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Nilehi Goes 'All Out' for Defense Work

Friday Is Payment Deadline For 'Instalment' on Annual

What has forty pages, a black and white cover, and is full of picture after picture of you and your friends in a certain midwestern high school of some 800 students?

You guessed it, the Nilehi Reflections for 1942 is hot "on the press" and is due to be ready for delivery some time around June 1.

Rumor has it that Editor Dick Hartney and the journalism class, Mr. John Benette and his photography class, the engraver, and the printer are collaborating mightily in order to make this the finest Nilehi Reflections ever.

Naturally, our financially struggling seniors will receive their copies of the yearbook free, this being a custom at Nilehi (and something you freshmen will appreciate in '45). To the rest of the students the price is a meager 50-cent down payment in the cafeteria next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. The second installment of 75 cents will be paid at time of delivery.

A few ice cream cones forsaken now and then, a date at home some Saturday night instead of going out, bowling a few lines less than usual, and you've got your \$1.25. You still don't see how it's done? Okay, here's an itemized self-budget list for you —

- (1) Ten sticks of gum (sounds like a lot of gum to do without but it really isn't)..... .10
- (2) Candy (save on sugar you know)15
- (3) Two forsaken ice cream cones .10
- (4) Saturday evening at home... .60
- (5) Less bowling (That adage about practice making perfect doesn't work in this sport anyway)30

Surprisingly simple, isn't it. Now let's see you do it.

Is it worth it? Who said that? Of course it is, upwards to 150 pictures, a striking white on black cover, our athletic teams in action, all this year's Nilehilites in the back at no-extra cost, a pictorial review of this year's school events, and, most of all, a book which you will look upon in coming years as an increasingly valued possession.

Save Your Pennies



Reading, from right to left, are Pat Canty and James Tagney, two far-seeing freshmen who are looking ahead to the day when they will be owners of their first yearbook, the Nilehi Reflections of 1942. Jim, as the picture shows, is saving his money so that he can make the 50-cent down payment Tuesday.

This Makes It Official; Forum Has a President

Bob Moore is now officially the president of the Student Faculty forum. At an election held on February 10 Bob was reelected by one vote over Bob Eichelkraut, the only other nominee.

If the reader is confused, it's like this: Bob always was president, but it was recently discovered that, being an alternate, he was not actually entitled to hold office.

Three actions could be taken to remedy this situation: 1, That alternates be made equal with representatives; 2, That the office be declared open and a reelection held; 3, That all representatives and alternates from Bob's home room resign, making it possible for him to be a representative and eligible for office. The third choice was taken.

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

— GEORGE WASHINGTON

Model Aeroplanes, Stamp Sales Help

War industry has invaded Nilehi. Since the navy has requested the youth of the nation to build 500,000 model aeroplanes, Mr. L. R. Mackey's woodshop classes have taken on Skokie's quota of 50, to be built upon arrival of the government plans.

Ordinary materials and methods cannot be used and this is why the job is so difficult. As much care must be taken in the model's construction as in the construction of the model's prototype. It must be carved out of wood, to a perfect scale, and must be in three dimensions.

These little ships will be used to train fliers and anti-aircraft crews. At 35 feet, for instance, one of these models will show up in the gun sight exactly as a real aeroplane would appear at just under half a mile.

On Monday the United States Office of Education will distribute working blueprints for 20 types of ships.

But That's Not All:

On the cash side of Nilehi's defense effort the sale of Defense Stamps in the home rooms continued in high gear with "history repeating itself" as the seniors of Miss Adelaide Berry's home room led for the third consecutive week.

However, last week, the fourth week, it was a different story with two home rooms, Mr. Harold Isaacson's sophomores in 213 and Miss Louise Myers' seniors in the library, both reporting 100% returns for the first time. The library had finished high in the standings for three weeks and last Friday Ruth Oppice, chairman of stamp sales in the library, finally inveigled her senior colleagues to "come through" and beat their class rivals in Miss Berry's room.

