

# Prewitt Leads Honor Roll Steadham Is Runner-Up

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## Mr. Ashby Speaks To Senior Class On Capitol Trip

## P. Dulin J. Leo Crowned In "Fantasy In Frost"



THE KING and the Queen of the Coronation. Left to right Louise Coon, Jimmy Leo, Penny Dulin, Paul Lively, Bill Liverman, and Beverly Blount. Front row: Joel Smith, Elaine Ervin, Tanna Sue Rogers, and Debbie Mathis.

Jeff Henderson, The Boys Octette sang "Girl of My Dreams." They consisted of Joe Alexander, Jeff Henderson, Marion Brunette, Don Chaney, Roy Brooks, Gail Hunnicutt, Billy Hogsett, and David Williams.

Usherettes for the royal affair were Nancy Webb, Penny Hill,

Mary Thomas, Connie Cook, and Marsha Plummer.

The Coronation Ball followed the gallant affair. The ball room was beautifully decorated with French blue, red and gold streamers. Blue and red balloons were also used. The room had a blue haze for the dancing couples.

The punch table was covered with a red cloth. Gold leaves and blue flowers, sprinkled with gold,

encircled the punch bowl to carry out the theme.

The ball was well attended and several of the college kids were present.

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## Mis-spelled Words Soon To Count One Half Off

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4. Encourage each pupil to use the words in conversation at least once during the day.
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6. Each word mis-spelled, in any writer assignment, shall have not less than one-half point deducted from total grade of that particular paper.

Crane High School has gained one student and lost nine since the start of the new semester.

Lovette House moved to Big Lake. Dana Glenn married and enrolled in Aloine High School. Jowanna Pace enrolled in Midway.

The one new student comes from Longview, Texas. Linda Stephens is a sophomore and is 15 years old originally. She states that Crane is a smaller school than Longview but she likes it.

## SC March of Dimes Drive Successful

could get ran over in the halls. I  
way everyone zips and zoms about.  
Five minutes is long enough to  
from one class to the next. So t  
walking for a change, and ta  
life slower!

## District Choir Meets In Future; But Date Not Set

The A Cappella Choir has started work on contest music this time. All of the music has arrived, and the choir is working on it. The Crane High School Band, football team, and cheerleaders are also preparing for the contest.

# Dulin, Hinnant Gurley Take Most Honors In Election

Seating and reseating of the sections will be made after playing exercises assigned to each section.

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Gail Hunnicutt visited with the CHS Choir January 21.

Crane is proud to have had college students and their gu-

Jackye Hickey and August Plate the Duke and Duchess of the sophomore class, were the first to make a grand entrance of the Royal Party.

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Elaine Erwin, Bearer of the Royal Crown; Debbie Mathis and Tanna Sue Rogers, Train Bearers, were dressed in blue.

Subjects to perform in honor of their majesties were announced by Glenn Wimberley.

and the program, which is usually given by some department in the school, have been presented, the men divide up into groups. All the principals meet in one group, all the superintendents in another, math teachers in another, band directors in their group and etc.

In this way the teachers of the different departments can discuss their problems with men who are probably facing the same prob-

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## Teachers Attend Meeting To Solve

lems, and maybe a solution can be found. These meetings have proved themselves to be not only helpful, but also they provide entertainment and fellowship with teachers in the same type of work that they are in.

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## Freshmen Lead Failures

### Sophomores Follow Close

The failure list for the third si-

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man; and Mrs. Ida Anderson, secretary, recorder. There is a representative for each grade from the first through the eighth.

The failure list for the third six weeks numbered 54. This is about one-fifth of the high school students failing.

It seems that math and English

The Freshman Class has the largest number of failures with 21. The Sophomore Class is running close second with 15 failing. The Senior and Junior Classes are tied at 14 failures each.

Elizabeth Idom withdrew to marry. Carolyn Lewis and Donna Wilingham also withdrew. Gayle and Benny Clendenen were also

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## Whom Do We Beat when We Cheat?

Today a game has developed in many high schools and colleges. The game is called cheating. Figures from a recent survey taken of high schools and colleges show that one in three students cheat. Why?

Several suggestions were made as to the cause of cheating. The importance placed upon grades, and the attention paid to grades, rather than knowledge, was one of the basic reasons.

Who is to blame? Many students place the blame upon their teachers, saying that their reactions to such practices are inconsistent. Some teachers ignore it; others try to correct it. Therefore, the student gets away with what ever the teacher allows!

Jerome Ellison, author of "College Cheating: A National Disgrace," points out the danger of cheating.

"There is an ever-increasing number of fields where fooling with the truth, either through incompetence or fraud, can be disastrous. Because so many trades yield success with few demands on precision, we have come to think that shading things a little to one side of the truth doesn't greatly matter," he says.

Fortunately, the percentage of cheating in Crane High school is small. Students of Crane are aware of the fact that to cheat is to steal.

Oh, don't get me wrong. There is cheating in Crane High School, and any cheat is one cheat too many.

If you happen to be the one guilty in three; wake up! Realize you are stealing from yourself.

(Editors Note: Much of the above material is from "The Lasso" a Texas Women's University Publication.)

## IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER!

Now that the first semester is over it's time to turn over a new stone. It's time to make those high 70's into 80's and those high 80's into 90's.

It's time to be more polite to the teachers and faculty members. To remember that you're here not only to have some fun, but to learn. To learn not only what is in the books, but how to cope with life and to be a good citizen to his or her community and the United States.

To remember that we are a gifted student body, with a talented faculty, and a beautiful building with well-kept grounds. To remember carving or marking your names on desks or furniture never makes you big.

To remember that we have a lot of privileges that other schools don't have. To remember not to abuse them.

To remember that we have an excellent athletic program with outstanding coaches.

To just plain remember that you live in a free democratic country.

## KIRKHAM, CHS SR. WANTS TO BE SUCCESS

The girl pictured here is a very familiar sight in the halls of CHS. She is a cute five feet four inches tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. Margie May Kirkham was born in San Angelo, Texas August 23, 1942. She lived in San Angelo until she moved to Crane in the second grade.

Margie has been very active in high school. To mention only some of her activities, she was in the Junior Historians two years; Busy Bodies one year; FHA one year; and FTA two years. She has been very active in the band since the fifth grade, and now serves on the Journalism Staff. She is now a member of the National Honor Society and has been for two years.

Margie shares the feeling of most seniors as her most thrilling moment will be when she graduates. Her favorite subject is government and she states that this is one of the most interesting courses that she has ever taken.

Football and volleyball share the honors of being Margie's favorite sport. After a hard evening of watching her favorite games, take her out to eat if you want to make her happy. She will look a the menu and without hesitation, order

fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, iced tea, and chocolate pie. It seems as though Margie is spoiled to her mother's cooking.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" rates as her favorite movie. She sat through it five times. As you guess Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor are her favorite actress and actor. Just riding around is Margie's favorite hobby. She much prefers the colors blue and yellow and she certainly looks good in these colors. Margie is good natured but her pet peeve is people who talk about other people without justification.

As far as her scholastic record goes, she has made very good grades and is very reliable.

Margie's most embarrassing moment was when she was showing her lambs at the stock show and her riding pants split. She didn't find out about it for quite a while.

Margie's life ambition is to succeed in everything that she does. After graduation she plans college, but is undecided as to college and major.

The Crane wants to wish a fine senior the best of luck and we know that she will succeed.

