

MR. MARTIN SENDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO SERVICE MEN



The seniors are certainly putting on the dog tonight with their formal dance. More power to you.

The magazines and papers are here for everyone to use. How about it, students? Let's leave them in one piece!

There are six types of Superintendents.

First: The Dictator.

One who speaks and dictates with an assumed air of authority.

Second: The Opportunist.

One who makes a god impression but not lasting. Makes a good start but never finishes.

Third: The Business Manager.

One who polishes around to his own interest.

Fourth: The Scientific Type.

One who plasters the walls with charts and tests.

Fifth: The Professional Type.

One who is a professional leader and very tactful.

Sixth: The Martin Type.

One who wants to, and tries to do and say the right thing at the right place and at the right time.

The Crane wishes all the boys in the service of their country a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

We'd STILL like to have recreation night!

Mrs. Elmore's blue and silver decorations for the library are really sumptuous.

What's this about matching nickels, etc., in class? Disgraceful! tsk! tsk! Specially in Mr. Nix's History Class.

Don't you worry, Seniors, you'll have the best banquet yet!

A crowd certainly turned out for the basketball tournament. How about it? Let's give them our support throughout the season.

It is rumored that wedding bells will soon be ringing for Miss Bacon, Miss Stroud, and maybe a few others!

The play, "Act Your Age," was a great success.

Mr. Nance must be making the kids work! They say he makes them decompose the music, too.

A very merry Christmas and a happy, happy New Year to everybody everywhere!

Untimely Visit To Typing Room

Eke! A Mouse! was the frantic scream coming from the typing room one day last week. We don't know how the mouse got in one of the student's coat pockets, but it certainly alarmed the place. Mrs. Patterson wasn't the only one to be—ah—shall we say startled? It sounds so much braver than frightened.

Anyway, Mr. Nix proved to be the hero when he gallantly came to the rescue by having the cruel beast slayed. Now everyone is on the lookout for such animals. Even Miss Herring sets traps for the dear creatures.

31 Top Ranking Honor Students

At the end of each six weeks the top ranking students in Crane High School are named by taking the four students out of each class who have the highest point average. If there is a tie the list is lengthened.

At the end of the second six weeks there were 31 students from the High School and the eighth grade. The list as compiled by Mr. Brady Nix, principal of the Crane High School, is as follows:

8th GRADE:

- 1—James Hale 30
- 2—Joetta Holt 28
- 3—Tipton Murrell 26
- 4—Meradith Smith 26
- 5—Merwyn McCully 26

9th GRADE:

- 1—Helen Hickey 30
- 1—Helen White 30
- 2—Billy E. Garrett 28
- 3—Gwendolyn Weed 24
- 4—Fred Browning 22
- 4—Baker Davis 22
- 4—Norma Jean Garrett 22
- 4—Naomi Whitwell 22

10th GRADE:

- 1—Merle Dickson 30
- 2—Beverly Holt 26
- 3—Bernice Green 24
- 3—Bernice Lou McCully 24
- 4—Betty Joe White 24

11th GRADE:

- 1—Helen Calhoun 30
- 1—Pola Jean Murrell 30
- 1—Mary L. Shackelford 30
- 2—Charles Schiltner 28
- 3—Donald McDaniel 24
- 4—Bob Mathis 24

12th GRADE:

- 1—Zane Crowover 30
- 1—Kathryn Joiner 30
- 2—Dorothy Coker 28
- 2—Dorothy Rogers 28
- 3—Hattie Lee Bromley 26
- 3—William Roy Mathis 26
- 4—Bobby Smith 24

Crane Honor Roll Has 12 Students

There were 12 students on the Honor Roll at the end of the second six weeks in Crane High announced by Brady Nix, principal.

In order to be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must have at least a 90 average in all subjects taken.

The following list includes the high school and eighth grade students who make up the Honor Roll.

8th GRADE:

- 1—James Hale 94.8

9th GRADE:

- 1—Helen White 95
- 2—Helen Hickey 92.7

10th GRADE:

- 1—Bernice Lou McCully 97.5
- 2—Merle Dickson 95

11th GRADE:

- 1—Mary Louise Shackelford 93.8
- 2—Pola Jean Murrell 93.6
- 3—Helen Calhoun 92

12th GRADE:

- 1—Kathryn Joiner 97.2
- 2—Bobby Smith 96.5
- 3—Zane Crowover 94
- 3—Doris Windsor 94

"Act Your Age"

Amuses Audience

The three-act play, "Act Your Age," was presented in assembly on Dec. 10 by the Crane Little Theatre Club. The play was sponsored by the Junior class.

Two performances were given. The cast were:

Angy—Billie Lovelace

Cora—Zane Crowover

Helga—Gwen Weed

Aunt Sandra—Jo Henderson

Gadget—Joe Pearce

Jim Matson—Donald Barnard

Commander Stone—Delbert McCandless

Western Union Girl—Billie J. Hanks

A trio and duet sang between acts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Journalism Class of Crane High School wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Reading from left to right: Mary Frances Tollison, Delbert McCandless, Kathryn Joiner, Miss Mary Jackson, Harold Wasson, Joyce Stone, Dorothy Coker, Jo Veda Henderson, Mary Louise Shackelford, Doris Windsor, Delvin Webb.

Stage Band Is Organized

Members of the girls stage band met Tuesday night, Nov. 30, at the band hall under the direction of Mrs. Jackson.

