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Crane Raquetters Win District Meet

The tennis team extended itself to the District Meet held here at Crane Monday, April 11, making a clean sweep of the senior division. Crane got a total of 60 points for first place in the meet. Contesting schools consisted of 20 points, and Grandfalls third with 17 points, and the senior division of which Crane won, will be represented in the Regional meet at Odessa April 23. Those who win the Odessa Regional Meet will go to the State Meet held at Odessa.

The Crane team played 11 matches and won first in eight of them and took three other second places.

Jimmy Stacy, playing senior boys' doubles, won out in preliminaries and defeated Grandfalls in boys' singles, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in the finals to win first place. Alan Hickey and Clark Presley defeated Iran in senior boys' doubles, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, for first place. Barbara Hall won out in the preliminaries and defeated Grand-

falls 6-0, 6-1 in the senior girls' singles finals for first place.

Playing senior girls' doubles, Betty Henderson and Peggy Sharp defeated Iran 6-2, 6-2 to win first place.

Kaye Cox defeated Grandfalls 6-1, 6-4 in the junior boys' singles division to take a first place in that.

Hugh Green and James Hopsan defeated Rankin 3-6, 10-8, 6-3 in junior boys' doubles to win a first place.

Weilding the raquet for the junior girls' singles, Kathryn Smith won out in preliminaries to get to play in the finals against Grandfalls. She was then defeated in a very close match of 8-6, 6-3 to take a second place.

Playing the junior girls' doubles, Wanda Le Claire and Betty McCord defeated Grandfalls 6-6, in junior girls doubles and took first place.

Kaye Culp was defeated in Elementary girls' singles, and Brent McAfee was defeated in elementary boys' singles by Grandfalls. Neal Lee and Frankie Flowers played elementary boys' doubles and defeated Grandfalls 6-1, 7-5 for first place.

Miller Puts Test Job Slide Fire Escapes

People never grow up, and a statement was proven by Jerry Miller of the high school last week when she slid down the fire escape of the new building. Incidentally, she skinned her arm in the process.

Some folks may think this is a childish enterprise for a young person, but it was strictly the future safety of the student as Mrs. Miller was merely testing the new slide type fire escape.

Sliding off into the dark at night, she finally ends up shooting out into the bright sunlight of the school grounds. Some of the students that were being sprayed by Mrs. Miller would slide down the slide until she could be seen that the escape was just experimen-

'49 Cranites Much Like Cowpokes of 1849

The cowpokes of '49 (1849 that is) had nothing on the Cranites of '49 (1949 that is) when they toted their shooting arms around. The sight of a pistol gleaming in the sun is a common thing these days as someone dodges a stream of cool, clear water. The favorite caliber seems to be the type that shoots several times through a screw in the barrel.

Everyone has a lot of fun. That is everyone that does the shooting. The time when those being sprayed enjoy it is when they are hot from too much exercise in P.E.

But of course a few students just can't keep their toys from the roaming eyes of the teachers and they find themselves going to school seven periods.

Everything has its place and a water gun's place is not in the classroom unless the user believes it is worth detentions.

Fearful, Tearful Union---Bob, Ann; Unions To You

By BRUCE PATTERSON

The band from Pine Junction was just pulled in to Lakeview, and Bob Huester was on this. But his thoughts were far from Lakeview and the contest. He was thinking of Ann, the girl he had met and was in love with at a school last week. He had just received a letter from her that he didn't understand at all. She had told him to forget her and not write to her any more. She had written that Don Jefferson would hold her some things about going with another girl and she didn't want to break up the beautiful romance. The only thing she was breaking up was Bob's thought.

At the same time the bus from Odessa was screeching to a halt in front of the Lakeview School. Ann was on this and she was very sorry she had written such a letter to Bob. She knew now that what she had done must have sounded terrible to Bob. She would find Bob as soon as she could and tell him things out. Oh, if only she hadn't believed that gossip that she had told her! Bob had liked her after all!

One day passed slowly for Bob.

His band had played and won first in the contest, but so had the Sacramento band. He wondered where Ann was and what she was doing. After all, it wasn't so easy to forget the girl you were in love with on such short notice! It takes time, but Bob had plenty of that! He walked toward town thinking very hard and not paying much attention to where he was going.

In the little drug store on the corner Son Jefferson and John Parker were busy talking. Don was just talking to pass the time of day and John was keeping an eye open for any pretty girl that might pass by the store. At this moment Ann walked in and Don greeted her cheerily.

"Hello, Don," stammered Ann. "I'm looking for Bob. Have you seen him?"

"No, can't say that I have," answered Don. "Would you like to have a coke?"

Ann, not wanting to be rude, accepted the offer. Now while she was smiling at Ann constantly, she was smiling at introduce us?" asked John.

So Don introduced Ann and John, and about the time Ann is fixing to leave---in walked Bob!

"Gosh," thought Bob, "maybe I

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PE Classes To Sponsor Pageant May 7

Banquet, Prom April 30 Climax Social Season In Community Hall

Highlighting the school year's social event is the junior-senior banquet and prom to be held in the Community Hall, April 30 at 7:30 p. m.

Harrison's Texans, widely known dance orchestra from San Angelo are to furnish the music for the Prom, reports Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, junior class sponsor.

A floor show, following the southern theme will feature outstanding talent from Crane High. Decorations place cards, etc. will also be in the southern motif.

Also, at the banquet will be read the senior prophecy and will.

This is strictly a formal affair, with both juniors and seniors inviting guests. Approximately 120 guests are expected for the banquet alone.

Invitations to juniors, senior, guest, high school faculty, and class mothers went April 18.

Strange Cries Drown Clang of Typewriters

The English IV class was heard last week making very strange noises for a class of supposedly dignified seniors. It wasn't the boisterous noise that a person usually hears, but had more of a melody to it. It looked as if Kenard Hayes was leading a prayer service, but then it might have been a good joke. The students all looked very pleased with the progress that was being made. Kenard is usually very timid around the women folk, but is just another boy when he is around a group of the male sex. The door adjoining the journalism and English room was then opened, letting in some light on the subject. It seems Miss Haley was getting some entertainment up for the senior play that is to come off April 22. Kenard had been induced to sing the Big Grizzly Bear and The Preacher.