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### THE CRANE'S CREED:

- To be strong that nothing can disturb his peace of mind.
- To talk health happiness and prosperity to every person he meets;
- To make all his friends feel that there is something in them; to look at the sunny side of everything and make his optimism come true.
- To think only of the best; to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as his own; to forget the mistakes of the past and 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 fear, and too happy to permit troubles.

ARE YOU A CRANE?

## Jukebox Personalities

Handyman — Charles Lively.  
I Forgot More Than You'll Ever Know — Beverly Louise.  
Midnight Special — Jim and Sandy.

The Eye — Coburn to Jim and Carlos.  
Shimmy, Shimmy, Ko-Ko-Bah — Linda, Bev, Pat, Martha and Sandy.

Always — Pat and Bill  
One Mint Julep — C. F. and B. B.  
40 Miles of Bad Road — To the Roadrunners  
Give Me an Opportunity — Kay Burr

I Want That — Seniors and Washington, D. C.  
Two Loves Have I — Buster  
Where or When — Carrie Lou and Robert and Mollie and James  
That's My Desire — Leon B. from Lydia.

Hound Dog Man — Tex  
My Name Should Be Trouble — Martha B. and Patty S.

In the Mood — Bill C. to Pat E.  
Sweet Nothings — Red  
Smoke, Part II — Walter B.  
I Can't Quit — Scooter and Mert  
Tender Love and Care — Bill and Fern and Charley and Sherry  
Talk That Talk — Louise Coon  
Angel of Joy — Judy Spradling  
Lucky Devil — Richard Hinnant  
Uptown — Pat from Bill

We Deserve Each Other — Nan and Charles  
Back in the Saddle Again — Bobby Brunson  
Way Down Yonder in New Orleans — Margie

Goodbye, My Love, Goodbye — Sondra and Jimmy  
Lonely Blue Boy — Billie  
Lady Luck — Beverly Short???

The Angels Listened In — Jeff to Vaneta

Marsha Kadish visited with the Crane High School Band January 21, 22 and 23.

### February Calendar

February 1 — Permian Basin Meet to be held in Kermit.  
February 4-5-6 — Texas Music Educators Association.  
February 6 — Speech Students leave for Alpine.  
February 25-26 — Six Weeks Tests.

April 21 — Okefenokee Interlude  
April 28 — Big Scot  
May 5 — Alaska's Silver Millions  
May 12 — State Trooper

## SPANISH FOOD APPEALS TO A FAVORITE CRANE HIGH SENIOR

Coming into the big ole' world on September 3, 1941, in Monahans, Texas, was a little sister for Baxter Middlebrook — Sharron June Middlebrook. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Middlebrook were overjoyed, for now they had a cheerleader to go along with their football player.

Sharron has attended four different schools in all — Denver City Wink, Midland, and Crane, of course, liking CHS the best.

Since coming to CHS, Sharron has had many honors bestowed upon her. She has been a cheerleader for three years. During her junior year, she was Vice-President of the Student Council. This year, she is the treasurer of the A-Cappella Choir, the treasurer of the FTA, Vice-President of the Rodeo Club, and the President of the National Honor Society.

With that you could pretty well guess that she is a member of the Student Council, FTA, National Honor Society, and the Rodeo Club. In the past, she was a member of the Golf Club.

With all of these responsibilities, you would think that Sharron would be a "hefty" eater. Naw, she's easy to please. Just place a big plate of fried shrimp, French fries, hot rolls, and iced tea in front of her, and she will be satisfied. If you can't find the above menu, treat her to a steaming hot order of Mexican food.

To top off the meal, one would have to take Sharron to a movie.



WHO'S who in the Physical Education classes. These boys were the winners of the contests that the coaches held on physical fitness. They are Richard Newth, Pete Walker, and Tommy Chick.

## STUDENTS SAY FORTUNE TELLERS AREN'T REAL

In the hustle and bustle of carnivals and fairs, there can usually be found those people who predict the future. Many have had their fortunes told, and lots of times it has come true.

When the question was asked to Crane High students, whether they believed in fortune telling or not, there were 13 who didn't believe in it, three who did, and three undecided out of the 19 people who were questioned. Here are their opinions and why.

NANCY WEBB — I have never had my fortune told, but I don't think that what the fortune teller tells you will come true.

DAVID CURRIE — I am not sure, because I have had my fortune told only once, and it hasn't come true — yet.

KAREN TURNER — No! I think it's stupid.

BEVERLY BLOUNT — I definitely believe in people who predict the future. I went to one this summer, and everything she said would happen did happen! They simply astounded me.

BOBBY WILKINSON — No, because I have never seen anyone that could predict my future.

NANCY MCCURRY — I've never had my fortune told either, except at parties and things like that for fun. To me fortune telling seems just like a business. It's just a way to earn money.

JO ANN PRICE — I have had my fortune told and what the lady

predicted happened, but I don't think she actually knew what would happen.

PATSY BROWN — It is just according to what kind of fortune they are telling me. If it is food I will believe it.

SHIAH GREGORY — I think it is crazy!

ANN HALLFORD — I've never had my fortune told except at parties. It's kind of fun though, but I don't believe it ever really happens.

MARTHA JOYCE — Yes — they say too much that comes true for me not to believe. Definitely yes!

GARY GAY — I believe in anything that I can't disprove!

TRUDY WHITWELL — It would be fun, but I don't think it would come true.

MARY CORBELL — I never have had my fortune told to me, and if I had of I wouldn't believe in it.

BRENDA QUESENBERRY — No, but it's lots of fun!

ERRE . THINSON — I wouldn't know because I never have had my fortune told.

SHAROL RIVES — I don't believe in it, but I think it is a way to pass your time. It's also fun!

BILL GURLEY — No. Because fortune tellers are just trying to make a living like everyone else.

JIM LEWIS — Nope, because nobody can look into the future like that.

### FILM SCHEDULE

Feb. 4 — Southern Highlanders  
Feb. 11 — Magic Cup  
Feb. 18 — Seal Island.  
Feb. 25 — Promise of the Trees  
March 3 — Valley of Lights  
March 10 — Moving Mountains  
March 17 — Greatest Good  
March 24 — Wyoming Adventure  
March 31 — Roll With Champions  
April 7 — Unconditional Surrender  
April 14 — Your Share in Tomorrow  
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### EXCHANGES

PUNK H.: Dad, I've fallen in love with a girl.

DAD: Son, you couldn't have made a wiser choice.

"Oh dear," she exclaimed, "I've missed you so much!"

Then she raised her revolver and tried again.

FRANK J.: How'd you puncture your tire, Eddie? Ran over a milk bottle. Didn't you see it?

No... the kid had it under his coat.

HALLS OF MONTEZUMA

MR. BURNSIDE: "Doctor, a terrible thing has happened. I've completely lost my memory."

PSYCHIATRIST: "How long has this been going on?"

MR. BURNSIDE: "How long has what been going on?"

Convicted of his sixth traffic violation and barred from driving for one month, a Crane, Texas man, listed his occupation as "DRIVING INSTRUCTOR."

CORONET

On his first visit to Australia, a Texan was being show around a vast ranch. "Why, this would be just a teensy little corner of my spread back home," he bragged.

When he arrived at where a huge herd of cattle were grazing, he commented, "Purty, but they'd get lost among my herd."

A kangaroo suddenly came up behind him and leaped by.

The startled Texan exclaimed, "What in tarnation is that?"

His Australian host calmly answered, "You mean you don't have grasshoppers in Texas?"

A true music lover is the man who puts his ear to the key hole when he hears a soprano in the shower.

There are bigger things than money. Bills, for instance.

