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## Seniors Busy Planning Graduation June 16

The 223 seniors of Niles Township High School are finding the last two weeks of school a busy time.

Next week the seniors will have the Commencement Exercises and the Senior Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. on June 16, in the cafeteria. The theme as yet is secret. There will be singing under the direction of Miss Clara Klaus, and scholastic awards will be given under supervision of Harold Ohlson, senior class adviser.

The commencement exercises start at 8:30 p.m. in the gym on June 16.

The speaker at the exercises will be Bergen Evans, professor of English at Northwestern University.

Last week the Board of Education of Niles Township honored 67 outstanding seniors at an annual banquet. This is limited to approximately 60 seniors, and some deserving students had to be left out, according to Mr. Ohlson.

## 'Reflections' Distributed; Next Year's Editor Chosen

Sign my book? This is the question of the week since the yearbooks were distributed yesterday. The "Reflections" have the same number of pages as last year's yearbook: 64.

With the arrival of the "Reflections," Mr. Paul Eberhardt, yearbook adviser, announced two of next year's officers: Joyce Swartz, editor-in-chief, and Jean Votava, photography editor. This year's editor-in-chief was Kathy Russakov.

Yearbooks were sold for \$3.00 each before June 3 and now are being sold for \$3.50, according to Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, financial adviser. 765 sales have been made up to June 3.

## Choose Officers for Fall

The spotlight has shifted to the 1949-50 officers of the Dramatics club elected at the last meeting of the year. They are Barbara Banghart, president; Rozsika Carroll, vice-president; Elsa Stromberg, secretary; Joan Lacey, treasurer, and Edith Brunt, business manager.

The new officers were announced at the banquet held by the Spotlighters June 1 at Weller's, according to Miss Virginia Stemp, sponsor.

The "Senior Salute," a senior dance and the last get-together of the class before the graduation breakfast, will be given tonight at 8:15 in the assembly. There will be music by the Blue Notes; refreshments will be served.

## Fine Arts Department Makes Awards To 100 Nilehi Students in Assembly June 6

Nilehi held a Fine Arts assembly last Monday, June 6, with more than 100 N. T. H. S. students receiving awards in Latin, debate, speech, mathematics, art, dramatics, and choral and instrumental music. The Girls' Glee Club, Boys' Glee Club, Freshman Boys, and Choir sang a few numbers.

Mrs. Joy Weigand, Latin instructor, presented awards to Sandra Moberg and Gail Westgate, freshmen; Barbara Pergande, Joan Searing, and Don Walter, sophomores.

Debate honors were given to the following students by their coach, Mr. John L. Betts: Ed Archibald, Don Verlenden, Jim Arthur, and Tom Shields, seniors; John Young, Ashley Craig, and Nancy Gerhardt, juniors; Allan Weissberg, Jack Nettland, Barbara Shields, Eleanor Smith, Junarden Williams, Mary Palmer, Alice Schilt, and Marsha Saar, sophomores.

Many future actors and actresses were handed major and minor certificates by Miss Virginia Stemp, dramatics teacher. The major award winners were Dick Martin, junior; Marilyn Corduan, Mary Morse, Joanne Day, Angie Vosnos, Jo Quesnell, Glen Freres, Judy Larson, Kenneth Gengler, Nancy Thiell, Karyl Marholz, and Tom Madden, seniors.

Minors went to Doris Jean Lyde, Marjorie Forbes, Joan Hamlet, Beattie Bornemeier, Elizabeth Elkin, and Barbara Banghart, juniors; Bill Graefen, Armin Watkins, Kaye Jaeger, Barbara Maeder, and Tom Robb, seniors.

Angie Vosnos, senior, received a special gold honor pin for the largest amount of honor points and extra activity.

In the choral music department, Miss Clara Klaus, director, presented major music awards with honors to Eleanor Dyrssen, Joan Falk, Dona Korsmo, Leonard Maier, Frank McNeill, Patty Meyer, Audrey Norlof, Bob Peterson, Sandra Ravencroft, Nancy Thiell, Frances Tom-

czak, and Don Verlenden, seniors.

