

STAIRWAY TO THE STARS!



THE CRANE



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BY DOLORES WHITE

We are extremely proud of our basketball team and are looking forward to a district title. Good boys!

DO UNTO OTHERS
The motto others as you would have them do unto you. Let's try to be more sportsmanlike at our basketball games. Even if we understand players do not agree with the referees let's not boo and yell to be called down.

SAVE!!!
The seniors would like to pass along this bit of knowledge to the overclass men. Save your pennies, nickels, and dimes, quarters, and if you can. You certainly need the extra change you can get from your hands when you reach the senior position. Caps and pins, graduation cards, senior year and a gillion other things to spend your green and silver savings on.

PEACE AND QUIET
The cafeteria line has certainly improved since only one class has been permitted to enter the building at a time.

THANKS!
The Student Council wishes to thank each and every one who contributed to the March of Dimes.

WHAT COLOR SHALL WE USE
The new orange water tower seems to be causing quite a bit of excitement among the classes. We ask for it to make the fashionette.

WHEN?
When? Seems to be the big question the football boys and girls would like to have answered concerning the football season.

GOOD LUCK
Let's back our volleyball girls with the spirit that has been shown to our basketball and football teams.

SPRING IS NEAR
The Crane Sez it's gonna be spring before long and all those romances popping and we're not kidding. The gossip shortage is very unusual for old Crane Hi.

WIN FIRST
We want the band to bring home the first place honors from the band contest which will be held in Andrews on April 11.

REHOLD, WHAT MEN ARE THESE?
The ex's have been haunting the hall of C. H. S. lately, looks natural, doesn't it?

DENTON BOUND
Seven F. T. A. members will attend the Denton Meeting during March. They seem to be VERY excited about the trip. Wonder why?

EXCITED
The seniors are really getting anxious for school to be out. Could be the monotony of school or just the senior trip.

TRY
If you failed a subject the first semester, now is the time to start studying, so you won't repeat. You still have a chance to bring those low marks.

DON'T FORGET
Everyone be sure and attend the CORONATION AND BALL held February 21, sponsored by the senior class.

BANQUET
Last, but not least, is the Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the Baptist Church honoring the 1953 Senior Class. The banquet is to be February 14. If any senior has failed to receive an invitation please leave your name with Mrs. Williams.

Senior Guide to American Tour
Be especially careful not to be here, because this is a mighty dangerous place. But if you do remember to look to the right the view is extraordinary."



Charline Ellison To Be Local Entry In FTA Statewide Convention

Charline Ellison was recently elected Sweetheart of the Future Teachers of America. She is to travel to Denton, Texas on March 6 and 7 to enter the statewide contest sponsored by the F. T. A.

The Sweetheart is selected on poise, beauty, and her presentation of a speech "Teachers—Stars of Tomorrow". The contestant must be a junior or senior in high school.

The convention will follow the theme of "Stars of Tomorrow". Gifts will be presented to the club having the largest number of representatives present and also the club that travels the greatest distance. Other awards will be presented also.

On Friday night there will be a get-acquainted party for the representatives. A banquet will be held Saturday to present the State F. T. A. Sweetheart.

The Sweetheart will be judged by a superintendent of schools, an elementary school teacher, a high school teacher, a lawyer, and a doctor not connected with the F. T. A.

Other F. T. A. members from Crane who will attend the convention are Donnie Tomlinson, Dolores White, Martha Hopson, A. J. Smith, Norma Crittenden and Florence McDougal.

Doug Damron, ex-Crane formerly attending North Texas State College, is now attending Odessa College.

Jill Russell, ex-Cranette, transferred from North Texas State College for Women to Sul Ross College in Alpine.

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'Stairway To The Stars' To Be New Coronation Theme

To keep everyone guessing the theme of the Coronation has been changed. It has been changed from the cherry theme to "Stairway To The Stars." No more can be told about it except that each couple will have different music, all having to do with the stars.

The setting will avoid the George Washington theme entirely, and will be more romantic than the Washington one would be.

The royal court will be entertained with several numbers from the dance band and also some from the choir. There will also be dance numbers presented by the Bingham and Montilla Studios.

The color theme will be black, blue and gold.

Each couple will be introduced by the master of ceremonies, Donnie Tomlinson.

The price of admission will be 50 cents for those from the eighth up and 25 cents for those below the eighth.

There will be a dance at the gym after the Coronation with the price set at 25 cents per couple and 35 cents stag. The gym will also be decorated.

This event is sponsored by the Annual Staff and the Student Council, with the proceeds going to the Senior Class.

The "Stairway to The Stars" is one of Mrs. I. K. Elmore's as was the cherry theme.

Carroll To Help Make Shop Teaching—Guide For State Curriculum

The Texas Education Agency has requested that C. A. Carroll help in developing a tentative manuscript for teaching—guide materials in industrial arts. They stated they thought Mr. Carroll would make a valuable contribution to the committee.

The group will assemble in Austin at 1 p. m. on February 13 and remain in session through February 14.

The reason for drawing up the manuscript is, that the industrial arts teachers over the state have been asking for the material. The last manuscript of this kind published in Texas was published in 1938.

Billie Gooch, Dee Owens, Dolores Hooper, Mary Lou Snead and Mrs. Mildred Rose attended the Area FHA Committee meeting in Monahans, along with representatives from Wink, Kermit, McCamey, Monahans, and Pecos.

Electa And Mae Cry, 'Birds And Paint Can Make Us Want To Cry'

On the night of Wednesday, Feb. 4, Miss Electa Arrington and Miss Mae Featherstone, local school teachers, were spending a quiet evening at home.

Miss Arrington was in her room, listening to the radio and singing, and Miss Featherstone was attempting to grade a set of papers.