Sales Reach \$801.20

Total sales to date have reached \$801.20, a figure far beyond the original hopes of Miss Marie Green, faculty chairwoman of the drive, and the Student Faculty forum Defense Stamp committee. The highest figure yet reached was during the week ending January 23 when a total of \$295 worth of stamps was sold.

WHOZIT

Tall and lanky with red-brown hair, His pleasing half-grin is always there. His constant drawing in class all day Angers his teachers beyond dismay. As he walks down the hall on size 13 "pegs,"

The kids fondly call him, "Pretzel-legs."

Lawrence Miller

Match'em

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Eugene Lebbin | Chubby |
| Jack Harrer | Bellylaugh |
| Francis Keegan | Lemon Juice |
| Bill Harris | Birdbrain |
| Herbert Mueller | Duckfoot |
| Herman Aliprandi | Porky |
| Wayne Barton | Hair-bow |
| Cliff Whittington | Apple Brandy |
| Tom MacCleary | Doc |
| Floyd Hunziker | Buster |
| Bob Moore | Skinhead |
| Bob Freres | Big Stoop |
| Charles Artner | Jelly Roll |

Profile

Long and Short of it Have Influence on Rita

Skokie 3133. Yes that's her phone number but chances are the line will be busy. That's to be expected from a person with as varied interests as Rita Miller, Nilehi senior. Tops on her list of diversions is Davey Jones who is somewhat of a glorious hobby with Rita and from the feminine viewpoint that's not hard to understand.

In spite of her many interests the bronzed belle has managed to maintain a C average in her scholastic endeavours and still finds time for dancing and knitting.

Eccentricities singularize Rita who blends her own lipstick from scattered remnants of used tubes which anyone would have long since discarded. Short skirts, 99 44/100 percent obliterated by overgrown sweaters, comprise her favorite garb, and a station wagon coat protects the beloved ensemble from snow and rain. Speaking of rain, Rita is one of those fortunate individuals who doesn't fear for her hair when rain threatens. Her ebony locks possess a much-envied natural wave.

Allergy causes Rita a great deal of trouble and it takes anything from Guy Lombardo to permanents and long skirts to bring on violent spasms of disapproval.

"My life is now an open book," revealed Rita in closing her interview. "The only trouble is the royalties aren't high enough!"

Niblets: Special Inside Story of a Rat; Starling 'Blitz' Electrifies Lunch Period

Trudging through February we find many things to be thankful for. Just remember, you weren't the poor gym floor at the Donkey Basketball game. Did it take a beating! Lincoln, bless his heart, arranged his birthday on a Thursday this year. No priorities on wood were also a great aid on Monday, February 9, because toothpicks were in demand to keep tired eyes open to see:

Couple of the Week: Norris Mullen-dore and Phyllis Fribourg.

Was there a sale on white wool, or have the girls been deciding to be nurses? Something must have happened, judging from the number of girls in vanilla wool; lately, there were Mary Kay DeWitt, Irene Neumann, Joan Blameuser, and Gloria Westerberg.

Song of the Week: "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

"Now you see 'em, now you don't" was the motto for the oratorical contest. First they handed out certificates; then immediately asked for them back because they weren't properly signed. Then the medals came but they weren't the real ones — ahem! At this point we got suspicious and left!

Saying of the Week: "Darn that daylight saving!"

Talking about "Blitzes" fourth period lunch, was wondering what kind of an air raid warning sounded when all of a sudden white bombs began to fly in the direction of Larry



Miller, Dick Nelson, Tom MacCleary, Cliff Whittington, Erm Kramer, Howard Wertz, Ed Theobald; and they, with about 49 others, sailed out of the lunch room.

George Washington would probably turn over in his grave if he were watching people sign their absence reports; but then I guess you could go to the dentist three days a week, couldn't you!

Bob Eichelkraut just lost a pin and guess who it was found on — Elva "Johnnie" Johnson. Cupid's doing all right. Have you seen the soldier's picture in Marilyn Hoh's locket — when does he get a furlough, Marilyn?

