

CRANE SCHOOL NURSE ASKS PARENT'S COOPERATION

Healthy Students Will Do Much Better Work In School Studies

A message to the parents of school children from the Crane school nurse, Mrs. Ethel Owens: "If your child is not doing as well in school as you think it should, it would be a good idea to check his or her physical condition first, for many times the fault will be found there. You are cordially invited to come to my office at the grade school building and talk it over with me. I would like also to take this opportunity to give you the general outline of my plans for the school year.

The need for a well planned program is recognized; but no one has designed a pattern which will fit any and all situations, even those which are apparently similar. Our program must depend upon the existing needs, interests, services and resources of Crane. We must have a clear and well defined objective.

SOOR NOTES FROM THE BAND

Calhoun Lovelace was elected captain of the band, Thursday, Sept. 23. The band now has all of its officers who are: Calhoun Lovelace, captain; Dorothy R. Murrell, drum-major.

In theory classes the advanced members of the band are studying the finer types of music. They are now studying Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," which will be played in a concert under the direction of Mr. Ernst Hoffman, director of the Houston Symphony, some time in the spring.

The school board has provided \$500 for band awards to be given this year. The band will attend all of the football games except the one at Marfa.

The band was not present at the Iraan game because of the weather, but is going to the Big Lake game instead.

Mr. Jacques Nonce said "Every senior in the band will conduct the band on a concert some time this year."

Cake Walk Nets \$30.80 for Juniors

A cake walk was held Monday night, Sept. 27, at 9:30 in front of the Palace Theatre by the junior class of Crane High School.

Music was provided by the school band, following their program for the Third War Loan drive. A large crowd attended and \$30.80 was taken in. Eighteen cakes were donated by room mothers and other friends.

When it was over, the crowd was still large and more cakes could have been sold if provided. "Hope to do better next time," say the Juniors.

Assembly Plans Announced

Five special assemblies have been scheduled for the coming school year, announced Mr. Martin, Superintendent of the Crane School. The first in the series was given Sept. 8, featuring Van Houtens, an authority on aeronautics. The other assemblies according to schedule are: The Bentley Trio, Music—Monday, Oct. 11, 3 p. m. Scheets & Company, Magicians—Tuesday, Nov. 16, 9:25 a. m. Alonzo W. Pond, "Algeria and North Africa"—Friday, January 7, 9:45 a. m. The Howells, Bohemian Glass-Blowers—Friday, February 25th, 9:25 a. m.

Photo Contest Closes Dec. 15

An amateur photography contest for southwestern high school students with prizes ranging from various pieces of photographic equipment to a \$25 first place award was announced this week under the sponsorship of the Texas College of Mines at El Paso. Any high school student is eligible to enter as many prints as is desired so long as they are 4x5 inches or larger. However, any pictures made by the student prior to Sept. 15, 1943, are excluded from the contest. The contest closes Dec. 15, 1943, but entries will be accepted at any time previous to that date.

Seniors Choose Class Rings

The seniors of 1943-44 have chosen and have been measured for their class rings. J. M. Alderson of the Star Engraving Co. was here Sept. 23 to take the orders. The Star Engraving Co. is located at Houston, Tex. The graduation invitations were also ordered at this time. A dollar deposit was required on the rings and they are expected in two or three months. The rings are in three weights, heavyweight, medium weight, and light weight. The heavy weight rings will cost \$10.85 plus the 10 per cent federal tax; the medium weight rings will cost \$10.35 plus the 10 per cent federal tax, and the light weight rings will cost \$9.50 plus the 10 per cent federal tax. The rings are round with a raised mounting and a C in the center of it.

Crane Buses Travel 26,280 Miles a Year

DELBERT McCANDLESS It might be interesting to know that the three Crane county school buses are driven approximately 146 miles a day, 730 miles a week, 2920 miles a month, or 26,280 miles per year. The bus on the Gulf Camp run, driven by Mr. Hershel Wheeler, travels about 26 miles a day. This adds up to the sum of 520 miles a month, or 4,680 miles a school year. The bus that goes to the Sand Hills and is driven by Mr. Jake Lovelace, travels a distance of 65 miles a day, 325 miles per week, or 11,700 miles per school year. The No. 2 bus, which Mr. L. A. Heard daily pilots over the Phillips run, travels about 55 miles a day, 275 miles a week, or 9,900 miles per school year.