Suddenly, Miss Arrington heard Miss Featherstone rush to the front door and open it. "Oh, goody-goody," she thought. "We have company."

But then, the door slammed violently, and a flow of muttered words filled the room.

Miss Arrington stepped into the living room to find Miss Featherstone feverishly fanning the air with a towel.

"Mae... Mae!" Miss Arrington gasped. (She feared that Miss Featherstone had finally cracked under the strain of grading the papers.)

But Miss Featherstone cried, "Birds (censored) birds!"

After catching about ten sparrows that SOMEONE had cleverly put between the screen and the door, the frenzied teachers retired for the night.

DON'T FAINT, PAINT
The following evening, our two heroines heard a strange "rattle, clank, and thud" on the front porch.

Looking at each other slyly, they thought... more birds.

After waiting a certain length of time, Miss Arrington peeked cautiously through the door. . . . no birds. "Well," she thought, "I had better get my keys out of my car."

As she descended the steps, "squish-drip-drip. She was standing in something soft and sticky. "Blood! Blood!" she screamed, but on investigation, it was found to be only aluminum paint.

One pair of shoes gone, contributed to the advancement of juvenile delinquency.

Time: the following morning, Miss Arrington has on a new pair of suede shoes.

In the usual panic to get to school, she rushed from the house only to...squish-drip-drip. And now, both of our harrowed heroines want to know...WHO DONE IT?

Texas Teaching Staff Short 5,000 Members; Skimpy Pay Checks

Austin, Texas, January 16, The 53rd Texas Legislature was urged today to improve teacher salaries in order to attract 11,000 additional teachers that will be needed in Texas Public Schools the next eight years.

Inadequate salaries are the main reason schools cannot find teachers for the classrooms being built for increasing enrollments, said Charles H. Tennyson, secretary-treasurer of the Texas State Teachers Association.

Tennyson said Texans should be shocked by the fact that the state may have fewer teachers in 1960 than in 1952 even though the scholastic population is expected to increase 325,000 over its present level by 1959-60.

More than 4,000 teachers left the profession last year, while population growth created the need for an extra 1,000 teachers. This meant a total of 5,000 new teachers was needed. Only 4,000 college graduates were certified to teach in Texas in 1952 and approximately half of those were lured away from the profession, primarily by higher salaries offered by industry, Tennyson reported.

He questioned whether the average 1951-52 teacher salary of \$2,860 was adequate to hold men and women in the important profession of educating Texas' boys and girls. Income tax and retirement deductions cut that average to \$2,279 in take home pay, and this had a purchasing power of \$1,150 dollars in terms of the 1935-39 dollar, Tennyson observed.

"Who will teach Texas children in 1960 if the teaching profession is able to attract only 2,000 qualified college graduates each year and continues to lose 5,000 teachers annually? Tennyson asked.

Thus, he said is a major question to which the legislature should give serious consideration.

Permian Basin Meet Held In Kermit High With 275 Attending

Kermit was a point of interest February 2, when the Permian Basin teachers and board members met for their meeting with Superintendent Lipscomb of Wink as the Master of Ceremonies.

Preparations for 225 members were made for the dinner with 275 attending from all over the Permian Basin. The dinner was served in the Kermit High School Cafeteria, and the remainder of the meeting was held in the high school building.

A program consisted of two vocal numbers by Bill Duncan, a local Kermit lawyer. Also, four members of the KHS Dance Orchestra furnished music during the meal.

After dinner, and after Mr. Lipscomb's welcome remarks, all groups broke up into sectional meetings for their work.

These meetings are held every three months. The Spring meeting will be held in Andrews.

Those attending from Crane were Brady Nix, superintendent; C. A. Carroll, principal; and Jim Nevins, grade school principal.

Board members T. R. Coffield, W. B. Gunn, and Joe Boyd attended.

Teachers attending were J. P. Harrison, Floyce Underhill, Steve Quitta, J. R. Dickson, Doug Crane, Burl Strickland, Jack Al-Mack, Dan Andereg, Gerald Rogers, Harold Riley, Joel Williams, Darrell Warren, Robert Irvine, and Paul Patterson.

McDougal Tops Honor Roll With High 95.8 Average

The Freshman Class was evidently the hardest working bunch in high school, according to the last six weeks' honor roll.

Barbara McDougal scored a neat 95.8 average and Shirley Ann Wallander was close behind with 95.2.

The following freshmen also appeared on the honor roll: Regina Kinsey—92.3, Eva Mae Miller—93.8, Sandra Russell—94.6, Sarann West—94.4, Beverly Sikes—94, Brenda Owens—93.4, Rex Wood led the senior class with an average of 95.

Other seniors with a high average were: Judy Mathis—93.06, Dolores White—93, Donald Tomlinson—92.4, Sammie Davis—90.2.

Norma Crittenden topped the junior class with a 94.5 average. Norma and Joan Ware also led the whole list of students on the honor roll in grade points. Each one had 33.

The other juniors on the honor roll were as follows: Jerry Caskey—93.3, Ted Field—93.1, Dolores Hooper—93, Myra Sue Harold—92.3, Joan Ware—91.6, Luanne Presley—93.6, Helen Laken—91.6, Lawrence LeBoeuf broke the sophomore tape with an average of 92.

Bill Mathes came in second with 91.5. Third place goes to Mary Ted Sharrock with a 90.2, but

Byron Dennis was a constant threat with an average of 90.1. Stanley Holcomb came in last with an 88.3 scoring.

Ella Smith won the first round of eighth grade competition with a knockout of 94.4.

Round two went to David Crittenden, who rang the bell with 93.4.

Carolyn Bostwick did some fancy footwork in round three with a scoring of 92.4.

