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"And Came The Spring" Given Jeep Campaign; Scrap Drive

This Friday And Saturday

End Today



Niles Township brought its Jeep campaign to a close on December 7. The drive began at the beginning of the school year and was to continue until Dec. 7. The goal was to purchase three jeeps. The students of Nilehi pitched in so enthusiastically that they went way over their goal. Three of the jeeps were presented to Camp Skokie. The buying of the jeeps was achieved by the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps in the home rooms.

Nilehi again leaped over the top by having 92% of the students buying War Bonds and Stamps which enabled the school to fly the minute man flag for one month. This flag is of white background with a blue figure and a blue star on it. One of the students who had seen it remarked, "It looks like the Spirit of '76." It isn't every school that flies this flag so Nilehi is proud of its students. The dedication of the flag took place at an all school assembly. Jim Lannert, head of the activity committee, acted as chairman throughout the assembly. All members of the committee were seated on the stage. A speaker from the War Department added to the impressive ceremony.

The Activity Committee is at it again. No sooner do they finish one terrific task than they find another that is equally as much work. Wednesday, Dec. 1st, a bond booth opened in the cafeteria. The committee is sponsoring it. They have charge of decorating the bond booth and setting it up.

Scrap — ! As if there isn't enough lying around anyway. It makes no difference, Nilehi heard there was a need for scrap, thus they dashed out to find some. Each student was to bring in five pounds of scrap to the northwest exit. The students were to leave it there having a slip of paper signed by a member of the committee to prove it was brought in. Members of the committee checked the scrap. Each member was assigned to a home room, making it a simple job to check. The purpose was to be 100% in every room. The scrap drive lasted from Dec. 1st, to Dec. 7th. The drive was for the purpose of helping "Uncle Sam" get the scrap metal he so desperately needs.

Nilehi is proud of its students for going all out for the War effort but what about the Activity Committee? Jim Lannert and the committee under the guidance of Miss Harbert have been busy all year beginning and running all these patriotic drives. It's high time they received some credit because they have not been an easy task. In this year's say at the moment is, "Keep Then get out and work."

Spring; the time for cupid to have his fling; the time for mischievous hearts to bloom. What a background for a play! Mrs. Esch's new play, "And Came the Spring," has all this and more. The dramatic department's production is set for Dec. 10th and 11th at 8:15 p.m. at the Niles Twp. High School. The price is 28c for students and 40c for adults.

Midge Hartman, played by Joanne Dettweiler, is a miniature blonde bombshell, disrupting romance, falling in love, confusing her father and generally demoralizing everyone concerned. The object of Midge's affections is Buzz Lindsay, otherwise known as Rupert Roegner. Midge's whole family, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, characterized by Jerry Gafford and Betty Farr, respectively, her brother,

writer of tragic plays, played by Ralph Nettland, and her sister, Virginia, Beverly Pearson, a would-be sophisticate, are thrown into an uproar by her antics. Marilyn Tilton as the jivin' and irrepressible Gabby Allen is a joy to see and hear with the jitter-buggin' Davey Wilkinson as Freddie North. Grant Kuhn is excellent in the role of Keith Nolan, who plans to follow in the footsteps of Noel Coward. And you must not miss seeing Hildegard Schottleitner as Edna, the maid, being wooed by Clancy, the gardner, played by Chuck Bailey. Other roles are capably filled by Mary Jane Nelson, Pat Canty, Dolores Mohrbacher, Jimmy Holmes, Howard Haynie, and DeForest Hamilton.

For an evening of fun and laughter, come and see "And Came the Spring."

Christmas Dance Planned by G.A.A.

'Tis two weeks before Christmas
And all through the classes,
The boys are jivin'
Around with the lasses.
The dresses are hung
In the closets with care,
So on December 18,
They'll be ready to wear.

In case you don't dig this jive, it's about the "Reindeer Romp" which is going to be held on December 18 in Santa's Stables" (formerly called the boys' gym.) Everyone, including Dancer and Pancer, will be there.

The G.A.A. is sponsoring this dance and from past experience all know they can expect a really solid time!