Little Theatre Elects Officers

The first meeting of the Little Theatre was called last Thursday afternoon, Sept. 30, in the high school auditorium. The following students were elected officers: President—Fobby Ervin Vice-President—Joe Pierce Secretary—Berna Lou McCully Treasurer—Don Kilgore

Fifty Members In Crane Band

The fifty members of the Crane High School Band are: Calhoun Lovelace, Brothy Rogers, Pola Jean Murrell, Harold Wesson, Bobby Smith, Kathryn Chester, Bobby Brondt, Marilyn Lou Boone, Eugene Doyle, Doylene Miller, Nan Moore, Chester, Harry Gunn, Beverly Holt, Myron Holcomb, Billy DeLively, Betty Jo Likes, F. Eddy Lee Hobbs, Lanell Murrell, Nelda McCasland, Carla Boyd, Elizabeth Teague, Bruce Patterson, Billy Henderson, Jacqueline Mathis.

Pep Squad Girls Support Ball Team

The pep squad backed up the Golden Cranes Friday night, Oct. 1, with their peppy yells. They were not able to march as they do not have uniforms, alike. Although they wear white blouses and skirts. The pep squad will continue to yell at all the games they attend. That is real school spirit.

Do Nicknames Confuse You Too? Here Are Some People You May Know

Why do they call RALPH BROWN, BRUCE? Could it be because he is a "big" girl friend all so rough? You know, if they don't do what he wants, he uses CAVE MAN style! Who in the world ever thought of calling "legs," "doodles," or shall we say, "legs," "doodles," "doodles," Anna Bevins? Well, anyway, her gams are SHAPELY, aren't they, kids? Shirley Watts is so tiny, people can't help but call her SHORTIE! Nan Moore seems to have a name of SLIM now. Gwen Weed has such very b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l, golden hair we just can't help but call her BLONDIE. Well, kids, maybe you will know what to say when you hear something else—or say something when you hear—oh, heck, say what you please!

The Bentley Musical Trio



The Musical Bentleys have an international reputation. They have appeared throughout the United States, Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, Fiji Islands, and have made three tours of Australia. They feature their cathedral marimba-xylophone, the largest instrument of its kind in the world. The Bentleys use ten and twelve mallets on many of their selections, which gives a combination of tone and rhythm to their orchestra.

Crane P.T.A. Elects Officers For Year

The P.T.A. of Crane school met Thursday afternoon, Sept. 30, in the high school auditorium. Rev. Vickery of the First Baptist Church gave the invocation, they gave the pledge to the flag and sang "America The Beautiful." They discussed everything in general and the mothers and teachers promised to continue coming and bring all others possible. Some of the officers had resigned so they elected new ones in their places. Mrs. Wayne Ervin was president and Mrs. W. D. Gooch was treasurer. They both resigned and Mrs. C. H. Poter was elected new president and Mrs. Scott was elected treasurer. Mrs. Floyd Powders is secretary and Mrs. R. D. Shaffer is vice-president, but is going to resign in the near future. Mrs. J. E. Clark was elected general chairman of room mothers.

Mrs. Elmore Plans Schedule For Our Assembly Programs

Soon Mrs. I. K. Elmore will have a schedule for our assembly programs. Each teacher will be responsible for at least one assembly program. Talent will be students in our student body. A program will be presented at least every two weeks, on Friday at the last period in the day. If you are asked to take part in these programs, why not do so? It is for your pleasure and training.

Library Display Attracts Students

Mrs. I. K. Elmore, the librarian, has appointed her new library assistants for the year. They are Bernace Green, Hattie Lee Bromley, Mary Frances Tollinson, Marjorie Wilson, and Merle Dickson. Mrs. Elmore has an interesting display of books entitled "Books Are Weapons, Too." This is an up to date display of books of the present war and among the authors are W. L. White, famous for his writings of "They Were Expendable" and "Journey For Margaret" in another true story, "Queens Die Proudly." This is a story of a crew of men in a plane in the famous 19th Bombardment Squadron.

