MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Jim Brock, Dolores Jones Elected Best All-Around





Dolores Jones and Jim Brock were elected as the Best All Around students in a recent school-wide election held on December 8, 1954. Jean Shaver and Blackie Russell were the runners-up.

For Most Likely To Succeed Linda Smith and Bill Mathes came through over Dolores Jones and Blackie Russell, who were runners-up.

For Most Courteous, Linda Smith and Lawrence LeBeouf were favored over Jean Shaver and Blackie Russell, who were the runners-up. This was an extremely close race.

For Cutest Beverly Sikes and Blackie Russell came out on top over Jean Shaver and Jim Swift, who were the runenrs-up.

For Most Musical, Lawrence LeBeouf and Mary Ted Sharrock were the winners over Jerry Turner and Frank Ellison who were the runners-up.

Blackie Russell and Rose Ann Vickers took the top honors as Neatest with Linda Smith and Billy Gregory as close runners-up.

Jerry Turner and Jimmy Shipman seem to be very witty as they were honored with being chosen most witty, with Sandra Plummer and Gary Joyce as runners-up. Jimmy Shipman was elected to this honor last year.

For Most Athletic, Dolores Jones and Blackie Russell were favored over Barbara McDougal and Mason Thurman, who were the runners-up.

For Most Handsome it was a close race, but Blackie Russell won with Jim Swift as the runner-up. This is Blackie's second time to be elected to this position.

It might interest the reader to know that all persons chosen except one was from the Senior Class, but four of the runners-up came from various groups, besides the Senior Class.

All of these chosen candidates will be presented in a royal coronation in Ferbruary. The coronation royalty will have a special spot in the yearbook that will come out next August.

Gifts Given Needy By Student Council

The Student Council met Tuesday, November 23, to make plans for their Christmas projects.

They have adopted two needy families to help have a happy Christmas by giving them food and gifts. The ones on this committee are Elaine Plate, Suellan Davis, Linda Smith, Sammy Hooper, and Bill Gregory.

There will also be a box in the hall for students to put food and gifts in. The committee in charge of the box are Gary Edmiston, Pat Bradley, Nina Gale Barr, and Bill Butler.

Starting Monday, December 13, Christmas music was played over the speaker before school starts. The committee in charge of this music are Lawrence LeBoeuf, Bill Preslar, and Beverly Sikes.

The Student Council has received the topic "Various Activities of The Student Council" to discuss at the Texas Association of Student Councils which is to be held in March, 1955, at Denton, Texas. The leader of this discussion will be President Dolores Jones.

Crane Has Roster of Sixty-Five Teachers For School Year

In the second series about the business office your reporter will take up the cost of the educational program. This will include the colored schools.

Last year the teachers salaries alone were $254.896. The supplies such as gas, books, and lights cost $8,577. Not counting the teachers salaries it cost about $21 per-month to keep a student in Crane schools.

Crane now boasts a roster of 65 classroom teachers, one superintendent, one high school principal, one junior high principal, and one grade school principal.

Every year Crane schools are growing larger, for we have gained two teachers since last year.

Last year daily attendance was 931 and is much more this year.

In concluding we might add that this may sound like a lot of money, but it goes for one of the best schools in the world.

NOTICE—School will be out for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, December 22. We hope to see your shining faces again Monday, January 3, 1955. "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

"THE CRANE"

Junior Favorites Tie In Torrid Election

The classes of CHS elected class favorites last week. The election was by secret ballot, with the exciting race in the Junior Class which saw the run-off in both the boys and girls contest end in a 27 to 27 tie.

The class favorites were: Jim Erock and Linda Smith, seniors; Donald Aaron and Shirley Wallender, juniors; Gary Joyce and Gwen Bassham, sophomores; Gail Morgenson and Nell Pomroy, freshman; Tom Coffield and Suellen Davis, Eighth Grade.

Teachers Hobbies Planes to Reading

This week your reporter went out and asked some of the teachers their hobbies. Here are a few of the answers:

MR. McLEAN—Hunting, fishing, rock collecting, and photography.

MR. ATKINSON — Calf roping, photography, yard work, and baby sitting.

MR. HOGG—Contests and cross-word puzzles.

LORENE A. DAVIS — Collecting records, visiting historic places, tap dancing, cooking, cultivation of roses, collecting miniature objects, and reading.

MRS. ELMORE—Traveling, especially to historic places, her two cockers, and gardening.

MR. NORRED—Airplanes.

MR. ROGERS—Playing and coaching basketball, airplanes, oil painting, leather craft, singing, arrow head hunting, traveling, and going to school.

MR. GROUNDS — Collecting stamps, old coins, and foreign coins; movies.

MRS. MONTFORT — Music, art, collecting autographed books, recipes, poems, and house plans.

MR. PATTERSON—Watching rodeos, reading, and writing.

MR. MAYES—Hunting and fishing.

MR. WHATLEY — Any kind of sporting activity.

MR. STRICKLAND—Reading.

MR. CHRANE—Hunting deer, and mounting their horns.

Brenda Owens, Junior, Heads Honor Roll Mathes and Caskey Tie For Second Place

Brenda Owens, a junior, with an average of 96.4 took top honors on the Honor Roll for the second six weeks.

Bill Mathes and Charlotte Caskey tied for the second place with a 95.4 average. Bill is a senior and Charlotte is a freshman.

Richard Baucum, a freshman, missed two weeks of school and still made the Honor Roll with a 90.6 average.

A record number of 70 students made the Honor Roll this six weeks with a 90 or above. Those on the Honor Roll are as follows:

Seniors	Grd. Pts..	Av.
Bill Mathes	33	95.4
Mary Ted Sharrock	27	95
Stan Laney	31	93.6
Patricia Ellison	23	92
Lawrence Le Boeuf	27	91.6
Margie Rust	25	90.4
Barbara Kinsey	23	90.4
Melvin Delaney	23	90.4
Linda Smith	27	90.3
Juniors		
Brenda Owens	27	96.4
Maurine Gardner	33	95
Sarann West	33	94.7
Barbara Glass	27	94.4
Sandra Russell	31	93.3
Darlene Trosper	30	93.3
Leonard Barker	31	92
Ruedell Watkins	29	91.6
Lynn Adamson	23	91.6
Barbara McDougal	31	91.5
Gwen Nix	31	91.5
Kayloma Stockman	29	91.1
Jan Parker	29	91
Arlene Ellison	25	91
Nancy Wilmoth	25	90.4
Connie Coker	29	90
Jerry Evans	23	90
Patricia Youree	23	90
Cindy Scot	23	91
Delois McDougal	23	90.8
Rita Ward	27	93.2
Richard Baucum	27	91
8th Grade		
Elaine Plate	27	95.2
Gail Hunnicut	27	94.6
Dyantha Green	25	93.8
Larry Hagler	27	93
Sullen Davis	25	93
Jimmy Box	25	92.8
Joyce Woody	25	92.6
Larry Stiger	27	92
Nancy Bowers	27	91.4
Jerene Cromley	23	90.8
Lan Nelle Van Zandt	27	90.6
Barbara Wagnon	25	90.4
Ed Horned	23	90
Shirley Wallender	31	91.3
Ann Garner	25	91
Beverly Sikes	27	90.3
Regena Kinsey	23	90
Sophomores		
Kay Keltner	33	94.5
Carolyn Bostwick	33	94.3
Ella Smith	33	93.5
David Delong	25	93.2
Peggy Milam	29	92.7
Jimmy Baker	25	92
Bill Lightfoot	23	91.8
Sammy Hooper	25	91.4
Gwen Bassham	23	91
Johnny Woody	23	91
Margaret Box	25	90.6
Carlton Pearl	25	90.4
Bobby Thompson	25	90.4
Freshmen		
Charlotte Caskey	27	95.4
Billy Mayes	27	94.8
Nina Gayle Barr	33	94.5
Patty Knaell	27	94
Jim Elder	27	93.6
Billie Nazworth	31	93.3
James Williams	29	91.7
Vaneta Lowery	23	91.4

McCamey Grid Gate Largest of Season; $10,484.20 Receipts

The football fans of every team in the district and those not in the district turned out whole-heartedly this season, for both home games and out-of-town games.

With a study of the business office records and with the much-needed help of James Vaughn, your reporter gathered the gross proceeds received for every game.

The McCamey game gate receipts were the largest of the five out-of-town games, with the Andrews battle drawing the largest receipts on the home field.

On home games, after all expenses have been paid the opposing teams' school receive one-half of the net proceeds. Crane receives the same on games that are played out of town.

Gross proceeds for home games:

Seminole, Sept. 17	$1,028.25
Andrews, Oct. 8	1,687.20
El Paso, Jeff-Hi, Oct. 16	483.50
Pecos, Nov. 5	1,221.13
Alpine, Nov. 19	665.25

Gross proceeds for out-of-town games:

Ft. Stockton, Sept. 10	$1,170.94
McCamey, Sept. 24	2,220.75
Tahoka, Oct. 1	900.50
Jal, N. Mexico, Oct. 12	2,056.78

The total gross proceeds for the whole season: $10,484.20; total gross proceeds for home games: $4,185.23; total gross proceeds for out of town games: $6,298.97. There is an estimation on both the Tohoka and Jal games.

Boyd, Turner Make All-State Choir Twice

Joe Boyd and Jerry Turner made the all-state choir during the tryouts in Oedssa two weeks ago.

Joe was in the all-state choir last year and also this year. Jerry was an all-state crooner year before last and this year.

Joe is a junior in CHS and just to prove he has all around abilities he was honorable mention on the district 7-AA All-District football team this year, his first in senior ball.

Jerry is a senior and also has other abilities besides being able to sing. She plays the piano and is a very fine reader of music.

They will go to Dallas sometime in February when the all-state choir meets.

The members and sponsors of the Crane High School Student Council have placed a big box in the hall of the school for donations from the students to needy families of Crane. This project is only one of the worthy tasks taken by the governing body each year. Dolores Jones is president of the council.

Crane Ex-Teacher Mrs. Elouise Jordan Dies in El Paso

Mrs. Elouise Haley Jordan, 48, former Crane English, speech, and annual teacher and sponsor; was found dead at her home in El Paso about 1:45 a. m. Wednesday. Her death was aparently caused by asphyxiation.

Mrs. Jordan, had a wide circle of friends here who mourn her passing

The following article was published in the El Paso Times Thursday, December 2.

Justice of the Peace J. L. Ashby said Wednesday he still was investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Elouise Jordan, 48, who was found dead in her smoke-filled house at 701 Santa Barbara Road in Hacienda Heights about 1:45 a. m. Wednesday.

Her body, lying on the floor near a burned couch, was found by her husband, Elwyn on his return home from work.

Sgt. Armando Burgos of the Sheriff's Department criminal investigation detail said Mrs. Jordan was on the floor with one foot on the burned couch. Her toes on her left leg were burned.

The house was completely airtight and all windows and doors were shut.

Officers also found the couple's dog, a Scotch terrier, dead under a bed in the back room.

Coroner Ashby said floors and walls of the room were scorched by the heat, but that apparently no flames spread from the couch.

AUTOPSY HELD

Dr. Frederick P. Bornstein who conducted an autopsy Wednesday afternoon reported that Mrs. Jordan had died of asphyxiation. However, no coroner ruling had been handed down late Wednesday.

From the condition of the body, Coroner Ashby said Mrs. Jordan had been dead for at least four hours.

"We don't know whether she had a stroke or fell asleep while smoking a cigarette." Coroner Ashby said.

Neighbors of the victim told Sgt. Burgos that Mrs. Jordan, who was the director of the Ft. Bliss Service Club, on several occasions had fallen asleep on the couch while smoking.

WORKED AT BLISS

She had been service club director at Ft. Bliss since 1950 and had been active in charitable work at the post. She also served as Red Cross hostess in World War II and toured Italy and Sicily. Prior to that she was a social hostess, Mrs. Jordan taught school at Crane, Texas. She was a native of Cross Plains, Texas, and is survived also by her father, seven brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Jordan was an English and speech teacher, along with being the sponsor of the annual in Crane Schools, during the years between 1947 to 1949.

Funeral arrangements were pending with Martin Mortuary.

WILD DEER STORIES GROW WILDER

Cranes' Boone and Crockett on Deer Trail

By LAWRENCE LeBOEUF

During deer season, there seems to be quite a lot of day dreaming during class and many tales of how the 36-point buck, who had around eight pounds of lead in him managed to run nine miles and lose himself in the brush.

Doug Chrane, after much pacing back and forth in his solid geometry class like a caged tiger, finally was released from school on the first day of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Approximately two and three quarters minutes after the final bell at school, Mr. Chrane was seen racing out of town stringing shells and camping equipment along the McCamey highway.

Deer Hunting For Birds

Here, in Mr. Chrane's own words, is his heart-stirring story of how he finally ran down his victim.

"Deer hunting may be for the birds; agreed by all who have tried to slip up on a buck for three days, only to see him disappear into the brush.

"It is a known fact that the fairer sex lead men into all kinds of trouble; however, it takes a deer hunter to see that the female deer may also lead a man into places that he does not need to go. She leads the hunter away from where the buck is safely hidden. As long as a buck keeps his head, he is safely hidden; but just let him start making love to the lady deer and he loses all fear of man or beast.

"After three days of running, walking, slipping, crawling, and standing; (on my part) a buck finally lost his better judgment and was trying to find his slick chick. Even though loud talking and laughing was going on, this buck came within 125 yards of another hunter and myself. The noise of our barrage of shots sounded like another war was breaking out. When the smoke finally cleared away, one four-point buck lay scared to death." quote Mr. Chrane.

Dennis Escapes Also

Another of Crane Highs' prisoners off for deer territory, after the final whistle of the Alpine football game, so fast that his football pads were still on and he was seen trailing a long string of tape that held him together during the game. This was the hurried exit of Clayton Dennis and his dad, Byron Dennis.

