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THE CRANE

BY COMING OUT TO SEE HER PLAY!

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This may be the last issue of The Crane that your editor will help put out. Yours truly is attempting to enlist in the navy, and, unless the author's plans fail, he will be serving Uncle Sam soon.

The past three years have been the most enjoyable ever—many thanks to the students of CHS for making them so.

I married a widow that had a grown daughter. My father visited our house very often and fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. So my father became my son-in-law and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife. Some time afterwards my wife had a son. He is my father's brother-in-law and my uncle for he is my step-mother's brother. My father's wife, namely, my step-mother, had a son. He is, of course, my brother and in the meantime my grandchild, for he is the son of my daughter. My wife is my grandmother because she is my mother's mother. I am my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time, and as the husband of a person's grandchild he is his grandfather. I am my own grandfather.

THE COLLEGE STAR.

(Figure that out. I am too busy.)

Little Cranelets, don't be surprised if your school paper pops up with a first place rating in the class B school papers this year. With a bit more work, they should put Crane on the map.

Husband (answering phone): I don't know. Call the weather bureau.

Wife: Who was that?
Husband (puzzled) Some crazy fellow asked if the coast was clear.

Betty Arnold thinks the dramatic class is doing some real work. Betty, you shouldn't take advantage of those little senior boys.

Wait until I see Eileen.

Those who go to college and never get out are called professors.

The editors of the school paper at Southwestern Texas State Teachers College are given 25 points toward placement in the "Who's Who in Texas High Schools." As an editor, they deserve every consideration. First, they have the reporters to put up with, then the faculty, the football coach, the school board, the parents, and the hot-shots who failed to see their name in the last issue of the paper.

He: May I hold your Palmolive?
She: Not on your Lifeboy!
He: I guess I am out of Lux
She: Yes, Ivory reformed.

WANTED—One good cat for catching mice in the journalism room. Juniors need not apply.

Earl: What kind of a dog is that?
Beverly: A police dog.
Earl: He doesn't look like one.

Beverly: He's in the secret service.

And speaking of secret service, have any of you scholars witnessed

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Tommye Hamblett Given Birthday Party At Recreation Hall

Miss Tommye Hamblett was hostess at a birthday party beginning at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 12, at the Gulf Recreation hall. Tommye's invitation was extended to over 100 young people and all attended except a small number.

There was bingo, dancing, fortune telling and jitterbug contests. John Stokes and Jean Seay were winners of the jitterbug contest, and Jean received a necklace and John a shaving set. There were many winners of bingo.

Music for dancing was furnished by an electric phonograph with the latest records. There was the schottische and multiplication dance besides the other popular steps.

Hot chocolate and cake were served about 10:30 p. m. for refreshments. The candles were lighted and everyone made a wish and Tommye blew them out.

The party was enjoyed by everyone and broke up about 11:30. Those who attended were: Freda Peek, Alleen Murtishaw, Joyce Allman, Maybelle Bonner, Ruth Pickering, Beverly Thomas, Jean Seay, Mary Corley, Doris Coker, Lorea McCorkle, Pola Murrell, Ann Boyd, Floy Whitwell, Joyce Salome, Sue Alexander, Dot Britton, Betty Musick, Jearlee Hunsaker, Dorothy Rogers, Bobbye Smith, Mildred Goble, Helen Miller, Lila Earp, Gertrude Bobo, Peggy Daniels, Ted Hogan, W. H. Lovelace, Andy Cook, Garland Satterwhite, J. L. Hutchison, Earl Teague, Harold Pettit, Norman Brunette, Elmer Kelton, Bob Fralley, Paul Lowe, Gail Melton, John Stokes, Wayne Carr, Guy Bosworth, Tommy Turner, Bill Wallace, Grady Groves, Glivie Whitwell, Billie R. Bryant, Calhoun Lovelace, Bill Lowe, C. E. Ward, Daniel McCracken, Debra West, Billy R. Wright, Tiny Earp, Melvin Hawthorne, Ed Wiley, Cliff Goble, Herman Hoopes, Herman Kane, W. J. Davis, Ostar Bivins, Audrey Mosely, Arthur Fleming, E. J. Alexander, Dorothy Coker, Mary B. Wilson, and Warren Hill. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hamblett and Mrs. R. D. Shaffer, who was also the fortune-teller.

Crane Junior Band Enrolls 40 Members

The newly organized junior band, made up of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, has about 40 members.

Mary Lou Boone is captain, Tipton Murrell is assistant director, and June Crownover is the drum major.

This musical organization is run by students and on the order of the A Band. All new members for the honor band will be taken out of the junior band. Although many of the students are members of both the A and junior bands, they must continue to practice with the junior band until they are in the eighth grade.

If the junior band is well-enough organized and far-enough advanced, they will enter the state contest in the spring.

Methodist Young Have Hayloft Party

Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Methodist Young People had an old time hayloft party in the church. Folk games and dances were led by Miss Whitaker.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and the regular menu of farm life food were served. All the guests came dressed as farm lads and lassies.

Happy Birthday

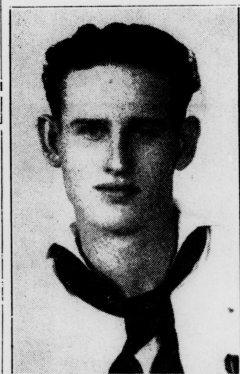
Earl Teague—Jan. 22
Norma Crostwaite—Jan. 24
Peggy Daniel—Jan. 24
Hart Currier—Jan. 26
Myrtle Kelton—Jan. 26
Freda Jean Peak—Jan. 29
Lila Lee Earp—Jan. 29
R. T. Stacy—Jan. 31
Charles Millard—Feb. 6.