Journalism Class Writes 'The Crane'

The Crane is written by the members of the journalism class of Crane High School who are: Kathryn Joiner, Harold Wasson, William Roy Mathis, Delwin Webb, Tiny Earp, Joyce Stone, Jo Veda Henderson, Delbert McCandless, Dorothy Coker, Mary Frances Tollinson, Doris Windsor, Billy Lowe, Mary Louise Shackelford.



TINY EARP The Crane football team's moral victory over the eleven Iraan Braves and the three referees on Friday, Sept. 24, was sensational.

The Crane faculty wishes the students good luck for the coming six weeks tests. How about it, teachers?

Mr. L. L. Martin and Mr. Brady Nix have just admitted that they were getting along in years by not giving the students recreation.

The junior class wishes to thank the patriotic people of Crane for a swell turnout at the cake walk. We will inform you that we will have a pep assembly on Oct. 15.

Paul loses the characters in "Books."

Believe it or not, the junior class has really worked during the past four weeks. It couldn't be on account of those hungry seniors, eh, juniors?

The Crane football club seems to think that the reason they have not lost a game this season is because the band and pep squad has been going along. So don't let us down, Mr. School Board.

We surely do miss Ann Boyd, student of Crane High School.

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The air-minded students will read new books on all types of aviation training and mechanics. Next week there will be a reading list posted for the students. The list will include the type of books for the student to read according to their classification, the number he is required to read and the list he may choose from.

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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 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 trouble.
YOU ARE A CRANE!

Life Is Complicated

People are always talking about their problems and how dreary life is. When a person is in high school, they wish they were out, and when they finally get out, they want to be back.
 When a person dies young, people say it is a shame and good talent is gone to waste. When a person lives to reach old age and is not a great success, people say that he or she is lazy and has wasted his or her life.
 If a person goes around with a long look on his face and never agrees with anyone, people say he is narrow-minded. While, if a person agrees with everyone, people think that he is weak and will not stand up for what he thinks.
 Life is something that few people understand. Life is the series of experiences or happenings which a person has from birth until death.

THE CRANE PLEDGE

We, the students of Crane School, should take the following pledge for this school year:
 We will attend school whenever possible and on time, try to learn all we can and make ourselves useful towards the war effort. We can make ourselves useful on the home front as well as on the battlefield by keeping ourselves physically fit and mentally awake.
 We will keep ourselves fit in every way so that we will be able to do our share in this wartime need.

RECREATION NIGHT

What recreation? Well, if so, let's get out on the field and play some sports. Monday the 5-2 class had a sale on articles brought from their homes. The students were practicing the exchange of money.
 Third Grade, Mrs. Martin's room, Donnie Tomlinson, reported.
 We have a new game. We do not know how many students will be interested. That is the direct answer and we will try to find out. It is up to the students to carry through the rest, such as getting sponsors and games for those who do not wish to dance.



MARY SHACKELFIRD

Mrs. P. Patterson has requested that the young people of Crane High School not conduct their love affairs in front of her windows every morning, because she has a typing class that period. Thank you!
 Kids, have you noticed how nice the patio garden looks? It certainly does make the school look nice. Let's keep it that way and not tramp on the grass.
 I have noticed that there are not as many bringing lunches this year as before. Could it be because of food rationing?
 Joe and George Grounds have been home. I know everybody was glad to see them. It was just like old times to see them in the patio.

PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK

Short, sweet, good natured, and easy to look at, describes Kathryn Joiner.
 Kathryn is five feet three inches tall and weighs 118 pounds. She has blue eyes and light brown hair.
 Kathryn was born Oct. 12, 1926 in Gorman, Texas. A year later she moved to West Texas and has lived here ever since. Kathryn moved to Crane in October, 1942. Upon graduation, Kathryn plans to attend Abilene Christian College, where she will major in math.
 Her favorite subjects are journalism and band. She has taken band for six years and plays the B flat and E flat clarinet.
 Kathryn's favorite foods are fried chicken and chocolate cake, and her favorite sports are tennis and swimming.

First Come, First Serve



The Dirt Dauber

The manpower shortage really has affected Crane High. The boys are getting rushed from every side, but how they do love it.

Rabbit hunting is the favorite sport these days, with Babe Caldwell and Eula Jean (Veronica). The best place to hunt is the golf course and Delwin Webb and Bill Snyder never miss—the rabbits, I mean.

