

Merry
Christmas



THE CRANE



Happy
New Year

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Two Show Nights of Senior Play Produce Successful Turn Outs

The senior play which was given on November 11 and 12 came off, as expected, a complete success. The cast showed remarkable talent and portrayed their parts with great skill. The teenage comedy had many laughs which at times sent the audience into hysterical laughter. Everything from everyday problems to the serious loves of adolescent life. Throughout the play the comedies of getting and keeping a wife were prevalent. "Maudie," "Mrs. White," was an all sure bet. The play continued, Maudie was given a "loop" when "Sylvia," Judy Mathis, began casting seductive glances at her steady, "Davy," Jimmie Tomlinson.

Ellison; "Mr. Mason," Lacy Pittman; "Jay," Venona Hamblett; "Alix," Mary Lou Sneed; "Julie," Sammie Davis; "Lysbeth," Martha Hopson; "Mrs. White," Juanice Morton; "Mrs. Allen," Betty Knaell; "Mrs. Day," Lola Mae Kelly. "Chi," Paul Henderson; "Jerry," Donald Dukes; "Ted," Bobby Robinson; "Margaret," Billie Gooch. Direction of the play was under Robert Irvine. Assistant director was Irene Moore. Stage manager was Harold Hunter with Richard Ables, George Scott, Hugh Neal Green, and Ronnie Baldwin working the lights, curtains, and sound respectfully. Publicity managers were Charlene Blair and Darlene Henderson. Properties and tickets were managed by Kenneth Terrell, Bruce Wells, and Marvelee Hooper. Ushers and usherettes were Rex Wood, Paul Coker, Pat Hannon, and Glynell Clark.

Crane Tennis Squad Wins El Paso Tourney

The high school boys who are working out for tennis each have started a round robin tournament. The first round is complete with Joe Ash winning over A. J. Smith, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, two of three sets. Riley Hood defeated D. H. Culp in two straight sets, 6-0, 6-0. George Thompson won over Rex Wood in two straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. This group will go to El Paso to attend the tennis tournament for the Sun Bowl Festival. Each will play a singles match and also a doubles match. A. J. and D. H. will play in the junior division and the others will play in the senior division.

Cranes In Tri-State Tourney At El Paso

The Golden Crane basketball team has entered the Tri-State basketball tournament, which is a part of the Sun Carnival being held in El Paso, Texas. The tournament will be held on January 1, 2 and 3. At this time there are 12 teams entered from three states. Ten of the teams are from Texas with one from Bernalillo, N. M., and one from Mesa, Ariz. Of the ten teams from Texas, six are from El Paso. These teams are El Paso High, Bowie, Austin, Cathedral, Ysleta and Jefferson. The other four teams Pecos, Brownfield, Monahans and Crane. The awards to be given have been provided by The El Paso Herald-Post. The teams eliminated from the tournament will be able to get some practice by playing some of the teams playing in the other gyms in the town. Each team is allowed not more than 12 players.

Beauty Contest Judge Raises Cane High

Wallace E. Snelson of Odessa College, one of the beauty contest judges, writes the following letter to Brady Nix, school superintendent: Dear Mr. Nix: Again I would like to express my appreciation to your annual staff for the honor of having been a judge at your beauty contest. I would appreciate your passing on to all those connected with the contest my highest commendation for an excellent job. It has been my privilege to be a judge on numerous occasions, but none of the contests were handled with the efficiency and duty of your event. I enjoyed thoroughly my business with you fine folks. Anytime we can be of assistance in any way please let us know. Kindest personal regards. Sincerely yours, Wallace E. Snelson Vice-President, Public Relations

Council To Decorate Annual Christmas Tree

A Student Council committee was appointed to decorate the Christmas tree that will be in the hall. Jean Shaver is chairman, with Harold Hunter, Lacy Pittman, Billy Gregory, and Carolyn Baggett. The council will sponsor a movie December 18, "Rhapsody In Blue," starring Joan Leslie, Robert Alda, Al Jolson, Paul Whiteman and orchestra. A state meeting will be held in March at Lubbock. The Council also heard reports from the nine members who attended the Kermit meeting last month.

Ivy, Wilson Winners Of Movie Tickets

Shirley Ivy and Mrs. Chris Wilson won two show tickets apiece for having their names drawn out of the box containing the subscriptions to The Crane. The journalism staff has sold approximately 370 subscriptions. Donnie Tomlinson is leading the race for the highest number to be sold, with Dolores White coming in second. The staff recently held an old-fashioned spelling match, with Judy Mathis and Mary Lou Sneed choosing sides. Judy's side won, for she and Charlene Blair were the only two left standing.

Wood, Blair, Mathis Only Three To Survive

On Nov. 24, the journalism staff was lined up against either wall in the class room. Paul Patterson started firing, one by one they fell until Rex Wood, Judy Mathis and Charlene Blair were the only ones left. Ducking and dodging, they managed to stay up for quite a while but Rex soon staggered to his desk worn to a nub. The battle continued with only Charlene and Judy left. Finally, Mr. Patterson wasn't using bullets, though he probably would have liked to, he was trying to improve the spelling of the ten reporters on The Crane staff. Small boy, showing teacher's report card to his father: "They're not paying her enough, for one thing."

Carroll, Nix Attend STA Meet In El Paso

Clinton Carroll and Brady Nix attended the seventy-fourth annual meeting of the Texas State Teachers Association in El Paso, November 27-29. The three-day convention opened November 27 with a special Thanksgiving Service and was closed November 29 with a meeting of the 500-member House of Delegates. The closing session included the installation of new officers for the 52,000-member organization. Featured speakers included Dr. T. Swain of Northwestern University; Dr. John Bracken, of Clay, Missouri; Judge Harold Resner, of Ridgewood, New Jersey; and W. W. Jackson of San Antonio, member of the State Board of Education. Discussion groups were held on the second day to thrash out educational problems ranging from curriculum development to public



CHS Adds Two Cranes; Regrets Loss of Three

The sophomore class is fortunate in having gained two new students. Wanda Ann Whitmire came to Crane from Midland, and Carolyn Jones from Wink. Three students have withdrawn, two of which are leaving dear old CHS to go to New Mexico. Reggie Des, a sophomore, moved to Hobbs, N. M., and Darrell Dixon, eighth grader, moved to Eunice, N. M. Jimmy Swank, a junior, left Crane to attend school in Ozona, Texas, and Garland Hazle withdrew to go to work.

Dance Honors Many Exes Home For The Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28, Mrs. Claude LeClaire and Mrs. L. R. Mills sponsored a dance at the Crane Community Hall for the college students that were home for the Thanksgiving holidays. The dance was a great success, according to many of the college students. The students from North Texas State College were: Doyle Lakin, Babe LeClaire, Louise Tomlinson, Bowls West, Donald Coleman, Doug Damron, William Lively, Bill Clark, Oscar Pittinger. From Odessa College were: Carolyn Van Meter, Juanel Maxwell and Don Johnston. Texas State College for Women was well represented by Ellen Walling and Jill Russell. Sylvia Partin and Malcolm Garrett registered from McMurry at Abilene. Patsy Dulin and Eugenia Mills were home from Texas State Business College. Others attending were: Quay Clark from Texas Tech; Dorothy Crittenden from Texas Western; Bill Teague from Hardin Simmons University, and Peggy McCasland, who works for Wadell and Blank Insurance Co. in Odessa.

Beauties Presented As Pretty Pictures

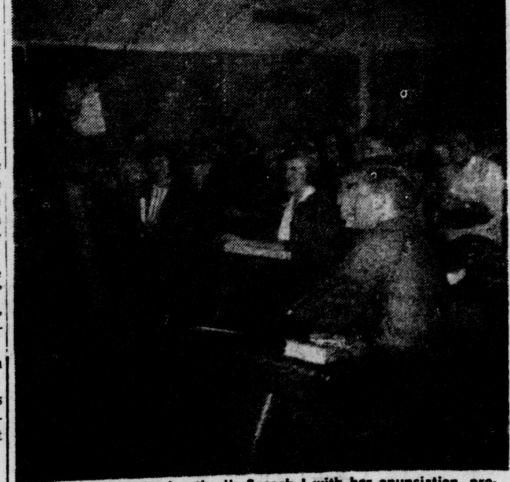
The last issue of The Crane neglected to report how the beauties were presented at the Big Revue November 21. Here is the program: Doug Chrane presented each girl by telling something about her, and the club she represented. As Jack Almack played special music for each girl, the spot light was put on her as she assumed her pose in a pergola, thus giving each contestant a picture. The pergola was covered with black and silver leaves and red roses with a black background. After the stage lights came on, each girl walked across the stage. Before the judges compared notes for the first time, all the girls walked crosswise across the stage. Then the ten highest-rated girls came out, and filed through the pergola. The three winners were presented in like manner, with the third coming out first and the first coming out third, etc.

Four Receive Dist. 5-A Honorable Mention

The Golden Cranes had four players to receive honorable mention for the 5-A all-district team, although none were named on the top two teams. Those four were: Bobby Jack Russell, Jerry Caskey, and George Scott, all on the line, with Charles Lively in the backfield. Although he was not mentioned on the all-district selections, Jim Tom Butler was voted the second best punter in the district, and missing first place by only one vote. All of these except George have at least one more year to play, with Jim Tom having three more years.

Speech I Progresses With Myths, Legends

Speech I has been studying diligently since the start of school on everything from pantomimes to phonetics. The entire class has worked long and hard and is now looking to the future for more and exciting speech adventures. At the start of school, the class studied pantomimes and general speaking. But, as they progressed, they began working in phonetics, the science of sound. More recently, the class has studied and given speeches on Bible stories and Roman and Greek mythology. They have also taken up legends and stories of general interest. In the spring, Robert Irvine hopes to introduce the class to debate and some principles of dramatics. However, no serious work in dramatics will be undertaken until next year when the main fields will stage and radio.



Faye McCasland enraptures Speech I with her enunciation, pronunciation, and etc. in a speech class demonstration.

New Senior From Ark. Comes To Crane High

Felton Hatch, senior, has moved to Crane from Magnolia, Ark. Felton is 5'10" and weighs 155 lbs. He has brown hair and hazel eyes. Felton lived here this summer but went back to Magnolia to finish his high school football career. There he was the team's starting right halfback. He has two football and track letters, and will participate in track here. Felton likes Crane High School and the students and faculty. He finds much more modern equipment here than the school at Magnolia had. The gym is better equipped and the buildings more modern. He opined of Texas: "Texas is IT!"