Then there was the chap who went to the horse races, made "a mental bet" and lost his mind.

THE LION

Henderson Leads In Column Inches

The journalism leaders at the present time are Jeff Henderson, Beverly Blount, and Carrie Lou Chaney.

Jeff leads the class with 811 column inches. The next leader with the fewest errors is Beverly Blount with an average of 19.1 column inches.

Mollie Martin is the early copy leader with 20 stories.

The runner-up for column inches is Glenda Grissom with 375 column inches. Runner-up for fewest errors is Carrie Lou Chaney with an 18.9 average. The early copy runners-up are Carrie Chaney and Beverly Blount tied with 11 copies.

The first week after the mid-term tests the journalism students were really working hard. They were taking the elimination contest to see who would represent Crane at the Lubbock contest. The contest included feature, editorial, and headline writing. They also copy-read several stories.

## Senior Likes Sport Cars Plans On Airline School

Shirley Tooke, the cute senior girl pictured above, was born somewhere between Crane and Grandfalls on July 18, 1942.

During her sophomore year, Shirley represented the FHA in the beauty contest. She has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America for three years, held the office of parliamentarian last year and is president this year. She has also been in the Library Club two years, the Future Teachers of America one year, and the Crane High Band for five years.

Football and basketball are Shirley's favorite sports, and even though she likes all sports. Speech, government, and typing are her favorite subjects. "This Earth is mine" with Jean Simmons and Rock Hudson is the best show she has ever seen.

Riding around with Mollie, Carrie Lou, and Martha, and listening to the radio when the "Big Hurt" is playing is her favorite pastime. If it is a pretty day, Shirley likes to be outside playing tennis, swimming and on rainy days she likes to write letters or work on her scrap book. She decided that her favorite meal would consist of steak, gravy, fried potatoes, pork and beans, fruit salad, and ice tea. Shirley really digs sport cars and blue, her favorite color.

When asked to tell something funny she remembers, she said that it was when Martha Brown was in the hospital and wasn't allowed to have visitors, she would



SHIRLEY TOOKE

take notes to Martha and stand side her window until a nurse came into the room.

Shirley stated that she has more fun this year than any year in high school.

Her pet peeve is for people to speak and two-faced people. Plans for the future include graduation from CHS and becoming an airline stewardess.

THE CRANE wishes to take opportunity to wish a real senior the best of luck!

## Fashionettes

By AMERGIE KIRKHAM

The shirtwaist dress was as the most popular fashion CHS this past week.

SHERRY and JERENE FOSTON wore identical solid red brown shirtwaist dresses trimmed in white.

Other girls seen sporting waist dresses were: PAT WARD in a green and blue and ANNA BETH SCOTT wore a brown, black, gold, and red print dress with her initials stitched on the pocket. BE REYNOLDS and DONNA B. SONG were also seen sporting style.

MARSHA PLUMMER looked pretty as a picture in her sweater and skirt set trimmed white.

A two tone avocado shirtwaist set of corduroy really off MARY THOMAS red MARY BULLARD'S blue belt shoes looked sharp with her wool pants and skirt.

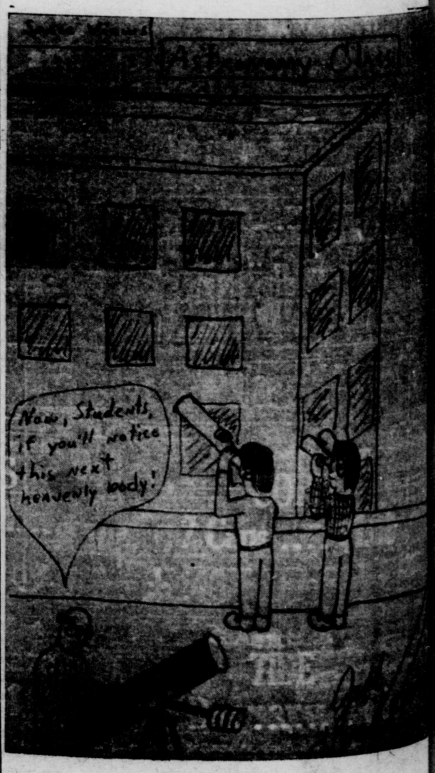
A matching royal blue sweater and skirt set, accented with buttons really looked good SANDY WARD.

NANCY MCCURRY looked as fresh as spring in a print dress with a brown belt and neck and brown cuffs.

A white square dress trimmed silver, pink, and blue was striking on SHAROL RIVES.

ANNITA FREEMAN'S red and gold checked blouse worn a matching blue skirt really out in the halls of CHS.

DOROTHY MASON looked as fresh as spring in her blue and green skirted dress.





## DENVER CITY DEFEATS CRANE BIRD TEAMS BEAT McCAMEY

The last four games played by the CHS basketball teams have resulted in two wins and two losses for the A team and three wins for the B team and one loss for the B team. The A games are as follows:

On January 15, Crane played Denver City here. The score was Denver City 51, and Crane 45. Jimmy Leo was the high point man in this game with a total of 21. Coach Gohard said that this was the best game played all year. At the beginning of this game Jimmy Leo and Billie Liverman were elected as captains.

January 19, we lost our game with Seminole, which we played there. The score was Seminole 63, and Crane 55. Ronnie Lightfoot and Jimmy Leo were tied for high point man.

We won our game with our old rival, McCamey. Crane had 43 points to McCamey's 35. Thirteen of the 43 points were scored by Billie Liverman, who was high point man for this game. The game was played here January 22.

Crane came out on top again when they played Fort Stockton here January 26. The score was

Crane 57, and Fort Stockton 44. Part of Fort Stockton's defeat can be accredited to the fact that some of their men out and unable to play because of the flu. In this game Jimmy Leo was high point man with 14 points.

The B team is really keeping a winning record. On January 15, Denver City was played here and Crane won with a score of 55 to 53. Fifteen points were scored by Eugene Ethridge, high point man.

The tables turned when we played Seminole there January 19. Seminole won 62 to 35. Once again Eugene Ethridge was high point man with a total of 12 points for this game.

The B team also whipped McCamey in the game played here January 22. The score was Crane 56, and McCamey 40. This time Tommy Sales was high point man with 15 points.

Fort Stockton was played here January 26, and Crane also won this one. The score was 54 to 35. Eugene came back as high point man in this game with a total of 16 points.

## Thirty-Seven Have Perfect Records

There are 37 high school students who have a perfect attendance for the first semester. Five of these are seniors. They are: James Coker, Barbara Davidson, Patricia Edwards, Linda Pool, and Karen Turner.

The seven juniors having a perfect attendance are: Lana Sue Bates, Jerry Brents, Gary Cook, Durwood Jones, Anita Jourdan and Roger Liverman.

The nine sophomores are: Raymond Blue, Craig Brunette, Jackie Hickey, Richard Newth, Charles Peek, Gayla Shanor, Glynda Steadham, Pete Walker, and Carolyn Yancey.

There are 16 freshmen with a perfect record. They are: Tommy Aubert, Sherry Browning, Leland Davis, Clarence Earp, Linda Hardin, Mary Ann Kelly, Nancy McCurry, Patricia Newman, Amelia Noland, Santiago Ocon, Barbara Tension, Aletha Tooke, Von Nell Tubb, Kenneth Van Zandt, Lewis Williams, and Glenn Wimberley.

## Crane Five Hot; Scores 1,046 Pts.

Say, who's who in CHS basketball? Well, the whole team is. Why? It is because they have fine spirit this year. They have a fine record this season also, winning 14 of 21 games. This totals out to something like 1,046 point for the entire team.

