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# THE CRANE



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## The Crane Sez:

By CARLA JEAN SHANOR

Our basketball team is doing a fine job, and they have already presented two trophies to Crane High School. The student body is also doing a fine job in supporting the team. If you have not started going to these games, do so. Let the team know that you are behind them.

**EXAMS**  
 The next two weeks will be filled with study and preparation for the three weeks tests and final exams. Put forth your best effort on these papers and bring up your grades. Start the new year right with right grades.

**EXES**  
 It was nice to see so many exes come to the Christmas holidays. All of them had a safe return to their college or home.

**CORONATION**  
 Don't anyone miss the annual Coronation. The chosen few will be crowned and honored. See your class favorite walk across the beautifully decorated stage.

**CORONATION DANCE**  
 After the coronation, there will be a formal dance. Let's all attend and have a real bang up time.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 Congratulations to the ones who won the elections for favorites and other honors around the school. They are a real deserving bunch of kids.

**NOISE**  
 The halls have become quite noisy between the periods. Let's all try to make an earnest effort to soften the noise to a dull roar.

**LOOK HERE, LOVER**  
 Look out about over loving your ever loving in the halls. You are subject to a demerit for a display of affection above and beyond the call of duty.

## Sr. Play Selected Tryouts In Feb.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is the play that the Senior Class will present this year. Mr. Erwin said that it will be one of the best comedies that we have had around here in a long time.

The exact date for the tryouts for the fourteen parts in the play has not been set, but will probably be about February 1.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" was first presented by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse at the Fulton Theater in New York in 1941. Of its original cast, Boris Karloff has become the most well known. The play ranks ninth in the longest running Broadway shows. There were 1,444 performances of it given. Since then, the play has been made into a movie, and it has been published as a book.

**January Calendar**  
 January 4 - Return to School  
 January 7-8 - Six Weeks Tests  
 January 14-15 - Mid Term Tests  
 January 23 - Annual Coronation

## JUNIOR HIGH GETS FIVE NEW STUDENTS

Five new students have enrolled in the Crane Junior High School. Four of these new students have attended school at Crane before.

Ronnie Thompson, from Dallas, and Linda Stevens from Conway, Arkansas, are both in the sixth grade.

Evert McDougal, from Dennison, Helen Stevens, from Conway, Arkansas and Floyd Smith, from Monahans, are in the seventh grade.

THE CRANE would like to take this opportunity to welcome these students to Crane, and hope that they will enjoy going to school and living here.

## C.H.S TEACHERS HOLD EXTRA JOBS AFTER SCHOOL

Many CHS teachers find it helpful as well as enjoyable to maintain a side job as well as their regular teaching schedule. Some of these are more in the hobby class because of the enjoyment derived from them.

Ann and Bill Mayes and their sons Bill Jr. and Joe, spent the summer building cabins on their property in Red River, New Mexico. They have two cabins completed and plan to have eight in all as well as a larger lodge. They stress that this is in the future but they hope to begin renting the two cabins this summer.

Doug Chrane maintains three jobs on the side. He is an insurance salesman for Oil Industries Life; a representative for Compton's Encyclopedias and he also fills out income tax forms.

Jack Atkinson has a small stock farm near Rising Star, Texas. This offers a little extra income.

Bob Erwin takes pictures on the side in his home. During the summer he also worked as an electrician.

Bill Teague really gets paid for a hobby that is a pleasure for him. He ropes in rodeos and owns four horses and six roping calves. The prize money is his side income.

Darrell Warren has built several houses and does carpentry work as extra income.

Frank Odom works as a part time checker at Crane Food Store. Statistics show that the average person must make 87% more than he did in 1939 to break even. This means working extra and having an extra means of income, which is called moonlighting.

## Mayes Official In TIAA Vesp For This District

Billy W. Mayes, industrial arts teacher for Crane High School, is a State-wide Official in the Texas Industrial Arts Association.

Mr. Mayes is the chairman of the Subject Area General Shop, and will attend the next meeting of the TIAA on February 6 at A & M College. The principal speaker at this meeting will be Dr. John A. Fuzah, Professor of Industrial Arts Association.

Mr. Mayes, elected last year as the outstanding teacher in Industrial Arts in West Texas, is also vice-president of the IAA in this district. In September he will automatically move up to the post of president of the district.

## Damage Done To CHS Choir Room

Some \$65 worth of damage was done to the Junior high school over the weekend of December 12. This damage was not done to the junior high classrooms but to the choir room where many high school students spend much of their time. Murray Ford, principal, of junior high, stated that it was a pellet gun that was used to shoot the three windows. The cost of the damage included the materials and the man hours used to put them back in. Each window requires at least three hours to replace. But the damage in dollars was not the most important factor to be considered. All weekend the choir room was being used by various groups of persons in preparation for the Christmas program. If anyone had been in the room at the time for any purpose, they could have been very easily killed or seriously injured.

Frank Odom, choir director, states that he feels this was done by someone with no love for music or the choir. "This is our choir home at school and we have grown to love it; it took a long time for us to get it and we are grateful to the administration for giving us such a fine building. I earnestly feel that the vandalism was not done by choir people."

Jimmy Box was home from the University of Texas over the Christmas holidays.

Don Bardin was visiting his parents over the holidays from Sul Ross.

Romy Weiser visited Houston over the New Year's holidays.

## 3 CHS Students Proud Of Grand-Fathers' Heroism

Could you scale the Empire State Building with your bare fingers? The requirements for being awarded a Carnegie Medal for Bravery are almost this difficult. During a 46 year period, only 19 gold medals were awarded.

The Crane schools are proud of the fact that they have two students and one who has graduated, whose grandfather won the Carnegie Medal for Bravery. The grandfathers are Jerry Evans, now a student at Texas Christian University, Charles Keith Watkins, a junior in Crane High School, and Margaret Jane Bales, a fourth grader in Crane Elementary.

Their grandfather, Charles L. Coe, who lived in Burkburnett, Texas, risked and lost his life when he attempted to rescue three children from a burning house which was close to his home. The parents of the children weren't home when the fire broke out so Coe ran in and brought all three children out to safety.

One of the children ran back into the flaming house to get her doll that she had just gotten for Christmas. Coe raced in after her again, but the roof of the blazing house caved in on them. Coe was found dead with the child clutched in his arms.

Coe was survived by his wife and three daughters. The three sisters, now Mrs. H. G. Bales, Mrs. Kenneth Watkins, and Mrs. Howard Evans, are residents of Crane.

Because of his act of bravery, Coe was awarded the Carnegie Medal of Bravery. As the Saturday Evening Post stated it, to win any of the Carnegie medals, you must incur extraordinary risk - death, not merely of injury - in an attempt to save another's life. To win the gold, the danger must be extraordinarily extraordinary. It is reserved for bravery under extremely excruciating circumstances. Losing your own life is not a requisite, though a good many of the gold medals have gone to the victors.

As more domestic electrical equipment is produced, many homes become fire hazards, because of faulty wiring shortage of electrical current. Let's all watch out for these hazards in our homes so they will be less likely to catch afire.

We might not be fortunate enough to have anyone around us to exhibit the courage that Mr. Coe did. But, quoting the Saturday Evening Post, the most cautious and sensible of men and women find themselves the leading characters in little dramas of this sort, undoubtedly to their surprise. Unlikely as it may seem, it could happen to you.

## Juniors Have Chance To Buy Class Rings

The time that every junior always looks forward to has arrived. It is time for this year's juniors to order their Senior Class rings.

Last Tuesday, George Grounds, assistant principal, got in touch with all of the juniors who wanted to order rings. He reported that approximately 59 juniors will order, and that probably two of this year's seniors, not ordering last year, will order.

## Crane Tops Pen-Of-Five B. Brunson Took Fourth

In the Odessa Sandhills, Hereford and Quarterhorse Show, Crane sent six lambs over. All the lambs were finewools with five light-weights and one heavyweight.

Bobby Brunson, Butch Brock, Ben Webb, Sheila Barr, and Gene Cowden were the ones who had the lightweight finewools. The judges sifted Butch's lamb out of competition. In the heavyweight class Calvin Kirkham was the only one competing from Crane.

