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Deliver us from six week's tests!

We don't know whether there are a lot of old maids going to school or a bunch of old married women.

Rumors are flying, and so will rocks if so many don't stop throwing rumors!

The volley ball girls have a fine spirit this year even though they have had a few bad breaks. Good going, kiddos.

We have a fine basketball team, and we know it!

Boy: Gee, Prof.'s nose looks like doesn't it?
Other boy: Yeah, it MUST be, just saw him pick it.

Some people have a mania for adjusting typewriters. Please don't do this because it makes us "m-a-d"!

Chester Pettit had a head; Chester must have lost it. That's what Don said, But not to Pettit.

Our school seems to be having few more smiles and good attitudes and a few less tears and fights, could it be the Student Association?

General Scientists Studying Machines

Mrs. Hughes' General Science class has been studying about many different things for the last few weeks.

She is teaching them about machines, the law of machines, and the formula for problems on each machine.

They are also studying air pressure, air thermometers, which are more sensitive than regular thermometers, and mercury thermometers.

Heat is another subject taken up recently.

Suspicion Is Aroused When Seniors Get Shot

Whether or not the seniors are naturally photogenic, or they are going to be tried for movie contracts, we can't say for sure. There is certainly a lot of future taking around here lately—and a lot of it mysterious.

Last Thursday morning an entire roll of films was wasted. What's the matter, don't you see? On the seniors, Mr. Martin, Mr. Douglas Crane, and Mrs. Moore. (Now do you see why they were wasted?)

We are inclined to believe that Elmore has another trick up his sleeve, because she says a secret why she has been giving Leonard take so many setups of the senior class members. Even Leonard doesn't know, so it must be a secret. Of course, it might be because many of the shots were failed for some reason or another, although Leonard is an expert photographer.

Well, we'll learn eventually all these camera episodes have been taking place, and you have to admit that with the persons involved, there must be a good reason behind it all.

Trombone Clinic Held Kermit Director

The trombone section of the Crane High School Band got all breaks of the band Saturday. It is one of the weakest sections in the band because of its young players.

C. H. S. Band Presents Year's First Concert In School Auditorium

The Crane High School Band presented a public concert in the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, Feb. 25.

The auditorium was completely filled with local people and guests from other cities. Also present were many band directors and a few accompanying members from their bands. The following directors were present: Mr. Carrico, Ft. Stockton; Mr. Watson and his assistant, Mr. Low, Monahans; Mr. Farnum, Big Lake; Mr. Buchanan, McCamey, and Mr. Walker, Iraan.

The program of the concert was as follows:

1. Night Flight, march by K. L. King.
2. Arioso, from Cantata No. 156, by J. S. Bach.
3. Memory Lane, by Spier and Conrad.
4. May Overture (Required Number, 1947), by Clerisse.
5. Atlantic Zephyrs, Trombone solo played by Valco Garrett (Mrs. Lloyd Alderidge, accompanist).
6. The Prairie Jump, by J. H. Hill.
7. The Traveller, overture by F. Buchtel.
8. Rampage of the Old Gray Mare, by K. Stacy.
9. Pavanne, Second American symphonette, by Martin Gould.
10. Orange Bowl March, by Fillmore.

Supt. Martin Attends Administrators Meet In Atlantic City, N. J.

Leland L. Martin, Crane High School superintendent, left Crane February 25 to attend the National meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Martin left at 3 P.M. to go to Ft. Worth and Dallas to see about housing units from Pecos Army air field. He stayed there for two days and left the 27th, joining the Texas delegation and going by special train to Washington where he visited the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Martin arrived in Atlantic at 10 A.M. on Sunday. The convention lasted until Thursday.

Phil Spitalny and his famous all-girl orchestra were also at the convention for the entertainment. The delegates enjoyed the orchestra very much, Martin said. The convention was broadcast over many radio stations throughout the nation.

Some of the speakers were ex-governor Arnall, Mr. Conat, president of Harvard, and Mr. Krug, secretary of the interior. The convention had ten general sessions.

Answers To The Questions About "The Crane"

Thumbnail Interviews is Jo Ann Dulin's favorite column, as she always reads it first.

Helen White said she always reads her stories when she gets the paper, but we know that was meant as a joke.

J. L. Pettit and C. H. Stevens like the "Crane Says".

Several students prefer the gossip columns to all others. Joan Earl, Beverly Bruce, Nancy Stewart, and Eleanor Rush number among these people.

When he was asked the question, Corky Harris dolefully replied: "Patio Prattle. I still have my hopes; maybe they will have it this time."

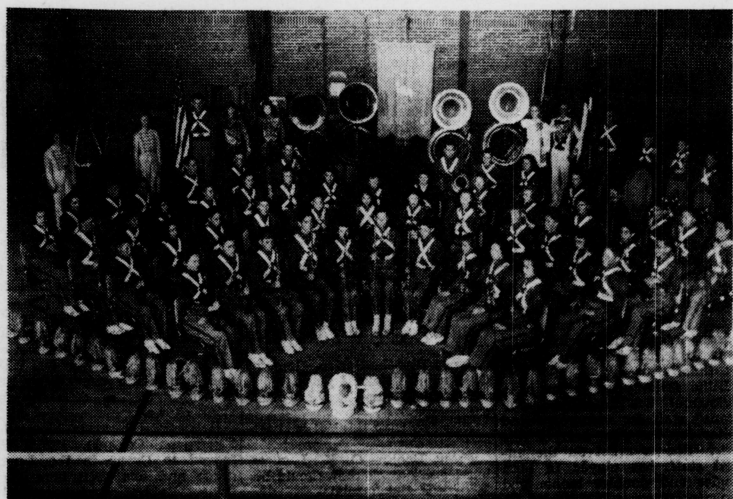
New Machines Make Home-Making Easier

The home economics department has really accomplished things this semester as far as sewing goes. And now they have something to help them accomplish just even more. The school has just purchased three latest model Singer sewing machines—two treadle and one electric.

The eighth graders have completed their pot holders and are starting school dresses. The first year class is working on sleep-jackets and the second year class is finishing up their play clothes.

The girls would like to take this method of thanking the school board for the new machines which will certainly be a great help to them in their work.

CRANE HIGH BAND 1947



Pictured above is the snappy, 75-piece Band, under the direction of Jim Nevins—a far cry from the one of 1933. LISTEN:

Crane Band Goes Far In Thirteen Short Years of Work

The first band director of the Crane High School Band was Mr. O. E. Hawkins. The little C. H. S. band with twenty members made its first appearance at a football game in Ft. Stockton, Tex., in 1934.

This band has indeed grown in the past fourteen years. This first band of 1934 appears to be nothing more than a midget begginers band compared with the band of 1947. This grand band now has seventy-five active members that take part in its public appearances.

During the Crane band's existence, it has accumulated through hard work, twenty-four trophies and many awards. These trophies now stand in the Crane Library and in the band hall.

In the future when the new C. H. S. school building is erected, Mr. Martin, superintendent, states that a trophy case is to be with in its walls that will hold the many trophies that the Crane High School organizations have won throughout the years.

The present director of the C. H. S. band is Mr. James B. Nevins.

Mr. Nevins graduated from the Abilene high school in 1934, the year our band originated. During the time that he attended Abilene high, he was a member of

the band and orchestra, playing violin, saxophone, and clarinet. Then later he attended college at McMurry, Texas A. & M., Texas Technological college, and Cincinnati Music Conservatory.

After graduating from college, he has taught in the following schools: Ozona, Pampa, Texas Tech, and then two years in the army air corp. He taught navigation aerodynamics while in the service. After leaving the army, he came to Crane high, where he has been teaching as a band director for two and one-half years.

Mr. Nevins plans to receive his master's degree from Texas Tech college in June of 1947.

Marion Brunette, Ex-Crane Student, Sings Over KECK and KRIG

Marion Brunette, ex-Crane High student, sang over KRIG Friday 7, 1947. He was accompanied by Earl Williams at the piano. This was not his first time on the air for while living in Seattle, Wash., he sang once every week for 15 minutes. Marion is very well known for his ability in singing and is called on to sing at church and other social meetings.

While attending school Marion and his two brothers, Norman and Terry, organized an orchestra in which Marion was the director. He played on the A string in basketball and football and played in the high school band. He spent three years in the Army and sang many songs over the microphone to the boys in the service.

Marion is now singing over KECK in Odessa every Sunday from 1:15 to 1:30. So let's all tune in on him and listen to Frank Sinatra, Perry Como and Bing Crosby all rolled into one big hit.

Reagan Clinic Held for Seven Bands in 'C' Class

A band clinic was held for the "C" class bands in Big Lake on Saturday, Feb. 15. This band clinic started early Saturday morning and lasted until Saturday night.

The clinic was conducted by R. T. Binum, director of the McMurry College Band. He brought a few of his band members with him to the clinic. These were all prospective band directors.

A concert was given by the clinic band that night in the Reagan gym. There were many spectators present during the clinic and during the concert.

The clinic band, selected several months in advance, was made up of the following bands: Iraan, McCamey, Sonora, Mertzon, Crane, Ozona and Big Lake. Nineteen members of the Crane band played in this clinic aggregation, more members than from any other band.

Members of the clinic band were awarded a Certificate of Merit for playing.

C. H. Stephens Rolling Stone of Crane High

"A rolling stone acquires no moss, but acquires a high polish," is a saying that might be applied to C. H. Stephens, a sophomore in Crane High.

By a "rolling stone" we mean that C. H. has attended five different schools this year. First he attended Odessa High, then he moved to Mineral Wells. From Mineral Wells High, C. H. went to Abilene High. He returned to Odessa from Abilene, and finally came to Crane.

Of all these different schools, C. H. dislikes Mineral Wells High the most, because he said the kids there were all rather wealthy and thought they were just a little better than anyone else.

He likes Odessa High more than any other school he has attended, because he said the people there were more friendly.

When he was asked which school was the hardest he had ever attended, he replied, "Crane!" Nevertheless, C. H. likes Crane High and has many friends.

Zarafonetis and Lewis Win Prizes at Party

Jimmy Zarafonetis, dressed as a gas station attendant, and Sammie Lewis, dressed as a nurse, won the two first prizes for the most original costumes worn at the Ambition Ball, held in the gym, Saturday, Feb. 22.

The colorfully dressed crowd enjoyed a song, "One Alone," rendered by Zoe Reynolds, accompanied by Mrs. Galloway and heard a skit by a "German Band," composed of Bruce Patterson, Tipton Murrell, Valco Garrett, Leonard Rose, Charles Pheister, Billy Dan Lively and Kenneth Warren.

The school's new phonograph furnished music for dancing and there were ping pong tables and card tables for games.

Admission to the party was 15c for stags and 25c for a couple.

The Student Council, who sponsored the party, hopes to sponsor more recreation parties in the future.

Esckridge Holds Clinic In Crane Band Hall For One Hour Friday

The Crane High School Band conducted a clinic Friday, Feb. 21, 1947, during the third period.

Mr. Sandford Esckridge, who is now co-owner of the William Charles Music company in Austin, Texas, paid the band a visit for this clinic.

Mr. Esckridge has been one of the state contest judges for the bands in this region for the past two years, with Crane band being one of the contestants.

He is a former pupil of the Texas Music Educators association. He was also the director of the Wink and Lubbock high school bands prior to his being with the William Charles Music company.

Order, Music, Squawks Taken Up By Council

A regular meeting of the Student Council was held Thursday, Feb. 20, in the auditorium.

The Council decided to make the class presidents honorary members. They will attend the meetings, but cannot vote.

A Squawk Box will be put in the library for suggestions and complaints by the students. If they are within reason, they will be read by the Student Council and acted upon.

One member of each class will be expected to keep the rest of the class orderly at assemblies.

Music will be provided for the cafeteria every day at noon by the Council.

Four students from each class will be appointed to a standing Welcoming Committee to welcome new students in their class.

The next meeting will be held at the third period, Thursday, Feb. 27.

Perfect Attendance Records 1st Semester

Records show a high perfect attendance rate for the first semester of 1946-47. The eighth grade leads in this record with nine students neither absent nor tardy, and the freshman and junior classes are tied.

The following students were not absent or tardy any of the first semester:

Seniors—Homer Clements, Jean Garrett, Donna Miller, Leonard Rose, and Billy John Shaffer.

Juniors—Benny Bridges, Doris Collins, Thomas McCasland, Gene Miller, Tipton Murrell, Joanne Randall and Clorene Watts.

Sophomores—Mary Joyce Evans, Frankie Lou Gray, Myron Holcomb and Jimmy Miller.

Freshmen—Barbara Bridges, Lanell Murrell, Louise Newman, Dorothy Nolan, Kenneth Pearce, Charles Pheister and Joan Rhinehart.

Eighth Grade—Louie Brents, Lawanda Coker, Henry Cook, Ernest Higdon, Ray Knox, Mickey Miller, Clark Lee Presley, Joan Ragsdale, and Cynthia Zarafonetis.

Some had never been absent but failed to be in their classes by the time the tardy bell sounded. These are the following:

Juniors—Maxine Omo and Eleanor Rush.

Sophomores—Barbara Barber, Freddie Barrett, Jean Murray and Mary Lou Reynolds.

Eighth Grade—Ray Omo.

Carroll's Shop Classes Make Progress Under Student Foremen

In General Metal the boys are learning the controls of the metal lathe. Every boy is to know the control and be able to use the lathe before he is allowed to turn off any projects. The class has not turned out many projects yet, but will before the year is over. The two most popular gadgets are plum bobs and center punches. The General Metal class is to hand in a student activity report each week telling what they did all week.

In the woodworking class they are concentrating on such projects as wood carving, flower holders and sleeve ironing boards. This class also keeps a student activity report and hands it in each week.

In Mechanical Drawing class they are learning to make blue prints and are studying new drawings and learning how to draw them.

In Laboratory of Industries the boys are making whatnot shelves and cave-servers. Each boy is allowed to select his next project.

A very successful scheme, according to Mr. Carroll, is to let these classes operate with their own officials. This added responsibility makes for a better working class, and each student, during the course of a semester, is given a position of responsibility. Each class changes shop officers every three weeks. Present officials are as follows:

First Period:
Shop Foreman—Ray Knox
Tool Foreman—James Nance
Material Foreman—Ernest Higdon.
Paint Foreman—Richard Lightfoot.
Safety Foreman—Jimmy Faulkner.
Book Foreman—Doug Boyd

Third Period:
Shop Foreman—Bert Harrington.
Tool Foreman—Bobby North
Material Foreman—Toots Mathis.
Safety Foreman—Raymond Weatherby.
Book Foreman—Wallace Coker.
Paint Foreman—Thomas McCasland.

Fifth Period:
Shop Foreman—J. F. Miller
Tool Foreman—Charles Pheister.
Material Foreman—Bruce Patterson.
Book Foreman—Kenneth Warren.
Paint Foreman—Joe Florence
Safety Foreman—Eddie Tallman.

Sixth Period:
Shop Foreman—A. Whaley
Tool Foreman—J. Weatherby
Material Foreman—J. Hickey
Book Foreman—C. Pettit.
Paint Foreman—W. Brightman
Safety Foreman—M. Holcomb

Pettit and Cantrell Elected Campus King and Queen for Annual

Votes for the campus king and queen were counted last Wednesday, Feb. 19, ending a campaign which lasted about two and a half weeks. The results favored Kathryn Cantrell, a junior, as campus queen, and Chester Pettit, a senior, as campus king.