Uncle Sam Now Has 16 Cranes In Armed Forces

Three Are In War
Zone When Japan
Struck In Pacific

Sixteen ex-Cranes have answered the call to arms and are serving Uncle Sam in various parts of the world.

A. F. Hogan and Clarence Fulton, stationed at Honolulu, and Ramsey Evans at Midway Island



RALPH FULTON

are the only three that were on hand when the little yellow men made their daylight debut December 7.

Ralph Fulton, radio operator and petty officer, third class, on the U.S.S. Griffin out of New London, Connecticut, is the oldest ex-Crane.



CLARENCE FULTON
AND TWO BUDDIES

Crane in the service. He did submarine duty in Pearl Harbor in 1939.

Other exes in the service are as follows:

Frank Reddick, station unknown;
Jack Newland, Chanute Field, Illinois;
Jesse Young, (sailor) San Diego.
Ray Evans, (sailor) Ocean Park, Calif.
Karl Shelton (sailor), address unknown.
Jim Virdell (army), Camp Bowie.
W. M. Virdell (army), address unknown.
Neal Grimes (air corps), San Antonio.
Audie Williams (air corps) at Illinois.
Gayle Young (air corps) address unknown.
Jimmie Slater, 1941 graduate was the last man to leave Crane. He volunteered for the air corps and left for Fort Bliss December 28.

Texas consumers use about 3-4 as much natural gas as Texas produces.
Texas produces one-third of all of the natural gasoline made in the U. S.
About 44,000 Texans are engaged in the manufacture of oilfield equipment.

'Bang 'Em' Bingham Type Eightty-Five Words Per Minute

Wow! Do those Bingham brothers bang 'em?

Don and Lee Bingham, seventh graders, have achieved the incredible record of approximately 85 words a minute. The average high school student averages around 30 words—less than half of the Bingham brothers' record.

Lee, aged 13, and Don, aged 12, are in the Crane schools for the first time this year, coming here from Andrews.

They were taught the touch system by their father and have been practicing faithfully for last seven months.

Both of these boys already look to commercial careers when they finish college.

Fishers Move To Eunice, New Mexico

Christine and Billy Fisher, former Craneites, have moved to Eunice, N. M., where their father, Rev. Lester Fisher, has obtained a position as pastor of the Church of Christ.

Christine was a member of the Sophomore Class, the Glee Club, and the Crane Little Theatre. Billy was in the eighth grade, and was a member of the junior basketball team. He was one of the best basketball prospects for the coming year.

Students Go 'Bugs' Over Bugology Test

The biology class has been reviewing for mid-term exams. They knew they had a hard subject when they took biology, but when all the chapters are put together it seems like it is a real one. For an exam instead of one hour, and so it is keeping the students wondering as to whether they can go on with the next semester. But they will go on because it is too interesting to quit in the middle of the course.

Many Texas oil wells are now drilled to depths of 10,000 feet or more.

Office of Civilian Defense Tells What Schools Should Do If The Japs Come

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Office of Civilian Defense has requested that were services and newspapers carry a set of instructions on "What school teachers and pupils should do during an air raid."

Termed "Emergency Instructions for Schools Until Further Notice," the OCD's list follows:

1. What to do when the air raid warning sounds:

("Howling" siren, short blasts or other local warning). Sound the school fire alarm in a special way (short rings, etc.) Have each child leave its room in order as in fire drill. Conduct classes to air raid refuge.

Do not permit pupils to leave building.

Do not allow pupils to return to class rooms until "all-clear" signal is given.

Do not send pupils home. These protective measures will require organization, planning, training and drill. They should be started at once.

2. Air Raid Drill:

Use your fire drill organization to get pupils to the air raid refuges. Have them file from the class room the same way, in the same order, under the same leaders. But take them to the air raid refuge.

3. The Air Raid Refuge:

The chance of a direct hit on any individual building is very small. You must guard against the blast of near-by high-explosive bombs and incendiaries and falling fragments of anti-aircraft shells.

You must get away from windows and open doors. The large inside halls of most schools are

Dot McAlpin Weds R. C. Brittan In Rankin, Jan. 2



Miss Dorothy McAlpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McAlpin, became the bride of Mr. R. C. Brittan on Jan. 2, 1942, in the Methodist parsonage at Rankin, Texas.

The Reverend Mr. Moore, the pastor of the Rankin Methodist Church, performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a white jersey dress with black accessories.

The only attendant was Miss Billie Ruth Bryant of Crane. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stetson of Rankin.

Mrs. Brittan will make her home in Breckenridge with the groom's family after mid-term.

Mr. Brittan is a junior in A&M College.

Cranes Migrate To Stockton for Conference Tilt

Day after tomorrow the Golden Cranes venture over to Ft. Stockton to invade the Panthers' den for the fifth conference game of the season. Crane defeated Fort Stockton on our own hardwood, 37-11, in the tournament January 2.

Up to the time of this writing, Crane has had two conference games, winning one with Kermit, 27-10, and losing the other to McCaney, 27-20.

Probable starters for this game will be, guards, Earl Teague, Harold Pettit; center, Jack Ellison; forwards, Joe Grounds and George Grounds.

Stockton will play a return engagement on the Crane hardwood Feb. 14.

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds

Folks Fiddle With Air Raid Sirens

S-e-r-e-e-h! Air Raid Warning! Everyone take to cover!

Could it be the Germans or the Japs? Wait—on second thought, what would their planes be doing over Crane?—target practice—maybe?

No, it isn't a real air raid siren, but those musical-minded fiddle-players having a little fun. Some of the older members of the string class have practically perfected this great accomplishment.

Note: In case you stroll by the band hall between the hours of 2:50 and 3:45, don't get alarmed, just step inside for a personal demonstration of an air raid siren. You can even have it in the key of Q-flat.

