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January Stork's Busiest Month In Crane High

Because of the importance most people put on their birthdays, your reporter dug through the files, and the following information turned up.

It is said that only two classes of people don't have birthdays. The two groups are women after they pass the age of 35 and people whose birthday is the 29 of February.

Statistics show that more people are born in February than any other month and that the smart people are supposed to be born in that month also. Many great leaders of our country were born in February. Two of these are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

In the files it was found that the month with the most born in it is January with 34 people.

Twenty-nine were born in March, 28 in December, 27 in September, 24 in February and May, 18 in October, 15 in April and the month with the smallest amount is November with 14 students born in that month.

Although there are not many George Washingtons and Abraham Lincolns in Crane High School, there are lots of just plain Johns and Marys with lots of just plain good old Crane spirit and knowledge.

Editor's note: Psychologists say that children born in the summer are smarter than those born in the winter. What is the reader's opinion?

Earp, Swift Entered Sheep In Show Feb. 24

Local people and some out-of-town people were on hand to bid on the 25 lambs, which were entered in Crane county's first 4-H Lamb Show on February 24 under the direction of the County Agent, J. H. Martin, with the Crane County Sheriff's posse as sponsors. The show was held on the Teague lots across from the Pettis Grill Saturday.

Two Crane High students entered sheep in this show. They were Bennie Earp and Jim Swift. Bennie's sheep were a cross between a black-face, and a ram-boulet, and one was a full-blood ram-boulet. These sheep were raised and cared for by these students.

The judge was Upton County Agent Day and C. C. Swift was superintendent; Hayden Wilmoth, auctioneer; chairman of sales committee, J. W. Teague; with Wilson Barr and R. L. Damron to assist; pen committee, Bert Mark, Frank Craig, and J. B. Rogers, Jr.

The judging was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with the sale getting underway that evening.

Six-Guns, Big Hats To Predominate During Western Day

Six guns, ten gallon hats, and everything else that goes with real Texas people will be seen in Crane High School on March 9.

The Student Council is sponsoring this gala affair. Everyone, including the faculty members, are to come dressed western style. Now this doesn't mean just to tie a scarf around your neck, you have to wear blue jeans, western skirt, or something on that order. Western hats and six-guns will add to your get-up. There will be a penalty for those not dressing western. The fine will be a quarter and the money will be turned over to the polo fund.

To climax this day, there will be a western dance held in the gym that night. Anyone failing to come western to the dance will have to do a stunt or pay a fifty-cent fine. Prizes will be awarded to the most western boy and girl. This money will also be turned over to the polo fund. There will be no charge to go to the dance.

The planning committee for this big affair is: chairman, Bill Clark, and as his assistants, Charlene Ellison, Kathryn Smith, Bobby Russell.

The decorations were a delightful color scheme of blue and white. The bride's table was spread with lace and held crystal appointments.

Guests that were present were: Mmes. J. R. Boyd, H. A. Christian, Ted Green, L. E. Russell, J. H. Davis, Cecil West, H. G. Williford, T. C. Christian, Sr., V. H. Russell, Obie Scott, R. B. Boothe, Clarence Key, John North, Bobbie North, Wila Vee Loftin, Mary Ruth Weiser, Loftin Bragg and Claude Waters.

Martin Elected To Attend UN Assembly

L. L. Martin was elected one of the few high school superintendents to sit on the United Nations Assembly, which is now in session.

Mr. Martin left for New York February 12, and will be gone two or three weeks.

After sitting in the U. N. Assembly he journeyed to Atlantic City, New Jersey where he was also a delegate to the American Association of School Administrators Convention.

The school is happy to have the superintendent visit these important meetings. Upon his return, Mr. Martin will report to the school about his trip.

A certain sophomore to Mrs. Elmore: "I want a biography that is short and easy to read but one that Mr. Harrison will think is long and hard!"

Undertow Chosen As Contest Play; With All-Girl Cast

The contest play, given annually by different schools, will be held in Andrews, on April 3.

The play chosen by Crane is "Undertow," a serious play in one act, written by Anne Weatherly.

The characters are as follows: Abby Blackwell, Jackie Lou Mackey; Rosalie, Peggy Gene Sharp; Mrs. Grant, Jamie Sue Green; Miss Susan, Peggy McCasland; Miss Mary Ann, Wanda Sharrock; Mrs. Kitzmuller, Jency Porter; Mrs. Soreson, Lila Kinsey; Mrs. Wood, Mary Lindley; and Mrs. Stickner, Waleska Ament. The play will be directed by Frank Rainey, speech instructor.

Abby Blackwell, at 33, was a type well-known to women: a noble and self-sacrificing exterior, masking a vicious and calculating mind—which, like an undertow, nearly wrecked disaster before her motives were detected.

It is the story of warm, gay Rosalie, and her bitter sister, Abby, who lets secret jealousy get the upper hand to such an extent that it seems easy and natural for her to hint that she is to the ladies' club that she fears for her young sister's mental health. Built of half-truths and veiled suggestions, it is the most evil of monsters to combat. Rosalie is fortunately championed by a woman wise enough to see the truth.

"Undertow" builds its climax like a masterpiece. An excellent contest choice for an all-girl cast.

The cast will give two performances before April 3. The first will be March 9, for the Women's Study Club of Crane, and the second will be held later for the P.T.A.

New Maps Adorn Walls In Crane High Rooms

Although the Crane High students think that they never receive anything new it is probably because they never stop to look around.

The past few weeks Crane High School has received many different kinds of maps, which have been installed in the economics and history rooms. Crane also is to receive a new Chevrolet station-wagon sometime in March, and Mr. Crosby is to receive a new bus sometime in the near future.

Teacher: What do you think about eloping?
Student: It's dangerous.
Teacher: It's dangerous?
Student: Yes, you might break your leg climbing down the ladder.

Colorado High School,pletely.

Freshmen At Top In Attendance

Leading Crane High School in attendance for the fifth month and also leading in average for this year, thus far, is the freshmen class. They had an average attendance of 97.03 the first five months and had an 96.1 attendance for the fifth month of school.

Before falling off in their attendance, after the first month, the eighth grade led with a startling 99.1. They have dropped a little more each month until they registered a 91.7 for the fifth month which is only .64 below the senior class's average for all five months. Still they rank third with a yearly average, so far, of 95.33.

Below is a table showing the attendance record of all classes in Crane High School.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Avg.
Seniors	94.3	91.33	93.3	91.63	90.94	92.34
Juniors	96.3	95.2	93.1	90.	90.3	92.93
Sophomores	96.	96.3	96.4	94.06	95.62	96.03
Freshmen	93.9	97.8	96.7	95.33	96.1	97.06
8th Grade	99.	96.7	96.5	92.91	91.7	95.33

Bridal Party Given For Sandra Christian

Mrs. Robert Christian, former Sandra Williford, of Odessa, was honored with a bridal gift party Thursday afternoon, February 3, in the Crane Community Hall. Sandra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Williford of the Humble Camp in Crane. She attended Crane High School up until the last week when she withdrew.

The hostesses were Mmes. Verget Hagler, K. H. Gray, Jack Allen, W. B. Gunn, Edd McGee and Chloe Boothe.

Pat Bostick Gwen Williams, Mary Sneed, Marvella Hooper, Carmaleta Russell, Billie Russell, Shirley Allen, Martha Hooper, Joyce Bright, Charlene Ellison and Nannette Wood.

Out of town guests included: Mmes. J. C. Westbrook, J. H. Burnett and Sandra Westbrook, Cecil Taylor and Esther Pormaly of Odessa, and L. E. Drew, of Jal, New Mexico.

S. C. Closes Coke Box Compiles Hand Book

The Student Council met February 7. They discussed a number of things and one of the most important was about the Western Day and dance.

The Hand Book, which is the project of the Student Council this year, is underway. These books will be passed out among the students. Due credit goes to Bill Clark and Dwain Warren, as they have really been doing a fine job on the book. Joel Williams and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore have been advising them.

There was also a discussion on keeping a file of all ex-Cranes and where they are. Also, the members are to hand in their money for the Student Council pins.