At the beginning of the contest, each of the five classes elected from its members two favorites, a boy and a girl. Then these became candidates for the titles of campus king and queen for the annual, and their names and pictures were attractively displayed on jars and placed in the library. Students were privileged to put money in the jars with each cent being counted as one vote in favor of the person's jar in which it was placed.

When the money was counted Wednesday, the last period, the entire proceeds amounted to \$6.85. This money will go into the annual fund.

Joyce Sharp, a freshman, was next to Kathryn in votes, and John Clark, an eighth grader, received second highest of the boys.

The two classes from which the king and queen were elected had to choose others to take the places of class favorites. All the class favorites, campus king and queen, and the all round boy and girls, which will be elected later, are urged to make arrangements about having their pictures made for the annual.

Other candidates were Dorothy Craig, senior; Raymond Weatherby, junior; Jane Clark, sophomore; Bruce Patterson, freshman; Joyce Sharp, freshman; John Clark, eighth grade; Patsy Dulin, eighth grade.

Crane High Enrollment Now At 43 Students

No one knows just what the reason is that has caused such a sharp increase in the number of students enrolled in high school as compared to the number attending last year. Perhaps it is the large number of marriages that have taken place, but nevertheless, Crane High has 143 students enrolled in the four high school grades; whereas, there were approximately 170 students enrolled last year.

The sophomore class leads all other classes in the number of students. The number enrolled in each of the four high school classes are: Seniors, 26; juniors, 26; sophomores, 48; and freshmen, 43.

Although the enrollment has decreased, the number of courses taught are still the same. Some new courses have been added to last year's schedule.

New Favorite and Representative Chosen

After the assembly last Friday afternoon, February 22, the students and teachers came together for class meetings.

The Seniors chose Pat McLaurin as their representative on the student council because of Baker Davis' election to the office of president of that organization. Don Kilgore was elected as Senior favorite to take the place of Chester Pettit, who is campus king.

When this was dispensed with Mrs. Elmore talked to the class about the choice of plays.

Mr. Martin made a short speech at the end of the meeting.

Odessa Holds Brass Clinic February 22

Mr. G. Gilligan, a band chairman of region VIII, wrote Mr. Nevins, Crane band director, to bring all cornet players interested in learning contest solo to a cornet clinic in Odessa.

Region VIII TMEA Cornet clinic was held Feb. 22, 1947, at 9 a. m., with John James Haynie, Texas Tech Band, Lubbock, as clinic director.

A program of contest cornet solos were played. The solos heard were sent in by request to Robert Maddox, Odessa High School, Odessa, Texas.

A few band students from Crane attended the clinic.

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THE CRANE'S CREED

THE CRANE PROMISES:

To be strong that nothing can disturb his peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person he meets; to make all his friends feel that there is something in him; to look at the sunny side of everything and make his optimism come true.
 To think only of the best; to work only for the best, and to expect nothing but the best.
 To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as his own; to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To give so much time to the improvement of himself that he has no time to criticize others; and to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit troubles.
 YOU ARE A CRANE!

Spring Is Here With It's Love, Fever, and Etc.

BY LEONARD ROSE

Well, spring is here again with its bad cases of spring fever, romances, and the desire for baseball. We shall take up these subjects one at a time.

Spring fever, defined as the desire to go to sleep in class or not even go to class, some people have spring fever and want to travel, see something new, a change in the scenery, or something like that.

Spring Romances, defined as the kind that lasts forever, well, at least until summer, ah! the sweetness of love in March, the look of fondness in his or her eyes, the dewy freshness of his or her lips in a stolen kiss. That's what I call romance.

Baseball, spring training, and all that goes with the game, the cry of the small boy who sells peanuts and "pop," the hard wooden seats in the bleachers, the cry of the umpire, "St-rike!"

This is the opinion of one poor individual as to what spring means.

Texans Not Much More Civilized After 102 Years

Five days ago Texas celebrated her 102nd anniversary. She has lived through five wars; each one being a horrible episode.

When our frontiersmen and our pioneer women came into Texas, it was wild and woolly. There was settlement after settlement destroyed by the Redskins, because of the hate they held on the "pale faces" for ruining their Happy Hunting Grounds.

Has our world changed any today? Don't we still hate people? Aren't we trying to create a bomb that will blow up an entire nation with one strike? Yes, of course we are civilized; but sometimes we begin to wonder in what ways.

We brag about our latest inventions, and how we are getting ahead of the rest of the world. Well, we are getting ahead of the rest of the world . . . too far ahead. When man starts flying through the air in a contraption that can go 1000 MPH they are going fast. When we can push a button and see people far away from us it is getting to be a world without any privacy at all.

Sometimes when we start talking about the uncivilized people of eighty years ago, and the bloodthirsty Indians, just remember that in our own advanced and "out of this world" ways we are just as bad or worse.

Texas is a favorite state of the United States, and has a right to be. It's not only the largest state, but also produces the majority of the supply of cotton for the whole U. S.

No matter how many other states enter the Union, Texas will always be the state of states and within its midst are the people of people . . . common people, for which Abe Lincoln once said, "God must have loved the common people, because He made so many of them."

The moral of this editorial is: Texas people were freed 114 years ago in one sense of the word but many of us are still subjugated. By intolerance, hate, greed, race prejudice, and many other petty ills which we as individuals can conquer.

Watch Out! Spring Fever Will Soon Be Here

One week it is cold and you are running around as fast as you can to keep warm; and then suddenly it's warm. No, no more hurrying, no worrying; you just want to lie in the warmth of the sun and sleep and sleep and sleep.

Your mother calls you, you don't hear her; at school the teachers yell at you, you just smile at them rather drowsily, rest your head on the desk, and dream.

Perhaps you dream of peach blossoms and, if you dream long enough, the blossoms will turn into peaches, and the peaches into peach ice cream.

That's when you wake up! Food! You haven't touched food for a week, but now the thought of food is overpowering.

Then you take off in a run to the ice cream parlor. You see a cute boy or girl, whatever the case may be, and you stop and talk. You find that your eyes actually stay open long enough for you to see your way to cross the street.

You are cured! But just wait until spring rolls around again and the spring fever bug will get you once more.

HELP
 IF YOU'D LIKE A DATE WITH THAT CUTE NEW BOY, SHOULD YOU--
 SWOON EACH TIME YOU SEE HIM?

TELL HIM IT'S LEAP YEAR AND ASK HIM YOURSELF?

JUST CASUALLY MENTION THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING A THING TONIGHT?

SEND ANONYMOUS NOTES TELLING HIM HOW NICE YOU ARE?

Seniors Present Billie Lovelace



One of the most talented and fun-loving seniors is to be presented to you this week, and we are sure you will agree when we tell you her title is Billie Barbara Lovelace.

The lovable little gal was born Feb. 16, 1929, in Desdemona, Texas, and moved to Crane three months later. She has lived and gone to school here the rest of the time.

Billie (take your choice of a nickname) has been on "The Crane" staff for two years and editor for the first half of this year. She is artist on the annual staff, has played in both singles and doubles tennis and went to region at El Paso in '46. On the A team in volleyball Billie has taken part in nearly all school activities and sports.

Her two outstanding talents are art and feature writing, both of which have gained high recognition. She plans to make further use of her artistic ability by attending an art school in Fort Worth after graduation.

All kinds of chocolate foods, strawberry shortcake and whipped cream, pretty clothes and pretty music, especially "Wang Wang Blues" and "I Know," are numbered among her favorites. She dislikes two-faced people and those who interfere.

Bill can always turn a dull party into a gay old time which everyone enjoys.

EXCHANGES

SAYINGS OF LINCOLN

Don't sway horses in the middle of the stream.
 Calling a sheep's tail a leg does not make it so.
 Is a man to blame for having a cowardly pair of legs?
 Keep the temperance pledge and it will be the best act of your life.
 When you can't remove an object plow around it.
 God bless my mother; all I am or hope to be I owe to her.—Panther's Paw.

QUOTATIONS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON

Honor and obey your parents, whatever may be their condition. Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; it is better to be alone than in bad company.
 Well has it been said, that if there had been no God mankind would have been obliged to imagine one.
 Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spake of celestial fire called CONSCIENCE. Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity and the father of mischief.
 It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the power of one department to encroach upon another.
 "And it is so plain to me that eloquence, like swimming, is an art which all men might learn, though so few do."—Emerson.
 "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact."—Geo. Elliott.
 "Language is the dress of thought; every time you talk your mind is on parade."—Anonymous.
 "His words, like so many nimble servitors, trip about him on command."—Milton.
 "He ceas'd, but left no pleasing on the ear, his voice, that listening still they seemed to hear."—Homer.
 "Language is the army of the human mind, and at once contains the trophies of its past, and the weapons of its future conquests."—Coleridge.
 "The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."—Carlyle.

Famous Quotations

Three cheers for this all-round senior girl who is a real favorite with everyone. Jeannette Glenn came to Crane last year as a junior and has become very well known and liked by her classmates in that short time.
 Jeannette was born on Oct. 4, 1930, in Bronte, Texas. Since then she has blossomed into maidenhood with short, black hair, snapping brown eyes, and 5' 6" of woman. She is very interested in sports and is co-captain of the volleyball team. She makes excellent grades and has been on the honor roll every six weeks this year.
 This vivacious young woman swoons at the sight of Glenn Ford, at the sound of Perry Como or Bing Crosby, at the smell of fried chicken, and if you want to please her especially well, just play "Night and Day" while she is practicing volleyball.
 This very agreeable girl had a hard time trying to think of anything she disliked—but finally decided that her pet peeve is "smart-alec" people.
 Jeannette plans to enter Draughton's Business College in Dallas next fall.
 So we say again, "Three cheers to an all-round senior."

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

What with spring around the corner it seems that everyone in school is planning on getting married pretty soon so we have inquired around and found out the opinions of students on the subject of early marriages:

Clorene Watts—It's entirely everyone's own business but I want to be prepared to make my own living if my old man decides to leave me. I think it is O. K. to become engaged but wait at least five minutes after graduation before being married.

Kenneth Daniel—I think they should get married when they get good and ready. A girl's age should be from 17 on, and the boy's 18 or 19.

Corky Harris—I think they should be at least 25, even though I'm not going to wait that long.

Zoe Reynolds—My opinion is the same on early marriages as it is on late marriages—no good. Billie Hardesty—Well, I think a person should at least wait until he is out of school.

Norma Garrett—I would have been married when I was twelve if someone would have asked me. Wilma Earp—They are wasting their life when they marry too young.

Jency Blanche Porter—Some of them are all right, I guess. Jeannette Glenn—They are suckers.

Miss Lewis—I think it is strictly up to them.

Patsy Doolin—O. K. I guess, but I don't think they should be before they finish school.

Norma Rust—O. K. I guess, if they want to.

Hane Clark—It all depends on how evenly it is.

John Clark—Might get homesick to see "mama".

Merwin McCully—O. K. If you get along all right.

Pat McLaren—I don't think they should too early.

Don Pope—O. K. if you can get away with it.

Amel Omo—If you want to it is O. K.

Homer Clements—It's their own business.

Artie Fern Henderson—All right if they can make a go of it—which they usually don't if it is too early.

Chester Pettit—O. K. if I can find a woman.

Dorothy Craig—I think it is entirely up to them—but they should think seriously about it before jumping into anything, after all marriage is a life-time job!

Don Kilgore—I'm not so hot.

Barbara Mason—All right if you want to.

Miss Fitterly—In some cases it is O. K.

June Crownover—O. K. if it is the right person.

Dorothy Hickey—Good idea.

Bobbie Dale Altem—O. K. if you want to.

Doris Collins—Well, I don't

know about other people but I want to have fun before I get married.

Toots—All right.

Mary Brewer—I think boys and girls should at least finish school before getting married.

Joy Dickson—It all depends on the person or persons involved. Some people are grown at a younger age than others.

John Hickey—If the girl he is going to marry has a good job let him get married.

Mary Grimes—Personally I think they should be, say, about 15 years old when you get married. I think marrying young is better than marrying when you are older.

Jimmie Neal Stacy—I think they should finish school no matter when they marry. And they should marry when they fall in love.

Raymond Weatherby—The first thing that you should think about is what is in front of you. The couple should have gone together long enough to know all about each other. There is more than just the saying "let's get married."

Helen White—What difference does the age make if you really love some one?

Billy Lovelace—I don't think marriage is a good idea anytime for anyone still in high school.

Helen Hickey—People should think twice or even three or four times before marrying. It's a serious proposition.

Dorothy—When you find the right one it doesn't really matter how old you are.

Kenneth Lewis—Know what they are getting into.

Baker Davis—If they know what they are doing let them get married.

Lou Slimp—Just when you think the right one comes along and he asks you.

Billie Russell—Just be sure you know the consequences.

Seniors Present Baker Davis



We are proud to introduce to you one of the most popular and best-liked senior boys — Baker Davis. Baker was just recently elected president of the Student Council and has participated in both football and basketball for several years.

Baker, the typical boy, enjoys all types of sports, hunting, riding, good shows and brunettes. He is a member of the 4-H Club and has made some excellent showings at the different fat stock shows.

Baker was born in Kerrville, Texas, on Dec. 11, 1928. He moved to Crane in the fourth grade and has been here ever since. Baker, more commonly known as "Snake," has flaming red hair, green eyes and is 5 feet 11 inches tall (with his boots on) and weighs 155 lbs.

"Snake's" first favorite is food but the special dishes are fried chicken, chocolate pie and milk. He thinks Wallace Beery and Gary Cooper are mighty fine actors and for music he'll take "The Darktown Poker Club." About the only thing he dislikes is stuck up people.

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AUNT SOPHIE SEZ

Dear Kiddos:
 All of my mail this month seems to be from boys and girls who cannot decide what type they like. Well, here you are, your advice from me to you, and you can have it:

GIRLS, DON'T GO OUT WITH—

TRACKMEN—They are too long winded and fast.

FOOTBALL MEN—They'll tackle anything.

SWIMMERS—They are all wet and you never can tell when they will take a nose dive.

TENNIS PLAYERS—They are wrapped in rackets and play too many love games.

BASEBALL PLAYERS—They beat around the base too much, besides, they always have an old bat around.

A BOXER—He's always punch drunk.

BAND PLAYERS—They are worse than two-timers, they are four timers.

ENGINEERS—They are always on the lookout for angles and curves.

CARPENTER—He'll build you up for an awful letdown.

ROUGHNECKS—They are rough on the necking.

LAWYER—He can talk you into anything. He knows all the answers.

DOCTOR—He has lots of patients, but his mind is usually on anatomy . . . or appendics, or something.

SALESMEN—Well, need I say more.

FISHERMEN—He is always looking for a good catch.

PUMPER—Because, well, I don't know why, but DON'T.

AND, BOYS, DON'T GO OUT WITH—

GOLD DIGGER—She may take you for a MIN—or two.

A FLIRT—She believes variety is the spice of life.

A JUIJITSU STUDENT—She'll make you fall hard.

TOMBOY—She wants to wear the pants in the family.

WAITRESS—She slings too much hash.