Griffin-Smith Wedding Vows Read In Crane

Saturday evening, Jan. 10, at 8 a. m., Miss Faye Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Griffin of Crane, became the bride of Mr. Bennie C. Smith of Penwell. Rev. Phillip Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the single ring ceremony in the Baptist parsonage.

The bride was attired in a dress of pastel plaid with gold accessories.

The only attendants at the wedding were Miss Marjorie Burleson of Crane and Mr. Tommy Thomas, also of Crane.

Mrs. Smith has been attending Crane school for seven years. She is now a senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home in Hobbs, N. M., after mid-term.

Softball Suggested As Interscholastic League Spring Sport

AUSTIN, Tex. — A complete schoolboy athletic program should include softball in the spring months as well as track, tennis, and a football training period. R. H. Williams, athletic director of Dist. 23 of the University of Texas Interscholastic League, believes.

In a recent issue of the "Interscholastic Leaguer", Director Williams declares that many high school athletes are playing on commercial softball teams already and that adoption of the sport by high schools would bring these students back under Interscholastic League direction and guidance.

Three New Courses Added To Curriculum

Three new subjects will be taught the second half which were not taught the first half. Economics will be taught by Mr. Yarbrough the second period. Civics will be taught by Mr. Lenser the second and sixth periods. Clothing will be taught instead of foods this half in home economics under Miss Anderson.

Mr. Nix, Crane High School principal, said that advanced arithmetic would be taught if enough students would register for the course.

Eighth Grade Gives Formal Ball Friday

Friday, 16, marked the event of the formal mid-term celebration at the Gulf Recreation Hall.

Cookies and punch were served to about 15 eighth grade couples. The group, chaperoned by Miss Anderson and Mrs. Shackelford, danced and played monopoly.

This party has proved that our eighth graders are growing up, and we wish them the best of success.

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds

Defense Dance To Be In Gym Tomorrow Night

A Defense Dance will be given in the high school gym, Friday, Jan. 23.

Prices for gentlemen will be one dollar in Defense Stamps; for ladies, 50c in Defense Stamps. For high school boys and girls, the admission will be 25c in Defense Stamps. Children under 14 years of age will pay 10c in Defense Stamps.

Thirty-seven prizes will be awarded. These prizes will consist of stamp books containing 50c to \$1.00 in Defense Stamps. The prizes have been donated by the business houses of Crane.

The purpose of the dance is to stimulate the purchase of Defense Stamps. So this is a chance for everyone to invest in aiding his country and in providing entertainment at the same time.

Home Ec. Girls Start Projects In Sewing

The Home Ec. I Class is starting the study of clothing this semester, based on the problems of dress of the high school girl. A literary list is being made relating to this subject. This study is preliminary to the plan and selection of a garment to be made this semester, which is one of the main projects of the semester.

The Home Ec. 8 Class is also starting the study of clothing this semester.

Supt. L. L. Martin Attends School Head Conference In Austin

In company with Mr. Kenneth Pryor, Supt. Baza of Monahan; Supt. Minor of Grandfalls; Supt. Greenwood of Balmorhea, Mr. Martin attended a state wide Superintendents' Conference in Austin last week, the conference being on Conservation of Natural Resources for National Defense. Speakers of state and national prominence were heard on questions pertaining to this day of education. One of the best sessions was devoted to the discussion of the status of religion in the present world crisis.

One of the highlights of the entire convention was the Thursday session at which time a delightful banquet was served in the University of Texas Commons Building.

Mr. Martin returned home Sunday.

JUST IN CASE— Air Raid Advice For The Parents

If an air raid should come while your children are at school, see to your own safety. Stay at home, go to your refuge room, stay away from windows.

Do not attempt to reach the school; you could accomplish no good. You could do a great deal of harm by such action.

In an air raid, Rule No. 1 is to stay off the street, get under cover. On the street there is the risk of falling shell fragments, racing cars, and fire apparatus. Stay indoors.

Do not try to telephone. The wires must be kept clear for the wardens, police and fire department. You might prevent an urgent message from getting through.

This is hard advice. It's not easy to take. But it is for your best interest and for the welfare of your children.

Third McElroy Man Leaves For The Army

Joe Clark, formerly in the employ of the McElroy Ranch, has volunteered for the army. He has been sent to Fort Sill, Okla. He is the third McElroy cowboy to go to the army.

Danzil Sheppard, McElroy employee, was found physically unfit for service.

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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.

—YOU ARE A CRANE!

Are We Men, Mice, or Monkeys?

What would Gargantua, the great gorilla, think of us and our school building were he to come swaggering in just before classes are let out some afternoon? More than likely he'd let out a piercing scream and faint dead away.

"Why," you gasp, "would this powerful 750-pound savage monster faint like an old-fashioned society dame?"

Well, simply for this reason: Gargantua, the gorilla, is a deaf and tidy housekeeper and we're afraid the sight of this littered floor would "floor" him.

Gargantua cleans house as soon as he gets up each morning, and thereafter, throughout the day, he won't allow as much as one little chewing gum wrapper mar the appearance of his floor.

Are we that particular? No, indeed! Our floors (in some rooms) are literally carpeted with papers of all descriptions—gum-wrappers, love-message fragments, paper sacks, discarded papers, and many other articles.

Some scientists say that men are cousins of the apes, but we bet Gargantua wouldn't admit it after one tour through some of our rooms. In fact, they say he has the world's meanest temper and this may be the reason: He heard someone say that we were his cousins.

Are you one who uses the floor for a wastebasket and then says, "Oh, let the janitor pick it up; after all, that's what he's paid for?"

You are? Well, 99 chances out of a 100 you'll be working for someone a few years hence, yourself. How will you feel if your employer maliciously destroys things, or makes you work three times as hard, simply because "that's what you're getting paid for"? Or, what if your teacher gave you three times as much work as you could possibly do and explained it off with, "That's what you're here for?"