The Song of America Grade School Pageant Presented In Assembly

In a grade school assembly last Thursday, April 14, the fifth grade classes, sponsored by Mrs. Paul Patterson, Miss Hamilton, and with the help of Miss Mildred McReynolds, put on a show in the form of a pageant entitled "The Song of America." The tunes were sung by a mixed chorus made up of the music and band students of the fifth grade. One of the tunes was one of World War II's originals, "Remember Pearl Harbor." Also there was a folk dance number by several of the fifth grade students and an Indian War dance by a quintet composed of fifth graders sang "Galaway Bay."

Gwen Nix did a solo tap dance number and Brenda Owens played a number on the piano.

The announcer of the show was Gene Hall and the two boys who read the pages of the pageant were D. H. Culp and Hawley Vancouver.

The show was enjoyed by all the grade school from the first grade up through the seventh.

More Than 200 Students To Participate In Festival

Crane School is readying itself for the presentation of the May Pageant, the first in the history of the school, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Jeanne Abernathy and her P. E. classes.

This program will take place May 7, at 8 o'clock on the Community Hall tennis court.

Each grade has selected a Duke and Duchess to represent them at the crowning of the King and Queen, which is the climax of the pageant.

Those selected for King and Queen will not be revealed until the coronation ceremony, which will take place on May 7.

This pageant, the largest project undertaken by Crane High in several years, involves some two hundred students.

Other than the Coronation Ceremonies and the wrapping of the Maypole, there will be outstanding folk dances by various members of the high school.

The Duke and Duchess of each class are as follows:

SENIOR CLASS:
1. Earlene Husted
2. Earl Husted

JUNIOR CLASS:
1. Ellen Walling
2. Buster Pendleton

FRESHMAN CLASS:
1. Barbara Aaron
2. Doyle Ray Lakin

EIGHTH GRADE:
1. Betty Knaell
2. Lamara Gilstrap

SEVENTH GRADE:
1. Lu Ann Presley
2. George Cloud

SIXTH GRADE:
1. Mary Ted Sharrock
2. Bobby Russell

FIFTH GRADE:
1. Gwen Nix
2. D. H. Culp

FOURTH GRADE:
1. Alice Ruth Harrington
2. David Lee Crittenden

THIRD GRADE:
1. Peggy Owens
2. Jerry Evans

SECOND GRADE:
1. Gloria Looney
2. Tom Casfield

FIRST GRADE:
1. Penny Dulin
2. Jimmy Leo

The May Pageant program is as follows:
1. Entrance of the King and Queen.
2. Crowning of the King and Queen.
3. Highland Fling
4. Virginia Reel
5. Schottische
6. Put Your Little Foot
7. Square Dance
8. Ten Pretty Girls
9. Polka
10. Negro Scene
11. Strolling Through The Park.
12. Tumbling and Trambolines.
13. Wrapping of the Maypole

Four FHA Delegates To Attend State Meet

The F.H.A. girls have chosen four delegates from Crane to attend the State Meeting in Dallas May 6 and 7.

These girls are Peggy Mobbs, of Homemaking I, Wanda Sharrock of Homemaking I, Coylee Pope of Homemaking II, and Lola Mae Green of Homemaking III. These girls were nominated and elected by secret ballot.

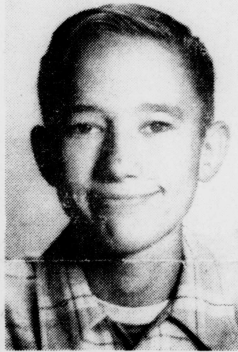
These girls will attend meetings and entertainments in Dallas and in Fort Worth they will help choose, plan and select furniture for the new Homemaking Department. The accompanying faculty members will be Mrs. Elsie Waller, the Homemaking instructor and Prof. Martin.

The Homemaking I girls have been studying about dressing for the trip. This deals with the kind of clothes to wear for the occasion, cleanliness, neatness, and care of the personal appearance.

Homemaking III girls are studying care of the clothes. This takes up the subject of cleaning, mending, washing and ironing.

The Homemaking II girls are studying shopping for ready-made garments.

In all classes they are working on their second garment. Several of the girls are making their Easter frocks.



JERRY HALL

Crane Students Win Two Firsts, One Second At Dist. Literary Meet

Ready writers, spellers, and typists walked away with some of the district literary events at Iran April 13.

The spelling team was determined last week by a runoff of contestants.

In the senior division Joan Ragsdale and Betty McCord won the runoff and brought back a second place from the district meet. Dorothy Crittenden and Jessie Scott acted as alternates.

The Junior Division was won by Hugh Neal Green and Ann McDonald in which event neither contestant missed a word.

Points in the spelling were awarded on the basis of an average of the two-man team.

The words are spelled at the rate of 120 over a six-minute period.

Also attending the meet was Jerry Hall who won first place honors in the ready-writing contest which entitled him to attend the Regional Meet April 23. Jerry, a freshman, competed with a senior boy in this contest.

Roger Cloud and Jackie Mackey represented CHS in the typing contest but failed to place.

Hall, New Cartoonist Joins Crane Staff

The Crane considers itself lucky being as it now has two cartoonists. The first being Cal Hazel, and the new-found talent is Jerry Hall, Crane High freshman. Jerry Hall learned to draw in the lower grades and his skill seemed to catch the teacher's eye. He was then encouraged to try and go to higher fields with his natural ability.

Jerry started to school in Crane where he moved from to Seminole. He spent several years there, and then moved on to Odessa where he went through the eighth grade. He then moved back to Crane and made the statement that he was glad to be home.

When Jerry gets out of high school, he plans to be a commercial artist or an author of books. Jerry has entered several contests with his ballads and stories, but thus far hasn't written his masterpiece. The Crane Staff would like to take this time to thank Jerry for a cartoon appearing in this issue.