SEAMSTRESS—She'll sew your wild oats for you.

COOK—She slings a mean rolling pin.

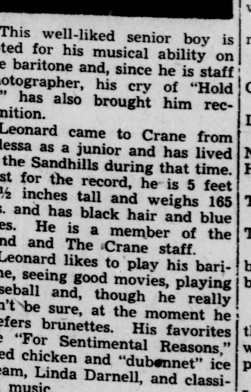
FORTUNE TELLER—She knows your line as well as you.

A COLUMNIST—She will always try to tell you something you already know.

So, kiddies, it looks like we are going to have to be hermits, or (alas) old maids and bachelors!

Your loving,
 AUNT SOPHIE.

Seniors Present Leonard Rose



This well-liked senior boy is noted for his musical ability on the baritone and, since he is staff photographer, his cry of "Hold it!" has also brought him recognition.

Leonard came to Crane from Odessa as a junior and has lived in the Sandhills during that time. Just for the record, he is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall and weighs 165 lbs. and has black hair and blue eyes. He is a member of the band and The Crane staff.

Leonard likes to play his baritone, seeing good movies, playing baseball and, though he really can't be sure, at the moment he prefers brunettes. His favorites are "For Sentimental Reasons," fried chicken and "dubonnet" ice cream, Linda Darnell, and classical music.

He said there wasn't really anything that he didn't like, so you can see he is really a nice person to have around.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A cordial birthday greeting is extended to the following students who were born between Feb. 25 and March 11:

Paul Simon—Feb. 25.
 Jimmy Miller—Feb. 25.
 Aubrey Taylor—Feb. 26.
 Melba Howell—March 3.
 Ernest Higdon—March 4.
 Billy Henderson—March 5.
 Billy Dean Nelson—March 10.
 Eleanor Rush—March 10.

Seniors Present Billie Hardesty



Seniors for this time are to present Billie Clyde Hardesty. Billie was born Aug. 18, 1931, in Baytown, Texas. She came to Crane in 1945. Billie is 4 1/2 inches tall, has light hair and blue eyes, and is attractive.

Billie likes to swim, skate, ride horseback, and play ping pong. She also likes to play tennis.

Her favorite foods are things, oysters and chicken. The foods she doesn't like are shrimp and milk.

Billie's pet peeve is chewing gum in her face. Her thing Billie seems to hate most is school.

Her favorite song is "Rest Of The World" by Perry Como. Billie's movie actors are Alan Ladd and Van Johnson. When asked her favorite actress was applied, "None. I hate war." The show she swooned at "No Leave, No Love."

When she graduates she plans to enter Draughton's College in Dallas.

BOOK NOOK

WE SHOOK THE FAMILY TREE

By Hildegarde Dolson. Reviewed by Helen Hickey. Highly hilarious entertainment. Describes We Shook The Family Tree to a "T."

Hildegarde Dolson recounts her experiences of family life as a mother, father, one sister, two brothers. She pictures character in a very amusing and adds to the story of the incidents you can't afford to forget.

What would you do if your little brother decided he'd keep his two bass in the bathtub when you wanted it for your purposes? Or how would you get out of a going to your prom with a boy who wears breeches?

Even the depression is when Hildegarde came to New York for the first time. Her job, can't dampen her spirit, the clever way in which book is written.

Ad-Libs From the School Library

Valentine was properly created by Mrs. Elmore with white and decorated boxes and candy hearts.

To further interest in the edition Ball, Mrs. Elmore's books on vocations and careers.

Some interesting books will soon be on the shelves. The Cleven Sister, by ret Culklin Banning.

Deborah, by Marian C. Blaze of Noon, by E. Gann.

Mountain Pony, by Larom.

The High Barbare, by Nordhoff and James.

Yankee Stranger, by Thane.

The Light Heart, by Thane.

Perhaps "Blaze of Noon" be the most interesting books to school children.

BLAZE OF NOON

This is a novel about the others, crazy dare-devil who came of age with a plane after the World War.</

Bonner, McLaurin Pettit Chosen 82-B All District Cage Team

Brady Nix, chairman of District 82-B, announced the all-district team Friday, February 21, and three Crane boys made the district selection, Pettit, Bonner and McLaurin. Pope was named on the second team, with Murrell and Kilgore receiving honorable mention. Bonner and McLaurin were unanimous choices for the first all-district team, and Pettit received eighteen points. There were six men picked on the first team, three from Crane, two from Ft. Stockton, and one from Iraan.

Table with 3 columns: NAME, SCHOOL, PTS. Lists names like Pettit, McLaurin, Bonner, etc. and their respective schools and points.

POET'S CORNER HISTORICAL EVENTS

By Kathryn Cantrell. The voyage to America in 1492. Religious Military Expeditions, it is said, The Crusades were made in 1300. John was king, He signed the Magna Charta—in 1215.

Ft. Stockton Panthers Upset Favored Cranes In Semi-Finals 36-32

The Golden Cranes and the Marfa Shorthorns were favored to compete in the finals of the Region 8 tournament held at Marfa Feb. 28 through March 1. However, the Cranes did not pull through to the finals as expected; but lost in the semi-finals game to Fort Stockton, a team which they had beaten three times previously this season. Marfa won the tournament by beating Stockton 34-18.

Crane won the opener with Clint handily 57-31, with Bonner hitting the bucket for 22 points to top the scoring column. Pettit dumped in nine points to be second high for Crane. Stachon of Clint was high for them with 14 points.

The Cranes played Ft. Stockton Saturday afternoon at 2:45. The Cranes had a ten-point lead at the end of the first quarter; then Stockton got hot and the game was tied 19-19 at half time. At the end of the third quarter the game was 26-22 with Stockton holding the upper edge. The game ended 36-32 and again Ft. Stockton held a four-point advantage.

CRANE-CLINT GAME, CRANE-Ft. STOCKTON, CRANE-MARATHON. Lists names and points for various games.

Junior Team Plus 'B' Have Best Records Despite Underdog Role

The Crane Juniors, the least talked about of the three teams that represent the Crane school, seem to have the most remarkable record of them all. The little Cranes won sixteen out of the seventeen ball games they played this season, losing only to the highly-touted San-Angelo Juniors, 53-20.

The Junior Cranes have scored a total of 545 points to their opponents 262. While the B team has not got quite as good a record as the Juniors, they have won sixteen out of the eighteen games, losing only to Wink and Midland. Wink defeated the Cranes 28-22, and Midland beat them 33-21.

CRANE JUNIORS, CRANE B TEAM. Lists names and points for junior and B teams.

THE CRANE FILES. A list of historical events and dates related to the school.

Cranes Rack Up Bull Dogs in Sugar Game 50-10 6

The 4-karat Cranes won another game Tuesday night, February 18, when they racked up the Bulldogs of Midland 50-16. This was an interesting game although the score was very one-sided. The game was a very scientific one from the standpoint of basketball.

McLaurin, the tall center and forward of the Cranes, really came unbound when he hit the basket for seven field goals and three free throws. Bonner also found the range and hit the net for a total of eleven points. Edwards was high for Midland with five points.

Table with 2 columns: NAME, PTS. Lists names like Pope, McLaurin, Bonner, etc. and their points.

Crane "B" Team Whips Midland "B" Team

The Crane "B" beat the Midland "B" team 34-29 here February 14 in the last game of the season. The game was fast and changed leads many times. At the end of the first quarter, Crane held an edge of one point, the score being 6-5. Crane also held the second quarter lead 12-9, and the third quarter 23-19. Close to the last, Midland jumped into the lead, but Crane came back and made four field goals to Midland's one to regain the advantage.

High point man was Messarurith of Midland, with 17 points. Wallace Coker of Crane was next high with 10 points. Scoring for Crane were: Mathis 5, Murrell 8, Coker, W. 4, Waller 10, Simon 5, McCully 5, Stacy 2, Davis 0, Coker, C. M. 0.

Scoring for Midland: Kirby 3, Greene 0, Hightower 0, Cole 0, Edwards 5, Good 5, Harris 2.

Crane Takes Second Victory Over McCamey

In one of the most exciting volleyball games of the season, the Crane girls defeated the McCamey girls, 27-26. The game was played by time. When the whistle blew ending the game, the score was tied 24-24, so one more minute was allowed for the two teams to play off the tie. When the minute was up Crane was one point ahead of McCamey.

Louise Pettit was again high point man. Score for Crane players: Teague 5, Collins 3, Earl 4, Glenn 4, Pettit 6, Smith 3, Grimes 0.

Spring Football Grind To Start Late In April

In the latter part of April, the football players of next season will swing into action for the spring training. Each year, the football teams have spring training to kinda get an idea on what material the coaches will have next year.

Spring training will be a little later this year than usual because for the first time in years there will be a track team. Usually, spring training started when basketball season was over, but this year it will be postponed until track and tennis are over.

"The Chili Pod" To Open Soon; Mexican Foods To Be Served

Mrs. Quay Clark is opening a new business in her home on the west side of town. She has named this business with the quaint name of "The Chili Pod" and will specialize in Mexican foods, sandwiches, pastries and soft drinks.

San Angelo Paper Pays Tribute to Crane Team

In case you are wondering just what outsiders think of our champion basketball team, here is a story which appeared in the San Angelo Standard-Times which gives us the idea that they are pretty highly recommended.

Nix Measures Height of Basketball Players

The Crane basketball players were called into the office Monday morning to be measured for height. Mr. Nix also made out a report to send to Austin in case Crane wins the Regional tournament.

NITE LITE Eats Special Hamburgers, Short Orders. RUSS Proprietors GENE

RED BLUFF LUMBER AND HARDWARE COMPANY "We Specialize In Everything" Phone 42 Crane, Texas

CRANE MOTOR COMPANY SERVICE AND SALES Chrysler and Dodge Dealer

THE SUNBEAM MARKET More Merchandise For Less Money! PAY CASH! PAY LESS! Phone—26

PETTIS GRILL For Good Steaks and Short Orders Choice of Dinners "We Say It With Service" Vernon Pettis—Proprietor

DON'S FOOD STORE Government Inspected Meals PHONE 7 "If It Is To Be Had—We Have It"

The Solar System In Relationship To Atom

Have you ever thought about how the earth and the planetary system is related to the atom? Well, if you haven't, I will try my best to get you confused with electrons, protons and the like.

Will Blond Abscond With CHS Band Fund

All of the members of the band are keeping a sharp eye out for any suspicious movements on the part of Nelda McCasland. Through a misunderstanding Nelda carried the money the band made from the sale of concert tickets to the post office and registered it in her own name.

Crane Band to Receive Jackets Within the Next Four Weeks

It has been many years since the band has ordered jackets or coveralls, so it was voted in that the members of the Crane Band could have jackets or sweaters this year.

The dead-line for the money to be sent was Friday, Feb. 21. Nearly all members of the band ordered a band jacket, but there were no orders for sweaters since there had to be six or more.

The jackets are soft, warm, woolen material, gray in color. The cuff of the jacket and the bottom part is woven in purple and gold. On the left hand side is a lyre in gold and the name of the band. Four year members of the band get four stripes designating the number of years.

Answers To Questions About 'The Crane'

"What part of 'The Crane' do you turn to first when you read the paper?" was a question that got a variety of answers.

Apparently, the sports page is very interesting because it attracts so many of our boy readers; namely, Billy Schoonover, Bobby Don Smith, Norman Mullens, Billy Henderson, Jimmy Stacy, and Jimmy Milley. Joan Rhinehart, even if she is a girl, reads the sports page first.

Quite a few students start at the front page and read through. No particular story or column catches the eye of the following: Faye Ellen Jourden, Jean Garrett, Billie Hardesty, Jeanelle Glenn, and Learlene Idom. "Just any part toward which my eyes happen to glance" was Doris Collins's answer.

Toots Mathis and Ronald Tallman are especially fond of the jokes that the "Crane" features. Barbara Mason, Homer Clements, Artie Henderson, and Jo Ann Earl are ardent followers of Aunt Sophie's wise and experienced remarks.

23 Spellers Compete In Herald Post Contest

The El Paso Herald Post of El Paso, Texas, is sponsoring a spelling contest for all the sixth and seventh grades of the schools of the southwest.

The contest will be broadcast over the radio May 2 of this year from the auditorium of the El Paso High School.

The eliminations will take place some time in March, and if a girl wins, Mrs. Browning will take her to El Paso, but if a boy wins, Mr. Alderdice will accompany him to the contest.

There will be only one contestant from each school at the contest.

The contest will be conducted orally, and words will be taken from the Interscholastic Bulletin, and the grade school spellers.

The winner will be given a free, expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C., and \$50 in cash.

The contestant will be picked from the sixth and seventh grades some time this month.

There will be eleven entries from the sixth grade and twelve entries from the seventh.

PTA Commemorates Founders' Day With Play, Music, Speeches

The PTA opened Thursday night, Feb. 20, with old time songs led by Miss Meacham. Mrs. Alderdice accompanied at the piano.

Then came the business part of the meeting with Mrs. Hayden Wilmoth, president, presiding. Mrs. Nix read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. John Welch who took Mrs. Horn's place as treasurer, resigned in a few days, and at this meeting Mrs. P. E. McDonald was elected as the new treasurer.

After the business meeting, the program was opened by Mrs. Quay Clark who read an "Essay On Father." This was followed by a talk from the guest speaker, Joe Beyer, on "Developing Better Citizens."

Then there were two musical numbers. Gladys Lee Barnard played a violin solo, "March Militaire," and Leonard Rose sang a solo, "The Nomad."

After this, a play, "Three Letters," was given commemorating the golden anniversary of the PTA. Eight or ten members of the PTA took part in the play.

Mrs. Martin's third grade won first place for having the most parents present. Mrs. Keyes' seventh grade won second place and the seniors won third prize.

Refreshments were then served.

Holidays March 13-14; Profs to Attend TSTA Convention In El Paso

While the student body is enjoying an extra two-day holiday, approximately 30 Crane teachers will attend the Trans-Pecos division of the Texas State Teachers' Association in El Paso on March 13, 14 and 15.

Douglas Crane, math teacher and senior class sponsor, will go as official delegate with Mrs. L. L. Martin attending as alternate. Mrs. Laura Barber, English Department, is the convention's chairman of the English section.

Supt. Martin was last year's president of the Trans-Pecos division, and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore was chairman of the library group section.

School will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon, March 12, and will not take up again until the following Monday, March 17.

"Halogens" Subject For Chemistry Class

The chemistry class of Crane High are now studying halogens. If you seem to be smelling something with a stench, you really are not imagining things. The chemistry lab has all the smells—well, nearly.

Different groups have been performing experiments lately for their benefit and for the class. A lot of times each two partners perform their own experiments instead of a class demonstration.

All the halogen elements are poisonous and corrosive. The following halogens that the class have studied are: bromine, chlorine, iodine and fluorine. A daily test accompanied each one.

So don't be surprised to see a chemistry student studying chemistry at all times—well, at least he has to study something.

Grade School News

MRS. CLOUD'S ROOM
Reporter Myra Sue Harrold
We feel that Admiral Byrd could freeze just as well in Texas as he could at the North Pole in this kind of weather.

We are glad that we have nearly finished our six week's tests, and can get back to the old routine. We have much fun studying when we don't talk so much.