The coke box has been closed for two weeks, because the students have been abusing its privileges. If and when the box is opened again, and they still take the bottles from the tunnel, the machine may be taken out completely.

Crane Choral Club Hears Westminster Choir In Odessa

Mrs. Gladys Webb and the high school Choral Club attended a choral clinic and concert last Monday, February 19, in Odessa High School gymnasium.

Odessa College secured the advice of Dr. John Finley Williamson, director of the famous Westminster Choir College, and his world renowned organization for the evening concert. It featured 40 voices.

Dr. Williamson also directed the choral clinic the same afternoon for high school and junior high school students of West Texas.

Odessa College thinks this clinic was one of the finest things to come to this part of the state.

The visiting high school students and their directors went to observe and listen. The Odessa High School Choir combined with the Odessa College Concert Choir furnished the "work-horse" group with which Dr. Williamson worked.

Dr. Williamson was the guest clinician for the Texas Music Educators Association statewide clinic in Galveston this year.

Odessa College felt very fortunate to have the Westminster Choir and Dr. Williamson here. They felt that such great personalities and great opportunities can be brought to West Texas choral-minded people just as easily as they can go elsewhere to receive the "shot-in-the-arm" the choral programs call for out here.

Achievement Tests For C.H.S. Students

Joel Williams reports that the students are soon to begin taking their usual school-wide tests.

All of the tests have not been received in the office yet but the four tests that have come in are as follows:

All the students will take the (Continued on Page 4)

Library Pupil Activity Features Evaluation Meet

Dr. E. N. Foster was in Crane last Thursday, February 22, as co-ordinator in the third meeting of the evaluation program now under way.

Reports on the use, books, management, etc., of the library will be given by Mrs. Inez K. Elmore, high school librarian and Miss Martha Preston, grade school librarian.

Franklin Rainey, chairman of the Pupil Activity Committee, will give a talk on pupil activity in Crane High School. Also on the committee with Mr. Rainey are: Brady Nix, Helen Pearce, Clinton Carroll, and George Crane.

The outline of the contents for Mr. Rainey's speech will be:

1. General Nature and Organization.
2. Pupil Participation in School Government.
3. Home rooms.
4. The School Assembly.
5. School Publications.
6. Music Activities.
7. Dramatic and Speech Activities.
8. Social Life and Activities.
9. Physical Activities for Boys.
10. Physical Activities for Girls.
11. School Clubs.
12. Finances of Pupil Activities.
13. Special Characteristics of the School Activity Program.
14. General Evaluation of the Pupil Activity Program.

The figures listed below were used in computing percentages, etc. Accuracy has been recognized as the ideal, but enrollments and withdrawals have made computations only approximate.

Total Enrollment267
Boys132
Girls135

Brady Nix, high school principal, gave a brief report on educational needs of youth, and Jim Nevins, elementary principal, read the philosophy of Crane Public Schools.

Following the meeting the group adjourned to the home-making department where refreshments were served.

Members of the refreshment committee were Franklin Rainey, Shirakman, George Crane, Burl Strickland, Mrs. George Crane, Mrs. Elizabeth Talliferro, and Mrs. Winnie Browning.

Reporters Face Cold So You Get Papers

Last time when it came time for the papers to come out there was a cold north wind howling outside. That meant that three or four of the boys of the class would have to walk and brave the cold to get the papers.

Mr. Patterson called for volunteers to brave the hardships and cold so the paper would be on time. Quickly four eager hands shot up even though they were aware of the tough journey that lay ahead, and the bitter cold walking between them and the paper.

They were bundled up in their coats and sent out facing the biting north wind. Even after they reached the end of the patch there was no time to warm up, the papers had to be taken from the press and folded. They set right in to work. With that job accomplished there was the cold homeward journey. With that bold fearless pioneer spirit they retraced their tracks in the snow.

When they returned there was still work to be done, getting the papers ready to mail, and after that they set in on gathering news to fill the next paper.

So you see a reporter's task is never finished.

Ruffles of Rip Roaring Twenties Reviewed

Fashion Customs Not Strange To '51 Styles

Everyone at one time or another has heard Mother or Dad tell of the "Roaring Twenties."

Perhaps if one of the most stylish ladies of the "Roaring Twenties" were to appear on the scene of '51 fashions her modesty would be shocked. Then again some of our most fashionable frocks were derived from the styles of the twenties. This doesn't mean that clothes in general

are identically the same but there is a distinct similarity.

This also holds true for customs. Some of today's most jived-up slang was actually started in the good 'Twenties.

The dress on the right was one of the most fashionable frocks of the 20's. Notice the drastic difference between the styles. This little trick has a low waistline and definite straight lines. The straight lines are one of the most important factors in the change of style. Today, however, most women are trying to bring out the curves, not trying to lose them.

Courting Customs Change

Another great change in styles and customs is the method of "courting." They didn't used to go "parking." That is, in a car. When they parked, it was right in parlor of the girl's house. Usually such conversation as this was carried on. The boy, looking innocent and afraid to touch the girl would say, "I shore do like pineapple pie." She would look at him, roll her blue eyes and answer, "I sure can make them."

The conversation between lovers of today is much different. There isn't much time to say anything. If they did say something it would probably go like this. The girl with her smooth babying voice would suddenly blot out the silence with, "Honey, do

you really love me?" The boy, in his conceited manner would answer very nonchalantly, "Yeh, give with the lips."

Plaid and Pleats Popular

Another change in style is the bottom of the skirt shown in the

picture. Some of these skirts had buttons down both sides of the hemlines, and were scalloped around the bottom. The necklines were usually high.

The straight hair is another vertical factor in the fashions of the Twenties. If you had seen a girl walking down the street you could have taken a ruler and drawn a straight line down both sides of her figure.

We move away from wool, tweeds, and plain features to the taffeta, and bows. This dress is a good example of the scallop. From the hemline to the waist the style is somewhat changed but, as you will notice, the high neckline, and all that goes with it, still prevails. Her hair is curly too!

Dancing Date Taps The Toddle

Let's talk about some of those dances! Some of the most popular were the Charleston, toddle, and flea hop. I have been told that furniture was sometimes torn up during one of these dances. Some of the most popular songs of the day were "That's My Baby," and "My Blue Heaven." Many of these old songs are the



favorites of today and have been popular many times.

Some of the dresses that were worn in school during the twenties were almost as bad as the fad of wearing blue jeans now.

Happiness and Good Will

The rip roaring twenties are well to remember. Those days were filled with happiness and good will. But styles and customs are gradually going back, even though we think that we are living in the modern day.



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THE CRANE CREED

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 to the greater achievement of the future. To give so much time to the improvement of himself that he has no time to criticize others; too strong for fear, and too happy to permit trouble.

YOU ARE A CRANE!

March 2, Time For Celebration

March the second is a legal holiday in Texas in Commemoration of its declaration of independence of Mexico. Late in 1835 a conference of citizens of Texas drew up a "Declaration of causes for taking up arms against Mexico" in which it was stated that Texas would continue faithful to Mexico so long as that nation was governed by the constitution and laws "that were framed for the political association." This has sometimes been characterized as a declaration of independence because there were certain phrases in the document that might be interpreted in that way. But the conference by a large majority voted down a motion to secede. However, on March 2, 1836, while Santa Anna was besieging the Alamo, another conference was held which formally declared Texas to be independent of Mexico. This was signed by about 60 men, only two of whom were Mexicans. The declaration was made good by the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21 in which Santa Anna was defeated by General Sam Houston. A constitution was drafted and General Houston was elected president of the new republic of Texas. Its independence was recognized by the United States on March 2, 1837.

Did you ever stop to think that we Texans and our state might still belong to the Mexican government, had it not been for the men who were willing to give their lives in order for us to belong to the United States and be free and independent citizens.

Only Fools Scorn Schools

How long would the United States survive without the Public Schools?

Although students think of school as "Public Enemy No. 1," that is our only way of perpetrating democracy.

We all have a little distaste for school, but certainly we would be in a sad shape 30 years from now if we didn't have the training that our schools give us.

School finds good and bad qualities in us that nothing else could find. It helps to stimulate ideas that may eventually lead to our life work.