New music has been purchased for the organization. Among the music is "Paper Dolls," "Taking

Chances On Love," "Here Comes the Navy," "Pennsylvania Polka," and "Shortnin' Bread."

Members of this group include Bobby Smith, Dorothy Rogers, Pola Murrell, Helen Calhoun, Dorothy Coker, Doyle Miller, Marilyn Lowe, Kathryn Joiner, Betty Joiner, Joetta Holt, Beverly Holt, Jacqueline Mathis, and Peggy Daniels.

Officers of the organization are Dorothy Rogers, Helen Calhoun. These were elected by the charter members. Other officers will be elected by the entire organization.

OLD FASHION PARTY IS GIVEN YOUNG PEOPLE

An old-fashioned play party was given by the Methodist Young People's Sunday School Class on Friday night, Nov. 19, at the Methodist annex.

Guests were invited and old-fashioned games were played. Sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate were served as refreshments.

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Students Resolve To Be Better Or Shall We Say - - - Meaner?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Dorothy Coker | Dec. 4 |
| Joe Riley Lewis | Dec. 3 |
| Joyce Stone | Dec. 7 |
| Guila Bettis | Dec. 13 |
| Iris Rose Shaver | Dec. 3 |
| David Bonner | Dec. 14 |
| Baker Davis | Dec. 11 |
| Jerry Max Mayberry | Dec. 6 |

Change Shown In Attendance

Attending for 1942-43 as compared to 1943-44.

1st mo.	2nd mo.	3rd mo.
1942-43:		
97.94	96.67	95.1
1943-44:		
98.89	97.3	94.92</

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THE CRANE'S CREED

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

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CHRISTMAS AND WAR

In the little town of Bethlehem, 1,942 years ago, a little child was born in a manger. This little child was Jesus, the Son of God. We have all heard this story every Christmas each year, in church, Sunday School, and in our homes over and over. When we were children we heard "The Night Before Christmas" each year, and when we grow up we'll tell it to our children. It's the same old story, the same old Christmas, but it's a different world.

When Jesus was born there was no room for Him in the inn, and he was born in a manger, but everything was peacefulness and quietness. Now the wail of a starving child is heard and the scream of a terrified woman echoes around the earth. The world is covered with the shadow of war.

In England, France, Germany, Russia, the roar of a plane is heard, the explosion of a bomb, instead of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and "Silent Night," but if you listen closely through the noise of the guns, you can hear, "O Come All You Faithful," sung by the distressed people of Europe, and a mother reading a Christmas story to her tiny child. She does not wish him to forget that there is a Christmas, a day on which people were given hope.

In America it is the same as always. Everyone is rushing about doing their last-minute shopping, preparing for a happy holiday with no thought of some poor Greek child who could buy food to prevent its starvation with the money we are spending for luxurious presents.

We in America have not yet felt the terrible presence of the war. Yes, our food is rationed, our sons, brothers, sweethearts, and even sisters are away fighting for us in some distant land but we have not yet felt the horror of the destroying of our cities, our mothers and children murdered before our very eyes, blood and destruction on every hand.

Christmas to us means presents, happiness, and to some even drunkenness on the day that our Savior was born, but to those who have suffered the cruelties of a mechanized war it means hope that some day the world will be free again and they might walk in the fields without fear in their hearts and the soaring of a plane in their ears. With courage and patience they fight, humbly, nobly, for a land like ours that stands for life, hope, and freedom for all.

BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Well, folks, here it is, Christmas time again! This Christmas the Government has urged each and every one of us to buy more War Bonds and Stamps. This is not only a good investment, but also a good Christmas present for everyone, whether they be old or young. These bonds can be purchased in denominations to fit almost any pocketbook. If you can't buy a bond right now, at least buy some stamps. These stamps can be purchased in denominations of 10c to \$5.00. When you get \$18.75 in these stamps, you can trade them in at any post office for a bond. So, in response to the Government's appeal, let's make it a special duty to buy more bonds than anything else for your Christmas presents this year.

How Do You Dispose of Paper?

It has been called to the pupils' attention that there has been too much paper left on the floor and stuffed into the desks. The teachers have made pleas to try to get us to keep the rooms clean as well as the campus. This could be done very easily since all that it would take is to be sure not to leave any paper on the floor when we leave and not to cram it into the desks.

Most of us know what the waste-basket is for but we seldom use it for that purpose. Usually we just don't think when we read the paper and cram it into the desks or throw it on the floor, so let's try and be a little more considerate of the other students who have to use the same rooms that we do by trying to think and keep the paper off the floor and out of the desks.

Shall We Proceed, Gentlemen?



THUMB NAIL INTERVIEWS

THE QUESTION: COULD WE STAND ANOTHER WAR?

None of the members of the faculty cared to commit themselves on this question, so the burden of answering it rested upon the shoulders of our own Editor-in-Chief, Joyce Sloan, and like the Marines, she has the situation well in hand. It would really be interesting to hear a round-table discussion between Mr. Martin, Mr. Nix, and Joyce on "Americans At War." They are really good.

Joyce Sloan: "After the present war, all of the countries involved will probably be exhausted as to manpower, financial support, and manufacturing materials. Not only the United States will be lacking in these things, but every country now engaged in World War No. 2.

If anyone of these countries could stand another war, however, they would be the United States. We have the most powerful military and more willing men. I think that any country on the globe.

If there should be another war, I think that our country will be prepared for the worst. We will not again be caught napping. Our country, being as large as it is, can furnish its own supplies for manufacturing. Importing is not a necessity to us. We have materials enough at home.