In the honors Crane took top place in the pen-of-five-lambs. In regular competition of the lightweight class: Bobby Brunson took fourth place, Sheila Barr, fifth place; Ben Webb; 15th place; and Gene Cowden, 20th place. In the heavyweight class Calvin Kirkham took 20th place.

## Crane High Choir Selects M. Martin 59-60 Sweetheart

During the Golden Crane Choir Christmas program on December 17, with only the blue stage lights on, the choir sang "There is a Lady". As they sang, the spotlight moved across the faces of each of the girl choir members. Then, the light quit moving as its beam fell on Mollie Martin.



Mr. Odom, choir director, assisted Mollie from the platform. Mollie had been chosen as the Choir Sweetheart for 1959-60. Mr. Nix, superintendent, presented Mollie with one dozen of red roses on behalf of the choir, Jeff Henderson, Crane High School Choir president, presented Mollie with a gift on behalf of the choir.

Mollie has served as accompanist for a cappella and contest choir tryouts and for soloist and assemblies. She is a member of the Trio, the Triple Trio, and will take Patty Stiger's place in the Madrigal Singers at the beginning of the second semester. Last year, Mollie was a member of the Girls' Sextet.

Mr. Odom, choir director, said, while talking about Mollie, "her type of loyalty to her choir and director characterizes the vital element of choir membership that all directors expect in their organization. Certainly, no one could be more deserving of this great honor, and I would like to extend my personal congratulations to her!"

## Stroder Goes For M.A. Attends School On Sat.

Charles Stroder, math teacher for Crane High School, has been quite busy on Saturdays this last semester. He has been attending Sul Ross College for a semester to obtain his master's degree, however, he will not attend next semester.

The names of the Crane High School teachers who have signed up to attend Sul Ross next semester were not available.

## Sondra Mark Represents Crane At Indoor Rodeo

Sondra Mark, active senior, represented Crane at the indoor rodeo held at the Odessa Coliseum Wednesday night, January 6. Every night certain towns are represented, and the sweethearts from the different towns are presented.

On January 2, Sondra and nine other sweethearts were on television. Mr. Alvey, who has been in charge of the rodeo sweethearts, interviewed each of the girls.

The following Monday at 3:30 p.m. the girls rode in a parade, and that night the sweethearts were invited to a banquet at the Lincoln Hotel in Odessa at 6:00 p.m. The final judging will also take place. There will be a Rodeo Queen, Rodeo Princess, and a Miss Personality.

Sondra was asked by the Crane Chamber of Commerce to represent Crane in the rodeo. She has been riding since she was about seven years old. Sondra's horse is named Smokey.

Leanne Turner was home from Sul Ross over the holidays.

Martha Brown went to Bryon over the holidays.

Jeff Henderson visited in Texon over the Christmas holidays.

Joan Woodbury was home over the holidays from college.

## Leo, Dulin Head Court Of "Fantasy In Frost"

"Fantasy in Frost" is the theme of the 1960 Coronation sponsored by the Student Council. It is to be held January 23 in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

The Royal Court is as follows: King, Jimmy Leo; Queen, Penny Dulin; Prince, Paul Lively; Princess, Louise Coon; Lord High Chancellor, Bobby Brunson; Lady-in-Waiting, Sandy Ward; Girl Most Likely to Succeed, Beverly Blount; Boy Most Likely to Succeed, Billy Liverman; Senior Favorites, Sharron Middlebrook and Steve Johnson; Junior Favorites, Patsy Brown and Gene Griffin; Sophomore Favorites, Jacky Hick-

key and August Plate; and Freshman Favorites, Linda Chrane and Calvin Kirkham. Jeff Henderson will act as the Master of Ceremonies.

The program will consist of numbers from the choral, band, and speech departments. The Mary Ann School of Dance will also present several numbers.

The heralds are Jimmy Lewis, Charley Wilmoth, Ray Dickson, and Larry Chaney. The King and Queens in the past years have all been fine students and citizens. In 1955-56 Bill Preslar was the king, and Shirley Wallendar was the queen. In 1956-57 Bill

Lightfoot was king, and Gwen Bassham was queen. Gayle Morgenson and Nina Gayle Barr headed the court in 1957-58. Last year Larry Stiger was king, and Elaine Plate was queen.

The Coronation will be followed by a formal ball in the junior high cafeteria. Price of the tickets are 30 cents and 60 cents.

## CRANE HIGH PROF SUFFERS DOG BITE

For Paul Patterson, a Crane High professor, New Year's Eve was a tragic day for him. On that day he suffered a physical wound and he lost faith in something that he had believed in all of his life.

The tragic event took place at Mrs. Mary Miller's Rest Home. Mr. Patterson was only being kind to dumb animals when the dumb animal he was being kind to bit him. The poor little dog was only playing, but fury arose within Mr. Patterson. He had to do something to defend himself, so he slapped the dog. The dog then bit him back real hard on the hand. Mr. Patterson said, "If I had of been down on the floor, I would have bitten him back."

Everyone was afraid that Mr. Patterson had given the poor dog rabies, instead of them rushing him to the hospital and getting something done for his hand, they were worrying about the dog.

Mr. Patterson had always believed in the old saying that "dog is man's best friend", but now there is quite a bit of doubt in his mind.

## Homemaking Department Plans Active New Year

After a restful holiday the homemaking classes are ready to begin a new and completely different semester.

They will first move from the foods lab to the clothing lab. They will begin a brief study of interior decorating. Mrs. Hardesty will give them lectures on home and individual room decorating. The fifth six weeks will be spent studying and learning First Aid. The sixth six weeks will deal with good grooming and clothing.

Bill Clark visited Pat Edwards' home to work on his term paper while all of the other seniors went to the library.

Sandy Ward went to San Antonio over the holidays.

Eddie Price was visiting his parents over the Christmas holidays.

## Compton, Scientist To Talk To CHS Students

Mr. Compton from the Oklahoma State University Traveling Science Teacher Program will be seen around Crane High School within the next few weeks. He will feature several demonstration lectures which will be very educational to the student body. Some of the lectures include the following: solar energy, rockets, satellites, and space travel; space age biology; electricity and chemistry; and science today; your world tomorrow.

## Curriculum Report

The Curriculum Study Committees are about to finish their reports. They have completed all of their meetings, and some have everything ready for their reports. (Reports are to be completed by February 19, 1960.)

## FACULTY PRESENTS GIFT TO PRINCIPAL

The faculty of Crane High has started a new Christmas tradition. The day before the Christmas holidays, the teachers bring cookies, candy, and put an urn of coffee in the office. Then throughout the school day they just help themselves.

The faculty also presented C. A. Carroll, principal, with a very nice sports shirt, and two pairs of wool socks to match the shirt.

## Crane High Rocketeers Found Club—S.S.R.

Who says the Russians are going to beat us to the moon? Why, in Crane High School there is a group working on a "crash program" right now - the Society of Science and Rocketry, a club formed by Tom Chick, James Adcock, James Coker, and Joe Fowler.

Their purposes are, as Tom Chick put them, "We shoot rockets, lots of them, at least one a week and sometimes six a week."

"We discuss recent scientific developments and exchange our own theories - we just have a lot of fun together."

"We want new members. To become a member, you have to get nominated by any member of the club, then you have to pay a small entrance fee and weekly dues."

"For more information contact any member of the S. S. R."

## Student Council Will Sponsor March Of Dimes

The Student Council will sponsor the March of Dimes January 16 as it has in the past.

Representatives of each class will be on the streets selling litter bags instead of peanuts as they have done before. Each class has a captain. The captain of the Senior Class is Bill Clark. Bruce Boyd will lead the juniors. The sophomore captain is Paul Lively, and the freshman captain is Glenn Wimberley.

## SCHOOL WELCOMED CHRISTMAS REST

When school let out for the Christmas holiday the building not only got a rest, but a beauty treatment also.