December Calendar

- December: 2-Basketball game here with Monahans. 4 Eighth Grade party 5 Revealing of "IPTA," also basketball game at Jal. 6 FHA Sweetheart Banquet 9 Basketball game at Monahans 11 High School P-TA, also senior party. 12 Senior Play, also basketball Tournament at Monahans. 13 Basketball Tournament at Monahans, Freshman party, and tryouts for all-state band and choir in Odessa. 16 Basketball game here with Fort Stockton. 18 Basketball game at Iraan, also Christmas Vocal Program. 19 Out for Christmas Holidays



Wood Heads Honor Roll; Eva Miller Runner-Up

Annual Staff At Work For '52-'53 Yearbook

The Annual staff has managed to have practically all pictures taken and back. The class pictures and the advertisements for the Annual of 1952-53 already sent off. The pictures of the football team, clubs and all retakes are back and ready to put on dummies. The beauty pictures also arrived. They have arranged for Grover Little of Provine Studios to return before the close of basketball season to finish pictures. Also Mr. Little will be back in the spring to take pictures of special occasions that might come up. After the close of the sale the total number of annuals sold was 254. Darrell Vines led the rest by selling 77 and Dolores Hooper ran him a close race by selling 55.

Rex Wood, senior, again leads the honor roll with a 95.6 average for the past six weeks, while Eva Mae Miller with a 94 average was second, thus leading the freshman class. Jerry Caskey and Helen Lakin lead the junior class with a 93.6 average, while Lawrence LeBoeuf headed the sophomore class with 91.05. The 93.5 average of David DeLong leads the eighth grade, which gives each class a representative on the honor roll. Jerry Caskey, a junior, was head man in grade points with 34.

School, Team Honors Victim Of Polio Who Was Their Majorette

HOUSTON.—As the time for the 1953 March of Dimes approaches, some of the inspiration behind the annual drive for funds to fight polio was pointed up in the following dispatch to The Houston Press from La Marque: "One year ago, as La Porte tangled with the La Marque Tigers on the gridiron here, popular drum majorette Sylvia Latimer marched gamely in the cold, never confessing until the game was over that she was sick. "Next day, doctors diagnosed her illness as polio. For almost a year, Sylvia has been in an iron lung fighting for her life. Nevertheless, she's taking one history course and trying to keep up a little with her studies. "She may not be in school, but her classmates haven't forgotten her, for this week the football team chose her to be its queen at homecoming activities here today. "It'll be a real homecoming for Sylvia, for once again La Marque is playing La Porte with title hopes in the balance. "And once again a plucky little girl who won't quit when the going gets rough will be on the field for a heart-warming tribute from her friends. "General Robert J. Smith, chairman of the 1953 Texas March of Dimes, said some schools, as well as classes, are helping sponsor their local March of Dimes as one definite way of NOT forgetting plucky youngsters like Sylvia Latimer.

Teachers Benefitted

A bulletin board has been placed in the office for the convenience of the teachers and the office staff. This board will hold announcements of all types. The movies, what period they are to be shown, and what teachers showing them, are also posted. The basketball schedule of all the games, conference, is also posted. Perhaps you have noticed Mrs. Joel Williams, office secretary, cutting up quite a lot of paper lately. Don't be alarmed, she is simply making tickets for the time-ridden seniors. Play tickets, that is.

Play Cast Has Party; Three Guests Attend

The senior play cast had an after-rehearsal party November 24, in the homemaking department. The party consisted of the cast, extras, and guests, who were Gerald Rogers, John Moreland, Jackie Hightower. Sandwiches, coffee, potato chips, fruitos, and candy were served during which time music was played.

C.H.S. Choir To Give Christmas Program

The combined chorus will give a concert on the night of December 18, in the High School Auditorium. It will be a mixed program of secular, spiritual, and religious music featuring solos and small group solos. The program will probably end with "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "THE MESSIAH." Jack Almack, choral director, stated, "The entire public is invited to this program. We hope to have a full house as the group has worked hard and the chorus is in good condition despite frequent colds. We feel that those present will go away pleased."

Owens Banns Bin Deer; Gets Five Point Buck

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

Science Films:	
Our Earth	Dec. 8-12
History Films:	
Sixth Chair	Dec. 4-5
Short Films for Thursdays:	
Sergeant Bruce Reporting	Dec. 4
Basketball Today	Dec. 11
Long Feature Film	
Rhapsody In Blue	Dec. 18

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON

Would you like for this Christmas to be your last? For many people it will be, because they will be too careless over the Christmas holidays while they are traveling from one place to another.

During the Christmas season, there is always a big rush. Everyone is in a hurry to get some place. Maybe for that last minute gift, or to pick up that turkey.

With your mind filled with Christmas excitement and a million other things, you forget about the highway being icy. Since you are in a hurry, you speed up a little. Then as the also-careless driver up ahead pulls out in front of you, you slam on the brakes, only to skid on the ice.

There's a sickening crash. This person's Christmas will not be so joyous and gay after all.

Remember, don't let the other person watch out for you—he may be thinking the same thing!

Are you going to let it happen to you? The joy and happiness of this Christmas will depend on YOU!

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HORRIBLE HABITS

Etiquette has long played an important part in our daily lives. We are school students often forget or never know about form at dances and other social gatherings. Perhaps a few simple rules will help some of us appreciate the proper etiquette necessary for everyday life.

At dances many forget the rules of "cutting in" which are extremely important in the social graces. First, when the boy cuts in, he must consider two things. The girl may refuse to dance with him simply because he is not a good dancer or if she has a dislike for him. Second, it is rude to cut in on good dancers even if the boy cutting in is an excellent one.

At a general dance, a girl may not refuse to dance with a boy, but a formal affair, such as a prom, she may do so with tactful maneuvers. Tactful maneuvers are such as "changing the subject or asking him to get her a glass of punch."

The boy has many more problems of etiquette at a dance. He must remember to take a girl to her seat above all. However, many girls forget this is a courtesy of the boy and go running off as soon as the music stops.

Perhaps these simple rules will help you in your problems of etiquette. At least, maybe you have gained something from the experience of reading about etiquette.

DO YOU LIE TO YOURSELF?

Have you been in the habit of lying to yourself? Naturally, anyone would answer no, but have you ever thought of breaking New Year's Resolutions as lying to yourself?

New Years, when resolutions to do better than before are made, is just around the corner. Before making the resolutions, think about them and try to make good ones. Also, before making any resolutions, plan to keep them. If you do not plan to keep them, better not make any as it is not a good habit to always be going to change.

After finding out what you do when you break resolutions, let's see how long you will be able to keep these resolutions.

Here are a few good resolutions made by some of the students:

- Allen Taylor—Try not to be so silly!
- Johnnye Sue Buchanan—Start getting my homework and not go to so many movies.
- Jack Damon—To make better grades.
- Betty Bassham—Study more.

HELP FIGHT THIS MONSTER... POLIO

At this phase of the new school year, some classes and even entire schools are seeking an opportunity for public service. Naturally, there are restrictions. First, the merit of the subject must be established. Second, the extent of accruing benefits must be determined. Third, the humanitarian phase must be judged.

Here is a suggestion: Cannot groups, or the entire study body, unify behind one objective?

Take the movement dedicated to fight polio—this dread disease, which now has broadened to strike almost all age groups, continues to strip our communities of loved ones who cannot be spared.

While the persistent inroads of polio might make weak-willed persons despair, this ominous trend serves to inspire the strong to drive them ahead to seek the means to curb the monster and, meanwhile, to aid its victims.

Resistance by the sturdy is spearheaded by the March of Dimes conducted each January. The revenue raised annually through this movement finances patient care and research into improved treatment and even to find a cure for the disease.

Since Texas with a new record of polio patients again is falling behind in its financing, do we need to look further for a worthy movement to sponsor?

Our local National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis County Chapter is prepared to counsel groups of individuals able to participate in this noble program.

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THE CRANE'S CREED

THE CRANE PROMISES:

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

ARE YOU A CRANE?

Some Teachers Haven't Found Out About The Brutal Truth...That There Is No Santa Claus

When Did You First Find Out About Santa Claus?

GENE HESTER: I didn't believe it when the kids told me, but I discovered the truth when I found some of the packages.

PAUL PATTERSON: I was watching for Santa, and I saw a shadow. My dad had waited too long and it was almost daylight. But it wasn't much of a disappointment because I never got much of anything anyway.

JOEL WILLIAMS: I found out when pop turned over the chair that held the stockings and spilled the toys. There was such a clatter we all went in and discovered who he was.

C. A. CARROLL: When I was nine years old my mother died. My dad told me then that I would have to help be Santa to my sisters.

MRS. WILLIAMS: It was taken for granted when I saw my dad slip some packages from the back of the car into the house.

MRS. ELMORE: When I opened a closet door in my grandmother's house, it was full of toys. I suspected them, but I wouldn't tell anybody. That was the first time I lost faith in Santa.

ALLEN TAYLOR: I found out when I was about six months old.

ANN ANDERSON: I was living in Odessa and in the third grade, I was coming home on the bus and some kids told me. I was so disappointed that I sat down and cried.

PATSY ABLES: I was in the second grade when I found out. It didn't bother me much.

CATHERYN AUFFY: I went to a Christmas party and my mother left early. When I got home the packages were out so I kind of suspected them.

PAULA POMBOY: A bunch of kids told me, but I didn't believe them. When I asked mother, she told me.

BUEDELL WATKINS: My cousin told me. I was in the second grade.

BARBARA HAYNES: I can't remember just what happened, but I can remember that I was disappointed.

BILLY FRESLAR: I discovered by presents.

PAT BONNER: When I found out about the Easter Bunny, my mother figured it was time to tell me about Santa.

SARAAN WEST: I found out on November 25, 1951, at the basketball game. Pat told me then.

JACK ALMACK: What do you mean, FIND OUT?

Volleyball Practice Begins On January 6

Mrs. Mona Johnson has announced that volleyball practice will begin on January 6. There were some 50 girls participating last year and a large turn-out is expected this year.

No games have been scheduled as yet, but Crane will take part in a tournament at Imperial on January 30 and 31.

This is the month when kids get out of school and into their mother's hair.

CHRISTMAS—THE BIRTH OF NEW HOPE

Christmas is the time of the year when the spirit of life is renewed in the souls of men.

New hope comes to the world, because Christmas represents the birth of Christ, who brought hope to a darkened world centuries ago.

Now, we are still living in a world full of fear and doubt. A world where men have no trust for each other, no confidence in each other, and men fear and hate each other.

The hope of this world lies in the individual and his personal concern for his fellowman.

Let the spirit of Christmas envelop you now, and carry it with you throughout the year.



Combine PSQ-47 plus Saps
 RESULT — A DISTINCT "URP"

AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 Should I let my husband go to South America? You know how he is.

Suspicious
 My Dear S:
 St. I'm hep to that live. See you in Caracas.

Auntie

Miss Sophie:
 I would like very much to go to South America with "Pappy," but it might be rather obvious or cause gossip.

Miss Prem

Miss Prem:
 Why not carry your mother along?

Miss Prem, too

Dear Auntie:
 Is it true what they say about there being no Santa?

In Doubt

Dear Doubt:
 What do you mean "No Santa"?

Convinced

Dear Auntie:
 How can I calm Mrs. Elmore down?

Nervous Nan

Dear Nerves:
 Water doesn't put the fire out—try buttering (get me?)

Honey Tongued Soph

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 There is the cutest boy sitting next to me in one of my classes. How can I get him to notice me?

Moose

Dear Rat:
 Why not eat cheese in class (limburger, that is.)