Financially, our people will support the government. There is no worry there; they always have and they always will.

As to manpower, we have not yet used half our present supply. Our men and women are ready to fight.

If we should have another war, America will be ready, and there is no doubt that we could stand one, although we do not want it.

PIN-UP BOY

HAROLD WASSON

Harold Wasson, better known as "Baby," was born August 19, 1924, in Sour Lake, Texas. Harold is five feet eleven and a half inches and weighs 175 pounds. He has been a resident of Crane for fifteen years.

His pet peeve is "smart guys," or people who think they are smart. His favorite subjects are band and chemistry, and his favorite foods are fried chicken and creamed potatoes.

"Baby" has been a member of the band for seven years. He is playing the trombone and has played bass for the last six years.

Upon his graduation this year, Harold plans to enlist in the Army Air Corps.

PIN-UP GIRL

The pin-up girl for this week is Jo Veda Henderson. She was born in Breckenridge, Texas, in the year of 1927. She is 5 feet and four inches tall, weight is 115 pounds, is a brunette, and has blue-gray eyes. Her favorite food is fried steak and candied sweet potatoes.

Red and blue are Jo's favorite colors; she dislikes everything and likes nothing. Jo is a senior and plans on finishing this year and starting to Texas University this summer.

Jo moved to Crane in 1929 and has lived here ever since.

Christmas Derived From Medieval Age

Jack Frost creeps around the corner, and winter brings snow. The bells begin to jingle—can't you just feel the Christmas spirit? Homes decorated with holly and mistletoe, gaily lighted trees, pretty wrapped packages, the exciting suspense of waiting for "the night before Christmas" when the ribbons can be snipped and each gift proudly exhibited.

In this merry festive season, when we sing the joyous carols, we pause to consider the origin of Christmas. We find it is derived from the Medieval Christies Masse which means Mass of Christ. It was a feast commemorating the birth of Jesus. The friendly way of sending greetings and remembrances began in 1860.

The Christmas tree is traced to

Befana, an Italian figure which symbolizes the ancient woman of Palestine who, saying she would see them again, would not leave her household duties to view the Three Kings of Orient who were passing on their way to bear their rich offerings to the Infant Jesus. Unknown to Befana, they returned in a different direction, and she is supposed to be still fruitlessly watching and waiting for their return. Her influence watched over little children that were good and brought them presents. Ecco la Befana is the Italian figure that our Santa Claus is.

A ring of keys in a slightly worn leather case was found at the community hall and are now at the High School office. Anyone losing these keys may have same by calling for them at the High School building.

SONG OF THE WEEK

WHITE CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
Just like the ones I used to know,
Where the tree-tops glisten,
And children listen,
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
With every Christmas card I write,
May your days be merry and bright,
And may all your Christmas be white.

ARE YOU HEP?

MARY TOLLISON

Here are some of the expressions we hear or use that are puzzlers. Maybe you know what they mean or maybe you don't. Anyway, here are the daffanations:

Apple-polishing—Currying favor.

Corny—as applied to the obvious, sentimental or stale.

In the groove or on the beam—means the same as Okay but is a little trickier.

Burnt to the crisp—the latest of everything.

A. W. O. L.—A Wolf on The Loose.

What gives?—same as How have you been or what have you been doing.

Harvest it—We've heard that one before or can the corn.

Blitz the cold storage plant—raid the refrigerator.

Mur-Der!—wonderful!

Collapse—in more polite words, Won't you sit down?

Cooking with gas or cooking on the front burner—Doin' all right; on the beam; okay.

Drip—A set smack of human species; way off the beam.

Gruesome Twosome—A couple who go steady.

Hep—in the know or groove; very okay.

Ice Up—Give 'em the cold shoulder. Usual, and often effective, treatment for wolves.

Jackson—Anyone. Most often used in addressing a smooth looking boy.

Jam Session—The result when a swing band gets hep; ditto when the jitterbugs gather around the juke box.

On Fire—Super-colossal.

Off the Cob—Corny.

Step up closer to the Mike—I didn't get what you said. Come again!

Shove in your Clutch—Get going!

Tizzy—A dither; a mad.

You ain't Woofin'?—you aren't kidding?

You Shred It, Wheat—you figure it out.

Military Objective—A good number but not found in the multiplication table; a very nice number; a smooth cookie; or in plain English, a very dateable girl.

Zowie—The current exclamation denoting approval, astonishment or dismay.

TATTLE TALES



Joyce Sloane is giving some boys the big rush since she got permission from Gilvie.

I wonder why the picture show goes off just on Sunday? Could it be because Dorothy Rogers helps Chester on this day?

Mary Louise sure has fun playing the boys the old string along line, then drops them flat.

How's the night air, Joan? Just ask Bill Lowe.

Watch out, boys. Dorothy Coker is on the loose.

What's the matter, Gail? Has your romance ended? Snap out of it.

Betty Collet and Charles Lovelace nearly tore the seats out of the show the other night. Having a good time.

Delwin Webb was having a wonderful time in the Imperial bus on Friday night. How about it, Delwin?

The love bug has done it again. This time Betty Williams and R. V. Bolt are the victims of its sting.

Bobby Ervin certainly enjoyed himself on his date with Anna Bivins Saturday night.

Joe Riley has a date with Mary Louise Shackelford New Years Eve. What is this, boys and girls? A new romance?

I wonder why Ralph Browne played better basketball in the last half of the game than in the first half. Could it have been because of a certain little girl he had a session with at the half?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING XMAS?