What is this we keep hearing about Jo Henderson and William Jones' romance, left guard Bill Teague, right half John Hickey, right end Johnnie Brown, left tackle...

Billie Lovelace has a secret crush on Jack Nance, but Jack says he likes all of the girls. Here is wishing you luck, Billie.

Grandfalls seems to be the main subject of Mary Beth Caldwell and Hattie Lee Bromley's chatter. Norman Cox and Jimmy Jackson are on the receiving end.

If perchance Bobby Smith should pass by you, you will undoubtedly get a dose of that sweet perfume she's been wearing lately. She evidently is after a new man, or have you forgotten "Vic" from Grand Saline yet, Bobby?

That cute little thing they call Billie Foyil is still on the loose and probably will continue to be. She's married, boys, and her "heart belongs to Daddy."

Nan Moore swears she has no desire to take Ralph Brown from Mary Louise Shackelford.

Zane Crownover and Frenchie Richard are still going strong. How long is this going to last, kids?

These ex-grads are so disgusting.

Billie Jean Dodd collects pictures and she doesn't have any trouble.

Mrs. F. K. Elmore likes to investigate houses inside and out.

Kathryn Joiner takes pictures in her idle time.

Guila Young collects perfume bottles if she isn't writing letters to J. B.

Mrs. Paul Patterson enjoys music for a pastime.

Pola Jean Murrell likes pretty clothes.

Mr. Brady Nix likes sports and athletics as you can plainly see.

Mr. L. L. Martin does a little rabbit raising and yard work for pastime.

Lost, Stolen or Stolen—One large chew of gum (only been chewed once or twice) from Cecil Hudgens' desk in the English Room.

FROM THE CRANE FILES

1 YEAR AGO:
 Leland L. Martin was caught stealing beans from the school. Ann Boyd was basketball cheerleader. June Armstrong married E. E. Tinker.

Billy Joe Maynard, ex-Crane, made the A. C. C. honor roll in German and in Bible.

2 YEARS AGO:
 The seniors ranked highest on the honor roll the first semester. The boys' band played at a birthday party.

3 YEARS AGO:
 Blodgett, William Paul E. Chaney, Ray John A. Frey, James...

The Boy Scouts had first aid meetings. "Be nice to all senior and junior boys" was the motto of girls at the banquet draw near.

7 YEARS AGO:
 Lois Virdell, Jack Burdette, and Jack Newland led a machine-gunning outfit escape.

8 YEARS AGO:
 The Local Interstate League contests were held in the high school auditorium to determine the winner of declamation, spelling, essay writing, and story telling.

SONG OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MONDAY OR ALWAYS
 Won't you tell me when we will meet again.
 Sunday, Monday or always.
 If you're satisfied, I'll be at your side.
 Sunday, Monday or always.
 No need to tell me now what makes the world go round.
 When at the sight of you, my heart begins to pound and pound.
 And what am I to do, can't I be with you?
 Sunday, Monday or always.

Healthy Students

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 prevent serious illness. I would also like to stress the importance of knowing and observing significant symptoms of communicable diseases and the necessity of securing immediate medical attention.
 I will consider it my responsibility to see that pupils who become ill or receive an injury at school receive proper emergency care, and that arrangements are made for transportation to their homes when their parents cannot be reached.
 With the co-operation of others, we have secured adequate equipment for our present needs, but in the future we find that more equip-

STUDENT

What do you think of... Miss Willie B. Stroud... There are two sides to... Zane Crownover gives her answer to the question:
 "In my opinion, exempting those with an average of 90 or over is a good practice. Many students would merely coast along and think, 'Oh, well, why not enjoy myself now? I can study before exam.' If exemptions are given, those who make 90's anyway, would make a grade on the exam, which would probably be within only a few points of their average for the three, six weeks and thus not bring up their average anyway."
 A student who maintains a 90 average will know more about the subject than the one who "crams" for the exam anyway. Personally, I'm for it."