Who's scored all of these points? To start things off, there are 12 boys on the "A" Team that have been shooting like mad. Jim Leo heads this list with 252 points. Second is none other than Bill "Gus" Liverman with 214. Following Bill is Roger Liverman with 174 points. Following him is the rest of the team, scoring: Ronnie Lightfoot, 160 points; Charles Wilmoth, 51 points; Bob Wilkinson, 39 points; Gene Griffin, 33 points; Tex Brents, 24 points; Charles Peek, 24 points; John Russell, 20 points; Dave Ingram, 20 points; and Frank Van Court, 4 points (please except the fact that Frank has jumped back and forth from the "A" to the "B" Teams, so his record is "sort of messed up.")

How about that, sports fans?

## Freshmen Win One Jr. High Lose One

The Crane Freshman Basketball Team waxed Grandfalls Tuesday night at Grandfalls. The score was 45-27. Tommy Elliot was the high-point man for Crane.

During the freshman game Kenneth Van Zandt was rebounding the ball down in enemy territory. He rebounded the ball and the coach hollered "fast break" and Kenneth got mixed up in directions and made two points for Grandfalls.

## Many Honors Given Two CHS Graduates

Two of Crane High's graduates are still attaining desirable and honorable goals. The persons to whom we are referring are Brenda and Jim Tom Butler. Brenda is the former Brenda Owens.

Jim Tom is certainly a person for Crane to be proud of, for his honors have been quite numerous. He has served as football co-captain and alternate quarter back for Hardin Simmons University.

Jim Tom has been named to the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. The election was based on scholarship, character leadership and service. While in Crane High School, Jim Tom was an All State quarterback, and contributed his services and abilities in other organizations and activities.

Brenda, too, has made her mark, as she is on the dean's list.

While in Crane High School, Brenda was Drum Major for the Golden Crane High School football sweetheart, and Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow girls.

She was voted the "Most Musical" and graduated as salutatorian of her class in 1956. This certainly is not all of Brenda and Jim Tom's achievements, but a complete list would be rather extensive.

To this ambitious couple, The Crane would like to extend their congratulations and wishes them the best of success in the future.

Elaine Plate was back in Crane between the semesters at ACC.

Larry Stiger visited in Crane between the semesters at ACC.

## GOLDEN CRANES WIN OVER McCAMEY FIVE BY SCORE OF 43-35

The Golden Crane's Basketball teams won a well deserved victory over arch-rival McCamey here January 22. The Birds hit 43 per cent of their field goals while defeating McCamey 43-35. The Birds played a very good defensive game, holding the Badgers to 35 points and committing only 14 personal fouls.

High point man for the game was Bill Liverman with 13 points; close behind him was his brother Roger with 12, then Jimmy Leo with 7 points. Then following in order are: Charles Wilmoth 3, Ronnie Lightfoot 2, Dave Ingram 2, Charles Peek 2, and John Russell 2.

The "B" team knocked off McCamey's "B" team 56-40 with the sharp shooting of Tommy Sales and Eugene Ethridge. Sales a quick and sure-shooting guard scored 15 points and Ethridge, a smooth postman from Louisiana, scored 11. With the starters out the subs continued to hold their own and play good ball.

## Prospects Look Good For '60 Tennis Season

In the tennis news of this year, the prospects have been working out for the forthcoming season. They are shaping up pretty good so far.

The prospects for the 1960 season are as follows: Joe Mayes, Charles Bowers, Johnny Hoestenbach, Billy Hogsett, Bill Pierce, Jerry Box, Ed Pomroy, and Calvin Kirkham.

## Who, What, Why, When, And Where

WHO:

Is Hewey?

Keeps making wisecracks in 6th period government class?

Goes into the Home Ec Lab at 10:30 and 2:30 and drinks her milk and eats her bread?

Tries to eat his government book during 7th period?

Writes notes?

Puts "suggestions" in the Short-hand suggestion box?

Fell over Coach Gohard's desk in 2nd period study hall?

Does B.B. really like?

WHAT:

Will the Seniors do on their trip?

Happens at annual staff meetings?

Will be the next place to be painted?

Will the Seniors sell next?

Did B.B. and D.C. find in the first clarinet part of "Oklahoma"?

WHY:

Does C.L.C. spend so much time at her Daddy's store?

Was M.B. anxiously awaiting a letter?

Did J. H. change from 6th to 7th period government class?

Did the government classes get two days of study halls?

Is the school phone used so much on Sunday nights?

Did S.W., J.H., and B.B. have to stand outside?

WHEN:

Will the Seniors stop asking people to buy stuff?

Will the annual staff get to work and quit "goofing off" at the meetings?

Was the new "paint job" done?

Will B.S. wise up?

Will B.L. find a girlfriend?

Did someone paint the trunk of J. H.'s car?

Will the Senior English classes stop reading such interesting books?

WHERE:

Will the band go if they get a trip?

Will Miss Taylor move L.P., M.M., S.T., and C.L.C.?

Was R.H. during the Coronation?

Did everyone go after the Coronations?

Leanne Turner who is attending Sul Ross visited with the CHS Band January 21 and 22.

David Griffin visited the CHS Band January 21, 22 and 25.

Dianna Leaman was home from SMU and visited in CHS January 25.

Joyce Woody who is attending Texas Tech visited CHS January 25.

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Track Work Outs Started For 1960

As far as any track news there are only a few working out and getting in shape for track season. The prospects for the forthcoming season are as follows: Bobby Honca, Jimmy Dutton, Bill Gurley, Johnny Pierce, Bruce Boyd, Shag Gregory, Craig Brunette, Darrell Cone, Charles Coon, Larry Linberg, Paul Lively, Johnny Hoestenbach, Roscoe Pierce, and Billy Hogsett.

The track schedule for 1960 has been released to the paper. It is as follows:

Feb. 27 - Fort Stockton - Comanche Relays.

Mar. 5 - Open - T.S.T.A.

Mar. 12 - Seminole - Seminole Invitational.

Mar. 18 & 19 - Odessa - West Texas Relays.

Mar. 26 - Kermit - Permian Basin Relays.

April 2 - Monahans - Sand Hills Relays.

April 9 - Pending

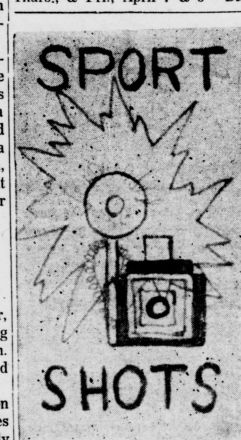
April 14 - District Track Meet

April 22 & 23 - Regional Track Meet - Lubbock.

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| VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE - 1960             |       |       |           |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Fri., Jan. 29 - Pecos                  | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues., Feb. 2 - Ft. Stockton           | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 4, 5, & 6 - Odessa Tournament     |       |       |           |
| Tues., Feb. 9 - Big Lake               | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs., Feb. 11 - Kermit               | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., Feb. 15 - Imperial               | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 & 20 - Denver City Tournament  |       |       |           |
| Tues., Feb. 23 - Andrews               | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs., Feb. 25 - Pecos                | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., Feb. 29 - Imperial               | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues., March 8 - Andrews               | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues., March 15 - Ft. Stockton         | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri., March 18 - Seminole              | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 19 - Imperial Tournament         |       |       |           |
| Tues., March 22 - McCamey              | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues., March 29 - Big Lake             | Here  | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri., April 1 - Seminole               | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues., April 5 - McCamey               | There | A & B | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs., & Fri., April 7 & 8 - District |       |       |           |



By JEFF HENDERSON

## BASKETBALL

We have finally entered into the District competition, and the team has done pretty fair. The standings are (with the exception of the game Friday, December 29) as such. Two wins and two losses. We have defeated McCamey and Ft. Stockton and were defeated by Seminole and Denver City. Nice going fellows. We're behind you all of the way.