Gwen Bassham kayoed her opponent with a 91.2 haymaker.

"Generally speaking, these grades were above average, but as in any kind of work, there is always room for improvement," says the administrator.

Bill Holm, Patterson Delegates To El Paso

Paul Patterson and Bill Holm were selected by secret ballot to represent Crane High School and the elementary school at El Paso in the Texas State Teachers Association Convention, March 13-14.

The delegates must sit in on the meeting of the House of Delegates, and they get a vote on any new rules or business that comes up. They are also supposed to keep the local unit informed on any new rules or changes which have been made.

Mr. Patterson represented Crane once before in 1946. Miss Mae Featherstone and Mrs. Winnie Browning are alternates.

HIGDON CONTINUES GRIDIRON CAREER; COACHES FOOTBALL TEAM IN GERMANY



Bobby Higdon

was president of the Senior Class. Bobby also played in the band during high school, and was a reporter for this school paper.

COLLEGE
After finishing high school, Bobby attended Sul Ross College, where he continued his football career where he and Bob Mathis, another Crane, established a record as a passing team.

While in college, he also played basketball, tennis and was on the track team.

Finding time for some extra activities, Bobby belonged to the Science, Pioneer, and "T" Clubs. The "T" Club was a club especially for athletes.

MONAHANS COACH
Next in line for Bobby, was a coaching job in Monahans, but which didn't last too long because of Uncle Sam.

He was stationed in San Antonio for some time before going to Germany.

NOW COACHING IN GERMANY
Bobby now has the job of athletic director in Germany. He is coaching a football team which travels all over Germany to play games.

His career has certainly proved an interesting one, and one which Uncle Sam didn't change.

Bobby is married and has a daughter ten months old.

One-fourth of '46 Graduating Class Choose Schoolmaster Profession

Nineteen seniors composed of the class of 1946 in Crane High School. As your reporter traces back through the years of dear ole CHS, she finds that the studio who have attended school here at one time have gone their many separate ways and are now holding many different types of jobs.

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Two of the boys of this class

besides Bobby Higdon, are now overseas for Uncle Sam. One is Eugene Hogan, who graduated from A. and M., and is now an auditor in Japan for the U. S. Army. Myrtle Kelton who spent two years in John Tareleton after finishing high school is now in Germany in the Medical Corp.

Another graduate, Raymond Renfro, is now working for a Chevrolet Company in Borger, Texas. He is married and has two children.

R. T. Stacy spent a couple of years at Sul Ross, Odessa College, and Uvalde Jr. College before moving to Ozona where he and his wife and two boys are now living.

Harry Gunn, and Peggy Daniels, both of this class, graduated from Texas Tech and are married and now living in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Peggy graduated from Tech with a journalism degree.

Most of the girls of this class are now married and are housewives. Among these are Kathryn Lewis, Merie Dickson, Betty Jo White, Betty Miller, Beverly Holt, Betty Ruth Joiner, Billie June Hanks, and Betty Bruce.

Kathryn Lewis attended Texas Tech one semester, but got married and now has a little boy.

teaching in McCamey schools now.

After going to Texas Tech two years, Beverly Holt married, and is now Mrs. Bill Reid and lives in Fort Worth.

Now living in Ozona is Betty Miller who is married and has two children.

Betty Jo White went to Texas Tech for two years, is married now, but her whereabouts are unknown to this reporter.

The former Merle Dickson is now Mrs. Pettlet who lives here in Crane.

Betty Bruce is now Mrs. Andrew Cook. They live in Hobbs, New Mexico where he is geologist for the Gulf. They have two children, boy and a girl.

Award Is Presented; Wood Main Speaker

The pledge to the flag opened the assembly on January 27. George Scott, co-captain presented the Sportsmanship award of District 5A to the Student Body. This award was given to the Crane 1952-53 football team for showing the most sportsmanship.

R. W. Wood, of the Church of Christ brought the morning devotional. His text was Matthew 7:12 and his subject was "Observing The Golden Rule."

McDonald: How can you be sure you weren't speeding?
Beans: I was on my way to the dentist's.

THE CRANE



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.

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 Dolores White, Judy Mathis, Charlene Blair, Rex Wood and
 Marvelee Hooper.

YOUR SCHOOL—DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

How much do you know about your child's school? How much do you know about your child's teachers? Parents are urged to find out more about these things during Public School Week program, March 1-7.

The need for the public school never changes, but the times and conditions may change or require to be changed as to methods and practices of public education. This is inherent with anything that grows, for growth is the result of change.

It is a healthy thing in our democratic way of life to have an intelligent understanding of the important functions of our basic institutions. This is especially true of the schools. The initiative and resourcefulness and the wisdom and leadership that our schools are inculcating in the youth of today are the answer of the problems of citizenship in the years ahead.

Yes, "bring me men to match my mountains." That is the need of our times and must come from the public schools—schools that are strong in the virtues required for building strong men and women.

We can be assured of this and do our part in understanding and helping the public schools to fulfill their great obligation to our times by being a participant in the annual Public Schools Week. Schools will hold open house; accept their hospitality, and you will enjoy the experience of going back to school—if but for a day. Remember it will soon be "Texas Public Schools Week—Democracy in Action."

