in the library —

Or, then there's always Miss Kranz, very embarrassed, trying desperately to explain to one of her classes what she does with her evenings.

In case you're hungry (and who isn't) drop in at locker B-243 — open with can opener — reach into cookie jar which will be hanging on the hook and if you get your big hand mached in a rat trap it will serve you right. Those cookies are for steady customers only!

What teacher was it that rushed up to Miss Sayre in an assembly and demanded to know what home room she was in! Was it for talking, Miss Sayre?

We also admire Miss Johans and Mr. Isaacson for waiting patiently in line in the cafeteria along with the rest of the hungry clan.

Bettie Perrin claims she's going to get to the bottom of Bill Meyer's New Year's resolution.

Things we like to hear:

- dismissal bell
- Dr. Biehn making an announcement
- a dish breaking in the cafeteria
- a teacher laughing
- "Songs by Sinatra"

House Cleaning

By Joan Trietsch

Don't make just a shining house
Your only springtime goal,
Remember there's a time as well
For house cleaning the soul.

The mouldy dust of apathy
Scatters to the breeze,
Dig down deep into your heart
Unto the very lees.

Rout those musty cob-webs
Of selfishness and spite,
Poke into each corner
And see that things are right.

Cast off all that rubbish
That's been cluttering up your mind,
Hate and wear and bickerings
Leave them all behind.

Scrub and scour your conscience
Until it shines and gleams,
Then you'll know and not till then,
What a "House In Order" means.

Don't make just a shining house
Your only springtime goal,
Remember there's no time like now
For house cleaning your soul.

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Weather "Sissy"

In the last few weeks, Old Man Winter has bestowed a little rigid weather upon us, but did we mind? Well, of course we did, there are always those few inconveniences connected with a dropping temperature; the car freezes or the water pipes crack, and to top it all the forgotten milk on the back porch has to expand beyond the normal capacity of the bottle. However, these are mere trivialities, and as long as you only have to view the thermometer from the warm indoors, the weather really isn't bad.

After all, no one could be expected to go to school on a zero day, or at least that seems to be the general consensus of opinion in this locality. It couldn't be that any of us are afraid of the cold, its just that we're practical. Of course the schools in the northern states such as Minn. and North Dakota don't find it necessary to close down during cold sieges and the students and faculty usually manage to arrive. However, maybe those Eskimos are accustomed to it.

But, the next time the mercury drops below the zero mark, try to pursue your education anyway. Face the wind and gale to arrive at this institution of learning; and when your ears turn blue and those numb fingers start to drop off, be consoled. At least you're not a cold weather "sissy." Are you?

Pure Irony

"Practice what you preach" has become more than an old saying at Niles, at least for Miss Schaefer and Mr. Isaacson. The story behind this is long, but interesting!!

On Wednesday, the twentieth of January, the day of the big snow, if you'll remember (how could you forget) although less than half the students were at school, most of the teachers braved the storm and came to school. But not Schaefer and Mr. Isaacson. Oh no, these two fine teachers of physical fitness, "couldn't risk the gold winds, but stayed by their firesides (?) all day. Maybe they didn't want to take a chance on catching colds, and lose their records as perfect physical specimens. Or something. Who knows?

Besides, maybe their buses weren't running, or something. For he it from us to say anything against our dear teachers, 'cause we still love 'em. After all, we boys are here, and who are we not to like teachers?

Profiles

Not quite five feet tall, but certainly easy to see is one of Nilehi's red-haired seniors, Adele Bartz. Her favorite sports are swimming and volleyball. Being a dance fan, Harry James is tops on her list of dance-bands. She is strictly thumbs down on super length sweaters plus microscopic skirts, — to say the least about how she despises bleached or dyed hair— (and people who call her, "Red.")

Adele has shown a great deal of ability and enthusiasm in her commercial course at Nilehi, and has hopes of attending a business college after graduation.

"Hey mom, come here to the phone and help me on this interview, will ya?" — Such was the first quote we receive (unintentionally) from Bob Engert another carrot-topped senior who claims to have a hot temper to match. Bob does a pretty good job of releasing the heat thru his clarinet, and his success in music can readily be seen by an organization of his called the "Ensemble." Beside laboring furiously over this and that chemical mystery, Bob found time to take part in the school play. "Dramatics is a great subject. I like it a lot, — but what I'm really interested in is chemistry." After graduation he would like to continue studying at Notre Dame.

His most recent peeve is girls in slacks because, "well, they don't fit right."