## VOLLEYBALL

This year's volleyball team is wholeheartedly getting into shape. The team has an excellent coach, Mrs. Ann Mayes; and she has equally fine material to work with. The girls should go far this year.

## TRACK

Yep, the track boys are working out, too. They have been getting into shape every afternoon by lifting weights and participating in other vigorous exercises in the gym. The CRANE hopes that all of you have the best of luck this year.

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There were eight girls who participated in the seniors best dress. Beverly Short won this award and received the sweepstakes for the senior 4-H Club cake. The cake was auctioned off, and Beverly received \$25.00 for it. Sue Maddox showed the best cake in the junior division.

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Miss Rita Taylor, typing and short hand instructor, was absent from school January 22 due to illness.

## Denver City 'B' Team Slips By Crane 'B'

The Crane "B" Basketball team lost to Denver City by only two points with a 53 to 55, here Jan. 8.

The high scorer was John Russell with ten points. Frank Van Court had nine; Charles Peek and Tommy Sales had six each. Paul Smith made five and Ronnie Spradling made two.

Eugene Ethridge lead in field goals with six. John Russell made six free throws.

Crane attempted 23 free throws and successfully completed 16. They made a total of 18 field goals. As a whole, Crane committed 23 fouls.

Hodges lead Denver City with six field goals. Martin made four free throws. As a whole, Denver City committed 16 fouls. They made a total of 20 field goals and 13 free throws.

## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Although the weather was gloomy and drizzling, the contestants in the annual 4-H Livestock and Achievement Show held at the Crane County Exhibition Building were on the ball and ready to show their stuff!

There were 40 4-H Club boys and girls exhibiting 124 lambs, nine barrows, and three capons. All in all, there were 140 entries.

David Fisher won Grand Championship in the fine wool, and Mike Robbins took Reserve Championship with a crossbred was Sheila Barr, and Bobby Brunson, Reserve Champion. In the South-downs James Covill won Grand Championship and Margie Kirkham, Reserve Champion.

Chick Sales showed the grand champion barrow in the swine show. Billy Pat Butler took reserve champion honors. Although he was one of the youngest exhibitors, this did not keep Buddy Roubison from winning the ribbon for grand champion capon.

Bobby Brunson, president of the Boys 4-H Club, won the cherished Outstanding Showman of the Day award, and Patsy Brown won the girls sportsmanship award. Patty Webb took the trophy for first year showmanship; Roy Bond was awarded a first year barrow feeder trophy.

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## TURNER'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS; CLARK'S RUNNER-UP



THE Championship Intermural Volleyball team. Left to right: Gloria Marshall, Karen Turner - captain, Richard Newth, Jeff Henderson, and Johnny Hoestenbach. Front row: Billy Howeth, Bruce Boyd, Carlos Fox, Jim Brents, Raymond Blue, and Tommy Elliott. (Not Pictured: Sex Brents, Roger Liverman, and David Currie.)

The first go round of the intramural volleyball tournament ended January 15, 1960 with Karen Turner's team and Bill Clark's team playing a playoff game before the CHS student body during activity period.

Karen's team composed of Tommy Elliott, Roger Liverman, Johnny Hoestenbach, Donna Birdsong, Gloria Marshall, Ray Blue, David Curry, Jim Brents, Billy Howth, Tex Brents, Jeff Henderson, and Carlos Fox, won the tournament.

Jerry Brents, Ann Beth Carroll, Polly Simon, Calvin Kirkham, Keith Simon, Jack Wagner, Jimmy Agnew, Ronnie Prewitt, Gary Cook, Carlton Earp, Ronnie Ashburn, Sammie Chaffin, and Randall Taylor, all on Bill Clark's team, won second in the tournament.

## Denver City Lassos Game

### Crane Hot On Their Trail

The Crane "A" Basketball team was defeated by Denver City by only a six point margin. The Denver City team racked up a total of 51 points with Crane hot on their trail with 45 points.

Jimmy Leo was high scorer for Crane with 21 points, and Bill Liverman came in second with nine points. Others scoring points were Roger Liverman with six, Ronnie Lightfoot with six, Tex Brents with two, and Charles Wilmoth with one.

Jimmy Leo made the most field goals and free throws by having seven of each. Crane attempted 20 free throws and made 13. They also had a total of 16 successful field goals. The team as a whole committed 21 fouls.

The high scorers of Denver City were Coats with 14 and Holcomb with 13 points. Denver City made 15 field goals. They attempted 35 free throws and made 21 of them.

## FOOTBALL SCOUT

### VISITS JIM LEO

Andy Everest a scout from Stamford University, was at the school Tuesday, January 26, to talk to Jimmy Leo about a football scholarship. Mr. Everest talked to Jimmy quite a while on the merits of the school and showed him some color slides of the campus, but Jimmy says he probably will not accept the scholarship.

Third place went to Pat Edwards' team made up of Rosie Marshall, Dave Ingram, David Fisher, Jimmy Dutton, Charlie Wilmoth, Kay Burr, JoAnn Price, Larry Taylor, Robert Longnecker, Joe Mayes, Susie Chick, Ray Tarpley, and Ray Dickson.

Steve Johnson, Nan Crittenden, Frankie Edwards, Dale Kershner, Kenneth VanZandt, Barbara Davison, Tony Dadds, Ronny Weiser, Gloria Evans, Bill Liverman, Eugene Burns, Ronnie Spradling, and Dickie Clinton made up the fourth place team. Pete Walker was the captain of that team.

Last place went to Joe Alexander's team. That team was composed of Gerald Brents, John Russell, Rita Green, Charles Peek, Norman (Country) Wright, David Hanley, Charles Caudle, Sammie Taylor, Dana Glenn, August Plate, Santiago Ocon, Elizabeth Idom, and Charles Bower.

## Smith High Man On Crane 'B' Team

The Golden Cranes "B" Team has really been on the ball this season winning seven out of nine games which have been played.

The number of points per man has been kept in a log book so as to determine who is high-point man. The four high-point-men for the past nine games are as follows:

Paul Smith 74  
Eugene Ethridge 69  
Tommy Sales 63  
John Russell 54

"The Crane" wants to congratulate these boys on a fine job and hopes they will keep it up.

## Seminole Indians Beat Crane's A And B Teams

Crane invaded the Seminole Indian Teepee Tuesday, January 18. The A team was defeated by Seminole 63-47. Ronnie Lightfoot lead in scoring with 14 points.

The B team was also defeated by Seminole. Eugene Ethridge lead the Crane's with 12 points. The final score was 61-35.

Bob Erwin, speech instructor, was absent from school January 26 due to illness.

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## LOUISE COON LIKES NEWMAN AND WOODWARD

Mildred Louise Coon, one of the five children in the Coon family, was born on December 5, 1942, in Houston, Texas. She has grown to the height of five feet and weighs the sum of 100 pounds. She has light brown hair which goes very well with her brown eyes.