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EXCHANGES

- Commandments For School
1. Thou shalt not come late for school. (Take the whole day off.)
 2. Thou shalt not wear caps in school. (Hats are more dignified.)
 3. Thou shalt not peek on anyone else's paper. (Have him pass it to you.)
 4. Thou shalt not copy. (Have him do it all.)
 5. Thou shalt not run in the hall. (Sliding is more fun.)
 6. Thou shalt not throw erasers in class. (Books are harder.)
 7. Thou shalt not whisper in class. (Shouting draws more attention.)
 8. Thou shalt not borrow thy neighbor's pen. (Take it.)
 9. Thou shalt not drive thy teachers to the grave. (Let the undertakers do it for her.)
 10. Thou shalt not write on the desks. (Carving lasts longer.)
- Mrs. Kelley: Have some more of this alphabet soup.
 George Scott: No thanks, I couldn't hold another syllable.
 Mother: Be sure and wash your arms, Junior.
 Junior: Yes, Mother. Should I wash for long or short sleeves?
 Definition of a locker door: Something CHS students always get a bang out of!

ARE YOU A GUM CHEWER?

Chewing gum is a bad habit according to this school system. It seems that there have been some new rules made recently for the students who chew gum at school.

In the past we have had a few teachers who didn't really care for the students chewing gum, as long as they kept it reasonable, but some students just have to pop it or blow bubbles, which is certainly very uncalled for.

Some students consider the new rules about not being able to chew gum in school a very unfair and unreasonable decision, but still, to other students it makes no difference. Evidently these are very few who do not chew gum at school.

Wrappers being found in the building didn't help matters any. The janitors hate to work as bad as you do, and this situation does nothing more than create more work for them. As you probably have already noticed at one time or another, there seem to be waste paper baskets in each individual classroom, which must have been placed there for some reason. Why couldn't you put your wrappers in it, instead of being so unkind and throwing them elsewhere.

It is now too late to acquire the privilege of chewing gum in school like we have in the past. So, now don't forget to quit chewing (gum, that it) before you enter the building, and also remember the janitors when you start to throw any kind of wrapper or paper on the floor.

Do you chew gum at school? Well, let this be a warning to you. Don't, anymore.

ARE YOU AN ABE LINCOLN OF TODAY?

Do you take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities you are given? Just to give you an idea of these opportunities, we will look back into the past about 140 years when Abe Lincoln was a lad.

Abe was so eager to learn that he would sit by the fire to read the two or three books he had. He read his few books over and over so he could get the most out of each one. He worked his arithmetic on a wooden shovel and erased by whittling.

He was also very thoughtful to take the best of care of his books because he did not want them to be torn or damaged.

Today, in this wonderful two-million dollar school building and with the good books, do you take every advantage to learn?

Five To Leave School; Six Students To Enroll

It seems that the school came out one to the good this time as far as new students and withdrawals are concerned. There are six new students: Frank Jefferson from Azle, Texas; Jimmy and Kayron Shipman from Eunice, New Mexico; Bobby Boiling from



Have you met the industrial arts teacher? If you haven't you must never have been out to the shop. Whether you have or haven't the Crane takes great pleasure in introducing Steve Quitta.

Mr. Quitta was born in Smithville, Texas on November 11, 1925. He also attended high school there.

He went to college and received his bachelor of science degree at South West Texas State College at San Marcos.

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Social Calendar

February 14 Young peoples banquet given by the First Baptist Church.
 February 21 Coronation Dance.

AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 My fingers are so stiff I can't type. What can I do?
 Stiffie

Dear Stiff:
 Try removing the bones.
 Your limber Auntie.

Dear Auntie:
 My boy friend insists that he loves me, but everytime a pretty girl goes past he stops and stares. What can I do to hold his attention?
 Worried

Dear Worried:
 Try wearing the type of clothes Marilyn Monroe has. If that doesn't work, put horses blinds on him.
 Experienced Soph

Dearest Soph:
 I have a very bad crush on Mr. Ervine. What can I do to attract his attention?
 Torchie

Dear Torchie:
 Try losing a little weight and height; then change your name to start with A. Get me?
 Wishie too

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 The kids are ready for their trip to Galveston. Why didn't I get to go?
 Longing

Dearest Longie:
 Who do you think you are anyway. Lanzo or James?
 Miss Kathryn Grayson (really your old auntie)

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 There is a boy in this school that I just can't stand. It would be okay, but he keeps following and flirting with me. What can I do to discourage him?
 Desolate

Dear Des:
 Try sticking your tongue out at him.
 Your twisted mouth Auntie

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 I wish I had a boy friend, but I'm new here and simply don't know anyone. I'm 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weigh 120 pounds and am blonde-headed. Could you help me get acquainted?
 Lonesome

Dear Lonesome:
 Honey, with those measurements you don't need any help.
 Helpful Auntie (or is it jealous Auntie).

THE CRANE FILES

- 20 YEARS AGO: Patio Prattle was acclaimed the favorite column in "The Crane".
- 17 YEARS AGO: The Cranes boys quintet disbanded basketball to train for track.
- 15 YEARS AGO: The Golden Cranes girls basketball team lost a 52-32 contest to Kermit.
- 12 YEARS AGO: The Golden Crane B team downed the Odessa B 25-21.
- 7 YEARS AGO: The Golden Cranes beat San Angelo 25-20 to take the Big Lake Basketball Tournament.
- 6 YEARS AGO: The Golden Cranes took the Rankin Basketball tournament for the second straight year.
- 5 YEARS AGO: Crane had a regular school day on Saturday February 6.
- 4 YEARS AGO: The Cranes downed Iran 34-33 to take the district 87-B title.
- 3 YEARS AGO: The Golden Cranes took the district 5-A tournament by downing the Kermit Yellowjackets.
- 2 YEARS AGO: Undertow was chosen as the contest play.
- 1 YEAR AGO: The volleyball girls took second in the Grand Falls tournament.



To the students having a birthday between February 1-14 we want to say "Happy Birthday."

Name	Feb.
Billy Gooch	7
Nancy Robinson	5
Corkey	5
Leona Higdon	6
Sandra Russell	8
Patsy Dennis	7
Sonny Scroggins	13



Upon glancing around, your reporter's eye picked up so many unusual articles of clothing that we will only be able to report a few.