We have all heard the saying that knowledge is power. This is more than true. The more you learn, the more you find out that you don't know anything.

How could we ever face the social world without an education? You would be considered as a nobody, and certainly there aren't any of us that want that.

School isn't all work. While going to school you learn how to use your education in having a good time.

It produces a well trained mind for fast thinking, and the latter is necessary now days because we are living in a fast world.

We may think now that school is just a dreadful old pest, but later on in life we will be glad if we have made the very best of it, and if we have tried to "gain through knowledge."

In fact, not one single discovery, or invention, for which the U.S. is famous, would be possible without education.

Crane High Provides Program For Veterans

Lila Kinsey, Kathryn Smith, Jackie Mackey, and Calvin Hazle went to Big Spring last February 16 to sing for the disabled veterans who are confined in the hospital there.

Some of the songs that they sang were "Sentimental Journey," "Jesus Is The One," "Lou-aller," "Jimmy Crack Corn," "Goodnight Irene," and "Hadal-col Boogie."

This program for the soldiers was sponsored by the American Legion, who does this very often to help the men pass the long hours they have to stay in confinement.

The program prepared for them usually consists of games, such as bingo, for which they receive prizes if they win. During the recess, refreshments, and provide some kind of entertainment.

This work is one of the greatest of its kind, and it is continuing to grow.

F.H.A. Girls Leave For Abilene March 2

The F.H.A. girls are going to Abilene, Texas, March 2 for the purpose of an area meeting. The girls are leaving sometime on Friday and will be back Saturday afternoon late.

Mrs. Waller has sent off and got the girls' reservations at the Wooten Hotel. There will be four girls to a room and there will be a certain time for all of them to be in.

There will be about 40 students going, and if that is too many to take all of the girls will be omitted, but those who have paid their dues and have come to at least four meetings.

Mrs. Waller has also informed the girls that there will be no time to shop, for they will be at the meeting most of the time.

Tests Are Given To CHS Upperclassmen Probing Personalities

The senior class had a class meeting February 19, for the purpose of taking a personality test.

These tests were very interesting, and if the questions were answered honestly and thoughtfully, you were to find out what you were lacking for a good personality.

J. P. Harrison, one of the senior sponsors, told the class that before too long, tests of this kind would be given to all persons applying for a job.

Mr. Harrison also said that tests of this sort were being given in all schools for the purpose of improving the tests.

These tests were also given to the juniors of CHS.

Crane High Band Gives First Concert of Year

The Crane High School band, under the direction of E. M. Sonnenburg, presented their first concert in the high school auditorium February 23, at 8:00 in the evening.

They presented a program of enjoyable music that fitted every mood and musical taste. They included types of music such as ancient history, Spanish rhythms, grandmother's days, classic, and marches.

The program ran like this: "American Legion," Parker; "Myrmidon," Frangkiss; "El Charro," Farver; "Rampage of Old Grey Mare," Stacy; "Das Pensionat," Von Suppe; "Bombasto," Farra; "Marcia Con Brio," Barnes; "King Arthur," Thomas; "Lassus Trombone," Fillmore; "Aurora," Frieblis; "Little Brown Jug Goes to Town," Bergheim.

The program was narrated by Billy Don Ingram.

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WALESKA AVENT

This pretty and attractive senior pictured above, was born in Electra, Texas on July 29, 1934.

Waleska lived in Electra about one month, and then moved to Novice, Texas, where she lived for the next five years. She then moved to Lubbock. There she started to school, and moved on to the fair city of Crane to finish the first grade. After that year, she moved to Sonora and started to school there in the second grade. When Waleska moved to Brownwood, she skipped the third grade on account of the twelve grade system that was just coming into effect. She went to school her fourth grade year at Odessa, then she moved back to Crane in the fifth grade and has been here ever since.

Waleska has brown hair (with a red rinse on it), and green eyes. She is five feet, seven and one-half inches tall, and has a very impressive figure.

Her favorite pastime is eating, and her favorite foods are chicken, cream potatoes, iced tea, and strawberry shortcake.

Gary Cooper and Vera Allen are Waleska's favorites, among the actors and actresses in Hollywood.

Volley ball seems to be Waleska's one and only favorite sport. She has been playing for three years, and has been on the junior B and A teams.

Being the secretary of the junior class and senior class, Waleska is junior favorite, and secretary of the pep squad this year, Waleska says she has had a lot of fun during her high school days, but of course she said she had more fun in her junior year. Of course the fun in her junior year was on the account of the work she did in the concession stand at the football and basketball games.

Physical Education is the class that is most enjoyed by this senior, and her model teachers are Mr. Harrison, the English teacher, and Mrs. Thomas, the Commercial teacher.

The pet peeve, which belongs to Waleska, is two-faced people. Waleska wants to be a secretary when she has finished her education in high school and gone to Draughon's Business College in Lubbock. After working as a secretary for a while, Waleska wants to be a model. She has always had the ambition to become a model.

Her biggest disappointment was when Buster moved away. Her biggest thrill — when he comes back.

SONG OF THE WEEK

IT IS NO SECRET
 The chimes of time ring out the news,
 Another day is through,
 Someone slipped and fell,
 Was that someone you?

You may have longed for added strength,
 Your courage to renew,
 Do not be disheartened,
 For I have news for you.

Chorus:
 It is no secret,
 What God can do,
 What He has done for others,
 He will do for you,
 With arms wide open,
 He will pardon you,
 It is no secret,
 What God can do,
 There is no night, for in His light,
 We never walk alone,
 Always feel at home,
 Wherever you may roam,
 There is no power can conquer you,
 While God is on your side,
 Just take Him at His promise,
 Don't run away and hide.

Thumbnail Interviews

To have students and teachers rack their brains, there was a big thought question popped to them this week. The question is: If you were on a boat and the boat was sinking and you had a chance to save only one person, which of these would you save? If the ones on the boat were a doctor with a cure for polio, your fiancée, a great actress, a six year old child, a woman with ten children at home, yourself, or the president of the United States.

GENE WATTS: I imagine by the time I thought whether to save myself or someone else. It would be too late to save anyone.

BABE LECLAIRE: I would save the doctor, or myself.
 MR. HARRISON: I imagine that I would have to get in that position to really know, but I would probably forget about the doctor and think about myself.

RAY KNOX: I would not even have to stop to think on that question, I know who I would save. Myself.

ORA ABRAMS: Me, of course.
 JACKIE MACKEY: I would save the six-year-old child.

PEGGY MOBBS: I would save myself of course.

JOHN CLARK: I would probably be scared enough to think of old John first.

BILLY GLENN: Well, it would be hard to say who I would save now, but I think if I got brave enough I might save the doctor with the cure for polio, but I would probably save myself.

MRS. ELMORE: I think I would save the six-year-old child, but maybe I am a little prejudiced because I have a six-year-old grandchild.

REX WOODS: I guess I would save the woman with kids.

CHEROKEE: I guess I would try to save the doctor with the cure for polio.

DOUGLAS BOYD: Well, if I was on a ship and it was sinking, I wouldn't take time to look up all those people. I would just start swimming.

ROYCE JOHNSON: Oh, that's kind of hard. I would try to save the doctor with the cure for polio.

BILL CLARK: Let's see? I would probably save myself but I have to make this for the press so I would try to save the six-year-old child.

MARTHA COOK: I guess I would save the doctor. Oh, that would make me not live, wouldn't it?

ARBRA TAYLOR: I would save the doctor because he could do more for the rest of us than those other people.

HENRY COOK ME! Who do you think?

CALVIN HAZLE: I think, I would save the six-year-old child.
 ELLEN WALLING: Well, I would get the doctor to tell me the cure for polio, and then I would save myself.