Are we men, mice, or monkeys? We're not men, or we wouldn't throw paper on the floor; we're not mice or we'd pile all our paper in one place instead of scattering it; we're not monkeys or we'd pick it up!

If you don't believe us about the paper, take a look under your desk before you leave your class, because the person who sat there before you, memorized his or her scribbled "sweet nothings," then to prevent it from falling into "Dirt Dauber's" hands, tore it into gibles and blew it to the four breezes.

A Patio Full of Plunging Fullbacks!

"Oh! My, who knocked her down? Why, the brute! He should be kicked out of school for such an act of rudeness as that," said one of the high school boys as a girl was knocked down while changing classes.

"Guess who did it," replied one of the few polite boys in Crane. "It was none other than you."

The fact, that if a thing like this should happen, there isn't a boy in Crane that wouldn't feel badly if it should concern him. While changing classes, few people are polite enough to excuse themselves when they accidentally step on somebody's toe, run into somebody, or do some other impolite act. In our patio, it seems that some girls are as bad as the boys about this.

If everyone would only do a little about these "hit-and-run" students, everyone would appreciate it immensely. Please excuse yourself when you run into someone, and watch where you're going so as to avoid such an act.

What Can We Do To Scalp The Japs?

Students of Crane High, are we willing to help the United States (our country) whip the Japs? When we stop and think about it, we know we are willing to help, but what can we, as students, do to help shorten this war that has suddenly sprung upon us? There are so many ways we may help to win it.

These savings bonds help if we would buy as many as we can. We might save on our school supplies in order to add our stamp money. We could cut down on using the car so often, in order to save the tires and gasoline. The waste paper and tinfoil is also needed. It is said that the Japs can live on half of what we throw away, so, students, you see there is a lot we must learn about economy if we whip such a foe and keep our country free. So keep in your mind the saying, "Help whip the Japs."

BUY DEFENSE BONDS AND STAMPS



SPORTS



GIRLS ANGLE

Hard luck certainly seems to have fallen on the volleyball girls this year. Andrews won a close match over them last week and then later in the week they were toppled over by the girls of Buena Vista. But, really, girls, do not mind that, everyone has to lose everyone in a while, and we are all behind you 100 per cent; so let's show this district that we can win when we like.

In the game with Buena Vista, Beverly Thomas held the record for high points and did an excellent job of all-around playing as well as did the other girls.

The B team had some bad luck and lost to the Buena Vista girls, but all in all, there was really some excellent team work and playing among the girls. Juanita Wallis held the high point place on this team.

Leave it to the little juniors, and every time he will uphold the name of Crane High. They won over the Imperial team by a good margin. Anna Bivins was high point player.

Baseball has been played during the past few weeks by the sixth period P. E. classes. It might happen that one of them will turn out to be a Babe Ruth or Dizzy Dean!!!!

Volleyball Girls Lose to Andrews

The Crane "A" volleyball team was beaten by Andrews in their first two games by a score of 14 to 16 and 16 to 15.

Then it was Crane's time to turn on the heat. They walloped the Andrews girls two games with scores of 15 to 11 and 15 to 6.

The last game ended with a score of 15 to 16 in Andrews' favor after Crane had made two points, both of which were ruled illegal.

Either one of these points would have been the winning one. After the third time, Andrews served the ball and made enough points to win the game.

We part more easily with what we possess than with our expectations of what we hope for: expectation always goes beyond enjoyment.—Home.

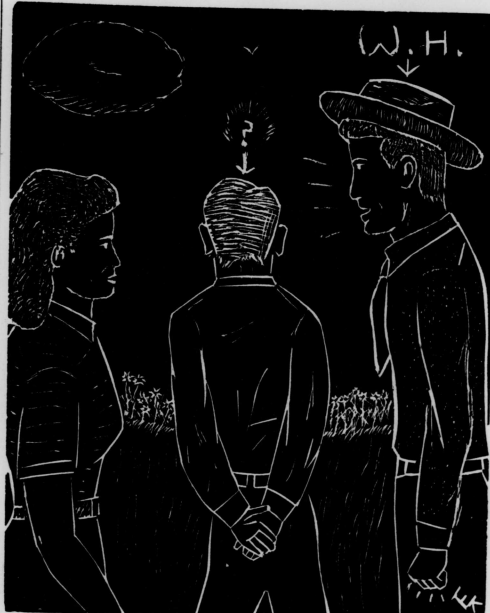
THE CALL TO THE COLORS IS A CALL FOR DOLLARS!



Dig deep. Strike hard. Our boys need the planes, ships, and guns which your money will help to buy.

Go to your bank, post office, or savings and loan association. Tell them you want to buy Defense Bonds regularly, starting now.

BUY BONDS—BEAT THE BUND



W. H. and Aileen went out to pick flowers. Calloun went along, so they picked flowers.



It's getting where it's unsafe to tattle on any of these girls anymore, because for all you know, they may be married. TOMMY LOU'S party Monday night there was a fortune teller, and she informed many of the Crane students that there was trouble ahead within the next few days, and the students took it for exams! Here's hoping you lived through them, kiddos. ANN BOYD has been experimenting with NAMES lately. She can't decide which one sounds better, ANN ALLMAN or ANN WALLIS. But, Ann, Ann Allman is ALLITERATION in parts of speech. JOHNNIE STOKES didn't know he was such a good jitter bugger until he and JEAN SEAY won the prize the other night. John is ready to give a few lessons if anyone wants to learn; eh, John? DORIS COKER and JOE of Midland are no more. DOROTHY MAE stepped IN where Coker stepped OUT, it is rumored. POLA JEAN, DELWIN is just around the corner in case anything should happen between you and TOMMY. BILLIE MARIE has been so busy with lessons lately that she hasn't time for boys. I bet the teachers wish that there were more like you, Billie; just keep the good work up. BETTY JO MUSIC and HERMAN KANE'S affair evidently went on the rocks because a certain OSCAR BUSHWAR of McCamey has been escorting Betty around lately. Now that CLARA BELL PEARCE

Crane Wins Feature In Triple-Header With Kermit Teams

Winning the feature of the evening, the Golden Cranes evaded the invading Kermit Yellowjackets to the fast tune of 29-27.

