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Summer Vacation, Musical, To Be Presented May 19

To climax the musical season for the year 1952-53, the musical show, "Summer Vacation," will be presented on May 19, in the high school auditorium.

The show, which will last approximately an hour, will be a musical review of popular and folk songs presented by the choir and orchestra combined with the stage band.

"Summer Vacation" will feature a quartet, boys' octette, several dance routines, and two solo songs. It will be in five scenes with a prelude before each scene. The first scene will be a vacation in the country might be spent. The second scene will be "Farmers in the Dell" and "Skip to My Lou." This scene will include only a part of the chorus.

Next will be a night club scene.

This scene will probably have more variety than any single scene. Included is a two-dance routine, a boys' octette, girls' quartet, and will end with the whole choir singing "Night And Day."

"Apple Blossom Time" will follow in this scene, the two solo voices will be featured, and also a small group will sing "Apple Blossom Time."

The fourth scene will be the Fourth of July. Bands will march, people will sing, and everyone is guaranteed an enjoyable time at the Fourth of July parade.

The last scene will be the journey home after the wonderful vacation. Everyone has had a marvelous time but is happy to be on the way home as they sing "Sentimental Journey."

Local FHA Club Goes To Attend State-Wide Meet In San Antonio

Future Homemakers of America Club members left to attend the State Meet Wednesday, April 29. Thursday, Mrs. Mildred Rose, sponsor, and Mary Lou Sneed, former area president of the FHA, attended the State Executive Meeting at the Plaza Hotel.

Friday morning and afternoon, the group attended general meetings with Dr. Bernice Moore and Judge Sarah T. Hughes.

Friday afternoon, the members went sight seeing. Some of the locations visited were the Alamo, the zoo at Breckenridge park, and La Villita Village. Others went shopping.

Friday night, the Mardi Gras Supper was held at Municipal Auditorium. At this meeting, the reading of the minutes and the reports from committees were given. Nearly 5,000 FHA girls attended.

Saturday morning Mary Lou Sneed attended a breakfast for incoming and outgoing State area presidents at the Plaza Hotel.

Other members of the FHA attended the last general meeting Saturday morning at the Municipal Auditorium. Dolores was the voting delegate at this meeting.

The group left San Antonio at noon Saturday morning and arrived in Crane about 9 p. m.

NOTICE

We, the members and sponsors of the senior class would like to take this opportunity to express our greatest appreciation to the juniors for the wonderful banquet and prom, April 25. We could have asked for nothing more, as everything was truly perfect. The food, decorations, music, entertainment and everything couldn't have possibly been better. From all of us to all of you, we say—"THANKS"

Crane Places Second In Columbia Press Association Contest

"The Crane" received word recently that they had received a second place rating in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association High School Newspaper contest. Out of a possible 1,000 points, "The Crane" received 814 points, 36 points below a first place, in general and 90 out of a possible 100 in sectional scoring.

The papers in the contest were judged on four general things: content, writing and editing, make-up and general considerations.

On content, "The Crane" received 255 points out of a possible 300, 340 out of a possible 400 on writing and editing, 129 out of 200 on make-up and 90 out of 100 on general considerations.

The following are some of the comments given by the contest judges:

"Your coverage of news is apparently complete and as a rule your news-writing follows the essentials. It is generally well-written. Avoid beginning news articles with the, 'a', and dates."

"Try to be consistent. Some times you express time as 9:30, in others as 2 o'clock."

"Your masthead is lacking pertinent data. You omit such things as date of particular issue, schools, dates of publication, etc."

"Would it be possible to use any variety in your headline type? Break all long news stories with subheads."

"Some of your ads are well-written."

"With a little attention to details, you should be able to make first next year."

The contest papers consisted of five issues put out by last year's class, and five by the current journalists.

Annual Assistants Are Chosen For Next Year

Lawrence LeBeouf, Bill Mathis, Mary Ted Sharrock, and Clayton were chosen annual assistants for the coming year of '53 and '54.

Lawrence LeBeouf was chosen as assistant business manager by Jerry Caskey. Darrell Vines chose Bill Mathis as assistant editor and Mary Ted Sharrock was chosen by Helen Lakin as assistant secretary. Dolores Hooper chose Clayton Dennis as assistant artist.

These students were chosen because the annual staff has found that by choosing the assistant staff they get better workers when they are elected sometimes, they are chosen by popularity instead of ability.

All the pictures for the annual have been taken except the senior trip, graduation and the color picture of the annual staff. The annual photographer will take the colored picture May 13.

A few people still have unsettled bills and these must be settled before you can receive your annuals, so please take care of these small payments.

1953 Student Council Plans Next Year's Work

The Student Council members recently finished their reports about the State meet at Lubbock. It was decided that the feature length movies would be discontinued next year and two stage shows and maybe one or two movies would take the place of the regular movie a month.

Discussion of a career day for next year was much in favor, and more than likely will be observed next year.

Chairmen of standing committees will soon make reports of what has been accomplished during the year.

Class representatives will be elected Wednesday, May 6 and the senior council members will be in charge of this election. The Student Council members and sponsors have asked that you give much to your choice of candidate.

Theatre Donates Six Tickets To Writers

The Crane Theatre donated six tickets to the winners of the best letters written to Esquire Magazine on the subject of "Let's Secede From Texas," an article published in the April issue of Esquire magazine.

Three tickets were given to Loyd Allen and Jerry Caskey for winning first place. Pat Clancy received two for second place, and Carolyn for winning third place, Carolyn Lively, Dwain Warren, and A. L. Higdon.

Spring Fashion Show Tonight Featuring Seventy-two Models

Spring styles and fashions in general will be the keynotes of the Home Economics Department style show tonight. The show will start

at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium and will include some 48 freshmen, 14 sophomores, and 10 juniors and seniors.

Junior-Senior Prom Highlights Social Year For Crane High School

Crane Hi upper classmen reach the climax of the social year as juniors, seniors, and other guests entered the community hall Saturday night, April 25 for the banquet and prom where the beautiful atmosphere of Hawaii prevailed.