JUKE BOX Personalities

- Jamie Sue Bruce—"Thinking of You"
- Patsy and Bill—"Always"
- Dorothy and Billy Dan—"How Soon Will I Be Seeing You?"
- Ray and Royce—"Johnson Rag"
- Waleska Avent—"I Guess I'll Get the Papers and Go Home."
- Gene Watts—"Hadicol Boogie."
- Mrs. Elmore and Fourth Period Study Hall—"Fuedin' Fightin' and Fussin'."
- Bowlus and Delores—"I'll Get By."
- Louise Tomlinson—"Nevertheless I'm in Love With You."
- Martha Hopson, Shirley Allen and Judy Mathis—"Play a Simple Melody."
- Billy Glenn—"Pistol Packing Poppa."
- Jessie Scott—"Someone to Watch Over Me."
- John Clark—"So Long, It's Been Good to Know You."
- Lila Kinsey, Jackie Mackey, and Norma Rust—"Three Little Sisters."

Filleman Elected TSTA Chairman of Science

Mrs. W. B. Filleman, science teacher, was elected chairman of science for the T.S.T.A. region 6 convention held in El Paso, March 15, 16, and 17. Being in charge of the science program, Mrs. Filleman has obtained L. L. Martin as a speaker for her group. The title of the

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JOHN CLARK

By Ray Knox

Hard luck; this being two words which will always be used when something bad has happened to a person. People use it when a person doesn't achieve what he is working toward or for any other misfortune for that matter.

John started his hard luck career last year when he started having headaches that made him miss a lot of school. He didn't realize then that these headaches would keep him from playing football during the 1950 season.

John had played A-team football for two years and was looking forward to his senior year of football with an excitement that very few ever feel. But fate was to keep John from playing football his senior year.

During the summer John went to Dallas to see a doctor about his headaches. He found that they were caused by an old head injury, and the doctors told him that he couldn't play football his last year in high school.

After finding out that he couldn't play football, John then started looking forward to basketball in which he had lettered two years. He, along with Buster Peddleton, was elected captain of the 1950 basketball team. He had played ten games when he took a case of pneumonia and was in the hospital for several days. He missed a big part of the games on account of his sickness.

John Clark is the Hard Luck man in Crane High School.



The Crane wishes the following students a very happy birthday, and many of them.

- Paul Coker January 15
- Edith Aaron January 15
- Loye Russell January 17
- Donald Coleman January 19
- A. J. Hollander January 19
- Neil Lee January 21
- Kenneth Simon January 21
- Peggy Sharp January 21
- Charles Lively January 21
- Lee Ray Best January 24
- Bernard Mobbs January 25
- Clayton Dennis January 25
- John Ward January 25
- Doyle Ray Lakin January 26
- Jim Swift January 27
- Jackie Hood January 27
- Garland Hazle January 27
- Tommy Collier January 27
- Robert Taliaferro January 30
- Eugenia Mills February 3
- Nancy Robinson February 5
- Corky Dickson February 5
- Leoma Higdon February 5
- Billie Gooch February 7
- Billy Glenn February 12
- Becky Henderson February 13
- Patsy Dulin February 15
- Sue West February 15
- Don Johnston February 17
- William Lively February 19
- Peggy McCasland February 21
- Melvin Delaney February 21
- Myra Sue Harrold February 22
- Carmaleta Russell February 22
- Jonny Merritt February 23
- Lacy Pittman February 24
- Arbra Taylor February 26
- Gloria Dixon February 26
- Janis Chrane February 27
- Myr Miller February 28
- JoAnn Hood February 28

speech will be "How Can Humanity Survive?"

Mrs. Filleman plans to have a panel discussion on high school science courses of present and future.

The science section will meet on Friday afternoon, March 16.

Joe Weatherby, Billy Henderson, and Don Bradley left for the army February 15.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Well, it seems that the senior football boys are still sporting their new football jackets around. They really look nice.

Doug Boyd was sporting around some real bright socks last week. They really were bright too.

If you saw a pink sweater walking down the hall last week you would have seen Peggy Ward. Nice going Peg. It really did brighten up things.

New dresses seem to be the fad these days because Sylvia Partin put some light on the subject with her bright green dress.

To top things off last week, Harold Hunter, Jerry Hall, and Bowlus West, came to school with some eye-blinking bow ties. Every time you saw one of them it reminded you of a teacher.

Yes, it is very seldom that you see dull clothes around C.H.S. and as you know there are usually bright fads everywhere.

Why, even some of the men teachers come to school sporting hand-painted ties because just last week Paul Patterson had a light gray tie on that really took your eye.

Everyone likes to see bright clothes and just think what the world would be if all the clothes worn were dull gray or black.

Your everyday appearances could change someone's opinion of you. So let's watch ourselves from our mirrors.

Orchids to all the well-dressed students and teachers in school, because clothes do brighten up school life.

Keep up the good work.

"Clothes make the man." is an old saying. We might add that "Clothes make both men and women—look twice, that is."

Do Book Titles Remind You Of Different Things?

Before you start reading a book have you ever looked at the title closely? Do book titles remind you of anything, such as a person, place, or a certain article?

See if the titles we have selected remind you of what we think of when we see them.

Storm Center—Civics Class first period.

The Grand Traditions—Rules of Crane High School.

The Golden Herd—The Senior Class.

The Legacy—Senior Will.

Purple Tide—Crane Football and Basketball Team.

Rest and Be Thankful—Week Ends.

The Golden Road—Road Home, after school.

The Green Years—Freshmen Year.

Gone With the Wind—All Boys Who Have Been Drafted.

Captain Caution—Brady Nix.

Ambush—Unexpected Test.

Bell From Heaven—3:45 School Bell.

Dawn's Early Light—Time School Starts.

No Brighter Glory—Graduation.

Big Bright Land—The United States.

By Line Dennie—Journalism Class.

So Big—Teachers.

King—Leland L. Martin.

Crane County Library Will Open June 1

Crane county is at last going to have a county library. This is something that has been long awaited for.

It was definitely decided on February 12, at a meeting of the Commissioners court. It will be in the west wing of the community hall, which was originally built for the county library.

Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, Crane High School Librarian, is chairman of the Library committee. The library is to open June 1.

The two rooms will be painted a light green, with one room for the adults and one for the children. The furniture is being ordered now.

Mrs. Elmore will try to select good reading for all ages. There will be good reference books, too. The new library will also carry an assorted selection of magazines and newspapers.

Saturday morning will be set aside for a story hour for the children. There will be plenty of parking space and will be better and safer for the children.

The library was a project of the Crane Study Club for the

BOOK NOVEL

LORD HORNBLOWE
 By C. S. Forester

This is the fifth Hornblower novel, and concludes his war with Napoleon.

Never has the indomitable Hornblower put on a bolder game, a more brilliant situation. The novel is a masterpiece of the art of the sea.

The fight against Bonaparte's Wanda time mutiny is the prize. The blower's men, who won their to Before the problem is solved, their audacious seaman has the lineup the action and immensity. The novel is a masterpiece of the art of the sea.

In France once more, the blower comes to final fight. The B his old enemy. Allied with Marie. As irresistible with Pegg she is by no means the close with his return to the arms game cap Barbara.

This novel shows the gain in speed, at some careful detail and the building up of the that were conspicuous in the earlier novels. The novel is a masterpiece of the art of the sea.

Plenty of excitement, and lovable characters. The novel is a masterpiece of the art of the sea.

It contains a sea battle, suppression of a mutiny, capture of Le Harve, and row escape from death.

From the Best Sellers List

10 YEARS AGO
 Band to compete at Meet at Waco May 10. Directors, soloists, ensemble contest.

12 YEARS AGO
 A new book room in the library.

4 YEARS AGO
 The long-waited student council was organized and were chosen to attend Convention two years ago.

5 YEARS AGO
 James Hale, former student, was accidentally shot when his 22 went years ago.

8 YEARS AGO
 The school shop built made one-third larger.

2 YEARS AGO
 Coach Bobby Allen's team were defeated by Juniors 14-0.

POET'S CORNER
 SPEECHES

By Henry W. Longfellow
 Better Known as Bill

Here are some speeches you often hear from your teachers. You love so dear.

First of all there's Mr. Mrs. Elmore about the Do you pay attention to Do you sit back and dude.

And there's Mr. Nix With his "Special app Do you obey or Do you act a heel.

When the kids begin Mr. Rainey will look Above and ask for help He should use a padd

From Mr. Patterson You often hear him s I'm as mean as a Crosseyed rattlesnake

"I robbed bird's nest! All the way to school! When he says this You should hear the

Yet sayings have come And sayings have gone But the best is—er— Ah, lo long!