Nile Hi Has Own Dr. I. Q. With Puzzlers

"Pardon me, Mr. Ohlson, I have a little puzzle here that has me stumped. I wonder if you could work it out for me."

Mr. Ohlson has, from time to time, been confronted by youngsters, oldsters, men, women, boys and girls asking him for results of puzzles.

There seems to be some mysterious inner yearning within many individuals to see that our professor is well supplied with perplexities. Below is one of his collections of "brain-teasers."

A man traveled five miles South, then five miles West; and here he shot a bear. He was now exactly five miles from his original point of departure. Question: What was the color of the bear?

The answer to this puzzle and another puzzle will appear in the next issue of the NileHilite.

Christmas Is Quiet For Teachers, Students

Upon speaking with a couple of members of the faculty, and by picking up a few stray pieces of gossip we were able to find out what a few people did with their vacations.

Miss Kranz, being the first one interviewed, had rather a busy and quiet but not very exciting vacation.

A. First few days graded History test papers and made out semester finals.

B. Went to see Porgy and Bess.

C. Attended a House Party on Christmas including the week end.

D. Did some shopping.

E. And to bring her vacation to an end she spent 3 days including New Years Day in bed with a chest cold.

Another teacher interviewed was Miss Johanns. She said "I did nothing but sleep."

A few of the students that we heard talking in the halls were.

Marie Sternberg, junior: "Went to 8 shows."

Ned Stowe, junior: "Worked half the time and slept the other half."



Color Guard Deserves Better Cooperation

All the students of Nilehi are aware of the fact that they have an appointed color guard, who are trained in the correct presentation, and retirement of the colors; but the student body as a whole does not seem to realize that they too have an importance in the ritual of the presentation of the flag. Most of the students stand at attention looking bored, or letting their eyes wander over the other people, or at the stage, when they should be facing straight ahead, reciting the pledge of allegiance, and joining in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The members of the color-guard, who are: Jerry Gafford, captain, John May, lieutenant, Herbert Jarosch, Fred Borneman, Robert Dittman, Jack Ohlsen, James Koyat, Erwin Dombrowski, Bert Bloethner, Warren Gockenbank, Jean Kelly, Nancy Perrin, Dorothea Wolcott, Shirley Gregor, Doris Hampton, Barbara Abbot, Frances Dutsch and Lenore Peters, under the direction of Miss Harbert, do their part well in the assemblies.

Mechanical Drawing Has Promising Students

Why do they build back rows anyhow? As headkeeper for the fourth period Mechanical Drawing class, Mr. Galitz has reason to wonder. For there sit a solid row of future architects — maybe — among them Bill Keiser, Jack Kitteredge, Dick Krewer, Leo Kuhn and Allen Nelson. Little angels at heart, they often find that temptation is mighty powerful. Witness one of their favorite little jokes directed at "Butch" Glauner. The windows are often frosted, and so, many is the time that the brunt of their joke has walked into the room to find etched upon the window pane—"Butch loves M.B."

The "A" student is Pete Conrad. Why? Because he sits in the front row. Two other "wise guys" are Bob Taylor and, marvel of marvels considering where he sits, Allen Nelson. The class joker is Pete Yeger. So much for them.

The class is studying machine drawings and designing their own one room huts (log cabins to you). One glaring mistake was made. John Handler, being told to design an ideal summer cottage for himself, drew up a view of a palatial mansion and then had to junk it. Don't worry Johnny, we know you had lofty principles.

Speaking of lofty principles, two other students, Jim Ferris and Bill Keiser, were caught in the act of — ah — shall we say, trading information. Were their faces red! Actually tho, we can't blame them. Figuring out some of those machine drawings is no cinch.

With such a class it's a wonder Mr. Galitz isn't an old fossil (??), but of course, this little group of horned angels isn't as bad as we've painted it. Actually most of them have passed Mr. Galitz's inspections with flying colors. By flying colors we mean that Mr. Galitz's colored pencil flew all over the page.

Bartz First To Hit 80 Words In Shorthand

The girl of the month, as far as shorthand is concerned, is Adele Bartz. Monthly tests are now being given to second year shorthand students under the direction of The Gregg Writer. In order to receive a certificate, the students must take dictation for five consecutive minutes and then transcribe their work 98% accurately. Adele wrote 80 words a minute for five minutes and transcribed her notes 98.5% accurately! She is the first student to receive the certificate. Congratulations, Adele!

This 'n' That

Intramural Basketball HD

Intramural quintets are turning on the steam with hope of becoming this year's basketball champs. As a result the leading teams are finding it hard to stay on top.