In our weekly reader we liked most of all the Grand Canyon, and Colorado River and report from the "ionsphere" where in White sands New Mexico, scientists are busy finding out things about the air, high above the earth.

In reading we are studying about good old maple syrup on your pancakes.

We certainly miss our old classmate and reporter, Luanne Pressley.

The teacher asked Johnny, "Is the world round?"
"No, ma'am," the short reply.
"It isn't!" exclaimed the teacher.
"Well, then Johnny, it is flat!"
"No," was Johnny's reply.
"Well, if the world isn't round, and it is not flat, then tell me what it is."

Johnny replied, "Dad's says it's crooked."

FIRST GRADE—MRS. PITTMAN
Our room mothers gave us a Valentine party. We had a good time.

We are putting a form set together on our sand table.

Judy Myers and Kenneth Richardson have moved away. We miss them very much.

We have some new pot flowers for our room.

MISS STEWART'S ROOM
Reporter Lee Rhea McAfee
Our room mothers are Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Neeley. We wanted you to know them because they are so nice to us.

In the Whites reading classes we are making a hangar and airplanes for our airport.

All of us are taking six week's tests, but we like to take them.

We are sorry that Jerry McCracken moved away.

We are glad that Mary Lou Fisher is back in school.

Alice Ruth was cop last week and David is cop this week.

GRADE 1, ROOM 1
There are 29 of us in room 1. We are not quiet all of the time. Our tables fall down sometimes. We work some and play some. We like books and school.

We made a post office for Valentine.

One of our group has read 16 books. Another group has read 12 books.

MRS. BROWNING'S ROOM, 7-2
Reporter Nancy Evans
Our volley ball girls are very happy that we have the gym at noon. We surely do appreciate the help of Mrs. Keyes.

Everybody is being extra nice to the teachers this week. (Six week's exams.)

Girl Scout Troop 4 of our room are having a party March 3. Each of the girls are having two friends.

Vestal Hodges has been missing school the past week because of illness. He is okay, now.

We are working very hard for our play which comes March 12. The other grade 7 is going to help us.

Everyone is dissatisfied because of the order we have been seated (alphabetically). Maybe we will make better grades, though.

FOURTH GRADE—MISS PICKENS ROOM
Reporters Patsy Terrell and Linda Smith
We have been studying about adjectives, nouns, and pronouns. We have been making ten sentences, picking out the nouns and the adjectives. Then we would choose five children to put their sentences on the board. Then one at a time would explain his or hers.

We are going to color some spring posters. When we get some nice ones, we are going to put them up.

In health we are studying about the ear. We drew a picture about the ear and how sound enters the ear.

We are ready for the next chapter in arithmetic. We are on our six's and seven's.

In reading we are telling stories. We have learned a poem. The name of it is "The Wonderful World," and it is a very nice poem. We have found that our new readers are interesting.

We have been having six week's tests.

We hope that our room will win a half holiday for a picnic.

FOURTH GRADE MRS. KENT'S ROOM
Reporters Mary Sharrock and Lavelle Avent
We had a very nice Valentine party. Our room mothers served sandwiches, mints and red soda pops.

We have a new reader "First

Ann Boyd Ex-Cranite, Now Graduate Nurse, To Wed El Paso Man

Miss Margaret Ann Boyd, former Cranite, and winsome daughter of Mrs. W. W. Boyd, of Austin, has graduated from the John Sealy College of Nursing in Galveston with the honor of being the best all around nurse.

Ann did not know that she was to receive the award until she was asked to come to the stage. The certificate read: "The alumnae Association of the John Sealy College of Nursing is proud to present the 1947 award for the best all around nurse to Margaret Ann Boyd. This award is made on the basis of nursing ability, scholastic achievement, and leadership." Her class pin came with the award.

The law requires the students to stay in training three years, consequently, Ann must remain in training, but not studying, until June 29. She entered in 1944. All of her previous schooling except the senior year was spent in Crane.

On June 13, the young lady will become the bride of Norman Monk from El Paso, in a formal church ceremony in Galveston. Mr. Monk will receive his B. S. and M. D. degrees in February, and will work for Dr. Baxter while he finishes. Then the couple will go to Denver where he will intern in the Denver General hospital.

4-H Boys Call Special Meeting; Officers

On Tuesday, Mr. J. L. Adkins, county agent, called a special meeting of the 4-H boys for the purpose of electing officers and finding out what each boy was intending to raise this year.

C. M. Coker was elected president, William Brightman, vice president, and Billy Don Ingram, secretary.

The meeting was called at 12:30 and all of the boys met in Room 17. The following boys were present:

- J. W. Mann
- Baker Davis
- Ted Field
- Jax Potect
- Sammie White
- Clarence Miller
- Floyd Odum
- Ray Omo
- Myron Halcomb
- George McCorkle
- William Brightman
- Jimmy Stacy
- Sherill Ivy
- C. M. Coker
- Roy T. Damron
- Marvin Smith
- Bobby Russell
- Doyle Lakin
- Joe D. Ashstals
- Sammie Paris
- Brent McAfee
- Billy Don Ingram
- Nolan McDougal
- Bille Glenn
- Jimmy Zarafonitis.

All that the school has received in the way of equipment is athletic goods for track season, trunks, jerseys, etc. Mr. Nix is hoping for delivery of srikes in the near future.

Underworld Stampede Prevails Last Period

With the sounding of the bell that signifies the end of the fifth period classes there begins a terrific rush for typewriters by students of the last period typing class.

If you aren't blessed with having someone save you a typewriter, or if you are not swift enough to reach a good Underwood, your period is ruined, and you sit at one of those contraptions they try to tell us is a typewriter, namely, a Remington, and painfully and unskillfully pound till your fingers, wrists, back, and otherwise ache.

But at the end of the period, you brighten a bit and say to yourself, "Well, maybe I can grab an Underwood tomorrow and catch up on those four letters I have to type before the next week begins."

Families of America". It begins with the Indians. We like the stories very much.

Donald Standifer has moved to Wichita Falls. We hope he likes his new home and school. Roderick Chandler enrolled in our room this morning from Wichita Falls. We hope he likes us.

We have made some rules for our room. If they are broken, we will be punished.

In English we are telling stories which we like to do.

Sylvia Sullivan and Joyce Sullivan are going to have a March view on the bac kboard. February is almost over. We will be glad when March is here.

Introducing the Faculty



MRS. ELMORE

One of Crane High's most beloved teachers is the little, gray-haired librarian, Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore. She was born in Beaumont, Texas, on a wild, stormy March day and thinks perhaps that had a great deal to do with her disposition.

Mrs. Elmore started studying dancing in New York at a very early age. When she was 15, she was honored with the opportunity of dancing in the Russian Ballet. After this successful start, she had the idea of continuing ballet as a career, but her grandmother and mother had other ideas. They made her return home in the fall and go back to school.

After finishing junior college and a year at a finishing school, Mrs. Elmore ran off and got married. Five years later her husband was killed while deer hunting, and she was left with two small daughters. She then returned to school to obtain her degree.

She studied at the University of Wisconsin and taught physical education at Kidd-Key Junior College in Sherman, Texas. She got her library degree at TSCW, Denton.

Mrs. Elmore is all of 60 inches tall and weighs exactly 100 lbs. She has lovely brown eyes and a very sweet disposition, despite what she says about her birthdate.

Among her likes is planning and remodeling houses as she drives along the highway, and reading all kinds of books. But most of all, she loves to travel. Also, she says she could eat shrimp three times a day.

Her pet peeve is people who chew gum and talk in a picture show.

Mrs. Elmore has a nice choice of favorite movie stars. As an actor she likes Walter Pidgeon and admires Bette Davis as an actress.

She has been this year's senior class sponsor for the past three years, and they are very proud of her because of her grand sportsmanship and her willingness to help them in all their undertakings.

BRADY NIX

Our very distinguished grey-eyed, black haired high school principal, Mr. Brady Nix, was born Feb. 24, 1901, in Harbin, Texas. He is 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. In commenting on his weight Mr. Nix replied, "I'm not fat, just pleasantly plump."

Mr. Nix has been teaching school almost 21 years. He came to Crane in 1940 from Forsan, Texas, and is teaching American history and coaching basketball.

Mr. Nix attended John Tarleton Agricultural College and received his degree from Texas Tech. He also has a number of hours to his credit on graduate work.

Reading newspapers, following sports, hunting and fishing are Mr. Nix's hobbies. He also likes fat, juicy steaks. His pet peeve, as Mr. Nix expressed it, is "A fellow always alibi-ing; i. e. passing the buck."

In his school days Mr. Nix was an outstanding basketball star and today he is a well-known basketball coach, having gone to state with the Crane team of 1941 in addition to winning several district championships. (This year for example).

MR. ALDERDICE'S ROOM

Rex Knox Reporter
We have a new boy. His name is Harry Chandler and he is from Wichita Falls. Now the boys in our room have the girls outnumbered.

Rex tree, Rex cut down, Rex Wood.

Shirley work, Shirley tired, Shirley All-in (Allen).

Rex walked up to door, Rex raise hand, Rex Knox.

Ann go in house, Ann see ghost, Ann White.

James red, James hair cut, James Barber.

Marcia new, Marcia get wet, Marcia Rust.

Assembly Called To Discuss Activities of Student Council

A special assembly was called Friday afternoon for various different things to be explained to the student body.

The program was begun by a beautiful rendition of "The Nomad" by Leonard Rose, accompanied by Miss Meacham.

Baker Davis made a talk about the Student Council and the trip the delegates made to Dallas. Jean Garrett, the secretary for the Student Council, read the minutes of the previous meetings and then reports were made on new projects of the council.

Joyce Sharp explained the "Squawk Box," a box to be put in the library for complaints and suggestions from the students.

Raymond Weatherby explained that the Student Council had selected one person to act as monitor in assembly. Those selected were: senior—Don Kolgore; junior—Okathrin Cantrell; sophomore—Paul Simon; freshman—Joe Weatherby; and eighth grade—Richard Lightfoot.

C. M. Coker explained that the newly appointed welcoming committee would be responsible for meeting all new students and helping them to become adjusted to our school. Those appointed by the Student Council were: seniors—Wilma Earp, Zoe Reynolds, Pat McLaurin and Homer Clements; juniors—Doris Collins, Joan Earle, Bobby Dale Allen, Eugene Harrington; sophomores—Elmo Rust, Myron Holcomb, Dorothy Hickey, Lou Smith; freshmen—Louise Newman, Beverly Bruce, Jimmy Neal Stacy, Bobby Don Smith; eighth grade—Louie Brents, Patsy Dulin, Nancy Stewart.

Speck Pearce told about the Ambition Ball sponsored by the student council and gave the rules to be carried out by the students.

Chester Pettit, Don Kilgore, and Pat McLaurin presented three trophies to the school and Baker Davis, as president of the student association, accepted them. The three trophies represented first place in the Rankin tournament, third place in the Big Lake tournament and first place in the district.

The short time left was used for class meetings.

Martin Offers Advice For Prospective Job Hunting Senior Class

Do you want to apply for a job? Yes?

One week in February the senior English students had to apply for a job before the class. Some were accepted, others were rejected by designated boss. There were three of the students in class were appointed critics for purpose of the critics was to help or constructive criticism to the class.

Mr. Martin was also present. He gave the seniors many important things to think about when applying for a job. He said that good language (or English) is compulsory, and above all there be a gum chewer. He said there were many different ways for an employer to approach applicant to determine his skills along certain lines.

Mr. Martin said that a "fish" hand shake showed the lack of expressing one's ability. He stated that a firm (but not breaking) hand shake makes the best impression for both male and female.

Gamma Gamma Chapter Has Meeting at Crane

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma at the Crane Community Hall 2 o'clock Saturday, Feb. 15. Representatives from the chapters: Iraan, Big Lake, Rankin, Camey and Crane attended the meeting.

Crane was in charge of program, and Mrs. J. L. Browning introduced the guests on program.

Miss Elizabeth Meacham "Kashmiri Song." Mrs. L. Barber made a speech entitled "Schools of Tomorrow." Mildred Cloud gave a reading "The Newbyweds."

Mrs. L. L. Martin poured coffee. Heart shaped sandwiches and candy hearts were placed on table decorated in the Valentine theme.

Crane teachers who attended the meeting were: Mmes. L. L. Martin, Laura Barber, J. L. Browning, Pearl Man, and Misses Chloe Davidson and Jeanie Stewart.

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Deliver us from six week's tests!

We don't know whether there are a lot of old maids going to school or a bunch of old married women.

Rumors are flying, and so will rocks if so many don't stop throwing rumors!

The volley ball girls have a fine spirit this year even though they have had a few bad breaks. Good going, kiddos.

We have a fine basketball team, and we know it!

Boy: Gee, Prof.'s nose looks ripe, doesn't it?

Other boy: Yeah, it MUST be, I just saw him pick it.

Some people have a mania for UNadjusting typewriters. Please don't do this because it makes us so "m-a-d"!

Chester Pettit had a head; Chester must have lost it. That's what Don said, But not to Pettit.

Our school seems to be having a few more smiles and good attitudes and a few less tears and fights, could it be the Student Association?

General Scientists Studying Machines

Mrs. Hughes' General Science class has been studying about many different things for the last few weeks.

She is teaching them about machines, the law of machines, and the formula for problems about each machine.

They are also studying air pressure, air thermometers, which are more sensitive than regular thermometers, and mercury thermometers.

Heat is another subject taken up recently.

Suspicion Is Aroused When Seniors Get Shot

Whether or not the seniors are just naturally photogenic, or they are going to be tried for movie contracts, we can't say for sure. But there is certainly a lot of picture taking around here lately, and a lot of it mysterious.

Last Thursday morning an entire roll of films was wasted, (what's the matter, don't you agree?) on the seniors, Mr. Martin, Mr. Douglas Chrane, and Mrs. Elmore. (Now do you see why they were wasted?)

We are inclined to believe that Mrs. Elmore has another trick up her sleeve, because she says it's a secret why she has been having Leonard take so many close-ups of the senior class members. Even Leonard does not know, so it must be a secret. Of course, it might be because so many of the shots were failures for some reason or another, even though Leonard is an expert photographer.

Well, we'll learn eventually why all these camera episodes have been taking place, and you will have to admit that with the seniors involved, there must be a good reason behind it all.

Trombone Clinic Held By Kermit Director

The trombone section of the Crane High School Band got all the breaks of the band Saturday. This is one of the weakest sections in the band because of its very young players.

Mr. Gilligan from Kermit, Tex., agreed readily to come almost sixty-five miles to hold a trombone clinic on Saturday, March 1.

The trombone players who were not going to be out of town on this day, were requested to be at the Crane band hall for one hour on Saturday afternoon.

C. H. S. Band Presents Year's First Concert In School Auditorium

The Crane High School Band presented a public concert in the high school auditorium on Tuesday night, Feb. 25.

The auditorium was completely filled with local people and guests from other cities. Also present were many band directors and a few accompanying members from their bands. The following directors were present: Mr. Carrico, Ft. Stockton; Mr. Watson and his assistant, Mr. Low, Monahans; Mr. Farnum, Big Lake; Mr. Buchanan, McCamey, and Mr. Walker, Iraan.