Overhead was a blue and silver sky all around could be seen brightly colored flowers and shrubs. At one end was a beautiful volcano and flower scene and in the corner stood a straw hut where punch was served during the prom. In the center was a palm tree, a fish pond and some beautiful colored flowers surrounded by grass.

Billy Spence gave the invocation, and Jerry Caskey, president of the hosting junior class, gave the welcome and Harold Hunter, senior president, gave the response.

Then Gwen Nix, Brenda Owens and Sandra Russell presented two variations of a hula dance.

Sixteen sophomore maids dressed in bright-colored tiered skirts with tops and Hawaiian leis, served the delicious meal: Tropical Dream (fruit cocktail), Jungle Game (baked ham), Golden Dream (pineapple slices), Seed Pearls in Sea-weed (green beans), Licliol and Papa (potatoes in cream sauce), Taro Cake (hot rolls), Beach pebbles in Clam Shell (waldo salad), Coconut Milk (iced tea), and Coconut Pie.

Following the meal, the senior will and the junior prophecy were brought to light as Don Dukes, and A. J. Smith, members of their respective classes were chosen to deliver these messages.

For favors each person was presented with various colors of Hawaiian leis and program booklets.

Following the benediction given by Don Ash, everyone was invited to stay for the dance where music was furnished by the Dan Blair Jr. Band.

Eight Awards To Be Given In Track, Tennis

Eight new jackets and two new sweaters will appear in Crane High shortly, with seven tennis, one track jacket, and two track sweaters.

The tennis sweaters will be reversible with purple wool on one side and gold satin on the other. The students receiving the tennis jackets are: Joe Dan Ash, Riley Hood, George Thompson, Helen Lakin, Luanne Presley, Bobbie Lightfoot, and Leona Higdon.

The track jacket received by Doug Jones will be the same as the new basketball jackets, while the sweaters that Lawrence LeBeouf and Buddy Hatch receive will be white with a purple C on a gold background.

Loss Outdoors Gain In C. H. S. Enrollment

Crane High School has lost six students and gained two within the last two weeks.

Richard Hightower, a sophomore, withdrew to work.

Shirley Penney, an eighth grader, moved to Athens, Texas. Ray moved to San Angelo.

Charlie Powell and Gene Merrill from the freshman and sophomore classes respectively moved to Van Horn.

Guy Rogers, a sophomore, withdrew from school.

Clarence Reeves, a freshman, from Woodson, Texas, and Marion Dick, an eighth grader, from Carthage, Texas, are the two new students.

Dolores White, dressed in a brown taffeta skirt and a brown organdy blouse will introduce the program's theme, "Fashion Land." As the curtain opens in the bedroom of a typical college co-ed, Judy Mathis, several of her friends are talking about the style contest that she is entering. As the scene progresses, Judy's friends, Charline Ellison, Billie Gooch, Corina Pina, and Mary Lou Sneed leave and Judy continues drawing her contest dress.

Before long, however, she falls asleep and dreams that a fairy comes to her room and takes her to Fashion Land. There she sees styles and fashions that inspire her to create.

Judy will be attired in black and red pajamas with a trim in black braid; Charline Ellison, in

permafinish chambray trimmings in red rickrack; Mary Lou Sneed, in a very sheer gold printed negligee; Billie Gooch in chartreuse pajamas with matching robe; and Corina Pina in a yellow dotted organdy dress.

Others in the Fashion Land show will be dressed in dusters, pajamas school dresses, sport clothes, blouses and skirts, and so on. All clothes in the style show will have been made by the models themselves.

Afterwards, a tea will be held in the Home Economics Department kitchen for the mothers and fathers of the models.

Mrs. Mildred Rose, sponsor of the show, commented on the splendid work that the students have done on the curtains, bed spread, and cornice boards of the bed room scene. Mrs. Rose was extremely pleased with the fine work that her students are doing to make this show the finest ever.

MARTHA COOK CRANES' POET WRITES POETRY WHEN BORED



MARTHA COOK

Martha Cook, one of Crane High's most talented poets, states that she writes poetry when she is bored.

She says she writes according to how she feels. Martha has lived in Crane all 17 years of her life and has been very active in school activities. She has been cheerleader for two years, head cheerleader for one year, class president for one year, vice-president one year, eighth grade favorite, has been awarded many other honors during her four years of school.

Martha has written around 30 poems and when she graduates she plans to go to Texas Western and major in journalism.

Martha has written many of the poems that have been published in "The Crane" and in the next paper will be a poem she has written for the '53 seniors. Below is a short poem written by Martha.

I often wonder how many stop to think,

Just how wonderful they really are.

Some people are always in other's business,

Always roaming around in fizzes,

Some people love to say "Poor Me"

Just think, some people can't even see.

Some people just live to mock,

There are millions who can't even talk.

People fuss about studying at night

We all fuss when we can't have Dad's car

There's not many the sea way far.

Girls fuss about clothes and their hair,

Some don't have too much to wear.

Some say nothing's fair

Some live to make a dare.

We don't realize how lucky we are,

So let's all thank our Lucky Star!

Hatch, Miller To Compete In State Track Meet

Buddy Hatch and Clarence Miller will journey to Austin to compete in the State Track and Field meet May 7-8. Both athletes have proven themselves outstanding track men in district and regional competition this year.

Clarence is one of the Class A standouts in both high jump and discus, but will only compete in high jump at Austin. His qualifying for state has been a long but steady process. In the Comanche Relays he tied for first in the high jump and placed second in the discus. In Ozona he won first place in the high jump and discus.

Spectators at the Permian Basin Meet in Kermit saw him clear the six-foot bar for a new record, then in the ABC relays in Big Spring he tied for second place with a leap of 5 feet 10 inches. Then in regional he was second only to McDonald of Phillips who set a new record at 6 feet 3 and a half inches.