The Crane B's and the little Cranelets succumbed to the sharp sting of the Yellowjackets by the score of 19-18, 13-14.

High point men of the evening for the A, B and Junior teams, respectively, were:

George Grounds and Tiny Earp, 10 points each; Billy Lowe and B. H. Mansell tying with 4 points each, and C. Hutchison with five points for the Juniors.

Crane A lineup was as follows:

	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
J. Grounds	4	1	9
G. Grounds	4	2	10
J. Ellison	1	0	2
H. Pettit	0	0	0
E. Teague	1	1	3
N. Brunette	0	1	1
T. Earp	2	0	4

NOTES FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

"PEARL HARBOR"

Tell, oh tell, in mournful numbers,
Of the boys who fought and fell,
By a charge of our dog soldiers,
A bunch of demons out of hell.
Like a thief, at the hour of midnight,
They straked upon us, and
On a day the "Boy Scouts"
When they should have been at prayer.

Tell the nation to remember
Well the deed, when it was done
On the seventh of December,
Nineteen hundred and forty-one.
With a hiding place out somewhere,
Somewhere in the ocean deep,
They struck at a time, the Sabbath day,
When the watchmen might be asleep.

We will die before surrender.
Take Adolph Hitler for a boss.
We'll crucify the Axis power,
Forever nail it to the cross.
On the wall a hand is writing,
They might well have understood,
They would pay the price tomorrow.

Pay it well, and pay with blood.
We don't mean an even swapout,
And I do not mean perhaps,
I would not give one American boy
For a million dirty Japs.

Could we yield to such a people?
No, oh no. Not for our lives;
They failed to conquer poor old China,
The boys that fought with butcher knives.

From THE BANNER.
Written by Chad W. Scott, Ralls, Texas.

Driving along the street with a young lady he had just picked up, a playboy said, "Blondie, you'll have to watch these traffic lights. I'm color blind."

"Yes, huh! Yo shore is."—The Chaser.

Mary had a little lamb,
Its FLEAS were white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went,
People would shout, "Look, albinos!"—Parrakeet.

He was 5 ft. 11 inches tall and weighed 140 pounds.

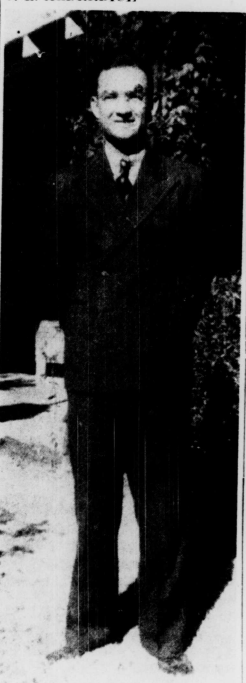
B. H. has been in Crane only three weeks, but he's already taking his place in the Crane school activities. He plays both guard and forward on the basketball B team.

Being classified as an all-around boy, B. H.'s favorite sport is basketball; his favorite food is chicken; favorite pastime is playing swing music on a guitar, favorite movie stars are Bob Hope and Hedy Lamarr, and his favorite study is typing.

B. H. is classified as a junior and we sincerely hope he learns to love Crane school as we do.

Featuring Fellows Of Our Faculty

J. L. ALDERDICE



Italy sounds rather confusing now, but don't get excited, it's not in Italy, it's in this county.

John W. J. Alderdice was born Dec. 31, 1917. If you ever run onto a man that has brown hair, hazel eyes, weighs 145, and is five feet 11 inches tall, who always smiles and speaks whether he has ever seen you before or not, don't get alarmed, it's only Mr. Alderdice. He has a very winning personality. In fact, it's so winning it won the heart of our music teacher before school had been going on three months. They were married Oct. 31, 1941.

Mr. Alderdice's favorite food is veal loaf. (Don't tell anyone I told you, but I think Mrs. Alderdice specializes in cooking that.) He likes any and all sports, from tiddlywinks to pee-wee football. He likes to watch Henry Fonda and Jean Arthur act.

He attended college at N. T. S. T. C. at Denton and only lacks six hours of having his Master's Degree. Mr. Alderdice teaches sixth and seventh grade history, sixth grade math, and coaches pee-wee football during the football season.

It is a well-known fact that Mr. Alderdice is dearly beloved by everyone in Crane school.

C. A. DICKENSON:
In Olustee, Okla., about 36 years ago, we find a little blue-eyed, blond-haired boy was born. The best years of his boyhood, his high school years, were spent in Duke, Okla., where he played football and basketball, and after he went to college, he went back to Duke to teach for three years.

Mr. C. A. Dickenson is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 140 lbs. His appetite is rather unusual to the other men faculty members, because his favorite food seems to be fried tame rabbit.

He likes golf well enough to class it as a favorite sport and pastime. Mr. Dickenson does not seem to care for movies much now but he used to delight in seeing all-time Beery play.

He went two years to Oklahoma A & M, one summer at Colorado University, one summer at Oklahoma University, and received his B. A. Degree from Tech at Lubbock. Mr. Dickenson is principal of the grade school and also teaches seventh grade arithmetic. He is another of the beloved grade school faculty members and is far from being unknown among high school students.

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Cranes Tounce Pecos Eagles In Conference Tilt

Without so much as ruffling a feather, the Golden Cranes migrated west of the Pecos Friday and plucked the Pecos Eagles in their own nest by the unbalanced score of 49-13. The Crane team ran up against a different type of offense but continued to drop the ball through the hoop for points. This was the second consecutive conference victory for the Golden Cranes.