It seems people have had trouble getting home lately! Carol Ellis' key wouldn't work and Bettie Brauch's door was frozen. Russell Bair, Phyllis Brooks, Danny Dever, and Audrey

Brown had to practically get on their knees for a cab—we know, you people just don't want to go home! On the other hand Gloria Malchrist got home sooner than she expected; she fell when waiting for the bus and chipped her elbow bone. Hope it's O.K. soon, Gloria.

Rosanna King saw right through a rat. No, not a gangster, but somebody was experimenting with a mouse and put cellophane in place of his stomach. She saw his most intimate secrets; I guess that's what you'd call having no privacy at all.



Exams Recur as Band Tests for Promotions

And they thought they were through with exams! However, the band members are still experiencing B.B. (bitter band) tests to determine which ones will remain in the concert band and which will be demoted to the junior band.

Included in the tests are scale drills and sight-reading of new material. These examinations are judged by Miss Clara Klaus, Miss Helen Johannis, and Mr. Clifford Collins.

Mr. Collins explained that the plan will give N.T.H.S. a concert band of the best players. He also hopes that the marching band which plays at all home basketball and football games will be a larger organization as a result of such tests.

Six of Nilehi's fastest beginning typists are Marie Throop, leading with 41 words per minute, Doris Burkland, Audrey Brown, Pat Galitz, Donna Cotanche, and Beatrice Rossman.

NILEHILITE



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Latin Wedding Next Tuesday

"Ab ovo ad mala" means "from eggs to apples" in Latin, "from soup to nuts" in English, and "a good time next Tuesday afternoon at 4:15" to Latin students.

Planned in detail by the three Latin classes, the Roman banquet will recreate, for those attending, a typical wedding ceremony and feast. Cast in

Mr. and Mrs. Publius Flaccus invite the Romans to attend the Nuptials of their daughter, Cornelia, and her fiance, Marcellus, Tuesday next.

the speaking parts are Audrey Brown, Doris Burkland, Cleo Thlimennos, Dagmar Franson, Catherine Winger, Russel Halberg, Edwin Albright, Bill Stockfish, and Danny Dever. This cast will be supported by several other students as spectators and friends.

Servile duties claim Jack Price, tricorniarch (head-waiter), and his staff of first year Latin boys who will serve the meal. Barbara Mason, chairman of the menu committee, and Katy are planning a menu of Roman foods which will be eaten sans knives and forks.

Peggy McNeil, Lillian Krupa, and their respective committees are responsible for the decorations and the program. Following the banquet Mary Louise Kendall and her clean-up committee will assume their duties.

The banquet, which has been planned by and for the Latin students is their group entertainment for the month of February, since each department of the club plans to meet by itself.

United States History Classes Draft Projects to Fortify Soldiers' Morale

Checkerboards, afghans, and place cards may not have won the Civil War but students in Miss Theresa Kranz's history classes will use the aforementioned articles to build up the morale in this war.

Prizes to be Awarded

One outstanding contribution to date has been a quiz exam which is under the direction of Betty Steilow and Viola Stoll. Prizes are: first, 30 cents worth of Defense stamps; second, a five cent ticket good in our cafeteria; and third, candy suckers to the winning team so members may store up energy for the work to be done on their projects.

Minute Portraits: Forrest Lewis, Radio's One-man Mob Scene, Has 500 Part Record

The next time you turn on your radio and hear a heated argument between an old man, his grandson, and a Chinese cook, don't be too sure the scene is being played by a studio full of performers. Chances are you would see a man holding a script in one hand and violently gesticulating with the other.

and Skokie resident, has done just such scenes during his ten years in radio and estimates that during this time he has played at least 500 different characters.

Joins Traveling Stock Company

At 12, as a boy soprano, Mr. Lewis entered his colorful career in knee-pants, singing such contemporaneous ballads as "Get Out and Get Under" and "Wonderful One" to the theatergoers of Knightstown, Indiana, his home-town.

In 1925 he joined a traveling stock company and for three years toured the United States and Canada.

In 1928, when radio was cutting its milk-teeth, Mr. Lewis applied for and was awarded a part in a WLS dramatic presentation.

Stage Experience Important

Four years later "soap-show" addicts heard him regularly for the first time when he started work on WGN. Since then "Maw Perkins," "Step-mother," "Right to Happiness," and nearly all of the children's shows in addition to many evening shows have presented him in a host of widely varying parts.