At the present the Wednesday section pacesetters are the Broncos (1st period), the Wolves (5th-6th period), and the Citadel (8th period). Leaders in the Thursday section are the Illini (1st period), the Wolverines and the Gophers (4th period-tie), the Badgers (5th-6th period), and the Braves (8th period).

On January 7 the Leader's Club of Niles Township High School held a party in the cafeteria.

The party was held in honor of Nancy Allen and Dottie Lund's birthday.

At 2:30 the club went to the cafeteria for refreshments and then they proceeded downtown to attend a show at the Chicago theater.

Students of home room 213 have been attempting to boost their sale of defense stamps by not eating candy during their lunch period on Wednesday, and using the money thus saved to buy stamps on Thursday. During the first three weeks that this plan was followed the stamp sale went up ten per cent. The students have decided to have their representative bring the idea up in the forum and suggest that it be made into an all-school affair.

There are many students in school who would like to play a musical instrument but feel they cannot because they do not own the desired horn. At this time, however the music department has a number of instruments which will be loaned to students who wish to enroll this semester. All those interested see Mr. Collins at once.

The music major and appreciation classes, under Miss Klaus, have taken over the showcase across from the assembly hall for the month of January. Each week the exhibit shall be based on a different phase of music, including symphony, opera, patriotic and classical composers. Projects displayed were made by members of the class. Books displayed are from the school library and available to all interested in reading material on varied phases of the world of music.

Music Department Prepares Concert

The band and orchestra has already begun preparation for their spring concert. Some new music, including overtures, rhapsodies, novelty numbers, and a trombone and piccolo duet, has recently been purchased for presentation at this performance.

In the very near future tryouts for places will also be held and those instrumentalists who best perform scales, the concert music, and sight reading will be attributed first chair positions. It is felt that in this way more enthusiasm and effort will be aroused, resulting in an even better and more successful spring concert.

Scrap Drive Asks "Give Your All"

All those keys, lipstick cases, papers, rubber bands, etc., that have been lying around for so long just taking up space, can now be put to a good use. The Scrap Drive Committee, headed by Beverly Kramer, reports that great plans are being made for the future.

A January drive for old pennies has been held, when anyone who receives pennies in change, in the cafeteria, etc., will, if he's really patriotic, drop them in a little box especially provided for them.

In following weeks drives will be held for rubber bands, old paper, keys, and other small articles, which will be placed in a contribution box in the front hall.

All the students should cooperate with the committee. After all, you don't need those old keys and things, you can even do without those pennies — only for a week at a time. The government can do a lot more with them than you can!

Noontime Boredom Finally Remedied

In order to lessen the crowds in the cafeteria and to provide entertainment for students during the lunch periods, the assembly room has been turned into a game room. The sponsors of this transformation are Mr. Flagg, Miss Schafer, Miss Spikings, and Miss Klaus.

The room has been equipped with ping pong tables, a juke box, and will

Girls Becoming Tracksters in Gym

The boys aren't the only ones acquiring super-physiques. Many of Nilehi's damsels are planning on being girl commandos. The obstacle course was used diligently during milder weather, and with ice and snow came "basic stunts"—simple little things like holding one foot in the air and jumping over it with the other one. And also jumping suddenly into the air, turning completely around, and landing squarely in your footprints without losing your balance.

And now the femmes must dash wildly around the gym ten times or more without even pausing for a breath. Dolores Chapman went around sixty-seven times and then fell into a deep slumber.

Perhaps it's wise to toughen up the girls as well as the boys, but all we can say is, "Boys! Watch out for Leap year!"

Slacks --- To Be Or Not To Be

Wednesday morning, during home-room period, an all-girl assembly was held in the assembly room, on the matter of girls wearing slacks in school.

The purpose of the assembly was to inform the girls that it is permissible to wear slacks in school, depending upon whether they are warm or not.

This idea on the kind of slacks to wear, and how to wear them was conveyed to the girls by means of models. Some girls wearing their slacks rolled up, and leaving their blouses outside, illustrated how sloppy you can look in slacks if they're not worn right. Other girls modeled very neat and trim slacks, and helped their other classmates to see how nicely dressed girls can look in slacks if they are worn neatly, carefully, and properly fitted.

soon have a few dart games. If students would like to dance they are requested to bring their own records to supply the juke box.

A new plan to be put in effect soon will be the dividing of the lunch period into two shifts. At one time, then, the boys will play off their ping pong tournament in one shift and the girls will do the same in the next shift. The winners of these tournaments will have their names inscribed on the athletic plaques.