Kathryn Joiner: "Foolin' around and enjoy life."

Mary Shackelford: "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow I may die."

Delbert McCandless: "Work, I imagine."

William Roy Mathis: "Going down to the river to hunt ducks."

Joyce Sloan: "Paint the town red (with Gilvie.)"

Mary Tillison: "Do a little bit of everything."

Doris Windsor: "Work."

Dorothy Coker: "Go to Odessa and—"

Sarold Wasson: "Either go to Corpus Christi or on the river duck hunting."

Ralph Browne: "Laze around, be the meanest boy in the country."

Bill Lowe: "I don't know yet. There's no tellin'."

Bob Mathis: "Work, I guess, the first week. Then have fun in the next."

Calhoun Lovelace: "None o' yer dern business."

Mr. Martin: "None of your dog-gone business."

Miss Herring: "I'm going to spend Christmas with my Pop and sister in San Angelo."

Miss Anderson: "It's a MILITARY secret. More than likely."

Pola Murrell: "Ann Boyd is coming to visit me. We will take in the town."

Miss Jackson: "Go home to El Paso."

Jo Henderson: "Get into as much trouble and meanness as possible."

Mrs. Elmore: "Go to Dallas and have a good time with my family."

Mr. Nix: "Go to Stephenville to visit my relatives."

Bobbie Smith: "Go to see 'Vick' (maybe)."

Mrs. Patterson: "Spend it at my home in Denton and go to Fort Worth."

at his house that Betty Collette is interested in.

Has that romance of William's broken up yet?

Why was it Mary Frances was so happy Wednesday. Could it have been that picture she had?

I wonder why Calhoun stuttered when he asked Joyce Sloane to the Senior dance.

I guess Shack has lost her man for good, that is, if that new romance holds out.

Gloria Ann gives the boys a run for their money. She keeps them guessing.

Archie kissed Shirley for the first time Friday night, December 3, 1943.

Who was that tall, dark, and handsome man who escorted Miss Jackson home the other night. Could it have been her father?

Fashionettes



KATHRYN JOINER

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People usually take advantage of the festive season of December to use their bright and gay colors. Students of Crane High also take this opportunity to be elegantly dressed.

Pretty pine cones tied with gay ribbons are worn. Miss Stroud received some from Louisiana which are being used to dress the study hall for Christmas.

Everyone was dressed in their gayest apparel for the Senior dance.

The room mothers wore their most festive costumes.

Jo Henderson had a lovely plaid dress with a black jersey waist.

Dorothy Coker had a blue dress with baby blue ribbons and a full swing skirt.

Mrs. Elmore had a lovely blue jersey dress.

Even the boys forgot their usual levis. They wore suits and some of them even wore ties.

Delwin Webb wore a pretty black suit and a colored tie.

Calhoun Lovelace wore a nice brown herringbone suit.



BILLY LOWE

Delbert McCandless is seeing a lot of Marjorie Wilson in the Patio at noon. Could this be a new romance?

Ralph Browne and Wanda are getting along just fine. I wonder how long it will last. Would Cliff like this.

Who are all the girls included in that group that leaves the school ground at a certain time each day. It occurs at noon.

I wonder what Maurice has out

ODESSA CROWNED CHAMPION OF CRANE TOURNAMENT

Imperial Steers Get Dehorned by Golden Cranes

In a game featured by fast breaks, the Golden Cranes downed the Imperial Longhorns in the first game of the year by a decisive score of 38 to 18.

The game was very fast for this early in the season and the ball-handling was done exceptionally well. The score could have been more, but Coach Nix used reserves nearly half the time.

The team might not have been equal to the ones of previous years but the boys are willing and are going to develop into a very good, or we might say, better ball club. They have proven that they could win, so everyone get behind them and pull for the third straight district championship. (The other championship teams were in District 7A in 41-42.) Bobby Pettit was the high point man with 14 points and Ralph Browne and Van Zandt of Imperial tied for runner-up with 8 points each.

THE BOX SCORE

	FT	F	G	TP
Crane	2	2	6	14
Pettit	2	0	3	8
Browne	0	2	1	2
Mathis, W.	0	3	3	6
Higdon, B.	0	0	3	6
Lowe	0	0	3	6
Higdon, A. L.	0	0	1	2
Mathis, Bob	0	0	0	0
McElveen	0	2	0	0
Liles	0	0	0	0
Bonner	0	0	0	0
Imperial	FT	F	G	TP
Scarborough	0	0	1	2
Van Zandt	0	0	4	8
Smith	0	4	0	0
Brown	1	0	1	3
Corner	0	0	0	0
King, E.	0	0	0	0
King, W.	0	1	1	2
Jackson	1	1	1	3
Grove	0	0	0	0
Coar	0	0	0	0

Long Shots



At the Basket

There are about 15 boys out for basketball and the prospects for a good team are encouraging.

The basketball district is going to be divided into two sub-districts, the winners of each sub-district will play each other for the district championship.

The Golden Cranes were victorious in their first game with Imperial with a score of 38 to 18.

There will be no more sports for Carlton Hutchinson, because of an injured knee which he obtained in the Crane-Big Lake football game.

Because of shoe rationing small sized basketball shoes are hard to find.

Crane School To Purchase 'Jeep'

The grade and elementary school's "Buy a Jeep" campaign is about to close, with only two parts to be purchased. The springs, at a cost of \$24, and a transfer case, cost \$165.