Not wanting to linger in a big town, Louise moved to Jena, Louisiana. She began her education in Jena and lived there until the second semester of her sophomore year. While in Jena, she served as vice president of the sophomore class. She was also very active in the 4-H and Booster clubs. She was in the Homecoming Court her sophomore year. When asked if she remembered anything in particular that happened while in Jena, she recalled an incident in her childhood. She and her younger brother, Charles, were both small (probably the only time she was ever bigger than Charles) and her parents owned a coffee shop where all the oil field men came and drank coffee. Louise would dress Charles up like a little girl and take him to the coffee shop and all the men there would laugh at him.

The Coon family came to Crane in 1958. Louise began the last semester of her sophomore year in CHS and will graduate in the spring of this year. She has been in the F.T.A., Rodeo Club, Study Club, Pep Squad, and Girls Athletics Club. She was elected into the Student Council during both her junior and senior years.

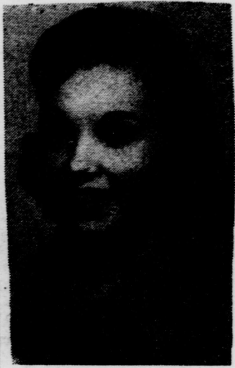
### HONORS

Louise has been in the Coronation two years. She was runner-up for cutest in 1958-59 and was elected "Most Beautiful" this year. She stated that the latter was her most thrilling moment. She was in the top 12 beauties last year and placed in the top five beauties in the Labor Day Bathing Beauty Contest in 1958.

### FAVORITES

Louise has no favorite subject as she likes them all. Sports rank high with her and she listed football, basketball and volleyball as her favorites. To please Louise, you can take her to see the movie, "Imitation of Life" or any show starring Paul Newman or Joanne Woodward. She liked "Imitation of Life" because of the affect it had on so many people, and she likes Paul Newman because of his blue eyes and Joanne Woodward because of her voice. After the show, Louise would enjoy eating shrimp, fruit salad, hot rolls, and strawberry shortcake.

As a hobby, Louise collects story book dolls and enjoys being with a life size doll named Buster. To make her mad, just tell a lie. One Easter night, she was supposed to be in church, but wasn't! That was



MILDRED LOUISE COON

her narrowest escape. The "Wolfsbooger" joke strikes her as being very funny.

Louise's life's ambition is to do anything worthwhile. After graduation, she plans to go to college, probably Texas Tech. "The Crane" would like to wish good luck and success to a deserving person.

## CRANE FILES

### 14 YEARS AGO

C. A. Carroll was driving a school bus load of football players and students, when the bus collided with a truck near the Gulf Sand Hills Camp.

### 14 YEARS AGO

Raymond Weatherly and Louise Newman won a prize for the best dressed couple as Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner.

### 19 YEARS AGO

George Grounds won Two first places at the Midland Track Meet.

### 21 YEARS AGO

The Crane High School Band won first place at the Rose Fete in San Antonio.

### 22 YEARS AGO

J. R. Todd, present owner of J. R. Todd Well Servicing Company received a minor injury from an explosion in the chemistry lab.

### 23 YEARS AGO

"The Crane" won in the Inter-scholastic League Press Contest.

### 24 YEARS AGO

Sam Murray and Will Mangum, two young cowboys of the High Lonesome Ranch, were ambushed by Mexican bandits out near Castle Gap, and Will Mangum was killed. Sam Murray, riding a good horse, managed to escape after scoring a hit on one bandit with his pistol, but Will Mangum who was mounted on a young horse, was roped by one of the bandits and dragged to death.

## Homerooms Discuss Jobs Srs. Discuss Trip

Th students of CHS seem to be interested in careers, as this is the main topic being discussed in most of the homerooms. Here is what some of the homerooms are doing.

MRS. MAYES studying different kinds of work, jobs, and careers.

MR. ERWIN — just finished discussing the topic of dating.

MISS FEATHERSTONE — discussing various topics, usually from the homeroom book.

MR. TEAGUE — studying different types of careers.

MR. WARREN — discussing different kinds of jobs, money-making projects, and the Senior Trip.

MR. BARRETT — discussing different types of tests, juvenile delinquency, and problems of general interest to the students.

MR. HARRISON — discussing grades, money-making projects, and the Senior Trip.

## Little Rain For Crane In First Month Of '60

The first month of 1960 has passed and rain has been rather slight in the Crane area.

From the looks of some of the previous cloudy days, it seems that nature's intentions were good but failed to materialize thoroughly as Crane has received only 1.15 inches of rain in the month of January.

## Freshmen Place Ten As 20 Exempt All Subjects

A couple of weeks ago, CHS experienced Semester Exams. Not all of the students did, though, for approximately 20 exempted all subjects. The Freshman Class led in this department with these ten members of the class exempting: Jerry Box, Michael Dickson, Nancy McCurry, Kerry Von Murphy, Pat Newman, Ronnie Crewell, Brenda Quesberry, Mary Carol Weiser, David Williams, and Glenn Wimberley.

Second was the Sophomore Class with these eight members exempting: Charles Bower, Jackie Hickley, Billy Hogsett, Johnny Hoestenbach, John McKinney, Glynda Steadham, Nancy Webb, and Carolyn Yancey.

The Junior Class had two members exempting: Bobby Honea and Roger Liverman.

This list may not be complete, for some members of the student body may not have turned their names in. If this is the case, please turn your name in to Jeff Henderson, and they will be published in the next issue.

## DUTCH TEENAGERS GO DUTCH; DISAPPROVE OF PUBLIC LOVE

Wakarusa, December 7, 1959  
Dear Carrie Lou,

Many thanks for your last letter. Your letter waited already at me by my brother's home. I am really sorry you have to wait such a long time before getting an answer of me. There are no excuses for me. I can only say that my departure has been delayed and that the first week here in the USA was busy with other things before I could settle down here.

The voyage by ship was rather good only the weather was very rough and therefore it took us one day longer as planned. Further I was a little bit seasick the first two days but for the rest I felt much better. I arrived on November 26 in New York and after that I travelled 16 hours by train before I was here. We have already a lot of snow here over and it is very cold now.

### A CAR FOR LOOKING

About a month I hope to have my driver's license and then I'll be able to buy a car as soon as possible. I need one for going away and for looking and traveling to work. It is a bad time for finding a job now here and it is more difficult for me because I am a stranger and does not speak and understand the English language as well as the other people.

Further I've fast only studied in Holland and not much experience for any job. The only job in which I am a little bit experienced is the oil refinery and cracking plants but they have not here in the neighborhood. Only near Chicago and to find a job, but I hope to find something as soon as possible. We don't lose the courage. In summer I'll answer some of your questions. Oh, yes, I would still ask you something. How does the people of Texas think about the fact that it is not longer the biggest state, but Alaska? Well at first I hope to find a job and save money enough for six years studying of a university. So long I want to stay sure and if I still like it then I hope to stay here forever. At the moment I can hardly say if I like it, because I am here only for a too little time, but I think when I am a little bit accustomed I'll really like it to stay here forever.

About the boys and girls in Holland I can say that as I think like as all over the world, a lot of them go steady. I think it has to be something very nice as a boy and a girl like each other so much that they believe to marry later on. Teenage marriages are there not so frequently in Holland I believe. Of course they happen, but I think not so often. Mostly the girls are between 21-28 and the boys between 28-30 when they

marry. My personal ideal is to marry a girl when she is 24 and when I am 28. But that is only personal. Well when the teenagers have a date, they mostly at first talk some refreshments in a snack bar or anywhere else and talk a lot about themselves and their ideas and after that they mostly go away for a dance and after that they like to go for a walk with each other and by the end of the night they will kiss each other and the boy brings the girl home. But the difference with America is that the boy pays all and the girl sees this as an affection of the boy to her. I think they are very free and open in public as formerly. They do not so sneaky as formerly because they find it is the normal way of life that a boy and a girl like each other and make dates. Well I think the same. Well I think (only personal) kissing in the movies is not a proof of the affection to each other but only because on the movies they do the same. I don't prefer and like these places for kissing. The real feeling to kiss a girl because I like her so very much I get outside at the borders of rivers or in the flower gardens. But I've not much experience in the field of love so it is probably not for every body like it is for me. Maybe you think and feel in another way about this?