The music will begin at 8 o'clock and continue until 12. The admission is \$1.10 per couple and \$.77 for ds, an Don't forget — Dec. 18 in "Santa's Stables" — the "Reindeer Romp"!

TROJANS TOPPLED

On the night of November 30 a large crowd saw, in the Niles vs. Maine game, two evenly matched teams fight an exciting and close game in Nilehi's gym. The Demons won by only a four point margin, 31 to 35.

Gockenbach Taken Out

The Trojans got their first bad break in the first quarter when Chuck Gockenbach fell ill and had to be taken out of the game for good. Shay and Fredericks were missing from the lineup. Towards the end of the game Liebrandt was fouled out. Towards the end of the game, too, the Trojans fell apart under the vigorous offensive attack of the Maine five. Dohmke, number 12, led his team in its attack scoring 15 points, almost twice as many as any Trojan scored. Jenkins did some fancy shooting. And he together with Moore and Liebrandt were a constant threat to the foe. These three boys scored 24 of the total 31 points.

Remember Pearl Harbor



Queries Find Trojans Doing Their Part

What were you doing on December 7, 1941 when you received the news that Pearl Harbor was bombed?

What were you doing in 1942 to speed up victory?

What are you doing in 1943 to speed up victory even more?

Doris Willney (senior): "On December 7, 1941 I was throwing bacon grease down the sink."

"In 1942 I saved waste fats."

"In 1943 I am saving more waste fats to speed up victory."

Doris Hampton (senior): "I was sitting at the dinner table with my family enjoying a large beef roast."

"In 1942 smaller beef roasts and a smaller family."

"In 1943 no beef roasts and no family. Now I am eating mashed potatoes and synthetic gravy."

Dave Baker (freshman): "I was walking down the street and heard a paper boy shouting the news."

"In 1942 I was buying defense stamps."

"In 1943 I am buying more defense stamps and doing anything else I can to help back the attack."

Miss Johanns: "I had gone to a friend's house for dinner, then we went to a show and didn't hear that Pearl Harbor had been bombed until 8:30 in the evening. I felt like I had been in another world when I turned on the radio and heard the news."

"In 1942 I was buying bonds and paying income tax."

"In 1943 I am doing more of the same."

Lois Lagershausen (senior): "On December 7, 1941 I had come from the movies and just sat down at the dinner table when I heard the awful news."

"In 1942 I bought war stamps every pay day."

"In 1943 I am buying more bonds to help bomb the axis."

Mr. Kent: "I was home listening to the Bears game when they announced that Pearl Harbor had been bombed."

"In 1942 I did part time defense work, public health work during the summer, and tried to enlist in a branch of the armed services. The war would have been over by now if they would have let me talk the Japs out of it."

"In 1943 I am doing more part time defense work, and increasing the morale of the freshmen class by stimulating them to a higher degree of work (with a club)."

Marjorie Harrer (freshman): "I was listening to the radio when I heard the

"I bought war stamps and took part in scrap drives."

"I am buying more war stamps in order to back the attack."

Committee Requests Your Suggestions

One of the improvements suggested to Dr. Biehn by the School Improvement Committee was the possibility of more uniformity in grading throughout the school. You may not remember this suggestion, but it presented a problem to our faculty, and they are trying to solve it. A committee consisting of Miss Kranz, social sciences, Miss L. Ronalds, English, Miss Lytle, mathematics, Mr. Nesmith, sciences, Miss Johanns, commercial, Mr. Meier industrial arts, and a student representative, Barbara Mason, is working on this problem. They are attempting to incorporate within each department as much uniformity as is possible.

However uniformity throughout the school is almost impossible. Perhaps an example will help clarify this. Two of the most widely separated groups are the math and social science groups, so let's use them. In a math class, you can be graded definitely on the number of correct answers you get on an assignment or test. In a history class, for example, you can, of course, be graded on the number of correct answers, but what you get out of your history course—qualities of good citizenship—can't be easily graded. Complete uniformity isn't possible, but if some minimum essentials are set up in all subjects, a certain amount of school-wide uniformity can be hoped for.