Fashionette

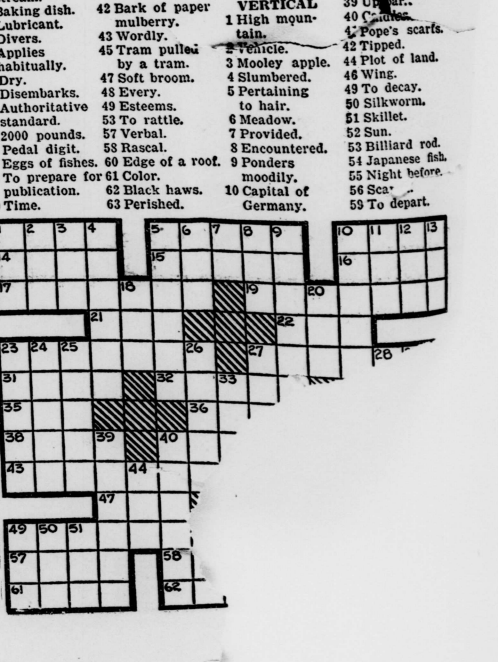
MARY L. SHACKELFORD—1 Eng.
 Every day you see at least one person with something new to slide on. We girls know there is a war on and that we have to be very stylish and abide by Fashion rules. Dresses are getting shorter, simpler, less colorful, but still the girls of America can have a wartime wardrobe as beautiful as ever.
 To be patriotic, so you can buy war bonds and stamps, remodel your last year's hat, beg and naturally shine up your last year's shoes.
 Prints are in style more than ever this year. Just a thing to wear to school is a print dress with colorful lines becoming to you. Of course, on colder days, wear a sweater with a bright colored plaid. Just to prove to you I am right, let's see what some of the girls are wearing:
 Julia Maynard wears a combination of blue and yellow plaid. The colors are very suitable to her complexion and the lines become her very much.
 Betty Lee Williams looks well in her white dress with red polka dot lines. The dress has a high neckline and a yoke and in princess style.
 Dorothy Rogers certainly knows how to pick her colors. Red is very becoming, and by the way, I like the red, long-sleeve jersey blouse of Dorothy's, too.
 Pola Jean Murrell has been seen with a red polka dot dress on. The dress has a high neckline with a tie. The dress makes Pola look shorter, and from what I hear, she dislikes being tall.
 Mary Tollison...

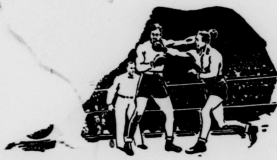
(Editor's Note: Mrs. Owen's office is located in the elementary building instead of the High School building as was previously reported.)

Dr. H. Grady Harlan, associate professor of music at Denton, has been named chairman of the U. S. War Chest campaign which will be launched in late October or early November.

Crossword Puzzle

- Answer to Previous Puzzle
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| 1 Maple tree. | 2 Bark of paper mill. | 3 Veneer. | 4 Pope's scarfs. |
| 5 To ascend. | 6 Wordly. | 7 Provided. | 8 Encountered. |
| 10 Lowest part in harmony of a musical composition. | 11 Tram pulled by a tram. | 12 Soft broom. | 13 Rascal. |
| 14 Crippled. | 15 To ascribe. | 16 One of the five Great Lakes. | 17 Most powerful state in Germany. |
| 19 Violent stream. | 21 Baking dish. | 22 Lubricant. | 23 Divers. |
| 27 Applies habitually. | 31 Dry. | 32 Disembarks. | 34 Authoritative standard. |
| 35 2000 pounds. | 36 Pedal digit. | 37 Eggs of fishes. | 38 To prepare for publication. |
| 40 Time. | 62 Black haws. | 63 Perished. | 10 Capital of Germany. |





CRANE

SPORTS

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OLDEN CRANES TRAMPLE GRANDFALLS, 13 TO 7 CRANES HOLD IRAAN BRAVES TO A 6 TO 6 TIE ON IRAAN FIELD

Cowboys Fall Before Cranes

The Golden Cranes trampled over the Grandfalls Cowboys on the local field Friday night, Oct. 1, to the tune of 13 to 7. This was the first home game of the season.

Crane kicked off to the Grandfalls 20 yard line and was penalized five yards on the first play of the game. The Crane line stiffened and Grandfalls kicked on the third down. Running from their own 45, the Cranes opened up on a little razzle-dazzle that brought the ball to the Grandfalls 4 yard line. Earp took the ball through the center of the line for the first score of the game and kicked the extra point.