First of all, we dedicate flowers to all the students in CHS who always look so neat and fresh.

Have you noticed how nice Paul Patterson always looks with all of those gaily-striped ties?
 Or perhaps you've noticed what a neat appearance Mrs. Gay Miller always present.

Charline Ellison has a very pretty brown skirt and sweater that looks nice with her green hair.

Moccasins seem to be the style and white ones look very nice on Marvelee Hooper, Charlene Blair, and Darlene Henderson. Red ones are also very smart and especially on Sandra Plummer.

Corduroy skirts with matching tops seem to be popular among the teachers as well as the students. Two outstanding ones are Miss Electa Harrington's brown one, and Louanne Presley's wine one.

Sweaters are getting their run of the season and new ones are appearing every day. Have you seen Helen Lakin's white one with a black poodle on it? Or Dee Owens' white wool with the rag-land sleeves?

Lola Mae Kelley and Myra Sue Harrold have been sporting some very classy cowboy shirts lately. These look very nice, girls.

Take special notice the next time Kenneth Terrell wears that blue nylon shirt and those grey flannel trousers.

Has everyone noticed how neat Darrell Henry always appears?

Dolores Jones has some nice-looking black riding pants that go good with a western shirt she has.

Gene Hester always looks neat in the many different pullover sweaters she has. One that especially looks nice is a grey, long-sleeved one.

Jerry Turner has a very pretty grey checked skirt. It is pleated and looks very nice with her many blouses and sweaters.

Judy Mathis has a rose sweater that looks swell on her.

Sammie Davis and Mary Lou Sneed have some pretty matching sweaters that they manage to wear on the same day. Is this planned?

Have you ever noticed the variety of earrings Marvelee Hooper displays? Or those huge ones Judy Glass wears?

Juke Box Personalities

- Laugh, Clown, Laugh — A. J. Smith.
- College Swing—Senior Class
- Gone—Sonny Brock
- Can't Get Out Of This Mood—Martha Hopson.
- With a Hey and a Hi and a Ho Ho—Crane Students.
- Golden Earrings—CHS Boys
- You Grow Sweeter As The Yeas Go By—Mr. and Mrs. Joel Williams.
- I Miss You So—Dolores White
- Ready To Go Steady—Charlene Blair and Don Dukes.
- All Over Nothing At All—Faye and Darrell.
- Sometimes I'm Happy — Judy Mathis.
- Dust—City of Crane
- That's Me Without You—John and Kay.
- The Object of My Affection—Bruce and Joyce.
- We Will Always Be Sweethearts—Dee and Doug.
- You're A Sweet Little Headache—Lawrence and Patricia.
- Yours—Blackie and Beverly
- You Do Something To Me—Jean and Jimmy.

S. C. Deems March Of Dimes Drive Successful

Fifty-one dollars and twenty cents were turned to the County Polio Chairman from the high school at the close of the drive.

The Student Council sponsored the drive. Cards were given to students in home room by a representative of the Student Council. Other cards were available in the library. Cards were placed in a box in the library.

Mrs. Inez Elmore stated that the drive was much better than in the past years and that the students responded well.

Ables, Able Athlete, Also Tolerable Tall Tale Teller



Richard Ables

Into this poor world on November 16, wandered a lonely nose and this nose was followed by a little curly-headed kid named Richard Ables.

Ables was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, where upon graduation he plans to attend Coffeyville Junior College for two years before going on to the University of Kansas. He plans to major in chemical engineering.

Richard is always happy and he can play a round of golf and game of football. He has been two years in junior high school, three years in high school and Gregory-Portland where he was an all-district guard. His basketball letter came to him in sophomore, it was his first last basketball letter.

Richard has traveled extensively but Texas is his favorite. His favorite food is food. Cooper and Elizabeth Taylor, his actor and actress choices, favorite movies are the group types.

Richard's greatest moment of embarrassment came when he had been injured playing football and the nurse had to give him a bath. It seems that Richard's modest in spite of all his tall tales.

Football seems to play the leading role in Richard's life. His greatest thrill came in making a 63-yard run for a touchdown while playing junior high football at Fairfuries, Texas.

Richard is well known by students and faculty members because he never lets corners lag in a group.

D. Henderson, Studios Also Woman of Action



Darlene Henderson

The young lady in the adjoining picture came into this world the day after the great celebrating and shooting of fireworks on July 4.

This brown-haired, blue eyed Darlene Henderson was born on July 5, 1934. She weighs 122 lbs. and is 5 ft., 7 in. tall. She at first gives the impression of a girl whose major interest is average grades. Darlene is a woman of action. That may be why she likes all types of sports, her favorite being volleyball.

Her idea of a joyful evening consists of eating fried chicken and all the trimmings, and a round at bowling or skating.

Darlene has no choice as an actress. She says she likes about all of them. Her latest type movie is musical or light.

In her leisure time she takes care of her 13-month-old son.

When asked how she liked Crane High School, she said, "a nice school and has some people in it."

She seems to be well liked. She was elected class favorite sophomore year. Her freshman year she was on the A string volleyball and she is playing this year.

After graduation, she plans further her education and work, work!

CHS Boasts No Fires, Keeps In Shape For Crisis

At the beginning of the 1949-50 school term, the student body of Crane High School moved from a ramshackle, dangerous building to the present safe and modern one.

This school can proudly say that within the four years of this building's occupation, not one fire has broken out.

However, it is well that everyone be familiar with the fire escapes and the rules for the fire drills.