Why do you do that when That's just an old ac Pecos

Cranettes Win Over Midland 37-16; 57-14 In Volleyball Tilt

The Cranettes came around again to beat Midland 37-16 in the A game and 57-14 in the B game here Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The Cranettes led all the way in the A game. Peggy Ward was high pointer with 11 points and Wanda Sharrock was game captain. The girls played heads up ball and looked very good for their tournament coming February 24 in Grandfalls. Starting lineup for the A game was: Charlene Blair, Kathryn Smith, Jackie Lou Mackey, Peggy Ward, Wanda Sharrock, and Betty Sue Henderson. Substitutes: Norma Rust, Marcia Rust, and Waleska Avent.

The B team did a swell job of playing also. Mareta Robinson was high pointer with 17 points with Peggy McCasland coming in close with 16. Peggy was also game captain. Starting line-up for the B team was: Charlene Ellison, Babe LeClaire, Peggy McCasland, Kathryn Smith, Irene Moore, and Carmaleta Russell. Substitutes: Mareta Robinson, Sue West, Donna Raybon, and Dorothy Crittenden.

Box scores: A game: Kathryn Smith 2, Jackie Mackey 6, Peggy Ward 11, Wanda Sharrock 5, Betty Henderson 5, Marcia Rust 3, Norma Rust 5.

B game: Charlene Ellison 3, Babe LeClaire 6, Peggy McCasland 16, Kathryn Smith 1, Carmaleta Russell 4, Mareta Robinson 17, Sue West 6, Donna Raybon 1, Dorothy Crittenden 1.

Library Assistants Make Bulletin Boards Most Colorful In CHS

The library assistants each took two students at a time to fix the bulletin board. This week Billie Gooch and A. J. Smith, fixed it. On the bulletin board in big letters they have Who's Who February written. Under that they have a calendar with the birthdays of these famous people on it.

They are as follows: Feb. 1, Herbert; Feb. 2, Groundhog day; Feb. 3, Horace Greeley; Feb. 7, Charles Dickens; Feb. 10, Charles Lamb; Feb. 11, Thomas Edison; Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln; Feb. 22, George Washington; Feb. 23, George Handel; Feb. 26, Buffalo Bill Cody; Feb. 27, Henry Longfellow.

Around the calendar were the names of these books: "The Boy's Book of Abraham Lincoln," "The House of Craigh House," "Victor and the American Music Master," "Rifles for Washington," "The Invention of the Light Bulb," "The Valentine bulletin board prepared by Wyvonne Canfield and Mareta Robinson consisted of red hearts with covers cut out and put in center of the hearts. These were on a blue background. In center of the board was written in red letters "Be My Valentine."

February 15 the Library Club had a meeting after school. First they went to the homemaking room for cookies and cakes. They came back to the library. Mrs. Elmore told the students about the County Library. There was a discussion on books that had disappeared which could be done about a Mrs. Elmore gave them a practice work to do on the names of the students were present except Bill Clark, Corkey son, and Gene Hester.

The next meeting will be the 1. 1951. All of the students will answer roll call with a famous man that was born that month. Then there will be a review on a new book "Winning Weddings" by Wyvonne Canfield.

I don't see how those all players ever get clean. What do you think the team is for?

Why do you always take your hat when I tell you a Pecos High School.

That's just my way of adding an old acquaintance.

Exchanges

Mrs. Grump: "The shame of it, to think my husband was arrested for hugging a lamp post." Mr. Grump: "Now, dear, calm yourself, and look on the bright side of things. Aren't you glad it was nothing more than a lamp post I was huggin'?"

Jean: "Did you hear that Marilyn is engaged to Dr. Miser?" Jane: "Yes, and I'm certainly surprised. I thought she was going to marry for money." Joan: "She was, but she said she decided that health is more important than wealth."

Mrs. Newlywed: "I'm sorry, but we'll have to go out to dinner tonight. I had an accident." Mr. Newlywed: "I'd love to go out but what happened?" Mrs. Newlywed: "While I was cooking the steak the fat caught fire and burned the meat and the vegetables. I threw the cake on the stove to smother the flame, and that wasn't enough and I had to pour the coffee over the whole thing to save the apartment."

Commanding Officer: "Briggs, how dare you report for drill inspection with a beard." Private Briggs: "Sorry sir, but there were ten of us at the mirror, and I must have shaved the wrong face."

John: "Darling, don't you remember you said you would become my wife if it was the last thing you did?" Jane: "Yes, dear, of course—but I still have so many things to do before I get to that."

Father: "Say, young fellow, it's almost two o'clock. Are you going to stay with my daughter all night?" Suiiter: "Sorry, sir. I'd sure like to, but I promised I'd be home."

Mother: "Janet, there's just no sense in your moaning about wishing for things you don't have." Janet: "But, Mother, surely there's no sense either in wishing for things I do have."

Dathanhi Sootzus Dotham, Alabama.

CURIOSITY
Edward Barnes
The bottles were shining, Back there on the shelf, And poor little Willie, Was there by himself.

One bottle was bothering Poor Willie Pace there, For the label was gone, They didn't know where.

Now Willie was curious To know what it was, In this bottle of liquid That made all the fuzz.

Mr. Crosby had told him, That taste was a test, And Willie considered it Really the best.

So off came the cap And up to his lips Went the liquid that burned him Clear down to his hips.

Mr. Crosby yelled, "NO" But "NO" came too late, For poor little Willie, Had just met his fate.

Now Willie's in a bottle All by himself in Mr. Crosby's room, Back on the shelf.

Words may show a man's wit but actions show his meaning. Where you can't remove an obstacle, plow around it. If it took any effort to go from today to tomorrow, some people would still lie in yesterday.

cut their conversation practically to zero." To which her companion rejoined, "I hope to tell you! Ain't it the truth!"

Brown has a lovely baby girl. The stork left her with a flutter; Brown named her "Oleomargarine."

For he hadn't any but her. I sneezed a sneeze into the air; It fell to ground I knew not where.

But hard and cold were the looks of those; In whose vicinity I snoze.

Fort Stockton High School.

"A boy breaks his date because he has to, while a girl breaks her date because she has two."

Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep If I die before I'm thru You'll know I hit a bump or two.

There were two boys riding on a motorcycle and the one in front stopped because he got cold. He said, "I am freezing to death."

Monday morning, bright and early Boys and girls run real quick, No time to shave or make hair curly,

Tuesday is a day of sorrow, Assignments, lessons all galore, But assembly will be tomorrow, We'll clap and clap to stay for more.

Wednesday noon the week's half over, Gladness rules over each heart, Students

Then are all in clover, 'till tests tear the spell apart. Then Thursday is a Waterloo, For every scholar in this school, Seems they thought the tests were through.

Friday thank goodness! Here at last, Students and teachers say with glee, Waiting for the bell to end class, On to the weekend, happy and free.

There's always two sides to an argument—and usually both are wrong.

Now this is Lisa Meitner," explained G. C. "Doc" Wallace, to his third period Chemistry class. "She's the one that is given credit for the discovery of atomic power."

As "Doc" passed the book around the class he remarked, "She looks like she should have died of old age last year doesn't she?"

John Clark was in Dallas because of illness February 12-19.



By John Clark

It won't be long until you boys will be knocking heads on the old gridiron again with spring training coming up in a few days. You will don your pads and head gears and prepare your minds and attitudes for a successful season next year.

I was down looking at the field the other day. That dirt looks mighty soft, but you know it packs into a hard crust in about a week.

April 6? APRIL 6th? You mean to tell me that you girls will have to wait until April 6 before any kind of district standing will be established and then it'll be just one big tournament. Just think, if you're off-tough luck; if you're on—good for our side.

Personally, I think that's a little rough on the girls to play that many games in one day, especially when it determines the district champions.

Hey!! Junior basketball players. How did that first game with Andrews come out? Wasn't rough, was it?

How sore is the track team after one day of practice? You know—that's a long-g way around that track. I'd like to make a safe bet that this information isn't news to you.