The program of the concert was as follows:

1. Night Flight, march by K. L. King.
2. Arioso, from Cantata No. 156, by J. S. Bach.
3. Memory Lane, by Spier and Conrad.
4. May Overture (Required Number, 1947), by Clerisse.
5. Atlantic Zephyrs, Trombone solo played by Valco Garrett (Mrs. Lloyd Alderdice, accompanist).
6. The Prairie Jump, by J. H. Hill.
7. The Traveller, overture by F. Buchtel.
8. Rampage of the Old Gray Mare, by K. Stacy.
9. Pavanne, Second American symphonette, by Martin Gould.
10. Orange Bowl March, by Fillmore.

Supl. Martin Attends Administrators Meet In Atlantic City, N. J.

Leland L. Martin, Crane High School superintendent, left Crane February 25 to attend the National meeting of the American Association of School Administrators in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Martin left at 3 P.M. to go to Ft. Worth and Dallas to see about housing units from Pecos Army air field. He stayed there for two days and left the 27th, joining the Texas delegation and going by special train to Washington where he visited the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

Martin arrived in Atlantic at 10 A.M. on Sunday. The convention lasted until Thursday.

Phil Spitalny and his famous all-girl orchestra were also at the convention for the entertainment. The delegates enjoyed the orchestra very much, Martin said. The convention was broadcast over many radio stations throughout the nation.

Some of the speakers were ex-governor Arnall, Mr. Conat, president of Harvard, and Mr. Krug, secretary of the interior. The convention had ten general sessions.

Answers To The Questions About "The Crane"

Thumbnail interviews is Jo Ann Dulin's favorite column, as she always reads it first.

Helen White said she always reads her stories when she gets the paper, but we know that was meant as a joke.

J. L. Pettit and C. H. Stevens like the "Crane Says".

Several students prefer the gossip column to all others. Joan Earl, Beverly Bruce, Nancy Stewart, and Eleanor Rush number among these people.

When he was asked the question, Corky Harris dolefully replied: "Patio Prattle. I still have my hopes; maybe they will have it this time."

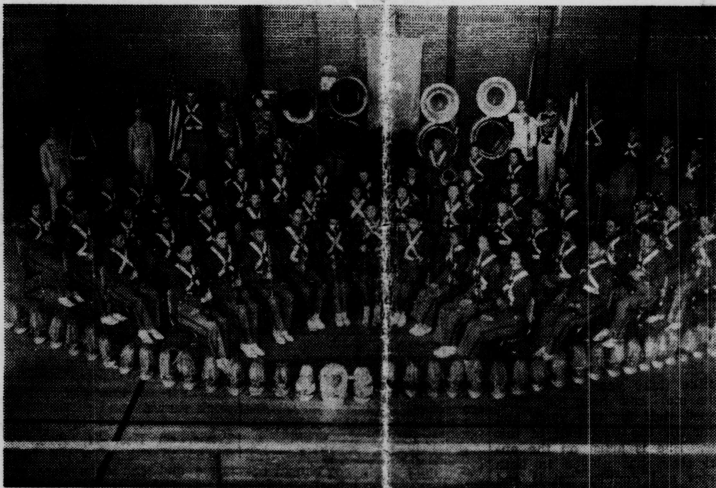
New Machines Make Home-Making Easier

The home economics department has really accomplished things this semester as far as sewing goes. And now they have something to help them accomplish even more. The school has just purchased three latest model Singer sewing machines—two treadle and one electric.

The eighth graders have completed their pot holders and are starting school dresses. The first year class is working on sleeping garments and the second year class is finishing up their play clothes.

The girls would like to take this method of thanking the school board for the new machines which will certainly be a great help to them in their work.

CRANE HIGH BAND 1947



Pictured above is the snappy, 75-piece Band, under the direction of Jim Nevins—a far cry from the one of 1933. LISTEN:

Crane Band Goes Far In Thirteen Short Years of Work

The first band director of the Crane High School Band was Mr. O. E. Hawkins. The little C. H. S. band with twenty members made its first appearance at a football game in Ft. Stockton, Tex., in 1934.

This band has indeed grown in the past fourteen years. This first band of 1934 appears to be nothing more than a midget beginner's band compared with the band of 1947. This grand band now has seventy-five active members that take part in its public appearances.

During the Crane band's existence, it has accumulated through hard work, twenty-four trophies and many awards. These trophies now stand in the Crane Library and in the band hall.

In the future when the new C. H. S. school building is erected, Mr. Martin, superintendent, states that a trophy case is to be within its walls that will hold the many trophies that the Crane High School organizations have won throughout the years.

The present director of the C. H. S. band is Mr. James B. Nevins.

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Perfect Attendance Records 1st Semester

Records show a high perfect attendance rate for the first semester of 1946-47. The eighth grade leads in this record with nine students neither absent nor tardy, and the freshman and junior classes are tied.

The following students were not absent or tardy any of the first semester:

Seniors—Homer Clements, Jean Garrett, Donna Miller, Leonard Rose, and Billy John Shaffer.

Juniors—Benny Bridges, Doris Collins, Thomas McCasland, Gene Miller, Tipton Murrell, Joanne Randall and Clorene Watts.

Sophomores—Mary Joyce Evans, Frankie Lou Gray, Myron Holcomb and Jimmy Miller.

Freshmen—Barbara Bridges, Lanell Murrell, Louise Newman, Dorothy Nolan, Kenneth Pearce, Charles Phemister and Joan Rhinehart.

Eighth Grade—Louie Brents, Lawanda Coker, Henry Cook, Ernest Higdon, Ray Knox, Mickey Miller, Clark Lee Presley, Joan Ragsdale, and Cynthia Zarafonitis.

Some had never been absent but failed to be in their classes by the time the tardy bell sounded. These are the following:

Juniors—Maxine Omo and Eleanor Rush.

Sophomores—Barbara Barber, Freddie Barrett, Jean Murray and Mary Lou Reynolds.

Eighth Grade—Ray Omo.

Carroll's Shop Classes Make Progress Under Student Foremen

In General Metal the boys are learning the controls of the metal lathe. Every boy is to know the control and be able to use the lathe before he is allowed to turn off any projects. The class has not turned out many projects yet, but will before the year is over. The two most popular gadgets are plum bobs and center punches. The General Metal class is to hand in a student activity report each week telling what they did all week.

In the woodworking class they are concentrating on such projects as wood carving, flower holders and sleeve ironing boards. This class also keeps a student activity report and hands it in each week.

In Mechanical Drawing class they are learning to make blue prints and are studying new drawings and learning how to draw them.

In Laboratory of Industries the boys are making whatnot shelves and cave-servers. Each boy is allowed to select his next project.

A very successful scheme, according to Mr. Carroll, is to let these classes operate with their own officials. This added responsibility makes for a better working class, and each student, given a position of responsibility, is given every three weeks. Present officials are as follows:

First Period:
Shop Foreman—Ray Knox
Tool Foreman—James Nance
Material Foreman—Ernest Higdon.

Second Period:
Paint Foreman—Richard Lightfoot.
Safety Foreman—Jimmy Faulkner.

Third Period:
Shop Foreman—Doug Boyd
Tool Foreman—Bert Harrington.
Material Foreman—Bobby North.

Fourth Period:
Safety Foreman—Raymond Weatherly.
Book Foreman—Wallace Coker.

Fifth Period:
Paint Foreman—Thomas McCasland.
Shop Foreman—J. F. Miller
Tool Foreman—Charles Phemister.

Sixth Period:
Material Foreman—Bruce Patterson.
Book Foreman—Kenneth Warren.

Seventh Period:
Paint Foreman—Joe Florence
Safety Foreman—Eddie Tallman.

Eighth Period:
Shop Foreman—A. Whaley
Tool Foreman—J. Weatherly
Material Foreman—J. Hickey
Book Foreman—C. Pettit.
Paint Foreman—W. Brightman
Safety Foreman—M. Holcomb

Pettit and Cantrell Elected Campus King and Queen for Annual

Votes for the campus king and queen were counted last Wednesday, Feb. 19, ending a campaign which lasted about two and a half weeks. The results favored Kathryn Cantrell, a junior, as campus queen, and Chester Pettit, a senior, as campus king.

At the beginning of the contest, each of the five classes elected from its members two favorites, a boy and a girl. Then these became candidates for the titles of campus king and queen for the annual, and their names and pictures were attractively displayed on jars and placed in the library. Students were privileged to put money in the jars with each cent being counted as one vote in favor of the person's jar in which it was placed.

When the money was counted Wednesday, the last period, the entire proceeds amounted to \$6.85. This money will go into the annual fund.

Joyce Sharp, a freshman, was next to Kathryn in votes, and John Clark, an eighth grader, received second highest of the boys.

The two classes from which the king and queen were elected had to choose others to take the places of class favorites. All the class favorites, campus king and queen, and the all 'round boy and girls, which will be elected later, are urged to make arrangements about having their pictures made for the annual.

Other candidates were Dorothy Craig, senior; Raymond Weatherby, junior; Jane Clark, sophomore; Bruce Patterson, freshman; Joyce Sharp, freshman; John Clark, eighth grade; Patsy Dulin, eighth grade.

Crane High Enrollment Now At 43 Students

No one knows just what the reason is that has caused such a sharp increase in the number of students enrolled in high school as compared to the number attending last year. Perhaps it is the large number of marriages that have taken place, but, nevertheless, Crane High has 143 students enrolled in the four high school grades; whereas, there were approximately 170 students enrolled last year.

Other sophomore class leads all the other classes in the number of students. The number enrolled in each of the four high school classes are: Seniors, 26; juniors, 26; sophomores, 48; and freshmen, 43.

Although the enrollment has decreased, the number of courses taught are still the same. Some new courses have been added to last year's schedule.

New Favorite and Representative Chosen

After the assembly last Friday afternoon, February 22, the students and teachers came together for class meetings.

The Seniors chose Pat McLaurin as their representative on the student council because of Baker Davis' election to the office of president of that organization. Don Kilgore was elected as Senior favorite to take the place of Chester Pettit, who is campus king.

When this was dispensed with Mrs. Elmore talked to the class about the choice of plays.

Mr. Martin made a short speech at the end of the meeting.

Odessa Holds Brass Clinic February 22

Mr. G. Gilligan, a band chairman of region VIII, wrote Mr. Nevins, Crane band director, to bring all cornet players interested in learning contest solo to a cornet clinic in Odessa.

Region VIII TMEA Cornet clinic was held Feb. 22, 1947, at 9 a. m., with John James Haynie, Texas Tech Band, Lubbock, as clinic director.

A program of contest cornet solos were played. The solos heard were sent in by request to Robert Maddox, Odessa High School, Odessa, Texas.

A few band students from Crane attended the clinic.

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To be strong that nothing can disturb his peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person he meets; to make all his friends feel that there is something in them; to look at the sunny side of everything and make his optimism come true.
 To think only of the best; to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as his own; to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To give so much time to the improvement of himself that he has no time to criticize others; and to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit troubles.
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Spring Is Here With It's Love, Fever, and Etc.

BY LEONARD ROSE

Well, spring is here again with its bad cases of spring fever, romances, and the desire for baseball. We shall take up these subjects one at a time.
 Spring fever, defined as the desire to go to sleep in class or not even go to class, some people have spring fever and want to travel, see something new, a change in the scenery, or something like that.
 Spring Romances, defined as the kind that lasts forever, well, at least until summer, ah! the sweetness of love in March, the look of fondness in his or her eyes, the dewy freshness of his or her lips in a stolen kiss. That's what I call romance.
 Baseball, spring training, and all that goes with the game, the cry of the small boy who sells peanuts and "pop," the hard wooden seats in the bleachers, the cry of the umpire, "St-rike!"
 This is the opinion of one poor individual as to what spring means.

Texans Not Much More Civilized After 102 Years

Five days ago Texas celebrated her 102nd anniversary. She has lived through five wars; each one being a horrible episode.
 When our frontiersmen and our pioneer women came into Texas, it was wild and woolly. There was settlement after settlement destroyed by the Redskins, because of the hate they held on the "pale faces" for ruining their Happy Hunting Grounds.
 Has our world changed any today? Don't we still hate people? Aren't we trying to create a bomb that will blow up an entire nation with one strike? Yes, of course we are civilized; but sometimes we begin to wonder in what ways.
 We brag about our latest inventions, and how we are getting ahead of the rest of the world. Well, we are getting ahead of the rest of the world... too far ahead. When men start flying through the air in a contraption that can go 1000 MPH they are going fast. When we can push a button and see people far away from us it is getting to be a world without any privacy at all.
 Sometimes when we start talking about the uncivilized people of eighty years ago, and the bloodthirsty Indians, just remember that in our own advanced and "out of this world" ways we are just as bad or worse.
 Texas is a favorite state of the United States, and has a right to be. It's not only the largest state, but also produces the majority of the supply of cotton for the whole U. S.
 No matter how many other states enter the Union, Texas will always be the state of states and within its midst are the people of people... common people, for which Abe Lincoln once said, "God must have loved the common people, because He made so many of them."
 The moral of this editorial is: Texas people were freed 144 years ago in one sense of the word but many of us are still subjugated. By intolerance, hate, greed, race prejudice, and many other petty ills which we as individuals can conquer.

Watch Out! Spring Fever Will Soon Be Here

One week it is cold and you are running around as fast as you can to keep warm; and then suddenly it's warm. No, no more hurrying, no worrying; you just want to lie in the warmth of the sun and sleep and sleep and sleep.
 Your mother calls you, you don't hear her; at school the teachers yell at you, you just smile at them rather drowsily, rest your head on the desk, and dream.
 Perhaps you dream of peach blossoms and, if you dream long enough, the blossoms will turn into peaches, and the peaches into peach ice cream.
 That's when you wake up. Food! You haven't touched food for a week, but now the thought of food is overpowering.
 Then you take off in a run to the ice cream parlor. You see a cute boy or girl, whatever the case may be, and you stop and talk. You find that your eyes actually stay open long enough for you to see your way to cross the street.
 You are cured! But just wait until spring rolls around again and the spring fever bug will get you once more.

HELP IF YOU'D LIKE A DATE WITH THAT CUTE NEW BOY, SHOULD YOU... SWOON EACH TIME YOU SEE HIM?

TELL HIM IT'S LEAP YEAR AND ASK HIM YOURSELF?

JUST CASUALLY MENTION THAT YOU'RE NOT DOING A THING TONIGHT?

SEND ANONYMOUS NOTES TELLING HIM HOW NICE YOU ARE?

Seniors Present Billie Lovelace



One of the most talented and fun-loving seniors is to be presented to you this week, and we are sure you will agree when we tell you her title is Billie Barbara Lovelace.
 The lovable little gal was born Feb. 16, 1929, in Desdemona, Texas, and moved to Crane three months later. She has lived and gone to school here the rest of the time.
 Billie (take your choice of a nickname) has been on "The Crane" staff for two years and editor for the first half of this year. She is artist on the annual staff, has played in both singles and doubles tennis and went to region at El Paso in '46. On the A team in volleyball Billie has taken part in nearly all school activities and sports.
 Her two outstanding talents are art and feature writing, both of which have gained high recognition. She plans to make further use of her artistic ability by attending an art school in Fort Worth after graduation.
 All kinds of chocolate foods, strawberry shortcake and whipped cream, pretty clothes and pretty music, especially "Wang Wang Blues" and "I Know," are numbered among her favorites. She dislikes two-faced people and those who interfere.
 Bill can always turn a dull party into a gay old time which everyone enjoys.