Those that earned major pins were Joan Ash, Nancy Charland, Pete Heiniger, Lenny Lange, and Mary Jane Netwig, juniors; Eleanor Dyrssen, Sandra Ravencroft, Betty Loefgren, Pat Schmidt, Elsie Odegaard, Carolyn Hardin, Dorothy Schuh, and Edith Walther, seniors.

Minor certificates went to Louise Ewing, Theresa Margalski, Pat Newman, and Eleanor Smith, sophomores; Anne Brown, Joy Dudick, Lillian Forbes, Jackie Greenwood, Joan Hamlet, Evelyn Kienzler, Julia Krueger, Nancy Lane, Joan Mertes, Jane Nymark, Joan Senick, Joan Turnquist, Ashley Craig, Dan Winger, Joe Donovan, and Dick Ferris, juniors; Esther Schaal and Tom Robb, seniors.

The members of Nilehi's band received their awards from Mr. Clifford Collins, director. Those that got senior awards were Elmo Barrow, Donna Belik, and Gerald Dreyer, sophomores; Jay Dahn and Ted Dolan, juniors; Jean Artelt, senior.

Second-year awards were given to Brent Hauger, Richard Hogan, Robert Johnson, Steve Tompkins, James Wise, and Dan Baumann, sophomores; Doris Krause, senior.

Third-year awards went to Ronald Peterson and Sylvia Miller, juniors; Eleanor Dyrssen, senior. The students that got fourth-year awards were Elaine Wolitski, Tom Madden, Bill Van Horne, and Donita Yost, seniors.

Mr. John Wilkins, art instructor, handed six of Nilehi's artists their awards. Majors went to Bob Dickens and Stuie Russell, seniors. Minors were awarded to Joan Ash, Joan Hamlet, and Jeanine Jacobs, juniors; Dick Hornash, senior.

Ann Morrison, senior, was presented honors in mathematics by Mr. Thomas Kiviluoma, instructor.

## Oratorical Contest Prizes Awarded to 3 in Speech Class

The American Legion Oratorical Contest, held June 3 in the assembly room at Nilehi, and the Skokie Legion Post, was a success from the oratorical standpoint, according to Mr. Ronald Van Arsdale, public speaking instructor.

The orators were Dorothy Hartigan, Joyce Creaves, Joan Geng, Bill Graefen, Pat Schnur, Tom Shields, Pat Sommer, Herbert Veit, Don Verlenden, John Young, Armin Watkins, Jim Arthur, and Jim McKimmon, all of the public speaking class.

The winners chosen from this group were Don Verlenden, senior, first place; John Young, junior, second place; and Jim McKimmon, senior, third place.

## Typists Show Their Skill

The students in the beginning typing class at Nilehi who have a degree of typing skill have recently been awarded their Competent Typist cards.

These awards are given to first-year typing students who completed a ten-minute typing test with no fewer than 30 correct words per minute and no more than five errors.

Champion typist is Barbara Stehle, who reached the speed of 449 words per minute with no errors.



## Two Girls Rank One and Two in Scholarship In Senior Class; Activities Rank High, Too

Know who the valedictorian of this year's senior class is? Audrey Nordlof!

Audrey said she had the biggest shock of her life when Mr. Ohlson, senior adviser, told her she ranked first in the senior class—she hadn't even thought of it.

Some of the activities that have kept Audrey busy at school are the Water Carnival, Reflections Revelry, all the music programs, GOLDEN GALLEON staff, yearbook financial staff, and the NILEHILITE staff. She is also president of the Hi-C Club this year. Being in the National Honor Society and invited to the 60 Banquet are two more honors bestowed upon this pretty blonde, blue-eyed girl.

Audrey, who just came "of age" June 2, has plenty of interests to keep her going. Among them is her piano playing, mostly for her own amusement, she says, although she is the pianist at the Skokie Bible Church. Other interests are taffy pulls (memories), dark haired men, interesting personalities, and California—the weather maybe?

Audrey will enter Northwestern's School of Liberal Arts, to which she won a scholarship, next September, but her plans for this summer are indefinite. Just "work and have fun" is what she is planning now.

Some of Audrey's dislikes include jealous people and teachers who increase the amount of homework at the first sign of spring!