Hatch, rated high in Class A competition, completes in the 100, the 220 and the broad jump. His record to date is a first place in the 100-yard dash, second in the 220 at the Comanche Relays, Fort

Stockton.

In Ozona he tied for first in the broad jump and took two seconds in the 100 and 200 respectively. He again won the 100-yard dash in Kermit and took a third in the 220. The ABC Relays in Big Spring netted him a second in the 100, and a fourth in the broad jump.

District competitors all ate his dust in the 100, and saw him win second in both the 220-yard dash and broad jump.

In regional competition he won a second in the 100 and a third in the 220.

The state meet is expected to offer the duo their roughest competition to date, but they are expected to make a fine showing. Coach Anderberg will accompany the boys to Austin.

Buddy is rounding out his school athletic career, but Clarence has another year to go.

Next issue of The Crane will be the last one put out by the present staff and it will be a six page senior edition.

Movie Schedule For Last Of April

"The American Cowboy" was the title of a very interesting movie shown during the activity period last Thursday morning. Other movies on the program last week were "The Body Flights Disease," "The Story of Oil," "Mechanist and Tool Maker" for John McVern's science classes, and two civics films "Pride of Workmanship" and "Where Joe's Living Comes From," shown by Joel Williams and Paul Patterson respectively.

Ella Smith Brings Eighth To Top Honor Roll With 96; Rex Wood, Second, 95.8

Ella Smith brought the Eighth Grade in first on the Second six-weeks Honor Roll with a 96 average. The seniors (taking a back seat gracefully) were brought in second with Rex Wood with a 95.8. The Eighth Grade also took third place with David Delong having a 95.2 score. Fourth were the freshmen with Barbara McDougal having a 95.

The top rankers of the classes are as follows:

Juniors
Ted Field 94
Jerry Caskey 92.6
Luanne Presley 92
Lynne Sue Harold 91.5
Dorcas Crittenden 90.7
Dolores Hooper 90

SOPHOMORES	
Bill Mathes	94.2
Geneva Johnson	93
Della Caudle	90.6
Lawrence LeBeouf	90
Mary Ted Sharrock	90

FRESHMEN	
Sarann West	94.4
Regena Kinsey	94.4
Eva Mae Miller	94
Shirley Wallender	94
Maurine Johnson	93.6
Barbara Hooper	93.4
Sandra Russell	93.4
Gwen Nix	93
Ann Garner	92.8

EIGHTH GRADE	
Bill Lightfoot	94.6
Carolyn Bostwick	92.6
Peggy Milam	91.8
David Crittenden	90.6
Sammy Ray Hooper	90

Based on recent reports, it is revealed that English II, Sec. 2, under Mae Featherston, proves to be the hardest spring handicap in Crane High School, with 50 per cent failing.

One hundred and thirty-three grades have gone down in red, according to reports from Principal Carroll's office.

The following data concerns the number taking the course, the number passing, and the percent failing:

McCamey coronation May 1 was attended by a few of the Crane students. (Of course, some of the senior girls wouldn't have missed it.)	Seemed as though Crane was well represented at the Rose Club in Odessa after the prom, April 25.
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It seems that a lot of our boys wore tuxedo's to the banquet and prom. Nice going, boys. They looked swell.

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Grade School News

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Chrane:

Now that spring is here, we are busy studying about the different kinds of birds. We each have a bird house with our name on it. We are trying very hard to "earn" eight birds for our bird houses by learning all of our new reading words.

Many of our classmates have been ill with the measles. We are hoping all of us will be back together soon. Those who have been absent have missed hearing some very fine stories during our story time.

GRADE THREE-ONE

Mrs. Pierce:

Mrs. Pierce has been ill and is at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. All the students will be happy when she is able to be back in Crane again.

GRADE THREE-TWO

Miss Teltman:

We are all working very hard to make our books real nice for the last month. Our bird unit was a lot of fun and are real pretty.

We are looking forward to our summer vacation.

Two girls and one boy withdrew. We will miss them a lot.

CHARLES BOWER,

Reporter.

GRADE FOUR-ONE

Miss Kent:

In our room, Raymond Margenau moved to Menard.

In science we are studying about plants and flowers. Some students brought boxes and planted flowers in them. In geography we are about to go to China. We are now in Norway. In English we memorized a poem called "The Elf and the Dormouse."

CHARLES WATKINS

and

ROGER LIVERMAN

Reporters.

GRADE FIVE-THREE

Mrs. Beyer:

Tuesday, April 1, the fifth grade went on an educational trip to Midland. Our mothers took us there in their cars. First we went to an airport that was about halfway between Midland and Odessa.

Our mothers parked their cars, and we got out and walked around to the cargo gate. We watched several passenger planes land, part of them were The American Airlines and the Pioneer Airlines.

Just before the American Airlines took off, the stewardess showed us through the plane. When we got out of the plane, we went to the coffee room. Then we went to a tower which was called the 101 Club, because the tower had 101 steps. At the tower we saw a teletype which told about the weather. We went to Midland and stopped at a park to eat a picnic lunch.

Our second stop was to KJBC. While there we saw Keith Ward, and heard him play the mystery tune, "Plank, Plank, Plank."

Our next stop was at Borden's. We saw how they bottle milk, how they pasteurized milk and sterilized the bottles. We saw how they made fudge sticks and sacked them. We watched them put ice cream into boxes. They make 12,000 fudge sticks a day. Mr. Carson gave each of us a fudge stick.

We next went to the Scharbauer Hotel. We rode the elevator to the sixth floor, then back to the second floor. The elevator girl's name was Cecil. We went to the lounge, a suite of rooms, and to the ball room. In the same build-

ing, but in a different part, we went to radio station KCRS. On the first floor were a flower shop, a travel bureau, a barber shop, and a beauty salon.

Last we went to the T&P depot. The seats were nice and the waiting room was clean. As we got on the train, a man gave us a package of mints. We walked from the Pullman by the kitchen, to the diner, private roomettes, and to the chair car. The seats were clean and nice; when you pushed a knob, the seat would go back, and at the bottom of the seat there was a footrest. We got to Odessa about 5 o'clock. Our mothers brought us back to Crane. On our way back from Midland, we saw an observatory from the train window.