Smellie

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 How will I ever have a lover with this shape?

Potato Sack

Dear Sack:
 Take a few potatoes out.

Your Whipped Auntie

Dear Sophie:
 What can I get my gal for Christmas? She weighs 200 pounds.

Quizzical

Dear Quir:
 A girlie!

Your Straight Laced Sophie

Dear Auntie:
 What does Santa feed his reindeer?

Hungry

Dear Mouth:
 Are you kidding?

Know-It-All-Sophie

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 My hair is so straight and dry. What should I do?

Stringy

Dear Stringy:
 Try the filling station (lubricating oil).

Gulf-Happy Sophie

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 I simply can't keep my long fingernails from breaking. Do you have any suggestions?

No-Nails Lou

Dear Lou:
 Consult Bossie the Cow!

Auntie Fingernails

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 How can I wish everyone a Merry Christmas?

Dumbfounded

Dear Dumb:
 Just say: MERRY CHRISTMAS! AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your Aunt Sophie

Christmas Almost Here Time For Good Cheer

By MARTHA COOK

Once again Christmas is here. Another season of joy and cheer. Another year of parties and good times.

A year when carols will be played on chimes.

A year of giving and receiving. A year of happiness and little grieving.

A time when people get new things. Watches, clothes—and no school bell that rings.

Three (almost) weeks of full enjoyment.

The teachers and kids lose their employment.

Three weeks to sleep and have fun.

Three weeks to be always on the run.

People will go to different places. To share the holidays with new faces.

Then back to school we'll go. To wait for the next long show.

Everyone will have oodles of fun. And after all is said and done.

We'll be glad to see Christmas next year.

So let's don't lose our gayness and good cheer!

Dancing and Nursing Combined Make Gooche's Life Sublime

If you see an attractive, blond-headed, blue-eyed senior who stands 5'5", you will know it is Billie Gooch, better known as "Gooch" or "Tennis Marie."

She was born in Crane, Texas on February 7, 1905 and has lived here all her life.

Her favorite movie actress and actor is Loretta Young and Tony Curtis. She prefers musicals, her favorite one being "The Merry Widow."

Boys, if you want to make a hit with Billie just take her dancing and then treat her to fried chicken, creamed potatoes, combination salad, green beans, hot rolls, tea, and strawberry shortcake.

"Gooch" has been in the band five years and is president this year. She is also president of F.H.A., so you can see she is certainly a leader of the school.

Billie's favorite sport to watch is football, but she likes to play tennis (incidentally that is how she got the nickname "Tennis Marie.") Her favorite pastime is painting and making a scrap book for her senior year.

If you want to stay on the good side of "Gooch" don't bother her when she is trying to add on the adding machine in bookkeeping.

She says she had more fun her junior year while working in the concession stand and during the junior play, than any year in high school.

When asked her most embarrassing moment she just looked blank and said, "Golly, I've had so many, it's hard to tell."

Billie is very active in dramatics, having been in the Dramatics Club two years and taking part in the junior play, the contest play, and the se inmpola dinstofj sixisala tim the senior play.

She has also been in the Library Club for three years, and a tennis team one year.

Her most interesting experience was when she was working at Crane Hospital last summer as a practical nurse.

In answer to the question of does she like school this year, she said, "It is not the same as ways has been, not as much."

She thinks the thing she miss most after graduation is getting to see the Crane boys football and basketball, and could re-live part of her life would want it to be from December to February of last year.

Billie regrets that she can't plan her schedule better to participate in more activities sports, which she would like to do over.

Her favorite subjects are a hand, bookkeeping, and typing. After graduation she plans to go to Sul Ross or Texas Western major in commercial teaching.

Travel By Land, Sea, Air Hobby of This Boy Bob



BOBBY ROBINSON

To the joy of Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Robinson this good-looking dark haired brown-eyed boy was found in their stocking on December 25, 1934 at Lubbock, Texas.

He was christened Ray Bob Robinson, but is better known to his friends as Bob or Bobby.

This baby boy has grown into a 6 feet 3 inches 160-pound young man who loves to eat frog legs and angel food cake, but claims they agree much better with him if he is in Dallas or Abilene, these being his favorite towns.

Bobby started to school in Crane when in the first grade and he is one of the few seniors who can claim this honor.

OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN

Bob is known to many of you as the drum major for the Crane Band for 1952 and '53. He has been a member of the band for eight years. He is our solo tenor saxophone player. He won a first place rating on solo work at contest last year. He also won a second place in a sax quartet.

While attending band school at Texas Tech this summer, he was chosen to play in the concert band made up of high school students and college students. He was alternate in the All-State Band last year and will try out again this year for a position in the All-State Band.

Bobby was class president and class favorite when in the eighth grade. Last year he was prep man for the junior play and was a member of the senior play cast this year. This is his second year to be in the dance band. He is also a member of the science club.

He has been very active in the Boy Scouts since he was 12 years



BILLIE GOOCH

Club for three years, and a tennis team one year.

Her most interesting experience was when she was working at Crane Hospital last summer as a practical nurse.

In answer to the question of does she like school this year, she said, "It is not the same as ways has been, not as much."

She thinks the thing she miss most after graduation is getting to see the Crane boys football and basketball, and could re-live part of her life would want it to be from December to February of last year.

Billie regrets that she can't plan her schedule better to participate in more activities sports, which she would like to do over.

Her favorite subjects are a hand, bookkeeping, and typing. After graduation she plans to go to Sul Ross or Texas Western major in commercial teaching.

old—being an Eagle Scout he attended the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania last year.

He stated the "With a Side My Heart" was one of the shows he had ever seen. Russell and Rory Calhoun were vote for favorites.

When asked his most embarrassing moment he just laughed and said I can't repeat it—too embarrassing.

His greatest ambition is to through prep med at S.M.U., most exciting moment of his life was when S.M.U. nearly beat Dame.

Bob's hobby and pastime are be girls and flying, but if he have these, he likes to watch skating or travel. He has been to Mexico, Canada and New York as an example of how much he likes to travel. He stated that Dickason was his favorite while physics had proved to be his favorite subject.

When asked what he thought about school, he stated it was a thing to have around and even should make the most of it.

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Sports Writer Offers Fans Advice On School and Public Relations

This editorial appeared in the Inter-Scholastic League paper, and your reporter thought it would be worth while to run it in The Crane.

Public relations is one of the most misunderstood phases of athletics today.

Too often the amount and type of publicity given a team in the local newspaper is used as the sole measuring stick of public relations. It is much more than that.

Just as you wouldn't dream of judging a bottle of medicine by the appearance of the delivery boy, neither should you regard a coach or team solely by a team's won-lost record.

THE TRUE VALUE of any athletic program can be quite accurately judged through its relationship with the public. And a team's public, or fans, reflect the real relationship involved.

The regard in which a team is held by its opponents, game officials, its fans, and its community is the measuring stick of public relations which should be considered.

The ideal situation is an alert, well-trained team doing its best, well-reflected through an interested, well-informed fandom that is more concerned with the ultimate value of sports than in winning.

Participation in high school athletics ends for the average person within three years at the most. The lessons learned during that short span must last a lifetime.

Ability to get along with your fellowman, desire to win, ability to accept defeat, determination, learning to follow the rules and all the sound objectives of sports must be founded on a firm foundation that can come only from a combined effort.

Good public relations must be

built on mutual exchange of trust and confidence between parents and the coach. Parents are trusting coaches with their sons and expect that coach to teach their boys fundamentals of athletics. In turn, the coach should be able to trust the integrity and sense of fair play of a community.

Such a mutual exchange takes more than token lip service. There is no easy way to good public relations. It doesn't take a lot of time but it takes a few minutes a day several times a season.

If a coach expects to have the solid backing of his community, he must take time to talk with interested people and be willing to explain his ideas. He needs to earn that solemn trust.

It means keeping a boy out of a ball game if he is injured regardless of how important his presence in the game may be.

It means being honest in every action; not exaggerating injuries for the benefit of the press. And it means sincerity with his players.

It also means conducting himself properly on the field and off the field.

All these things are reflected in the team's backing.

Any official or uninterested spectator can give you a pretty accurate character sketch of a cost just by the crowd's reaction. And the way the boys react on the field is a more obvious indication.

A sound team will have a sound public.

One of the best "public relations experts" I have encountered is Ted Moore, the Alto coach. A few years back, while officiating one of Alto's games, I was necessary to call back three touchdowns against Alto in one game. Alto still won

and Moore said the penalties would do the team good—make them aware of the following rules.

Two weeks later in another Alto home game, the game-tying point after touchdown was called back and Alto lost a hard-fought game, 13-12.

It had been a well-played game with plenty of hard blocking and tackling. Both teams had been keyed up as were their followers. Yet there was no complaint from the players, who congratulated their victors. Only praise about the officiating and play of the boys came from Moore. But most important of all was the home town crowd's reaction.

The Alto fans were disappointed to lose but they were satisfied to take a deep pride in the way their boys had played the game, and, amazingly enough, some fans even waved to the officials on the way out, and said, "Good game, wasn't it?"

I don't know what Coach Moore's secret of success is, and I have no idea how many district titles his teams have won. But the public relations at Alto is as good as any I have ever seen throughout the state.

The tools of public relations—press, complimentary tickets, meetings, radio, etc.—actually are side issues of public relations. They will take care of themselves when the basic principles are followed.

You can have a "good press" and win most of your games.

But you cannot power or storm your way into good public relations. It has to be earned.



By GENE HESTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mid-term is just around the corner. Those of you who are failing should really put on some speed before the Christmas holidays.

1953 is Just Around the Corner

The New Year's dance, sponsored by the juniors, should have quite a turnout since the school will have a two-weeks' vacation. The dance will be Wednesday, December 31.

IPTA Was Here

The FTA program was quite an affair with IPTA in all her glory. The student body was shocked to find out that IPTA meant "It Pays To Advertise."

Men Were Like Street Cars

The senior play came off with success. Everyone enjoyed the teen-age comedy which was given two nights.

Christmas is Near

Christmas decorations are going up all over the town and soon the school will have the same Christmas spirit. The Student Council will place a tree in the hall and the library will begin its decorating.

Happy New Year

Jack Almack is frantically preparing his Christmas program for the school. The choir has worked long and hard on a special number—Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

School Adjourns Dec. 19

Over the Christmas holidays, The Crane urges everyone not to overeat or get too many gifts. If too much food or too many gifts are forced on you, Emily says to "tactfully accept."

IPTA Is Good Advice

Every year people begin to worry if they can make ends meet. This is especially true when Christmas comes around. Yet, you will find, through experience, that when you give to someone and watch how delighted they are to receive a gift, you also share the same delight.

Merry Christmas

If you are lucky, you will get an invitation to the Christmas Ball, sponsored by the seniors. The dance will be Saturday, December 20, in the gym. It will be formal.

Nine-Pointer Killed By Johnny Woody



Johnny Woody, eighth grader, and his Dad went hunting in the Guadalupe Mountains the week of November 21 and bagged a nine-point buck.