Crane threatened to score again in the closing seconds of the half when they brought the ball to the six inch line with fourth down and only seconds to go. An attempted line buck runs smack into a stone wall and the ball went to Grandfalls on their own six inch line. The half ended with Crane on the big end of a 7 to 0 score.

Starting the second half, Crane took the ball and kicked on the second down. Grandfalls then got hot and made three first downs, putting the ball on the Crane eight yard line. Morman Cox carried the ball over for a touchdown and kicked the point that tied the score.

Early in the last quarter, the Cranes again started down the field, making first down after first down. The second Crane touchdown on a smashing off tackle play. The try for point failed and the score was 12-7 in Crane's favor. Neither team could score again and the game ended with the ball on the Crane 15 yard line with Grandfalls in possession.

planes, and he was injured in action and spent three months in a hospital. He was discharged because of injuries. Mr. Mays has been decorated with the Silver Star, the Navy Good Conduct Medal and Defense Medal. He is now Commander of the American Legion at the Crane Post.

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Crane Band Plays For War Bond Rally

The 3rd War Loan Drive was held here Monday night at 9:00 p. m., Sept. 27, in the Palace Theatre. Mr. L. L. Martin was master of ceremonies and there were four guests present. They all gave speeches. The following were present:

Sgt. N. A. Carlsen, better known as "Swede" from Ogden, Utah. He fought in the Pacific theatre of war. He was crossing the equator to the South Pacific the day war was declared. He had been to Australia, Java, Borneo, New Guinea, the Solomons. He was a member of the crew to bomb the Solomons and first plane to photograph the Caroline Islands. He is now an instructor in Aerial Photography at Pyote Air Base, Pyote, Texas. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, one Air Medal. He has a total of 54 missions. He was shot down in New Guinea and lived with the natives six weeks. It could have been interesting to know if he had but told us the story, but he did not.

Capt. C. H. Lawrence from N. Carolina attended also. He fought in England and African theatres of war. He was one of the crew to bomb France from a high altitude, Texas, working hard to further the war effort.

Aubrey Cantrell left Sept. 13 for the Navy. He is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Eddie Crabtree is one of those smart boys who entered college. He is going to ACC.

Jack Ellison is one that was unlucky enough to get married. He is in Crane working for the Lee Drilling Co.

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Ex-Students Of Crane Are Working Hard

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EXCHANGE

It looks as though women are moving into the sports department of a newspaper as well as the assembly rooms of airplane factories. One of the women sports writers contributes the following, which seems to indicate things are not as bad as they might be:

We are ardent sport fans— We know every man on the team— With broad shoulders— Who make the men— Who make the forward passes— We know about blocking too— We like baseball— And we've learned that flies— Are what you catch, not swat— We even know that southpaws— Aren't animals' hind feet— We think boxing is divine— Except that people are always— Hitting each other. We close our eyes and drink— Soda pop— And count the thuds— For your information— The Editor says— We should have stomach ulcers— And smoke black cigars— To write sports. We don't. But we are firm believers— In physical training— For the figger.

What was that? I seem to hear The ancient call of "Ho d'em, Yale!"

The roll of thunder from the stands. Above the old, well battered vale.

Could I be dreaming? Through the mist I saw a forward pass that sailed, I saw a runner goalward bound, Before his flying feet were nailed.

There will be gaps in the ranks— many gaps—but within a short while football will show unexpected strength on both the pro and the service-college side.

The pros will be far stronger than anyone figured they would be six months ago.

And the Navy has sent enough fancy talent to take good care of a large college, and give each section fast-moving and scrappy contests through the fall.

After all, the Navy gets its share of college football stars from the 80,000 students they are sending back for war training, and from this collection there are several hundred names remembered from last year's program.

In spite of the Army's stand against football, there will be enough good teams to cover the map this fall.

Strong competition will appear in every section, although more than a few will have to take some heavy pounding from much stronger teams which happen to have the stars.

Someone has suggested that under such conditions the prophet more upsets than ever.

It is a sure thing that a number of unknown, unsung stars will be found among the mass of Marine material—many of whom have played little or no football.