The total cost of a jeep is \$1165.00.

When a complete jeep is paid for, the school will be eligible for a special citation from the Treasury Department. One of these citations was earned by the school last year.

Corporal Currier, Ex-Crane, Overseas



Corporal Milton T. "Shine" Currier is now in the South Pacific. He graduated from Crane High School in 1941. "Shine" lettered four years on the Crane football team. His first three years were spent as a guard and his last year was spent in the backfield.

"Shine" has been in the Marines for about two years. To his great surprise, who should he meet in the South Pacific but Elmer Grounds, Jr., a former classmate and teammate of Crane.

"Shine" is one of the many boys who graduated from Crane High who correspond with Mr. L. L. Martin, superintendent of Crane High.

Nurse Gives Her Report on Pupils

Since a number of parents have asked about their children's weight, I would like to say that the weight may vary from 10 per cent below to 20 per cent above the standard weight and be satisfactory. Weighing children is one means of ascertaining their rate of growth. Children should gain from year to year. Continuous records of height and weight of a child are valuable to parents as general landmarks of growth provided trends are watched rather than the relation of the child's weight at a given time to that of the average weight for height and age.

Undue significance should not be attached to individual variations in weight from the average for height and age. Parents should, however, consult the family physician on a continual loss of weight or a continual cessation of gaining on the part of the child.

I have checked the weight of the pupils in the first seven grades twice. I find that most of the children have gained since I checked them the first time. There are few children who are overweight and some are underweight, but most of them are about the average. If the child does not gain, the cause may be lack of proper diet, lack of enough sleep, some form of illness or any of several other things. Whatever the cause, it should be removed.

All District Team Selected

The All-District team for 1943 is going to be selected in the near future by the coaches of this district.

The football boys of each team in this district will choose a team of their choice, some boys from each team in the district if they wish to do so.

The boys then will give their list of players to their coach and the coaches of every team in the district have a meeting and select the all-district team. No one will know until more information is received who will be on the all-district team.

The pupils in the first seven grades have had eyes checked. There are a number of children unable to read the line of letters that they should be able to read at 20 feet. To some, the letters looked blurred, and to others they danced about on the chart. These children should have their eyes examined by a doctor. It may be that glasses are not needed but the diet of the child may be the cause of improper vision.

The parents of the children who were unable to read the letters will be notified and we hope the parents will have them checked in the near future.

Browne On All-Tourney Team

Rankin-Grandfalls

In a very slow game, until the last minutes, Grandfalls eked out a 22-15 victory over Rankin. The game was typical of the first games of a tournament, but Grandfalls came to life in the last quarter and was victorious. Cox of Grandfalls was high point man with 9 points.

Fort Stockton-Pecos

The Fort Stockton Panthers had an easy victory over Pecos in the first go-around and were on the offensive most of the time. The final score was 34-17 in the Panthers' favor. Dudley King was high point man with 11 points.

Irma-Crane

The Irma Braves were beaten by the Golden Cranes to the tune of 26-24. Irma held the lead for about a minute after the game started but the Cranes took over and flew high the rest of the way. Browne of Crane was high point man with 17 points.

Odessa-Crane "B"

A small Crane team lost to a larger and more experienced Odessa Broncho club. The Cranes were outclassed in playing ability but not in spirit. Anderson of Odessa led in the scoring with 16 points.

Grandfalls-Fort Stockton

Grandfalls was again victorious by beating the Panthers of Stockton by a score of 24 to 17. The game was closer than indicated by the score and the lead changed hands several times. Cox and Dorrell of Grandfalls and King of Stockton tied for high point honors with 8 points each.

Rankin-Pecos

Pecos won from a tired Rankin team by a score of 26-13 in their second game of the tournament. Babb of Rankin and Robinson of Pecos were high point men.

Crane-Odessa

The tall men of Odessa proved to be the best in handling the Golden Cranes their first defeat with a score of 20-13. The Crane boys were the best ball handlers, but the height told the final score. Reynolds of Odessa was high point man with 7 points.

Irma-Crane "B"

The Irma Braves had a tough time in beating the Crane "B" squad. If the Cranes keep improving some of the "A" boys will have to really work to keep their positions. The final score was: Irma 17, Crane 6. Lee of Irma was high point man with 5 points.

Crane "B"-Rankin

The Crane boys went down in another defeat at the hands of the Rankin boys, but they were never outfought. They did not win a game in the tournament, but they furnished stiff competition for the "A" teams they played. The final score in this game was Rankin 30, Crane 17. Prude was again high point man with 12 points.

Irma-Pecos

In a very fast game Irma beat Pecos for the Conatation Championship by a score of 20-16. Gibbs of Irma and Stephens of Pecos tied for high point honors with 10 points each.

Crane-Fort Stockton

The Golden Cranes won a fast game from the Stockton Panthers with a comparatively low score of only 21 points to the Panthers' 17. The Crane "A" team was victorious in all of their games except the one to the Odessa "AA" team. Browne was again high point man with 10 points.

Odessa-Grandfalls

Odessa emerged victorious in all their games and thus became the CHAMPIONS of the tournament. The championship game was full of thrills (and falls), but Odessa just had the best team. The final score was, Odessa 22, Grandfalls 13. Anderson was high with ten points.

(An all-tournament team was named and the players are to receive gold basketballs. The team was Reynolds and Babb of Odessa, Cox of Grandfalls, King of Fort Stockton, and Browne of Crane.)