You will receive, later on, the results of this committee's work. Right now, if you have any well-based objections to some grading system, contact the student-representative of the committee.

We want complete understanding and co-operation between students, teachers, and the administration, and we are striving to attain this goal. Do your part by opening your mind to the other fellow's side.

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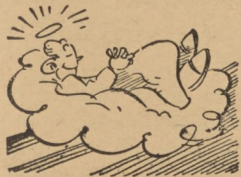
Questionnaire Tells Delicate Secrets

Here is an entirely new angle on the delicate(?) art of prying into people's private lives. It's the Nilehilite Questionnaire! Mose of the students filled out the little yellow cards asking for: name, class, homeroom, nickname, date and place of birth, hobbies etc. After carefully reading over each card, we discovered some interesting facts which we will not hesitate to print!

Did you know that Phil Hoffman is 165 pounds tall and weighs 6 feet? Who is "Skippy"? "It" seems to be Bob Kirscht's favorite teacher.

Quite a variety of favorite movie stars were mentioned — from Shirley Temple to Donald Duck. Is "Jolly Joe" really Marion Eickelkraut's favorite radio program. A careful count showed that two-thirds of Niles Township's boys liked "Gangbusters," as favorite radio program, while the other two-thirds of the males were satisfied with "The Lone Ranger." Attention! We have finally discovered a boy that likes Frank Sinatra—Bill Vomer!

Two cards for Jim Lannert turned up, but the most sensible one reports that he is 9 feet tall, weighs 70 pounds, has gray hair and red eyes. His hobby is staying home from school.



Pet peeves seem to be the most varied and so we shall print a few here:

James W. Holmes seems to have a disliking for "silly questionnaires." Ellen Anderson says her pet peeve is people who tell her theirs; ties seem to be Ted Stockfisch's chief horror.

Both Gus Wagner and Robert Bollow agree that having to wash dishes at home is their worse dislike. Horace Lindecker hates people calling him "Horsey," but we can't figure out what Bob Arnold has against Frank Sinatra!

Fred Bernard has quite a variety of pet peeves — girls, women, and females.

Laverne Wenzel really must have it in for herself, her pet peeve is just that — "myself," while "The eight parts of speech" are Josephine Huber's pet horror.

Girls that don't wear short skirts are Eugene Putnam's pet peeve. Jack Ritter hates girls who . . . errrr . . . did you know that Bruce H. Gifford can't stand cigar smoking women?

Can anyone offer any suggestions why Vito Colano's pet peeve is "customers at the Prince Castle?" Could it be that he works there? "Criticizing" is Nancy Hall's pet peeve.

Smacking gum, sweat socks with pumps, plaids worn with stripes or other non-matching plaids, and pumps worn with slacks all seem to make the average Nilehilite student shudder.

Does It Stump You?

Come on and sharpen your wits, kids. Mrs. Hind the teacher with all the puzzles, has submitted another one to the "Nile Hi Lite." This is a "smackaroo," but see if you can work it out. It happens that some people can not spell correctly and this was the case of the farmer who had this sign at his door—Do you know what it says?

T O T
I E M
U L E
S T O

The answer will appear in the next issue.

. . Profiles . .

We have all seen her around Nile Hi and have admired her. — She is short, dark, cute, and by all means popular. Plus this she is one of the sweetest sophomores attending the school.—Who? Who else could fit this description and be anyone but PAT PRICE?

Pat has attended NileHi since the beginning of her freshman year and she has many high praises for it.

Except for Al Huber, her favorite past time is listening to popular music, and her main hobby is collecting pictures of friends.

Even a good natured gal like Pat has a pet peeve, believe it or not. Hers happens to be "People who call on the telephone and then hang up and don't tell you who it is! She was born in Columbus, Ohio. Later she moved to Illinois, but before long she'll be living in Philadelphia. We'll all be sorry to see her go.