The Crane B squad out-manuevered the Pecos B's also but not quite so decisively as their big brothers. The final tally in this tilt was 20-14.

High point men of the evening were Tiny Earp for the A team with 12 points and J. L. Hutchison for the B team with 11 points.

A TEAM

Name	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
G. Grounds	4	1	9
J. Grounds	2	2	6
Hutchison	1	0	2
Ellison	4	0	8
Earp	0	12	
Teague	2	1	5
Wright	0	0	0
Pettit	0	0	0
Brunette	3	1	7

B TEAM

Name	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
Lowe	2	1	5
Mansell	5	1	11
Wallis	0	0	9
Roper	1	0	2
Bosworth	1	0	2
Wright	0	0	0
Stokes	0	0	9
Brown	0	0	0

The B team turned on the steam and walloped the "Imp" girls to the beat of 15 to 6.

Imperial won the next game with a score of 15 to 19 and Crane won the third game 15 to 9.

The starting lineup was, Juanita Wallis, Pat Pendleton, Doris Hayter, Pola Jean Murrell, Madeline Welch and Sassanna Pegdleton.

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Cranes Wallop Wink Wildcats Three Straight

Revenge was sweet and complete here Saturday night as the Golden Cranes took three in a row from the mighty Wink Wildcats.

The A team won their game 29 to 15, thus hurdling the second barrier between them and a conference championship.

The B team skinned the Wildcats 24 to 21 and the Juniors made victory unanimous by a score of 30-13.

Imperial Girls Beat Cranettes

Boy! It was exciting! The Imperial teams came over to Miss Cranettes' gym and gave them a licking to the tune of 15 to 13 and 15 to 13. The Crane A team fought to the last minute of the game.

The starting lineup was, Jean Seay, Floy Whitwell, Faye Griffin, Florine Cage, Beverly Thomas, and Juanita Wallis. Beverly was high pointer of all three games.

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Crane High's Men Of The Week

In Moline, Kansas, on June 11, 1923, the stork dropped a little grey eyed boy with black hair. Now we frequently see this little

boy in bright boxing trunks. Bob is 5 ft. 7 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds.

He loves eating jello, his favorite sport is boxing, his favorite pastime is dancing, favorite movie stars are Maxie Rosenbloom and Hedy Lamarr, and his favorite study is Journalism.

Bob has been going to Crane school two and a half years and is classed as a senior. The past four and a half months Bob has been the editor of "The Crane," but he decided he could be of more use to Uncle Sam in the navy than he could be to "The Crane." We'll miss seeing Bob around here and there, but we wish him all the happiness and success in the world.

On Aug. 18, 1923, there was a little brown haired boy with brown eyes born in Duncan, Okla. This little boy grew and grew un-

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ELEMENTARY NEWS

Mrs. Crabtree's first grade has completed their Pet Book. There have been several children absent with colds. Freddie Coe has the measles. Dorothy Fisher went to Eunice. N. M. Charlene Ellison moved here from Van. Tex.

Miss Gressett's first grade will get new readers next week. Jay Doug McCollum and Jackie White are back from a long period of illness. J. E. Hargraves moved here from Beaumont.

Mrs. Dossett's second grade also has new readers. Charlotte Hargraves and Henrietta Dillon moved here recently from Fannett, Oklahoma.

Miss Key's second grade has a new pupil from Baytown, Nancy Beth Evans. Several of the children have been out with colds and the flu. The children are all hoping to see the absent ones back soon.

Mrs. Carroll's third grade has been studying about Mexico. They have learned a few Spanish words and are drawing some Spanish pictures. They are also studying Spanish costumes and have brought a number of Spanish plaques from home. Alice Faye Smith from California stayed in Crane school only one week, then moved to Monahans.

Mrs. Goodman's third grade room lost a little girl who moved to Eunice, N. M., Bobby Ruth Beach. The children surprised Mrs. Goodman with a wedding gift.

Mrs. Cunningham's fourth grade room is learning to tell the time. They are doing some memory work in English. The children have exchanged library books with the other fourth grade room. Mary Beth Brown, Bobby Don Smith, Kenneth Dale Lewis, Billy Chadwell and Joan Ward have been absent.

Miss McKenzie's fourth grade room is studying about Eskimos. Posters have been made of the fruit and vegetables they should eat. Gloria Young is a new member of the fourth grade class. She came from St. Louis.

Mrs. Patterson's fifth grade room is studying long division with three figures in the divisor. They are also learning how to keep simple cash books. Gerry Barton is a new student in the fifth.

Mrs. Dickinson took Miss Marie Smith's place during her absence. The children all liked Mrs.

Dickinson but were glad to have Miss Smith come back to the fifth grade class. The children reviewed for their mid-term examinations. Reporter, Miriam Holcomb.

Mrs. Water's sixth grade is going to give a play in the near future. Mr. Zachary is giving the class a course in Red Cross First Aid. Some of the students are very interested and even have classes on week ends if they can. He will issue Red Cross license to members who pass the course. The class has been reviewing their history. The students have been writing themes on different subjects. Nothing new ever happens which is very exciting or even interesting. I think the whole class is satisfied with their spelling teacher, at least I am. A certain person argues with his reading teacher although she says she can see it his way. All the students want to become members of the Defense Stamp Club. Reporter, James R. Hale.

Tests! Tests! all you can hear is tests. They come creeping up like snakes all in a row. The row of tests have hit the seventh in a whirl wind and every day there is one. Spelling, music, reading, math, language and history all at once. Triangles, parts of speech, words, and presidents all jammed into our brain at once. Reporter, Lee Etta Justiss.