This was the fourth hunting trip Johnny has taken. His first two trips were unsuccessful, but the next two were quite successful. He killed a ten pointer last year.

Johnny was pretty nervous when he finally got his deer because he did not have much luck the first day. Luck was with him the second day and he came back smiling from ear to ear, for him this was the day.

UNLUCKY HUNTER

Doug Crane was not quite so lucky on his last trip to San Sabá as he did not get a deer.

Travel, Eat, Be Merry Seems To Be Senior

This being the seniors' last year in high school, your reporter thought you would like to know what they plan to do the Christmas holidays. Some of them were still undecided at the time of this writing.

NANETTE WOOD: I may go to Denton, but I don't know for sure.

VENONA HAMBLETT: I guess I'll go to Abilene or Dallas, maybe both.

PAT HANNON: Stay at home.

RAL ALLEN: Work somewhere, and run around.

LOLA KELLY: Go to Gatesville.

PAUL COKER: Nothing, I guess. I may have to work some, but if I have to, it won't be much work (done).

GEORGE SCOTT: I'm going to trap coyotes. You think I'm a liar, but honest, that's what I'm going to do. I may go to East Texas.

BILLY SPENCE: Nothing, probably. I may go to Pampa.

DON DUKES and HAROLD HUNTER: Run around all night and sleep all day.

ROY THURSTON: Work and do some traveling.

HUGH GREEN: Work, sleep, eat.

BETTY KNAELL: We are going to have company from Tulsa so I guess I will stay at home and eat and sleep.

MARTHA HOPSON: Have my tonsils out. Doesn't that sound wonderful?

DARLENE HENDERSON: Work!

IRENE MOORE: Stay at home and entertain my family.

JUANICE MORTON: Heavens! I don't know what is there to do.

BILLIE GOOCH: Boy friend.

RICHARD A. SAS:

REX WOOD: Stay in the Sand Hills, I guess.

GENE HESTER: I'm going to all the dances and to Corsicana to visit my granny.

DONNIE TOMLINSON: To El Paso to see my brother who is in Fort Bliss.

CHARLINE ELLISON: Work, sleep, and have a wonderful time.

SAMMIE DAVIS: Going to Uvalde and I may work somewhere.

MARY LOU SNEED: To El Paso with Sammie and I guess I'll work somewhere.

MARVALEE HOOPER: I don't know.

CHARLENE BLAIR: Work!

DOLORES WHITE: I may work before Christmas and I plan to go to Houston and Denton and spend the rest of the time sleeping and having fun.

BOBBY ROBINSON: I'm going to Paducah and eat turkey.

LACY PITTMAN: Silvia is coming home.

GLYNELL CLARK: Going to Dallas to see the Cotton Bowl game and to Ft. Worth. I am going to work before I leave.

RONNIE BALDWIN: I don't know.

DON HINDE: Go to Palo Pinto to see my grandmother.

KENNETH TERRELL: Going to Breckenridge.

PAUL HENDERSON: Plan to go to Michigan.

BRUCE WELLS: Stay at home—don't you believe me? Ha?

CHS TEACHERS WILL TRAVEL EVERYWHERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Teachers, like your roving reporter, plan to do some roving themselves during the holidays.

Paul Patterson is going to stay in Crane and put his house in order.

Mrs. Inez Elmore plans to go to New Orleans.

Mrs. Mona Johnson has a full schedule as her husband is back for a 21 day leave. They will go to Lubbock to visit with his parents for two or three days, go to Dallas to some Southwest Conference Basketball games, and to see her mother in Denton. She does not know what else she will do.

Gerald Rogers will stay in Crane most of the time. But will spend some time in Amarillo and Vega. And of course he is going to El Paso to the basketball tournament.

Clinton Carroll is going to Stamford for a few days, and on to the coast to go fishing.

Fl. Worth and Alice, Okla., are the destination of Mrs. Mildred Rose.

Joel and Mrs. Williams are going to Lipan and Austin.

Mrs. Ida Anderson will stay in Crane.

Miss Mae Featherstone will visit in Goldthwaite. She does not know what else she will do.

San Antonio, El Paso, and deer hunting are the places of interest for Dan Anderregg.

A few days in Coleman and stay in Crane will be Burt Strickland's holiday plans.

Going to the Cotton Bowl to see Texas and Tennessee game is the most important interest of Darrell Warren, for the rest of the time he is going to be home working on his garage.

Harold Riley will go see his wife's folks; and deer hunting.

Steve Quitta stated that he probably wouldn't go anywhere.

J. P. Harrison is going to Denton.

South America may be the destination of Jack Almack where he will play in an orchestra. Looking really he stated, "I will probably go to Oklahoma and on to South Texas."

Miss Lorene Davis is going to spend Christmas with her parents and her brother from Mineral Wells. She is then going to Kansas to visit some friends and she does not know where else she will go.

John Moreland plans to spend

Kids Smart 'Nuff To 'Come In Out Of Rain' But Who Wants To?

On November 24, a strange event took place. The skies clouded over in honor of this event. (That in itself is very unusual). All day long there was mystery in the air, but school continued as usual, not even for this great and seldom-occurring event were classes dismissed.

The first period, all was fairly quiet, this half-calm continued into the second and third period classes. About the fourth period, the restlessness began to grow and spread from room to room. At the sound of the noon bell, everyone rushed outside, although it was still cloudy and rather damp, there was still nothing strikingly unusual.

The fifth period began, then ended, the day continued as planned, though there was a strange, unheeded of uneasiness among the students.

The 3:45 bell rang and the stampede for the door carrying willing and unwilling students alike out into the damp, cool afternoon.

That same night five seniors on their way to play practice stopped in the drug store for a brace before the grind began. While in the drug store these people noticed that everyone was leaving their seats and rushing to the door and windows to stare out into the street. On getting up to investigate, they discovered the most amazing phenomena (for Crane). People were standing in the street shouting and laughing. They did not know when to come in out of the rain. Yes, it was raining. One of the rarest occurrences in the County of Crane.

There seemed to be more Crane kids at the Iran dance than all the other kids put together.

Donnie Tomlinson, Billie Gooch, and Judy Mathis went to San Angelo shopping. They also visited Franklin Rainey, former Crane teacher, at station KGL.

The college students were astounded at the way all the students were clearing to dance, and at the successful dances we have been having.

Juniors And Seniors To Give Yule Dance

The annual Christmas dance, usually presented by the Crane High Senior Class, will be given by both the senior and junior classes this year. It was decided that juniors would help give the dance because they will be unable to have a New Year's dance.

The dance is scheduled for Saturday, December 20. It will be formal and will begin at 8 p.m. and last until midnight.

There will be two committees who will meet and work to make a success of the dance. Those seniors on the committees, who do not meet, must pay one dollar for their absence, if a reasonable excuse is not made. If the dollar is not paid the right to go on the senior trip will be forfeited. The reason for this rule is because some of the students do more work than others, and all students should work if they are to go the senior trip.

Twenty-five members of the senior class voted to back up the administration in this rule.

Golden Cranes Face Rough Grid Opponents In '53-8-AA Campaign

The outlook for the Golden Cranes for next year is not too bright considering past records with the teams in the district 8-AA.

From the available records against these teams the Cranes have won nine, lost 15 and tied one.

Their worst record is against Monahans with five losses and no wins. They lost in '36, 13-0; '39, 20-6; '40, 18-7; '49, 12-7 and lost again in '50.

Their record against Pecos is slightly improved with one win against four losses. They lost in '39 and '40 by 27-0; and 13-0 scores. After a few years of not playing Pecos they lost again in '43, 14-7, but came back the next year to down the Eagles 14-6. The Eagles then came back and won in '50 by a 19-0 score.

Against Marfa they have a two and three .won, lost record. They lost in '46 by 27-14 but came back to win the next two years 26-0, and 30-13. The Shortorns took the '51 and '52 contests by 19-14 and 33-20 scores.

They broke even with the Alpine Bucks with a two and two record. They took the '48 and '49 contests by 19-0 and 40-13 scores. The Bucks took the last two contests which were played in '51 and '52 by 30-13 and 13-2 counts.

Their best record is against the Ft. Stockton Panthers with four wins, one loss and a tie. The Cranes took the '33 contest 6-0. The next contest which was played in '46 was captured by the Panthers 31-13. The Cranes won in '47, '49, and '51 by 47-0, 14-0 and 7-0 scores. The last game played between the two was played this year and ended in a 20-20 tie.

Not being able to get all of the scores through the past years the above records are not complete.

Golden Cranes Down Jal Panthers 48-41 In Opening Cage Tilt

The Golden Cranes opened their basketball season right November 25, downing the Jal Panthers 36 to 25 in the B game and then 48 to 41 in the A game.

The leading scorer in the game was Clary of Jal with 17 points, followed by Ted Fields and Hugh Green of Crane with 13 each.

The Box Scores:

CRANE			
Player	fg	ft	pts
Carl Davis	2	0	4
Ted Fields	4	5	13
Jerry Caskey	1	0	2
Clarence Miller	1	2	4
John Hays	0	1	1
Hugh Green	4	5	13
Charles Lively	4	3	11
Totals	16	16	48

Four Choral Members Win Trip To Galveston

Crane had four members of the Choral Club Saturday, December 6 to go to the All-State Chorus. It is a part of the Texas Music Educators Association Convention, which is held in Galveston February 11, 12 and 13. Those four are Edith Spence, second soprano; Billy Spence, bass; A. J. Smith and George Thompson, first and second tenor respectively.

The tryouts were held in Odessa with fourteen attending from Crane. The girls attending were: Ann Anderson, Edith Spence, Jean Shaver, Betty Basham, Judy Mathis, Mary Lou Sneed, Geneva Johnson, and Anita Faye Scott. The boys attending were: George, Billy, Donnie Tomlinson, Robert McCarley, Howard Hunter and A. J.

At Galveston they will try out for the All-State Chorus again. Those not making the Chorus will be placed in a Clinic Chorus and study techniques during the meeting.

Crane High School Offers Eight Of Sixteen Main Sports

Of the 16 most widely-known games played in high schools throughout the United States, the Crane students are fortunate in having eight of these games offered in the different physical education classes.

The following list of games are the most widely played games: (Asterisk indicates the ones offered at Crane High School).

Badminton*
 Baseball
 Basketball*
 Bowling
 Boxing*
 Football*
 Golf
 Handball
 Ice Hockey
 Six-man Football
 Softball*
 Swimming and Diving
 Tennis*
 Track and Field*
 Volleyball*
 Wrestling

Golden Cranes Hand Jal Panthers First Cage Defeat 47-41

The Golden Cranes suffered their first cage defeat of the season Friday, December 5, when the Jal Panthers downed them 47-41. The "B" team meanwhile collected their second victory of the season 53-39.

The high scorers for the contest were Clary of Jal and Charles Lively with 13 points each. They were followed by Davis and Thompson both of Jal with 12 and 11 points respectively.