On May 25 members of the Visual Aids Club went to the Ampro Assembly Plant to watch demonstrations on the machines. The boys saw how projectors are assembled and learned short cuts in threading the machines, according to Mrs. Dorothy Hind, club sponsor.

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Where there's smoke there's fire, but if it happens to be coming from the typing room, fourth period, it might be Rose Marie Denk typing a ten-minute test. Rosie is not only salutatorian of this year's graduating class, but she is also secretary of the 100 Per Cent Club and has really piled up shares for those perfect papers.

This five-foot one-inch blonde, "sweet sixteen" until next September, graduated from Lincolnwood Grade School and later transferred to Nilehi from St. Scholastica.

Homerom 306 is one of Rosie's favorite "classes" (so many characters!) and phys. ed. is another. She was captain of a volleyball team in the ninth period class, and led her team on to a beautiful record of...all losses but one!

Rosie's choice "man" would be blonde, athletic, preferably a "manual laborer!" She likes to knit, and "enjoys" taking care of her sister and brother, aged one and three respectively.

Rosie's blue eyes light up at the mention of barbecued spare ribs, shrimps, picnics, dancing, shows, the Sigma O's, and semi-classical music—"Shangri-La" is her current favorite.

Fast drivers and stingy people are pet peeves, as well as warm weather and errors in speed timings.

Next fall will find our salutatorian working in the Loop (she hopes) as someone's secretary—a manual laborer's, perhaps?

## Tense Drama Is Enacted Inside Yellow Prison Walls

Night settled over the yellow prison building, but the two men, writing madly in the warden's office, took no notice. There was much work to be done, and the brass-plated clock on the banana-colored wall showed that there was all too little time left.

At 8:10 a serge-suited guard pranced into the room.

"Hu-Hump," he gasped.

"Well, what do you want?" said the warden as he laid his Parker "51" down.

"All prisoners are present and accounted for," and with those words the guard left the room.

The warden reached into his pocket and pulled forth a purple and yellow polka-dot handkerchief.

"Frankly speaking," said the warden as he mopped his brow, "the idea of letting loose 220 prisoners, all at one time, worries me."

"They're all eligible for parole, aren't they?" said the aid as he gazed longly out of the window at a red Chevy convertible.

The warden nodded glumly, then rising out of his genuine artificial leather chair, "Well," he said, "let's go."

Then they both walked into the gym to watch the class of 1949 graduate from Nilehi.

## Girl Scares Snake in Pshchology Class

S-N-A-K-E—just the sound of this word is enough to make most people—boys and girls, alike—squirm uncomfortably! The word, however, is more frightening than the reptile itself, and perhaps you'd agree if you took psychology with Mr. Leo Babcock this year.

If you should ever see a slimy object slithering through the grass, don't think that it is a snake. Snakes are not slimy, according to Jack Brown and Chuck Owen, sophomores and "snake lovers."

Jack's "snake farm" in the back of his house has taught him that most fears pertaining to snakes are absolutely senseless. To relieve others of the hysteria they feel on seeing these "cute little fellows" slithering through the grass, Jack brought two garter snakes to psychology class, gave a talk, and invited class members to come up and handle the snakes.

One of the girls, who still wasn't quite convinced, shivered and shook so much that she nearly scared the snake to death. Other members of the class, including Mr. Babcock, became quite friendly with them, and have finally earned to leave their fears behind.

## SHORT CUTS

Nilehi's school band, directed by Mr. Clifford Collins, led the annual Memorial Day parade in Morton Grove on Monday, May 31.

Following a program at the Morton Grove School, the parade formed and waded through the town and to the park by band members and four twirlers: Dottie Bowles, Arlene Hoffman, Charlene Eifler, and Ruth Whaener.

According to Mr. Collins, an invitation to lead the procession was offered by Mr. Carl Eckhart, commander of the Morton Grove Legion Post that sponsors the ceremony each year.

The result of the Chess Club tournament, held on Wednesday, June 1, was a tie between Leslie Klevay and Jack Brown.

A final play-off between Leslie and Jack was held Tuesday, June 6. The results are not known at the time of this writing.

Jack Brown had won from Ted Eckert in the semi-finals, and Les Klevay had won from Floyd Braeske.