SCHOOL STAMP SALES

Mr. Curtis Dickenson, the Principal, reports that the grade and elementary schools have purchased approximately \$300 in War Stamps this month.

The total amount of stamps and bonds purchased this school year, so far, is \$940.

Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

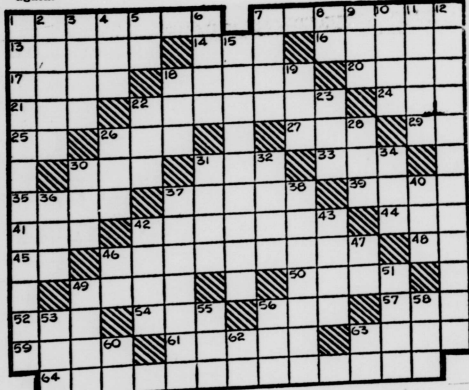
- 1 Howling.
- 7 Staff on a spinning wheel.
- 13 Baseball teams.
- 14 Stir.
- 16 To prohibit.
- 17 To eject.
- 18 Inclination.
- 20 To smear.
- 21 Encountered.
- 22 Those who repair roofs.
- 24 Before.
- 25 Pair (abbr.).
- 26 House cat.
- 27 To yelp.
- 28 South Carolina.
- 30 To scatter.
- 31 Hurrah.
- 33 Hiatus.
- 35 Smell.
- 37 Passed by.
- 39 Part of a pedestal base.
- 41 Sweet potato.
- 42 Enthroned.
- 44 Aye.
- 45 Mine.
- 46 Adorned again.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ASS
IDAHO
BROCADE
OARS
SEMPER
ESAU
ILLY
DONES
DUCT
EMU
WALLETS
SAITE
RES
43 Chaos.
49 Title.
50 Sour.
52 To bow.
54 A ridge.
56 To help.
57 Tiny.
59 Street boys.
61 Animal, sole product of one.
63 Diagonal.
64 Plan for farm aid.
VERTICAL
1 An international.
15 Process by

which money becomes dear.

- 15 Child.
- 19 Arid.
- 22 Scarlet.
- 23 To sink.
- 24 By.
- 28 Tablet.
- 30 Male cat.
- 31 Avenue.
- 32 Mister in German.
- 34 Wages.
- 36 Twenty-four hours.
- 37 Treadle.
- 38 Dental surgeon.
- 40 Lair.
- 42 Tallow tree.
- 43 Inanimate.
- 46 Sun god.
- 47 Doctor.
- 49 Norse mythology.
- 51 Double.
- 53 Simpleton.
- 55 Sun.
- 56 Blackbird (variant).
- 60 Senior.
- 62 Oil (suffix).
- 63 To exist.



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No. 13

Elementary School News

FIRST GRADE:

Mrs. Crabtree's Room Reports.

We are happy to have Faye Bott back with us.

We are busy getting ready for Christmas. We have drawn names for the gifts for our tree Friday, Dec. 17.

The room mothers have a secret we are interested in but we can't tell you much about it.

Our mothers have secrets—
We have secrets, too;
We think secrets are such fun
At Christmas time, don't you?"

Hendrix Wheeler is moving and we will miss him very much.

Sylvia Sullivan's daddy, who is in the Air Corps, returned to Tucson, Ariz., where he has been stationed for several months.

In our music we are having fun learning Christmas songs.
Merry Christmas to all!

SECOND GRADE:

Mrs. Dickinson's Room

Jo Ann Fisher spent Thanksgiving holidays visiting her grandmother in Davenport, Okla.

Bren McAfee made a trip to Del Rio during the holidays.

L. T. Williams visited his grandparents in San Angelo the past week.

Charles Treath spent the holidays in Dublin, Texas.

We are singing Christmas carols and are busy decorating our room for Christmas.

In spelling class we are making individual toy shops. For each perfect grade we get to put a toy on our shop shelves. We are running a race to see who can put the most toys in their shop.

SECOND GRADE:

Marjorie Key's Room

We have drawn names for Christmas and we are looking forward to the party that we will have on Dec. 17. We are enjoying singing Christmas carols.

We have a new pupil from Texas, Thomas Shankle. We have 24 pupils now.

Anna Jean Chaney spent the Thanksgiving holidays in El Paso. We had 15 pupils last six weeks who were neither tardy nor absent.

We are enjoying reading our Weekly Readers and we learned last week how pigeons work for Uncle Sam by carrying news to many lands and to the soldiers. Dogs are very helpful, too, and they are being trained to do many things.

THIRD GRADE:

Mrs. Roberts' Room

We had only two absences the past six weeks.

Six boys were on the honor roll this six weeks. There were only two girls on it, but we have only six girls in our room.

We plan to have a Christmas party in our room. Mrs. Knox, one of our room mothers, has already told us we could use her Xmas tree.

Floyd Idom has been absent for several days due to illness.

Trixie Lynn Rudd's aunt visited the school Tuesday.

Shirley Allen plans to visit her grandmother at Levelland during Christmas.

THIRD GRADE:

Mrs. Martin's Room

David Wise visited his mother in Fort Worth last week.

We enjoyed Mrs. Buckley's Hawaiian program.

Miss Bacon has taught us some pretty Christmas songs.

We are planning to entertain our room mothers with a Christmas play. It will be given on Friday before school closes for the Christmas holidays.

We are learning some chorale readings. You may hear some of them on our Christmas program.

Ten children had perfect attendance records for the past six weeks.

FOURTH GRADE:

Room 1, Mary Kent, teacher.