The box score:

CRANE			
Player	fg	ft	pts
Davis	2	1	5
Field	1	0	2
Caskey	0	3	3
Miller	0	4	4
Hays	0	0	0
Green	2	0	4
Vines	3	4	10
Lively	5	3	13
TOTALS	13	15	41

Evans, Weaver Speak; Charles Cook Sings

In assembly Tuesday, December 2, Rex Wood, Student Council president, introduced R. O. Tomlinson, pastor of the Methodist Church, who in turn introduced Charles Cook, who sang a solo, and Dr. L. Evans, speaker for the program. Dr. Evans' topic was the love of life, both physically and spiritually. The sub topic was that life is hard but great and good.

Howard E. Weaver of the Forestry Education Department at Texas A&M lectured on forest conservation and showed slides pertaining to the subject.

Receipts Decline In '52; Home Receipts Increase

turned out to be a record for the year. The receipts were \$1,139.50 for home games and \$1,979.26 for out of town games. The total amount of money for games played in Crane amounted to \$3,884.13 as compared to last year's \$5,623.25, but the total amount of funds from out of town games amounts to \$1,979.26, thus surpassing last year's \$932.36 by a margin of \$1,036.90.

On home games, after all expenses have been paid the opposing team's school receives one-half of the net proceeds. Crane receives the same on games that are played out of town. On the junior games the team that is host receives all the gate receipts.

Here is a list of the home games, out of town games, junior games and net proceeds:

Gross proceeds for junior games:	
Sept. 29—Big Lake	\$ 59.21
Oct. 2—Grandfalls	88.21
Nov. 6—McCamey	72.07

Net proceeds for home games:

Sept. 19—Seminole	\$1,139.50
Oct. 2—Big Lake	764.75
Oct. 24—Iraan	885.00
Oct. 31—Ft. Stockton	874.75

Net proceeds from out of town games:

Sept. 12—Andrews	\$677.78
Sept. 26—Ozona	250.91
Oct. 9—Wink	401.10
Oct. 17—McCamey	447.57
Nov. 7—Marfa	201.90

Total net proceeds for the junior games: \$220.13; total net proceeds for the home games: \$3,640.00 and the proceeds for the out of town games: \$1,979.26.

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Cranelets Edged 20-17 By Monahans Puppies

The Golden Crane Juniors were defeated by the Monahans Lobos December 2 by three points, a 20 to 17 victory for the Lobos.

The following boys have been selected to play:

Joe Allen, James Brunson, Joe Boyd, Rodney Wilkerson, Bill Pressler, Frank Willingham, Dewey Delaney, B. D. Sheppard, Bobby Dark, Herb Currie, Roger Kelly, Jerry Evans and Jerry Ash.

The schedule for the Juniors is as follows:

Dec. 16—Fort Stockton in Crane
Dec. 18—Iraan in Iraan
Jan. 9—Big Lake in Big Lake
Jan. 16—McCamey in Crane
Jan. 23—Fort Stockton in Fort Stockton
Jan. 27—Iraan in Crane
Feb. 10—Big Lake in Crane
Feb. 10—McCamey in McCamey

Golden Cranes Down Monahans Team 48-44 In Close Cage Contest

The Golden Cranes captured their second cage victory of the season December 2, downing the Monahans Lobos 48-44 in a hard-fought contest.

The Cranes led all the way with the half-time score 24-15.

Although they won the A game, they were unable to take the B and junior games which preceded it. They lost the B game 31-44 after losing the junior game by three points.

High scorer for the night was Hugh Green with 16 points, followed by Hughes of Monahans with 13.

The box scores:

CRANE			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts.
Davis	3	3	9
Field	1	2	4
Caskey	1	0	2
Miller	2	1	5
Hays	3	0	6
Green	5	6	16
Vines	0	0	0
Lively	2	2	6
Totals	17	14	48

MONAHANS			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts.
Jorden	0	0	0
Ferrell	0	0	0
Hughes	4	5	13
Bulls	1	9	11
Hudson	2	2	6
Spray	1	4	6
Conder	2	1	5
Malone	1	1	3
Totals	11	22	44

CHS Choir Presents Program In Assembly

In assembly, Wednesday, November 26, a program was put on by the CHS Choir. It consisted of six songs by the mixed choir, three songs by the A Cappella Choir, and the presentation of a first place trophy won by the choir last March.

The songs sung were "Madame Jeannette," "Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho," "A Rockin' All Night," "Let Thy Holy Presence," "Jesus Our Lord We Adore Thee," "Battal Hymn of the Republic," "Ezekiel Saw De Wheel," "Jacob's Ladder," and the School Song.

Harold Hunter, Howard Hunter, George Thompson, and Paul Henderson were soloists.

Home Room Discussions Vary In Every Class

Each Wednesday every class meets and has discussions on various problems that arise in everyday life. The discussions for the next two Wednesdays will be as follows:

Seniors: Conscience Developing as Adequate Philosophy.

Juniors: The juniors take turns in discussing different topics. Each junior will be given a chance to hear a discussion.

Sophomores: "Discovering Yourself" is the name of the book used in discussions. Riley Hood and Shirley Ivy are in charge of discussions for the next two weeks.

Freshmen: The Christmas Story Being a School Citizen.

Eighth Grade: Our Bodies Grow Up. Helping Others To Make Friends

Polio Strikes All Ages; March Of Dimes Goal Set Higher Than Ever

Infantile paralysis in Texas has been broadening its attack to reach almost all age groups, according to Brigadier General Robert J. Smith, Chairman of the 1953 Texas March of Dimes.

Formerly, the disease occurred mainly to infants. Then, came the sweep into the high school age group. Now the malady has surged deeper into the ranks of humanity, even afflicting persons far past mid-age.

General Smith, who is sparing time from his duties as President of Pioneer Airlines to direct the next March of Dimes, said the new trend has vastly increased the financial burden on the parent organization—the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Specifically," said the General, "we are running far behind in our Texas financing. Frankly, we were running behind in our financing as far back as 1950 when a new state record of 2,889 cases of polio were reported. True, we have been able to raise slightly higher goals for the March of Dimes but now that 1952 polio ravages will include even 1,000 more cases than usual, we will be compelled to step up our fund raising to keep pace."

Texas' own funds for polio patient care, raised through the annual March of Dimes, have been exhausted for several successive years. This means the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has had to make up the difference, and also to provide Texas part of the vital fund to finance research into prevention and cure of polio.

Local TSTA Schedules Christmas Celebration

The Crane local unit of the TSTA now boasts 100 per cent membership in the Texas State Teachers Association, according to information received from Sul Ross Professor, John G. Prude, president of District 6.

Mr. Prude also reports that the Trans-Pecos unit is larger than ever.

The next meeting of the local TSTA will be a Christmas party December 15.

Bobby Robinson went to a dance in Wink to see one of his friends he met when the band went to Ruidosa last year.

Willa Vee Loftin and Marvelee Hooper went to Odessa shopping.

Charlene Blair went to Odessa to see Mary Tarbet.

Bethune Working On Christmas Pageant, Christmas Slogans

The Bethune Colored School will present a Christmas Pageant December 18.

The chorus for the program will consist of the following students: Mary Ellen Jones, Virginia Ann Jeffery, Bethel Jean Jeffery, Gene Harmon, Freddie Walker, Glenn Jeffery, Clarence Jones, Hazel Marie Hollins.

Earnestine Jeffery, Charles Neal, Rosezella Jones, Gala Ruth Jeffery, Luther Morris, and Roy Milton Jones.

In the scene where the angel appears before the three shepherds on the hillside, Huey D. Smith, Jimmie Lee Finley and David Walker play the three shepherds.

The Herald Angel is portrayed by Irene Morris, and the soloist for the scene is Willie Dell Morris.

For the scene in the manger, Mary is played by Johnnie Mae Jones, and Joseph is played by Johnnie Ray Hollins.

The Three Kings of the Orient are: Leslie S. Jackson, Jr., George Morris, and Huey Jean Jones.

Candle bearers are: Zella Mae Jones, Linton Ann Hollins, Artha Lee Lane, Phillis Love, Lois Juanita Jeffery, Alice Ruth Miles, Bobbie Jean Lane, Mary Lou Washington, Katherine Lane and Barbara Jackson.

The Children of Many Lands are represented by Jimmy Ray Abron, Roy Edward Morris, Curtis Jeffery, Roy Lee Jones, Julius Joseph, Jr., Garland Ray Hollins, Learnie Jones, James Earl Miles and L. V. Miles, Jr.

This pageant is under the direction of Prof. L. S. Jackson, principal; Mrs. J. P. Nebbett, intermediate teacher, and Mrs. Mamie P. Joseph, primary teacher and reporter.

The students of Bethune School have also written some Christmas safety slogans which would be good for all of us to think about.

A few of these slogans are: "Let Safety First Be Your Santa Claus."

"The Gift That Lives—Safety"

"Don't Spoil Christmas With SLAY RIDES"

"Peace On Earth, but War On Accidents"

"Don't Toy With Safety"

"For a Christmas Gift, Give Safety a Lift"

"Let's Put Safety in Santa's Pack"

"The Gift for All Ages—Safety"

"Safety's Always in Season"

"Try Giving Safer Living"

"The Spirit of Christmas Lives—See That You Do"

"Stay Alert for a Whole New Year"

"No Mistletoe for Reckless Joe"

"Christmas Lights Are Pretty Dangerous"

"Let Death Take a Holiday, but Not Yours"

"An Accident Takes All the Joy Out of Christmas"

"Carelessness Turns Holidays Into Hollow Days"

"This Christmas Believe in Safety Clause"

"Have a Safety 'Clause' in Your Policy"

"Don't Turn Greetings To Grievings"

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday"

If You Hear Click Don't Get Alarmed!

If you hear something in the hall going click, click, do not get alarmed for it is not a time bomb, but only Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore going down the hall with her spike heels.

Mrs. Elmore is the faithful little woman who works in the library six hours a day, five days a week, and 36 weeks a year.

Although a day she may answer any question from "May I please stay in the library just for today" on to "Where is the information to write my theme that is due next period?"

Helping students is not her only activity. Mrs. Elmore works constantly to improve the bulletin board, which is one of the main features of the library.

She is sponsor of the Student Council, Coronation, and many other school activities, and her gym, stage and banquet decorations are known far and wide.

Homemaking Classes Excel In Decorating

Studying holiday foods and decorations to save money is the object of all the homemaking classes.

An example of the cheap decoration was shown when the girls made a very pretty center piece of cactus, cranberries, gum drops, and a miniature Santa Claus for only one dollar.

The Homemaking IV class had a dinner last week. The center piece was a frozen lake with a snow man sitting in the center and a red and green candle on each side of the lake. Santa Claus place cards were used. Burl Strickland, Mrs. Inez Elmore, and Jack Almark were guests. Ham ring, Christmas tree salad, asparagus, cauliflower, hot rolls, and tea were served.

The Homemaking II classes have been studying fish and have cooked some fish dishes.

Miss McNair, from Texas Electric, cooked meals in the homemaking classes all day to show them how to cook with electric appliances.

For a nice holiday greeting, go by the Homemaking room and see the Santa Claus on the Homemaking door.

Several of the FHA girls are planning to attend the state meeting in San Antonio some time in March.