Juria Maynard and Brownie Teer are invited to a formal party by John Hurd and Joe Pierce on Friday night, Jan. 16. The party is given by several of the eighth grade girls.

Our room received the picture given by the Defense Club for the most percent of members this week. We hope to keep it the rest of the year. Oh! at last we are through with our six weeks exams. We did not take mid-term exams but only six weeks. We were glad because it saved us a lot of work and study. (Lazy us)—Reporter, Gwen Weed.

Civilian Defense—

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sure there is more than one exit.

(b) Determine how the school alarm will be sounded for an air raid.

(c) Assign a refuge space or refuge room for each class or class room. Assign class leader to conduct the drill—the same as for fire.

(d) Publish full instructions; have them read over and over again and again to pupils. Have them posted on bulletin boards.

CRANE SEZ—

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ed the secret service (Morse code) that is being exhibited in the third period American History Class?

Boys, don't waste all of your time courting! If you don't hook a wife now, you may be left out on a limb. Three of our previously available femmes have been stolen from under our nose recently—and not by Cranes, either.

Jerry (I'll Never Love Again) Reed is planning to join the Foreign Legion—and it's not Billie Marie this time.

Since we're exposing everyone in general, we may as well tell you that some of the younger students—freshmen and such—have gone loop-legged over Miss (high school girl—is that irony?) Whitacre.

Rumors have it here that Germans are naming their ships after jokes so the English won't get them.—Cricket Chirps.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested."—Bacon. That's the way my pet dog feels about it.

Be sure every teacher and pupil understands them—now!

These things should be done at once. When you have completed all of these things, it is time to organize your long-range planning.

6. Here are some of the steps to take:

(a) Appointment of school building wardens whose duties should be co-ordinated with their local zone warnings service.

(b) Special transmission of air raid warnings from the control center to school buildings.

(c) Fire Defense—adequacy of present equipment, appointment of fire watchers for fire guards, and special training in combatting incendiaries.

(d) Protective Construction—quick, simple measures to provide additional security.

(e) Study of alternate air raid refuges for teachers and pupils in case of fire. Depending upon location, suitable buildings in the neighborhood may be available for use as air raid refuges. It is desirable to explore this possibility in order to effect dispersion where it can be done without undue exposure to children.

7. What to Do About Training Start your training now. Don't wait for the final plan. Drill the pupils to behave on an air raid alarm just as they do on a fire alarm. Hold drill every few days until they are thoroughly accustomed to it.

Keep up the morale of the pupils, so that if a raid occurs, you will have experience in keeping them occupied. Organize first aid training for selected groups. Organize fire defense training for the fire guards.

8. Are We In Danger? The answer to that is: we don't intend to be caught napping again—anywhere or any time. We are not going to say again, "It can't happen here."

Don't rush around, don't worry, but act! These are simple precautions. Read them again. Think how you would apply them to your school. Then take necessary action—today!

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INTRODUCING THE SENIORS

LOREA McCORKLE

Short and pleasantly plump would best describe this senior girl. Lorea McCorkle is five feet one inch tall and weighs 123 lbs. She has brown hair and eyes and is some place around 18.

Among Lorea's likes are pecan pie, "Marie," Vogue, Poe, dancing, tennis, and tall, blond and handsome boys, which proves she is very much in taste. Conceited and hateful people are her pet peeves.

Crane has had the honor of having her in this school since '35 during which time she has been a



member of the volleyball team, Home Ec Club, Glee Club, Library Club, on the tennis team, and on the staff for two years.

TED HOGAN

Way back in the dark ages we find this little boy came into existence in the town of Sterling City, Texas. For some reason he was punished with the fate of being good looking, blond, tall, and having an excellent personality.

Ted Hogan prefers fried chicken, Gray Grey books, camping, swimming, and going to dances where they play "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire," to other recreations. And when it comes to dates you make your guess, mine is Maybelle.

During his eight years in Crane High School, Ted has been a member of the band and a leader in his class and is an Eagle Scout.

Literary Angles

This short story was written by W. H. Lovelace, a member of the senior class.

DARK TOWN STRUTS BOLD

In the year 1902, I made an exploit into a certain part of South-Central Africa in search of a river of gold. This particular country was inhabited by the hostile Kumas warriors.

We, 36 of us (35 faithful negro servants and I) canoed across Lake Tanganyika, and three days later reached the Mitumba Mountains, a few miles south of Lake Muera. Here we entered the mountains. I expected the group of us to be killed in our sleep by the ever-waiting Kumas warriors. I noticed the enemy scouts' foot prints at every water hole we came to. Every step was probably reported to some fat old Kumas chief as soon as it was made.

I realized how dangerous the trip to the Congo Luaba River would be when I set out, but I was eager to know if the reports of gold in that river were true or not.

If they were true, and I loaded my negro boys with the gold, my financial difficulties were over, provided I got back in one piece.

Jungle Injustice

We pitched camp at sundown in a growth of underbrush, leaving three night-guards on duty, which was a helpless act of protection, because if the entire 36 of us had kept guard, instead of this three, we could do very little to protect ourselves from the Kumas warriors' poisoned arrows.

My servants were all friendly Bantus from Zanzibar. The three Bantu guards were not to be found next morning; that is, not all of them. They were murdered in the night and their hearts hung in the vines near their watch post. I had lost several natives on previous adventures in Tanganyika, but never had they been murdered. They had been killed accidentally or by animals. I quickly issued guns and ammunition to my boys. We were a day's travel from the river of gold and if we turned back we would fall into a trap set by the Kumas; so we plunged on. We were practically mice in a trap in that unknown country.

Blitzkrieg In The Bush

As we crossed a dry creek bed, watching for signs of the enemy, my gun boy suddenly dropped to the ground with an enemy arrow

SOUR NOTES From The Band

There is nothing like a good march if one had "fiddle-playing" ancestors. The floor practically moans when the band students start to pat their feet.