The school has had the basketball court repaired and touched up a bit for the rest of the basketball season. A few of the class rooms got a welcome face lifting.



Polaroid Experiment: No you know how hard the annual staff works at its meetings.

### Start The Next Semester Off Right

One half of the school year is almost gone. Have you put forth your best effort in your schoolwork? If not and you are failing one or more subjects, then you had better get on the ball and put forth a little effort or else it may be too late.

Congratulations to all of the students exempting subjects. To be able to exempt a subject is something worth studying for. At the time you are sweating over stacks of books you may ask yourself "Why", but it really does pay off around exam time.

To the students who are failing, study just a little harder and bring those grades up. As for students exempting subjects, keep up the good work and try to maintain the good grades you made this semester.

### Make Resolution: Then Forget

For many years in our American history, as the beginning of a new year approaches, countless people resolve to do or not to do some particular thing during the new year.

Why do we make these resolutions? Is it because we are trying to redeem our previous deeds, make the world a better place, or set a goal to work toward in the new year. Despite the reason, as worthy as they may be, many of the New Year's resolutions are thrown to the sidwinds after the first month. Some don't even last that long.

Regardless of the number of forgotten promises, resolutions continue to be made. So, from our bits of human desires, a little good must come. A New Year's resolution, if kept, can cause a revolution!

### New Year Resolutions For 1960

"Have a blast!" "Lose weight!" "Be kinder to dumb animals!" "Study harder!" "Take a trip to the moon!"

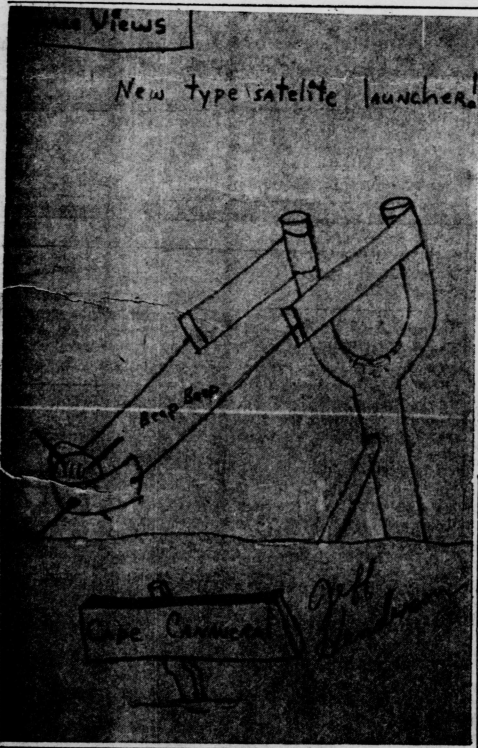
Could some of the resolutions above sound a little like the resolutions you have made for the new year of 1960? Perhaps you aren't planning on making any resolutions.

Some people may feel that making new year's resolutions is just a waste of time.

Whether you intend to make any resolutions for 1960 or not, we should all have at least one thing in mind that we should or could do better.

After you think of a resolution, try to keep it in the year to come. At the end of the year, you can say that you accomplished one thing you planned to do during 1960.

Just think, if your resolution was to lose weight, and you only lost one pound, remember that every pound counts!



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### THE CRANE'S CREED: THE CRANE'S PROMISES:

- To be strong that nothing can disturb his peace of mind.
  - To talk health happiness and prosperity to every person he meets;
  - To make all his friends feel that there is something in them; to look at the sunny side of everything and make his optimism come true.
  - To think only of the best; to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
  - To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as his own; to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
  - To give so much time to the improvement of himself that he has no time to criticize others; and to be too large for worry too noble for fear, and too happy to permit troubles.
- ARE YOU A CRANE?

## Stuffed Animal Collector Plans Beauty Collage

This little girl you see here is none other than "Mert" Joyce. She was born a laughing bundle of joy on June 24, 1942 in Iraan, Texas.

She was not quite satisfied with Iraan, so she traveled over to McCamey, Texas where she stayed until the fifth grade. She was right at the exploring age and found the grand city of Crane. She really liked it here for she has been here ever since that day. Martha has grown into a very cute girl with a height of 5' 3" and weighing 128 pounds with short brown hair and mossy green eyes.

### CLUBS

Mert has been very active in the various clubs of our school. She has been in the F.H.A. for four years, the Rodeo Club for two years, the Study Club for one year, the Junior Historians for one year, F. T. A. for two years, and the Band for four years. Martha was elected president of the Theta Rho Girls Club last year and is a charter member.

### FAVORITES

As for Mert's top subjects, she picks Speech and Government. Mr. Anderegg is her favorite teacher. When it comes to favorite foods, Mert says, "Just as long as it's food."

Audie Murphy and Shirley McLain are her top movie stars and "Imitation of Life" strikes her as the most outstanding movie. "Stop the World and Let Me Off" is Mert's all-out favorite song and she really digs Conway Tweddy as a favorite singer.

Football and volleyball are Mert's favorite sports.

Green and brown are her favorite colors.

As for Mert's pastime she likes to ride around in her car and listen to the radio. Her hobby is collecting stuffed animals.

A favorite pet peeve of Mert's is for someone to tell her to do something and keep on reminding her to do it.

Mert's weakness is shoes and those things running around called "boys".

### EXCITEMENT

Mert's most thrilling moment was when she got "Matilda", a 1929 Model 'A' Roadster. She said when she graduates from Beauty College will be her most exciting moment.

Martha's narrowest escape was when she was a little girl and she ate some lye and almost died.

Being around Curtis Cook is embarrassing to Martha anytime.

### FUTURE AND PAST

When Mert was asked what the one thing was that stood out most in her past childhood life, she said that Gary, her brother, had told her there wasn't any Santa Claus. But when Santa came that Christmas at her grandparents' neither Gary nor Mert could figure out who was dressed up as Santa.

Mert plans to be an instructor at a beauty college and then marry a rich rancher. The Crane would like to wish this cute and well-liked senior all the luck and success in her future years.

## FASHIONETTES

By SHIRLEY TOOKE

Leather jackets seemed to have really made a big hit with CHS students. MARY RITA CORBELL, JERRY JOHNSON, FAY DICKSON, RITA GREEN, PATSY BROWN, and VON MELL TUBB are some of the students who have been brightening the halls with this new fashion. Some of the jackets are lined with a brilliant red fur. GERALDINE BRENTS and BEVERLY SHORT have coats such as this.

LINDA HOFFMAN was wearing a very pretty weskit and skirt and blouse set. The weskit and skirt were gold and green in color, and interwoven into checks and made of wool. The blouse was cotton and matched the gold in the skirt. This outfit is not only neat looking, but very warm for the cool, brisk days we've been having.

BILL CLARK, NORMAN WRIGHT, and JACK WAGGONER looked very handsome in their aqua v-necked sweaters.

The CRANE HIGH CHOIR certainly looked sharp in their new choir robes at the Christmas Program.

AMELIA NOLAND was very eye-catching in a gray jumper with a green and white bulky knit turtle neck sweater.

CARLOS FOX was wearing a very neat looking pastel blue sweater.

FRANKIE YOUNG, and SUE HAYS looked like twins in their matching outfits. The pants and blouse were made of black corduroy. The shirts were gold with orange and purple in the background. The blouse and pants had three small gold buttons on each side.

All these people are to be complimented on their fine appearance. Many of these fashions were probably presents from Saint Nick.

### Chaffin And Damron Down Large Bucks

Among all the deer hunters in school, only two turned in information about their bucks. Sammy Chaffin bagged a ten-point buck down in El Dorado way and George Damron downed an eight-pointer down around Sonora.

Coach Anderegg said he wasn't as big a liar about deer hunting as Doug Crane was.

The rest of the hunters either exceeded the limit or didn't have any luck, evidently.

### Crane Cagers Drop Big Lake Tournament

Last week the Crane Golden Cranes journeyed to Big Lake for a tournament. They played for three days and in the end, they placed sixth in the whole affair.

Thursday, the opening day of the event, Crane played and was defeated by Wink. The next day they started into the consolation play against Rankin and defeated them. During the next three games, they played Sonora, Alpine, and Brady, winning all of them with the exception of Brady.