The mothers who took us were Mrs. Box, Mrs. Dulin, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Westmoreland, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Alexander.

SANDRA JEAN BOX,

Reporter.

GRADE SIX-THREE

Miss Viertel:

Mrs. Browning, our geography teacher's daughter, Nona, was married last week in Odessa. She is still working as Mr. Nevins' secretary, and said she would probably work here next year.

We had a review in arithmetic. In science we are making models of ships, cars, and airplanes. Those working on cars are Dyantha Green, Dorothy McDougal, Linda Cannon, Jerene Crumley, Patsy Preslar, Nancy Garner, Brenda Meinzer, Joan Woodbury, Johnny Griffin, Suellen Davis and L. J. Welch.

Those working on airplanes are Larry Stiger, Jerry Mills, Winston Freeman, Billy Ed Horned, Larry Hagler, David Griffin, Charles Bryant, and Wayne Lee.

Those working on ships are Margaret Ausbern, Linda Jourdan, Ina Napier, Leanne Turner, Bobby Gage, Teddy Parson, and Clark Brewer.

MARGARET AUSBERN

and

DYANTHA GREEN,

Reporters.

GRADE SEVEN-TWO

Mrs. Browning:

Over the weekend the Safety Patrol went on a trip to the Big Bend Park, sponsored by the Crane Volunteer Fire Department. The boys who went from our room were Jerry Evans, Jerry Dean Ash, Jimmy Hay, Johnny Webb, James Byerly, C. B. Curry, and Johnny Bostwick.

We are building model airplanes, ships, and cars in science and art.

CHS Seniors Receive Invitations And Cards

The Senior Class has received invitations and cards to be mailed for the graduation exercises, May 29. A gift memory book was given each senior by the company for getting in orders early.

Two students, Bobby Robinson and Richard Ables have their invitations waiting. Bobby is in the hospital but his family will mail the invitations.

Richard is a transfer student at present enrolled at Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Thanks to the juniors for a wonderful banquet and prom. Nice going, kids. It must have been a lot of work, but just remember—it was appreciated.

Correspondence Work For Nine CHS Students

Among the nine CHS students taking correspondence courses, only three are seniors.

As the end of school draws near all students are urged to complete these credits. Especially those planning to graduate in May.

Sandra Plummer, Corinna Pina, and Vasser Wilkerson are taking courses in English I. Roy Thurston, Darlene Henderson, and Irene Moore have started credits in English III. Geneva Johnson, English II. Gene Hestre, Texas History, and Don Hinde, solid geometry, are engaging in finishing these subjects.

A person receiving a diploma from Crane High School can only have two credits taken by correspondence.

Joel Williams Attends Career Day As Teacher

Joel Williams went to Fort Stockton on April 21 to attend "Career Day." This was sponsored by the Guidance Department and the Ft. Stockton High School Student Council for the purpose of letting students ask questions about and discuss different careers.

There was one representative from each career and there Williams was asked to represent teaching.

A 45 minute period was given to each in which time the students were allowed to ask any questions that they might not know or understand about the occupation. Before hand the consultants were sent a list of questions which had been asked previously by students. These questions did not pertain to any particular one but some of them were about each subject and gave the consultants some idea of the questions that might be asked during the period.

Each student was allowed to attend three meetings, two of which were occupations, and the other was a club. The purpose of this was to help the student to choose the occupation and club that they would be interested in for future use.

NTSC Music Group Visits Crane High

Dr. Hodgson, Dean of Music at North Texas State College, and five or six students stopped at Crane High recently. They were on their way to McCamey to put on a show that night.

The show was Grain Carlo Me-notti's "The Telephone," the curtain opener operetta, presented in New York last year. The opera consisted of two acts and three or four musicians.

Their purpose in stopping here was to look over the school buildings, which they had studied at school. Dr. Hodgson especially wanted them to see the auditorium, which he thinks is tops.

Mrs. Sapp Speaks To Delta Kappa Gamma

The Delta Kappa Gamma had their regular monthly meeting in McCamey April 28. Mrs. Sapp spoke to the group on "Teacher Retirement." The public was invited to hear this interesting speech.

The towns represented were Iraan, Big Lake, Rankin, McCamey and Crane. Those attending from Crane were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carroll, Mrs. Doug Crane, Miss Mae Featherstone, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Averitt, Miss Mary Kent, Mrs. Pittman, Miss Minette Rowland, Mrs. Abernathy, and Miss Lucille Boyd.

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Bobby Robinson Is Reported Improving; Memory Returning

The latest report from Bobby Robinson is a good one. He has been conscious for the past week or more. He is able to remember things that happened during the last three or four days, but anything that happened before that is kind of hazy. The latest report received by Mrs. Ruby Hughes was that he thought he had been in a car accident, but he could not remember who he was with or where it happened. This report was received about a week ago, and Mrs. Hughes said the thought they had probably told him about everything by this time.

Bobby can sit up sometimes for 20 or 30 minutes, this being possible because of a brace the nurses place on his back. The doctors think that if he keeps on improving as rapidly in the future as in the past, he will be able to sit in a wheel chair soon. Also if this keeps up, the chances are good that he may be able to return here for graduation.

His left foot, which has been paralyzed since the accident, now has a little feeling returning to it, and he can move it from side to side. He is able to read and wishes everyone would write, as he would like to know all the latest news about Crane, and if anything exciting has happened.

EXCHANGES

THE BROADCASTER, Magnolia, Arkansas

Girl's Mother—"The boy that gets my daughter will get a surprise! Boyfriend—May I see the surprise?"

DO THANHI SOOTJUS Dothan, Alabama

One way to make your old car run better is to learn the price of a '53 model.

THE BROADCASTER, Iraan, Texas

Given: I love you

To prove: You love me.