It will be an interesting part of the game to see just how many unknowns pop suddenly in the spotlight before the season is over.

Shooting at a Record

Something over 20 years ago the Giants had a left-hander by the name of Ferdie Schupp. He had a fast curve ball that could break the back of an iron buffalo.

He finished a busy season with an earned run record at 1.00, the low mark of his profession.

Even the blazing fire of Walter Johnson could never quite equal this average. Walter's best earned run mark was around 1.09.

There is a 1943 entry who is crowding both Schupp and Johnson in this department of sharp shooting.

His name is Spud Chandler of the Yankees who is now close enough to reach out and tap either of them.

I hadn't thought of this until I happened to be talking to Spud, otherwise known as Spurgeon, about his best year.

"I'm pretty close to that earned run matter," he said. "I just happened to be figuring it up the other day. If I can stay somewhere around the best figures I shouldn't lose many ball games with Yankee hitting to carry me along. It'd like to finish the season around the one earned run spot although it means I can't do any resting even with a big lead."

Chandler's record so far is abnormal in view of the fact that in the last ten or fifteen years the leading effective pitchers led their leagues above 2 or 2½ spotless tallies. Too many home-runs today are likely to break out at any interval and pile up the score.

BUY BONDS!



THERE has been more than the usual amount of gossip as to how many boxing champions are coming along from our service forces of more than 10 million men. Most of these have had their share of boxing instruction under the care of the best ring men any country could offer.

Most of these have been caught young and in good condition. The natural belief is that the hands, perhaps the hands, will come along to make up for those who have held the headlines, from John L. Sullivan to Joe Louis, from Joe Gans to Bob Montgomery.

But the odds are it won't be that way. Along this line we asked the advice of Lieut. Comdr. Jack Dempsey at his coast guard headquarters.

"As close as I can figure it," Jack said, "around 30,000 men have been under our supervision in ring instruction."

"Most of them have been great boys, keen and willing. But so far as boxing goes if we could get one real, high-grade champion out of the 30,000, I'd be quite satisfied."

"These odds are actually too short," Dempsey continued. "This would mean that from an army of 30,000 men, only one would be a champion."

The Old Mauler is right. The high-class boxing or ring crop is the in sport, the smallest group.

I asked Dempsey to name the main ingredients a ring champion needs.

"First," he said, "ability to take it and ability to give it. These are about 50-50. A good fighter must be able to hand out punishment and to handle his share of the same."

"After that come speed and quick reflexes. You must see your opening and make your move in the same split second. A good fighter must have foot action and fast-moving hands. Not many have quick reflexes."

Lacking the Knack

"What about that knack, which is hard to define or explain?" I asked.

"Knack is something I can't explain. I guess nobody else can. Jim Corbett developed his boxing skill by hard work, but most of it was born in him," replied Dempsey.

"Think it over. We've had only about 16 heavyweight champions in 60 years—from Sullivan to Louis. And a few of these were not too hot."

"Joe Louis was born with fast moving hands. Even when he was first coming up Joe could deliver three or four punches so fast you could only see one or two. I don't think I've ever seen hands move faster than Louis', considering also the power they carried. Fast hands that carry no punishment of course don't mean so much."

After all, Dempsey is confident that after the war the general boxing average will be lifted to a higher notch than it has ever known before.

ADVANCE ECHOES

What was that? I thought I heard The dull boom of a whirling punt, The thud of cleats along the field, The crash of bodies up at front.

GRIDIRON GROANS

DELWIN WEBB

Something might be said about the game at Iraan Friday, Sept. 24, but if so, the football boys would stop groaning and start growling. (I wonder why.)

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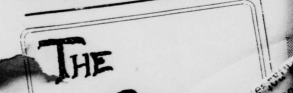
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A. L. Higdon Leads Team

A. L. Higdon has resided in Crane for the past ten years. He is 16 years old, weighs 140 lbs., and is 5 feet 8 inches tall. A. L. is a junior this year and co-captain of the football team. He has lettered one year on the high school team. He plays right guard. This is his second year on the team. He is light built but is a hard worker. A. L. came to Crane from Texas.

With kind hair and green eyes, A. L. has a wonderful attraction for girls. He couldn't get over the fact at first that his old girl was gone, but he is on the trail of another.

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