Jean Kelly, junior, was selected by Miss Alice Line, clothing instructor, to represent Nilehi at the Junior Red Cross Training Center to be held at the Lake Forest Academy from July 6 to July 14.

The purpose of this Training Center is to develop an ability in students to interpret J.R.C. and its program within their respective schools, according to Miss Line.



## Sport Slants

By Ed Beebe

On June 8 and 10, junior and senior life-saving tests were given to all Nilehi boys qualifying for the swimming exams. Instructions in the art of canoe-handling were also given.

Since the school year is quickly drawing to a close, yours truly thought maybe a few of the senior athletes who will graduate next week might have something to say on why they participated in athletics at Nilehi. So, Bill Bruce of the sports staff went out and dug up these answers:

**Tom Black:** "Athletics give me a goal to work toward."

**Jack Larsen:** "I really like football a lot."

**Dick Prevost:** "It makes school more enjoyable, and it gives you something to work for."

**Bob Lindahl:** "I decided to go out for swimming because I had just learned how to swim and it was something new to me."

**Don Siegel:** "It's got me stumped."

The names of the spring sports award-winners can be found in the local Skokie papers, as they were not available for this printing.

Coach James Phipp's varsity baseball team will compete in the Suburban League next spring.

It's time to close up the old column for this year. It has been a lot of fun writing it, and here is a wish for better athletics at Nilehi in years to come!

## Golfers Down Northbrook

The Niles Township High School golfers had their ups and downs, as they lost one match, won another, and took second place in the Northeast Conference meet, all in one week.

The Northeast Conference match, held at Leyden on May 26, was won by Arlington with a group score of 310. Niles was second, and Leyden third. The individual scores for the Trojan linksmen were Floyd Braeseke, 77; Ken LaPlant, 83; Dick Bauman, 84; Ted Eckert, 86.

In a dual match with Arlington, Nilehi was defeated by a score of 12-3, on May 23 at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. The Trojans had previously beaten the Cardinals on the Arlington home course.

The varsity linksmen defeated Northbrook on a default. The score was Niles 8½; Northbrook, 6½. The default was caused by the absence of Northbrook's fifth man.

## Seniors Win Tournament

For the first time an inter-class baseball tourney was held at Niles on June 1 and 2. In the first games the seniors played the juniors, while the sophomores faced the frosh. The seniors won handily, 12-1. The sophs took a close one from the frosh, 6-5.

In the finals, Mr. Phipps' seniors defeated the sophomores, 10-0, and the freshmen downed the juniors for third place. The tourney ended the 1949 baseball season.

## Trackmen Win Last Conference Crown

A very excited and a very happy track team was welcomed back to Niles Township High School Thursday evening, May 26, when they carried home the last of the Northeast Conference trophies.

Because of the break-up of the Northeast Conference in 1948, only three schools were entered in the last conference athletic event of the Northeast area—Leyden, Arlington, and Niles.

Niles, however, was the victor only by the slim margin of one and one half points—64-62½, of which Arlington was on the shorter end. Leyden came in at the show position with a total of 32½ points.

The meet, held under the lights of Leyden Township, was cited to end in a victory for Arlington. The Nilehi condermen, however, were determined to bring back that trophy for their coach Charles W. Hussey, who was ill at home. Harold Isaacson, had of the athletic department at Niles and assistant track coach, filled in for Mr. Hussey during his absence.

The track was unusually fast, producing a 10-second hundred-yard dash by Busse of Arlington.

Trojan placing went as follows: 120 yard high hurdles—Gawrys (4); 100 yard dash—DeStories (3), Walter (4); mile run—Buerk (1), Grafke (2); 440 yard dash—DeStories (1), Cornell (2); 440 frosh-sonn relay—Niles (1) O'Grady, Gawrys, W. DeStories, Walter; 200 yard low hurdles—Siegel (4); Mile med'ey relay—Niles (1) (Eutterworth, Pasek, Walter, Bruce); 220 yard dash—DeStories (3), Kennedy (4); 880 yard run—Grafke (1), W. DeStories (2); shot put—Kennedy (2) tie; discus—Boznos (3); pole vault—Heiniger (2), Graefen (4); high jump—Nipper (1) tie, Seidler (3) three way tie; broad jump—Nipper (1), Graefen (3).