W. H. Lovelace played a trombone solo, "Air Varie," for the Band Booster Club last week. Mrs. Alderdice played his accompaniment.

It has been hinted around that the Crane band might enter in Class B or A this year at the state contest. Anyway, here is wishing the organization good luck.

The largest percent of band members keep one or both feet going all the time in rhythm with the music.

Several students have been given solos to play. These soloists might be called on to play any time or for any occasion.

There were no exemptions from the mid-term band test this year.

Dot Rogers is the only girl in the concert band that plays a cornet. In fact, she sits among nine or ten good looking male cornet players. Such luck!

There is a saying that goes something like this: "Patting your feet is a sign that that is where your brains are located." Could be.

Aileen Murtishaw, Freda Peck, Dorothy Coker and Jeanette Hunsaker are the only girl clarinet players in the honor band.

Song of The Week

ELMER'S TUNE

Why are the stars always winkin' and blinkin' above?

What makes a fellow start thinkin' of fallin' in love?

It's not the season, the reason is pain as the moon;

It's just Elmer's Tune.

What makes a lady of eighty go out on the loose?

Why does a gander meander in search of a goose?

What puts the kick in a chicken, the magic in June?

It's just Elmer's Tune.

Listen, listen, there's a lot you're liable to be missin'.

Sing it, swing it, any old way and any old time.

The burdy-kurdies, the birdies, the cop on the beat.

The candy maker, the baker, the man on the street;

The city charmer, the farmer, the man in the moon.

All sing Elmer's Tune.

24 states of the U. S., or half of those in the nation, now produce oil.

between his shoulders. I seized my gun to shoot the killer. As if from out of nowhere, there suddenly and silently appeared hundreds of armed Kumas. They seemed to emerge from behind every rock and bush. Loading their bows or waving their spears, the savages filled the trees. What chance did the 33 of us have against them?

In a very few moments my feet were soaked in the blood of my servants' punctured and lacerated bodies. The battle was over as suddenly as it had started. I was taken alive, but not until I had broken many Kumas heads with the barrel of my gun.

Savage Originality Now, though I have been dead all these years, I flinch every time I think of my ribs being cut loose from my spine and pulled completely out of my body before my own eyes, but that was not more painful than when they burned off my finger nails with hot spear points and cut my arms off at the elbows in order to bleed me to death.

Since that unpleasant experience, I have been to very nearly every place of interest in existence. I know where more gold is than has ever been suspected of existing, but it is immaterial to me. Of course, no one can see me or hear me because I'm immortal. Some day I may tell the story of my death to some of my friends from Crane, Texas, United States. I am expecting them soon if they stay on the same road and don't hit any stumps before they get here. I hope they bring some ice water.

: THE BOOKWORM :

Mrs. Elmore, Crane High School librarian, has her head full of excellent ideas on how to decorate the library.

Thursday she decorated a section of the front library wall with a large toy airplane. Around the airplane were the covers of popular air books, such as, "Mid-Flight", "War Wings", "Dive Bomber", "Hostess of the Skies", "Winged Mystery", "I Wanted Wings", and on the table below the poster there were a few other air books. Below the airplane was the title "Wings of the Wind."

Jan. 13, 1942, is the 78th anniversary of the death of Stephen C. Foster. Mrs. Elmore put many interesting things about Stephen C. Foster on one of the library bulletin boards. Foster is the only composer in America's Hall of Fame. There were pictures of busts of America's most noted men and women—those who, in the opinion of today's leading citizens, have done most to contribute to our cultural heritage—have been placed in the impressive colonnade of the Hall of Fame. There were also some songs by Foster and the cover of the book, "He Heard America Sing," the life story of Stephen C. Foster.

FROM THE CRANE FILES

ONE YEAR AGO

The junior football boys have had a fairly successful season this year, losing four games and winning four.

J. H. Bankston, former superintendent of Crane High School, has recently been elected superintendent of the Victoria high school and president of the Victoria Junior College.

THREE YEARS AGO:

Mrs. A. E. Galloway and Miss Oleta Mosely presented their students in a recital at high school auditorium Thursday evening, December 16.

Baskets of food will be distributed to the needy Dec. 23 for Christmas.

FOUR YEARS AGO:

A Thanksgiving program was sponsored by Miss McDade Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 25, at 2:15 o'clock, featuring Scotch Grace by the sixth grade.

Many of the Crane High grads returned from college during the holidays to eat Thanksgiving dinner with their families.

FIVE YEARS AGO:

Inez Whittenburg entertained friends with a party Saturday, Nov. 29, at her home.

Fourteen members of the Crane football squad are to be awarded letters this season, according to Coach Harris.

SIX YEARS AGO:

Gene Shackelford, senior and 3-year letter man, was elected captain of the Crane basketball team.

Seven fire extinguishers were placed in the Crane High School last week.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

The Crane High School Rhythm

Poet's Corner

QUICK WORK

The minute I saw you my heart skipped a beat;
Sleep would not come, I just could not eat.
I tried to work, but my head wouldn't stop;
I had to see you, or I knew I'd drop.
So I saw you once more, and this time for good,
For you yanked out my tooth, as a good dentist should.

Few Aliens in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N. C.—North Carolina leads all states in native-born population, with a foreign-born percentage of only 0.4 per cent, state department of conservation and development says, on the basis of 1940 census.

ARMY HORSE, 36, RETIRED

WATERVLIET, N. Y.—The Watervliet Arsenal believes it has the oldest army horse in the U. S. Billy, who saw service in the World War, has been retired at age of 26.

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds

Band, under the direction of Miss Mary E. Bacon, will present a program at the second night meeting of the PTA in the school auditorium, Nov. 21.

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