As for the "Profile" of the opposite sex we have "Bob" Pasek, who has a favorite pastime doing nothing.—That sounds nice, doesn't it? But, he complains that there isn't much time for this with his hobbies of model planes, hunting, fishing and swimming.—and speaking of swimming, he has just accomplished the "flying dolphin," and believe it or not, that is something to be proud of.

Bob is now a senior and he has attended Nile Hi all his high school years,—and by the way, he has been on the honor roll every time also.



Walking down the hall you see
A tall, dark figure, who can he be?
He talks in a strange dialect,
And to his buddies, it has a strange effect,
Of the Garboons he's president,
And really, his mind hasn't a dent.
This boy should not be hard to guess,
And if you can't your in a mess.
So if you still are in doubt,
The name "Chickie" will help you out.

Fred Tolzien

Actors Visit English Class

On November 22 and 23 four freshman boys, Charles Russell, Merryl Bailey, Lloyd Gaston and Ted Stockfisch, presented selections from the play "Tom Sawyer" to Miss Lamberg's and Miss L. Ronalds 4th period English classes.

Merryl Bailey was Huck Finn, Ted Stockfisch was Injun Joe, Lloyd Gaston was Tom Sawyer and Charles Russell was Joe. All of them had their parts memorized and gave an excellent performance on an improvised stage in the front of the room. The portrayal was very good even to the pricking of the finger to get blood to sign a sacred pledge.

Since the classes are studying plays, this will help them in their study and also provide them with much enjoyment.

JUNIORS PLAN DECORATIONS

Will there be a Christmas tree this year? What's Christmas without the traditional tree? Of course there will be a tree. Every year the junior class has charge of decorating the tree. This year the people on the tree committee are Ada Fredericks and Ann Marie Schirra. On the Decoration committee are Pat Canty and Mary Lou Kendall.

These people are cooking up new and different ideas, but they are to be kept very secret!! by your reporter so you will be thoroughly surprised when the ideas have materialized.

The Nile Hi Lite is even considering a different Christmas edition. In fact the whole school will enter in on the spirit of things.

Underclassmen Shot For "Reflections"

On last December 3 an entirely new idea was introduced at Nilehi. Individual underclassmen pictures were taken. The original plan was to use these photographs for office records and identification. But there is the hope that pictures of all students might be featured in this year's annual. If 700 copies of the yearbook are sold, enough funds will be raised to carry this suggestion out.

The plan followed was to call the students by Eng. rooms to room 301 where the pictures were taken. An average of 30 students was photographed in 15 minutes. Senior re-sittings were taken on the same date.

Wouldn't you underclassmen like to have your personal picture in this year's Nilehi Reflections too? Then get out and purchase your yearbook now!

Senior-Sophs Take Public Speaking

Niles Township High School, with the innovation of student teachers this year, has another worthwhile plan in effect. The necessity for a sub-course in public speaking in accordance with the regular English classes has long been felt by the English instructors. This year, through the co-operation of Dr. Brink of Northwestern's School of Education, Dr. Mills, of Northwestern's school of speech, Miss Berry and Miss Ellerbrake of N.T.H.S., and Miss Elizabeth Allen and Miss Virginia Sachs, students at N.U., such a course has been established.

For four weeks all sophomore and senior English classes will receive a course in public address. The sophomore course consists mostly of lecture and drill, while the senior course contains more of actual practice. Both classes receive instruction in the fundamentals of good public address.

Many students who have already finished the course are enthusiastic backers of it, and say that it is one of the most interesting and profitable ones that they have taken.

Four Attend N.U. Fall Council Meeting 19th

Dr. Biehn, Mr. Benette, Miss De Booy, and Miss M. Ronalds attended the Fall Guidance Council at Northwestern University on November 19th. The purpose of the meeting was to get all the councilors together to discuss the problems confronting teachers now and in the future. The four were guests at dinner, and also saw technicolor moving pictures of Elgin High School students at work.

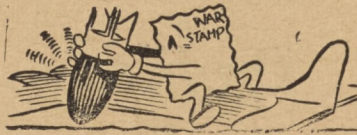


With our readers
We must be frank
We couldn't leave
This corner blank.
Short of time
Was our sad case,
So we used this guy
To fill up space.