1. I love you

2. Therefore I am a lover

3. All the world loves a lover.

4. You are all the world to me.

5. Therefore you love me.

TIGERS TALE, Snyder Texas

The Gay Nineties

A gig and a gal

The roaring Twenties

A flivver and a flapper.

The Flashy Fifties

A plane and a Jane.

THE VANDAL VOICE, Van, Texas

Modern Manners

Charles: Would it be improper for me to kiss your hand?

Patty: It would be decidedly out-of-place.

THE FOREST LAHO Dallas, Texas

Bowlus West—I dreamed I girl in the world.

Dolores White—Where we happy?

THE OWL'S HOOT Big Lake, Texas

Doug Jones—What is worse than a giraffe with a sore throat.

Mr. Chrane—A centipede with corns.

THE SHORTHORN, Marfa, Texas

"ON ISLE OF CAPRIOR RIVIERA, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME . . ."

Paul Patterson, journalism instructor recently received a letter from Calvin Hazle, who graduated from Crane in 1951 and is now in the Navy.

Calvin was artist for "The Crane" for several years. He also represented this paper in the regional meet at Lubbock his senior year, during which he also served as a reporter.

The letter is as follows: Mr. Patterson,

I don't suppose I have to apologize for this typewriter, realizing that you were in intelligence last war. I am in communications too, but not in the same capacity. My job is to keep the transmitters and receivers operating for the communications technicians.

Mother mentioned you to me in one of her letters, and I have had the most honorable intentions, but it seems time and the service squelch letter writers. Tonight I am on watch, not the type of watch usually thought about in connection with the service, but I just have to be awake in case of a failure.

Homes For Home

I have just finished the March

Who Knows What Goes? Reply Sought By Victim

While wandering around the building in a state of stupor, your roving reporter was narrowly missed by some falling bricks.

After bristling into the office in a mad rush there was quite a bit of stammering on the part of Principal Carroll.

When asked, accusingly, what the meaning was, he gave a red-faced reply of "I don't know."

After such a show of indignation, yours truly rushed to the scene of almost tragedy.

"Only building the stack a little higher and reinforcing the lower part," was the worker's answer when approached by a person who resembled a bantam-hen with a bunch of chicks.

Oh, well, if we want heat next winter, we have to suffer the consequences.

Survey To Find Highest Ratio Occupation

several schools to make the survey by a University of Texas thesis writer as one of those to make the observation survey of the most "looked-up-to" occupation that is held by women today.

Elaine Ruth, working on her master's degree at the University of Texas, sent out questionnaires to several schools to make survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine how the occupation in which women work are rated in Texas by pupils and parents.

The instructions were for the students to fill out the green sheet by placing an M before five of the 20 occupations that are more looked up to and an L before the five least looked up to. The parents of these students were sent a white sheet similar to the one given the students and they were to do the same thing as the others.

When these were all returned and figured, both the parents and the student believed the registered nurse to be the most looked up to specialist. The medical technician was second, the high school teacher and physio-therapist tied for third, fourth was the elementary school teacher and then the x-ray technician was fifth.

These tests were given only to the twelfth and ninth grades and their parents. This way there was a span of a few years in school and in ways of thinking.

Jill Russell, '52 Crane graduate, has recently been elected one of the Sul Ross cheerleaders.

Carolyn Van Meter who has been attending Odessa College has quit school to begin work.

It used to be when you brought home a report card with a low mark, you got a licking; nowadays you get drafted.

THE SCRAPPER McCamey, Texas

Roses are Red,

I'm black and blue

If you played football,

You would be too.

Don Hinde's View Of 'Auto Versus Driver'

The English IV classes have been writing short themes. The following is one written by Don Hinde.

AUTOMOBILE VERSUS DRIVER

The automobile, for the last half century, has been man's chief source of transportation. From Henry Ford's first horseless carriage to the sleek modern cars of today, the automobile has been a challenge to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the driver.

Looking back in time, the case of Mr. Oscar J. Driveshaft stands out as an example of the fundamental clash between humanity and the machine.

Mr. Driveshaft, upon hearing that one of the new machines was in town and was to be put up for sale to the highest bidder, gathered his savings, and rushed to the marketing square. After several tense moments of heated bidding, he bought the automobile. Proudly the owner of the first gas buggy in Girvin posed for pictures beside his new possession. No longer would he be bothered with feeding his faded old carriage horse or have to clean his barn every Monday. Little did he realize that this seemingly harmless mechanism would make him wish that he had never heard of the word automobile.

Clad in his bundlesome duster and cap, he went to the front of the car and after setting the gas and, spark, gave the crank several vigorous turns. The sputter of the engine sent him charging to the driver's seat to adjust the throttle. He was late by two sputts and a pop. Casting a glare at the little machine, he moved back to the crank to another attempt. The results of the next hour totalled four bruises just below his knee, a broken finger and much sulphurous and unseemly language. As a final result, he was forced to hitch old Nellie to the contraption and pull it home.

Now, fifty years later, the automobile has revolutionized the life of America, and man has revolutionized the automobile. Today, every small child confidently looks forward to his first solo in the family car, as boys of that day did to their first pair of long pants, and the car of today is a beauty with the power of over a hundred horses under its streamlined hood. Man and his creation should present a picture of perfect accord and cooperation, but do they?

STILL STUBBORN

Today, fifty years later and almost as many automobiles, our friend Mr. Driveshaft no longer keeps old Nellie in reverse; but he, nevertheless, is still waging his waging his ceaseless war against his current machine. He succeeds in losing a few pounds of skin and a gallon or so of blood annually, and his stubborn cars still persist in refusing to start in the morning, installing at the busiest intersection, or in blowing out a tire at the very moment when everything seems to be going perfectly. Yes, though the battle has been a losing struggle, man still gallantly meets his elusive foe in combat in the vain hope that some day he proves himself superior to his creation—the horseless carriage.

The journalism class was well pleased with their second rating of the paper as they only lacked 36 points making a first place rating.

Mary Lou Sneed gave a birthday dinner May 28 for Pete Tijerina, a McCamey senior. Two couples from McCamey attended.