"The stage establishes in one's mind a sense of showmanship," he commented in citing theater experience

as a prerequisite to good radio acting.

"Radio changes every day. That's why it's so much fun." It was not surprising to hear Mr. Lewis say this since he is known in radio for his repertoire of characters and dialects.

Commercial movies found him several years ago and since then he has appeared in a movie for International Harvester and another for the American College of Surgeons entitled "White Battalions" which will be released soon to be shown nationally in moving picture theaters.

Aside from appearing currently on "First Nighter," "Knickerbocker Playhouse," and four daily shows, he finds time to attend Civilian Defense meetings in the capacity of a police reserve.

To aspiring radio actors: "Radio needs new talent and pounding pavement from one agency to the other is part of the game."

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of vocational interviews. Next issue: Hal Foster, cartoonist.

This 'n That

Cancel Washington Trip Plans

"There will be no Washington trip this year because of the present emergency which means we are having no Spring vacation but end school a week earlier in June." Thus advised Miss Grace Harbert on the greatly discussed question.

Olga Razkow Released From Hospital

Junior Olga Razkow, who has been in the Evanston hospital since early this fall is now expected to be walking again in four months. Olga, an experienced dancer, will probably return to school next fall.

Prom To Side With Defense Efforts

The Junior council, presided over by Cherie Neutz is planning, in collaboration with junior homerooms, this year's Prom which is expected to be designed around a defense motif.

Dozen Contribute Services

Twelve Niles Township high school girls, knitting sweaters, afghans, scarves and socks for the Red Cross, met February 6 at the home of Ruth Oppice.

Nilehilites To Army Camps

Complimentary copies of the Nilehilite go to the more than a dozen Nilehi grads now serving in Uncle Sam's armed forces.

Betty Westerland is contributing the 1941 issues of the Reader's Digest. Booklets, both historical and literary, are being made by Virginia Lenzen and Dolores Kot. Checkerboards with borders dealing with historical subjects have been made by Dick Boyd and Russel Bair. An original idea of making place cards was presented by Florence Schramm and Connie Kohtz.

Projects Due Next Week

All projects will be turned in at the end of this month. They will be given over to the Red Cross in the name of Nilehi. And they in turn will be sent to convalescents in various hospitals.

Proud Boys Bring Home Championship

Girls Volleying for Intramural Honors

Zoops, Boops, Jeeps, Beeps, Lil's Pils, Dot's Dashes, Rosie's Posies, Kracky's Krumbs, Jean's Beams, Doris's Dillies, Daggies's Daggers, Lou's Lice, Pat's Gals, Barb's Net Nuts, Hattie's Hags, Bea's Fleas, Hildie's Hill Billies, Mary's Little Lambs, Carol's Barrels.

These are 19 of the 35 volley ball team names that have been chosen in the girls' gym classes for the tournament which has just begun and will continue for four weeks. The playoff between the finalists will take place March 25 at the Mother and Daughter tea. The names of the winning team will be engraved on the volley ball plaque.

The rest of the team names are Jaycox's Foxes, Chap's Japs, Lashe's Chassies, Luckett's Bucketts, Kuehne's Teens, Rizzie's Whizzies, Wettemore's Worms, and the No Names.

Intramural Teams To Reach Playoff

The intramural basketball play-offs, have been extending over a long period of time, but as we go to press it is a fight between three teams! Bob Brunson's Snipes, Larry Miller's Wolves and Erm Kramer's Butterflies. The Snipes drew the by, so this team is known to be in the play-offs. Miller's Wolves played the Butterflies Monday, but the results did not reach us in time to print. The winner of this crucial game will engage the Snipes in the final battle.