Now about something else — the visit of Chroestcheff to America. Well I think it was good that they both learned to know each others ideas and ideals, but further I don't see much relax in the differences of both countries which separate them. They both like to fight for their own ideas and ideals and not to admit for coming nearer. Well I think there will come a Third World War but not in our time but hundreds of years further and I think that will be the end of this culture, but I am sure here will become another one. But I must not write so philosophical but more about the all day thing. Well Carrie if you come to Indiana you have to visit me here you are always very welcome and I hope once to visit Texas and then I'll call on you.

All best wishes and further good things and a pretty Christmas and lucky New Year.

John

## ANNUAL STAFF BUSY ON CLASS PICTURES

The Crane High School Annual Staff is meeting every Monday night at 7 o'clock. At the present time they are working on the individual pictures of the freshman through the juniors. They are unable to work on the seniors because they haven't completed their pedigrees.

## BARR LEADS JR. HIGH HONOR ROLL WITH 97.5

Sheila Barr, eighth grader, tops the semester honor roll with a high average of 97.5. Holly Young, seventh grader, is close behind with an average of 96.4. Linda Newth, eighth grader, comes in third with an average of 95.9.

34 per cent of the junior high enrollment were failing one of more subjects for the semester. 18 per cent of the junior high enrollment had an average of 90 or above for the semester.

The entire Crane Junior High honor roll for the first semester is listed below.

| SIXTH GRADE        | 95.5 |
|--------------------|------|
| McKinney, Marilyn  | 95.3 |
| Griffin, Katherine | 95.3 |
| Glass, Paquita     | 94.4 |
| Mansell, Julia     | 93.4 |
| Bennett, Calvin    | 93.4 |
| VanCourt, Dudley   | 92.5 |
| Strain, Juliana    | 92.4 |
| Ervin, DeWayne     | 92.4 |
| Hamilton, Marilyn  | 92.1 |
| Grimes, Jimmy      | 92.1 |
| Cook, Paula        | 91.3 |
| Hamilton, Wayne    | 91.3 |
| Salyer, Sharon     | 91.1 |
| Harrison, Jimmy    | 90.6 |
| Boggs, Carolyn     | 90.1 |
| Landis, Johnnie    | 90.1 |
| Young, Hollie      | 90.1 |
| Hardin, Judy       | 90.1 |
| SEVENTH GRADE      |      |
| Johnson, Sandra    | 94.9 |
| Taylor, Marva Lee  | 94.8 |
| Burns, Alice       | 94.8 |
| Wilcox, John       | 94.8 |
| Pearl, Sandra      | 94.8 |
| Maynard, Steve     | 94.8 |
| Bennett, Gary      | 94.8 |
| Browning, Judy     | 94.8 |
| Chaffin, Mike      | 94.8 |
| Vaden, Nancy       | 94.8 |
| Gober, Sue         | 94.8 |
| Harris, Kenneth    | 94.8 |
| Curfew, Virel      | 94.8 |
| Asher, Glenn       | 94.8 |
| Barton, Jeff       | 94.8 |
| Curry, John        | 94.8 |
| Dooley, Jo Beth    | 94.8 |
| Damron, Larry      | 94.8 |
| EIGHTH GRADE       |      |
| Barr, Sheila       | 97.5 |
| Newth, Linda       | 95.9 |
| Hoestenbach, Janis | 95.8 |
| Elder, Bill        | 95.7 |
| Smith, James       | 95.6 |
| Jones, Mike        | 94.9 |
| Poole, Ronnie      | 94.9 |
| Smith, Carol       | 94.2 |
| Short, Jimmy       | 94.1 |
| Butler, Billy      | 94.1 |
| Osborn, Melanie    | 93.1 |
| Smith, Sherry      | 93.1 |
| Tanner, Eric       | 92.1 |
| Seabourn, Donna    | 92.1 |
| Brents, Toni       | 91.1 |
| Wisdom, Martha     | 91.1 |
| Johnson, Bill      | 90.1 |
| Guest, Pat         | 90.1 |

## Wedding Bells Rang For The Clayton's

Bennie Joe Clayton and Patsy Gayle Swafford were wed in Acuna, Mexico, September 5, 1959. Bennie was a junior in Crane High School and Gayle was a sophomore. Bennie and Gayle were living in Big Springs, and he was employed with the Wheat Furniture Company.

They now reside in Crane, and Bennie is employed with the Well Service of Crane. The Crane would like to wish this fine couple all the happiness and luck they can possibly wish for in their future years.

## Mark To Be Installed As Worthy Advisor Jan. 30

Carrie Lou Clayton reigned over her last meet as Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls on January 26, 1960. Sandra Mark will be installed as the next Worthy Advisor on Saturday, January 30, 1960, at the Community Hall.

After every business meeting, a covered dish supper is held. Each of the girls brings something to contribute to the meal. The parents also participate in his activity.

Nancy Garner was in Crane January 19 and 21.

Principal C. A. Carroll was absent from school January 20 due to illness.

James Williams who is attending Sul Ross was in Crane January 21.

## Charles Compton To Spend Week In Crane Schools

Charles E. Compton, Jr. one of 20 specially trained science teachers participating in an eight-state traveling science demonstration lecture program during the 1959-60 school year, will spend one week in the Crane Public Schools beginning February 29, 1960.

The program is supported by a \$335,000 National Science Foundation Grant to Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, where Compton spent three months during the past summer in preparation for the job.

While at OSU he was issued a permit to completely equipped station wagon equipped with the other tools and supplies. He and 19 traveling science teachers were selected by a committee of scientists because of their outstanding qualifications.

Compton, 28, was born at DePew, Okla., attended elementary school at Plains, Tex., and graduated from Kermit, Tex., high school. He holds a BA degree from Central State College, Edmond, Okla., and a master's degree from Sul Ross State College, Alpine, Texas. He has done additional graduate work at the University of Wyoming.

He is a member of the Masonic lodge, Methodist church, National Education association, Texas State Teachers association, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Texas High School Coaches association.

He has coached and taught mathematics and physics in the Andrews Independent School District, Texas, since 1950.

He traveled in Japan in 1953 and 1954, and his hobbies are fishing, hunting, gardening and golf.

## THROUGH THE GAP; OVER THE CROSSING

By JEFF HENDERSON

(Stories Of Castle Gap And Horsehead Crossing)

This is a story, or collection of stories, about three well-noted landmarks of Crane County—Castle Gap, Horsehead Crossing, and Juan Cordonna Lake. (Castle Gap is only partially in Crane County. Part of it is in Upton County.)

All of the stories I have listed are from reliable sources, but if I made footnotes for every story I put down, the article would be nothing but footnotes, so I will give the credit to my sources of information in the Appendix.

### THE BEGINNING

If man had been alive during the Permian Period of the Paleozoic Era and could have visited this area, he would have found a great area, not a desert, but a great but shallow sea with many small islands. Two of these islands formed a large crescent, making a bay. (These islands, today, are known as King's Mountain and Castle Mountain, and the break between them is called Castle Gap.) The movements of the tides caused strong currents to flow through the break in the bay, deepening it.