Low Number Slumber At Sleepless Party

If you see a group of girls who look like the morning after the night before, it's only because they are still recovering from a sleepless night at the Davis Mansion (one of the Humble Camp Estates) at 2 o'clock after going to Odessa to dance and sundry places.

The weary group began to arrive at the Davis Mansion (one of the Humble Camp Estates) at 2 o'clock after going to Odessa to dance and sundry places. With wax flowers, jewelry, baskets, corsages, and books in hand, each girl was very sleepy and tired (with a ten feet, that is). Forms were arranged neatly (did we say any-ly?) on the table, on the floor, etc. The dresser was piled high with all the garb the girls brought in with them. (A burglar would have made a nice haul).

As each girl arrived, the and talk became louder, and louder and louder—until everyone's silence fell, (but only because were feeding their faces with sandwiches, Fritos, olives, cake, fins, etc.) Between bites came mumble and roar from all, as the continued their eating.

About 5 o'clock, the girls agreed to shut their choppers and slept for a few minutes, but we mean "few" minutes; it wasn't long before the house was in a stew, and everyone was preparing for the coming day.

Even though only a few sleep was obtained, the girls reported a wonderful time and only wait anxiously for the girl (the fool) to give a sleep party.

Those attending were Ann Donald from McCamey, Jan Morton, Mary Lou Sneed, Judy White, Judy Mathis, Martin son and Sammie.

Journalism Students Enter State Contest

Journalism students of Crane recently sent stories, features, and editorials to be judged in the Interscholastic League journalism contest.

Stories were chosen by the from every past issue of the paper. Those stories the class thought were the best were turned over to Paul Patterson and he sent them to Austin.

Of all the stories written the year, only three of each could be submitted.

Until this contest, the Crane has always entered contests judged it as a whole. This Interscholastic League awards individuals awards to students who entered their own stories.

Winners of the contest will be announced in the near future.

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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 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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THAT FUNNY THING CALLED LOVE!

The world can't do without lovers—but the halls can. This is a statement all of the students of CHS should give a little thought to. Are you one of the students who are absolutely stunned after reading this statement? Are you one who has never thought of love like this? If you are, just remember that there is a time and place for everything. Sure, the world can't do without lovers. Actually what would the world be like today if there were none. But, still there is the public to think about, and the halls of the school or on the campus is definitely not the place or time for romance.

Think of this situation in this sense. How do you like to see the "lovers" of CHS romancing in the halls? Honestly, ask yourself how you think it looks to see them act this way. We don't think anyone thinks it looks especially nice. Of course, it may attract a little attention—but actually what kind of attention does it attract—unfavorable.

Yes, it's true "all the world loves a lover" but only when he stays out of sight with his affection.

Someone show you a picture of such conduct 30 years from now and you'd be mortified to death.

Failure, The Easiest Accomplishment!

The six weeks reports listed more than 100 failing grades. Do you know what the easiest task in the world to accomplish is? To fail... yes failure requires absolutely no work or effort whatsoever. But what accomplishments is failure? What good can it possibly lead to?

Trying to find easier work won't help at all. No effort toward one goal, only means failure at another simply because without effort, there are no results.

Just like getting up at a certain time every morning, failure becomes a habit.

As you have heard before, you are laying the foundations of your life, and one that will crumble, can be built just as easily as one that can withstand the weight of life.

How will you build your foundation... on the sand or on the rock?

FILES

5 YEARS AGO:
Doris Collins and Merwyn McCulley won state tennis title.

7 YEARS AGO:
The band won first division ratings at state meet.

8 YEARS AGO:
The Crane High School Band and Choral attended a clinic in Monahans.

12 YEARS AGO:
The Crane Profs were defeated by the Kermat faculty in a volleyball game.

13 YEARS AGO:
Three Homecoming girls attended the F. H. A. state meeting in Dallas.

14 YEARS AGO:
Crane took fourth place in a Big Lake track meet.

15 YEARS AGO:
The school paper, "The Crane," went to the state journalism meet.

17 YEARS AGO:
The dramatic class presented a Chinese play entitled, "The Chrysanthemum."

19 YEARS AGO:
The senior class went to Carlsbad Caverns on their senior trip.

20 YEARS AGO:
The Glee Club presented an operetta on May 2 in the auditorium.

Juke Box Personalities

Yours—Mary Lou and Pete
You Are Driving Me Crazy—Gene Hester
Don't Tempt Me—Joyce Parker
I Want Someone To Care For—Billie Gooch
No Two People—Lovelie and Hatch
When Your Lover Has Gone—Dolores White
It's Worth Any Price You Pay—Senior girls who go with McCamey boys
Midnight—After the Prom
Love Is A Simple Thing—Darrell Vines
Withered Roses—Girls' corsages
Keep It A Secret—Clarence and Judy
Water Can't Quench The Fire of Love—From Roy Damron to Ann Anderson
I Miss You So—Martha Hopson (when Howard is in McCamey)
Suddenly—Faye and Darrell
Tell Me You Are Mine—Charles Lively to Patty Johnson
I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive—Robert McCarty
Alarm Clock Boogie—The seniors at 2 a. m. May 30
So Long, It's Been Good To Know You—Charlene and Don
I'm just a poor Bachelor—Jerry Caskey
A Full Time Job—Jody Ash
Bring My Sweet Baby Back To Me—Martha Cook



The formal banquet and prom really brought out the beauty of our C. H. S. students. I don't know where you could have ever seen a more handsome group.

Sammie Davis and Juanice Morton were beautiful in their black formal with bright rhinestones and sequin decorations.

In a beautiful blue ruffle dress was Bettie Field. It was solid ruffles on the skirt and ruffles around the strapless top.

White orchids accented Ann Anderson's loveliness on her baby blue dress.

It is said the nicest things come in small packages. Judy Mathis really believes this since she received her graduation present, a diamond ring. It is very pretty. Judy Mary Lou, too likes small packages. It seems she has acquired a new senior ring, decorated with an M which might stand for McCamey High School.