Picnic For Three Classes At Stockton

Nearly all the water was splashed out of the Fort Stockton swimming pool last Saturday when three classes from Crane High School dived in. The junior class, sophomore class, and the freshman class went on an all day picnic and swimming spree at Fort Stockton.

The junior class' sponsors, Mrs. Elmore, Mr. Doug Crane, and Mr. Brady Thomas accompanied the class on the school bus, driven by Mr. Doug Crane, Saturday morning. The students invited one guest each and brought their lunches. Mrs. A. M. Murrell and Mrs. R. D. Rhinehart, room mothers, also went with them. Southern fried chicken was the main dish on just about everyone's plate.

Mrs. B. Thomas and Mrs. Bill Haralson, sponsors, went with their sophomore class on a picnic also to Fort Stockton, with Mr. Haralson driving the bus. No guests were invited because there was no insurance on people other than students or teachers riding on the bus. The room mothers, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Dulin and Mrs. Long furnished the food for their lunch.

The freshman class, accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Waller and George Crane, joined the rest in going to the popular picnic spot at Fort Stockton.

Eight New Text Books Adopted By Crane High

Every three years it is the policy to adopt new text books in various subjects. Eight new types of text books have been adopted by Crane High officials for next year.

Text books which will be put into use for the first time next year are: Texas History by Newton; Book-keeping by Carlson; Band and Orchestra by Victor and Taylor; Vocal Music by Dan and Wilson; Homemaking by Justin and Moore; Mechanical Drawing by Stevenson and French; General Woodwork by Douglas and Roberts; and Machine Woodworking by Smith.

The C.H.S. office was ransacked last week. No damage was done, but some book cards were missing, and some others were found in the gym later.

Local Teachers Unit Features Townsfolk On Panel Discussion

A panel discussion was held at the Crane teachers meeting Monday, April 4 and four speakers presented topics to the group.

The meeting was presided over by chairman, V. N. Keyes, and the first speaker was B. E. McDonald, school board member, who spoke on "The Fundamental of Education is to Pass Work in College."

Mrs. S. F. Robinson then gave a talk on "Good Character," "Good Morals" and being "Well Trained."

Mrs. Pete Bennett spoke on the subject, "Be Qualified."

The last speaker, Miss Eloise Haley, presented a discussion on "Teachers Expect Public To Accept Them As A Citizen."

Mrs. Dorothy Strickland, President, also reported on her trip to Houston where she visited a Reading Clinic for handicapped children.

'Funzapoppin' Will Be Presented April 22

The senior play, "Funzapoppin" is due to be presented next Friday, April 22. There are 12 characters, a chorus line of eight and two specialties. The specialties are by Kenard Hayes and Valco Garrett, two talented CHS students.

Although there has been only a short time for practice, Director Eloise Haley states that everything is going fine and will be ship-shape by play time.

The general opinion is that it will have to be a really good play to top the junior play, but the senior students have naturally had more experience than the juniors. But nevertheless, it will be an entertaining play, and will bring out a laugh a minute.

Seniors Turn Thoughts To How To Apply For a Job

Now that the seniors are nearing the closing of high school days and the entering of professional life, the most important question is, "What should I consider when applying for a job?"

Mrs. Agnes Thomas, Crane's commercial teacher, wishes to give the seniors a small word of advice.

The three most important factors to consider when applying for a job are:

1. A pleasing personality;
2. A neat appearance;
3. Qualification.

A few pointers under each are:

1. Pleasing Personality:
 - A. One in which you can converse intelligently with a business man.
 - B. Be able to impress him that you have the ability to get along with people.
 - C. Don't brag on your qualifications, but present them in a conservative manner.
2. A NEAT APPEARANCE:
 - A. Wear something in which you will not be over-dressed. Black and white is a conservative color.
 - B. Do not wear too much make-up (paint) or run-over shoes.
 - C. Never try to get a job with a wad of gum in your mouth.
3. QUALIFICATION:
 - A. A neat, well balanced, concise business letter will help you.
 - B. Have a pleasing telephone voice and patience.
 - C. You should make yourself liable, by this we mean, be able to deal with the public and keep them well satisfied and at the same time have ideals of your own.

All seniors should consider these subjects before applying for a job, and it will be a lot of help to you.

SPORT SHORTS

The track team did very good last Saturday, April 9. In the four first places, six places and three third places and came out second in the meet. Miller placed first in the 220 and the 440, and Ward placed first in the 100 and 220 dash, he and Husted were breaking the 220 record in this district.

Alvin Whaley, Cranite Plays In Squad Game

The only representative Crane High had playing in the Mines Intra-squad April 2 was Alvin Whaley, who once played tackle on the Orange clad team. Alvin was co-captain of Crane High's co-regional championship football team last year. He was selected on the all-district team for his outstanding playing throughout the year.



CRANE SEZ

Crane's Track Team Fielding Talent In Regional Cinder Meet

The track team is putting in an extra effort this week to attend the Regional Meet April 23, and bring in the trophies. Every boy on the team qualified in the District Meet April 9, and all are eligible to compete in the Regional Meet which is the stepping stone to state honors. Four first places fell to the C.H.S. boys at district and nearly that much is expected to take place at Regional.

Harrington Wins Nail. Recognition With Poem



KATHLEEN HARRINGTON

Kathleen Harrington, pictured above, wrote a beautiful poem, created in her own mind, and sent it to the National High School Poetry Assn. where it was accepted and is being printed in a national anthology of poems. Any student in the United States was eligible and Kathleen hit the target with the following poem: It's a long and weary life, Filled with bitterness and strain, But the man who falters not at strife, Nor cries out at the pain; The man who greets bitterness of life, Will never die in shame. I have seen the strong grow weak By the unkind hand of fate; I have seen happiness that seemed concrete Broken, and love turned to hate. But God gives happiness with the pain, And mingles it with the strife, And he who weathers the hate and strain, Has passed the test of life.