Mary Lou Sneed, Area II president and a member of the State Council, has the opportunity to attend the National FHA Convention in Chicago, which will be in July.

Teen (Double) Talk; Or College Slangage

YESTERDAY — When English theme was due.

BOOK — An article containing scrap paper used occasionally for teacher's satisfaction.

COMPOSITION — A waste of good paper and ink.

HOME WORK — Parents' excuse for keeping students home at night.

NOTES — A prize for which teachers strive.

REPORT CARDS — Students' excuse to leave town.

WEEKS — Things counted till the last of school.

STUDY HALL — Students' social periods.

INTEREST — Something not shown in CHS.

COOL JONAH — Well dressed kid.

GEORGE — Money.

SPONGING YOUR SCARF — Eating your food.

YOU SAID A FOO FAD — You said a bad word.

BIRD DOG — Chase another's date.

PASSION PIT — Drive-In movie.

I DIG YOU — I understand.

Santa Asked For Dates, Diapers; By Two Thoughtful CHS Seniors

Dear Santa: I want a typewriter and an airplane with a motor. In other words, a model plane. I could use more, but I can wait.

Sincerely,
Corky Dickson.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a new Oldsmobile and a portable filling station so that people can't fuss about my old Nash. If an Olds isn't convenient, a Cadillac will do. Any color.

Love Ya!
Martha Cook.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a house in town somewhere near Virginia Street.

Your Friend,
Dolores Jones.

Dear Santa: I want a great big car with lots and lots of gas. Also, I want four seat covers in it to boot. I'll take any of 'em from a Jaguar to a R. Royce.

Your believer,
Cathryn Acuff.

Dear Santa: Christmas came early. I got what I wanted most!

Brenda.

P. S. I could use a tricycle to get around the house.

Dear Santa: I would like a small \$15,000 shack in town with a car to get to school and home weekends.

Love,
Barbara G.

Dear Santa: What I would like most for Christmas would be to have all the Crane students and school to be moved to San Marcos so when I start to school there next year, I would have the same old friends and teachers.

Your old buddy,
A. J.

Dear Santa: I would like a brand new car to go to the Drive-In (A Nash). Verona to be in a good mood for just once, and to have a dance every weekend. I also wish the teachers would pass me.

"Little Bob"

Dear Santa: My old red Ford will do for another year, but I'd like all the free gas so that I could go more places.

Ike.

Cold Weather Is Nice But Not With Ice!! Says Vexed Senior

Winter, a season that comes once a year, is enjoyed by some people, but for some it is disagreeable weather.

There are those mornings when it is just cold enough for a thin sheet of ice to form over everything, particularly windshields.

This was the condition Editor Donnie Tomlinson discovered one day last week as he started to school.

Naturally in a rush, Donnie only took time to clear a small spot on the windshield of the driver's side of the car, hoping that the defroster would melt the other ice in a short time.

After leaving his home in the Gulf McElroy Camp, Donnie only progressed one block before it happened.

Here is his sad account of what took place: "I got to the corner and came almost to a complete stop because I couldn't see. Then I cut sharply to the right because I was afraid that a car might be coming, and I couldn't see very well. That was when I hit the tree. I didn't have time to get out and look—anyway, it didn't seem to be very bad—so I just backed up and came on to school. It was worse than I had expected. I wonder what Daddy will say!"

Since Donnie has had the car only one month, everyone expressed deepest sympathy.

RAIN MAN HEARS RAIN CRY SHOWERS CRANE IN NOVEMBER

Upon seeing the sad story of the droughty conditions of Crane in a few issues back the rain man realized the great necessity of rain and rejoiced the people by showering down 1.3 inches of rain.

The rain gauge of Mr. Hawley Court's for the past two months shows:

October—No rain
November 5—1.1 of inch
November 11—1.1 of inch
November 25—1.100 of inch

Dear Santa: All I want for Christmas is a new watch that has an alarm on it so I will get to school on time.

Always late,
Wahneille S.

Dear Santa: I want only to have a nice home, a car, a man, a bank roll, a few estates in the country, several degrees from colleges, beauty, health, and all-around wealth.

Betty Hunt.

Dear Santa: I am a big girl now. So please slip me a nice looking man in my stocking this Christmas. He must at least have a car.

Desperately yours,
Shirley T.

Dear Santa: I only want to thank you for all the nice things you have brought me in the years past and hoping you will remember me again this Christmas.

Joan Ware

Dear Santa: Here's hoping you can bring down a nice blanket of snow for Christmas Day.

Choral Club.

Dear Santa: The thing I need most is some weight. I know this is out of your line, but see if you can't arrange it.

H. S.

Dear Santa: I need plenty of new clothes plus an additional car. I can always manage with a new boy friend with money to spare (on me of course).

G. C.

Dear Santa: I want a new front fender for my scooter.

Phil

Dear Santa: I want a date with Marilyn Monroe.

Jody

Dear Santa: I live in the Sand Hills and I find it hard to get around when I need to, so I would like for you to leave a jet in my stockings. I would also like a date with Farley Grainger if you think you can arrange it.

Yours respectfully,
Charline Ellison.

Recording To Movies Enjoyed By Spanish I

Strangely enough, there is only one foreign language course in Crane High. That course is Spanish.

Spanish may seem very dull to those who have never taken, but to hear the Spanish I students talk, you would think that there is never a "dull moment." The class is generally working on grammatical Spanish or recording on the wire recorder to improve their production.

The class also has a game called "Spanish Bingo" which is played with pictured cards with captions. The place cards of the game are also pictured and when a card is held up, that is on the place card, a bean is placed on it. The game is almost like any other bingo game.

Occasional movies and newspapers also add to the class's extracurricular activities. Periquita (Nancy in English) is read every time the newspapers come.

In the spring, the class plans to see a Spanish movie in Grandfalls.

CRANE FILES

17 YEARS AGO: Fourteen players earned letters in football.

16 YEARS AGO: \$500 worth of new instruments were bought for the band.

11 YEARS AGO: The Crane High School Student Council was organized.

9 YEARS AGO: A girls' stage band was organized with 13 members.

7 YEARS AGO: "The Crane" was published again after two years out of circulation during the war.

5 YEARS AGO: Crane placed 7 players on the all-district team and four on the second team.

4 YEARS AGO: The Crane basketball team defeated Odessa 42-33 in their season opener.

2 YEARS AGO: The senior class was divided 50-50—50 per cent he-men and 50 per cent women.

Dear Santa: Bring me what Betty Grable has and I'll have everything.

Anonymous

Dear Santa: I would like a new fender for my car.

D. T.

Dear Santa: Please send me a portable radio. I always miss my "soap opera" during third period.

Dear Santa: Please send me a car and all the gas to take a long trip.

M. H.

Dear Santa: Please send home all the boys in Korea.

C. B.

Old Santa Claus, Three Wise Men Haul Gifts To All New World Kids

In the United States Santa Claus presents in the kids' stockings, in Mexico the Three Wise Men put presents in the kids' shoes, but in either instance it's papa who foots the bill.

Santa Claus is the patron saint of Christmas and the most beloved figure in the legends of childhood. The modern mythical Santa Claus developed from the real person, Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas was the youngest and one of the kindliest bishops in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. During the Middle Ages, he gradually became the patron saint of school boys. European school boys celebrated his feast day on December 6 by electing a bishop. Dressed in magnificent robes, the boy-bishop led a parade which wound through the narrow street and sometimes entered the churches. There was much feasting, but on the whole the occasion was solemn.

STILL A KICK TO ST. NICK

Later this custom died out, although Nicholas still remained the favorite saint of children. In Belgium and the Netherlands, both young and old still celebrate his feast day. A person representing the saint and wearing the robes of a bishop, rides through the streets on a white donkey. Saint Nicholas is kind but he is also strict. If Hans and Katrina have been good children, they find gifts in their wooden shoes. But bad children find only a bundle of switches in their shoes.

Children loved Saint Nicholas and his habit of bringing gifts so much that the custom of celebrating his feast day did not die out. The Dutch settlers in America brought the custom with them to New Amsterdam (now New York City). English settlers in America eagerly borrowed the legends and activities surrounding the kindly Saint Nicholas. English-speaking children tried to pronounce the Dutch name for the saint. San Nicholas. But they said it quickly and excitedly, and soon the name changed to Santa, or Santa Claus.

Only American children say Santa Claus, and even in America during the first half of the 1800's, the saint was still known as Saint Nicholas or Saint Nick. In 1809 Washington Irving wrote of the saint as the guardian of New York City in his Knickerbocker's History of New York. He described him as a jolly fellow with a broad brimmed hat, huge breeches, and smoking a long pipe. Irving's Saint Nicholas rode over the treetops in a wagon. He took presents from his pockets and dropped them down chimneys.

SANTA CROSSES SEA

In 1822, Clement C. Moore wrote for his children the poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," which gives a more familiar picture of the saint as we know him today. But even in the poem, which begins with the familiar line, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," the name of Santa Claus does not appear. But the saint has become a round and jolly figure with twinkling eyes, a red snub nose, and a white beard. The long pipe has become a stump of pipe, and his wagon has become a sleigh. His Dutch costume has changed to a suit trimmed with fur. At some point, also, the legend developed in America that his sleigh was pulled by reindeer. The reindeer appear in Moore's poem. Probably Scandinavian settlers in

America added this detail to the story.

Thomas Nast, the cartoonist, gave the first picture of Santa Claus as he is imagined today in a cartoon in 1863. Later his famous drawing "Santa Claus and His Works," which appeared as a Christmas picture in Harper's Weekly, showed Santa in his workshop with his record of the good and bad deeds of all children. The drawing also showed the sleigh with reindeer, the pack of toys, the stocking hung at the fire place, and the Christmas tree.

In other countries, Saint Nicholas has taken other forms. Many English children believe in a Father Christmas who brings the gifts. To them he is a gentleman dressed in a long-tail coat and a squarish beaver hat. German children speak of Kris Kringle and French children of Pere Noel. But to all the children in all Christian lands, he stands for the same thing, the kindly spirit that the Christ Child brought into the world.

SHOES REPLACE SOCKS

Christmas is celebrated in many different ways in every country. In France the children fill their shoes with sugar plums, the custom began a long time ago when the children filled shoes with oats for the Wise Men.

In Japan, Santa Claus, whom the Japanese children know as Hotei-osho—a god who is always pictured as carrying a pack, and is said to have eyes in the back of his head so he can see the children at all times and whom the Chinese call Dun Che Loo Rem—Christmas Old Man.

In Germany their Christmas consists of bright lights and candy. Norway, Sweden and Denmark have a rice pudding in every home which contains one almond and the person who gets the almond will be married before Christmas the next year.

SANTA STOPS AT RIO GRANDE

Christmas Eve for the Poles is a strict fast as it begins when the first star appears. They keep open house for three days after Christmas and everyone is welcome. They keep a fire burning, for it is bad luck for it to go out before the holidays are over.