Here are a few general rules to observe:

1. Three bells means fire.
2. Two bells means return to the building.
3. One bell means stop where you are.
4. When the alarm is given, will those close to the windows please close them.
5. The student closest to the door should open it in case it is closed, and lead the class to the nearest exit.
6. Pass in an orderly way.
7. If another line is at the exit please fall in behind this line.
8. Be orderly in the line while waiting to exit; this might mean your own life being saved as well as many others.
9. The following exits will be used in what we shall call a standard drill. In case of exit obstructions, you will be notified to use the nearest unobstructed exit.
10. Rooms 201, 202, and the Foods Laboratory use fire escape.
11. No. 3. This puts you out to the north. If you do not use the fire escape, then use the stairs in the east end and exit to the east facing the boiler house.
12. Clothing Laboratory, escape Room, and Room 203 use the escape, descend by stairs located out the front entrance of the building.
13. Rooms 205, 206, Physical Chemistry, and Biology Laboratories, use fire escape No. 1. You do not use fire escape No. 1, use stairs in the west end, exit through south door, use fire escape, descend by stairs located out the front entrance of the building.
14. Rooms 103, 104, and 105, by the main entrance to the building.
15. Rooms 106, 107, Library, Study Hall use south exit to the boiler house.
16. Students in the Band Gymnasium, or Shop will be instructed at the time of the escape as to which exits to use.
17. Should a fire alarm sound while in assembly, students in the west section should leave the auditorium by using the east west aisle leading out the east entrance of the building.
18. Students in the center section, the center aisle and east front entrance. Students in the east section will leave the auditorium by the east aisle leading from the building through outside facing east.
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20. These rules are for your protection. Learn them, your life may be your own.

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Cranes Take On Marfa In Final District Game

The Golden Cranes tangle with the Marfa Shorthorns here Friday night in the final regular season game. The shorthorns at the time of this writing were in third place with a 7-3 record, while the Cranes are on top with a 10-1 mark.

In their first meeting this season the Cranes took a 59-49 victory at Marfa.

The Shorthorns have lost to Crane, Alpine and McCamey while the Cranes have lost only to Alpine.

The Cranes take on the Mc-

Camey Badgers tonight in a game that may prove to be a good contest at McCamey. The Badgers are in last place with only a 2-9 mark.

In their last meeting Crane came out on top in a 43-34 contest.

Should the Crane's win tonight (and have not lost since this writing) and the Bucks of Alpine have not lost either, they will finish the season with a tie and will have to have a playoff to see who will go to the regional tournament.

Cranes Take Tenth; Down Big Lake Owls In Close 46-45 Game

The Golden Cranes took their tenth district competition Tuesday night by downing the Big Lake Owls 46-45. This was the second one-point victory of the season for the Cranes, the other being against the Alpine Bucks Jan. 6.

Trailing 45-43 with about 20 seconds to go, Darrell Vines sank a field goal to tie the game. With less than ten seconds left, Carl Davis sank the winning free toss.

The leading scorers for the Cranes were Clarence Miller and Charles Lively, while the visitors were led by Farris and Martin.

The Cranes took the B game by a 30-26 count. The leading scorers of this contest were Rowe of Big Lake with 11 points, followed by Darrell Henry with 10.

Green All-Tourney At Ozona Meet

Hugh Green, Crane High School senior, was recently chosen for the All-Tournament Team at the 22nd Annual Ozona Invitational Basketball Tournament. Hugh led the Golden Cranes in the scoring bracket with 25 points. He was one of ten boys chosen from 140 players representing 14 teams from surrounding towns. He was rewarded with a trophy.

When asked if this was his greatest thrill, he replied: "No, when we won the first place trophy in Monahans was the biggest thrill in my life."

The all-tournament team was chosen by all the coaches present and the referee. Others chosen for the All-Tournament Team were: Scott Hickman, Ozona; Bobby Capps, Mason; Buck Turk and Harden from Carrizo Springs; Jim Yocham, Rankin; Hugh Green of Crane; Bill Schneeman, Ozona; Darwin Parr, Ft. Stockton; and Charles Martin and Jim Colley, of Reagan County. Virgil Trower was chosen most outstanding player.

Cranes Take Ninth; Down Iraan 69 - 35

The Cranes took their ninth straight district victory of the season January 27, when they overwhelmed the Iraan Braves 69-35.

There was even a better cause for the high score than just giving the Cranes the win. The merchants and people of the town gave over \$16 for each point the boys scored.

The leading scorer for the contest was Ted Field with 18 points. He was followed by Clarence Miller and Carl Davis with 16 points each.

The Cranes also took the B game by a 47-31 count. The "B" Cranes were led by John Hays with 16 points while Monroe led the Braves with 14.

McCamey Badgerettes Edge Volleyballers

The Cranettes were bested by McCamey 21-20 in their first game of the season. The B squad won their game 38-21. Juanell Heard, Betty Field and Darlene Henderson led in scoring for the Cranettes.

Nomia Hollander and Shirley Ivy were the big guns for the B's.

Girls seeing action for the Cranettes were Charline Ellison, Dolores Jones, Wahnelle Smith, Charlene Blair, Darlene Henderson, Juanell Heard and Betty Field.

The B squad girls were Nomia Hollander, Lillian Thurman, Celesta Napier, Shirley Ivy, Patsy Terrell, Barbara McDougal, Joyce Frazier, and Jean Shaver.

Junior Cranes Top McCamey Badgers

Coach Harold Riley's junior basketball team journeyed to McCamey to win a 33-29 victory.

Bill Preslar was leading scorer with 14 tallies while Joe Reed added 10. Also seeing action for the juniors were D. H. Culp, Archie Brownson, Joe Boyd, and Frank Williamson.

Cranes Down Wildcats; Take Eleventh Win By Easy 59-31 Score

The Golden Cranes kept up the pace in District 5-A by downing the Wink Wildcats 59-31.