Crane Cinder Beaters Gained Second at District

Crane High's tracksters won four first places and placed second in the district track meet at Iraan April 9. First place went to Iraan's well-balanced team who totaled 76 points. Crane was second with 40 points and Grandfalls third. The 120 yd. high hurdles were the only event that Crane failed to qualify in, with Wells of Grandfalls setting a brisk preliminary pace of 15.5 seconds. The 100 yd. dash was taken by Huddleston, Iraan, and Stacy Hodges finished fourth for Crane. The record was broken in this event by 2 of a second. Hodges also gained second place in the broad jump and anchored the second place mile relay, but failed to qualify for the 200 yd. low hurdles. Myron Holcomb copped two first places by winning the 440 yd. dash and coming back to establish a new district record in

the 220 yd. dash, beating team-mate Earl Husted by a very few inches. Two other first places went to Crane's J. F. Miller and James Ward. J. F. took the mile run at will and finished a good 30 yards ahead of the field. James Ward gained a first place in the discus throw and finished fourth in the 200 yd. low hurdles finals. The hurdle race, incidentally, was nearly a dead heat with only a matter of inches between the four finalists. Other Crane boys participating that gained points were Buster Pendleton, third place high jumper, and Clark Presley, second place in pole vault. Also John Best finished in the discus, Oscar Bittinger, second in 880 yd. dash, and John Clark, who ran on the 440 yd. relay team. High point man of the meet was Wells of Grandfalls with 12 3-4 points to his credit. The Junior Boys' Division was also held but Crane failed to place in anything except pull-ups and high jump. Lee Ray Best took fourth in the pull-ups and Ray Knox second in high jump. The junior team consisted of Knox, Best, Malcolm Garrett, Bill Clark, R. E. Mason and Harold Hunter. The meet is summarized as follows: 120 yd. high hurdles—won by Wells, Grandfalls; 2, Whitefield, Iraan; 3, Martin, Iraan; 4, Caldwell, Iraan. 100 yd. dash—L. Huddleston, Iraan; 2, Davidson, Grandfalls; 3, Cooney, Iraan; 4, Hodges, Crane; time 10.2 (breaks previous record of 10.4). 220 yd. dash—L. Holcomb, Crane; 2, Husted, Crane; 3, Davidson, Grandfalls; 4, Cooney, Iraan; time 23.1 seconds (breaks record of 23.4). 200 yd. low hurdles—1, Whitefield, Iraan; 2, Wells, Grandfalls; 3, Martin, Iraan; 4, Ward, Crane; time 23.5. 440 yd. dash—1, Holcomb, Crane; 2, Dempsey, Iraan; 3, Holloway, Imperial; time 55.3 seconds. 880 yd. dash—Cox, Iraan; 2, Pittinger, Crane; time 2:18. 440 yd. relay—1, Iraan; 2, Grandfalls; 3, Crane. Time 47.5. Mile Run—1, Miller, Crane; 2, McCarver, Iraan. Time 5 min. 4 sec. Mile Relay—1, Iraan; 2, Crane; 3, Whitefield, Iraan; 4, Best, Crane; 104 ft. 2 1-2 in. Pole Vault—Warden, Iraan; 2, (tie) Presley, Crane, and Caldwell, Iraan. High Jump—Warden, Iraan; 2, Wells, Grandfalls; 3, Pendleton, Crane; 5 ft. 5 in. Shot Put—1, Martin, Iraan; 2, Garrett, Crane; 3, Burnett, Iraan; 44 ft. 2 in. In this meet, Crane qualified every member of its team to compete in the Regional Meet at Odessa, April 23. Entries from as far as El Paso to Lubbock will compete there to try and gain a chance at the State at Austin.

14 Basketball Lettermen Announced By Coach Nix

Coach Brady Nix announced the basketball lettermen of this year's district championship team last week. Those who were selected as lettermen were Myron Holcomb, Jimmy Neal Stacy, John Hickey, Charles Phenister, Bob Smith, Bill Teague, John Clark, and Buster Pendleton. Boys who were reserve lettermen were J. F. Miller, Art Boothe, Earnest Higdon, Don Johnston, Arbra Taylor and Clark Lee Presley. The Golden Cranes captained by Myron Holcomb, won the district championship and then went to the regional tournament where they lost out. Myron Holcomb, the only two-year letterman, will graduate this year and leave a big slot to refill. Except for Myron Holcomb and J. C. Miller the remainder of this year's squad will be back again next year, with hopes of going to state. Holcomb and Hickey were also chosen on the all-district team and presented a gold basketball.

Henderson and Stacy Try For Lobo's Team

This little story may sound like The Crane is doing a little bragging on a few of its athletic members, but honestly a paper has to run its news. Bill Henderson and Dwan Stacy are both going to Sul Ross and tryout for the Lobo's Championship team. The boys have both practiced out with the Odessa Junior College team, but don't know yet as to whether or not they did any good—being as a high school senior can't accept a scholarship until school is out. The two boys will be at Sul Ross for approximately five days with their room and board paid for. The only cost they will have is the money they need to spend for pleasure.

Outstanding Junior Sings In Assembly

Crane High School's own Minnie Pearl, alias Lola Mae Green, crooned to the tune of "Love Sick Blues" at a special assembly the other day, bringing down the house with her clever interpretation. Anytime we want to have any kind of talent show we always call on Lola to sing. Lola played a big part in the junior play, "Every Family Has One." At the time of this writing Lola was not available for an interview, so we don't know whether or not she will go on with her talent after she graduates.

Crane Places Second In Odessa Tournament

The Juniors saved the day in the Odessa Tennis Tournament Saturday, April 12, placing Crane in second place among seven schools. Winners of Crane are: Kay Cox in junior boys singles won first place. Brent McAfee and Hugh Neal Green took first in junior boys doubles. Katherine Smith sacked up second place in junior girls singles. Junior girls doubles and senior girls singles were not represented in the tournament because of the Regional Band Tournament in Alpine. Seven teams were represented in the tournament with Pyote winning first place with 13 points. Crane and Midland tied up each having 10 points, a flip of the coin gave Crane the second place trophy. The final point that tied for second place was earned by Katherine Smith who played junior girl singles.