This loss dropped them to the sixth place.

## Who? What? When? Where?

WHO?  
Got caught playing hooky? got three points taken of all of their 6 weeks grades?  
ran out of gas in front of the youth center?  
went with C. F. to the Junior Play?

does B.B. really like?  
got hurt at the Andrews rodeo?  
did finish their term papers by January 4, 1960?

will exempt government this semester?  
left their term paper out of town?

got a surprise birthday party over the week-end?  
started the rumor about C.B. having a car wreck?

will win district in basketball?  
can't go to the Youth Center until March?

forgets to put film in their camera?  
was responsible for the book shuffle?

has a crush on R.W.?  
embarrassed Mollie in home-room?  
WHAT?

do J.L., J.W., P.E., B.B., L.P., J.P., B.C., G.S., S. W., M.J., B.C., C.F. and S.C. do every weekend?  
teachers went to the County Library and didn't believe what they saw?

WHERE?  
will the seniors decide to go on their senior trip?  
WHY?

are there so many strange football jackets in the halls of C.H.S.?  
was B.B. absent two days from school after the holidays?

won't S.C. ever go steady again?  
do the journalism students have to sign out when they leave the journalism room?

WHEN?  
will M.M., S.T., C.S., and M.B. get over their inferior complexes?  
will C. B. stop giving government tests?

did C.L.C. have to blow three bubbles in front of the sixth period Civics class?  
will the seniors strike oil so they will have money to take a trip?

will L.M. find a boyfriend that won't move away?  
will B.B. find her own true love?  
will the journalism students get their stories in on time?

### WORLD FAMED PROF SPEAKS ON FIXED TV

Professor Mandiggerstreggle Von Streglediggerman reports to the country this week on "Fixed TV Shows". As you all recall, the professor is from the world renowned city of Vin Hineebair, Germany, while his assistant, Doctor McLean is from Knobreinsdenoodle, Austria. This past week he received the help of a new genius - Romnieklondal Dee Duckleweiser of Berebely, Bohemia. Here is their brilliant finding:

Des wek, I am gowin to talk about de fixed TV shows. It joust takes a litle comon cents to figure it out. Take Lassie for example. Now you know dat der ain't no dog in der world dat can understand human talk. Amuder example is Manners de Butler. Now you know dat if someone wanted a butler, day would want one dat was of average size. And how do day know dat millions of sneeze germs can go through a towrn napkin? And you know as well as I do dat red stripes in toothpaste ain't gowin to help your teeth none. And how vas you gowin to trade an headache for der upset stomach? Also me and my not so vorthy assistant, Pop MacLean, have decided dat der ain't no such ting as an invisible shield, because if der vas ve could see dirt specks on it, if der vas uch such a ting.

Now dat I, and my not so vorthy assistant have shown you de fact of TV, you von't be fooled by all dees fantastic claims.

Next wek, I vill talk on vat de ideal government teacher would be lige sense ve don't hav one.

### Four Withdraw From CHS Only One New Student

During the last four weeks there has been four withdrawals from Crane High School and only one new student has enrolled.

Sammy and Randall Taylor transferred to Odessa. Barbara Rice moved to Alabama, and Billy Buchannon withdrew but is still living in Crane.

Marsha McDougal, who lived here one week and then moved, has re-enrolled in Crane High School.

The Tumbleweed

## Foreign Missions Field Goal Of Glenda Grissom



(Editor's note: The person written about in this article had little to say in her behalf, but due to the research done, the following information was found to be true of this senior.)

Glenda Frances Grissom was born in Sweetwater, to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Grissom, on March 12, 1942. She progressed as normal children do and later started her education in the Sweetwater schools where she finished the fourth grade. Then due to circumstances beyond her control, Glenda found herself going to Crane Public Schools. Because Crane has suited Glenda and her family, they have remained here.

### To Be Or Not To Be's What Is The Question?

My Dearest:  
Darling I hope you will allow me just a few minutes of your time to talk about something I never mentioned to you before. No doubt, you will be surprised to hear me asking you such a vital question. I find it very hard to get enough courage to ask this, thinking probably you will give me such a throw down that I would never recover from the effects of the blow. This question concerns no one but you and I, and if you cannot give me a favorable answer, will you please keep it a secret and let it pass for good. I had much rather have an answer immediately if at all possible.

No doubt you will think me a perfect little fool, but for my sake try and be as lenient as possible in punishing me, for your answer will either make or ruin my future. For I have thought a great deal upon this question, and I must ask it now or never. In your opinion, what I want to know is this - Do you think Little Jeff will ever be as big as Mutt?

### Odessa Safety Consultant Speaks To Shop Classes

On January 8, Charles E. Bell, a safety consultant from Odessa, spoke to the shop students on safety. Mr. Bell used the type of wood finishes as comparisons of the different methods and ways that safety rules can be applied.

The main points in safety can be classified as attitude and safety education. Mr. Bell said that the fundamentals of safety are the same whether in the oil field, the shop class, or anywhere. Only the application is different.

Mr. Bell's work involves safety service. He plans and helps to develop safety programs for oil companies and other organizations where safety is of ultimate importance.

On behalf of the shop members and Mr. Mayes, The Crane wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to Mr. Bell for donating his time and abilities to come and talk to them.

### REPORTED ALERT SEES FUNNY SIGN

Did you know that a reporter for "The Crane" has to be a very alert person? Yes, all the reporters for your school paper are wide-awake all the time, looking for a story. Don't believe it? Well, here's proof of that fact.

One day a few weeks ago one wandering reporter for "The Crane" was leisurely strolling down 5th Street when suddenly she stopped and after a few moments of stunned silence began to laugh and point at the marquee of the Crane Theater. Everyone who passed her would look at the marquee, and then they, also, would start laughing. What was so funny? There, written in big black letters was: "FIVE GATES TO HELL" OPEN FRIDAY.

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I've Been Around - Sandy, Linda, Bev, and Martha I Can't Say Goodbye - Taylor

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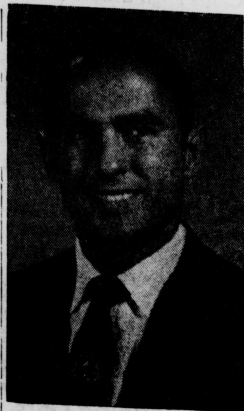
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# Martin Attends Texas Tech Likes "Have Gun Will Travel"

The friendly familiar face pictured here is Lewis Martin, CHS driver's education and basketball coach. Mr. Martin not only teaches these two subjects, but is also assistant baseball coach and assisted in coaching football for six weeks. Coach Martin sponsors the Basketball Club and is a sponsor for the Sophomore Class.



Going back to Coach Martin's high school years, his favorite subject was history, and he was prominent in many sports. When the time came to go to college Coach Martin chose Texas Tech. In college he was a social director for a fraternity, a member of the ATO fraternity, and a member of the Double T Club. Coach Martin majored in physical education and minored in history. In college his favorite subjects were basketball theory and he graduated from Texas Tech with a Master's Degree in Administration of Physical Education.

When Coach Martin started his teaching career he taught for two years at Fritch and then at Panhandle till he came to Crane.

Basketball, hunting, and fishing are coach's favorite pastimes. After concentrating for awhile, Coach Martin said he couldn't think of any movie that he had enjoyed more than others, but he did like the television show "Have Gun Will Travel". To get Coach Martin's favorite meal you will have to use your imagination a little. Just dream up as many and delicious trimmings you can go with a two inch broiled steak and you have it.

Coach Martin's narrowest escape was and is, drivers education. (No reflection upon the students taking drivers ed.)

Since basketball is Coach Martin's favorite sport, his pet peeve follows along that line too; a ball player that won't hustle.

What greater ambition could a

man have than "To be an honest, fair, upright, and respected gentleman at all times — this will help make me a great coach."

Modesty prevents Coach Martin from revealing all the athletic honors he has received. As soon as these facts are available they will be published in "The Crane".