Again we take you to the land of sky blue waters where all smart deer congregate, to be with the brave lads who risk being shot by some over-eager hunter who can't tell a deer from a brass monkey at three feet. The spot that Clayton (the hero of the story) chose was the rocky terrain of the Davis Mountains, where the deer grow racks like rocking chairs and the bear are more than just a passing acquaintance.

Clayton and his dad used a pack horse to pack their camping equipment up to their Uncle's ranch called Wild Cow Tank. His dad and himself hunted until Monday before they saw a buck. They looked in their own tracks and found where deer had followed them as they were walking down the trail.

Monday noon found our super sleuth slouching through the underbrush peering here and there for the sign of deer. When out of the thicket as fast as a flicket came a doe running like thunder to the far right. Our little Sherlock knew that a doe would lead a hunter away from the buck, so he immediately proceeds to tour the country to his left. Sure enough, away upon a cliff, Clayton spied a buck through his spy glasses. Now usually a hero of a story shoots just once at a range of two or three miles, and pierces the heart of the victim in a twinkling of an eye. But Clayton decides to just keep hitting the deer until he is so heavy with lead that his spindly legs won't hold him up anymore.

Deer Gets Revenge

After the deer is thoroughly dead, Clayton puts him on the pack horse and heads for camp, and it's really too bad that the horse didn't head for camp to; because Clayton had to drag the lazy beast all the way back. During the process, the horse jerked back on a pole that Clayton was holding the deer up with; thus tearing a sizable hunk of meat out of his hand.

The next deer proves to be a die-hard, because Clayton shot him, at a distance of about 180 yards, five times.

Dennis only had to carry this deer two miles before he finally reached camp.

Clayton reports that his dad also bagged a deer; and a good time was had by both.

Bill Mullins, a lowly sophomore, went out and got a bigger buck (by points) than either of our heroes, but his modesty and our lack of space won't let us print his story.

CHS Enrollment 349; Same as September

Despite withdrawals and new entries Crane High School at the present time has 349 students enrolled, exactly the same figure tallied at the beginning of the year.

By classes they stacked up like this: Eighth grade, 78; ninth, 80; tenth, 85; eleventh, 58; and the twelfth, 49.

According to C. A. Carroll, the present enrollment by classes are; Eighth grade, 80; ninth, 77; tenth, 83; eleventh, 59; and the Senior Class still holds at 49.

Schedule for Jan.

The first two weks in January will be pretty well filled. The schedule thus far is as follows:

January 4—Basketball game in Jal.

January 7-8—Basketball tournament in Pecos.

January 13 — Basketball game with Grandfalls here. Also P.-T.A.

January 13-14—Final mid-term examinations.

One Fifth of CHS Make Honor Roll

Approximately 20 per cent of the student body of CHS made the Honor Roll this six weks.

Heading the list were two classes. The Junior and Freshman Class tied for top honors with 25 per cent each. Rising into next place was the Senior Class with 18 per cent.

Bringing up the last of the parade is the Eighth Grade with 16 per cent, and following them very close is the Sophomore Class with 15 per cent.

Channel 2 Host to 11 Crane Musicians

Eleven Crane students appeared on channel two, television, on December 11.

These 11 students composed the girls trio, sextet, and also the stage band. Mary Sharrock, Jerry Turner, and Jean Shaver are the girls who sang in the trio.

Mary, Jerry, and Jean also sang in the sextet with Sandra Russell, Gwen Bassham, and Beverly Sikes.

The string band members are: Frank Ellison, Pat Ellison, C. J. Ellison, Melvin Delaney, and Jimmy Shipman.

The number done by the trio was "Hold Me." The sextet sang "In a Winter Wonderland." The string band played "Boil Those Cabbages Down."

New Year's Celebrated Many Ways

"Time, moving along unceasingly, waits for no man, linking the years together in an endless chain. When New Year's Eve come and the clock strikes the last hour of the last day of the old year, we feel ourselves being carried on the tide of time, looking ahead hopefully to the new year that lies before us. Another January first, another beginning," said Elizabeth Sechrist.

The New Year has nearly always begun on January first. Long ago in Ancient Egypt the year began at the time of the overflowing of the River Nile, which occured about the middle of June. A famous Roman changed his people's date of New Year's from March to January first. The Julian Calendar, was Julius Caesar's new method of reckoning time, it was the forerunner of our own calendar.

The Romans have been given credit for the origin of giving gifts at New Year's, a custom practiced in some countries today. It is said all of Queen Elizabeth's wardrobe, and jewelry came to her as New Year's gifts.

Many, many customs are observed all over the world on New Year's. In England in the olden days, New Year's was a good time to foretell the future. The Father of the household would open his Bible, and with his eyes closed, choose a reading. This would indicate the fortune of his house for the coming year.

In Scotland there is an old custom of throwing apples and nuts out the window to be scrambled for by the fisherman of the town.

New Year's Eve in Switzerland is also celebrated as Sylvester Day. On that day the children call the lazy one of the family, or the one who is last out of bed, a "Sylvester."

The Armenian's New Year is much like our Christmas. There it is a custom for friends of the family to lower a basket of gifts down the chimney!

Eating seven dinners on the last day of the year is a ritual with the Mongols, and an enjoyable one of these hardy people who ordinarily eat once a day.

"This is the year that for you waits," the poet says. And conversely, we wait for the new year! People all over the world are waiting for that last long minute of the year to tick out.

Somewhere in every land the time arrives. The New Year has been shot in and men, women and children from every walk of life shout gladly to each other, "Happy New Year!"

The Meaning and Traditions of Christmas

How many people really think of Christmas as how it started, or do they think of what they are going to receive? Yes it does mean presents and a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings, but it is also in remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Some people ask if there was ever a real Santa Claus. Yes, there was. He was Nicholas the bishop of Myra, who was very kind-hearted, and his first gift was a gift to three maidens who were without suitors. He filled three bags with gold and threw them into the maidens' homes.

The traditional Christmas tree has been traced back to the Romans. It went from Germany to Great Britain, and is almost universal in the United States where the customs of so many nationalities meet and gradually blend into common usage.

Santa Claus, gifts, Christmas trees, big Christmas dinners, etc. have all been added to the celebration of Christmas, and in many people's hearts it has crowded out the real meaning of Christmas.

When you say something about celebrating Christmas, many people think of getting drunk and having what they call a good time. That isn't at all what we mean when we talk about the celebration of Christmas. At Christmas time you should think of how Jesus was born in a manger at Bethlehem of Judea.

If you have been celebrating Christmas the wrong way let's change this Christmas and put Christ into Christmas.

Just Because - - -

By DOLORES JONES

It has been one week since they saw you last—
THEY SAY - - -

"My, how you've grown!"
You are trying desperately to get a door open—
"Are you trying to open the door?"
You are freezing to death—
"Are you cold?"
You gain 40 pounds—
"Are you getting fatter?"
You aren't eating a thing for lunch—
"Aren't you hungry?"
You just got through saying "I love him"—
"Are you in love?"
You vote for one person for every honor—
"Do you like him?"
You say Bill can't go as he's in training for basketball—
"Does Bill play basketball?"
You are 40 sizes larger than someone and you tell them they have on a cute skirt—
"You can wear is some time!"
You are a boy and just got out of the barber shop—
"Did you get a hair cut?"
Someone punches a pencil in your arm and it is bleeding—
"Did it hurt?"

CRANE FILES

5 Years Ago—
Crane won district 5A in football.

6 Years Ago—
Crane placed five men on the all-district first team.

8 Years Ago—
Crane beat Iraan 39-0.

12 Years Ago—
George Grounds won two first places at Midland track meet.

17 Years Ago—
The "Crane" won in interscholastic league press contest.

21 Years Ago—
The bones of a Mastadon or prehistoric animal were found on a exploration trip to the Sandhills.

22 Years Ago—
Pecos defeated Crane 31-14 in football.

New Sickness Felt By Crane Students

From the looks of all the absences there seems to be a new sickness going around school.

This desease is evidently highly contagious especially in the Tenth Grade.

The week of November 29 to December 3, 12 of the 25 absences were sophomores. The main reason for these 25 absences seemed to be this new sickness — sickness of school.

THE CRANE

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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 troubles.

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Melvin 'Dolittle' Delaney Enjoys Band, Boxing, Cars



The bright-eyed young chap you see pictured here is Melvin Delaney. Melvin was born on February 21, 1937, in Stamford, Texas. Melvin went to the first grade in Leuders, Texas, and in a three-teacher school in Prescott, Arkansas.

On May 14, 1944, Melvin came to the great city of Crane. He has been here ever since, and plans to graduate next May.

Melvin has been in the Crane High School Band five years, and says that it is his favorite subject. After graduation he is going to attend Texas Tech and major in music. His ambition is to come back to Crane after he finishes college and direct the CHS Band.

Melvin's favorite sports are boxing, hunting, and swimming. He has boxed two years, and boxed in the Odessa Golden Gloves Tournament yast year. He says he hopes to box there again this year.

Grease Monkey

The hobbies that occupy this lad's spare time are working on old worn-out Fords and working anywhere he can get a chance. Melvin has worked at the Banner Ice House two years, and he also worked for the El Paso Natural Gas Company last summer. After school and on Saturdays he works at the Piggly Wiggly Grocery.

Melvin has been very active in school affairs all his life. He has been in the Dance Band Club, the F.T.A. Club, and he also had a role in the Junior Class play. He attended the state-wide convention for F.T.A. members last year.

Hillbilly Musician

Melvin's favorite entertainment program is the Louisana Hayride, but he also likes to attend a good movie when he can spare the cash. (That hot rod Ford takes most of his money.) His favorite stars are Burt Lancaster and June Allyson.

In Melvin's opinion all the teachers on the CHS faculty are swell people, and he says he doesn't have any special favorite.

Melvin's most exciting moment came when he learned that he was going to get to go to Band School at Texas Tech in 1953. His most embarrassing moment was when he left his band hat at home and didn't get to march at the Jal-Crane football game this year.

No Bull!! Likes Red

This boy's favorite color is red. He owns an array of red shirts, and has even lined part of that faithful old Ford with the color.

Melvin likes to eat, and his favorite menu is french-fried potatoes, chicken-fried steak covered with gravy, English peas, hot rolls, and a quart of milk. For desert he timidly states that he would not consider the meal complete without half of a three-layer chocolate cake thrown in on the side.

His pet peeve is his brother. He also says he detests people who will not pay their debts.

Melvin weighs 165 pounds, and is 5 feet 9 inches tall. The ironic part about this is that he had to spend the first three weeks of his life in an incubator. Yes, for a lad who was so small that he had to stay in an incubator, Melvin has gone a long way, and accomplished a lot in the world.

"The Crane" takes this opportunity to wish another senior of '55 good luck, happiness, and success in whatever he undertakes.

The Crane SEZ

By STAN LANEY

DISTRICT IN BASKETBALL

The basketball team has made a wonderful start this year. If they keep this pace up they will be a real threat to the district title. The student body can play a big part in helping the boys win. Go to as many of the out-of-town games as you can, and try to go to all the home games. Another way the students can help is by displaying good manners at the games. Never boo the decisions of the officials, and keep silent when a decision is being made.

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

Christmas decorations are going up all over town, and soon the school will be decorated also. The Student Council has placed a Christmas tree in the hall, and the library has began decorating it.

WATCH OUT FOR MID-TERM TESTS

Although it seems impossible, the mid-term tests are just around the corner. It would be wise if you spend a few days of your Christmas holidays brushing up for these exams. Another thing to think about is that if you fail English this semester you will not have a chance to make it up next semester. You will be compelled to take it by correspondence or take it over next year.

WATCH THOSE DEMERITS

If you glance at the student bulletin board you can see that several students have already received the warning slips saying they have five or more demerits. Some of us had better make some New Years resolutions concerning behavior.

DIG THOSE RINGS

The juniors have been acting very happy the last two weeks, and for a good reason—they finally got their class rings. These rings are just like the ones worn by the seniors they are made of antique gold with red, blue, and black sets. Some of the rings do not have a set. They are solid gold with a C in the center.

Better study hard kids, or you might have to buy another one next year.

RIDE 'EM COWBOY

If you are sitting in a class trying to concentrate and then hear a noise that sounds like a jackhammer coming down the hall think nothing of it. It is just Riley Hood he bought a pair of new shoes two weeks ago and put horseshoes on the heels for taps.

DALLAS BOUND

Joe Boyd and Jerry Turner will be going to Dallas next February to sing in the All-State Choir. Congratulations kids.

STAY ON YOUR FEET KIDS

This is a bad time of the year for a good school attendance. Several CHS students have missed school recently with colds and the flu. If you are really sick it is a good policy to say at home, but always be fair to yourself and your school—make sure you are sick and not just lazy.

THEY ARE JUST AS GLAD AS YOU ARE

These poor overworked, underpaid, mistreated teachers will be just as glad for the Christmas holidays to roll around as we students. We always have an advantage about this time every year, however, for the teachers are trying to be as nice as possible so Santa Claus will be good to them on Christmas morning. Then too, maybe the period of "peace on earth and good will toward men" touches their mean 'ole hearts.

NO SMOOCHING PLEASE!!

The student body has certainly enjoyed some good movies this month. If you stay awake and listen this is a good place to soak up a little knowledge.

WAITING ON THAT MAILMAN

Several CHS girls have been very interested in getting to the postoffice every afternoon here lately. What's the trouble, girls??

TELEVISION STARS

Several students of CHS have been seen on televsion in the past few months. Keep up the good work, kids.

DISTRICT IN BASKETBALL

"The Crane" wishes to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After forty a cucumber in the hand is worth two in the tummy.

Ready money is seldom ready when one needs to borrow some.