The Cranes held a 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and increased this to a 25-12 margin at the half.

The Cranes were led by Clarence Miller and Hugh Green with 18 and 15 points respectively, while the visitors were led by McDonald with eight points followed by Turner and Vinson with seven points each.

The Cranes were unable to take the B game, dropping it to the Wildcats by a 32-28 count. The winners were led by Herring with 11 points while the Cranes were led by John Hays with 10.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg	ft	Pts
MILLER	8	2	18
CASKEY	0	0	0
VINES	1	0	2
FIELD	2	3	7
BOOTHE	0	0	0
DAVIS	4	3	11
HENRY	1	0	2
HAYS	0	0	0
GREEN	5	5	15
LIVELY	1	2	4
BROCK	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	15	59

The Box Score:

WINK			
Player	fg	ft	Pts
HURLEY	3	0	6
RICHARDS	0	0	0
HEASLEY	1	1	3
TURNER	2	3	7
BARRETT	0	0	0
KILE	0	0	0
VINSON	2	3	7
LECK	0	0	0
MCDONALD	3	2	8
COURVILLE	0	0	0
TOTALS	11	9	31

Alpine Bucks Hand Golden Cranes First District Loss, 63 To 47

The Alpine Bucks, led by Duane Smith and Cowboy Robinson handed the Golden Cranes their first defeat in district play Friday, Jan. 30, when they topped them 63-47.

Smith led the winners with 17 points, while Robinson collected 15.

The Cranes were led by Carl Davis and Clarence Miller with 14 and 11 points respectively.

The Bucks also took the B game by the tune of 39-33. The leading scorers in this contest were Molar of Alpine and John Hays with 17 and 16 points respectively.

The Box Score:

CRANE			
Player	fg	ft	Pts
MILLER	4	3	11
FIELD	3	4	10
BOOTH	0	1	1
DAVIS	7	0	14
GREEN	2	1	5
LIVELY	1	3	5
VINES	0	1	1
TOTALS	17	13	47

The Box Score:

ALPINE			
Player	fg	ft	Pts
HERNANDEZ	1	0	2
SMITH	8	1	17
DAVIS	3	1	7
ROBINSON	5	5	15
ALLEN	4	4	12
COWELL	1	0	2
RICHARDSON	2	4	8
TOTALS	24	15	63

Ten Track Aspirants To Ft. Stockton Meet

Ten boys have been working out for track. They have been conditioning and timing. A track meet will be held in Ft. Stockton February 27 and 28 which the team will try to attend. The first district track meet will be held in Ft. Stockton on March 7.

The boys working out thus far are: Buddy Hatch, Lloyd Allen, Tommy Griffin, Howard Hunter, Lawrence LeBouef, Tom Atkins, Doug Jones, Lloyd Slater, Stanley Laney, and Kenneth Simon.

They are using a camera to study starting form.

Rankin Stops Crane In Ozona Tourney Semi-Finals 57-53

The Cranes lost out in the Ozona basketball Tournament when they bowed to the Rankin Red Devils 57-53.

Trailing all the way the Cranes came back, after trailing by 11 points at the end of the third quarter, to come within four points of pulling the game out of the fire.

Crane Takes Midland; McCamey Nips Crane; Monahans Is Champ

The Crane volleyball team won their first game in the Imperial tournament by defeating Midland 26-24 two weeks ago but lost their second game to McCamey 21-17.

McCamey went on to finals but were beaten by Monahans 21-29. The half-time score was McCamey 13 and Monahans 10.

Juanell Heard was high point man in the Midland game with eight points and Darlene Henderson was high point man in McCamey with six points.

Ten girls were chosen for all-tournament team. Those being Janice Jones from McCamey, Betty Bolton, Midland; Esther Buno, Gloria Blanco both from Ft. Stockton; Joan Young, Betty Knox, and "No. 13", Monahans, Louise Seaborn, Lonal Greer, Wifaline Williams from Imperial.

The Crane lineup of Midland game:

Points

Gibbs	6
Orker	2
Switzer	2
Criswell	1
Bralley	1
Newsome	1
George	2
Bolton	3
Crane lineup of McCamey game:	14
Henderson	6
Heard	6
Smith	3
Blair	3
Field	2
Jones	1
TOTALS	47

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Gibbs	1
Orker	4
Switzer	2
Criswell	1
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Newsome	2
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Crane lineup of McCamey game:	14
Henderson	6
Heard	6
Smith	3
Blair	3
Field	2
Jones	1
TOTALS	47

Crane Wins Tennis Played Against Pyote; Also Takes Odessa

Seven wins and five losses is the score compiled by Crane at the tennis matches played here on Feb. 4, with 24 boys from Pyote.

In the number one doubles A. J. Smith and George Thompson split sets before winning 2-6, 6-4, 7-5. The number two doubles were won by Joe Dan Ask and Rex Wood 6-1, 6-4. D. H. Culp and Billy Presler won the number three doubles 6-4, 4-6, 2-0, the last set was called because of darkness. Number four doubles were won 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 by Darwin Higdon and Bill Lightfoot.

Sammy Hooper and Jimmy Baker won the number seven doubles 6-2, 6-4. The number nine doubles were won 6-1, 6-4, by Buddy Powell and Johnny Woody.

Jimmy Elder and John Webb took the number 11 set by 6-1, 6-0.

Riley Hood lost the single 2-6, 0-6. Corkey Dickson and Kenneth Laird lost the number five doubles 3-6, 4-6. The number six doubles were lost 1-6, 1-6 by David Crittenden and Jimmy Presler.