EXCHANGES

SAYINGS OF LINCOLN
 Don't sway horses in the middle of the stream.
 Calling a sheep's tail a leg does not make it so.
 Is a man to blame for having a cowardly pair of legs?
 Keep the temperance pledge and it will be the best act of your life.
 When you can't remove an object plow around it.
 God bless my mother; all I am or hope to be I owe to her.—Pantier's Paw.

QUOTATIONS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON
 Honor and obey your parents, whatever may be their condition. Associate with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; it is better to be alone than in bad company.
 Well has it been said, that if there had been no God mankind would have been obliged to imagine one.
 Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spake of celestial fire called CONSCIENCE.
 Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity and the father of mischief.
 It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the power of one department to encroach upon another.

Famous Quotations
 "And it is so plain to me that eloquence, like swimming, is an art which all men might learn, though so few do."—Emerson.
 "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact."—Geo. Elliott.
 "Language is the dress of thought; every time you talk your mind is on parade."—Anonymous.
 "His words, like so many nimble servants, trip about him at command."—Milton.
 "He ceased, but left no pleasing on the ear, his voice, that listening still they seemed to hear."—Homer.
 "Language is the armory of the human mind, and at once contains the trophies of its past, and the weapons of its future conquests."—Coleridge.
 "The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."—Carlyle.

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

What with spring around the corner it seems that everyone in school is planning on getting married pretty soon so we have inquired around and found out the opinions of students on the subject of early marriages:
 Clorene Watts—It's entirely everyone's own business but I want to be prepared to make my own living if my old man decides to leave me. I think it is O. K. to become engaged but wait at least five minutes after graduation before being married.
 Kenneth Daniel—I think they should get married when they get good and ready. A girl's age should be from 17 on, and the boy's 18 or 19.
 Corky Harris—I think they should be at least 25, even though I'm not going to wait that long.
 Zoe Reynolds—My opinion is the same on early marriages as it is on late marriages—no good.

Billie Hardesty—Well, I think a person should at least wait until he is out of school.
 Norma Garrett—I would have been married when I was twelve if someone would have asked me.
 Wilma Eary—They are wasting their life when they marry too young.
 Jeney Blanche Porter—Some of them are all right, I guess.
 Jeannelle Glenn—They are suckers.
 Miss Lewis—I think it is strictly up to them.
 Patsy Dooftin—O. K. I guess, but I don't think they should be before they finish school.
 Norma Rust—O. K. I guess, if they want to.
 Jane Clark—It all depends on how everly it is.
 John Clark—Might get homesick to see "mama".
 Merwin McCully—O. K. If you get along all right.
 Pat McLauren—I don't think they should too early.
 Don Pope—O. K. if you can get away with it.
 Amel Omo—If you want to it is O. K.
 Homer Clements—It's their own business.
 Artie Fern Henderson—All right if they can make a go of it—which they usually don't if it is too early.
 Chester Pettit—O. K. if I can find a woman.
 Dorothy Craig—I think it is entirely up to them—but they should think seriously about it before jumping into anything, after all marriage is a life-time job!
 Don Kilgore—I'm not so hot.
 Barbara Mason—All right if you want to.
 Miss Fitterly—In some cases it is o. k.
 June Crownover—O. K. if it is the right person.
 Dorothy Hickey—Good idea.
 Bobbie Dale Allen—O. K. if you want to.
 Doris Collins—Well, I don't

know about other people but I want to have fun before I get married.
 Toots—All right.
 Mary Brewer—I think boys and girls should at least finish school before getting married.
 Joy Dickson—It all depends on the person or persons involved. Some people are grown at a younger age than others.
 John Hickey—If the girl he is going to marry has a good job let him get married.
 Mary Grimes—Personally I think they should be, say, about 15 years old when you get married. I think marrying young is better than marrying when you are older.
 Jimmie Neal Stacy—I think they should finish school no matter when they marry. And they should marry when they fall in love.
 Raymond Weatherby—The first thing that you should think about is what is in front of you. The couple should have gone together long enough to know all about each other. There is more than just the saying "let's get married".
 Helen White—What difference does the age make if you really love some one?
 Billy Lovelace—I don't think marriage is a good idea anytime for anyone still in high school.
 Helen Hickey—People should think twice or even three or four times before marrying. It's a serious proposition.
 Dorothy—When you find the right one it doesn't really matter how old you are.
 Kenneth Lewis—When they are old enough to know what they are getting into.
 Baker Davis—If they know what they are doing let them get married.
 Lou Slimp—Just when you think the right one comes along and he asks you.
 Billie Russell—Just be sure you know the consequences.
 Bascum Trammell—Since I married when I was only 18 I think it is all right. Some people are older in mind than others. I was one of them. You should be sure, though, before you marry as it is the most important step of your life-time.

Seniors Present Jeannelle Glenn



Three cheers for this all-round senior girl who is a real favorite with everyone. Jeannelle Glenn came to Crane last year as a junior and has become very well known and liked by her classmates in that short time.
 Jeannelle was born on Oct. 4, 1930, in Bronte, Texas. Since then she has blossomed into maidenhood with short, black hair, snapping brown eyes, and 5' 6" of woman. She is very interested in sports and is co-captain of the volleyball team. She makes excellent grades and has been on the honor roll every six weeks this year.
 This vivacious young woman swoons at the sight of Glenn Ford, at the sound of Perry Como or Bing Crosby, at the smell of fried chicken, and if you want to please her especially well, just play "Night and Day" while she is practicing volleyball.
 This very agreeable girl had a hard time trying to think of anything she disliked but finally decided that her pet peeve is "smart-alec" people.
 Jeannelle plans to enter Draughon's Business College in Dallas next fall.
 So we say again, "Three cheers to an all-round senior."

Seniors Present Baker Davis



We are proud to introduce to you one of the most popular and best-liked senior boys — Baker Davis. Baker was just recently elected president of the Student Council and has participated in both football and basketball for several years.
 Baker, the typical boy, enjoys all types of sports, hunting, riding, good shows and brunettes. He is a member of the 4-H Club and has made some excellent showings at the different fat stock shows.
 Baker was born in Kerrville, Texas, on Dec. 11, 1928. He moved to Crane in the fourth grade and has been here ever since. Baker, more commonly known as "Snake," has flaming red hair, green eyes and is 5 feet 11 inches tall (with his boots on) and weighs 155 lbs.
 "Snake's" first favorite is food but the special dishes are fried chicken, chocolate pie and milk. He thinks Wallace Beery and Gary Cooper are mighty fine actors and for music he'll take "The Darktown Poker Club." About the only thing he dislikes is stuck up people.
 After graduation Baker plans to enter A&M.

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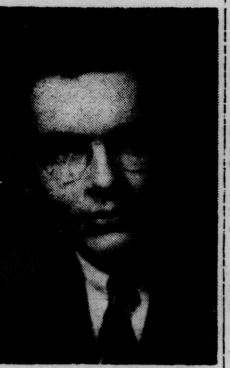
Frankie Gray Engaged

Frankie Lou Gray recently announced her engagement to Jas. Rush of Odessa.
 Frankie is a sophomore in C. H. S. and was a member of the pep squad and choral club.
 The wedding is to take place in June, and James and Frankie will live in Odessa where she plans to finish high school.
 James' family resides in Crane, but his work carries him to Odessa.
 Mrs. Laura Barber was absent from her classes Feb. 24 and 25 due to the flu.

AUNT SOPHIE SEZ

Dear Kiddos:
 All of my mail this month seems to be from boys and girls who cannot decide what type they like. Well, here you are, your advice from me to you, and you can have it:
GIRLS, DON'T GO OUT WITH—
TRACKMEN—They are too long winded and fast.
FOOTBALL MEN—They'll tackle anything.
SWIMMERS—They are all wet and you never can tell when they will take a nose dive.
TENNIS PLAYERS—They are wrapped in rackets and play too many love games.
BASEBALL PLAYERS—They beat around the base too much, besides, they always have an old bat around.
A BOXER—He's always punch drunk.
BAND PLAYERS—They are worse than two-timers, they are four timers.
ENGINEERS—They are always on the lookout for angles and curves.
CARPENTER—He'll build you up for an awful letdown.
ROUGHNECKS—They are rough on the necking.
LAWYER—He can talk you into anything. He knows all the answers.
DOCTOR—He has lots of patients, but his mind is usually on anatomy... or appendices, or something!
SALESMEN—Well, need I say more.
FISHERMEN—He is always looking for a good catch.
PUMPER—Because, well, I don't know why, but DON'T.
And, BOYS, DON'T GO OUT WITH—
GOLD DIGGER—She may take you for a MIN—or two.
A FLIRT—She believes variety is the spice of life.
A JUJITSU STUDENT—She'll make you fall hard.
TOMBOY—She wants to wear the pants in the family.
WAITRESS—She slings too much hash.
SEAMSTRESS—She'll sew your wild oats for you.
COOK—She slings a mean rolling pin.
FORTUNE TELLER—She knows your line as well as you.
A COLUMNIST—She will always try to tell you something you already know.
 So, kiddies, it looks like we are going to have to be hermits, or (alas) old maids and bachelors!
 Your loving,
 AUNT SOPHIE.

Seniors Present Leonard Rose



This well-liked senior boy is noted for his musical ability on the baritone and, since he is staff photographer, his cry of "Hold it!" has also brought him recognition.
 Leonard came to Crane from Odessa as a junior and has lived in the Sandhills during that time. Just for the record, he is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall and weighs 165 lbs. and has black hair and blue eyes. He is a member of the band and The Crane staff.
 Leonard likes to play his baritone, seeing good movies, playing baseball and, though he really can't be sure, at the moment he prefers brunettes. His favorites are "For Sentimental Reasons," fried chicken and "dubonnet" ice cream, Linda Darnell, and classical music.
 He said there wasn't really any thing that he didn't like, so you can see he is really a nice person to have around.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A cordial birthday greeting is extended to the following students who were born between Feb. 25 and March 11:
 Paul Simon—Feb. 25.
 Jimmy Miller—Feb. 26.
 Aubre Taylor—Feb. 26.
 Melba Howell—March 3.
 Ernest Henderson—March 4.
 Billy Higdon—March 5.
 Billy Dean Nelson—March 10.
 Eleanor Rush—March 10.

Seniors Present Billie Hardesty



Seniors for this time are proud to present Billie Clyde Hardesty. Billie was born Aug. 16, 1929, in Baytown, Texas. She came to Crane in 1945. Billie is 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, has light brown hair and blue eyes, and is very attractive.
 Billie likes to swim, dance, skate, ride horseback, and play ping pong. She also likes to try to play tennis.
 Her favorite foods are, of all things, oysters and chocolate pie. The foods she doesn't like are shrimp and milk.
 Billie's pet peeve is people chewing gum in her face. Another thing Billie seems not to care much for is school.
 Her favorite song is "Let The Rest Of The World Go By," sung by Perry Como. Billie's favorite movie actors are Alan Ladd and Van Johnson. When asked who her favorite actress was she replied, "None. I hate women."
 The show she swooned in was, "No Leave, No Love."
 When she graduates Billie plans to enter Draughon's Business College in Dallas.

BOOK NOOK

WE SHOOK THE FAMILY TREE
 By Hildegarde Dolson
 Reviewed by Helen Hickey
 Highly hilarious entertainment describes We Shook The Family Tree to a "T."
 Hildegarde Dolson recounts her experiences of family life with a mother, father, one sister and two brothers. She pictures each character in a very amusing way and adds to the story of her life incidents you can't afford to miss.
 What would you do if your little brother decided he HAD to keep his two bass in the bath tub when you wanted it for bathing purposes? Or how would you get out of going to your first prom with a boy who wore knee breeches?
 Even the depression in 1929, when Hildegarde came to New York for the first time to get a job, can't dampen her spirits or mar the clever way in which this book is written.

Ad-Libs From the School Library

Valentine was properly celebrated by Mrs. Elmore with a red and white decorated box full of candy hearts.
 To further interest in the Ambition Ball, Mrs. Elmore put books on vocations and careers on the shelf.
 Some interesting books that will soon be on the shelves are:
 The Cleven Sister, by Margaret Culkin Banning.
 Deborah, by Marian Castle.
 Blaze of Noon, by Ernest K. Gann.
 Mountain Pony, by Henry V. Larom.
 The High Barbarees, by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall.
 Yankee Stranger, by Elswyth Thane.
 The Light Heart, by Elswyth Thane.
 Perhaps "Blaze of Noon" will be the most interesting of the books to school children.
BLAZE OF NOON
 This is a novel about four brothers, crazy dare-devil youths, who came of age with the airplane after the World War.
 Also, it is the love story of Lucille, who married one of the four Flying McDonalds.
 It was the 1920's. The Flying McDonalds has bought themselves two airplanes, and were barnstorming the country as stunt flyers, reveling in the nomadic life of daily excitement and danger.
 The MacDonalds were a solid group—good friends as well as brothers: Roland, the eldest, who taught the other three to fly, Tad, daredevil who hung from a plane 1000 feet above the ground, Colin, the restless one, and young Kieth, whose speciality was changing planes in midair and dropping off into space before the terrified spectators knew he had a parachute.

Bonner, McLaurin Pettit Chosen 82-B All District Cage Team

Brady Nix, chairman of District 82-B, announced the all-district team Friday, February 21, and three Crane boys made the district selection, Pettit, Bonner and McLaurin. Pope was named on the second team, with Murrell and Kilgore receiving honorable mention. Bonner and McLaurin were unanimous choices for the first all-district team, and Pettit received eighteen points. There were six men picked on the first team, three were from Crane, two from Ft. Stockton, and one from Iraan.