Reporter, Mary Hale.

We have been coloring pictures of Santa Claus, and we are planning to have a Christmas party in our room.

We are going to give a play in our room. We drew names last

week for our Christmas tree, and we are learning to sing Christmas carols.

Our class has made a loom and we are going to learn to weave. We are also studying different clothing material.

Kathryn Smith went to Referio, Texas, on a week's vacation.

Quay Clark spent Thanksgiving holidays at Fort Stockton with his grandparents.

Dwain Warren visited relatives in Pampa, Texas, during the holidays.

Malcolm Garrett spent Thanksgiving holidays in Wickett.

FIFTH GRADE:

Mrs. Sawyer, teacher.

Reporters, Jency B. Porter and Cynthia Zafanotis.

Ella McElveen has been absent because of illness.

Henry Cook's uncle came to see him this week.

Jency Porter went to Monahans Saturday and stayed until Sunday.

Cynthia Zafanotis went to Dallas last week and had a very nice time.

We are studying a very interesting story in Geography. The name of the story is "The Sahara Desert."

Ray Omo and his friend went to the peak Saturday.

Stacy Hodges is building a very large model airplane.

Glenn Elliott, Edwin Idom and Robert Collett were in Odessa this week end.

SIXTH GRADE:

Miss Jackson's Room

The 6-1 class elected officers for the third six weeks. Those elected are: James Nance, librarian; June White, assistant librarian; Jimmy Neal Stacy, fire chief; Bill Teague, assistant fire chief; and Beverly Bruce was elected to take care of the bulletin board.

The sixth grade worked hard to see that everyone of their pupils was enrolled in the Junior Red Cross.

The week before Christmas was spent in decorating the room for Christmas. Some of the pupils drew pictures on the board and colored them with colored chalk.

Our room mothers, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nance, have planned a Christmas party for the last day of school before the Christmas vacation. We exchanged names and brought gifts.

Some of our students plan to make short trips during the Xmas holidays.

A new pupil in the sixth grade is Anita Shankle from Texas.

The pupils in the sixth grade are going to try to buy more war stamps.

In history we are studying about the Constitution and the beginning government of our country and how it got started.

In our English club we are practicing on another play.

SIXTH GRADE:

Mrs. Braly's Room

We drew names for Christmas gifts to be exchanged at our tree on Dec. 17. Many students are as curious as a cat. They do not know who has their name.

All of our students have turned out some hand work for real Xmas gifts. We hope that they please some one very dear to each of us.

Joan Ward attended the Phillips Barbecue in Odessa Dec. 8.

Barbara Hall took a trip to Midland just to see Santa Claus. Have you been a good girl, Barbara?

Students of our room were entertained with a party, Saturday, Dec. 4, in the Community Hall.

This party was given by the PTA as a reward for our efforts in securing new members for PTA.

Many indoor games were played and we enjoyed music from the nickelodion and the electric phonograph.

Those attending were: Mary Allen, Joan Ward, Barbara Hall, Bruce Patterson, Kenneth Dale Lewis, Lanell Murrell, Kenneth Pearce, James Kilgore, Bryan Hale, Darrell Tomlinson, Robert Sullivan, Joyce Sharp, Nolan McDougal, Kathleen Harrington, Eugene Kelton, Martha Braly and Mrs. W. M. Braly, home room teacher.

Mothers attending and to whom we extend our sincere appreciation were: Mmes. Fred Becker, J. D. Kilgore, Kelton, C. L. Brandon, E. R. Tomlinson and J. E. Clark.

SEVENTH GRADE:

Mrs. Fried's Room.

Joy Dickson, Mary Joyce Evans, Dwain Stacy and Rita Cox were our honor pupils for the six weeks period that ended Nov. 27. The merit list included Jimmy Powders, Louis Hogan, Coylene Pope and Carolyn Boren.

The members of our class have decided to exchange gifts and decorate the room for Christmas. Every member has been assigned a definite section of the room to decorate.

June Sheron and Rita Cox are decorating the blackboards with designs in colored chalks. We think June's drawing of deer's head is very good.

Ira Bobo, Louis Hogan and Howard Crawford are planning the displays for the front board.

A Dutch Christmas scene has been fixed for the file cabinet by Mary Joyce Evans, Joan Rhinehart and Joy Dickson.

Our window decorations are being done by Dwain Stacy, Billy Jean Williams, Yondola Idom, June Weddle, Faye Laverne Dennis and Bobbie Nell Aaron.

Carolyn Boren, Coylene Pope, and Mary Lou Hanks are the book shelf committee.

The door committee includes Don Richard Bradley, Eula Mae LeClaire, and Louise Pettit.

Elmo Rust, Jimmy Powders, Wayne McCandless, Catherine Jean Clark, Joanne Hibbard, and Mary Sherrill are planning all designs for the bulletin boards.

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SECOND GRADE:

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THIRD GRADE:

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FOURTH GRADE:

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FIFTH GRADE:

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SIXTH GRADE:

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ELEVENTH GRADE:

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TWELFTH GRADE:

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MERIT AND HONOR ROLL

At the end of each Six Weeks Period, the home rooms in the Crane grade school list their Honor Students on two rolls, an honor roll and a merit roll.

The four pupils with the highest number of honor points are placed on the Honor Roll for the home room, and the four pupils with the next highest number of honor points are listed on the Merit Roll.

In case of tie scores, the number of pupils may exceed four.