Give the man who offers you something for nothing a wide berth.

QUESTION BOX

What If —.?

What Would Crane High School Be Like If:

—The juniors didn't sit on the senior's rows in the auditorium
—Bill Lightfoot wasn't a ladies' man
—J. H. Green was made principal for one day
—Mr. McLean didn't give a biology test every Thursday
—All the journalism students get their stories in on time
—Dixie Cavin didn't bring a typewriter in the sixth period study hall every day
—Janel McBride stayed home just one day and gave the boys a rest
—Mr Anderegg grew a beard
—Arlene Ellison didn't get mad in in P. E. class
—Swift and Brock weren't here every day
—Joyce Hendricks got fat
—If everyone came to school barefooted
—Dewey Delaney wasn't so witty
—Carlton Pearl lost his glasses and couldn't read his books
—Dolores Jones weighed 100 pounds and didn't like Bill Preslar
—Jackie Hood didn't go with every new girl
—Jerry Jones played center on the basketball team
—We had an elevator going from first to second floor
—Mr. Patterson started raising chickens in the tower
—Teachers didn't give demerits
—Mrs. Elmore was 20 years old and weighed 484 pounds.
—Leoma Higdon had to walk to school every day
—Someone stole Laney's cig. off the door between classes
—Treva Alexa bleached her hair
—Mr. Grounds and Mr. Hogg got married
—Sammy Hooper had a steady girl
—Gary Joyce and Humphrey were janitors.

BOOK NOOK

DANCE TO THE PIPER
By: Agnes de Mille

The name of Agnes de Mille, creator of the ballet Rodeo, and choreographer of Oklahoma!, Carousel, and other smash hits, is known to millions of Americans. How she won success, not because of it, but in a sense despite her great theatrical name, provides the moving story of this fiery, strong-willed, emotional, candid autobiography.

Agnes de Mille is the granddaughter of Henry George her father wrote some of David Belasco's biggest Broadway successes; her uncle is Cecil B. de Mille of Hollywood. The two strains, the great talent for the theatre and the crusading zeal of Henry George, are fused in the author of **Dance to the Piper.** As a child growing up in the early days of Hollywood, it was natural for her to dream of a stage career but her talent was for dancing, and since dancing at that time was a somewhat dubious form of "theatre," her parents, particularly her father, had a very different idea for her future.

When Agnes was eight she saw **Pavlova,** and the sight of that great ballerina fixed her ambition for life. Her parents finally permitted her to take ballet lessons at the Kosloff School, but many years of hard trying, disappointment and failure were to pass before she danced her way to international fame with the first truly American ballet, her own **RODEO.**

Miss de Mille writes with humor, with a swift comprehension of character, and with a fine sense of movement. Her childhood was spent in pioneer Hollywood, and the opening descriptions of movie-making in the days of inspired improvisation, and portraits of such early screen personalities as Charlie Chaplin, Geraldine Farrar, her Uncle Cecil and many others.

She catches the spirit and the discipline of a dance studio and tells what it means in the way of hard work and heartbreak to be just an ordinary corps de ballet trouper in a ballet company. In fact, the reader will find here the best account anywhere (from the American viewpoint) of the dedicated life of a ballet dancer, so different from the glamorous illusion one sees on the stage.

The account of her six years of work in England with Anthony Tudor, and her dancing partner, Hugh Laing, is tumultuous, and full of laughter when she tells of the opposition she had to overcome as the orginator of American ballets in the face of the old Russian conversations with, such notables of Danilova, Marie Rambert, Ruth St. Denis, Martha Graham, Irving Thalberg, Gertrude Lawrence, Aaron Copland, Jerome Robbins, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, and many others, are unforgettable.

Crane's Globe Trotter Most Witty, Jim Shipman



On March 18, 1937, at Paris, Texas, the boy in the picture was born and named Jimmy Dee Shipman. Jimmy, though he has only lived here since the mid-term of his tenth grade year, is very popular in CHS, and is especially noted for his wit and carefree way that he has; and such qualities make anyone like him and want him to be around to liven up things.

Many seniors this year have lived here all their life, or most of it, at least. This boy is completely different in that way.

Jim was born in Paris, Texas, and lived there until he was five, and then he decided to try Edna, Texas, a while. Not caring for this town and wanting to change states, he moved to Hope, Ark., and started his school career there. After his first grade year, he moved to Plain Dealing, La., where he started in the second grade. Soon after, though, he moved to Madill, Okla.

During the summer he moved to Red Oak, Okla., and then to Keys, Okla. The next school year, his third year, he started to school in Durant, Okla., moved to Gotebo, Okla., for a while, and then he went to Boice City, Okla., where he finally finished that year.

During the summer he moved to Ft. Stockton, Texas, and started his fourth grade there. He stayed there for the whole sum of two weeks after school started before moving to Monahans for the rest of the year. Jim then transferred to Seminole, where he attended his fifth and sixth grades. After this he decided to try another state altogether and moved to Elida, New Mexico. He started his seventh grade here, then decided to move back to Seminole, and attended school here again for a month.

Liking Texas, he then moved to Lamesa for awhile, before finally finishing his seventh grade in Snyder. Jim started his eighth grade in Snyder and then moved to Ft. Stockton again, but only for a week. Hunting another place to live, Jim stopped off at Stanton for part of that year before moving to McCamey to finish his eighth grade and graduate into high school.

Thinking he might like a larger town better, Jim moved to Midland. He stayed here all of his ninth grade and one six weeks of his tenth grade year before moving to Eunice, New Mexico. He stayed here for two six weeks and at mid-term, after moving all over the country without ever stopping at Crane, finally moved to our fair little city.

This makes a total of 23 towns Jim has lived in in his 17 years and a total of five states. However, there is a possibility that he might have missed a few towns as he was trying to recall where he had lived.

Witty, Actor, Band Director

Jim, after being here less than a year, was elected "Most Witty" last year and was in the Royal Coronation last February. Jim was also elected this same thing for this year in a recent election and will again be in the coronation. One teacher once said to Jimmy, "If you spent as much time studying as you do being funny, you might do better in your studies." If he did do that, though, this school would never be the same.

Jim decided to try his hand at acting and in the junior play "I Love Lucy," played the part of "Arthur." Jim is taking speech this year and has presented to the student body a couple of pantomimes which almost "raised the roof."

Jim is a member of the Future Teachers of America; this is a good thing, because he is planning on being a band director, that is, if he can ever get out of Mr. Harrison's English class.

Jim has played a trombone in various bands and at present vice-president of the CHS band. Jim likes to play popular and jazz music, so he is a member of the stage band. His musical likes also include hillbilly music, and he plays a mandolin in the string band.

Jim's hobby, as you probably know, is cars. Not only has Jim lived in many towns but he has also owned his share of cars in four years, the total finally coming to six (five Fords, one Plymouth.) One think that Jim doesn't like about cars is to own a convertible without a top after September.

One incident (or accident) that Jimmy remembers well is when he, Bill Mathes and Melvin Delaney were riding around in his car and went around a corner too fast. The rear wheel slid into the bar ditch and gently turned the car over. This worried Jim because he was afraid that all of the water would run out before he got it back on its wheels. Then to top it off, when Jim decided to tell his dad about it, his dad wouldn't believe him.

Another hobby of Jim's is to sleep, but he never has time. Maybe the reason Jim doesn't have time to sleep is because his favorite pastime after dark is being with Gwen.

Formaldehyde In Fish Pond

Jim said he is not easily embarrassed, but one time that he had the daylights scared out of him was when he was taking biology and Mr. McLean caught him floating his formaldehyde dish in the fish pond in the biology lab. Jim thought surely that the world had come to an end.

If you want to satisfy Jim's ever-increasing appetite, just take him to a cafe (he likes to eat out if he doesn't have to foot the bill) and feed him broiled, crisp steak, mashed potatoes, pork and beans, hot rolls and iced tea. If all this isn't available, just feed him pork and beans, crackers and water.

Since Jim is planning to be a band director, he likes to get all the experience he can, and when Mr. Dickason let him direct the band at a pep rally thrilled him more than anything.

Band is Jimmy's favorite subject and Mr. Dickason is Jim's favorite teacher (that is if Mr. Dickason wouldn't take off so many points off his grade for chasing C. B. around and trying to get him to behave.)

One thing that makes Jim mad is for a girl to jump to conclusions. He also hates to spend the night with Bill Mathes because Mr. Mathes always lets his little puppy, Jo-Jo, get him up in the morning.

Jim plans to go to Texas Tech for his college education and will major in music. "The Crane" wishes you all the luck in the world, Jim.

Only the man with coney can buy all the time he wants.

The optimist sees things as they should be—not as they are.

JUKE BOX PERSONALITIES

I Need You Now—Howard Hunter
Hey, Joe—Juanelle Heard
Your Cat Ain't Nothing But Trash—Anita Anderson
I'm A Fool To Care—Cecleta Napier
Mr. Sandman—Pat Bradley
Hold My Hand—Pat Ellison
It's The Loviest Night In The Year—Saturday Night
My Secret Love—Barbara Kinsey
Walk, Chicken, Walk, Cause You're Too Fat To Fly—Mr. Grounds
Oh What A Dream—Mr. Hogg
I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas—Everyone
Walkin In A Winter Wonderland—Cow Pasture Pool Club
Hey, There—Betty Blackwell
I Saw Mommie Kissing Santa Claus—Grade school
Blue Christmas—All C.H.S. students who havcn't their sweethearts with them on Christmas
My Baby's Comin Home—Arlene Ellison
So Tired—Seniors 1954-55
You Belong To Me—Jean Shaver and Mason Thurman
Fuedin' Fussin' Fightin'—Jerry T. Bud R.
Everybody's Baby—Betty Evans
South of the Border—Jim Swift and Jim Brock
Don't Tempt Me—Charlsie Powell
Whether Thy Goest—Sam H.
You'll Never Get Away—Gwen N. and Jimmy S.
Do You Really Love Me?—Dolores Jones
No! You Can't Have My Love—All of the girls of C.H.S. to Buddy T.

4-H Palmetto Polo Team To Play Interstate Teams

The Crane High 4-H Club boasts a membership of 18 energetic lads who are raising sheep for stock show competition.

This club has been organized for a year, with feeding under way. Club members and the number of sheep each one owns are as follows: Jim Brock, two; Jim Swift, four; D. H. Culp, three; Darrell Smith, three; Herb Currie, three; Dick Damron, three; Joe Damron, three; George Damron, two; Larry Chaney, one; Charles Watkins, two; James Brunson, two; Bobby Brunson, two; Robert Pearce, three; Kenny Richardson, three; Bill Mullins, three; Tom Coffield, three; Scott Coffield, three; and Jerry Swift, three.

Thirteen of the boys have ord[ered] ei[ther] new 4-H Club jackets. [The] jackets will have the 4-H [Club] on the back, and will [be] color with white trim.

One of Sonny Brock's rambouillet sheep died awhile back, but Sonny has two more sheep to work with and prepare for the stock show.

For entertainment, the boys are organizing a Palmetto Polo Team. This team will consist of five members and their substitutes. Using an oversized soft ball and a larger mallet, the game will be played according to the standard rules of polo. Each player will use his own horse, and the team will only play other organized 4-H Club teams.

There are several other teams organized for the boys who might not want to play polo. These are the gra[ze] [in]dividuals on the livestock [sh]ow.

Crane Annual Staff Finishes Class Pages To Meet Deadline

The members of the Crane High Annual Staff are working like a bunch of bees trying to get the El Ave out on time. To improve their speed, Paul Patterson, their sponsor, promised each member of the staff a steak dinner if the annual was out before the deadline.

The cover order of 275 covers has been sent off; along with $800 for the first payment to the publisher. The El Ave Staff will receive a 2 per-cent discount for making an early first payment. Also, each individual class page is completed (except the senior's) and is being printed at the News-Photo Publishing Company; along with the completed football section.

The photographer was present Thursday, December 2, to take pictures of the clubs and the activities. The Annual Staff will begin work on the club and activity section of the annual after the Christ[mas] holidays.

[The] El Ave Staff took in approx[imately] $24 with the beauty con[test] the expenses ran around

[The] the staff's artists, Lowell [is] temporarily out of artis[tic] mission with a broken el[bow] Lowell's elbow will be back working order soon, and he will [be] to get back into the groove.

[Bill]is, Harold Niccum, and [are] are due annual refunds Annual Staff. If anyone the whereabouts of any of three, please notify one of mbers of the Annual Staff ul Patterson.

Mrs. Ruby Hughes To Teach Here Again

At mid-semester Mrs. Ruby Hughes, former chemistry and biology teacher in C.H.S., will again be on the faculty.

She will be teaching in the sixth and seventh grades beginning the second semester. Mrs. Hughes was a bookkeeper in Keltner's Pharmacy, Robinson Clinic, and the Methodist Church following the death of her husband, former pharmacist in Keltner's, in 1948. She has been living in Dallas since 1952.

School Enrollment Gains 2, Loses 4

Crane High has had the honor of having two new students during the last three weeks, but while gaining in population, Crane has lost four students also.

The new students are: Jacquelyn Chitwood, and Patsy West, Jacquelyn came from Dallas and she is an eighth-grader. Patsy came from Brownfield and she is an eighth-grader also.

The students withdrawing are: Ellen Perkins, Monroe Marshall, Ruby Marshall, Myra Adebicks. Ellen quit school for the finer things, marriage, she was in the eighth grade. Ruby is in the ninth grade, and Monroe in the eighth. Myra is in the tenth grade.

Carl and Janice Storgner after staying in Crane for two weeks returned to Seminole. Dorothy Sue Thomason also returned to Seminole.