It won't be long until we will have continuous windy days. Of man element alone should account for many practiceless days which will no doubt hinder our tennis team.

Crane Sheriff Posse Wins Consolation At Odessa Tournament

With the fine playing of three high school seniors, one sophomore, and a few exes, the Sheriff's Posse came out on top to win consolation at the independent basketball tournament in Odessa on February 17.

In the finals, they won, in an overtime period, over Western Plastics 50-49. High pointer for this game was Clark Lee Presley, Crane High School senior and former basketball star, with 18 points. Playing in the game were: Bill Teague, Arabia Taylor, Clark Lee Presley, Don Johnston, Hugh Neal Green, Bill Edwards, "Toots" Mathis, C. M. Coker, Jack Ellison, and Marquis Stark. Coaching these boys is George Teague.

It is also a coincidence that all the boys have played for Crane High School and were all coached by Brady Nix.

In a Saturday afternoon game, they won over Kermit 36-26. Don Johnston, also a high school senior and former basketball player, was high pointer with 14 points.

The only thing going wrong at this tournament was when they were carrying the table with the trophies on it to the middle of the basketball court, the consolation trophy fell and broke the basketball from the top of it.

Cranettes Visit Soldier Friends In Arkansas

February 9, Arkansas was invaded by five Texans, three of them Cranettes and two of them from McCamey.

Geneva Baker, senior, Kathryn Smith, junior and Billie Russell, ex-senior, went from Crane to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, to see Jimmie Zafonotis, Crane, Don Copeland and George Brooks from McCamey. The girls went with Mrs. Napier and Lois, mother and sister of George.

They were with the boys Saturday and Sunday. Since reservations had not been made to stay in the guest-house they stayed in the Brown Courts in Fort Smith.

Except for colds due to the sudden change in temperature the boys were all well.



By John Clark

Every two weeks the members of the library staff have two of its members to be in charge of the library bulletin and arrange a display in accordance to their own desires.

A. J. Smith and Billie Gooch were the two in charge of the library bulletin board the last two weeks. These two took the month of February and went through each day and then looked up dates on which the birthday of several great men fell. They then placed them in order on the Month, February.

The bulletin board included this: Who's Who in February. Thursday, February 1, Victor Herbert's birthday.

Friday, February 2, Ground Hog day. Saturday, February 3, Horace Greeley's birthday.

Wednesday, February 7, Charles Dickens' birthday. Saturday, February 10, Charles Lamb's birthday.

Sunday, February 11, Thomas Edison's birthday. Monday, February 12, Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Thursday, February 22, George Washington's birthday. Friday, February 23, George Handel's birthday.

Monday, February 26, Buffalo Bill's birthday. Tuesday, February 27, Henry Longfellow's birthday.

Next week another two people will fix the library bulletin board to go in with St. Patrick.

OPPORTUNITY
The failure of a flower crop in far-off Africa proved, indirectly, one of the greatest booms in the late war. It deprived us, at what seemed the worst possible moment, of vast quantities of pyrethrum, a product from which one of the few effective anti-malarials was made.

But this disaster spurred the research which ultimately provided what is by far the most effective weapon against malaria carriers yet known—the chemical compound familiarly known as DDT.—Alexander R. Griffin, Out of Carnage.

JUST FUN
A Texas father was dining with his son in a Texas hotel, and in the course of dinner the son got into an argument with a cowboy. The cowboy called him an offensive name, and the young fellow grabbed his knife and started around the table to be avenged.

"Ain't ye got no table manners?" the old man hissed. "But, pop, ye heerd what he called me, didn't ye?"

"That ain't no ground for yer fergettin' yer table manners. Put down that knife and go at him with yer fork!"—Cunning Trade.



By John Clark

How are our students to learn about the contributions of the various immigrant and racial groups to American life if the overwhelming majority of textbooks used merely mention—to cite one instance—one or two bare facts about Columbus' Italian ancestry, and later Italian immigration to the U. S., but omit any consideration of what Italians have contributed to the musical, artistic, economic and political life of our country? How can they be expected to get a true picture of the Negro when innumerable history books portray him as a contented slave and fail to mention Negro progress since B. T. Washington's time?—Wm. Nosofsky.

C. A. Carroll is scheduled to evaluate Andrews High School Shop March 28, 29 and 30.

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.—Babson's.

Let no one falter who thinks he is right.

Bigger And Better Annual Out May 15

The annual staff is still working hard to get in all the pages of the annual. There are 13 pages remaining to be made up and sent in. If the deadline on March 10 is met the annual will be out around May 15.

The annual this year is dedicated to all the ex-Cranes who have served or are now serving in the armed forces. The dedication page will picture all the ex-Cranes who lost their lives in World War II.

The annual staff is giving the Crane High students a chance of a lifetime this year. Every student has this chance for only one dime. It is to have your autograph in the back of every annual which will last as long as the annual does. Not only do you get your autograph in every annual but you also have a chance to win two movie tickets.

They are still urging you to bring your snapshots to make a bigger and better annual.

Movies For February

Starting the movie schedule off for the month of February, Joel Williams has the first picture, "Meeting the Challenge," which was shown the 12th of February.

Mr. Williams also has "Trees to Tribunes" on February 19.

The rest of the schedule is as follows: Mrs. Waller—Harnessing the Rainbow—February 26.

Mr. Crosby—Magic in the Air—February 20.

Crane Jrs. Lose First Game Of District Series

Playing the first in a series of Junior 5-A Championship basketball games, Crane's Junior team lost to the winner of the north half, Andrews, by the narrow score of 13 to 20, in the Crane gym Wednesday night.

The game was played under the roughest of conditions, meaning that both teams played a rough game of ball after the first quarter was over.

At the end of the first half Crane led by a score of 11 to 8. Ten of Andrews' points were obtained by free throws as a result of fouls committed by the Crane team.

Even though Crane Junior lost this game it does not mean they will lose the district championship. They have at the time of this writing one more chance at the title. If they win the next game then they will have another chance.

Points of players are as follows:

Crane	Andrews
Miller 10	Wright 11
Davis 2	Green 5
Vines 1	Graham 3
Lively 5	Huckabee 1

Pyote Takes Tennis Match With Cranes

The Crane High tennis team, who has been working out for almost two weeks, had a practice match with Pyote Monday, February 19.

The Pyote team, under the coaching of Wright Crane, made a sweep of all the matches except one and that was in the senior boys singles in which Neil Lee tied his match.

The senior boys doubles, Clark Presley and Billy Woods, were defeated to the tune of 6-0, 4-6, and 6-4.

Wayne Bowers took on the girl's singles. This girl has gone to the state meet for the last three years, but she has never won it. She is also considered this year.

Pyote has already played in two or three match meets this year and looked in much better form than the Cranes.

So far the Cranes have been steadily improving, but they still have a long way to go.

Public School Week Scheduled March 5-10

Special March 5-10, will be given special emphasis here in Crane, by the local Masonic lodge.

W. O. Murray, Worshipful Master, of Crane Lodge 1262, has appointed a committee to plan a brief program for the occasion.

All lodge members are urged to visit schools during this period, get acquainted with the teachers, and the various departments, etc. The lodge also would like for the citizens of Crane to visit Crane schools during Public School Week.

Reports will be sent in to the Grand Lodge from lodge members, telling about the Crane schools.

The slogan for Public School Week is "The Public School-Democracy in Action."

Crane School Budget For '50-51, \$388,155.50

The budget for the school year of 1950-51 is \$388,155.00. There is \$50,000 allowed for the retirement of bonds and \$34,772.50 goes to the interest on bonds. That leaves \$303,379.00 for the expense of the school.

The tax roll for 1950 was \$344,402.83 of which 99.29 per cent has been collected. The state pays \$48,775.00 which is equivalent to \$56 per student.

The largest per cent of the budget goes for salaries to teachers and employees of the school, janitors supplies, telephone and telegraph, lights, water and fuel, tax evaluation service, gas, oil, repairs, tires, tubes for the buses, general teaching supplies, new classroom furniture and equipment, new tennis courts, and the addition to the cafeteria.

Buster Pendleton visited Crane February 19.

A truly sensible girl is not as sensible as she looks, because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.