The records show that the Trojan tracksters had a very good season, finishing with six wins and two losses and a second in the Palatine Relays, there they were defeated by Arlington by three points.

## Lincoln, Cleveland Win In Grade Track Tourney

The annual Niles Township Grade School track meet was held Tuesday, May 24 on the Nilehi Athletic Field. Both boys and girls competed, according to Mr. Charles Hussey, Nilehi track coach.

Boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades comprised the light-weight division. Boys and girls in the seventh and eighth grade made up the heavy-weight division.

Victory in the boys' division went to Lincoln School with a total of 63½ points. Morton Grove was second with 43½ points; Cleveland third, 41½; Sharp Corner, 34; Niles 14; Golf, 13½; Lincolnwood, 13; Niles Twp. Lutheran, 9; East Prairie, 4.

In the girls' division, Cleveland dominated the scene taking first place with 38½ points. Niles was second with 22½ points; Sharp Corner, 22; Niles Twp. Lutheran, 18; Lincoln, 16; Morton Grove, 14; East Prairie, 11½; Golf, 10½.

## Hoag Sweeps Field In Track Pentathlon

Nilehi held its First Annual Pentathlon track and field meet on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Charles Hoag of Oak Park High School dominated the field of 13 by sweeping first-place honors with 5219 points. Kenton Peters of Glenbard was second with 4629; Steve Behr, Highland Park, 4333; William Frederick, Thornton Township, 4275; and Ed Roth, Evanston, 4176.

Ward Nipper, competed for Nilehi. Ward competed in the 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard dash, discus, broad jump, and high jump.

Hoag took four first places out of the five events in which he competed. His times and distances: 220-yard dash, 23.1 seconds; high jump, 5 ft. 10 in.; broad jump, 20 ft. 5¼ in.; discus, 153 ft. 7 in.; shot, 48 ft. 8½ in.

## Glamazons

By Danna Barbour

The cheering-squad for 1949-50 has been selected, according to Miss Montgomery, sponsor. Girls who made the squad are Marilyn Reiland, Shirley Timberg, Jane Bastow, Doris Lyde, Joan Andrews, and Violet Kubany. One more will be added next fall to be chosen from the incoming freshmen and new students.

### Badminton

Ruth Munsterman and Bev Shade came out at the top of the list for badminton players. In the final game of the tourney, Ruth and Bev defeated Julia Dean and Sandra Weber, who put up a very tough fight, according to "Monty."

### G.A.A. Doings

Top point honors for G.A.A. this year go to Elaine Esch, senior, with 2000 points, which entitles her to the second state award. First state awards go to Ruth Munsterman, Alice Clarkens, and Emma Copeland with 1600 points. All awards will be presented tomorrow at a Nilehi play day for G.A.A. members, according to Miss Heitmann.

Officers elected to the G.A.A. Board for the next term are Pat Walne, president; Bev Dilly, vice-president; Evelyn Steward, secretary; Joyce Baumann, treasurer.

As this is my last column for the NILEHILITE, it's time to say so-long to the Glamazons. It's been fun writing for you.

N.T.H.S.  
Summer Swimming  
Schedule  
High School Students  
Monday, 8-9 p.m.



## You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby . . .



Pictured above are four people that most seniors have seen around Nilehi for four years. Can you recognize them as babies? Answers are in the ears at the top of page one.

## This 'n' That - Senior Memories of '49

We all know hat beauty plus brains equals any Nilehi girl, but did you know that:

Hot rods plus "huh?" minus steady girl equals Ken Steele?

Keen Teen plus baby face plus "oh no!" equals Sandy Ravencroft?

Cute plus boyfriends plus personality equals June Sprungman?

Photos plus "oh brother!" plus Braun girls equals Rick Tamburino?

Dramatics plus petite plus speaking voice equals Angie Vosnos?

"Now, dear..." plus slow drawl minus feather cut equals Phyllis Yates?

Ideas plus prom leader candidate plus "Cupid's Corner" equals Betty Loeffgren?

Scholarship minus girls plus sports equals Ed Beebe.