Sealife, unlike that of today, abounded in this area. One could find curious little creatures like the sea urchins, sea cucumbers, trilobites — just about extinct at the time, and various other varieties of Mollusca. (It was during this period that the great oilfields of West Texas were laid down, thus the name — Permian Basin — is derived.)

Millions of years passed, and the sea receded, leaving the land to become dry. In the gap that had been between the two islands, a spring began and ran along a westerly course until it reached lower

land, and then it turned southward. A huge freshwater lake was formed about 13 miles from the head of the spring, and there it remained until the infant Pecos River found its winding, twisting way to this area and caused the lake to become alkaline. With the river adding water to the supply, the lake spread out and began to run toward the sea. The onslaught of water, after many years of changing course began to cut into the solid rock of the area.

To help the river at its source high in the mountains of what is now New Mexico, the Ice Ages began, and the climate of this area changed, with the advent of heavy rains. The river bed was cut deeper into the hard rock. The heavy rainfall had only one alternative after it fell, to run to the river taking the most convenient path which converged on both sides of the river at one point — the present Horsehead Crossing. Thus the Crossing was formed through thousands of years of water rushing to the river at this point made these banks lower than the rest, forming an ideal crossing for later times.

Then the climate changed again. The abundant rainfall ceased, and the river's course bypassed the great lake, isolating it. The lake shriveled up, becoming smaller bodies of almost pure salt, or a very briny water. Then they dried up completely, forming dry salt lakes until it rained; and then they became like quicksand, annihilating anything that tried to cross them.

### THE EARLY INDIAN AND HORSEHEAD CROSSING

It is believed that man came to the Americas before the Ice Ages, and then the Ice Ages drove him southward in search of warmer climates. This search led them to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and on into Central and South America. These small tribes of early Indians progressed and formed, after many years, the great tribes that our forefathers had to fight in order to live in this country.

Castle Gap was a regular camping place for both Apaches and Comanches and many other nomadic tribes. Horsehead Crossing was an easy and convenient place to cross the now treacherous Pecos River. All throughout Crane County, today, you can find evidences of their camps by the great number of huge sandstones that have "potholes" scooped in them.

This area was not overly abundant with wildlife and food for the Indian, but it was a good place for him to exist on. There were pricklypears and an over abundance of mesquite beans to grind into meal and acorns from the shrub-oak that grows in parts of the area. Buffalo were never plentiful around here because of the salty Pecos River, but there were small herds that populated the area. There were also antelope, rabbits of all sorts, ground squirrels, birds of many kinds, the forsaken rattlesnake and other varieties of reptiles, and within hunting distance — deer.

All hunting had to be done by foot, for it was not until after the Spanish conquests that horses arrived in America.

It is doubtful that the Spanish ever used Horsehead Crossing. They may have for Coronado passed through West Texas somewhere near here, as did De Vaca.

With the horses, the Comanches became the greatest Indian horsemen of the plains. They would raid every year through Texas into Chihuahua, Mexico, and they would return to the north by the way of Horsehead Crossing. The Mexicans living in Chihuahua came to know the month of their yearly raid as "the month of the bloody moon." The Great Comanche War Trail — The Chihuahua Trail — led through Crane County. It was in two branches; one of them leading through Castle Gap to the Horsehead, and the other led straight through the county to the Horsehead.

It is probably from these raids that Horsehead Crossing received its name. Although the exact origin of the name is lost somewhere in legend, there are several theories of how it occurred. According to John "Rip" Ford, an old-time Indian fighter, the re-

turning Comanches drove so hard from the last water hole, 60 miles away at Fort Stockton, that their thirsty horses sometimes drank their death of the Pecos brine. From great number of skulls lying about, and others once stuck in mesquites to mark the crossing, the place derived its name. 1

Another legend tells of the first Spanish to reach the crossing marked the approach to it with skulls of mustangs that they found bleaching on the banks. 2

One story has it that Indians — Apaches or Comanches — placed the skulls of mustangs at the crossing as a sign for some of their tribesmen who were following. 3

An old-time judge of Fort Stockton told about what he had heard in 1884 how away back in the 40's a small detachment of soldiers or

rangers who had captured a herd of ponies from Indians near the Pecos and found them an impediment, killed the animals at the crossing, then unnamed and little known. Some time later the skulls were so placed as to mark the ford. 4

Corroborative of this account is the entry made by John R. Bartlett in his journal for October 30, 1850, upon reaching the Pecos River. "After our fatiguing march of two days and one night without rest . . . I examined the river . . . Found the water at Horsehead Crossing, which was a quarter of a mile from our encampment, to afford the greatest facilities. Here there was a bank about half the height of the main bank, to which here was an easy descent, and equally so to the water. It is a place where other parties seem to have crossed, and hence the name.

easy of access. I noticed a lone line of horse and mule skulls placed along the bank which probably gave (the crossing) the name it bears." 5

Thus the legends run. Somewhere in the unrecorded annals of history is the name of the person who first named Horsehead Crossing. Maybe the same person gave to Castle Mountain, and Castle Gap their names. Legend has it that Castle Mountain was the name of the entire range of mountains, including King's Mountain. It was only so that the canyon breaking the range be called Castle Gap or Castle Canyon.

Legend also has it that Castle Mountain was so named because of the towers of rock that resemble towers of a castle.

So the legends run.

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## Clubs Planning Trips, Projects

One of the main things that the clubs in CHS are doing is planning trips. Some are going to state meetings, others to festivals and contests.

The Industrial Arts Club is making clip boards which are to be sold at \$2.00 apiece. These clip boards are both durable and attractive. When the club has work night the members work on their different projects. The officers and delegates of the CIAC may be taking a trip to A&M in Feb. to the state meeting. In the spring the club will take a trip to Odessa College, and Abilene Christian College where they will enter a contest in using hand tools, mechanical drawing, identification of woods, and project judging. There own projects will be judged at this contest.

There will be a Shakespearean Festival held at Alpine which the Speech Club is planning to attend.

The FTA had an executive council meeting to decide which members were to go to the state meeting at Denton, also, they are getting their scrap book ready to take to the meeting, and preparing for the trip.

During club meetings the members of the Basketball Club discuss the games that were played the previous week, and the errors that were made and try to correct them. The only trip the club is planning is that of going to Denver City and winning!

A new club which organized this year is the Political Science Club. They are planning to go visit the Post Office February 8, February 15, they will visit the Court House.

The FHA is planning a devotion which is to be presented February 9, in front of the student body. During the club meetings the members are preparing for the devotion.

At th last club meeting the Library Club had instruction day. Each member had a problem on reference in the library. The social committee chairman, Barbara Davidson, had planned a luncheon for one day the next week. Carrie Lou Chaney and Linda Cook brought the cakes. Mary Ann Kelly and Pat Newman found the nickles in the cakes, and will bring the

Club each their different experiments.

The Junior Historians are planning on taking a trip to the Monahans State Park. They are discussing different projects and trips.

## C. Stroder Completes Semester Studies At SR

Most students think that it is bad enough going to school five days a week, but its doubtful that they ever thought about he people who have to go on Saturdays.

Well, Mr. Charles Stroder, Crane High School plane geometry and algebra teacher, probably thought about it many times last semester as he drove the 135 miles to Alpine to attend Sul Ross State College.

Mr. Stroder took two courses in education, receiving six semester hours. He is not attending this semester as one semester is all teachers are allowed to attend.

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