Murrell, Looney, Husted Win Trustee Election Sat., April 2

Election was held April 2 for trustees of Crane High School, with all three old timers being re-elected. A. M. Murrell, K. P. Looney and F. D. Husted were elected to serve for another two years. A. M. Murrell has served as a trustee for nine years and K. P. Looney has served for five years. F. D. Husted, the youngest member of the board, has only served one term, but was elected this year by more votes than any other candidate. Smokey Swift was unopposed and won the election for trustee at large over two write-ins—John North and H. O. True. Election results were as follows: Trustee at Large Swift 140 North 11 True 1 Trustees Murrell 120 Looney 125 Husted 139 J. M. Alexander 36 J. E. Thomas 26 H. O. True 17 G. G. Smith 14 Vernon Stell 17

Patterson Beats Kilgore; Kilgore Defeats Rogers

Last Tuesday, four days before the Iraan district meet, Prof. Paul Patterson and James Kilgore, the track team's mighty 50 yard-dash man had a race for fifty yards. On the start it looked as though Kilgore had a cinch. Mr. Patterson in his dress shoes and clothes was not at all decked out for running, but his stability and drive could easily be detected through his clothes. At the 30-yard line it was every man for himself, but from there on Mr. Patterson put on his steam and the race was all up for Kilgore. Later in that same day Myron Holcomb made both Kilgore and Mr. Patterson look bad when he beat Kilgore on the 100 yard dash running backwards. Kilgore was depressed but not too much. He had just barely lost this one. Kilgore, still not defeated, accepted James Ward's challenge to race him with 40 yards head start on 110 yards, with Ward running over the low hurdles. Kilgore, defeated again, still had the fire of battle in his eye. He himself, challenged Guy Rogers to a 50 yard dash and this time Kilgore triumphed by a narrow margin.

Odessa Takes Crane Four of Five Net Tilts

Crane's racket busters were defeated by Odessa's racket smashers to the tune of four to one in matches played Tuesday, April 6 in Odessa. John Hickey and Clark Lee Presley, playing senior boys doubles were the only victors of the day when they defeated Odessa's senior boys doubles 6-4, 6-3. Eddie Talman, an ex Crane defeated Crane's senior single, Jimmie Stacy 6-1, 2-6, 7-5. Crane's two Bettys, Henderson and McCord were defeated by Odessa's senior girls doubles 6-2, 7-5. Barbara Hall was defeated in one 8-7 and the match had to be discontinued because of darkness. New recruit, Katherine Smith, was defeated 7-5, 6-3 in junior girls singles. Several Cranites are back in town for the Easter holidays from all parts of the state. Those seen around Crane were: Don Pope, Baker Davis, C. M. Coker, Leonard Rose, Alvin Whaley, Tip Murrell, Toots Mathis, Bill Kelton, Eugene "Strang" Hogan, Bob Mathis, C. G. Lyles, and Harry Gunn.

S.S. Athletes Hope Revenge On Iraan Regional Meet

As if C.H.S. has been represented in the sports tournament this year. High school nearly out, there still quite a few athletes who are participating in various sports and hope to attend the Regional Meet at Austin in May. Everybody of course, will remember the football season furnished thrills the entire season with our boys finishing second in district bowling only the inspired Iraan Braves who went on to win the Regional Championship. On the list was the basketball team who met a little bit of luck in most of the tournaments but journeyed to Iraan to stage the football defeat by going back the district first trophy in one of the year's most exciting athletic contests. The basketball team, who after a hard-fought but luckless season advanced from the district tournament at Rankin with a second place trophy, the victors being the Iraan Braves with the trophy. It took all the track team to beat Iraan with hopes of the championship but the boys went as usual, Iraan first, and back four first places in the 100 yd. dash. Along with the track season the literary events in Crane took all the spell-binding again bowed to the typing contest. Against the Iraan athletes have shown a wonderful display of sportsmanship, but we are striving to beat them in the coming Regional meet in which track, literary and writing contests will

Blend of Odors Give Science Lab Strange Aromas

The last few weeks the general science classes have been studying botany, or in other words, studying plants. If you've noticed anyone walking around as if in a daze, picking leaves of different kinds off trees, then that is a pretty sure sign that it is one of the general science classes gathering specimens for their class work. The chemistry class has been making soap and ethyl alcohol. There have been some very clean students staggering out of that class here lately. The class has also made methane and acetylene gases. The ones who don't last through the gas to the alcohol and soap are stacked neatly in a pile outside the door of the science laboratory. The biology class has been smelling real good for some time now. They are studying the sweet-smelling West Texas flowers. The students say it is one of the most fragrant classes that they have.

Three Cranites Try For Odessa J. S. Squad

Ex-Cranite, Bert Harrington and two of Crane's seniors, Billy Henderson and Dwan Stacy, spent two days in Odessa last week trying out for the Odessa Junior College football squad. Henderson and Stacy each filled a halfback position, with Harrington in the guard slot. This was like old times for the boys, though as many Crane fans know this isn't the first time these boys have played together as they were on Crane's Co-Regional team of '47. Henderson is a four-year letterman and captain for one year. Harrington and Stacy each have a two yer letter.

Specialist Examines Bob Smith's Injury

Bobby Don Smith went to Abilene to see a knee specialist a couple of weeks ago. He was accompanied by his father, R. S. Smith and Coach Bill Haralson and wife. It was thought that his knee would need an operation to remove a cartilage which had been torn loose, but the specialist in Abilene said that it was not a displaced cartilage which was giving him trouble, but a badly sprained ligament. Bob's leg should be in good shape before next fall and he will probably be seen quite a lot on the gridiron.