The first team will receive silver basketballs, which cost \$6.85 each; but the other boys will receive no awards. The teams are as follows:

1ST ALL-DISTRICT TEAM		
NAME	SCHOOL	PTS.
Pettit	Crane	18
McFaddin	Iraan	16
Reeves	Ft. Stockton	16
Barton	Ft. Stockton	20
Bonner	Crane	20
McLaurin	Crane	20
Barton, Bonner and McLaurin		were unanimous choices.
2ND ALL-DISTRICT TEAM		
Aiken, F.	Imperial	13
Pope	Crane	11
Hadden	Ft. Stockton	11
McKenzie	Ft. Stockton	11
Innes	Grandfalls	9
Other boys who received votes:		
Calley	Grandfalls	8
Grammar	Imperial	6
Whitefield	Iraan	6
Kilgore	Crane	6
Murrell	Crane	3
Aiken, B.	Imperial	3
Patillo	Ft. Stockton	3

POET'S CORNER

HISTORICAL EVENTS
By Kathryn Cantrell

Leif Ericson, Eric the Red's brave son,
Made the voyage to America in 1001.
Religious Military Expeditions, it is said,
The Crusades were made in 1300.
Twice a time in England, when John was king,
He signed the Magna Charta—in 1215.
The regular English Parliament, the first of its kind,
In England did originate in 1269.
Christopher Columbus, a great man, too,
Discovered the West Indies in 1492.
Cortez went to Mexico to have himself some fun,
He conquered the Aztec Empire in 1521.
The English and the Spanish met, it is a famous date,
The defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.
Virginia, one of the dozen colonies or more,
Became a Royal Province in 1624.
The thirteen colonies were originated, so they told me,
The last one being Georgia, in 1733.
Zenger had his trial, which started a great drive,
And established 'freedom of the press' in 1735.
The mermaids were given a tea party on the ocean floor,
When the Boston Tea Party came off in 1774.
Next came the American Revolution, which set the colonies free,
The drawing up of the Constitution, I'm glad it was not left to me.
The United States of America, an independent nation just born,
Was not prepared to withstand the hardships of the other nations' score.
The people grew restless with no more land to free,
And the Westward Movement started in 1783.
One of the greatest events in history, of which we have studied plenty,
Everyone should now know the Missouri Compromise of 1820.
The greatest of the states, this is no surprise,
Texas came into the Union in 1845.
The Radical Reconstruction, after the War between the States,
Made Congress see their plan was bad, but for the South this was too late.
The Industrial Revolution from the Mother country came,
To help the struggling nation make for itself a name.
The Labor Unions were planned with a purpose of being thrifty,
The first one being organized in 1850.
Peaceful years in the world have been few,
So along came World War I, followed by World War II.
The greatest of the Presidents, from Washington to Hoover, we prize,
Franklin D. Roosevelt served for us from 1933 to 1945.
Of all the memorial dates, numbered one and eleven,
The greatest date of all came in the year 1947.
The Junior Class, as I'm sure you've heard,
Ordered their Senior rings on Feb. 3rd.

Ft. Stockton Panthers Upset Favored Cranes In Semi-Finals 36-32

The Golden Cranes and the Marfa Shorthorns were favored to compete in the finals of the Region 8 tournament held at Marfa Feb. 28 through March 1. However, the Cranes did not pull through to the finals as expected; but lost in the semi-finals game to Fort Stockton, a team which they had beaten three times previously this season. Marfa won the tournament by beating Stockton 34-18.

Crane won the opener with Clint handily 57-31, with Bonner hitting the bucket for 22 points to top the scoring column. Pettit dumped in nine points to be second high for Crane. Stachon of Clint was high for them with 14 points.

The Cranes played Ft. Stockton Saturday afternoon at 2:45. The Cranes had a ten-point lead at the end of the first quarter; then Stockton got hot and the game was tied 19-19 at half time. At the end of the third quarter the game was 26-22 with Stockton holding the upper edge. The game ended 36-32 and again Ft. Stockton held a four-point advantage.

In Crane's final game against Marathon that night, the Cranes got beat for their fifth time this season when Marathon downed them 49-47 in an overtime game. Wallace Coker was high point man for Crane with 11 points. Rutledge was high for Marathon with 30 points.

Bonner was named on the all-tournament team for the third consecutive year.

Crane scored a total of 136 points to their opponents 116 points during the whole tournament.

Points scored by each Crane player during the three games were:

CRANE—CLINT GAME	
Pope	5
Pettit	9
McLaurin	8
Bonner	22
Kilgore	1
Waller	4
Murrell	2
Mathis	4
Simon	0
McCully	0
Coker, W.	2
Davis	0
Coker, C. M.	0

CRANE—FT. STOCKTON	
Pope	9
Pettit	11
McLaurin	4
Bonner	6
Kilgore	0
Murrell	2
Mathis	0
Waller	0
Coker, W.	0
Coker, C. M.	0
McCully	0
Davis	0

CRANE—MARATHON	
Pope	6
Pettit	8
McLaurin	8
Bonner	8
Kilgore	0
Mathis	2
Murrell	7
Waller	2
Simon	2
Coker, W.	11
Coker, C. M.	0
McCully	0
Davis	0

CRANE JUNIORS	
Crane 56	Big Lake 7
Crane 36	Big Lake 10
Crane 30	Wink 17
Crane 18	McCamey 10
Crane 24	Stockton 13
Crane 32	Iraan 18
Crane 22	Wink 9
Crane 30	Imperial 13
Crane 27	Grandfalls 14
Crane 33	Imperial 14
Crane 34	Kermit 8
Crane 36	McCamey 19
Crane 30	Stockton 21
Crane 38	Grandfalls 8
Crane 27	Kermit 11
Crane 20	San Angelo 53
Crane 52	McCamey 18

CRANE B TEAM	
Crane 37	Big Lake 11
Crane 47	Big Lake 11
Crane 30	Midland 19
Crane 22	Wink 28
Crane 21	Midland 33
Crane 28	McCamey 27
Crane 35	Stockton 12
Crane 43	Iraan 13
Crane 19	Wink 9
Crane 34	Sul Ross 25
Crane 33	Grandfalls 10
Crane 17	Stockton 13
Crane 28	Andrews 23
Crane 58	Iraan 9
Crane 31	Kermit 29
Crane 42	McCamey 33
Crane 42	Grandfalls 23
Crane 40	Kermit 22

The Solar System In Relationship To Atom

Have you ever thought about how the earth and the planetary system is related to the atom? Well, if you haven't, I will try my best to get you confused with electrons, protons and the like.

The nucleus of an atom is filled to the brim with protons and neutrons which are constantly in motion and around the nucleus revolves electrons which never get out of their orbit and never quit moving. You ask me what this has to do with the earth and it's planet friends; well, it could have a lot to do with us. The sun could easily be the nucleus of our large atom and the planets could easily be the electrons revolving around the nucleus.

I hope that I have not gotten you too mixed up because no one but a science student is supposed to know anything about this sort of thing.

Will Blond Abscond With CHS Band Fund

All of the members of the band are keeping a sharp eye out for any suspicious movements on the part of Nelda McCasland.

Through a misunderstanding Nelda carried the money the band made from the sale of concert tickets to the post office and registered it in her own name. Mr. Nevins had told her to take it to the office and put it in the safe.

So, the band is watching her closely so that she won't buy a train ticket to Kalamazoo or buy her a new car.

Junior Team Plus 'B' Have Best Records Despite Underdog Role

The Crane Juniors, the least talked about of the three teams that represent the Crane school, seem to have the most remarkable record of them all.

The little Cranes won sixteen out of the seventeen ball games they played this season, losing only to the highly-touted San-Angelo Juniors, 53-20.

The Junior Cranes have scored a total of 545 points to their opponents 262.

While the B team has not got quite as good a record as the Juniors, they have won sixteen out of the eighteen games, losing only to Wink and Midland. Wink defeated the Cranes 28-22, and Midland beat them 33-21.

Mr. Nix stated that the record of the three teams of this year has not been equalled thus far, and further stated that it would probably not be equalled again. We are referring to the number of wins against the number of losses of all three teams. He also said that he would put this record against any record in the state.

The records of the three teams follow:

A team—31 games, 28 wins, 3 losses.

B team—18 games, 16 wins, 2 losses.

Junior team—17 games, 16 wins, 1 loss.

CRANE B TEAM	
Crane 37	Big Lake 11
Crane 47	Big Lake 11
Crane 30	Midland 19
Crane 22	Wink 28
Crane 21	Midland 33
Crane 28	McCamey 27
Crane 35	Stockton 12
Crane 43	Iraan 13
Crane 19	Wink 9
Crane 34	Sul Ross 25
Crane 33	Grandfalls 10
Crane 17	Stockton 13
Crane 28	Andrews 23
Crane 58	Iraan 9
Crane 31	Kermit 29
Crane 42	McCamey 33
Crane 42	Grandfalls 23
Crane 40	Kermit 22

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Crane 36	Big Lake 10
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Crane 18	McCamey 10
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Crane 38	Grandfalls 8
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Crane 20	San Angelo 53
Crane 52	McCamey 18

THE CRANE FILES

1 YEAR AGO
The Crane High School Band plays two concerts at Kermit and Grandfalls schools. Father-Son Banquet held; three boys receive eagles.

7 YEARS AGO
Mr. Hart was in McCamey on Tuesday doing work for journalism. Crane band went to Monahans to a mass band and choral clinic.

8 YEARS AGO
The Texas Vocational program that Mr. and Mrs. Brendy attended opened with a woodwind solo.

12 YEARS AGO
The new home of the Crane High School football team is rapidly being brought to completion.

13 YEARS AGO
Public tap dancing lessons were taught by Miss Cecela Halekoma for students in or out of school.

14 YEARS AGO
The library received 100 new books. (And haven't received any since.) Joke son!

15 YEARS AGO
Interscholastic League contestants in five divisions will be represented at Crane in the district meet in Alpine.

Mrs. King is now the counselor for the Methodist young people. Mrs. King took over Feb. 23, after the resignation of Mrs. A. B. Hughes.

The "big jaw", mumps to you, have recently incapacitated Ladean McCasland, Mary Lou Reynolds, and Jean Murry, who is the only one of the three to be lucky enough to be able to return to school.

Cranes Rack Up Bull Dogs in Sugar Game 50- to 6

The 4-karat Cranes won another game Tuesday night, February 18, when they racked up the Bulldogs of Midland 50-16.

This was an interesting game although the score was very one-sided. The game was a very scientific one from the standpoint of basketball.

McLaurin, the tall center and forward of the Cranes, really came unbound when he hit the basket for seven field goals and three free throws. Bonner also found the range and hit the net for a total of eleven points. Edwards was high for Midland with five points.

Crane got an early lead and kept it all during the game and finally ran up to the fifty points. The Cranes scored twenty field goals and six free throws. This is the second time the Cranes have beaten Midland, and Midland beat the Cranes once.

Scoring for Crane were:	
Mathis	5
Murrell	8
Coker, W.	10
Waller	4
Simon	5
McCully	2
Stacy	0
Davis	0
Coker, C. M.	0

Scoring for Midland:	
Kirby	3
Greene	0
Hightower	0
Cole	2
Edwards	5
Good	5
Harris	2

Nix Measures Height of Basketball Players

The Crane basketball players were called into the office Monday morning to be measured for height. Mr. Nix also made out a report to send to Austin in case Crane wins the Regional tournament.

Nix also sent in the position each boy played and the number of games Crane has won and lost this season.

Crane went to the Regional tournament February 28—March 1, to decide which team will go to the state meet in Austin.

Crane "B" Team Whips Midland "B" Team

The Crane "B" beat the Midland "B" team 34-29 here February 14 in the last game of the season. The game was fast and changed leads many times.

At the end of the first quarter, Crane held an edge of one point, the score being 6-5. Crane also held the second quarter lead 12-9, and the third quarter 23-19. Close to the last, Midland jumped into the lead, but Crane came back and made four field goals to Midland's one to regain the advantage.

High point man was Messarsurth of Midland, with 17 points. Wallace Coker of Crane was next high with 10 points.

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San Angelo Paper Pays Tribute to Crane Team

In case you are wondering just what outsiders think of our champion basketball team, here is a story which appeared in the San Angelo Standard-Times which gives us the idea that they are pretty highly recommended:

Brady Nix's Crane Basketball district, shot themselves all over the precinct last night just to show a Class AA team that it couldn't get along.

The Cranes clouted the Midland Bulldogs of Dist. 3-AA by a score of 50 to 16 in a non-title game on the Crane court.

It has been suggested that District 9-AA call of its tourney on Friday in the San Angelo High School gym to decide a 9-AA representative in the state meet and recommend that Crane represent the circuit.

McLaurin was high for Crane with 17 and Bonner of Crane tabbed 11.

Edwards led Midland with five points.

Crane Takes Second Victory Over McCamey

In one of the most exciting volleyball games of the season, the Crane girls defeated the McCamey girls, 27-26. The game was played by time. When the whistle blew ending the game, the score was tied 24-24, so one more minute was allowed for the two teams to play off the tie. When the minute was up Crane was one point ahead of McCamey.

Louise Pettit was again high point man. Score for Crane players:

Teague	5
Collins	3
Earl	4
Glenn	6
Pettit	8
Smith	1
Grimes	0

"The Chili Pod" To Open Soon; Mexican Foods To Be Served

Mrs. Quay Clark is opening a new business in her home on the west side of town.

She has named this business with the quaint name of "The Chili Pod" and will specialize in Mexican foods, sandwiches, pastries and soft drinks.

A Mexican color is carried throughout. The place has red hardwood floors, homedede tables, and chairs of solid oak with cane bottoms.

This little place has seating arrangements for twenty-two. Mrs. Clark expects to open as soon as possible.

Watch for the opening date in advertisements and posters.

Spring Football Grind To Start Late in April

In the latter part of April, the football players of next season will swing into action for the spring training. Each year, the football teams have spring training to kinda get an idea on what material the coaches will have next year.

Spring training will be a little later this year than usual because for the first time in years there will be a track team. Usually, spring training started when basketball season was over, but this year it will be postponed until track and tennis are over.

Crane lost ten men from last year's team; six of them members of the "A" squad. Next year Crane will have seven returning first string men and a few more lettermen.

The boys returning from the first string are: Billy Henderson, Toots Mathis, Paul Simon, Bert Harrington, Elmo Rust. Some good returning lettermen are: Billy Schnoover, Frank Wallace, Merwin McCully, Dwain Stacy, C. M. Coker and quite a few more whose names are not yet available.

Let's all give the boys a lot of backing next season, because it looks as if Crane will have a very good team.

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Crane Band to Receive Jackets Within the Next Four Weeks

It has been many years since the band has ordered jackets or coveralls, so it was voted in that the members of the Crane Band could have jackets or sweaters this year.

The dead-line for the money to be sent was Friday, Feb. 21. Nearly all members of the band ordered a band jacket, but there were no orders for sweaters since there had to be six or more.

The jackets are soft, warm, woolen material, gray in color. The cuff of the jacket and the bottom part is woven in purple and gold. On the left hand side is a lyre in gold and the name of the band. Four year members of the band get four stripes designating the number of years.

Answers To Questions About 'The Crane'

"What part of 'The Crane' do you turn to first when you read the paper?" was a question that got a variety of answers.

Apparently, the sports page is very interesting because it attracts so many of our boy readers; namely, Billy Schooner, Bobby Don Smith, Norman Mullens, Billy Henderson, Jimmy Stacy, and Jimmy Milley. Joan Rhinehart, even if she is a girl, reads the sports page first.

Quite a few students start at the front page and read through. No particular story or column catches the eye of the following: Faye Ellen Jourden, Jean Garrett, Billie Hardesty, Jeanelle Glenn, and Learlene Idom. "Just any part toward which my eyes happen to glance" was Doris Collins' answer.

Toots Mathis and Ronald Tallman are especially fond of the jokes that the "Crane" features.

Barbara Mason, Homer Clements, Artie Henderson, and Jo Ann Earl are ardent followers of Aunt Sophie's wise and experienced remarks.

23 Spellers Compete In Herald Post Contest

The El Paso Herald Post of El Paso, Texas, is sponsoring a spelling contest for all the sixth and seventh grades of the schools of the southwest.

The contest will be broadcast over the radio May 2 of this year from the auditorium of the El Paso High School.

The eliminations will take place some time in March, and if a girl wins, Mrs. Browning will take her to El Paso, but if a boy wins, Mr. Alderdice will accompany him to the contest.

There will be only one contestant from each school at the contest.

The contest will be conducted orally, and words will be taken from the Interscholastic Bulletin, and the grade school spellers.