## Student Council Will Lead Group

The Crane Student Council had another honor bestowed upon it the other day. They have been asked to lead a discussion group at the State meeting.

The State meeting or Texas Association of Student Councils will meet in Amarillo in March this year.

The Council voted to lead the discussion group. The Student Council has led a discussion group every year at a State meeting for the past several years.

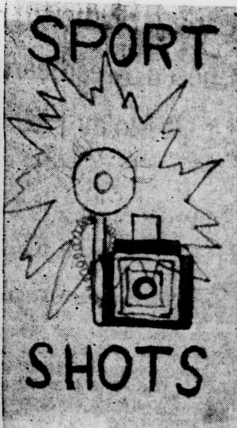
The Student Council met December 16, but they did not have a business meeting, instead they had a party. Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore served the members cokes, gingerbread, and cookies. Each member had a placecard of a peppermint cane.

The Student Council was very active the week before Christmas. They had three main projects. They played music over the PA system before school and during the lunch hour. They also decorated the tree in the hall. The Student Council bought things and distributed the contributions placed under the Christmas tree.

## J. JACKSON'S LINE TO HIS PAL ANDY

Well, here it is, the day after Christmas, and I ain't got nothin' to complain about. Golly, who says there ain't no Santy Claus? I just happen to know that there is because he bring me all that I wanted. He bring me a whole set of English books, so's that I can now pass english, this being my senior year. Also, Santy Claus he bring me a kar to drive. I have had moor fun runnin' stop signs and red lights sense yisterdy. Them cops are so stupid that they can't catch me. Well, I guess I had better let you go for now cause I want to go drive some moor, so good-buy. Rite sone.

Your friend  
J. Jackson



By JEFF HENDERSON

## All-State Team for 2AA

Last week the All-State team for 2AA was announced. Crane was lucky again this year. Even though we placed third in district play, we were able to place a member of the Golden Cranes on an honorable mention on the State team. Congratulations Jimmy Leo.

## Basketball Tournaments

Well, now, we have two basketball trophies for this school year. Our team placed second in the Rankin Tournament, and a Consolation Trophy in the Pecos Tournament.

Making the all-tournament teams were Jimmy Leo and Billy Liverman at Rankin, and Billy Liverman and Ronnie Lightfoot at Pecos. Keep up the good work.

## Outstanding Programs Presented To Students During First Semester

Many interesting assembly programs have been presented this year, but perhaps the most outstanding one so far was a devotional program brought by Bruce Rodick.

Mr. Rodick is known throughout the country as an evangelist for First Christian Churches. He appeared in the Crane Schools on December 15. His program was so outstanding because it had such a variety of ways of bringing his message.

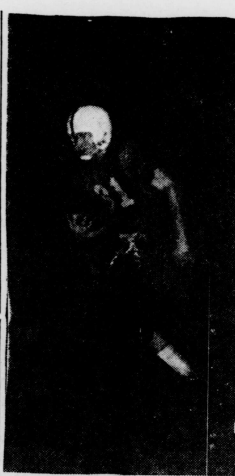
He did magic tricks, each of which had a part in conveying his message. He also was talented as a singer. He called upon students to help him with his tricks. Perhaps the most unusual traits he possessed was his ventriloquism. He had a puppet which looked like himself, and a dragon.

Mr. Rodick presented a devotional program, which will long be remembered by the students of Crane Schools.

On December 18, CHS saw the film "The Littlest Angel," which helped create the Christmas spirit around school.

After returning from the holidays, students met in the auditorium on January 5. Two beautiful trophies were presented to the student body, by the basketball team. They were won in tournaments before the holidays.

Principal C. A. Carroll made announcements and classes then went to class meetings.



JIMMY LEO

## All-State Grid Hon. Mention Chosen From CHS

Jimmy Leo has just received another honor in the field of sports and this was Honorable Mention for All-State Football. This is, of course, nothing new for Jimmy. He has received many such honors during his high school career.

Jimmy started with a bang his sophomore year with two similar honors. He made Honorable Mention for All-District Football and the same for Basketball.

Jimmy, of course, was not loafing in his junior year, as his record very well shows. Jimmy made the All-District Football team, second Team All-District Basketball, and Honorable Mention for All-State Football. He placed second in District Broad-jump, and therefore went to represent Crane in the Regional Meet. He also placed third in the 180-yard low hurdles. He was one of the two outstanding players on this team.

The year is only half over for Senior Jimmy Leo, yet, it is not passing without holding honors for this sports-minded boy. Already, he has made the All-District Football Team, and as mentioned above, Honorable Mention on the AllState Football Team.

## Liverman, Leo Placed On All-Tournament Team

At the Rankin Basketball Tournament, held on December 11 and 12, 1959, Billie Liverman and Jimmy Leo were honored by being selected for the all-tournament team. Jimmy and Billie have been on many all-tournament teams in the past and have also received many honors in other sports as well as basketball.

The Golden Cranes won second at this tournament. After winning over Iraan and McCamey, the Cranes lost to Ft. Stockton.

## FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE — FIRST SEMESTER 1960

Thursday, January 14  
Period 1 — 8:40 - 10:10  
Period 4 — 10:20 - 12:00  
Noon  
Period 5 — 12:50 - 2:20  
Period 7 — 2:25 - 3:50  
Friday, January 15  
Period 2 — 8:40 - 10:10  
Period 6 — 10:20 - 12:00

## Boys P. E. Class Complete Tests Top Three Given

The P.E. boys have just finished a series of tests which determine their physical fitness.

The test was set up on a point system and the boys scoring the highest point found themselves in the top per cent.

The test consisted of a series of smaller tests such a pull-ups, push-ups, sit-up, a rope climb, broad jumping, squat jumping, and two obstacle courses: running up the stands and one set up in the gym.

There were seven in the top 98% and six in the top 95%.

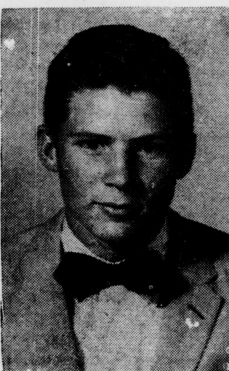
The top three boys in this P.E. test were Pete Walker, first; Tom Chick, second; and Richard Newth, third.

Those listed in the top seven were Pete Walker, Tom Chick, Richard Newth, David Fisher, Richard Whitaker, Bill Gurley, and Steve Johnson.

## Basketball Schedule

January 5 — Wink — Here.  
January 7-8-9 — Big Lake Tournament, There.  
January 12 — Open.  
January 15 — Denver City, Here  
January 19 — Seminole, There

## Brents Plans Career Wants To Be General



No introduction is needed for this fine lad; he is none other than Tex Brents.

## TEX BRENTS

Tex was born on the Brown Ranch near Christine, Texas and then moved to Crane where he has attended for the past 12 years. While attending Crane schools, Tex has participated in practically all the sports. He played freshman football, "B" team football two years, "A" team football one year,

"A" team basketball two years, four years in baseball, and one year of track. Tex belongs to the "C" Club for athletes.

Now for Tex's favorites. There are quite a few, but here are some. His favorite subject is Mr. Burnside's government class and Mr. Burnside is also his favorite teacher. As for food Tex enjoys eating Jumbo Shrimp, French Fried potatoes, ice tea, and hot rolls. Now to top this off his favorite desert is apple pie. As far as movies and movie stars go, Tex likes "Blue Denim" for the movie and for actor and actress he picks John Wayne and the girl who starred in "Darby O'Gill and the Little People". For hobbies you have probably already guessed it; yes, it's sports.

Tex's life ambition is to become a general in the United States Army. His narrowest escape was when he was hunting once and nearly got shot.

Tex has very few dislikes and the main one is for someone to pretend someone else. Tex's most thrilling moment will be when he graduates. The Crane wants to wish Tex the best of luck in everything that he does.

## MARK CHOOSES U. OF OKLA. PLANS MEDICAL CAREER

Seminole, Oklahoma was blessed on February 19, 1942, as were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mark, for their daughter Sondra Alice was born on that day.