A good habit to cultivate now is to like the things you get, if you can't get the things you like.

Grade School

MRS. WALKER'S FIRST GRADE

School is a lot of fun now. We do not have so many new words to learn, but we have lots of new books.

The mumps have kept most of us out of school for about two weeks; but maybe everybody will be back in school soon.

MRS. CARROLL'S SECOND GRADE

We enjoyed a very pretty Valentine box which Mary's mother, Mrs. Steve Thomas, made for us. We are having mumps, chicken pox, and pink-eye.

We lost our little Latin-American girl, Emma Riley, to Pyote schools.

We lost Chester Klingenberg and Scotty Curry to Big Spring school.

Annette Leavis returned to us from Alpine schools. She had a bad case of scarlet fever before returning to school.

Next week we expect to get new readers.

We have enjoyed learning about Abe Lincoln and George Washington. Bill Wilson told us of his trip to Mt. Vernon to visit George Washington's old home.

MRS. WRIGHT'S THIRD GRADE

We are happy to have Sammy Chaffin back in school with us, after being in a polo center for six months.

The room made a lovely valentine box, everyone received many valentines.

Mrs. Tillman sent an adorable box with a valentine for each.

MISS KENT'S FOURTH GRADE

Today we had a spelling test. Whoever makes a hundred gets a gold star on the chart. We are having a collection in science on stones. Six children are ill.

We are through with our unit in geography of Egypt. Miss Kent was absent Monday, and Mrs. Robinson taught us. We have had new members for the Student Council.

In our library club we had to make up a poem of our own. Reporters Jane Woodbury and Jimmie Grace Foster.

MRS. CHRANE'S FOURTH GRADE

Tuesday our teacher put up five pieces of wrapping paper for drawing pictures of Egypt. The class had to draw the outline of an Egyptian picture.

We have been studying sound in science. Last Tuesday we made experiments about sound. Mrs. Chrane showed us seven different experiments. They are: a telephone with string with beeswax on it, the musical bottle, the piano keys, tuning fork, bell, rubberbands and a battery telephone.

The representatives of our room were Tommy Thomas and David Griffin for the Student Council. They are also officers of the

Book Club that we have every Friday.

Last Monday and Wednesday we got two new pupils. Their names are Ann Jones and Gaylord Price. Ann is from Odessa and Gaylord is from Oak Grove, Oklahoma.

MRS. LIVELY'S FOURTH GRADE

We had a very nice Valentine party with Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Looney, and Mrs. McElvaney helping. We had a lot of art work on exhibit and were sorry not to have had more mothers see it.

Sharon Russell and Jerry Mills are both absent because of mumps. We miss them and hope they will be back soon.

Reporters Buddy Moore and Bobby Gage.

MRS. PATTERSON'S FIFTH GRADE

We enjoyed our Valentine party very much. Nina Gayle and Patty decorated the Valentine box and it was attractive. Our room mothers served pretty heart-shaped cookies and cakes.

Weldon Bickerstaff is a new pupil in our room. We hope you enjoy our school. Weldon.

Carol Birdsong and Patty Knaell are the representatives elected to represent us in Student Council this semester. Jimmy Elder and Nina Gayle Barr were our representatives last semester.

In geography we have finished studying about the United States, Alaska and Canada and are busy gathering pictures for our booklet, The Two Americas.

In arithmetic we are still struggling with fractions.

Room 5-2 Reporters Sue Townsend and Wanda Johnson.

We are getting ready for our six weeks tests starting Wednesday.

We had a very nice Valentine party Wednesday also.

We enjoyed the "House of David" basketball game. We are starting a new unit in spelling next week.

Our new Student Council representatives are Freddy Ward and Durwood Doyle.

MRS. BEYER'S FIFTH GRADE

We have several absent, their names are Nancy, Darlene, Cindy Freddy.

Our new representatives of Student Council are John Webb and Peggy Owens. The old ones were Nancy W. and Duane Nell.

We had a nice Valentine party. We want to thank the room mothers for the nice party. We had cookies and cakes. The people who made the Valentine box are Peggy, Darlene and Anita.

Dyane, Billy, Don and Junior handed out the Valentines.

MISS CONGER'S SIXTH GRADE

Reporters—Glena June Mills and Jimmy Lou Baker.

We elected Student Council

officers. Jerry McGee was president. Sandra Russell, vice president. Sarann West, secretary.

In our room we elected Glenna June Mills and Darrell Dixon. Just about everyone is back from sickness. We hope they will all be back soon.

In science we are studying and making model airplanes. Mrs. Averett and Miss Conger have been sick. Mrs. Foster took their place. Mr. Strickland has the mumps. Hope he will be back soon.

We are glad we can have band again instead of study period.

We are getting ready for our six weeks test.

We have a new boy, George Perrella. We hope he is happy in our school and likes it as good as he did his own school.

6-2 NEWS

Reporters—Marye Alice Bradley, Alice Harrington.

The class enjoyed a Valentine party Wednesday afternoon, although Mrs. Averitt, our home room teacher, was ill. Mrs. Foster was here in her place. We liked her very much.

Mr. Strickland has the mumps. He caught them Thursday. Mrs. Foster has taken his place.

Don Richard Bradley left Thursday morning to go to the army. Mary Alice's brother, Jimmy Don Caudle was in the hospital three days with the mumps and virus.

MR. STRICKLAND, 6-3

Reporters—Jimmy Adams and L. V. Perkins.

Six-3 elected as their Student Council representatives—Muriel Lewis and Glenn Basham.

They held their Valentine party in their home room, and had candy and soft drinks for refreshments.

Mr. Strickland's 6-3's home room teacher has the mumps, and is out of school temporarily.

MRS. BROWNING'S 7-1

Reporters—Gwen Nix and Alice Brem.

We had a very nice Valentine party last Wednesday. The room mothers gave us an African violet. It has seven purple flowers. It is very pretty.

Even though nearly everyone is back to school, James Price has the flu. Lillian Lange, Patsy Wallender, and Barbara Glass have the mumps.

We are all very happy to hear that Barbara Jeanne Glass will be back to school soon.

MRS. NIX'S 7-2

Reporter—Eva Mae Miller.

Several people in our room have the mumps. Cathryn Acuff had them twice. Gene Hall, Deana Horne, and Frankie Williamson are out of school now.

We had a Valentine party last week. We had a very nice time. The room mothers served us cookies and cakes.

We are all getting ready for the six weeks. We have already had two tests.

Crane Better School Kids Are Friendlier

Carolyn Jones, an eight grader from Odessa, entered Crane high school February 12. When asked how Carolyn compared Crane with Odessa she said, "I like this school better than Odessa, the kids are friendlier. On the whole, Crane is just better in general."

In gaining one, Crane High lost four. Nelda and Billie Dyer left on February 2 for Seminole or Lamesa. Darlene Blair also left. Eva Clark has gone to El Paso to enter in Radfords School for Girls. Nancy Whitaker has withdrawn from school. One student has reentered. It is Donna Raybon. Donna moved to Pecos at the beginning of the second semester and returned at Crane a few weeks later.

Chemistry Students Are Working Night Shifts

Hard-working chemistry students slave not only in the day but at night too!

Mrs. W. B. Filleman took her chemistry class to the lab last February 10, and they worked for two hours straight on the Atomic Bomb. (Opps! There we go again. Exaggerating things.) Well maybe they just worked on their workbooks, but they did work for two hours.

They sweat blood and over-exercised their brain so much that Mrs. Filleman was running around with the bottle of ammonia, trying to keep them from fainting.

Who knows? This may result into something that will make Crane High School famous.

St. Pat Clears Eire of Snakes

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, has been honored and his day, March 17, been celebrated in America from very early times. It is traditional to wear something green, the color of the famous shamrock.

Many traditions have grown up about the life of St. Patrick. One which is regarded as authentic is that in an effort to explain to the Irish people the mystery of the Trinity he plucked a shamrock and said that the three leaves represented the three persons of the Trinity and that the stem on which they grew represented the godhead and the expulsion of snakes from Ireland.