In a brown organdy dress with pink accessories, Charlene Ellison looked sweet enough to eat.

Sarann West looked like a dream in a black backlessnet over black satin, glittering with sequins.

We mustn't forget our handsome gentlemen. The guys really looked swell. Many of them managed to wear tuxes which added color and charm to the whole affair.

Patty Johnson and Charles Lively looked like a picture in their evening clothes. Patty's pretty white dress and Charles's white coat.

Nancy Robinson looked especially pretty with her beautiful red hair held back by white carnations. We can't overlook Beverly Sikes who reminded you of a little doll in her orchid dress with her hair fixed in a cluster of curls.

Perky Hooper's blond hair looked lovely with her bright-ruffled evening dress.

Everyone commented that Mona Johnson looked like a lovely Greek Goddess in her dress of white.

Everything was beautiful at the prom and banquet. The juniors really did a fine job.

Have you noticed the new girl? It is none other than Marvelee Hooper in her new white pearl glasses. Very becoming and pretty too.

Straw sandals looked darling on Mrs. Elmore's tiny feet.

Roy Thurston wears many pretty shirts but his gray one with striped collar is especially outstanding.

Charlene Blair's neat and dainty appearance always adds something to the halls of C. H. S.

Your fashion reporters want to take this opportunity to tell each and everyone that it is impossible to get everyone in the fashionettes each time, but we do our best. Each student should realize that he will be an upperclassman one day and will have his chance. If your name hasn't appeared in this column, please don't be offended because we think Crane has the nicest-looking, best dressed students in the west. Keep up the good looks, kids.

Song Of The Week

HOLD ME, THRILL ME, KISS ME

Hold me, hold me, never let me go
Until you've told me, told me,
What I want to know and then
Just hold me, hold me,
Make me tell you I'm in love with you.
Thrill me, thrill me, walk me down the lane
Where shadows will be, will be,
Hiding lovers just the same as
We'll be, we'll be
When I tell you I'm in love with you.
They told me, be sensible with your new love,
Don't be a fool thinking this is the last you'll find.
But they never stood in the dark with you, love.
When you take me in your arms
And drive me slowly out of my mind.
Kiss me, kiss me, and when you do I know that
You will miss me, miss me,
Should we ever say adieu
So kiss me, kiss me,
Make me tell you I'm in love with you.

BOOK NOOK

"RED GRANGE"

"Red" Grange, the Galloping Ghost, was the greatest open field runner in the history of football in America. Once he had the pigskin in his hands, there was no stopping him. Punters were cautioned to aim their boots away from the redhead. He could bounce out of a scrimmage, with every man on the opposing eleven out to tackle him, and run like a 100-meter Olympic sprinter for the enemy goal line. He was the most dangerous back on the gridiron. He could kick and pass almost as well as he could run and his play was always spectacular. He caught the imagination of the whole world and was the most glamorized athlete America has ever known.

Red was a small-town boy. He came from Wheaton, Ill., where his ex-lumberjack father was captain of the police. In his spare time and during his summers, as long as he was in school, he helped pay his way by working with Luke Thompson, the ice man. That was another of Red Grange's nicknames, the Wheaton Ice man. He was also called just "77" after the numerals which were always visible to both the spectators and his opponents.

After his last game at Illinois, Red joined forces with the Chicago Bears. George Halas' professional football club, which had not been too popular, suddenly drew thousands of new and enthusiastic fans.

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Damon Runyon said of him: "He is melody and symphony on the football field. He is crashing sound. He is poetry. He is brute force. He is the best one-man exhibition of football since Jim Thorpe played for Carlisle."

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AUNT SOPHIE

Auntie Sophie.
Do you think if I put on a white sheet that I could paint (its) without being seen?

White Willie.
It doesn't work. Besides, if you are a senior, why trouble? The juniors will paint it for you. Their motto is "Early to climb, early to paint. Soon we'll have the town thinking 'what we ain't'."

Sophie.
Dear Sunny Sophie.
Do you think any of the seniors will be lost on the senior trip?

Wondering.
Dear Wondering.
By the time some of the more western type seniors see the Vieux Carre, it'll take the F. B. I. to find some of them.

Shylvock Sophie.
Dear Aunt Sophie.
What makes school so dull to ward the end?

Dull Dan.
Dear Dan.
Maybe you've been looking at the travel folders too long and simply got carried away.

Florida-Bound Auntie.
Dear Aunt Sophie.
What can I do to cool my mother's temper? She was furious because I came in at dawn from the prom.

Hot Water Harold.
Dear Harold.
No solution. Suggestion—try to make it to church on Sunday School. At least be home for dinner.

Better-Late Than Never Sophie.
Sophie.
Why do I always feel run down and worn out?

Tired Thomas.
Dear Tired.
Maybe you think too much or do too much. By a sunlamp and a bottle of sun tan lotion, get plenty too much. Buy a sunlamp and a rest and eat fruits and vegetables. If that doesn't work, try liver pills!

Atlas Sophie.
Roy Tatum, minister of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, presented the last devotional of the year. He talked about Babylon in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. He talked about what the prophet said and how the people did not believe what he said. The times of today were compared to the days of old.

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Ronnie Balwin Chooses Texas Weather Over N.Y.

A relatively newcomer to Crane High School is Ronnie Baldwin. Ronnie is originally from Wellsville, New York. He was born there July 16, 1934.

To give you an idea of Ronnie's physical appearance, he is five feet and ten and one-half inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds. He has blue eyes which go good with his brown hair.

Ronnie has attended 3 schools in his lifetime, the last which is Crane High. He came to Texas in 1951 and settled at Big Lake for about two months then came to Crane and is still here.

When asked which he liked best, Texas or New York, he stated he preferred the Texas weather.

To keep this senior happy, just

set him down to a table covered with broiled pork chops, mashed potatoes, and gravy, then serve him ice cream for dessert. After this wonderful meal put him in a green car and take him to a show starring Ann Blyth and Alan Ladd.