Bewildered expression plus Nancy minus Caddy convertible equals Bill Bruce?

Finger-nails plus dark eyes minus eye-equals Bill Graefen?

Feature stories plus sarcasm plus Lois equals Bill Grtefen?

Editor-it-chief plus steady girl plus deadlines equals Bill Heveran?

Clothes minus dateless weekends plus wink equals Dona Korsmo?

National Honor Society plus grin plus efficiency equals Judy Larson.

Basketball plus character parts plus "weird" equals Mary Morse?

Valedictorian plus California plus piano equals Audrey Nordlof?

Senior column plus artistic ability equals Marilyn Lee?

"Her car" plus Wheaton plus chemistry equals Ruth Munsterman.

Glamazons plus red hair plus Marty

equals Donna Barbour.

All the above names plus journalism equals the seniors on the NILEHILITE staff.

Class of '49 memories:

Motto — It pays to be ignorant.

Song — "I'm Sittin' on Top of the World."

Colors — Black and blue.

Flowers — Bachelor Buttons and Bleeding Hearts.

## 'Schnook Book' Breathes Last With Old Nilehilite Review

By Bill Graefen

The volume ten, number one issue of this, you, NILEHILITE, welcomed six new teachers to Nilehi—Miss Dorothy Lunz, Miss Helen Heitmann, Miss Virginia Stemp, Mr. George Adams, Mr. Charles Suydam, and Mr. Eugene Napier—three men and three women—hmmm!

Issue two stated that Nilehi enrollment dropped for the first time in the history of the school.

In number three we took the place of our parents at home—each student with the aid of his mother's bridge schedule and racing form got the chance to visit many of the touts and card fiends that he had not formerly known.

Dewey came out on top in number four...Skip it! Some schnook started a "Perfect Date" column.

I didn't have many stories in issue five.

Issue six found capacity crowds at "June Mad" and the two people that came each night said it was wonderful.



Along about graduation time, seniors look back upon their past four years and all seem to agree that they will miss everything about Nilehi. Here are a few remembrances of some of our outgoing graduates:

**Bill Campbell:** Graduation, but only because I'll not be here.

**Karyl Marholz:** All the new words I learned in Mrs. Baker's English Class..

**Bernie L'nig:** I enjoyed the '48 Prom better than anything else. I'll always miss it.

**Gil Kluesing:** I'll miss all the nice girls I've taken out these past four years.

**Pat Schmidt:** P. E. Class the Style Shows, and lunch.

**Ken Steele:** The last game of the '45 football season when we had a fight with Crystal Lake.

**Dorothy Hannemann:** January 7, 1949. But definitely!

**Helen Glennie:** The spring tour, I'll never forget it.

**Bill Van Horne:** The '48 Reflections Revelry, "Behind The Scenes."

**Carol Briggs:** The state finals for the baseball team last spring at Peoria.

**Henry Jostock:** The Chemistry Lab. Need I say more?

**Ed Bruce:** May 26, when we won the '49 conference track meet, and Ruthie.

**Barb Martinson:** The Springfield trip because the phone was so handy.

**Bill Heveran:** A "certain" sophomore girl and the swell attitude of the kids at Niles compared to another high school.

**Nancy Thiell:** Dramatics, Music, and the kids.

**Dennis Joyce:** The "aroma" in the boys' locker room second period.

**Elsie Odegaard:** All the fun I've had with all the kids.

**Tom Reed:** Homework!!

Issue seven came out on Friday, January 21.

Number nine welcomed Victor Griffin from Morocco; waved farewell to the '49ers who climbed in and out of different mouths looking for gold.

Issue eleven was all wet -- water all by going to "Reflections Revelry." Some perfect date started a "Schnook" column.

Issue eleven was all wet—water all over the front page.

The Prom leaders were chosen in issue thirteen—and those freshmen who say there's nothing to that old superstition—"I'll give 'em a shot in the head!"

Several issues had the two middle pages printed upside down. There was a rumor going around that this was just an attempt on the part of the gym instructors to get each reader to stand on his head to keep in shape for track.

And here we are in this the last and final issue of the 1948-1949 school year—aw, I'm tired. You read this one!