The winner will be given a free, expenses-paid trip to Washington, D. C., and \$50 in cash.

The contestant will be picked from the sixth and seventh grades some time this month.

There will be eleven entries from the sixth grade and twelve entries from the seventh.

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PTA Commemorates Founders' Day With Play, Music, Speeches

The PTA opened Thursday night, Feb. 20, with old time songs led by Miss Meacham. Mrs. Alderdice accompanied at the piano.

Then came the business part of the meeting with Mrs. Hayden Wilmoth, president, presiding. Mrs. Nix read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. John Welch who took Mrs. Horn's place as treasurer, resigned in a few days, and at this meeting Mrs. P. E. McDonald was elected as the new treasurer.

After the business meeting, the program was opened by Mrs. Quay Clark who read an "Essay On Father." This was followed by a talk from the guest speaker, Joe Beyer, on "Developing Better Citizens."

Then there were two musical numbers. Gladys Lee Barnard played a violin solo, "March Militaire," and Leonard Rose sang a solo, "The Nomad."

After this, a play, "Three Letters," was given commemorating the golden anniversary of the PTA. Eight or ten members of the PTA took part in the play.

Mrs. Martin's third grade won first place for having the most parents present. Mrs. Keyes' seventh grade won second place and the seniors won third prize.

Refreshments were then served to some 50 or 60 guests.

Holidays March 13-14: Profs to Attend TSTA Convention In El Paso

While the student body is enjoying an extra two-day holiday, approximately 30 Crane teachers will attend the Trans-Pecos division of the Texas State Teachers' Association in El Paso on March 13, 14 and 15.

Douglas Chrane, math teacher and senior class sponsor, will go as official delegate with Mrs. L. L. Martin attending as alternate. Mrs. Laura Barber, English Department, is the convention's chairman of the English section.

Supt. Martin was last year's president of the Trans-Pecos division, and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore was chairman of the library group section.

School will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon, March 12, and will not take up again until the following Monday, March 17.

"Halogens" Subject For Chemistry Class

The chemistry class of Crane High are now studying halogens. If you seem to be smelling something with a stench, you really are not imagining things. The chemistry lab has all the smells—well, nearly.

Different groups have been performing experiments lately for their benefit and for the class. A lot of times each two partners perform their own experiments instead of a class demonstration.

All the halogen elements are poisonous and corrosive. The following halogens that the class have studied are: bromine, chlorine, iodine and fluorine. A daily test accompanied each one.

So don't be surprised to see a chemistry student studying chemistry at all times—well, at least he has to study something.

Grade School News

MRS. CLOUD'S ROOM

Reporter Myra Sue Harrold

We feel that Admiral Byrd could freeze just as well in Texas as he could at the North Pole in this kind of weather.

We are glad that we have nearly finished our six week's tests, and can get back to the old routine. We have much fun studying when we don't talk so much.

In our weekly reader we liked most of all the Grand Canyon, and Colorado River and report from the ionosphere where in White sands New Mexico, scientists are busy finding out about the air, high above the earth.

In reading we are studying about good old maple syrup on your pancakes.

We certainly miss our old classmate and reporter, Luanne Pressley.

The teacher asked Johnny, "Is the world round?"

"No, ma'am," the short reply. "It isn't! exclaimed the teacher. "Well, then Johnny, it is flat!"

"No," was Johnny's reply. "Well, if the world isn't round, and it is not flat, then tell me what it is."

Johnny replied, "Dad's says it's crooked."

FIRST GRADE—MRS. PITTMAN

Our room mothers gave us a Valentine party. We had a good time.

We are putting a form set together on our sand table.

Judy Myers and Kenneth Richardson have moved away. We miss them very much.

We have some new pot flowers for our room.

MISS STEWART'S ROOM

Reporter Lee Rhea McAfee

Our room mothers are Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Neeley. We wanted you to know them because they are so nice to us.

In the Whites reading classes we are making a hangar and airplanes for our airport.

All of us are taking six week's tests, but we like to take them.

We are sorry that Jerry McCracken moved away.

We are glad that Mary Lou Fisher is back in school.

Alice Ruth was cop last week and David is cop this week.

GRADE 1, ROOM 1

There are 29 of us in room 1. We are not quiet all of the time. Our tables fall down sometimes.

We work some and play some. We like books and school.

We made a post office for Valentine.

One of our group has read 16 books. Another group has read 12 books.

MRS. BROWNING'S ROOM, 7-2

Reporter Nancy Evans

Our volley ball girls are very happy that we have the gym at noon. We surely do appreciate the help of Mrs. Keyes.

Everybody is being extra nice to the teachers this week. (Six week's exams.)

Girl Scout Troop 4 of our room are having a party March 3. Each of the girls are having two friends.

Vestal Hodges has been missing school the past week because of illness. He is okay, now.

We are working very hard for our play which comes March 12. The other grade 7 is going to help us.

Everyone is dissatisfied because of the order we have been seated (alphabetically). Maybe we will make better grades, though.

FOURTH GRADE—MISS PICKENS ROOM

Reporters Patsy Terrell and Linda Smith

We have been studying about adjectives, nouns, and pronouns. We have been making ten sentences, picking out the nouns and the adjectives.

Then we would choose five children to put their sentences on the board. Then one at a time would explain his or hers.

We are going to color some spring posters. When we get some nice ones, we are going to put them up.

In health we are studying about the ear. We drew a picture about the ear and how sound enters the ear.

We are ready for the next chapter in arithmetic. We are on our six's and seven's.

In reading we are telling stories. We have learned a poem. The name of it is "The Wonderful World," and it is a very nice poem. We have found that our new readers are interesting.

We have been having six week's tests.

We hope that our room will win a half holiday for a picnic.

FOURTH GRADE MRS. KENT'S ROOM

Reporters Mary Sharrock and Lavelle Avent

We had a very nice Valentine party. Our room mothers served sandwiches, mints and red soda pops.

We have a new reader "First Families of America". It begins with the Indians. We like the stories very much.

Donald Standifer has moved to Wichita Falls. We hope he likes his new home and school. Roderick Chandler enrolled in our room this morning from Wichita Falls. We hope he likes us.

We have made some rules for our room. If they are broken, we will be punished.

In English we are telling stories which we like to do.

Sylvia Sullivan and Joyce Sullivan are going to have a March view on the back board. February is almost over. We will be glad when March is here.

Ann Boyd Ex-Cranite, Now Graduate Nurse, To Wed El Paso Man

Miss Margaret Ann Boyd, former Cranite, and winsome daughter of Mrs. W. W. Boyd, of Austin, has graduated from the John Sealy College of Nursing in Galveston with the honor of being the best all around nurse.

Ann did not know that she was to receive the award until she was asked to come to the stage. The certificate read: "The alumnae Association of the John Sealy College of Nursing is proud to present the 1947 award for the best all around nurse to Margaret Ann Boyd. This award is made on the basis of nursing ability, scholastic achievement, and leadership." Her class pin came with the award.

The law requires the students to stay in training three years, consequently, Ann must remain in training, but not studying, until June 29. She entered in 1944. All of her previous schooling except the senior year was spent in Crane.

On June 13, the young lady will become the bride of Norman Monk of El Paso, in a formal church ceremony in Galveston. Mr. Monk will receive his B. S. and M. D. degrees in February, and will work for Dr. Baxter while he finishes. Then the couple will go to Denver where he will intern in the Denver General hospital.

4-H Boys Call Special Meeting; Officers

On Tuesday, Mr. J. L. Adkins, county agent, called a special meeting of the 4-H boys for the purpose of electing officers and finding out what each boy was intending to raise this year.

C. M. Coker was elected president, William Brightman, vice president, and Billy Don Ingram, secretary.

The meeting was called at 12:30 and all of the boys met in Room 17. The following boys were present:

- J. W. Mann
- Baker Davis
- Ted Field
- Jax Potete
- Sammie White
- Clarence Miller
- Floyd Odum
- Ray Omea
- Myron Harcomb
- George McCorkle
- William Brightman
- Jimmy Stacy
- Sherill Ivy
- C. M. Coker
- Roy T. Damron
- Marvin Smith
- Bobby Russell
- Doyle Lakin
- Joe D. Ashstals
- Sammie Paris
- Brent McAfee
- Billy Don Ingram
- Nolan McDougal
- Bille Glenn
- Jimmy Zarafonetis.

All that the school has received in the way of equipment is athletic goods for track season, trunks, jerseys, etc. Mr. Nix is hoping for delivery of srikes in the near future.

Underworld Stampede Prevails Last Period

With the sounding of the bell that signifies the end of the fifth period classes there begins a terrific rush for typewriters by students of the last period typing class.

If you aren't blessed with having someone save you a typewriter, or if you are not swift enough to reach a good Underwood, your period is ruined, and you sit at one of those contraptions they try to tell us is a typewriter, namely, a Remington, and painfully and unskillfully pound till your fingers, wrists, back, and otherwise ache.

But at the end of the period, you brighten a bit and say to yourself, "Well, maybe I can grab an Underwood tomorrow and catch up on those four letters I have to type before the next week begins."

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Introducing the Faculty



MRS. ELMORE

One of Crane High's most beloved teachers is the little, gray-haired librarian, Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore. She was born in Beaumont, Texas, on a wild, stormy March day and thinks perhaps that had a great deal to do with her disposition.

Mrs. Elmore started studying dancing in New York at a very early age. When she was 15, she was honored with the opportunity of dancing in the Russian Ballet. After this successful start, she had the idea of continuing ballet as a career, but her grandmother and mother had other ideas. They made her return home in the fall and go back to school.

After finishing junior college and a year at a finishing school, Mrs. Elmore ran off and got married. Five years later her husband was killed while deer hunting, and she was left with two small daughters. She then returned to school to obtain her degree.

She studied at the University of Wisconsin and taught physical education at Kidd-Key Junior College in Sherman, Texas. She got her library degree at TSCW, Denton.

Mrs. Elmore is all of 60 inches tall and weighs exactly 100 lbs. She has lovely brown eyes and a very sweet disposition, besides what she says about her birthdate.

Among her likes is planning and remodeling houses as she drives along the highway, and reading all kinds of books. But most of all, she loves to travel. Also, she says she could eat shrimp three times a day.

Her pet peeve is people who chew gum and talk in a picture show.

Mrs. Elmore has a nice choice of favorite movie stars. As an actor she likes Walter Pidgeon and admires Bette Davis as an actress.

She has been this year's senior class sponsor for the past three years, and they are very proud of her because of her grand sportsmanship and her willingness to help them in all their undertakings.

BRADY NIX

Our very distinguished grey-eyed, black haired high school principal, Mr. Brady Nix, was born Feb. 24, 1901, in Harbin, Texas. He is 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. In commenting on his weight Mr. Nix replied, "I'm not fat, just pleasantly plump."

Mr. Nix has been teaching school almost 21 years. He came to Crane in 1940 from Forsan, Texas, and is teaching American history and coaching basketball.

Mr. Nix attended John Tarleton Agricultural College and received his degree from Texas Tech. He also has a number of hours to his credit on graduate work.

Reading newspapers, following sports, hunting and fishing are Mr. Nix' hobbies. He also likes fat, juicy steaks. His pet peeve, as Mr. Nix expressed it, is "A fellow always alibi-ing; i. e. passing the buck."

In his school days Mr. Nix was an outstanding basketball star and today he is a well-known basketball coach, having gone to state with the Crane team of 1941 in addition to winning several district championships. (This year for example).

MR. ALDERDICE'S ROOM

Rex Knox Reporter

We have a new boy. His name is Harry Chandler and he is from Wichita Falls. Now the boys in our room have the girls outnumbered.

Rex tree, Rex cut down, Rex Wood.

Shirley work, Shirley tired, Shirley All-in (Allen).

Rex walked up to door, Rex raise hand, Rex Knox.

Ann go in house, Ann see ghost, Ann White.

James red, James hair cut, James Barber.

Marcia new, Marcia get wet, Marcia Rust.

Assembly Called To Discuss Activities of Student Council

A special assembly was called Friday afternoon for various different things to be explained to the student body.

The program was begun by a beautiful rendition of "The Nomad" by Leonard Rose, accompanied by Miss Meacham.

Baker Davis made a talk about the Student Council and the trip the delegates made to Dallas. Jean Garrett, the secretary for the Student Council, read the minutes of the previous meetings and then reports were made on new projects of the council.

Joyce Sharp explained the "Squawk Box", a box to be put in the library for complaints and suggestions from the students.

Raymond Weatherby explained that the Student Council had selected one person to act as monitor in assembly. Those selected were: senior—Don Kolgore; junior—O. H. H. Cantrell; sophomore—L. L. Simon; freshman—Joe Wertherby; and eighth grade—Richard Lightfoot.

C. M. Coker explained that the newly appointed welcoming committee would be responsible for meeting all new students and helping them to become adjusted to our school. Those appointed by the Student Council were: seniors—Wilma Earp, Zoe Reynolds, Pat McLaurin and Homer Clements; juniors—Doris Collins, Joan Earle, Bobby Dale Allen, Eugene Harrington; sophomores—Elmo Rust, Myron Holcomb, Dorothy Hickey, Lou Smith; freshmen—Louise Newman, Beverly Bruce, Jimmy Neal Stacy, Bobby Don Smith; eighth grade—Louie Brents, Patsy Dulin, Nancy Stewart.

Speck Pearce told about the Ambition Ball sponsored by the student council and gave the rules to be carried out by the students.

Chester Pettit, Don Kilgore, and Pat McLaurin presented three trophies to the school and Baker Davis, as president of the student association, accepted them. The three trophies represented first place in the Rankin tournament, third place in the Big Lake tournament and first place in the district.

The short time left was used for class meetings.

Martin Offers Advice For Prospective Job-Hunting Senior Class

Do you want to apply for a job? No? Yes?

One week in February the senior English students had to apply for a job before the entire class. Some were accepted and others were rejected by their designated boss. There was one boss for each three applicants.

Three of the students in the class were appointed critics. The purpose of the critics was to offer helpful or constructive criticism to the class.

Mr. Martin was also present. He gave the seniors many important things to think about when applying for a job. He said that good language (or English) was compulsory, and above all don't be a gum chewer. He said that there were many different ways for an employer to approach an applicant to determine his ability along certain lines.

Mr. Martin said that a "wet-fish" hand shake showed the lack of expressing one's ability. He stated that a firm (but not hand-breaking) hand shake makes the best impression for both male and female.

Gamma Gamma Chapter Has Meeting at Crane

The Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Crane Community Hall at 2 o'clock Saturday, Feb. 15. Representatives from the chapter in Iran, Big Lake, Rankin, McCamey and Crane attended the meeting.

Crane was in charge of the program, and Mrs. J. L. Browning introduced the guests on the program.

Miss Elizabeth Meecham sang, "Kashmiri Song." Mrs. Laura Barber made a speech entitled, "Schools of Tomorrow." Mrs. Mildred Cloud gave a reading, "The Newlyweds."

Mrs. L. L. Martin poured coffee. Heart shaped sandwiches and candy hearts were placed on a table decorated in the Valentine theme.

Crane teachers who attended the meeting were:

Mmes. L. L. Martin, Laura Barber, J. L. Browning, Pearl Pittman, and Misses Chloe Dossey and Jeanie Stewart.

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