Honor points are determined according to the following table:

For Each	Honor Points
A plus	9
A	8
A minus	7
B plus	6
B	5
B minus	4
C plus	3
C	2
C minus	1

The Honor Students by grades are listed below: (first grade is not included.)

SECOND GRADE:

Mrs. Dickinson's Room	Pts.
Ellen Jayne Maris	68
Cornelius Huth	66
Barbara Webb	66
Judy Glass	63
Cynthia Secrest	62
Jo Ann Fisher	62
Wayne Ashley Smith	61
Wayne Owen Bower	56
Suzanne Smith	56
Edith Aaron	55
Tommie Barnsley	53

SECOND GRADE:

Miss Key's Room	Pts.
Doylene Breedlove	66
Rita Lee Martin	62
Joan Ware	62
James Ware	61
Darrell Lee Vines	60
Helen Lakin	60
Norma Crittenden	60
Martha Cook	59
Luanne Presley	59

THIRD GRADE:

Mrs. Martin's Room	Pts.
Dolores White	80
Donnie Tomlinson	79
Judy Mathis	76
Venona Hamblett	74
Freddy Coe	71
Ray Bob Robinson	66
Don Hinde	66
Barbara Cooper	65
THIRD GRADE:	
Mrs. Roberts' Room	Pts.
Ann White	46
Hugh Neal Green	45
Rex Wood	43
Rex Knox	42
Bill Johnson	42
Shirley Allen	35
Bruce Wells	35
Curtis Chipman	34

FOURTH GRADE:

Mrs. Buckley's Room	Pts.
Peggy Gene Sharp	84
Patsy Janet Hill	80
Nancy Beth Evans	76
Betty Sue Henderson	68
Wanda Leclair	67
Sue West	67
Sammie Joe Paris	63
Rozaleah Barrett	62

FOURTH GRADE:

Mrs. Kent's Room	Pts.
Madeline Johnson	70
Shirley Calhoun	70
Mary Hale	69
Jerry Hall	68
Dorothy J. Crittenden	67
Doyle Ray Lakin	67
Carmaleta Russell	67
Donna Sue Rabon	62
Kathryn Smith	62
Bruce Wells	62

FIFTH GRADE:

Miss Smith's Room	Pts.
Anna Mirie Daniel	66
Ella Mae Sherron	66
Joan Ragsdale	64
Irina Lee McKay	61
Norma Jean Wells	58
Mildred Boren	57
Douglas Boyd	54
Ray Knox	52
John Clark	52

FIFTH GRADE:

Mary Sawyer's Room	Pts.
Nora Roberts	73
Cynthia Zafanotis	70
June Powders	70
Clark Lee Presley	70
Jency Porter	70
Patsy Dulin	65
Joyce Rendall	60

SIXTH GRADE:

Mrs. Braly's Room	Pts.
Bryan Hale	66
Darrell Tomlinson	64
Joan Ward	55
Joyce Sharp	51
Mary Allen	47
Louella Stimp	47
Fred Becker	46
Kenneth Dale Lewis	46

SIXTH GRADE:

Miss Jackson's Room	Pts.
June White	62
Lanell Murrell	55
Bruce Patterson	52
John Hickey	46
Iown Gilstrap	44
Lola Mae Green	41
Louise Newman	38
Beverly Bruce	37
Jimmy Neal Stacy	37
Marquis Stark	37

SEVENTH GRADE:

V. H. Dickinson's Room	Pts.
Billy Melton	65
Lola Faye Ervin	56
Mary Pickering	55
Dorothy Hickey	55
Jackeline Mathis	54
Gloria Likes	45
Sammie White	43
Myron Holcombe	42
June Crowmover	42
SEVENTH GRADE:	
Mrs. Fried's Room	Pts.
Joy Dickson	51
Mary Joyce Evans	49
Dwain Stacy	47
Rita Cox	46
Jimmy Powders	42
Louis Hogan	41
Coylene Pope	40
Carolyn Boren	38

Are Eyes—

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but the eyes play their part.

Eyes are the beginning of a trip to the city hall. A girl winks at a boy, a few weeks pass, and then we have a "third finger, left hand" affair. But the winking can work both ways. Another girl enters the picture, winks at the husband, and we soon have a divorce, the cause being eyes.

Fine eyes are a good asset. It enables one to see the curves better. A good pair of eyes makes you able to find what you want more quickly, and grab before those with the bad eyes (we hope) see you.

The most useless use of eyes is that it makes one able to read dull, drab books—history books, English books, any kind of books. Of course, if one can't read, his eyes would not bother him.

If women did not have eyes they could not see the beautiful prices on fur coats that make them want the coats so much. Then the money could be invested in War Stamps and Bonds.

Boys could not enjoy the beauty of the seashore if they did not have eyes. They are able to see the sandy beach, the waves wash on the shore—and the legs. Girls also enjoy the beach with the aid of their eyes.

A person's character is usually written in his or her eyes.

Sad eyes indicate an unhappy person; bloodshot eyes indicate a weak person, and sparkling eyes indicate an energetic or happy person. So try to make your eyes, and also your teeth, sparkle. Sometimes we see people looking into each other's eyes for other reasons than to determine their character.

Don't let your eyes deceive you. If you see Mrs. Brown with three pounds of butter, be sure you see three pounds and not just one pound, before you tell me where she got it.

The best time for deceiving eyes to be put to use is the time our parents look at our report cards. Then we pray that they have weak eyes, deceiving eyes, any kind of eyes but good ones.

Eyes are being put to a good purpose today. They are aiding people in turning out

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