Volleyball Girls Will Receive Awards Soon

Seven of the volleyball girls will receive jackets as awards for a hard year's work, and for winning second place in the district tournament. Jackets have been ordered for the coach and manager also. The girls who will receive awards are: Co-captains Louise Pettit and Eula Mae Leclair; Betty Henderson, Peggy Ward, Joyce Sharp, Billie Russell, and Barbara Hall. The prospects for next year should be very bright as the Cranettes are losing only one player—Louise Pettit because of the interscholastic league eligibility rule. Ex-Crane, Eugene Hogan talked to the graduating boys last Friday about going to College. He brought out some good points for the boys to be thinking about and also talked about A & M College, its courses and features. Last week some C.H.S. students were visited by the registrar Mr. Dunkin, from Draughts Business College, Abilene. Two students registered to begin school next September 13. They are Joy Dickson, and Thomas Reynolds.

SOPHS HOLD ATTENDANCE RECORD

ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR 8TH. THROUGH 12TH. GRADES FOR FIRST SEVEN MONTHS

Table with columns for Grade, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Ave Rank. Rows for 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and Average grades.

Crane Cinder Beaters Gained Second at District

Crane High's tracksters won four first places and placed second in the district track meet at Iraan April 9. First place went to Iraan's well-balanced team who totaled 76 points. Crane was second with 40 points and Grandfalls third. The 120 yd. high hurdles were the only event that Crane failed to qualify in, with Wells of Grandfalls setting a brisk preliminary pace of 15.5 seconds. The 100 yd. dash was taken by Huddleston, Iraan, and Stacy Hodges finished fourth for Crane. The record was broken in this event by 2 of a second. Hodges also gained second place in the broad jump and anchored the second place mile relay, but failed to qualify for the 200 yd. low hurdles. Myron Holcomb copped two first places by winning the 440 yd. dash and coming back to establish a new district record in the 220 yd. dash, beating team-mate Earl Husted by a very few inches. Two other first places went to Crane's J. F. Miller and James Ward. J. F. took the mile run at will and finished a good 30 yards ahead of the field. James Ward gained a first place in the discus throw and finished fourth in the 200 yd. low hurdles finals. The hurdle race, incidentally, was nearly a dead heat with only a matter of inches between the four finalists. Other Crane boys participating that gained points were Buster Pendleton, third place high jumper, and Clark Presley, second place in pole vault. Also John Best finished in the discus, Oscar Bittinger, second in 880 yd. dash, and John Clark, who ran on the 440 yd. relay team. High point man of the meet was Wells of Grandfalls with 12 3-4 points to his credit. The Junior Boys' Division was also held but Crane failed to place in anything except pull-ups and high jump. Lee Ray Best took fourth in the pull-ups and Ray Knox second in high jump. The junior team consisted of Knox, Best, Malcolm Garrett, Bill Clark, R. E. Mason and Harold Hunter. The meet is summarized as follows: 120 yd. high hurdles—won by Wells, Grandfalls; 2, Whitefield, Iraan; 3, Martin, Iraan; 4, Caldwell, Iraan. 100 yd. dash—L. Huddleston, Iraan; 2, Davidson, Grandfalls; 3, Cooney, Iraan; 4, Hodges, Crane; time 10.2 (breaks previous record of 10.4). 220 yd. dash—L. Holcomb, Crane; 2, Husted, Crane; 3, Davidson, Grandfalls; 4, Cooney, Iraan; time 23.1 seconds (breaks record of 23.4). 200 yd. low hurdles—1, Whitefield, Iraan; 2, Wells, Grandfalls; 3, Martin, Iraan; 4, Ward, Crane; time 23.5. 440 yd. dash—1, Holcomb, Crane; 2, Dempsey, Iraan; 3, Holloway, Imperial; time 55.3 seconds. 880 yd. dash—Cox, Iraan; 2, Pittinger, Crane; time 2:18. 440 yd. relay—1, Iraan; 2, Grandfalls; 3, Crane. Time 47.5. Mile Run—1, Miller, Crane; 2, McCarver, Iraan. Time 5 min. 4 sec. Mile Relay—1, Iraan; 2, Crane; 3, Whitefield, Iraan; 4, Best, Crane; 104 ft. 2 1-2 in. Pole Vault—Warden, Iraan; 2, (tie) Presley, Crane, and Caldwell, Iraan. High Jump—Warden, Iraan; 2, Wells, Grandfalls; 3, Pendleton, Crane; 5 ft. 5 in. Shot Put—1, Martin, Iraan; 2, Garrett, Crane; 3, Burnett, Iraan; 44 ft. 2 in. In this meet, Crane qualified every member of its team to compete in the Regional Meet at Odessa, April 23. Entries from as far as El Paso to Lubbock will compete there to try and gain a chance at the State at Austin. Several Cranites are back in town for the Easter holidays from all parts of the state. Those seen around Crane were: Don Pope, Baker Davis, C. M. Coker, Leonard Rose, Alvin Whaley, Tip Murrell, Toots Mathis, Bill Kelton, Eugene "Strang" Hogan, Bob Mathis, C. G. Lyles, and Harry Gunn. Mrs. Owens, school nurse, reports that she has taken several students home with the pink eye and also has been giving smallpox vaccine. We think that this report will show that we have excellent attendance in our school. You will note from the table that the seniors do not rank first in attendance. The sophomores rank first and the two upper classes rank the lowest. What about it seniors and juniors? Are you going to be last when the other two months are totaled?

Elementary News

FIRST GRADE Mrs. Ewalt's Room

The Easter Egg hunt was lots of fun. We hunted near the Community Hall. The Room Mothers served candy eggs, cake and cold drinks. There were two prizes given. One for finding the most eggs and one for finding the gold egg. We thank the Room Mothers for the lovely party.

Jimmy Leo and Penny Dulin were chosen to represent the first grades as Duke and Duchess in the May Festival.

Mary Ellen Marshall gave a birthday party April 12. After games were played, refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served to 40 guests. Balloons and bubble gum added to the merriment of the party. Mrs. Brown and Miss Jones assisted Mrs. Marshall in serving.

FIRST GRADE Mrs. Strickland's Room

We went on a picnic and Easter Egg hunt Friday out at the Gulf Camp play ground. We each brought six eggs for the Easter Bunny to hide. There was a prize for the one finding the most eggs.