Cardinal Moran, who wrote the article on St. Patrick in the Catholic Encyclopedia, does not mention it although he does tell of the besetment of St. Patrick by a crowd of devils in the shape of vultures and the final drowning of the devils in the sea in answer to the prayers of the saint. The story of the old serpent, which refused to leave St. Patrick, according to the story, made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected on the ground that it was not big enough to hold him but St. Patrick insisted that it was large enough to be comfortable. After a long discussion the

serpent finally agreed to enter the box to prove that it was too small. As soon as the serpent was safely inside the saint shut the lid, fastened it and threw it into the sea.

St. Patrick, according to the Roman Catholic authorities, was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, Scotland, in the year 387. When Patrick was sixteen years old he was captured by Irish marauders and sold as a slave to a chieftain, who was a high priest, in the territory of the present county of Antrim. He remained in servitude for six

years, learning meanwhile to speak the Celtic language. When he escaped from his master he fled to the west coasts of Ireland where he found a ship ready to sail, was allowed on board and in a few days landed in Britain. He had decided to devote himself to religious work and made his way to the monastery of St. Martin at Tours, where he studied for a while. He remained on the continent for more than 18 years, preparing himself for his work. He was commended to Pope Celestine and visited Rome. The Pope commissioned him to work in Ireland and probably in the summer of 433 he landed there at the mouth of the Ventry river near Wicklow Head. The Druids resented his arrival but he escaped from them and sought a more friendly territory. But he first went to his old master and paid the price of his freedom and, it is said, converted the man and his family to Christianity. He preached and taught in Ireland for many years, building churches and organizing parishes and performing miracles. He and his companions were taken captive twelve times by the Druids and once he was loaded with chains and condemned to death. He lived until March 17, 492, and was buried, in a shroud made for him by St. Brigid, in the place on which in later years the Cathedral of Down was built.

Draft To Give Boys The Once-Over in '51 Limit Set At 18 Years

Draft is to give all students the once-over in 1951. Policy is being set on who goes in, who stays out of uniform.

College sophomores and freshmen are to be up against the draft board after June. So will high school graduates.

High grades and advanced studies may stave off induction for many. But a college man who flunks is almost sure of a call-up.

Those whose grades are satisfactory, will have at least a 50-50 chance to go on with their education in the next school year.

The attitudes of local draft boards will dominate in individual cases but official policy will favor the deferment of good students.

Seniors in college will nearly all face service problems upon graduation in June. Those with a year's service probably will continue to be draft-exempt. But veterans with only a few months' service may be subject to call, under plans being debated.

Seniors in ROTC will get commissions and go to active duty almost automatically. Physically fit non-veterans will often be drafted as privates. They may then compete for officer training, but a college diploma will not guarantee success.

Those seniors wanting to go into post-graduate work will have to convince draft boards that their specialties are needed. Medical students will be deferred as a rule.

Juniors with satisfactory grades in the present school year will stand a rather good chance of deferment to complete their courses.

Sophomores are more vulnerable to drafting than juniors, as a group, because few sophomores are veterans and it is hard to convince draft boards that a college sophomore is doing something essential. Those who show their draft boards they are in earnest by taking summer courses, for example, may improve their chances of deferment.

Freshmen in college this year face about the same draft prospects as sophomores. About one out of two will be drafted, among those who are 19 or who reach 19 in June, July or August, 1951. If plans work out as expected students in the upper half of the class will have the best chance of deferment to continue college.

High School Seniors

Another group suddenly plunged into uncertainties are the high school seniors. Up to now, youths have known they would not be tapped until they reached 19.

Now, however, the age limit is 18.

Veterans These men may find that the definition of a veteran is changing, and that men with less than a year's service can be drafted.

Married Men

Married men with no children and no previous military service are also being eyed as potential draftees.

A pool of 510,000 men this year could be opened up by taking veterans with short service and married men without children, in the 19 through 25 group.

Cafeteria Boast New Store, Boiler Rooms

The cafeteria now has a store-room for the hundreds of cans of food that it keeps on hand. The room was just completed after the Christmas holidays, and the staff has just finished moving everything into it.

The room is long and spacious with white walls and ceiling. The two long walls are covered with shelves and the canned foods is placed so that everything is easily accessible.

Before there was no special place to keep the canned goods. It was quite hard on the staff, especially during inventory.

Besides the storeroom, there is a new boiler house with a new 250 gallon hot water storage tank. A rest room was also added.

The meals are now only 30 cents for both grammar and high school. Mrs. Nettie Kelley said that though they still give second helpings, it may be impossible to continue it much longer. Meat prices are so high and rationing seems to be just around the corner.

The cafeteria menu for the following week is as follows:

MONDAY, FEB. 19—Chili or lunch meat; pinto beans, macaroni or rice, bread and butter, milk, apples, and mixed greens.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20—Ribs or cheese, green beans, potatoes or tomatoes, bread and butter, milk, cake, and onions.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21—Sausage, cream, beans, or potatoes, bread and butter, milk, pudding, and apples and celery.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22—Franks, kraut or sweet potatoes, bread and butter, milk, rolls, and cabbage.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23—Salmon balls, greens or English peas, bread and butter, milk, jello, and pickles.

Jackets For Choral; Easter Program Planned

The Choral Club is planning to get jackets this year. They are going to use the money they made in the opera that was put on by the NTSC orchestra, to buy the jackets. The jackets will be satin, but as yet they don't know the exact coloring since the samples haven't come for them to choose from.

The students are now working up Easter music for an Easter program. If the Choral Club doesn't get to present an Easter program, they plan to go around to different churches and present a program of Easter songs.

Highways Full of Smart Alex Cemeteries Filling With Same

Did you ever drive down the road behind another driver, and wonder what he was going to do next?

You have all heard the saying: "When a woman sticks her hand out, she is either dusting the ashes from her cigarette, waving to a member of the opposite sex, or showing off a ring." This could be true of a woman, but maybe you explain what a man is doing when he gives a right signal and turns left.

If there happens to be a cute little tomato standing on the left corner, he could be turning that way to get a better look at her. Of course he didn't see her when he gave his signal, so how can you expect him to go the way he designated.

There are some people, both men and women, who drive down the street with their arm hanging out of the window. If that's the case, you can be prepared for anything. The driver might stop, turn left, turn right, or he might even turn around right in front of you, you can never tell just exactly.

Then there are the drivers with new cars, which have no clutch. Instead of an arm hanging out of the window you can always look for a leg. But don't get excited as soon as the new

wears off the car, else gets a car (or he gets his leg) by an oncoming car, in the car again.

Of course there is a driver, who thinks joint. If you're one of those characters, turn at the next way? Oh, well, you make it just what the other guy does.

Then there are the ones who decide to stop you all of a sudden happens to you, into the back of car. If you do the jump out and see cent you don't have.

There is a car stops for a red light changes, he is so busy talking to car next him, he is right there. But if right for him to be because the line is just two blocks.

Well, so it goes. kinds of drivers. Even in as little as we have all kinds of drivers.

Leclair Visits Sister In Big City of S. A.

Wanda Leclair left last Saturday the 17, to visit her sister, Mrs. Joe Florence, an ex-student of Crane High School, in San Antonio.

Arriving in the afternoon, she first visited Randolph Field.

While in San Antonio, Babe tried ice skating. When relating her story she made this remark: "At first you kind of wobble, but after while you get used to it." She also said that to her surprise, she never did fall.

She had dinner at the N.C.O. Club located on the base, and that night she attended the Exposition Stock Show Rodeo. Some of the outstanding personalities she saw were Wild Bill Elliott and Eddy Arnold, the latter being one of Wanda's favorites.

In winding up her visit in San Antonio, Wanda visited the whole town making sure that she didn't miss any of it.

Student Instructors In Taliaferro Classes

The mathematics classes of Mrs. Elizabeth Taliaferro held an election recently and elected one student instructor from each class.

In the first period Algebra I, Lee Ray Best.

Second period Algebra II, Lacy Pittman.

Fifth period Plane Geometry, Bowlus West.

Sixth period Algebra I, Norma Jean Arnold.

The student instructor's job is to carry on with the class work when the teacher is called from the room. They will be especially useful when the high

Achievement

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