UNDEFEATED CHAMPS

| Varsity | | |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Team | Won | Lost |
| Niles Twp. | 11 | 0 |
| Libertyville | 7 | 3 |
| Arlington | 6 | 4 |
| Woodstock | 6 | 4 |
| Warren | 5 | 5 |
| Crystal Lake | 5 | 6 |
| Leyden | 2 | 9 |
| Lake Forest | 0 | 11 |

Junior Varsity

| Team | Won | Lost |
|--------------|-----|------|
| Libertyville | 10 | 0 |
| Crystal Lake | 8 | 3 |
| Niles Twp. | 7 | 4 |
| Lake Forest | 6 | 5 |
| Woodstock | 5 | 5 |
| Leyden | 3 | 8 |
| Arlington | 2 | 8 |
| Warren | 1 | 9 |

TERMITES In the Bench

We asked Dan Petty, varsity baseball pitching prospect, what he thought of being a human guinea pig during the recent science assembly. He replied, "See this scar on my nose. Shocking wasn't it?"

Speaking of baseball, Mr. Kent, varsity coach, announced that practice will start about March 15, with all pitchers and catchers reporting at that time. Coach Kent expects to have a fair infield, and able pitchers and catchers; but the outfield is one big question mark. According to Mr. Kent, all varsity positions are wide open.

A note to underclassmen: Baseball at Niles Hi depends on you. All fellows out for baseball are on the varsity. There is no J. V. team. Come on, fellows. Follow the lead of Charley Cockentach, freshman last year who earned his major N and the regular third base.

"Heigh-ho-Silver" was the cry heard last Thursday afternoon as the five charter members, Gene Lebbin, Ray Nitch, Ed Stelzer, Bob Wagner, and Bob Whitmiller, rode their steeds in the new boys' riding class.

This class meets every Thursday afternoon and transportation to and from school is provided for. There has been some talk of a junior cavalry being organized if there are enough members.

Girl Bowlers' Boasts To Be Tested Monday

Challenge:

We girl bowlers, Delores Chapman, Dolores Jaehnke, Pat Harms, Dorothy Lund, Rosemary Racine, hereby challenge the women faculty to a bowling match February twenty-third, in the year nineteen hundred and forty-two. To give the faculty women a fighting chance we are giving them a handicap, as prescribed by the bowling regulations. Confidentially, they haven't a chance!

Reply:

We, the women faculty, sound in mind and body, do hereby accept the bowling challenge to meet at the alleys February twenty-third, the day after Washington's birthday. We can not tell a lie — we're pretty good, none of us ever having missed a bowling gutter and there being no record of our ever having a strike recorded for us or against us.

Cagers Rated to Win Waukegan Tournament

By completely outplaying the second place Libertyville team on their own floor, our basketball team clinched the championship of the Northeast conference last Friday. The taller Tigers registered the lowest score recorded in the Trojans' scorebook this year by losing 51 to 25.

Our J.V. squad bowed to its first defeat in six games, to the undefeated orange and black J.V. with a low score of 29 to 22.

The goal now is to finish the season with an undefeated conference record. The only game left is one with Warren on our own floor on February 20. Warren has also beaten Libertyville but lost to Leyden last week.

The last scheduled game is with Maine, at Maine, February 27.

The evening of March 3, our team will make its appearance in the Waukegan high school gym to compete in the regional tournament. The teams which will enter this elimination besides ours are Waukegan, Maine, Libertyville, Zion-Benton, Lake Forest and the winner and runner up of the Wauconda District tournament. New Trier's failure to enter left a place to be filled by Lake Forest.

Northeast conference coaches have honored Nilehi this year by choosing our team as the number one team of the tournament. They pick Waukegan as the second best team.

Lighted Batons To Be Featured

Sixteen of Niles Township high school's twirlers will participate in the entertainment between halves of the second game with Warren here tonight.

They will present a twirling exhibition featuring lighted batons. With the band accompanying them, they will go through many routines, both separately and as an ensemble.

Those participating in this spectacular event will be the advanced and beginning classes. Members of the advanced class are Bernice Franson, Carolyn Huemmer, Elva Johnson, Annalise Nachbauer, and Natalie Schilling.

The beginners include Lorraine Betlinski, Jane Breckenridge, Bettie Burns, Frances Franson, Helen Kuehne, Gladys Rossmann, Frances Smith, Kay Smith, Arlene Rechterman, Marilyn Tilton, and Pat Tracy.