Spanish, Mexicans and Italians do not have evergreens. They decorate with candles and flowers. Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico pinata games are played. The pinata is a jar filled with sweets and decorated so it looks like a peacock. It is hung by a cord from the branch of a tree. The children gather around the pinata and take turns in trying to break it. Each child is blindfolded and given a large stick. He gets only one try. When the pinata is hit squarely, it shatters and floods of candies pour out. The child who hits the pinata is the hero of the day and each child shares the candy.

In Czechoslovakia, a girl takes a twig from a cherry tree and places it in water on December 4. If the twig blossoms before Christmas Eve, it is believed the girl will marry during the year.

In Russia, the children go from house to house singing and shouting until the people come out and give them food.

In southeast France known as Provence, the yule log is very important part of the Christmas celebration. Each member of the family has a share in bringing the log

in. They try to keep it burning from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day.

FAT CAT IN CANADA

Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is known as Mother's Day. Mother must pretend not to notice when one of the children slips in and ties her feet to a chair. The rest of the children then rush in shouting "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" Mother gives the children the Christmas presents she has for them and is released. On the following Sunday, Father gets the same treatment.

In Canada, Christmas is celebrated about as it is in the U. S. People in the French sections of Canada make it a point to feed the cat well during the Christmas season, for it is supposed to be bad luck if a cat meows in the house on Christmas Eve.

Australia follows the usual English Christmas except where the differences of weather keeps them from doing so. Picnics and excursions are an important part of the holiday season.

No matter what conditions or customs the countries follow, Christmas is a happy and joyous part of the year and should be remembered as Christ's Birthday, not just as a time to receive gifts.

Monahans Lobos Hand Cranes Second Defeat Of Cage Season 36-33

The Golden Cranes were handed their second straight defeat of the season Tuesday, December 9, by the Monahans Lobos, 36-33. The B team also received their second defeat of the season 40-37. The Lobos made it a clean sweep by downing the juniors.

High scorer for the A team was Carl Davis with 12 points, followed by Conder of Monahans with 8.

High scorer for Crane in the B game was John Hays with 15 points.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Field	1	2	4
Davis	5	2	12
Miller	1	0	2
Green	3	0	6
Vines	1	1	3
Lively	2	2	6
Hays	0	0	0
TOTALS	13	7	33

MONAHANS			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Hughes	2	3	7
Conder	3	2	8
Spray	1	3	5
Bulls	2	3	7
Reynolds	0	3	3
Malone	1	0	2
Jordan	1	0	2
Blaty	1	0	2
TOTALS	11	14	46

Subject	Teacher	Rec. No.	Marks	No. F.	Pct. F.
El. Science	Anderegg	45	45	3	6.6
Shorthand	Anderson	15	3	0	20
Typing II	Anderson	14	0	0	0
Bookkeeping	Anderson	22	1	5	5
Typing	Anderson	13	2	15	12
Am. History	Arrington	50	6	12	12
Social Sc.	Arrington	47	18	38.3	38.3
Algebra II	Chrane	62	2	3.2	3.2
Solid Geo.	Chrane	12	0	0	0
Algebra I	Chrane	19	1	5.3	5.3
English I	Davis	68	2	2.9	2.9
English 8	Davis	27	0	0	0
English II	Featherstone	67	9	13.4	13.4
English III	Featherstone	13	0	0	0
English III	Harrison	42	13	30.9	30.9
English IV	Harrison	22	7	31.8	31.8
English 8	Irvine	66	14	21.2	21.2
Speech I	Irvine	16	1	6	6
Typing I	Johnson	20	1	5	7.1
Biology	McLean	42	3	7.1	14
El. Science	McClean	21	3	14	14
Physics	McClean	10	0	0	0
World His.	Morland	21	4	19	19
Gen. Science	Morland	46	9	19.6	19.6
Chemistry	Morland	22	6	27.2	27.2
History 8	Patterson	21	3	14	14
Spanish I	Patterson	9	0	0	0
Journalism	Patterson	10	0	0	0
W. W. I.	Quitta	14	0	0	0
W. W. I II	Quitta	17	0	0	0
Arts & Crafts	Quitta	13	1	7.7	7.7
Mech. Drawing I	Quitta	17	4	23	23
Typing I	Riley	30	2	6.7	6.7
Jr. Business	Riley	11	0	0	0
Drivers Edu.	Rogers	17	1	5.9	5.9
El. Science	Rogers	27	4	14	14
H. M.	Rose	47	0	0	0
Plane Geo.	Strickland	45	1	2.2	2.2
Algebra I	Strickland	42	5	11.9	11.9
8th Arithmetic	Strickland	20	3	15	15
8th Arithmetic	Warren	72	16	22.2	22.2
Algebra I	Warren	20	2	10	10
Gen. Math	Warren	11	8	27	27
Civics	Williams	31	0	0	0
Am. Hist. 8	Williams	23	1	4	4
Physical Education		92	0	0	0
Band		81	0	0	0
Choral		97	0	0	0
TOTALS		1569	159	10.13	10.13

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Failing List Shows 159 For Second Six Weeks

For the 1569 grades given this past six weeks there were 159 failures for a percentage of 10.13.

Miss Arrington's Social Science class registered the highest percentage of failures with 38.3 percent.

Subject	Teacher	Rec. No.	Marks	No. F.	Pct. F.
El. Science	Anderegg	45	45	3	6.6
Shorthand	Anderson	15	3	0	20
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Spanish I	Patterson	9	0	0	0
Journalism	Patterson	10	0	0	0
W. W. I.	Quitta	14	0	0	0
W. W. I II	Quitta	17	0	0	0
Arts & Crafts	Quitta	13	1	7.7	7.7
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Physical Education		92	0	0	0
Band		81	0	0	0
Choral		97	0	0	0
TOTALS		1569	159	10.13	10.13

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Crane Takes Monahans Tourney, Defeat Jal 41-33

The Golden Cranes came from behind in the last half to down the Jal Panthers 41-33 Saturday night, to capture the Monahans basketball tournament.

Trailing 22-19 at the half, the Cranes came back to take the lead 27-26 with two minutes to go in the third quarter, when Hugh Neal Green sank a free throw with the score tied 26-26. After this, the Cranes were never overtaken.

Leading scorer for the contest was Davis of Jal with 16 points, followed closely by Ted Fields with 14.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Davis	3	0	6
Field	5	4	14
Vines	2	2	6
Miller	0	0	0
Green	2	3	7
Lively	3	2	8
TOTALS	15	11	41

CRANES DOWN STOCKTON

In the semi-finals, the Golden Cranes defeated the Ft. Stockton Panthers 67-35, with Ted and Hugh Neal leading the way with 15 and 13 points respectively. The high point man for the Panthers was Decker with eight points.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Davis	1	3	5
Bowers	0	0	0
Booth	0	0	0
Field	7	1	15
Vines	3	1	7
Caskey	0	1	1
Miller	3	1	7
Hays	2	1	5
Green	4	5	13
Henery	1	0	2
Lively	3	4	10
Brook	0	2	2
TOTALS	24	19	67

JAL

Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Clary	2	1	5
Phillips	0	3	3
Davis	8	0	16
Thompson	3	1	7
Euford	0	0	0
Grimes	0	2	2
TOTALS	13	7	33

CRANE DOWNS MONAHANS

In the tournament opener, the Golden Cranes downed the Monahans Lobos in a hard fought contest 48-45.

The Cranes led all the way in this contest, holding a 23-17 lead at the half and leading 39-28 at the end of the third period.

The Lobos came back with 17 points in the final quarter to almost overtake the Crane, but fell short by three points.

The leading scorers for the game were Bulls of Monahans and Hugh Neal with 15 points each, followed by Hughes of Monahans and Darrell Vines with ten points.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Davis	3	1	7
Booth	0	1	1
Field	1	0	2
Vines	3	4	10
Caskey	3	0	6
Miller	1	3	5
Hays	0	0	0
Green	4	7	15
Lively	0	2	2
TOTALS	15	17	48

FT. STOCKTON

Player	fg.	ft.	Pts
Gonzales	2	1	5
Diebitsch	0	1	1
Decker	3	2	8
Counts	2	2	6
McSpadden	0	2	2
Walker	0	2	2

Polio Sets All-Time Record As March of Dimes Reports New Advances In Tug-Of-War

(This information was taken from a High School Press Sheet)

Polio was a paradox in 1952. While science last year was making its most historic strides toward polio prevention, the disease struck with force unparalleled in American history. The year saw a tug-of-war between epidemic and control which only a smashing successful March of Dimes drive this January can decide favorably.

It is true that research financed by the March of Dimes last summer proved that the blood fraction gamma globulin could provide a marked, if temporary, protection against paralytic polio. But it is also true that polio set new and tragic incidence records in the self-same year.

There seems little doubt that polio outbreaks are getting worse in about the same proportion that polio research is getting better.

Polio struck more than 55,000 persons last year, most of them under 21 years of age. This was 13,000 more than the previous worst year in history.

It cost more than \$28,000,000 in March of Dimes funds to care for the record number of stricken. This was \$5,000,000 more than ever before. During each of the previous three years, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis went \$5,000,000 into debt paying patient bills. Bills owed in 1952 climbed to \$7,000,000, another record.

OLD VICTIMS NEED HELP
As the 1953 campaign opened, there were 58,000 children and adults who will still need March of Dimes help this year. And to this are added the responsibilities for pressing forward in research and preparing for the epidemic contingencies of next summer at the same time.

In addition to March of Dimes money furnished for patient-care services and other hospital costs, the National Foundation in 1952 provided millions of dollars worth of such life-saving equipment as iron lungs, "rocking beds" and chest respirators, as it sought to cope with the epidemic.

Although patient care has most pressing immediate call on March of Dimes, accounting as it does for almost 70 per cent of all expenditures, this is only one of the National Foundation's three major functions.

RESEARCH PROGRAM
Funds are also allocated to vital laboratory research seeking ultimate control of polio. Otherwise the March of Dimes program would continue on a treadmill vainly trying to keep abreast of the finan-

cial demands created by the only epidemic disease still on the increase in this country.

Since its inception, the National Foundation has allocated \$18,000,000 for polio research. Based on studies over the years with animals and, more recently, with humans, medical authorities now believe a relatively permanent immunization against polio can be developed.

To support its third major function, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis—since 1938—has invested \$16,000,000 to finance its education program. This expenditure has been vital in meeting the demands of greatly increased research and polio care efforts. The March of Dimes funds are distributed as grants to schools of physical therapy and to such professional organizations as the American Physical Therapy Association and the National League for Nursing.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS
In addition, scholarships and fellowships for qualified undergraduate and graduate students are financed in the fields of physical medicine, pediatrics, orthopedics, physical therapy, occupational therapy and medical social work. A record March of Dimes drive will be required to carry out the National Foundation's three vital activities in 1953. For these activities are entirely dependent on the funds raised by voluntary contributions to the March of Dimes.

In past years, high school students have played an important part in the nationwide March of Dimes. Yet in 1953, the support of high school students and faculty members is needed as never before. With their support and that of other voluntary workers and contributors throughout this country, it is confidently expected that the response to the 1953 appeal will make sufficient funds available to keep the March of Dimes ahead of the March of Polio.