Ronnie's favorite pastime is photography, while his favorite subject in school is chemistry.

Ronnie has been active in school activities also since he was in the band for five years before he quit to play football.

He plans to attend Austin College at Sherman, Texas upon graduation where he will major in Chemistry.

TRIPS-- FAR, WIDE WISHES OF STUDENTS TEACHERS, JANS. SHORT ONES TO BANK

Suppose someone came up to you and handed you \$2,000 just to take a trip, where would you go?

Harold Hunter, Don Dukes, and Lucy Pittman—Juarez.
R. E. Mason—Villa Acuna.

Roy Thurston—To the place that costs the least to get there, so I would have more to spend when I get there.

Jean Shaver—Florida.
Faye McCasland—I would take a Slow Boat to China.

Rex Wood—New York—Anywhere there is big league baseball.

Bettie Field—As far as it would take me.

Jimmy Swank—I would go to Mexico.

Sue Harold—Paris (France, that is).

Dolores Jones—New York.
Sonny Brock—Mexico.
Mrs. Joel Williams—Start to Switzerland and go as far as I could.

Jack Almack—In the first place

there is no one that stupid, but I would go to the Coronation (and take my wife, of course).

Charlene Blair—Paris, France.
Burl Strickland—To Grandfalls and spend the night then come back and put my money in the bank.

Judy Glass—Go to Lubbock on the week-end of the 25th.
Mrs. I. K. Elmore—Get on a boat and head for Europe.

Brenda Owens—Far away places.
Barbara Glass—Sentimental Journey.

Kathrin Acuff—Shanghai.
Bowling West—Buy a round trip ticket to H.

Buddy Hatch—I would go hunting in South Mexico.

Ann Anderson—Go crazy or to Kentucky.

Betty Bassham—Coronation with Almack.

Elmo Morris—If someone gave me 2,000, I'd take them to a doctor.

Bill Hollins—to the bank.

THE CRANE Tuesday, May 5, 1953

Popular Figure In C.H.S. IS Tiny Martha Hopson

"Five foot two, eyes of blue, lips like cherry wine? What could be more pleasing? You'll find all these attractions plus many more on the little lassie called Martha Jean Hopson, who was born in Wink on September 7, 1935.

Martha lived in Wink until she came to Crane and started her eighth year of school work and has been a very popular figure in C. H. S. since. Martha has been reporter, vice-president, and secretary during her high school career. She was chosen junior favorite last year and was in the dramatics club, the Tennis Club, F. H. A. and Pep Squad. She is a member of the library club, F. T. A. and a cappella choir this year. She has been in the choir five years and has done much ensemble work during that time.

Martha is always ready to help in anyway and is an all around girl. She was in the junior play, senior play, contest play, and state play that her junior year was the most enjoyable and the freshman year the worst.

When asked what she thought about school she said, "It's nice but I'll be glad when I get out. I think that will be my most exciting experience."

Martha's hobby and her pastime is going with Howard, but she seems to prefer San Antonio to McCamey as her favorite town. Martha chooses study hall as her favorite subject and likes J. B. Harrison for a teacher, but knows what he teaches.

John Wayne and Doris Day are her favorites and blue is her favorite color, with trout being her choice of food.

If you want to go along with Martha, be frank and leave off the two-faced business. She is fond of any kind of music and likes to dance. Martha refused to be printed what her most embarrassing moment was but stated that she opened her mouth when she should have been listening.

Martha's plans "for the future" are not definite, but she plans to attend some college.

POET'S CORNER

PRELUDE

By Perky Hooper

One day while slaving over angles 'til I was nearly dead,
I was summoned into the hall by a girl known as "Red".
The last resort, we're in a fix, and everybody knows it;
So Perk, since you are so odd, you'd make a real good poet.
You could write a poem of problems at the end of school,
But remember, several papers ago was for April Fool.
Goodness knows she knew I'm really not a poet.
But I can write and write as long as you can go it.

EVENTS OF '52 AND '53

To begin with, school started in September—
Come now, don't tell me you can't remember?

It was a nice warm day with sun, sand, and wind.
Just an average Texas day, just look at the flag pole 'bend.

Soon we had our football games! And why should our boys have brains?

Since they (the brains) were all knocked out
It wasn't really football, but a boxing bout.

Summer sprung, and then Fall fell,
And it got colder than an icebox.

(Silly, I know it doesn't rhyme but I just don't have time to hunt for words that sound like "L".)

Besides—if no one reads it—who can tell?

Basketball came next, and we were really shining
'Til everyone in school strated that old Alpinning.

The boys were really ready to show the best they had,
Then that crazy Lawrence had to go from good to bad.

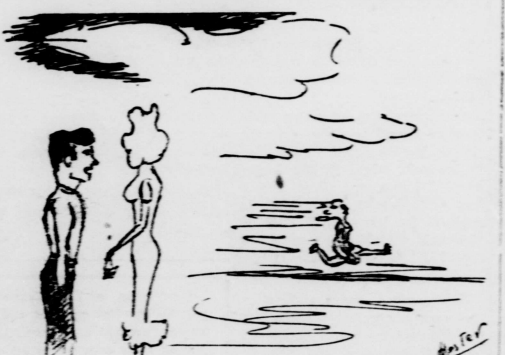
Measles, measles, measles—from every creek and cranny.
They went; but they came again and didn't help us any.

Finally the choral went to Dallas, and they had lots of fun
'Til measles came again and claimed their Festival Hon.

I've tried and tried and tried and tried, and here I am still trying
I hope you have a nice vacation, get lots of rest.

'Cause next year's poem—'til that long, is going to be better.

Corky Van Eman, a Crane resident, has made a visit here and was here for Junior-Senior Prom. Come on, Corky. We're always glad to see our old buddies back.



Oh, she has some stupid idea about track!



Of course, a Teacher, will be nice (Nice!) to have substitute while you're gone.

But Teacher, look at all the things we could have done if you hadn't come back to school? You spoil all our fun!