Never Buy a Car From a Divorcee

A few weeks ago your reporter had a heartbreakin experience. My friend and I went to Dallas to select a used car for him that was in good shape. He wanted a '46 Ford. After we had looked at every '46 Ford between Crane and Dallas we finally decided to buy one from an individual who was going to sue her husband for a divorce and needed the money quick so she could pay the court costs.

The car was a real bargain—$325. We looked it over from top to bottom, and finally decided that it was in excellent mechanical condition. It had a good motor, (we thought) good brakes, fairly good tires, and the flashiest set of fender skirts ever made.

He wrote a check for the $325 (his life's savings) and we then went to the courthouse to make the deal legal.

We started home that evening and were feeling very proud of ourselves when we neard a knock that began to get louder as we drove on. About two miles down the road all eight rods came bounding through those poor 'lil ole heads. Before we could get stopped the tie-rod ends broke, and then the right front tire blew out.

As you might guess, we came to a screeching halt. My friend and I got out, wrote a "FOR SALE" sign on the windshield and hitchiked home. Neither of us have been back to the scene of the catastrophe yet, and don't even know if the old wreck is still there or not.

Jerry Adams, of Odessa, moved to Crane recently.

Volleyball Captain Heard Takes Up Time With Sports



This beautiful doll pictured above is none other than the well-liked senior Juanelle Heard.

Long golden brown hair, green eyes, 5 feet, and 6 inches tall, and 18 years of age is a very good description of Juanelle.

Juanelle was born in Snyder, Texas, July 22, 1936, and has lived in many different towns since then. Just to name a few are Sweetwater, Odessa, McCamey, and she has lived in Crane twice. The first time she saw Crane, she was nine months old and the second time was at the age of 12.

She goes all out for sports especially volleyball and football. This year will be her fourth year of volleyball and she was the captain of the A team last year. Juanelle says the main thing she will miss of school is getting to play volleyball and seeing the basketball and football boys play.

For a real evening of enjoyment just take her out to a meal consisting of shrimp, french fries, french bread, combination salad, ice tea, and for desert strawberry up-side down cake. Then for entertainment take her to see the "Glenn Miller Story" or any other show starring James Stewart or June Allison.

Jaunelle has had quite a bit of musical training. She took piano while in grade school, Hawaiian guitar in junior high, but states that she likes to sing best of all. Her favorite singers are Less Paul and Mary Ford and her favorite song is "Because of You."

When asked her most embarrassing moment she just looked dumb and said, "Golly I've had so many I can't tell which embarrassed me most."

Juanelle's favorite pastime is doing anything that is exciting, and her hobby is collecting stuffed puppies.

Arts and Crafts and P. E. tie for first place as her favorite subjects, and Mrs. Billy Mayes and J. P. Harrison are her favorite teachers.

If she could re-live part of her life she would choose from December to April of last year, and her best year in school was her sophomore year and first part of her junior year.

Her plans after graduation are not definite.

ittle Douglas Chrane Wants Bigger Game; Worried Senior Asks Santa for Diploma

[De]ar Santa,

[My] Mommie has been married [ye]ars and has never had a roll[in]g pin. My Daddy is getting out of hand. Please bring my mother a rolling pin."

Corkey Dixon

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me my first district championship in basketball this year. "I slave and worry how I can come up with a winning combination and, this married life is sort of new to me! I seem to be getting more absent-minded every day." Think you can help me old boy.

Mr. Rogers

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a real gone dictionary so I can dig this crazy rule given me by a real flat flat-foot. It has something to do with driving or walking after sundown. it mumbles like this. "When the glow goes, whether your strictly by hoof or on wheels, dig yourself the most, man, and cut that chassis juice or you'll be real gone."

Mr. Patterson

Dear "Kat" Santa,

Please flip me a cool cab for Crhistmas Nothing colous, but reak it with dual pots and twin pipes. I think would be real George if you would sex it up beyond recognition.

Jimmy Shipman.

Dear Santa,

Please send me a good-looking female for Christmas. She doesn't have to be anything special just so she has a georgeous figure, one million dollars and a Rolls Royce with a 23k gold plated "stirring" wheel. Santa send along a pair of goggles because this West Texas sand might hurt her-ugh-ah-eyes!

John Hays

Dear Santa,

Please send me a 14k television set that shows nothing but georgeous girls in bikini bathing suits, real good-looking cars (sports convertibles) and lots of good food. Also an automatic robot that would get my solid Geomotery for me.

Lawrence LeBoeuf

Dear Santa,

Could you bring Mr Chrane a reindeer, like pulls your sled. He went deer hunting the other day, and every since the poor boy's in his solid class have had it rough. He said, he got a deer; but really Santa he needs one bigger than a jackrabbit.

Solid Class

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a mechanical man that will put me to bed, wake me up, wash my face, dress me, get me to school, take my test, get my lessons, type my journalism stories and drive my car for me. Please don't think I'm lazy Santa, I'm not lazy, I'm just tired.

Bill Mathes

Dear Santa,

The Christmas present I would like to have will have to be delivered in the month of May. I'm getting bald, and also a racked brain, and the year isn't even half over yet. Please help me Santa.

Worried Senior

Dear Thanty,

Pleath thend me a weal handthome hunk of thexy, weal thexy, man. That ith all I weally want, tho that won't be hard. I hope you can wead between the lineths.

Empty, M.T.

Eleven Librarians Attend District Meet Held at Odessa

Eleven members represented the Crane High School Library Club in the fourth annual district meeting of The Texas Association of Library Assets at Odessa on Saturday, November 20, 1954.

Corky Dickson, Crane's Library Club president, gave a talk on Law Library. The other schools on the program were Bowie Junior High of Odessa, Monahans High School, McCamey High School, Crockett Junior High of Odessa, Seminole High School, Midland High School, and Odessa High School.

New officers were elected for next year's district meeting which will be held at Midland, Texas. The new president club was Midland, vice-president was Monahans, secretary was Crane, treasurer was Crockett Junior High of Odessa, and parliamentarian was Odessa High School.

The members who attended from Crane were Johnnie Sue Buchanan, Corky Dickson, Brenda Farmer, Nancy Garner, Linda Jourden, Kenneth Laird, Winford Whittaker, Katherine McKay, Jane Woodbury, Bobbie Jean Pope, and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore.

Bethune A-Team Beats Pecos 42-41

Th Leopards and Leoparette of Bethune School met the boys and girls team of Odessa, Texas, Friday night, December 3, in their second game for the season.

The A Team beat Pecos, the score being 41-42 in Bethune's favor, and James Arthur Hollins was high point man.

Roy Milton was high point man for the B-Team; the scores were 24-28 in favor of Pecos.

Bethune Honor Roll for the second six weeks: Fifth Grade, Margarette Ann Price, Charles Foster. Eighth Grade, Julia Mae Price. Nineth Grade, Hazel Marie Hollins, Virginia Ann Jeffery. Tenth Grade Margaret Lewis, Irene Morris. Eleventh Gradie, Mary Ellen Jones.

Joel Williams Comments at P.-T.A.

On December 9 the High School P.-T. A. heard Joel C. Williams, principal of the elementary school, comment on "Community Codes by Common Consent."

After Mr. Williams' talk a report was given by some elementary P.-T.A. members on the State P.-T.A. Convention held at Corpus Christi which they attended.

Those who attended the P.-T.A. meeting were entertained by a few numbers and then served refreshments.

Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore was a judge for the McCamey High School Beauty Contest, December 20.

This is Mrs. Elmore's second year to be a judge for this beauty contest. She states that she enjoys is very much. Last year she was the only woman judge, but this year her fellow-judges were women.

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[Mo]ther ar[e] [ta]king a tr[ip] [to] largest so[uth] Bobby [is] the sta[te] Mom[my] you s[ee] B[ob] little

[In] the wee hours of the morn[ing] Doctor: "Ah, yes—and you want me to make you stop dreaming about these girls?"

Bullet: "No, no—I want you to make them stop slamming the door."

The Tumbleweed

The squirrel looked at a junior.
Then his mother's eyes did meet.
"Yes, darling," said his mother,
"but not the kind you eat."

El Tejano

Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.

Austin Pioneer

An inmate of the asylum approached a painter who was hard at work painting the ceiling.

"Have you got a good hold on that brush?"

"Sure. Why?"

"Well, hang on tight. I'm gonna move this ladder."

The Horn and Hoof

Why Students Go Mad

Let's get quiet now.

[Peo]ple! The bell rang.

Do all of pages 100-125, and now for the rest of the assignment.

What do you mean, you don't have enough time?

Report at 12:30, please.

The Comet

Girl's Prayer

Just give me a man
With a million or two
Or one that is handsome
Will happily do.
But if the man shortage
Should get any worse
Go back to the very
First line of this verse!

The Horn and Hoof

Do you know why God made girls beautiful but dumb?

He made them beautiful so the boys would love them, and he made them dumb so they would love the boys.

The Horn and Hoof

Irate father: "I'll teach you to kiss my daughter." t

Boy: "You're too late. I've already learned."

Austin Pioneer

CHS Teachers Scatter Far And Near During Holidays

Nearly all the teachers in Crane High School are going somewhere over the holidays. The teachers seem to be as happy for school to be dismissed as the students, but both are pretty excited over the short vacation. Most of the teachers will leave soon after the bell rings December 22, 1954, traveling from far and near.

Brady Nix—visit folks in Stephenville part of the time, but the rest I'm not sure.

C. A. Carroll—undecided.

J. F. Vaughn—visit parents at Lubbock, and Levelland, Texas.

Mrs. Ottney Miller—stay in Crane and might visit in-laws in Corsicana

Mrs. Joel Williams—visit parents in Dublin and Lipan, Texas.

Douglas Chrane—go fishing, hunting and visiting in-laws.

Mrs. Inez K. Elmore—going to visit daughter and her family in Corpus Christi.

Dan Anderegg — hunt, play golf, fish, go to ranch in Fredricksburg and to Midland to see wife's family.

George Grounds—undecided.

J. P. Harrison—going to Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mayes—to Denton to visit parents.

Paul Patterson—stay in the good ole city of Crane.

Miss Mae Featherstone — going home to Goldthwaite.

J. R. Dickason—going to Ruidosa, New Mexico.

Burl Strickland—stay in Crane over Christmas, then go to Dallas.

Darrell Warren—Dallas and Fort Worth to see the Cotton Bowl game.

Roland Whatley—go to Midland to see brother.

Mrs. Mildred Rose—Altus, Oklahoma, then spend a week in Winters with husband.

Steve Quitta — visit parents in Smithville and Dallas.

Gerald Rogers—Christmas Day in Vega, Texas, then back home for a few days then to El Paso to wife's parents for New Year's.

Miss Lorene Davis—stay in Crane.

Mrs. Louise Anderson—stay in Crane.

John McLean — go deer hunting and to visit wife's relatives in Lubbock.

Jack Atkinson—stay in Crane.

J. D. Norred—visit both's parents in Graham and Galveston.

Farrell F. Hogg—go to Lubbock and visit my fiancee.

Miss Ruth Conway—visit with parents in Vernon.

Mrs. Tommie Montfort — spend most of the time in Crane.

Inez Keith Elmore Shows Iron Nerves Awaiting Dog Event

Have you noticed a worried look on Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore's face. No, she isn't mad at you or she isn't feeling bad. The stork is fixing to visit her dog, "Black Magic," around December 20, and she is afraid to go away for the Christmas holidays leaving her new family behind.

"Black Magic" is a black cocker spaniel. She is 4 years old. We know you have wondered before how Mrs. Elmore keeps in shape. Well here is the way; every morning around 6:00 o'clock she and "Black Magic" walk all over the north part of Crane. Mrs. Elmore stated that she enjoyed walking with her dog altho sometimes it turns out to be embarrassing.

One foggy morning when she could hardly see two steps in front of her, she and "Black Magic" started out for their morning walk. She had hardly gone more than two blocks when she heard someone saying, "Lady does your dog bite?" Mrs. Elmore began looking near and far but no one could she see. After several minutes of trying she finally found a man, much to her embarrassment.

Mrs. Elmore is very happy over "Black Magic" having puppies but her main worry is for the stork to come early. The Crane would like to take this means of saying "good luck" to "Black Magic" and "Merry Christmas" to Mrs. Elmore and her new family on its way.

Barbara Jean Pope, sopohomore, moved to Williamsburg, West Virginia and Dixie Cavin moved to Brent, Texas.

Stone-Dead Buck! Is Only Dead Stone!

The wary woodsman spotted the magnificent buck lying motionless under a clump of brush not a 150 yards away. Our hero coolly, calmly took dead aim and BOOM! The buck was a dead duck. He didn't move; didn't even kick.

Evenso, the wary woodsman took careful aim and fired again, just to make sure. Stirred up over the kill (so early in the morning) our hero rushes over to the victim. Lo, and behold, the critter had turned to solid stone. Not only that but the splendid rack of antlers had turned into the limbs of an over-hanging tree.

The informer that furnished this tip to The Crane had this to say about the hunter: "I knew he sometimes petrified the kids and the teachers but didn't believe he could turn a deer into stone at 150 yards."

Shoes Didn't Match But Paper Is On Time

Sam Owens, eighth grader, showed signs of developing into a typical school teacher last week, when he showed up in history class wearing shoes that didn't match.

However, after order was restored among the classmates, further investigation revealed that Sam's mis-mated shoes were not the result of absent-mindedness but he had put on one shoe with a non-skid sole in order to start his scooter on which he delivers newspapers.

To Sam, the Odessa American must arrive on time, whether a man's shoes match or not.

Journalism Staff Attends Conference

Five journalism students and the sponsor of CHS attended the Third Annual Activities Conference, sponsored by the Odessa College, Dec. 11.

The conference was opened by Jack Rogers, who welcomed everyone present. After the welcome the group broke up into different sections.