EXCHANGES

1852
Grandma had a feller
Who had a timid heart
When they sat together
They set this far apart.

1952
Whenever daughter's chick does call,
He greets her with a kiss,
And when they sit together,
They sit up close like this.
(author unknown—The Wacoan)

When you invite trouble you can be sure it will accept.

Grade News

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Chrane
Phil Martin and Dian McBroom have joined our group of happy readers. Three of our group have moved away.

We are filling Santa's sleigh with many new words. Soon we will be reading in a new book, "The Big Show." In numbers we are doing "plus" work and writing to 100 by ones and tens.

We are having lots of fun making Christmas decorations and getting ready for the holidays.

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Carroll
We reported our trips which we made over the Thanksgiving holidays in the story hour Monday. Children had gone in every direction and had good times. The ones who stayed at home reported good times and expressed appreciation and thankfulness for their homes and all the food they could eat.

There are so many things to be thankful for this year. We have drawn large pictures for many things which we have to express our thanks.

Sore throats and bad colds have kept many of our students at home this week.

We have brought different types of soil to school. We will plant the same kind of seed in each container and watch the plants grow. We are studying the different types of soil in Science.

We have a new pupil. He came to us from Bonham, Texas. He is Albert Ray Tarpley. His father works at Webb's Grocery.

Aubrey Harris wrote the following item to the paper:
I like your newspaper and I think it is very good.

Christmas is coming soon. I am going to be very good Christmas because Santa will know if you have been good or bad. Will you be good Christmas? Santa will be good to you if you are good to others.

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Pearce
The Bluebird reading group dramatized the story, "A Ride To Animal Town." This morning and enjoyed it very much. Friday we put it on for Mrs. Tillman's room. The characters were: "Johnny Fox," Ronnie Dickson; "Billy Beaver," Donna Kay Willingham; and "Bunny Rabbit," Gary Birdsong.

In arithmetic we have been doing column addition and reviewing Roman numerals.

Leland Davis and Thomas Fuqua had their tonsils removed last week but are able to be back in school.

We are planning a short Christmas program for our mothers on Thursday before we are dismissed for the holidays.

Floy Lowery is still unable to come to school. We miss her very much.

FIVE-ONE

This week we welcome three new pupils to our school, Mollie Martin from San Angelo; Geraldine Whitmore from Midland and Billy Nicholson from Monahans.

Linda Iles wrote us telling about the school in Hobbs. She has to buy her own horn and also the band book. The grading system is not by letters as A, B, and C, but S and U. They do not have a cafeteria in her school, she says. She likes Hobbs just fine but she misses Crane.

We are studying letter-writing in language, so we are going to write her and tell her all the interesting things that are happening in Crane now.

Sue Halbrooks and Ronnie Harris have been absent because of illness. Ronnie sent the class a moth cocoon because we have been studying about butterflies and moths in science. We plan to keep it in the room so we can watch the moth crawl out next spring.

We drew names for our Christmas party this week.

FOURTH GRADE-4-1

We enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays. Now we are looking forward to Christmas. We drew names for Christmas gifts.

In our geography we are studying about Eskimos. We have pictures about them and we made posters about them also.

We have a new boy, Jimmy Sanders. He is from Goldsmith, Texas. Reporters, Roger Liverman and Charles Watkins

Eskimos in Geography. We are drawing pictures on large pieces of paper of Eskimo houses and boats.

We are making a note book of Eskimo houses and the way they hunt and fish, and live.

Reporters, Doris Marlowe and Charles Wilmoth

SIXTH GRADE-6-1

In the science room we have finished our aquarium. We have seven or eight goldfish and some minnows. We have four other small aquariums. We have a catfish in one, minnows in two and plants in the other one. We also have some plants in the big aquarium.

We have a lot of fun in our home-room. Mr. Holm let us elect a judge and jury. If anybody chews gum, gets out of their seats without permission, or talks out or anything in that order, we take it to court. Our judge is Don Bardin while the jury is composed of Tom Coffield, Elaine Plate, and Nancy Bower.

Reporters, Nancy Bower and Don Bardin

SIX-2

Over the holidays there were many who went to see relatives and friends: Brenda Farmer went to Snyder to see her grandmother. Jerry Swift went to San Angelo to see his grandparents. Mervita Johnson was at Big Spring to see Grandparents also.

David Green was in Rankin for a visit. Kenneth Richardson went to Eunice, New Mexico to see relatives and Miss Wester went to San Angelo to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Less Wester. Several of the students went to the Odessa-Midland football game which was played at Odessa. Others went to towns closer to Crane.

Jimmie Grace Foster wrote to General Eisenhower after the election and his reply is as follows:
Commodore Hotel
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November 18, 1952

Dear Jimmie:
General Eisenhower has asked me to thank you for your nice note.

One of our greatest hopes is that we shall succeed in making the world a better place for young people everywhere. We are glad that you are interested in the future of our country.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur H. Vandenberg
Executive Assistant to
General Eisenhower
Reporter, Joyce Woody

Juke Box Personalities
Blue Christmas—All CHS students who won't have their sweet hearts with them for Christmas.

What Does It Take?—Pat Halford to Stanley Holcomb.

So Tired—Crane dancers after the Thanksgiving dance at Iran.

Settin' the Woods On Fire—Dolores and Ted.

Takes Two to Tango—Martha and Bill (seems like "Willie" Clark has learned something new since he's been at North Texas.)

Don't Tempt Me—Joyce Parker.

Somebody Else's Arms—Judy Mathis.

Sinner or Saint—Betty Knaell.

My Baby's Comin' Home—Charline Ellison.

Dear Ole Aggies—Mary Sneed.

Trying—Billie Gooch.

Funny Fellow—Almack and Strickland.

My Love, My Life—Patty Johnson to Charles Lively.

Mighty Lonesome Feelin'—Kay Culp (while Sonny was gone during the Thanksgiving holidays.)

Do You Really Love Me—Juaniece Morton.

Everybody's Baby—Barbara Glass.

You'll Never Get Away—Kay Keltner to John Hays.

Tinsel and Gold—juniors and seniors planning holiday dances.

You Belong To Me—George Scott to Roseann.

I Went to Your Wedding—all students who have gone to weddings of our ex-students.

Who Kissed Me Last Night—Jerry Caskey.

South of the Border—Bruce Wells.

TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO WERE SURPRISED AND MAYBE A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL DEDICATION—"THE IPTA BLUES!"

A hookah is a Turkish water-cooled pipe.

Most Clubs Take Short Rest; Start New Projects After Holidays

FTA CLUB

Many students and teachers (the suckers) attended the "IPTA" program December 5, given by the Future Teachers of America Club. It turned out to be what everyone considered a "howling" success.

For the first project of the year, a sufficient amount of money was made to begin this school year.

The next project for this club, which will be in the near future, will be a program of two one-act plays which they will begin working on after Christmas.

LIBRARY CLUB

On December 1, the Library Club had a short business meeting and corrected test papers after which they were given some general library instructions by Mrs. Elmore.

After a short business meeting December 8, the remainder of the period was spent decorating the library for Christmas.

Green and silver were used as a color scheme with the small Christmas tree being snowed white.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

FHA CLUB

During the past few meetings of the Future Homemakers of America, the plans were made for the crowning of the FHA sweetheart.

Kenneth Terrell. Plans were made for the sweetheart banquet which was given December 6 in the Homemaking Department.

Some of the time has been spent decorating the department for Christmas.

The remainder of this year will be spent in making some money to send delegates to the state meeting.

C CLUB

The C Club, consisting of all boys, has been planning initiation for all new members. They have decided to wait until after Christmas.

TENNIS CLUB

This strenuous club reports only that they have been playing tennis during activity periods.

GIRL'S ATHLETIC

A double round-robin tournament in volleyball is the highlight of the Girl's Athletic Club. They have divided into four groups led by Charlene Blair, Darlene Blair, Joyce Parker, and Wahnelle Smith.

BOXING CLUB

Due to injuries of all types, this club has been slowed down some, but a few are still able to do a little boxing.

LA CIRCLE FRANCAIS

If you should wonder what club it is, it is the French Club. This is a newly organized club with about 20 members. They are having useful everyday French lessons.

JR. HISTORIANS

Starting after Christmas, students are going to write for contest.

ARCHERY CLUB

Due to the fact that someone decided to burn the target, this club has been practicing their aim at a pasteboard box.

The frame of the target with mains, so they will try to make a new filler for it.

They have been practicing skill at close range.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLUB

Making things out of metal has been the main event in their club but they are going to start making moccasins in the near future.

SCIENCE CLUB

On December 8, this group acted copper with nitric acid and observed the green liquid brown gas form.

They also have a new member Jimmy Don Caudle.

Christmas Birthdays Bring Less Gifts

In a recent survey, most students were found to dislike December birthdays. Your reporter in passing among fellow students found various and sundry answers to this effect:

CHARLENE BLAIR: It's o. k., but I usually don't get a birthday present until Christmas.

FLORENCE McDOUGAL: Well, you kinda get cheated, because it's so close to Christmas.

ILA DE OWENS: Suits me OK.

PHILIP PEARCE: I don't like it because I get my gifts combined.

MARY LOU SNEED: I think it's a "dirty deal."

ANN ANDERSON: It's pretty good, I think.

TED FIELD: Santa Claus comes pretty close to my birthday.

WANDA CAUDLE: I don't like it much.

PATRICIA HANNON: I think it's too close to Christmas.

One who considers himself very unfortunate is Bobby Robinson, whose birthday is none other than Christmas Day. When asked what he thought, he said: "I think it's a bunch of bologna, because when I get a gift at Christmas, it usually says, 'Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday.'"

All birthdays in the order of their date are as follows, and we wish all of them a happy birthday and hope that they won't be as bad as they expect.

Name	December
CHARLENE BLAIR	2
JIMMY BALDWIN	2
EDWARD BANGEMAN	3
TEDDY HICKMAN	4
RICHARD GATLIN	5
EDWARD HARRIS	6
FLORENCE McDOUGAL	7
ILA DE OWENS	8
PHILIP PEARCE	10
ALICE BREM	11
MARY LOU SNEED	13
CHARLENE BASSETT	13
EVELYN McKAY	13
WAhNELLE SMITH	15
RICHARD JOLLY	15
ANN ANDERSON	16
BARBARA McDOUGAL	17
PATTY JOHNSON	17
MASON THURMAN	18
SHIRLEY COLLIN	18
DAVID DE LONG	18
TED FIELD	19
WANDA CAUDEL	20
LOUISE TUCKER	20
PATRICIA HANNON	22
BOBBY ROBINSON	25
JANE CANTRELL	25
JIMMY BRIGHT	27
PAUL HENDERSON, Jr.	28
LAWRENCE LE BOEUF	28
GENIVA MAYERS	29
DARRELL SMITH	29
BARBARA HARPER	31
B. D. SHEPPARD	31

Allan Pinkerton inaugurated the Federal Secret Service.

George B. Brummel was known as Beau Brummel.

A hamlet is a village without a church.



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