Sondra and her folks came to Crane not long after, was satisfied with the town, and decided to stay awhile. Here she's been ever since, attending the Crane Public Schools for 12 years.



SONDRA ALICE MARK

## ACTIVITIES

A blond is supposed to be active, and, believe you me, this "chic" is plenty active. She has been in the A Cappella Choir four years, the Triple Trio two years, and this year she is the secretary of the A Capella Choir. For five years, she has been in the F.T.A., and this year she is its secretary. Other clubs include the F. H. A., — two years; the Rodeo Club — three years — becoming its secretary this year and being its beauty; and the S. O. S. Club — one year — being its beauty.

From all of this you can guess that Sondra is a beauty; she is and she has the brains and talent to go with it, for she is on the Honor Roll each six-weeks.

Another activity includes the Rainbows, of which she will be installed as Worthy Advisor on January 30 of this year.

For honors, Sondra can include being the Basketball Sweetheart for 1959, the Odessa Rodeo Sweetheart of 1960, and the Football basketball, track, and baseball. The favorite foods she lists are veal cutlets, mashed potatoes, corn, peas, and strawberry short-

cake. To please her after a meal such as this, send her to a movie like "It Started With A Kiss" with stars like Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward — of course accompanied by Jimmy Leo, or add another stuffed animal to her collection.

American History is tops with her as a favorite school subject. Sharron Middlebrook leads her list as being with her on her most narrowest escapes. The one she recalls best happened while the two were riding horses one afternoon.

Sondra's life ambition is to attend the University of Oklahoma and majoring in Pharmacy. Good luck to a deserving senior from THE CRANE.

## Double Dribbles

By TEX BRENTS

After practice the basketball players on the "A" squad have started a "Free-throw Ladder Tournament". This is to improve the players skill in shooting free-throws and to provide competitive enjoyable game for them.

The rules for this tournament are as follows:

1. A player may challenge only the two players directly preceding him on the standings board.

2. All legal challenges must be accepted.

3. Each player takes 10 shots and the usual free throw rules are in force.

4. The shooter who makes the most free throws of the allotted ten is the winner of the match. If the winner is the challenger, he advances on the standings board by changing places with the player he just defeated. In case of a tie, both players remain in the positions they occupied before the contest.

An accurate record of each boy's score will be kept by the managers, and will be entered on a chart posted on the team's basketball bulletin board. At this time the rankings on the standings board will be re-arranged according to individual percentage and the tournament will continue.

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## FILES

23 Years Ago  
The Hardin Simmons Cowboy Band presented a Program in Crane High School.

16 Years Ago  
The Junior Class had a cake walk on Monday, March 13, in front of the Palace Theatre. Eight cakes were won. The class made \$15.66.

20 Years Ago  
The Golden Crane Band went to Monahans to a mass band and Choral clinic.

14 Years Ago  
Scholarships were offered to seven lucky seniors.

10 Years Ago  
Jency Porter, a student in CHS, killed a 10-point deer.

25 Years Ago  
The Golden Cranes beat the Odessa Bronchos by a score of 33-0.

93 Years Ago  
A Mr. Stonehouse and Party, California bound, found China Pond dry and suffered terribly from thirst. Their thirst was so intense that they were unable to get their swollen tongues back in their mouths. They sent a party on ahead to Horsehead Crossing to obtain water but later found them asleep in Castle Gap.

Thomas Stonehouse, early frontiersman, was the father-in-law of J. T. Holmes who now resides at the Miller's Nursing Home here.



Who are the owners of these Ipana smiles? It may pay to find out, because the first person turning in a correct list of identities for these people will receive \$1.00. Turn in your lists to Carri Lou Chaney or put them in Mr. Patterson's box. Friday will be the deadline on this, so hurry and turn in your answers!

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## Resolution Or Revolution?

This is that glorious time of the year when Little Brother resolves to be so sweet and clean that even mother won't recognize him. Daddy throws away his smelly pipe and mother's voice becomes soft and low. Big Sister doesn't use the telephone anymore and Big Brother is driving real slow. The house will be fine from now on, I know because it is the day before New Year and a long list of neatly written words is laying on the table. I don't know too much about all of this because I'm a new comer to the household. I just lie there and watch what goes on.

New Year's day was perfect and every time one of my family slipped the others would make them remember the paper with words on it. It was real nice and quiet, but the day after New Year was much different.

I was awakened by Mother screaming at Little Brother to wash his face and hands; Father was trying to get Big Sister off the phone. About the same time that the pipe smoke reached me, I heard Big Brother leave the house with a roar. I was kind of stumped at first, but after I heard everyone say that resolutions were made to be broken, I understood.

Big people are so silly! Don't you agree?

## Question Of The Week

### ARE OUR SCHOOLS TOO EASY?

Many CHS students were asked the question of the week. The opinions were varied and of many ideas. This week the question was: ARE OUR SCHOOLS TOO EASY? Here are some of the opinions expressed by students and teachers as well:

Margie Kirkham — No, not all of them are too easy, in fact some of them are too hard. But most schools are not too easy.

Jeff Henderson — Well, I really don't think Crane High School is too easy. Not by a long shot. If you look at the Iowa test results for the entire school, you will notice Crane High School couldn't be too easy.

Carrie Lou Chaney — I just completed a term paper on the United States and Russian educational systems, and the U.S. is far behind Russia in practically everything. The Russian teenagers do around five hours of homework every night. Yes, our high schools are definitely too easy.

Mollie Martin — As compared to Russia our schools seem to be easier, but I don't think CHS is too easy.

Fred Barrett — No, I don't think that they are too easy. I think the whole situation of the hardness of schools is over emphasized. You read all this about how much homework or how little homework the students have. This doesn't mean too much. I don't think that it is too hard or too easy either.

Gloria Evans — No, I do not think our schools are too easy because compared to other schools our schools have very high standards of learning.

Edna Brunson — No, I do not think they are too easy because most of the new people that move here usually say their schools were a lot easier than ours.

Paul Smith — They are too hard! Chris Carroll — I think that they are hard because a lot of my friends in other towns say Crane is much harder.

Santiago Ocon — I think they are too hard because they give us a lot of homework and it takes me about half of the night trying to get it all and I still don't get but half of it done.

Johnny Spearman — I do not think the schools are too easy, because if they were too easy I would not SKIP as much.

### Stock Show The 16th Estimated 150 Lambs

The Crane County 4-H Club Livestock Show originally scheduled for January 23, has been changed to a new date, January 16.

The show will get rolling at approximately 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The livestock judge for this year will be Dub Day from Rankin. He will have the hard job of picking the top lambs and so on down the line.

Participating in this show will be approximately 150 lambs, 20 hogs, and some poultry. All in all this should be a well organized stock show, so everyone turn out and support the 4-H Club.



## Future Homemakers Host Slumber Party

Do Future Homemakers of America sleep? Some do and some do not!

To explain this statement, we will have to go back to the night of December 11. That was the night that the Crane F.H.A. chapter had a slumber party in the Mountain View Community Hall. The member invited guests, brought food, and brought decorations to put on a Christmas tree.

The party got under way any where from eight o'clock to eleven o'clock. As they arrived, they picked out their spot to make their bed, (on the floor, of course). The smarter ones got there first and made their pallets on top of the furnaces, or close to a plug-in for their electric blankets. This was a wise move but the less fortunate ones made a wiser move and merely piled in on top of the wiser one's beds.

To entertain themselves, the wide-eyed students played the piano, listened to records, decorated a Christmas tree, (which they gave to an elderly couple), played chase, keep-away, threw pillows, got some of the girls pictures (pictures which they didn't want seen, but couldn't bear to leave at home), Mrs. Hardesty sat calmly by; sewing, they popped pop corn, ate various kinds of food, told tall tales, and at ten o'clock went Christmas caroling.