In the Journalism Department Wallace Snelson presided and everyone got acquainted and found out how many schools were represented. After this Bill Mathes, editor of "The Crane," led the group in a panel discussion on "How We Put Out the Crane Crane."

Prof. Olin Hinkle, from the University of Texas Journalism Department, talked on "If I Were a High School Editor Again."

After a short break the group split up into two parts, one headed, "News Coverage and News Writing," and the other, "Editorials and Columns."

In the last part of the program the groups reassembled and all the papers from the various towns were criticized in order that the papers will try not to make the same errors in the future.

Those attended the conference were Bill Mathes, Stan Laney, Lawrence LeBoeuf, Dolores Jones, Anita Anderson and Paul Patterson.

Carl Davis Enjoys 21-Day Furlough

Carl Davis, U.S. Marine, is in Crane on a 21-day leave. Carl is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Carl says that he likes the Marines and is glad he joined. However, he says that it is good to come back home and see his old friends once again.

Carl is going back December 23 and will then receive combat training.

28 of Last Year Grads Attending Texas Colleges

A mid-semester check on last year's seniors finds 28 still in college, eight at home, four in the service, three married, and one in Japan.

Here is the situation:

Edith Aaron, home; Lloyd Allen, Texas University; Joe Dan Ash, married and is going to Barber College in Odessa; Bettye Bassham, Abilene in business college; Lee Ray Best, Odessa Jr. College; Wayne Bower, Texas University; Jerry Caskey, Texas Tech; Wanda Caudle, Odessa Jr. College; Curtiss Chipman, Texas University; Martha Cook, Texas University; Norma Crittenden, Texas University; Kay Culp, home; Roy Damron, Texas Tech; Carl Davis, Marines; Ted Field, Texas Western; Judy Glass, Abilene in business college; Sue Harrold, Texas Tech; Darrell Henry, Texas Tech.

Perky Hooper, Japan; Ted Jourden, Texas Tech; Helen Lakin, Abilene in business college; Charles Lively, San Angelo College; R. E. Mason, Air Force; Robert McCarley, Navy; Evelyn McKay, home; Clarence Miller, S M U; George Omo, Marines; Kenneth Osborne, Texas Tech; Dee Owons, Wichita Falls, nurse school; Phil Pearce, Texas Tech.

Luanne Presley, Texas Western; Nancy Robinson, home; Bobby Jack Russell, Tarleton; Anita Scott Gray, home; Louise Sharp-Durham, Monahans; Charles Sheppard, home; Kenneth Simon, home; A. J. Smith, Hardin-Simmons; Wahnelle Smith, home; George Thompson, Texas Western; Shirley Turner, Odessa taking a business course.

Darrell Vines McMurry; James Ware, home; Joan Ware, Texas University.

Crane Schools in Recent Poll Reveals Well-Balanced Ratio

In reply to the Nation's Schools' opinion poll, superintendents indicated the size of elementary and secondary schools they think is best, and most of them said why. The typical "why" was "large enough for a varied curriculum, small enough for individual attention."

But such a qualification, while generally accepted, still is open to various interpretations.

There was more agreement in matter of size of elementary schools than there was about the size of high schools, with 70 per cent favoring elementary schools with enrollments of 250 to 500. Significantly, only one in seven thought that an elementary school of more than 500 enrollment is best. Many of our elementary schools today are that big or bigger.

Some ideas for objective measurements for determining "large enough" were given by the superintendents. Several administrators pointed out that the school should be large enough to have a full-time principal, one who is not diverted from administrative leadership by the demands of daily classroom teaching. "The school should be small enough that each child will not lose individuality as far as teachers are concerned, that each child will have some part in school activities. We must somehow prevent any child from becoming anonymous in our educational system."

A small group of superintendents say we're chasing the wrong way in pursuing the problem of how big a school should be. The teacher-pupil ratio is the thing that's important, they say, and the size of school where teacher and pupils work together in self-contained units is relatively beside the point.

In applying the results of the above study to our Crane schools we find that we are in a very favorable position. In grades 1 through 5 we have 480 pupils. If you add the 170 pupils in grades 6 and 7 to the above grades 1 through 5, we are still in a very favorable position. We have the full-time principal, and the teacher-pupil ratio is small, compared with many schools.

In grades 8 through 12, we have 350 pupils with a full-time principal.

The results of the opinion poll follows, showing the percent for the given divisions.

Elementary School:

Less than 150—1 per cent 250 to 350—20 per cent 500 to 1,000—14 per cent 150 to 250—16 per cent 350 to 500—49 per cent. More than 1000—0 per cent.

High School:

Less than 150—3 per cent 400 to 750—31 per cent 1200 to 2000—5 per cent 150 to 400—37 per cent 750 to 1200—24 per cent. More than 2000—0 per cent.

CHS Home Ec. Class Tries Egg Omelet For Breakfast, Goo!

By Lawrence LeBoeuf

As I (The Crane) was stalking down the hall hungrily looking for a tasty tidbit of news, my beak was curled by a pecular odor from the home economics department. I poked my head in to see what was cooking, and much to my surprise I saw a group of girls dancing around a bubbling pot of slimy, yellow goo. One of them was worrying about whether or not her egg omelet would fall or not. I peeked a doubtful eye at it, but I didn't see how it could fall, unless it fell through the bottom of the pan that it was in. But, I guess that's another one of life's little worries.

I thought I smelled something else brewing, so I cautiously pried open an oven, and what I saw nearly made me faint. Those girls had put pigs into blankets, and stuffed the whole works into the oven. Now that's no way to treat a pig, so I proceeded to take one out. Not only did I get my feathers burned, but I got a sharp rap on the wing by one of the girls who was standing nearby stirring a cauldron of thick omelet.

COCOA LOCO!

So not being able to rescue either the pigs or the blankets from the burning oven, I stole silently into the next kitchen; but on the way, my feet became tangled up in a blob of spilled dough and I fell beak first into a pot of boiling cocoa. Now there's nothing like a bath in boiling cocoa to pep you up. Also if any of you girls have feathers growing on your legs like I do, just wash them in boiling cocoa and watch them singe off. (Along with your legs, of course.)

Now getting back to the serious side, the home ec. girls are really working on something that will be a good thing to learn, because it will come in handy as they grow older. The Eighth Grade girls are learning how to prepare an appetizing breakfast.

The third and fourth year girls are planning to give a Christmas tea for their mothers. The hostesses of the tea will be Jean Shaver and Rosa Ann Vickers.

The second year class is making decorations to decorate the home ec. lab. Elouise Vines is in charge of making the candles. These candles are made from pieces of other candles.

The Freshman Class is studying sugar and its uses in the kitchen. They will soon be making various kinds of candies and cakes.

Bob Dickason Helps Judge the Annual Yule-Bi-Lee Parade

Bob Dickason, CHS Band Director, went to Monahans on December 1 to help judge the annual Yule-Bi-Lee Parade. This parade is an annual affair sponsored by the Monahans Chamber of Commerce. The other judges for the parade were Fred Printess of Rankin, and Sam Geldman of Big Spring.

Ten high school bands and the Sul Ross College Band marched in the parade. The Monahans High School and Junior High School Bands were the hosts to this group. The bands that attended this meet were: Andrews Junior High, Crockett Junior High of Odessa, Alpine, Pecos, Marfa, Odessa, Wink, Loraine, Grandfalls, Imperial, and Sull Ross College.

In the junior high band division Crockett of Odessa won the first place marching award. In the class "A" band division the Pecos High School won first place. Winner of the class 4-A band division was Odessa High School.

Ten thousand people from all over the Permian Basin attended the parade, and an even larger crowd is expected for next year.

CHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STUDIES ATOMS, MACHINES

The Science Department of Crane High School has been studying many different subjects during the last few weeks. Here is a brief outline of what the different departments have accomplished.

PHYSICS: Physics students have just completed a study of machines. They have studied different kinds of levers, pulleys, and all the other simple machines that are combined to make the complex machines that make life easier for man.

At present these students are studying pressure. In making this study they are learning about the work that wind and water can do.

CHEMISTRY: In the chemistry classes the students have been studying atoms, formulas, and dispersions. They are learning how to draw the picture of an atom by just looking at the formula.

These students are also learning the different formulas for the various acids and other materials used in the various experiments that they perform.

BIOLOGY: Biology students have been studying plants for the past few weeks. They are learning the root structure of the various plants, and also the leaf structure. The class plans to take up the study of frogs in the near future.

GENERAL SCIENCE: In the General Science Department the students have been studying the solar system. They have learned the names of the different planets, and their size in comparison with the earth.

EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE: These students have made a study of health in the past few weeks. In this study they learned how the water system for a modern city is purified and made safe for the people to drink without catching any disease.

This class has also made a study of magnets. Here they learned of the various uses for the "wonder metal."

WHAT MAKES AMERICA GREAT?

By Stan Laney, Crane High School

One of the most frequently discussed questions of today is, "what make America great?" Yes, people of all races and creeds ask this difficult question, for the answer to this question is important to the majority of the nations on earth today. Why, they want to know has this particular country, in the span of 234 years since it was founded, become the most prosperous and most self-sufficient nation ever present on the face of the earth.

Some people tend to measure a country's greatness in land area and economic wealth alone. Others like to measure the greatness of a country by the respect paid to it by other countries. Still others like to set up as an example for measuring the greatness of a country the number of countries it has overcome or conquered in war. But as a general means of measuring greatness, the majority of Americans like to use the examples described on the following pages.

First on the list is the fact that all the states of the United States are interdependent. That is, they all depend upon each other for part of their economic welfare. Another of the items that make this network of states function so smoothly is the highly-developed system of transportation.

One of the most important factors in the greatness of America is protection for the worker. Here in this country the best and most highly-developed systems of labor unions ever known to mankind exists.

Another prominent factor in American greatness is the fact that anyone born here has the aportunities to rise to the highest political office in the country if he has the ability and desire to do so. This factor develops a feeling of equality in the minds of the people, and at the same time gives a feeling of security to the individual.

If the principles of the government were not set up as they are, that is, with a more or less equally divided number of people in each of the leading political parties, the welfare of the nation would not be what it is at present. That is, the government would tend to become a dictatorship. For this wise and skillfully-developed government, we can thank men such as Washington and Hancock—truly "Real Americans."

Another of the truly great contributions is the system of education in which the youngsters of the country have the privilege to take part. This, like the government of the country, can be attributed to a group of people with the real conception of Americanism. The main contribution to the American school system was Horace Mann, one of the greatest Americans who ever lived.

In our evaluation of this wonderful nation, we must also give much credit to the churches. One finds in studying about other countries of the world that nobody in any part of the world has such a large variety of churches to choose from as does the American citizen. This is indeed a salient privilege.

These items are only a few of many that tend to make America great. In general the highly developed middle-class is the main factor in American greatness.

To accurately describe the greatness of the forty-eight states that make up America, the combined efforts of philosophers, realists, engineers, economic wizards, and local-color writers would have to be employed.

Certainly no high school student can adequately analyse or describe the elements of American greatness.

But even if we can't describe it or understand it, we can appreciate and try to further it. We can try to keep America great.

"In the Beginning" Outstanding Movie During December

Students of CHS enjoyed three movies during the month of December. These pictures were shown each Thursday during activity period, "In the Beginning," "Driving 90 Horses," and "Then There Were Four."

In The Beginning
December 2

The Grand Canyon is one of the few places where man can look down on the open book of the ages and read the history of the earth. The various layers of the canyon's walls recall the five great geological epics that mark some three million years of war among the forces of nature. Because these forces are still at work in different parts of the world, we can see by actual photography how it must have been in the past: ravaging fires, earthquakes, volcanos, raging ocean tides, river torrents, hammering rain and winds, glaciers, eroding ice and snow, from it all there evolves order and beauty. The result is a series of spectacles and a superlatively beautiful and educational film. It has been honored by the Southern California Motion Picture Council.

Driving 90 Horses
December 9

This film, in full color, introduces the problems of motor vehicle safety with a near accident to emphasize the point that the average 90 horsepower vehicle can be of great service—or kill, depending upon the driver. The accident traps, locations where most accidents occur, are shown, such as at intersections, curves, following, parking spaces, backing and parking on grades.

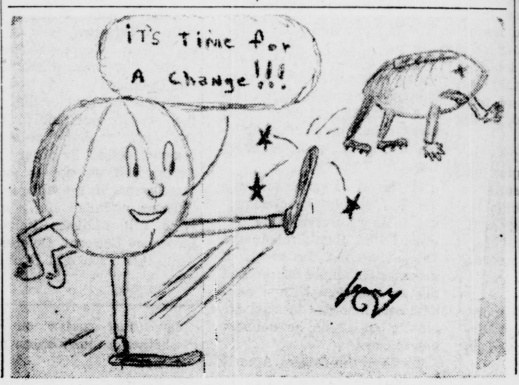
Then There Were Four
December 16

Danger and death rode behind the wheel with five ordinary people who started out that morning. They might have been your neighbor, or one of your family, or you. They were not exactly reckless drivers, mind you. Oh, well, they might commit some traffic violations, but only minor ones. No, nothing was unusual about the way they drove. Yet out of the five that left home only four got home alive. Film star James Stewart taxies you along the road with these five likeable people in a film marked by its terrific suspense, yet one which will impress all who see it with the needless cost in lives of "take a chance" driving.

Christmas Program Planned by Choir

The Crane High School Choir has been working on Christmas songs during the month of December. A Christmas program is planned for the near future.

Several students in the choir went to Odessa to try out for the ALL-STATE CHOIR, but at press time the results of these try-outs was unknown.



McCarley Pens Lonesome Note: Enjoys "The Crane"

"The Crane" received this letter from one of it's Ex students the other day and we thought maybe some of you would like to read it.