We are working hard on our key words and we are enjoying sight reading.

Mrs. Crane's Room
Reporter Ella Myer Smith

We have been working with Mexican pottery clay. Most of us made sombrero ashtrays because we studied about Mexico. Mrs. Crane went to Brownwood over the week-end and brought back some bluebonnets.

Mrs. Fileman invited our class down to the science laboratory to see some of her specimens and look through the microscope.

Miss Sharp's Room
Reporter Johnnie Sue Buchanan

We all enjoyed the play, "Every Family Has One." Muriel Lewis and Alice Ruth Harrington's sisters were in it. We thought Mrs. Parker would never get the butter.

One of us each day give a book report on some book we have read. We have all enjoyed the story so far. Troy Laxton has given the best report yet. He has a dog named Freckles, he came to school the other day and would not go home. We have a new boy; his name is James Hettenback. Some of us are always saying something about our homework. And the other day she said, "The more you say about homework, the more you get." So we don't say anything.

NEWS OF ROOM FIVE-2
Reporter Sandra Russell

We have a new pupil in our room. Her name is Betty Kitchens, she came from Seagraves.

We have a new reader, the name of it is "Frontiers Old and New." We enjoy it very much.

Walter Ray Clements moved away. We miss him a lot.

SIX-1
Reporters LeBoeuf and Mathes

Our six weeks tests are coming up this week and everyone is worried, yet they are studying mighty hard to pass.

April 12 was Joel Adams' birthday and he was 12 years old.

Mrs. Cloud went to the doctor the other day to get her finger looked at. He had to have it taped up, so it must be hurt pretty bad. She never really told me but I think something is wrong with the bone.

All the 6th grade of 6-1 enjoyed the Jan Griffin show, not only to get out of class, cause it was real good. It was the best program we've had this year.

The glass-blowing program was interesting, but a little too scientific for some.

The junior play was all full of laughs and everyone's giggle box was turned over.

Sure is getting hot lately. So hot that in the afternoon we almost go to sleep. But we can stand it six weeks more.

SIX-3
Reporter Peggy Lightfoot

Our class had a party Friday, the 8th. We are sure everyone enjoyed it very much. We want to thank our room mothers very much for such a nice party.

Jane Garry was absent for

three days but returned Wednesday.

Jimmie and Glenna Pierce are away for Easter. Jimmie went to New Mexico and Glenna to Lubbock. Betty Walls is also going to Bronte, Texas.

JUNIOR FASHIONETTES
Faye McCasland

Since spring is here many new spring fashions are being worn.

Jan Crane has been wearing a cute cord suit dress.

Have you noticed the many pairs of white shoes that are being worn? These are shown by Wynell Richman.

Braided hair is being worn by many people. It really looks nice on Mrs. Underhill.

Everyone has been wearing cool print dresses. Mrs. Cloud has been wearing an awful cute sun-back dress.

Betty Woods has been wearing a cute brown dress.

Sylvia Sullivan is showing off some cute Mexican made huarachas.

SEVEN-1
Reporter Jax Potet

In our room we have a new student from San Antonio, her name is Nelda Jo Morgan. One of our students since the sixth grade, Alfred Moore, has moved to Loraine, Texas.

Darrell Vines, while at Fort Stockton Saturday on a band trip was hit by a car. He was bruised and cut pretty badly but no bones were broken.

Our room chose Don Boothe and Dolores Hooper to represent 7-1 in the May Fete.

SEVEN-2
Reporter Luanne Presley

Several people in our room played in the tennis match. Only the elementary girls singles lost in here. Those who received ribbons were:

First place; Frankie Flowers, Neil Lee, Joann Fisher, Luanne Presley.

We are happy to welcome Bodine De Paw from Levelland.

George Cloud attended the Ice Capades at Fort Worth over the week-end.

MRS. NIX THIRD GRADE
Reporters Nancy Wilmoth Dolores Whitfield

James R. Williams has been to Lubbock and got some new glasses.

Sharon Kinsey has moved to McCamey and we will miss her.

We have two new girls, Mary Billings from Kilgore and Margaret Ann Morton from McCamey.

Rita Ward, Fred Webb, and Annie Ruth Gibson have chicken pox. We hope they will be back soon.

Mrs. Nix is reading a good library book.

We will be glad when Friday comes so we can have our Easter egg hunt.

MRS. HARALSON'S SECOND GRADE

Our Room Mothers planned a nice Easter egg hunt and party for us Friday afternoon.

We have had fun making and coloring Easter pictures. All our rabbits look healthy so I am sure they eat good vegetables.

We are sorry that Juanita Jones had to move.

DOSSEY'S SECOND GRADE
Donald Wayne Kitchen has joined our second grade group.

We have drawn a picture story of transportation on the board.

Last Friday we had an Easter egg hunt. We all had a lot of fun.

Some of us joined a bird club. We like the pins and pictures we received.

Diana was absent part of last week.

Don spent Monday night with Jimmy Box.

Jerry has a new Mercury.

We have had our collections on display. There are dolls, arrowheads, marbles and pictures.

FOURTH GRADE
Reporter Jimmy Adams

Dewey and Gwendolyn Basham were elected Duke and Duchess in our room.

We have started a new unit in geography, it is on Holland. We have visited many lands. School will be out in about six more weeks. We hope all will pass.

Sextet and Trio Wins Second At Contest

The Crane Choral finally received the following information on their ensembles.

The trio consisting of Lola Mac Green, Mary Joyce Evans and Kathleen Harrington won second place at the contest in Alpine, on March 26.

The sextet, consisting of Jane Clark, Jean Murray, Mary Joyce Evans, Joy Dickson, Lorene McCoy and Coylene Pope, also won second place at the contest.

This includes all the information on the Choral Club at the Alpine contest.

Math Path Hath Rough Sledding

Once more comes that well-known subject, math. This takes in five math: eighth grade math, general math, algebra I, algebra II, plane geometry, and trigonometry. All these classes are now in fields that are proving to be as difficult as they have a reputation for being.