After exerting a lot of their energy, at about one o'clock some decided to take a rest, so with their pillows over their heads, they closed their eyes. But, not for long. It seems that there were five Spanish scholars in the crowd. Now everyone knows that Mr. Patterson is very devoted to his Spanish classes. Some of this deep devotion must have rubbed off on some of the students, because at about three o'clock a.m. they began reciting their lessons. They played all sorts of games, (in Spanish), and each took their turn being the professor. This went on for two hours and some of the sleepy girls ignored the reciters and slept soundly, while others took very early walks around the block, but that didn't help either because the pupils could still be heard. They finally gave up and went back inside and learned a little Spanish. At about 5:30 a.m. "the voices" became tired and rested.

Since the hall had to be cleaned before going home, they were up at seven o'clock. It was cleaned and everyone went home to spend a wonderful Saturday with their English-speaking families.

## Many CHS Profs Teach On Sundays Bible School Tops

This year, THE CRANE wanted to know how many teachers of Crane High School carried their teaching ability into church work as Sunday School teachers. We sent out a call for all teachers to report their activities.

C. A. Carroll, CHS principal, reported that he taught the Primary Department at the First Baptist Church.

Paul Patterson, journalism and Spanish, reported that he taught the Teenage Department at the First Methodist Church and had "been at it over ten years."

Jack Atkinson, Science Department, reported that he taught the Men's Department at the First Presbyterian Church and is an Elder.

George Grounds, assistant principal, reported that he was a substitute teacher for the Adult's Department at the church of Christ. Doug Crane, Math Department, reported that he taught a Young People's Class, a Young Adult's Class, is an Elder, and preaches on occasions at the church of Christ.

Jack Gothard, P. E. Department, reported that he was one of the sponsors for the MYF, at the First Methodist Church.

Fred Barrett, Shop Department, reported that he taught the Junior Boys Class at the First Baptist Church. Others probably play a prominent part in their respective churches, but failed to turn in their names.

Jerlene Crumlev was home from Sul Ross over the holidays.

Paul Patterson attended a rodeo in Dallas over the holidays.

Barbara Wagon was home from N.T.S.C. over the holidays.

## Carla J. Shanor Chosen Sweetheart Of De Molay 1960

Carla Jean Shanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shanor of Crane, was elected in the 1960 sweetheart of the Odessa Chapter of De Molay, at the De Molay's formal ball held Tuesday, December 29.

Carla is a Past Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a member of the Grand Cross of Color, which is the highest honorary degree of Rainbows. She has received all bars and awards of that order. She traveled 3500 miles during her term as Worthy Advisor.

Her activities are not confined only to the honors received in Rainbows, but also to many clubs. Speech club for three years, debate for three years, declamation during her freshman year, and band for five years. Carla has been in the FTA only for one year, but has been very active during that time, as she won the "Miss FTA" for the Crane FTA Club. She is also on the journalism staff, and was one of the student directors for the Junior Play. She has been in the 4-H for six years and is now serving as president of Crane County 4-H Council. She was the first Gold Star Girl of Crane County, which is the highest 4-H award that can be given by the county.

Carla will make all the De Molay visits for installations and be present at all public events held by the De Molays. She will also make their trip to State Conclave to be held in the summer. As her sweetheart gift, she received a dozen red roses and a small De Molay necklace. Carla will reign in this post until December of 1960.

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### CHS Choir Unsuccessful In All-State Tryouts

All-State Choir tryouts were held in Odessa on Saturday, December 12, 1959. Although no members of the CHS Choir actually made the All-State Choir, several tried out. They were: Sue Kinsey, Glenda Steadham, Anna Beth Carroll, Judy Rives, David Williams, Joe Alexander, and Charles Peck.

Midland and Odessa placed more students in the All-State Choir than any of the other schools in this area. Lamesa and Monahans had one each to be placed in the All-State Choir.

## School Reputation At Stake

How do you think you represent your school? Crane High School has a fine reputation thanks to the students who have kept her name respected in West Texas. The football team, basketball team, band, and several other organizations in school have been congratulated for their behavior in restaurants and other places while they were on a trip.

It is not hard to erase completely what these kids have strived hard to do. Just a little rudeness or thoughtlessness on one person's part can ruin the entire school in the eyes of others. We want our school to stay respected, but it is up to you.

A certain restaurant complimented the football boys on their neat appearance and fine behavior when they ate there in September. Rankin placed a telephone call over here and complimented the basketball boys on their excellent behavior and fine appearance.

## D. Glenn, L. Mobbs Set Wedding Date

Dana Glenn, daughter of J. H. Glenn, announces her forthcoming marriage to Larry Mobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mobbs. The wedding will be held on Saturday, January 16, 1960, in the First Presbyterian church. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be a double ring ceremony.

Dana is a junior at CHS and has lived in Crane 12 years. Dana has been very active in high school, having participated in the Busy Bodies, Girls Athletic, Pep Squad, and FTA clubs. She was elected class beauty one year and has served her class as treasurer and sergeant-at-arms.

Larry graduated from CHS in 1956. He attended Crane schools from the fifth through the twelfth grades. He was active in the Dramatics, Archery, Modern Choir, and Rodeo club. He served as Rodeo club president his senior year. He is attending Sul Ross College in Alpine where he is classified as a junior.

Dana informs "The Crane" that everyone is cordially invited to attend the wedding. No invitations will be sent.

### Freshman Five Lose To Monahans Team

Monahans defeated the Golden Crane's freshman team 33-26 Tuesday, January 5, 1960 in the Junior High Gym.

The Cranes were down by quite a margin at the half, but came back the last half to close the gap considerably.

The team played a fine game the second half and redeemed themselves. There were no stars in the game, but lots of team play.

### Coming Elections Fire Politics Club

The Crane tries to keep you posted on what other clubs as well as your own are doing. Here is the report on the more active clubs.

POLITICAL SCIENCE The club members are discussing the election issues for the coming presidential election.

CIAC — Formica clipboards are being made by the members to be sold about town, the boards are in any color desirable including red, blue, white, brown, and pink. They sell for \$2.

F.T.A. — The Christmas formal sponsored by the club was considered a success. The Denton trip and the McCamey installation are the main topics under discussion.

SPEECH — The club members are preparing a Shakespearean festival.

BOYS INTRAMURAL — They have been playing basketball and other sports.

RODEO — They made a trip to Odessa Monday to the Rodeo. They are now discussing their future plans.

ELECTRONICS — Speakers and sound devices are in use in this club at the present, as well as individual projects.

Ruby Smith was home from college over the holidays.

# Horsehead Crossing Links The Old West

Standing off to the east of U.S. Highway 385 is a silent sentinel of the colorful, historical old west, Castle Gap. This historical old gap is between two mountains: Castle Mountain, so named for the columns of rock near the top that makes it look like the towers of a castle, and King Mountain. Perhaps it was named that because the castle needed a king.

The gap is a little over a mile in length and is about three-fourths of a mile in width. It runs from the east to the west, and there used to be a spring near the east entrance. This gap is a symbol of part of West Texas' historical past. It saw raiding Indians, patrolling soldiers, numerous stagecoaches, emigrants, cattle drives, horse wranglers, and even witnessed the murder of fifteen of Maximilian's subjects by six ex-confederate soldiers who were after the vast fortune of gold that the Mexican wagon train was carrying. It is believed that somewhere within or near the gap is buried today the vast treasure that they stole and buried.

This mile long canyon has seen Indian ambushes, thirst-crazed horses breaking from their herd when they caught the scent of water, and in more recent times, people hunting for arrowheads.

BUSY PASSAGE WAY After passing through the gap and on to the west, these historical figures had to go past what is known as Horsehead Crossing. While the upper course of the Pecos River has dredged a ditch of perpendicular walls through hard red soil, the lower reaches of the stream have cut a deep and nearly impassable canyon through solid rock.

Horsehead Crossing, the most noted of the Pecos River Crossings, is at the point where the river forms part of the line between Pecos and Crane Counties. The crossing received its name because of the horse and mule skeletons lying on both sides of the river at that point. It was a favorite camp-

ing place for some because the first water hole southwest of the crossing was 60 miles, and the crossing was on the main trail and from Chihuahua.