Dear Mr. Pat,

Just thought I would drop a line to let you know how much I am enjoying the school paper, that staff of yours is really doing a wonderful job. I believe that is the best paper that has ever been put out, I sure do enjoy it, so keep up the good work.

I am up here in a good place and I like the country a lot. However, the people aren't as friendly as they are back home, everyone seem's to be in such a hurry, they never have any time to stop and talk or say hello. I guess a large place like Chicago will never amount to half as much as Crane.

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Well, Mr. P... tell all the ki... write.

Your Ex Stud...
Robert McCa...

P. S. Sorry ab...

Uncle Sam ... Border Patro...

Patrol Inspector ... tions are still availab... migration and Natura... ice, the U. S. Civil ... mission announces. Th... salary is $3,795 a year an... are located in cities and ... the vicinity of the lan... and certain coastal are... southwestern part of t... States.

To qualify, applicant... a written test and be ... physical condition.

Further information an... cation forms may be obt... many post offices throughou... country, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications will be accepted by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 19th and East Capitol Streets, Washington 25, D. C. until further notice.

The seventh and eighth grade Who's Who Club will present a program Monday night at 8 p.m.

The Bethune School Thanksgiving program will be Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m.

Adams Didn't Mind Operation Good-Looking Nurses Helped

You don't hear "point of order Mr. Chairman" coming from this young man; but he has something in common with Senator McCarthy, however. The young man in question is known to the football players as "Little Frog," his monogram is, however, Lowell Adams.

"Little Frog" is sporting a large cast on his right arm, and so is the well-known Senator. Lowell received an injured elbow while playing in the company of the Golden Cranes.

Lowell was a starting end for the Cranes and played the whole season, except for the last game, with his elbow giving him trouble. After every game his arm would be so stiff he would have to get his bright brother Joel to help him with his lessons, (what an excuse.)

This story up till now sounds real sad, but don't go to shedding those big tears yet. On interview, ... while out in El Paso in the hospital saw some of the most dreamy nurses.

He got so bothered by all good-looking nurses that the had to put an x on the cast, ... ing the exact spot where he operated on. He thought he ... even forget what he came out ... for.

When it comes time for him come home he hated to leave beautiful surroundings so ... that his mother had to tie a chain around his waist and ... all the way to Van Horn ... he would give up

According to the experience this little man, don't feel ... you have to have an operation, might have the same luck he and, by the way, if you see "Frog" coming down the hall, up to him and ask him how liked El Paso.

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...student... to hea... and Jan... (they ha... roll!) The ...parated ... ...ey both voted ... ...ame way to break the tie, ... making Shirley and Donald ... winners.

Crane Study Club Honors High School Students With Dance

The Crane Study Club honored the high school students with a formal dance December 18, 1954 in the Junior High Cafeteria at 8:00.

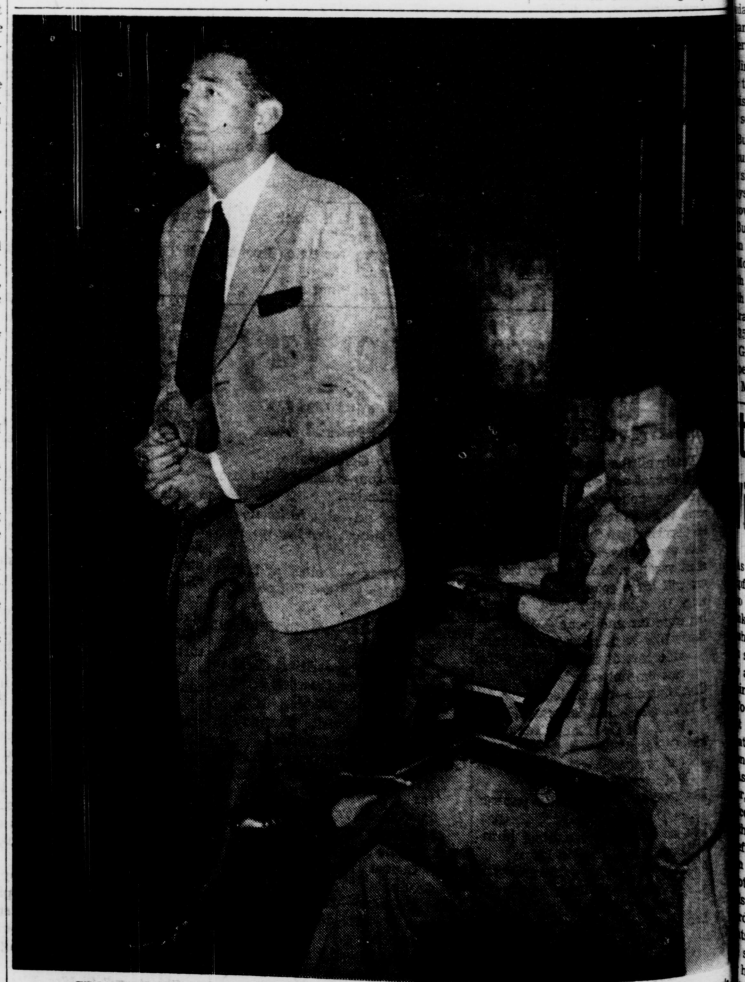
The Study Club had planned to give the dance December 11 but there was a basketball game that night so it was postponed to December 18. All high school students were invited to come.

BETHUNE HIGH LIGHTS

The Bethune Leopards beat P... cos 42-41 Friday night, Nov. 12, ... basketball.

The high point man was Jam... Hollins.

The B-team Leopards lost ... Pecos 28-24 with the high po... man from Crane being Roy Jone...



CRANE 45, Big Lake 43, right off the reel. First game of the season, so we can re-run last year's picture which holds just as true today as any day. This will happen some 20 or 30 times this season and the above photograph taken last year by San Angelo Standard Times' photographer (Manitas). The expression of anguish will never change—only the stage and the players.

George Grounds' face, already strained by three months of harassment, has assumed an air of fatalism, but J. P. Harrison can still be moved by uncertainty. Doug Jones, last year's manager, has moved on to bigger—worries; IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

essa College 'B' efeats Crane 57-34

e Golden Cranes lost their basketball game of the season 34 to the Odessa Junior Col- 'B' Team in a game played ssa Tuesday night, Dec. 7. e Crane boys were playing their class, but they profit- the experience they got. wer of Odessa was high-point for the night with a total of nts. Fry of Odessa and Bill ar of Crane tied for second 10 points apiece to their cred-

low is the individual scoring he night:

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	Total 57

Crane	
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ell	7
	2
son	3
	Total 34

dgers Down Cranes 'ild Tussle 55 - 35

e Crane Golden Cranes fell to McCamey Badgers Friday 55 to 35 in McCamey. The ers took an early lead and d the rest of the game. Bud sarie was high point man for e with 18 points. Billy Hoff- lead the Badgers five with nts.

e B-Team came out on top of preliminary game by downing McCamey B-Team 43 to 41. Lightfoot was high point man Crane with 10 points.

ging a man's future by his s always a poor policy.

oussarie, Brock ad Team in Win om Badgers 62-53

d Roussarie and Jim Brock ed for 27 points here Sat- December 3, in leading e to a 62-53 Basketball win McCamey.

Brock, the aggressive spark e Crane team Saturday night, ed in seven of Crane's scores tting up the plays.

d Roussarie led the way with cy. He sunk 60 per cent of ts. Blackie Russell and John tied for accuracy on free s with 75 per cent accuracy. d Roussarie was high-point for the Crane team.

Camey was paced by Reardon 17 points, and Billy Huffman, 11 points.

e also won the B-team game, with James Brunson and J. een scoring 13 and 11 points, ctively. Attaway was high cCamey with 18 points.

Odessa Stops Birds At Tournament In Andrews

After trouncing Fort Stockton 44 to 34 in their initial game the Golden Cranes fell to the championship Odessa Bronco 31 to 40 at the Andrews Tournament last weekend.

High scorer for the Cranes in the Fort Stockton game was Brock with 13 points, followed by Preslar with 11.

Preslar was Crane's big gun against the powerful Odessa Bronces, what with his scoring 13 points. Roussarie scored 13 points for runner-up.

The Cranes took the Grandfalls Cowboys last night, in the last game before Christmas.

They open the New Year, January 4 against Jal, here, both A and B teams.

Twenty Three Cagers Report for Practice

Twenty-three boys have reported to Coach Gerald Rogers for basketball practice. Some of these boys are repeat performers from last year but most of them are new boys.

These boys are: Lynn Adamson, junior; Joe Allen, junior; Edward Bangeman, sophomore; John Barker, sophomore; Leonard Barker, junior; Jim Brock, senior; James Brunson, sophomore; Herb Currie, sophomore; Dewey Delaney, sophomore; Jerry Evans, freshman; J. H. Green, sophomore; John Hays, senior; Sammy Hooper, sophomore; Bill Lightfoot, sophomore; Dick Modisett, sophomore; Carlton Pearl, sophomore; Jim Preslar, sophomore; Billy Preslar, junior; Bud Roussarie, senior; Bobby Russell, senior; Richard Snyder, sophomore; Frank Willingham, junior; Wayne Young, sophomore. This list includes both A and B teams.

Seniors Eligible For Scholarship

Students who are seniors this year at Crane High School are eligible to apply for four-year university scholarships offered by the Lockheed Leadership Fund.

Each of 15 awards, sponsored by the Lockheed Leadership Fund, calls for full payment of tuition and fees and $500 per year for personal expenses to the winner.

The sponsor emphasizes that leadership in school and community activity, good citizenship and personality are as important as scholastic ability in competing for the awards.

This is the third year that the Lockheed Leadership Fund has offered the scholarships. Ten of the four-year grants are for engineering majors and five are for students who plan to take up studies relative to the aircraft industry, including accounting, law, business administration and industrial relations.

Each of the 14 colleges and universities cooperating with the Lockheed program to develop industrial leaders will select a winner this school year. To get the names of the institutions and full details of the program, see the bulletin board or check with the principal's office.

6AA, 7AA Combined; Old Rivals to Meet In Larger District

After a season in which there were only four teams in the district, Crane, Monahans, Pecos, and Alpine will have a longer district schedule in 1955. The Interscholastic League combined 7-AA and 6-AA, which consisted of Andrews, Seminole, Kermit, Brownfield and Littlefield, into 6-AA for the next year. Littlefield, winner of their district, was put into 2-AA.

Not only will the larger district be better because of longer district play, but also will match old rivals who have not played each other in several years. This means larger crowds at the games, and more money for the schools.

On the other hand, some of the teams will have to travel a long way to play. When Brownfield and Alpine play, one of the teams will have to travel approximately 560 miles round trip. Also, some of the smaller schools, such as Alpine and Crane, will have a hard time matching man-power with the larger schools, However, Crane is willing to win her share of the games next year.

Following is the Golden Cranes' football schedule for 1955:

Sept. 9—Tahoka	Here
Sept. 16—Ft. Stockton	Here
Sept. 23—McCamey	Here
Sept. 30—Open	
Oct. 7—Andrews	There
Oct. 14—Seminole	There
Oct. 21—Kermit	Here
Oct. 28—Brownfield	Here
Nov. 4—Pecos	There
Nov. 11—Monahans	Here
Nov. 18—Alpine	There

Sad News Tonite - - Ma Sees Report!

What was your mother's action or re-action to your last report card? Here are some reports on reports:

DOLORES JONES — "What happened? You sure came down in every thing. You had better start studying."

MARY TED SHARROCK—"Can't you do any better than that?"

BILL MATHES—"They're Good."

PATSY ELLISON'S Mama didn't think any of them were as good as they should have been.

JUANELLE HEARD — "You had better get on the ball or you will be sitting at home."

NITA ANDERSON—"You should be ashamed of yourself for dropping so much in all your subjects."

JEAN TAYLOR—"Bring 'em up."

DOLORES WHITFIELD—"They're pretty good but they had better be better next time."

BETTY EVANS—"You had better come up in them."

MARY CHAMBLISS—"You had better come up in everything or you can't go anywhere on school nites."

BILL STELL SAYS: "I don't know she was just mad."

SANDRA GARRETT — "You'll have to cut down on your television."

D. H. CULP—"Bring 'em up."

EDDIE VINES SAYS—"She wasn't too happy."

JOEL ADAMS — "Your physics sure is low."

KENNETH LAIRD—"You got to bring that English up."

NORVADA WILLIAMS — "You need to study more."

CHARLES SATTERWHITE—"The grades are alright, but bring up that chemistry."

Last Year's "B" Team Makes-Up-"A" for '54

The complete Basketball "A" team is composed of all of the "B" of last year. Boys on the "A" team are John Hays, Bobby Russell, Billy Preslar, Jim Brock, Bud Rouscarie, James Brunson, and Joe Allen.

Last year's Junior High Team also gave up several boys for the "B" team this year. They are Bill Lightfoot, Sammy Hooper, Darwin Higdon, Herb Currie, Jimmy Baker, Richard Modisett, Edward Bangeman, Jerry Evans, Jim Preslar, Wayne Young. J. H. Green and John Webb.

So far this season both teams are doing well. The "A" team has won two and lost one. The "B" team has won two and haven't lost any.

Crane Round Baller's Shade Jal 58 to 57

The Crane cagers won another game Friday night by defeating the Jal Panthers 58 to 57 in Jal.

Bud Roussarie was high point man for Crane with 15 points.

Crane also won the "B" game 40 to 34 with James Brunson being high man with 15 points.

Crane High B Team Smacks Big Lake By One-Point Lead

The Big Lake "B" Team played the Crane "B" Team in a hard fought basketball game here on December 4. The Owls started off with a bang, by racking up four points in the first two minutes of play. During the second half of the second quarter, the score board read: Big Lake-17, Crane-6.

At the end of the first half, Crane came alive to raise their score to 14, while the Owls were barely ahead with a reading of 23.