In Eighth grade math, the brains are trying to put the wrinkles of learning of ratio and proportion in some far corner to be picked up in the future. Ratio and proportion sounds simple but it takes up a lot of things pertaining to proportion and ratio.

The General Math students are now working to learn about mills on a dollar. They are writing and signing checks. They are learning how to do the following and the meaning of each: 1—Indorsement, 2—Blank Indorsement, 3—Indorsement-in-full, 4—Restrictive Indorsement, 5—Cancelled Check, 6—Reconciliation of the bank balance, 7—Bank drafts, 8—Travelers checks, 9—Letters of credit.

In Algebra I the students are learning to solve fractions and fractional equations. This often proves rather difficult to most students.

Algebra II students are now dealing with fractional exponents, radicals, solving of equations of fractional exponents and radicals, and they are also preparing to begin logarithms and trigonometry. Of course they will only go into the beginning of the two latter subjects.

Some of the plane geometry students are having a headache with projections and related theorems.

The trigonometry class has gone into the functions of an angle, positive and negative. This takes up so many different things that pertain to the same thing that it is very easy to get mixed up. The students have to be there every day and keep minds on the subject constantly or they are likely to get mixed up, or not learn anything at all.

In order for the teachers to be in style they must sport a new car. Mr. and Mrs. Brady Thomas have acquired a brand spanking new 1949 model Ford sedan which is the color of Mr. Thomas' hair which is considerable black. This statement just came over the new b. o. Brady says the little woman wouldn't drive the old car, and now she won't let him drive the new one.

ALEXANDER'S THIRD GRADE
We didn't have very good weather for our Easter egg hunt. But we all had a lot of fun.

Last week was our test week. We all made pretty good grades.

We regret very much that Richard had to leave us and go back to Dallas.

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THE CRANE AUDITORIUM SEATS BEING INSTALLED

The seats for the new high school auditorium have just arrived, and it won't be long until the auditorium will be completed. The side walls are painted a delicate pink down to about four feet from the floor then starts a dark panel that goes to the floor. The air-conditioners in the auditorium will put out refrigerated air, then in the winter it will serve as a heating system.

The Homemaking Department has three model rooms, living room, bed room and bath. Also there are six model kitchens. In front of the homemaking rooms there is a trophy case, so the girls may display their foods or dresses they have made.

The Commercial Department has a small bank in one end which will be open for the students' use. There will be different kinds of machines that are used in the business world for teaching aids in the commercial classes.

It has been reported that the junior high building is in the final process of completion, but it will not be occupied until next September. If they tried to move in it would cause the students to be disturbed for too long a time.

The band hall lacks only the molding painted around the ceiling and the tile floor laid. They can't get the floor laid because they are waiting further progress on the high school building, so all the floors will be laid at one time.

Share Atom Bomb? Subject of Debate

Should We Share the Atom Bomb Secret? was the title of the debate that took place in Civics 8-2 class April 6.

Representing the affirmative were Shirley Green and Patricia Mullis. Taking a stand against sharing of the atomic bomb secret were Donnie Tomlinson and Gene Hester.

With both sides bringing out some clever points the judges' decision was difficult, but after due deliberation Tomlinson and Hester were declared winners.

Judges were: Ann McDonald, Judy Mathis, Harold Hunter, Bruce Wells, and Paul Coker.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fileman went fishing a week-end ago, and Mrs. Fileman said that they didn't catch any fish, but she did catch up on grading the school work.

Three First Divisions Solo Ensemble Work Boosts Enid Hopes

Winning three first divisions at the band contests in Alpine, April 2, Crane High's Band is one step nearer to the promised Sweep Stakes Trophy.

These three first divisions which were won in marching, concert playing, and sight reading were based on the standards of judging set up by the U.L.L. Rating I is the best conceivable performance for the event and the class of participants being judged; comparable to a grade of 95 to 100. Rating II is giving an unusual performance but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation; comparable to a grade of 87 to 95.

As the ratings decrease, this is due to lack of essential qualities, instrumentation, intonation, precision, flexibility, interpretation, and that the director should check his methods, etc., with those of a more mature organization.

For the contest concert-playing the selections played by the Crane Band were "Storm King," a warm-up march, "Two Moods" the required number, and "Azalea," a selected number. The concert judges were Homer A. Anderson, Maurice McAdow, and Joe Haddon.

Some of the comments by the judges are as follows:

Judge Homer Anderson commented, "I enjoyed hearing your organization—this is on the way to being a very very well outfit—congratulations."

Judge McAdow stated, "CONGRATULATIONS on a swell job. This little band looks good and sounds good."

"On the whole, it gives a very pleasing performance—well rehearsed, well balanced, beautifully controlled. Plays with fine style. Keep up the good work. Exceptional discipline," were the comments given by Judge Joe Haddon.

The sight reading numbers "Enchanted Lake," an overture, and "Junior Warden," a march, were judged by D. O. Wiley.

For the marching, the march, "Little Champ" was played. The judges for the marching were M. B. McClure, D. W. Crain, R. C. Davidson, and Joe Haddon. The band received a first from all four judges.

As a reward for winning first divisions, the Crane Band will receive a Sweep Stakes Trophy.

In the solos and ensembles Eugenia Mills placed third on her clarinet solo and Dorothy Crittenden placed second on her twirling solo.

The clarinet quartet composed of Lanell Murrell, Bruce Patterson, Jackie Mathes, and Wanda

"Babe" LeClaire placed first on a first class quartet.

The saxophone quartet composed of Charlotte Schlittler, Nell McDougal, Bobby Robinson, and Easter Pendleton placed second on a first class quartet.

The brass sextet composed of Barbara Hall, Charles Phemister, Clark Lee Pressley, Peggy Sharp, Lacy Pittman and Valco Garrett placed second on a first class sextet.

When the announcement had been made that Crane Band had won three first divisions, all the members of the band did many different acrobatic stunts to show their happiness.

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