CONTEST



Have you written your patriotic jingle yet? Remember there isn't much time left. The contest ends December 10, at 3:30, so get busy and write those four lines. Just put your jingle on a slip of paper together with your name and home room number and drop it in the box in front of the office. This is your chance to win a dollar's worth of defense stamps. Hurry, hurry, hurry.



Guard Health Now For Service Later

Will you be able to fulfill your duties as a citizen when you become of military age? Will you want to join the Air Corps, the Navy, the Marines, the Coast Guard, the Army, the Nurse Corps, the Nurses-Aids, the Wacs or the Waves? Will you eventually want a job in industries that demand good physical condition and appearance of their employees?

If you do, then you boys and girls in high school should start right now to have correctible physical defects corrected.

Diseased teeth and defective sight accounted for about 35 percent of all rejections for service in the army. Practically all rejections charged to defective teeth can be avoided if corrections of all dental defects are made in students of high school age. Many of the eye defects can be minimized by treatment, or by the proper fitting of glasses. If there is any doubt in your minds as to your physical status, consult your dentist and physician as soon as possible.

Remember, you have but one set of permanent teeth, one pair of eyes, one pair of ears, feet and hands. You have but one body, upon which you must depend to serve a lifetime. If you abuse, neglect or wreck a car, it may be replaced. If, however, you neglect to make early repairs of defects in your body when they become evident, — if you abuse or wreck this body of yours — you may not only have cause for regret the rest of your life, but you may be unable to secure a job in the field of your choice.

Are you going to be one of the thousands of young people, who, in the prime of their life, cannot fulfill all the duties of citizenship because they neglected to make timely corrections of physical defects?

What you do about correcting dental, eye, and other defects now, will be your answer to this challenge. It will be your answer to yourself, to your government, and to your future dependents.

Mrs. Cline.

Pat Bennett Reveals Interest in Sinatra

Each student of Miss Berry's senior English classes has been responsible for gathering information about a certain student in the class and giving a report on that pupil. The following information was compiled by Marjorie Lange.

Patricia Mae Ann Bennett. Born: July 13, 1926 in Chicago. Lived in Chicago three years and spent the rest of her charming life in Skokie (how dull.) She has a twin brother who was born at the same time and same place.

Pet Peeve—People who don't like Frank Sinatra.

Favorite Band—Harry James

Favorite Song—"Night and Day"

Dream Man—Short, fat and forty with money or tall, thin, and fifty with more money.

Grammar School—East Prairie

Ambition—None whatsoever

Favorite Color—Black

Leisure Time—Frank Sinatra records

Favorite Sport—Football, mainly because there are eleven boys on the team.

Most Disliked Subject—Problems, because she sits in the back corner with no one to talk to.

Favorite Subject—Frank Sinatra

Favorite Animal—Frank Sinatra

Enlistees and Draftees

Still in Nilehi's Ranks

I'll bet you never thought of the boy sitting next to you as being in the U. S. Army. Well, not all of them are but some of our senior boys have already enlisted in different branches of the armed forces.

The Army Air Corps seems to be most popular as it claims Charles Valkenaar, Ted Carlyle, Jack Harrer, Jack Wise, George Lutz, Jerry Gafford and Laurant Van Der Bossche.

Larry and Ted plan to graduate in January and enter the Air Corps soon thereafter. Jack Harrer, Jack Wise, and Chuck Valkenaar will graduate on schedule in June but will take up their new duties early in August.

George Lutz has enlisted as an Army radio operator and will leave the end of January.

Jerry Gafford was sworn into the U. S. Army Reserve last week. He graduates in January and dons the khaki shortly afterwards.

And we musn't leave out those who will be drafted after graduation. Among those who already have their classification are Bob Denly, Jim Whalen, Chuck Gockenback, and Bob Baumhardt. There are, of course, many more and to all of these their fellow students wish the best of luck.

Nilehi students are really above average. Of the 37 students enrolled in the industrial education classes, 24 received A's or B's as grades on new jobs from their employers.