The spectators took a dim view of things, as the middle string of ceiling lights and the score board went out. The reason for this was faulty wiring in the pop corn machine which burned out a circuit breaker. Then, while the game was still going, the rest of the lights went out and the gym was blanketed in darkness. This was all that was needed to relieve the tight tension of the game. Students began to yell and trying to knock the head off of someone else with a rolled up paper cup or pop corn box.

When the lights finally came on, it caught several of the smaller monsters in the act of gouging out each others eyes and biting people. Then through out the stands, you could see little acts of revenge taking place as the victims discovered who it was that tried to beat their brains out while the lights were out.

After the score board was put back into operation, the score showed that the Owls had racked up a total of 31 points, while the Golden Cranes had a score of 26.

Near the end of the game, the score was 37-37, with only 80 seconds till the end of the game. Big Lake and Crane each scored again to make the game again a tie. With 20 seconds left, Richard Snider was fouled and received a free throw. He made it, to put the Golden Crane ahead by one point.

With five seconds left in the ball game, Big Lake received two free throws, but they were both missed to give the Golden Cranes the ball game with a final score of 40-39.

Jr. Football Jackets Ordered for 18 Boys

Measurements for 18 junior football jackets were taken three weeks ago. These jackets are expected to arrive the latter part of January.

The boys receiving jackets are: George McCasland, Tom Coffield, Dwayne Parker, Hubert Freeman, John Webb, Lynn Thompson, Horace Peek, Billy Mayes, Larry Stiger, Winston Freeman, Ken Richardson, Johnny Griffin, Jerry Mills, Jimmie Lee, C. B. Curry, Jimmie Box, Bill Clark, and Billy Liverman. Jimmie Hay and Don Kinsey, managers, will also receive jackets.

None of these boys are returning lettermen.



By BARBARA KINSEY

Have you seen the new hair style? They call it the bunnies tail, just short for horse's tail, and it looked real cute on MARY TED and PAT ELLISON.

LINDA CANNON looked real nice in her mingled gray and white skirt topped off with a real pretty gray bat-sleeved blouse.

PAT KNAELL would have been a walking flag, if she had worn stars, with her red, white, and blue striped blouse with a blue skirt to match.

That was a real neat looking navy blue and white sweater suit and matching navy skirt that DIANNA LEAMAN was seen wearing.

All the basketball boys sure do look nice on the days of off games. Two outstandingly dressed boys were BILL LIGHTFOOT in his pink and black corduroy shirt, and J. H. GREEN in his orchid dress pants with a shirt to match.

PAT BRADLEY sure did look cute in her black dress with red stripes.

MARY TED SHARROCK looked real cool in her mingled green and black skirt topped off with a rust colored sweater.

RITA WARD was really dressed for the season, in her gold sweater and gold, green, and brown plaid skirt.

NINA GAYLE BARR'S gray and red skirt with the elastic band worn with a red blouse looked real nice.

Gold looks real nice on BETTY VICKERS especially when it is that beautiful gold suit I saw her sporting around.

To close out fashionettes I would like to compliment all the girls who have been wearing all those beautiful rope necklasses and earrings to match, they look real neat.

SPORT SHOTS

By STAN LANEY

The '54 football season is now just history, and the main interest in sports in Crane High School is the Winter game of basketball. Although the season is still young, the Crane team has shown signs of a very successful season. The boys are pulling together as a team should, and looking good.

The fans have been very cooperative so far this year—no booing or misconduct has been displayed by the Crane spectators in any of the games. Let's keep it this way.

Several boys have been working out for boxing this year. Billy Mayes, coach, has been working with the boys and showing them the correct boxing form. The boys went to Odessa on December 3, and worked out in a ring. These boys have also been doing road work as a part of their training program. They work out on the race track north of the Gulf Camp. Some of the boys coming out for boxing this year are Winfred Whittaker, Jackie Hood, Riley Hood, Melvin Delaney, James Ward, and Kayron Shipman.

The PE classes gave an athletic exhibition on December 10. This was done in the gym during activity period.

The football boys have ordered their jackets and expect them in sometime after Christmas. The junior football boys have also placed their order for football jackets.

CHS tennis players are working out regularly and have a nice team developing. Riley Hood was forced to quit playing because of his bad knee. (Riley was favored to win district again this year.)

Although football season is over two boys are still nursing wounds received on the gridiron this year. Lowell Adams had an operation on his right arm during the Thanksgiving holidays, and is coming along nicely. Lowell is expected to be a very strong spot in the Crane line next season. James Williams' broken leg is still in the cast but he expects to have it off sometime in the near future.

Don Boothe, running true to form, is doing a grand job of managing the basketball boys. Although Don isn't actually out there on the court tossing the ball around he does a very important job for the team. The manager of a basketball team is really the sixth man. Keep up the good work Don.

Golden Cranes 'A' Team Defeated Big Lake, 45-43

The Crane vs. Big Lake, "A" Team, basketball game Saturday, December 4, ended in a close race; 45-43 after the "Owls" nearly upset the "Golden Cranes" for a victory.

The Owls made five points in the first five minutes of play. The score at the halftime was 24 for Big Lake, and 23 for Crane; as the Golden Birds play a game of catch up.

The Smirk switches to the other faces as Crane edges out Big Lake in the third quarter, with a score of 32 points to Big Lake's 31.

In the last 90 seconds of play, the score was a tie at 38 to 38. The game ran out of time with this tie, so the "Owls" and the "Cranes" battled for three more hard fought minutes.

Big Lake was the first to rack up points during the overtime. The score was 42 for Big Lake and 40 for Crane. But, in the last few seconds, Billy Carroll Preslar sacked a free throw which put the "Golden Cranes" ahead by one point. Crane made a basket, and Big Lake sank a free throw, which tied up the ball game again as the final buzzer sounded.

The score was then 43 to 43. The teams were to play until one of them got two points ahead. The score then went to 44 to Crane, and 43 for Big Lake; Joe Reed sank a free throw to end the game with a final score of 45 to 43 in favor of Crane.

Coach Gerald Roers stated that the percentage of shots that each player made was what really counted, because it tells how accurate the boy really is.

The statistics of the game are as follows:

Name	F.G. Tired	F.G. Made	F.T. Made	F.T. Missed	Total Pts.	Percent
Blackie Russell	13	4	1	1	9	50
Jim Brock	11	3	1	2	7	33
Bill Preslar	4	2	1	4	5	50
Bud Roussarie	13	4	5	3	13	63
Joe Allen	16	2	5	8	9	38
John Hayes	2	0	0	2	0	0
J. H. Green	2	1	0	4	2	0
Sammy Hooper	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Brunson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynn Adamson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bill Lightfoot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leonard Barker	0	0	0	0	0	0

Scientific System Aids Coach Rogers In Picking Players

In every athletic organization there is a certain amount of the human element, jealousy. Gerald Rogers, Basketball Coach, realizing that in order to have a good season he must give each player praise where praise is due.

To achieve this he has taken up a system of grading his players as they play a game.

This grading system has a shot chart which tells which player shoots, from what position on the floor he shoots, and whether or not the shot was good. From this Mr. Rogers can tell if the shots are distributed over the whole court as they should be. He can also figure the accuracy of each player by taking a percentage of the shots attempted and the shots made. A player should have a percentage of 33 in regular shots and a percentage of 75 in free throws.

A player is also graded on his good points and his bad points. When the player makes a bad pass, a violation of the rules, or a fumble he gets a minus one grade point. When he gets a hold ball, a recovery, or an assist he gets a plus one grade point. The plus and minus points totaled up gives each player his grade for the game.

By keping charts Mr. Rogers can pick out his aggressive players and the ones who are consistent with their ball handling.

Kay Culp, last year's twirler for the band, has returned from an Austin Business College, and will go to work either in Kermit or Midland in the very near future.

One-half the world tries to prevent his better-half from knowing how he lives.

Thurman, Russell Chosen All-District By Unanimous Vote of 7-AA Heads

Mason Thurman and Blackie Russell, two Crane gridders, were unanimous choices on the 7-AA all-district dream grid team for 1954. Russell was also the leading scorer in the district with 14 touchdowns and 13 P.A.T. giving him a total of 7 points.

The etam was selected in a poll of 10 district coaches and a mixture of 10 news and radio men who covered the 7-AA District this season.

The voters elected four boys by unanimous decision and Crane filled two of these slots. Blackie Russell of Crane and Lynn Sampson of Monahans were the only repeaters from last year's all-district team.

Crane also placed two boys on the second all-district team. Jim Tom Butler got six votes as a back and freshman James Byerly six at the center slot.

This information came from the Odessa American but the San Angelo paper printed another version.

The Standard Times, picked the first team in accordance with the Odessa American. The Times, however, changed their second team choices considerably. Their second team, which was voted on by the four coaches of the district, found four Crane boys taking honors. Many Crane boys were listed on the honorable mention role.

7-AA ALL-DISTRICT
FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Wt.	Cl.	Pts.
End	Jack Burgess	Alpine	170	Sr.	12
Tackle	Mason Thurman	Crane	170	Jr.	20
Guard	Lynn Sampson	Monahans	195	Sr.	18
Center	Doyle Watkins	Monahans	165	Sr.	15
Guard	Jerry Hunter	Pecos	160	Soph.	12
Tackle	Joe Gib Hansen	Monahans	180	Sr.	12
End	Jimmy Matlock	Alpine	170	Sr.	11
Back	Billy Kelly	Pecos	155	Jr.	20
Back	Blackie Russell	Crane	155	Sr.	20
Back	James Kennedy	Monahans	160	Sr.	20
Back	Vichy Hernandez	Alpine	155	Sr.	14
	SECOND TEAM				
End	Billy Joe Cheek	Monahans	155	Sr.	10
Tackle	Noel Barfield	Monahans	173	Jr.	10
Guard	Don McNamara	Alpine	180	Sr.	11
Center	James Byerly	Crane	235	Fr.	6
Guard	Mike Dowling	Pecos	165	Soph.	5
End	Finis Suggs	Monahans	150	Sr.	8
Back	Jim Tom Butler	Crane	170	Jr.	6
Back	Jerry Williams	Monahans	160	Sr.	7
Back	Jerry Hare	Monahans	140	Sr.	9
Back	Joe Langham	Pecos	160	Jr.	13
Tackle	Terry Beckett	Alpine	195	Sr.	6

HONORABLE MENTION

Ends—Joe Allen, Crane (7); Richard Cothrun, Pecos (5); Ken Cobb, Pecos (5); Howard Hunter, Crane (2).

Tackles—Norman Lindley, Pecos (5); Lonnie Young, Pecos (3); Jack Frost, Monahans (3); Buddy Bryan, Pecos, (2); John Hays, Crane (1).

Guards—Gary Joyce, Crane (3); Parker Roe, Monahans, (2); John Prestridge, Alpine (2); Jackie Hood, Crane (1).

Centers—Al Waldrop, Pecos (5); Buck Cunningham, Monahans (2); Joe Boyd, Crane (1); Jim Turner, Alpine (1).

Backs—Jerry Creager, Pecos (5); Ambrosio Mendez, Monahans (2); Alex Roussarie, Crane (1); Jim Brock, Crane (1); Bryon Dennis, Crane (1); Freddy Davis, Alpine (1); Fidel Cano, Alpine (1).

The San Angelo picked the second team of 7-AA as follows:

Player	School	Position	Weight	Class
Jimmy Matlock —	Alpine	E	170	Senior
Joe Allen —	Crane	E	150	Junior
Joe Gib Hansen —	Monahans	T	180	Senior
Norman Lindley —	Pecos	T	170	Junior
Noel Barfield —	Monahans	G	170	Junior
James Byerly —	Crane	G	235	Freshman
Al Waldrop —	Pecos	C	190	Senior
Jerry Williams —	Monahans	QB	150	Senior
Jerry Hare —	Monahans	HB	145	Senior
Jim Tom Butler —	Crane	HB	155	Junior
Jim Brock —	Crane	FB	150	Senior

omach's Seldom Quiet ith Father on a Diet

By JIM SWIFT

you fall out of bed (with a d shove from your mother) the cold hard floor, you start ing how nice it would be to your face and teeth, but as tumble toward the bathroom, nd behold, father is weighing

you kids who have a Dad is not plump you don't know it is. This means my father a diet.

soon as I break down the with a barrage of shoes. I ed with washing my face and but I make a fatal mistake, the door open here he is a- with his hat on. Hats weigh you know. Then thirty sec- later he is back with full obe on, hat, boots, shirt, and overcoat. Stepping on scales he sighs a sigh of relief e only weighs 196, but breaks still to come.

only is the bathroom a when papa is on a diet, he kitchen is rather hazard- when Mother is gone and has taken over the cooking. breakfast you don't get too bread because the calories says it is fattening. By dinner you are weak from galloping malnutrition, and by supper you start thinking how lucky the pigs are they don't have to diet. You see visions of thick steaks, potatoes, and bread, lots of bread, but wait, you will gain pounds eating bread, so says the calorie chart.

After breakfast you make a mad rush toward the bathroom, but he has taken off his overcoat and is weighing again. Ah-ha, only 190 pounds. But wait, this hat has some dust on it away with it, extra pounds.

After trying for hours you start to comb your hair, but father is in front of the mirror admiring the mere shadow of his old self.

At this time he starts all over with the hat (which is the first thing he puts on in the morning) by 7:30 he is fully dressed again.

The neighbors say we are so calories-conscious they refuse to eat with us. Because that is all that is talked about at our house.

So it goes day in, day out Father gets smaller, I get smaller, Mother gets smaller, and little brother gets smaller. Father can stand it, but we can't. I hope he hits his fighting weight soon, or we will starve.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Tillman — 2-1

We are getting ready for Christmas, and having a good time making decorations.