Indians returning from raids in Mexico with horses would drive them hard to reach water. The loose animals, on reaching the Pecos River, plunged into the stream and often drank until they became sick and died.

One of the first cattle herds to pass up the South Concho through old Castle Gap and on through Horsehead Crossing was driven by William A. Peril in 1864. In 1866 Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving drove cattle from the head of the Concho by Horsehead Crossing to Fort Sumner, New Mexico and Pueblo, Colorado.

One story has it, perhaps to increase our interest in our historical surroundings, that in 1867, among the ex-Confederate soldiers, who after a brief trial of carpet-bag rule, swore they would no longer live under the flag of the United States.

They were six Missourians and their names are unknown, but they came to Texas and rode west over the Chihuahua Trail to Presidio del Norte or the Rio Grande. There they met a caravan of wagons coming from Mexico.

The teams of the train appeared

to have been driven hard. The man in charge was an Austrian, but he spoke English. He was exceedingly anxious for information about the road conditions to San Antonio. The ex-Confederates told him that the road was infested with Indians and outlaws. At this, the foreigner volunteered the information that he had a valuable cargo of flour, and he offered good pay to the ex-soldiers if they would turn back with him and act as guards. It didn't matter to them so they took the job.

### BLOOD & GOLD

The travelers with the wagon numbered 15, being made up of Austrians, Mexicans, and a beautiful young girl who appeared to be the daughter of the leader. During the day, as the newly hired guards came to observe, the drivers were constantly in the seats, and 'at night someone slept in each wagon. The wagons were tightly covered and the ex-soldiers didn't have a chance to look in the wagons.

Such caution aroused first the curiosity and then the suspicion of the men who had agreed to accompany the train. After consultation, they selected one of their number to make a close investigation. His report was astounding. The wagons were loaded with gold — heaps of it — Spanish, Austrian, and American coins, all kinds of

vessels of gold and silver, bullion too — a fortune fabulous in value. The guards at once began planning to kill their charges and seize the cargo.

By now the caravan was approaching the Pecos River. The ground seemed clear for action so at Castle Gap about fifteen miles east of Horsehead Crossing while they were camping for the night, the ex-Confederates murdered the other travelers including the girl. They burned the bodies along with the wagons.

Papers from a chest revealed that the leader was one of Maximilian's followers entrusted with carrying the royal fortune out of Mexico to Galveston. From Galveston it was to be shipped to Austria where the Empress Carlotta had already gone and it was expected that Maximilian would try to flee there too.

The ex-soldiers were not prepared to take a tell-tale story of valuables into the settlements. They agreed to only take what they actually needed, and decided to bury the rest and come back for it later.

### BURIED GOLD & BODIES

The wasted condition of their horses delayed them in crossing the parched land between Castle Gap and the Concho. They suffered greatly. One of them became ill and had to stop off at Fort Con-

cho. It was well for him that he remained behind because about a day's ride down the trail, his friends were attacked by Indians and all killed.

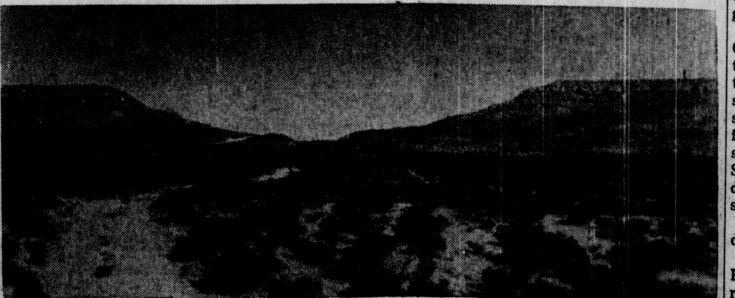
The lone survivor, having revived, set out for San Antonio where a rendezvous had been appointed. He knew nothing of the men who had preceded him, but on his way out, he saw their mutilated bodies. He was now the sole owner of Maximilian's fortune so he decided to go to Missouri and get the James' boys to help him dispose of it.

Near Denton, on his way north, he camped one night, nearly by chance, with a party of three or four men who turned out to be horse thieves. A posse surrounded the camp about daylight and took all of the men into prison, including the Missourian. Horse thieves were frequently hung without trial, but these were not.

In the Denton jail, the disease that had forced the Missourian to halt at Fort Concho renewed itself. He became very ill. A Dr. Black in Denton gave him only a short time to live unless he managed to get out of jail. The Missourian sent for his lawyer whose name was O'Conner. Before O'Conner could do anything, the lone survivor realized his condition. He told O'Conner and Black about the fortune buried at Castle Gap and how it got there. Then he died.

When Black and O'Conner got to Castle Gap, the lake was dry and the terrific sandstorms, common to the region, had shifted the landscape. The markings that the ex-soldiers had left could not be found. All that they found was some wagon irons marked by fire. Sphinx-like in its muteness and the deep and silent sands, Castle Gap still guards Maximilian's gold.

This story was found in Coronado's Children by J. Frank Dobie. Two monuments commemorating Horsehead Crossing have been erected. One is twenty miles northwest of Girvin in Pecos County and a second one five miles south of Crane in Crane County.



Here's a fascinating look as historical Castle Gap from the direction of Horsehead Crossing. Photo By Jeff Henderson

### Crane High Folks Elderly Kinfolks Make Headlines

Not long ago, the journalism class was trying to think of stories that would make "The Crane" more interesting to everyone. This was a hard subject and the conversation began to idle away to other subjects. Subjects such as a long span of life. There were three people in the journalism room who had relatives that are 90 years old and older. Interesting! Could this be a story? There might possibly be many others in CHS who had such relatives.

The cry was sent out and the results were good. There were eight people in CHS who gave "The Crane" information.

A. F. McCasland, the custodian of the administration building was one of those people. His mother is 93 years old. She lives in Henrietta, Oklahoma, and was among the first families who pioneered the Indian Territory in Oklahoma. She was born in Texas, but has lived in Oklahoma approximately 75 years.

She raised four children, all still living and the youngest is now 65 and the oldest is 78.

She is still very active, raises a garden, and does her own yard work. Being a devout Christian, she credits her long life span to the Lord.

J. D. Patterson, the father of Paul Patterson, the journalism teacher in CHS, will soon be 81 years old.

He now lives in Mineral Wells, but lived in West Texas a long time. He raised seven children and owes his longevity to paddling them. Hard work and soft worry also added to his many years.

Richard Hinant has a great-grandmother who is 104 years old. She is now living in Beville, Texas, but lived on a ranch in south Texas for many years. She remembers when the Union soldiers marched through Corpus Christi, Texas.

Louise and Charles Coon have a great-grandmother who is 93. She is Mrs. A. L. Wilson and she lives in Newton, Texas. Mrs. Wilson is still very active, and her eye sight and hearing ability is still very good. She still takes long trips. There are five generations of Mrs. Wilson's family now living.

Bill Gurley, a senior in CHS, also has a great-grandmother who is 93. She lives in Oklahoma.

Gerardine and Tex Brems have a distant relative who is near 100 years old. Mrs. Allison came from Germany when she was 29. She lived in Christine, Texas for several years and then moved to San Antonio. She is still very active and can read the newspaper in both German and English. She enjoys watching the television.

Glenda Grissom has a great-grandfather who is 94. His name is Nelson Ribble and he now lives in Crowell, Texas. Mr. Ribble raised nine children and lived most of his life on a farm. An interesting feature about Mr. Ribble is that he looks very much like Abe Lincoln.

The last student who gave "The Crane" information about their relatives was Shirley Hollander.

Mrs. Lulu Hollander is 93 and lives in Arlington, Texas. She has lived there most of her life. Mrs. Hollander raised 12 children and is still very active. She lives alone now.

### Carroll Announces CHS Birthday List

Something new has been added to the regular CHS announcements each week Mr. Carroll will announce the names and dates of persons having birthdays during that week. This was started January 4, and will continue through the year.

These are the names that were first announced:

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- 2 — Susie Chick
- 5 — Gayle Swaford, Pamela Reynolds
- 6 — Annita Freeman
- 9 — Carolyn Cramer, Sam Cook

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