We are happy to have two new girls in our room, they are Cecell West and Sharon Carroll. Sharon came from Pennsylvania and said it surely was cold there.

Everyone is trying to make real good from now until Santa comes.

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La Varne Chrane — Grade 1

We are looking forward to our Christmas party, which we will all enjoy. Each of us is making decorations for our Christmas tree. We are also making pretty decorations for our room. Getting ready for Christmas is fun for all of us.

We are glad to have Karen Gayle Gressett and Diane Franklin, new students who have recently moved here. Linda Stephens has been gone to Arkansas and we are happy to have her back with us.

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Mrs. Dossett's Room — Second Grade 2-3

We will have our Christmas party on December 21. The children have already drawn names.

Each child has a stocking hung in the school room in the hopes that something good might be dropped in it.

The following children say that they have been good and expect a visit from Santa Claus: Jerry Cain, Alita Adkins, Sherrie Edwards, Don Batson, Cheryl Johnston, Donna Jerome, Dorothy Peek, Steve Black, Marva Lee Taylor, Beverly Rowin, Virgil Curfew, John Curry, Mike Credicott, Hubert Earp, Richard Hayes, Terry Joiner, Murphy Sales, Steve Maynard, Bill Whitwell, and Harold Schuder.

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Mrs. Lively's Third Grade

We are eagerly waiting for our Christmas party on December 21, and are making pretty decorations for our room and tree. We each made a little green tree that stands up, some angels, stars and balls with glitter pasted on to make them shine.

We had a trip to the County Library and stopped at the Corner Drug to spend some money we won at P.-T.A. It was fun.

By Linda Jo Kirkpatrick

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Mrs. Carroll's Second Grade

We had a visitor from Houston. He was visiting Jo Beth Doolin and Johnnie Feeler. He was Wayland Mathis. He left after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The class is striving to keep well so they will be here for the Christmas party.

Hollie Young's mother, Mrs. J. D. Young, is in charge of the Christmas party.

The class is working on a program which they will have for their mothers at the party.

We still have 22 students in our class, and everyone of us is helping to make our room pretty for Christmas.

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Mrs. Jeanie Abernathy Grade 2-1

We are delighted to have Jimmy Maddox from Iraan join our class, but sorry that Betty Hall has moved to Fort Stockton.

Our mothers wil' get to see us in a movie at our Christmas Party. Mr. Underhill took pictures of us while we were out playing.

All of us are working hard on our Christmas decorations. We are really looking forward to having a big time during the holidays.

"Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year!"

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Mrs. Strickland's 1-1

We have our "Jack and Janet" books. We like to read. Reading is just talk written down.

We are busy getting ready for Christmas. We are decorating our room for our mothers' party and for Santa's visit. We are Santa Claus' helpers. Christmas is lots of fun with its many secrets and surprises.

We enjoyed our Thanksgiving Holidays and are looking forward to our Christmas Holidays.

Alta Nicholson won the $5.00 for writing the best story on the book I Like Best. She wrote about "Clara Barton Girl Nurse," by August Stevenson.

We are making our Christmas decorations. We have already made icicles, balls, bells, turtles, angels, and Santa Claus. We have got pine cones and have hung a wreath on the door. We are going to have our Christmas party December 21.

We have a new reading book, its title is "Bobbs-Merrill Readers" by Clara Belle Baker and Edna Dean Baker and illustrated by Vera Stone Norman.

By Alta Nicholson

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Mrs. Imogene Plumlee's Second Grade

Douglas Amyx came from Jeane, Louisiana. Doug only stayed three weeks. He was one we will never forget in this room!

Charles Clayton moved back to Crane from Bellingham, Washington.

Helen Ruth Stephens returned after a four-weeks trip to Arkansas. We are glad to have her back.

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Joyce Norred, Grade 1-5

We have been studying Indians the past few weeks, so we were especially interested in the things Bob McKay told us about Indian life he observed on his recent trip through the visit to California. He also brought some interesting sea shells from there.

Our school room is beginning to look as though Christmas is already here, and all of us have the Christmas spirit, for that is all we want to talk about. We have written two stories "Christmas" and "Christmas Toys." Songs and poems are being learned by us in order that we may present a program at our Christmas party.

Russell Ogg has moved and we miss him and his good work.

We would like to wish all the other boys and girls in Crane a "Happy Christmas."

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Mrs. Plumlee's Grade 4-3

We're making our Christmas decorations this Christmas. We're making them with wrapping paper and tin foil. We have a new girl Vinetta Blackwell. She hasn't been with us long and she wasn't able to spatter paint with us. In geography we're studying about the Netherlands which means lowlands. We're going to have our Christmas party and a tree.

Best to all and "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

By Rex Wood

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Mrs. Beyer's Third Grade

Our room has been making Christmas tree decorations for our room. We have been studying the Central States in Geography. We haven't lost any pupils or gained any since school has started.

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Mrs. Green's 5-3

The pupils have been decorating our room. On one of our bulletin boards we have made balls out of foil and put them on the tree with thumb tacks. Then we put a star at the top of the tree. Next we put icicles on the tree with paste.

On another bulletin board we made a wreath with paper leaves. We put a candle in the middle. Next we put berries on the wreath. We wrote "Merry Christmas," on the background with snow. Then we made balls of paper and painted them different colors. We put ribbons on them and tacked them around the edge of the board.

For the last board we made bells of colored paper. Then we pasted on them so that the snow would stick on. Next we put ribbon on the bells and hung them on the board. We wrote, HAPPY NEW YEAR on the background.

We started a new reader last week. It is "Pages of Adventure." Some of the stories that we have read are "The Mad Tea Party," "Grant of the Sea," "San Juan Capestranos," "Swallows," and "The Ranger."

In arithmetic we have been studying fractions. We have adding and subtracting.

We had a test in Science yesterday. We read the story and then we had fifteen questions.

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Patsy Pomroy won the prize of $5.00 in a story contest sponsored by the Elementary School for her story "The Book I Like Best." Her favorite book is "The Fig Tree."

Charlotte Johnson and Larry Perkins have been absent because of illness.

This week we decorated our room for Christmas. Mrs. Kilgore, chairman of our room mothers, brought our tree, and we look forward to decorating it next week. All this happy activity makes fractions seem dull and uninteresting.

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Dear Editor:

We are working on a project that we hope will interest other boys and girls. This project is a plan where by American children will give their money to the "hungry and needy" of the world instead of buying fireworks this Christmas.

We suggest that this money be sent to local churches, Salvation Army, and C.A.R.E. We feel that this is no sacrifice for the fortunate children of America.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandra Brewer
Fifth Grade, 5-4

The lucky man points with pride at his superior judgment.

New Year's Resolutions Vary From Graduating to More Study

Every year about this time people start making New Year's resolutions. Of these resolutions that are made some are kept, some are not. Here are a few the people who congregate the halls of CHS made:

JIM SWIFT—Never to look at Brock and Culp in the morning again.

BOBBY RUSSELL—Never to go camping with Mathes and LeBoeuf.

JOEL ADAMS—Never let Hays, Russell, LeBoeuf, Shipman, and Mathes stay at my house while my parents are gone.

TOMMY GRIFFIN—I'm going to live all my life.

MR. WARREN—To get to my fifth period class on time.

LYNN ADAMSON — Love my teachers.

ANITA ANDERSON—To get my stories in on time.

BUDDY THOMPSON — No more bopping on the highway at 2 p. m.

HERB CURRIE—Quit running around with Damron.

JERRY TURNER — To study my shorthand.

MR. CARROLL—Not to make one, so I won't break any.

DOLORES JONES—Be good and make Billy be good.

BARBARA KINSEY — Come to school on civics test day.

MARGIE RUST—Not going any place on school nights.

BOBBIE LIGHTFOOT—Not going to study any more.

WAYNE STARK—To graduate.

STAN LANEY — Have things in such shape that the last three months of school I can sit back and take life easy.

BILLY GREGORY—Study harder.

MARY TED SHARROCK — Make up for all these wasted days of being good, and be mean for a spell.

MRS. ELMORE—To try to stop going in such a tearing hurry.

SANDRA PLUMMER—That Brock Swift, and Culp will stop getting dates for me.

JOHN HAYS—Not to get tiger Sam mad anymore.

LAWRENCE LeBOEUF—Never go hunting with Mathes again, because he won't wipe the blood out of my eyes.

MR. PATTERSON—I'll try to not be quite so cranky.

B-Squad Schedule

The B-Squad basketball team will play 14 games this year. They play the following games:

Big Lake—Here—December 3
McCamey—Here—December 4
Jal, New Mexico—There—December 10
McCamey—There—December 11
Big Lake—There—December 14
Grandfalls—There—December 20
Jal—Here—January 4
Grandfalls—Here—January 13
Monahans—There—January 25
Alpine—Here—January 28
Pecos—There—February 1
Alpine—There—February 4
Monahans—Here—February 8
Pecos—Here—February 11

Life goes better for people who take things as they come.

Whatley's Room Goes for Parties

The Eighth Grade Homeroom of Roland Whatley enjoyed a party November 22 at the community hall.

This homeroom pays 25 cents a month and they have a party every other month.

The games enjoyed by all were "Who Sir, Me Sir," "Ash Tray Shuffle Board" and "Cross Questions and Crooked Answers."

The eighth grades state that the young people don't have enough parties so they are going to liven up the school by having one every other month just for eighth-graders in Mr Whatley's homeroom.

There are 20 students in this class and nearly everyone was at the party.

Blackie Russell Scores 50 Per-Cent of Points



Pictured above, is Crane High's Blackie Russell, voted most valuable football player in district 7-AA, and also got honorable mention for the AA All State Squad of 1954-55. He received an unanimous vote, along with Mason Thurman, as the best all around back in District 7-AA with good reason; because the young Russell scored around 50 per-cent of all of the Golden Cranes' score.

Here are just some of Russell's highlights in a few of the games that Crane played this year. In the Jal vs. Crane game, Blackie stomped across for five touchdowns. The five runs were for 10, 20, 26, and 53 yards each. These five runs alone, accounted for 137 yards rushing; along with the rest of the yardage he made through the game.

Blackie rushed a total of 195 yards in the Pecos game; 70 yards, in the Monahans game; and made his longest run of the season of 73 yards in the Jefferson High vs. Crane game.

Long-Gone Artist

Against the cast iron [illegible] McCamey, Blackie carried the ball for a total of 95 yards in 15 carries.

In the Seminole vs. Crane game, Russell returned a punt for [illegible] yards; and ran 47 yards for a TD, which helped him rack up a total of 150 yards rushing in the Pecos-Stockton game.

Blackie proved he had an educated toe in the Crane vs. Alpine game, by booting a 30-yard extra point. He also made runs of [illegible], 43, and 70 yards each in this game.

Russell, throughout the entire football session, showed outstanding ability and stamina; which was compared to that of Doak Walker and Red Grange, by several of the local Texas newspapers.

Blackie's individual standing in scoring, ranks first in the district, by having made 14 touchdowns and 13 points after touchdowns, for a total of 97 points scored.

Here is a chart of just five of the ten games played, showing some of Russell's ability:

Total passing, yards completed, 86 yards; total yards punts returned, 142 yards; total yards rushing for five games, 890 yards; total yards of passes received, 145 yards.

A quote from Henry Evans a grid fan, who has never missed a Crane High football game since 1935, states: "The player whom I think is the finest to have ever played at Crane, is Blackie Russell. He's my favorite of them all. We had some other very fine boys out there this year, but Blackie was one who never let anything interfere with his training or working," quote Evans.

M.Y.F. Takes Charge Of Evening Service

When the minister of the Methodist Church is absent, he doesn't have to worry about not having a program. Sunday, Dec. 5, the minister was gone, and the M.Y.F. had charge of the evening services.

Beverly Sikes, Jean Shaver and Mary Ted Sharrock sang a special number. Gwen Nix gave a talk on "Christian Witness," Elouise Vines talked on "Christian Citizenship," Wayne Faircloth gave his views on "Christian Outreach," Charlotte Caskey spoke on "Christian Faith," and Patty Knaell made a speech on "Christian Fellowship."

Nancy Wilmoth played the piano for the service.

JUNIORS HIGHEST ALSO LOWEST IN SCHOLASTICS

Somebody better get on the ball and watch these failing grades or you won't be looking at the same faces in Class meetings next year.

There are now 351 students in Crane High School and 24 per cent are failing at least one subject.

Junior Class grades go from the sublime to ridiculous, although 25 per cent made the Honor Roll, 36 per cent were found to be failing in one or more subjects, this six weeks.

The Sophomore Class also had 29 per cent failing in one or more subjects. The Eighth Grade had 27 per cent, the Freshmen 21 per cent, and last was the Seniors Class with 20 per cent failures of one or more subjects.

Some people live by their wits—others by the lack of other people's wits.

Membership Drive Planned by CHS FTA

The Future Teachers of America Club is one of the most active clubs in CHS this year. This club is teaching its members to operate the various movie machines used in the school. A meeting has been planned for the near future to bring members of this club in contact with teachers for the purpose of answering any questions the students have in regard to the subject they wish to teach.

Although this club is well organized and running smoothly, there is still room for a host of new members. Anyone who is interested in becoming a teacher is urged to contact either J. P. Harrison or J. D. Norred. They will explain the purpose of the club, and then you can decide whether or not you wish to join.

Twelve CHS Profs Attend Pecos Meet

Twelve CHS teachers attended a special teachers' meeting concerning the Texas school self evaluation program, in Pecos on December 11. The CHS faculty was well represented at this meeting. The teachers who attended: J. D. Norred, John McLean, Mrs. Jim Anderson, Mrs. Tommy Smith Montfort, Douglas Chrane, Dan Anderegg, Burl Strickland, J. P. Harrison, Steve Quitta, Jack Atkinson, Billy and Ann Mayes, and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore.

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