Eddie Grey and Dickie Modesett lost the number 10 doubles 3-6, 6-3, 5-7; and the number eight doubles were lost by John Barker and Stiger 0-6, 1-6.

The Pyote team is coached by Wright Crane; and if there had been a tie at the match it would have been played off by Doug and Wright Crane instead of by the students.

On Jan. 29 a Crane tennis team of four boys and four girls (Riley Hood, A. J. Smith, George Thompson, and Joe Dan Ask; Helen Lakin, Luanne Presley, Kay Culp, and Barbara Glass) made a trip to Odessa for tennis matches. Nine matches were played with Crane winning five and Odessa four.

All the girls won their matches and A. J. Smith and George Thompson won the number two doubles.

Ray Allen: Ask your mother if we can go to the show.
Lloyd: You ask her, you've known her longer than I have.

Public School Week To Interest Citizens During March 1 To 7

Public Schools Week in Texas, which Texas is observing for the third time March 1 through 7, 1953, is one of the ways we have for bringing about cooperation and understanding between patrons and educators, and for stimulating local citizens interested in school affairs.

Texas public schools are administered according to the idea that best results can be obtained only through strong interest and participation in school affairs on the part of local citizens, and close cooperation between those citizens and their public school officials.

Each year the Texas Education Agency sponsors a Citizens Advisory Conference on Education and a School Administrators Advisory Conference on Education. The purpose of these advisory conferences is to give school patrons and school officials an opportunity to voice their opinions on what is needed in the way of State and local public school management in Texas.

Both patrons and officials render more productive assistance to the statewide program of education when their efforts are based on their experience in working and planning for the improvement of the schools in their own districts and communities. It is important, therefore, that local citizens have an officially designated opportunity to visit their schools to see them in operation, and to exchange understanding of local problems with teachers and administrators.

At our 1952 Citizens Advisory Conference there were many strong recommendations for more citizen interest in public schools, and for greater emphasis on Public Schools Week in Texas. We take this as a healthy sign for public education, for we feel that the schools of Texas can be just as good as the people want them to be.

We are requesting that, during 1953 Public Schools Week, teachers and administrators do all they can to promote school visitation and to interpret their schools to their communities. We urge all citizens to take active interest in their public schools throughout the entire year, and this week in particular.

(Signed) J. W. EDGAR,
Commissioner of Education.

Send Her A Valentine!

By Marvelee Hooper

Send her a valentine to say
You love her in the same old way.
Just drop the long familiar ways
And live again the old-time days
When love was new and youth was bright

And all was laughter and delight,
And treat her as you would if she
Were still the girl that used to be.
Pretend that all the years have passed

Without one cold and wintry blast
That you are coming still to woo
Your sweetheart as you used to do;

Forget that you have walked along
The paths of life where right and wrong
And joy and grief in battle are,
And play the heart without a scar.

Be what you were when youth was fine
And send to her a valentine;
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And to the wife, so fond and true,
The pledges of the past renew.
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Safety Patrol Visits Globetrotters' Game

The members of the Crane Elementary Safety Patrol visited Odessa February 7th as spectators for the basketball game featuring the world famous Globetrotters. This trip was given the boys in appreciation for the work they are doing and have done for several years.

The sponsors accompanying the boys were W. W. Allman, Jim Nevins, Brady Nix, James Winter, and the Chief of Police McDonald

Cranettes Win First Game; Defeat Grandfalls 26-24

Crane Volleyballers Tromp Stockton 23-17

The volleyball girls tromped their Fort Stockton opponents 23-17 Thursday, February 5 in the Crane High Gym. Betty Field was high pointer with seven points while Charline Ellison was second batting out six. Charlene Blair and Juanell Heard garnered four points each, with Wahnelle Smith scoring two. Also playing for the Cranettes were Barbara McDougal, Dolores Jones, Joyce Parker, and Shirley Ivy.

In the B game the girls were beaten 23-13 with no one girl scoring over three points.

Lillian Thurman, Shirley Ivy, Barbara McDougal each netted two points, Nomia Hollander scored only one point for the team. Also playing were Patsy Terrell and Jean Shaver.

The Cranettes won their first volleyball game Monday night, by defeating Grandfalls 26-24 at Grandfalls.

Charlene Blair and Wahnelle Smith were tied for high pointer with eight points each. Juanell Heard was next with four.

The B team lost their game 24-28. Patsy Terrell was high pointer for this game with seven points.

The lineup for the A game was:

Name	Points
Smith	8
Heard	4
Blair	8
Henderson	3
Ellison	1
Jones	1
Fields	2
TOTALS	27

Grandfalls Lineup:

Capchert	5
Lewis	4
Greer	4
Browning	0
Townsend	6
Collier	4
Williams	1
Nicholson	0
TOTALS	24

SPORT SHOTS

By REX WOOD

After a layoff of several weeks, we bring this little column back to give you an account of the basketball team to date.

At present the Cranes are sitting atop the district standings one-half game ahead of the Alpine Bucks. The Cranes have a 10-1 record, their only loss being to the Bucks.

Given below are the Cranes' scores so far in district competition:

Crane 45—Ft. Stockton 42
Crane 54—Iraan 40
Crane 47—Alpine 46
Crane 54—Big Lake 42
Crane 59—Wink 39
Crane 43—McCamey 34
Crane 59—Marfa 49
Crane 58—Ft. Stockton 56
Crane 69—Iraan 35
Crane 47—Alpine 63
Crane 46—Big Lake 45
To give you an idea as to how the Cranes' remaining opponents stack up, here are the district standings:

Crane—10-1
Alpine—9-1
Marfa—7-3
Big Lake—4-6
Fort Stockton—3-6
Wink—2-6
Iraan—2-7
McCamey—2-9

Crane B team lineup:

Hollander	6
Thurman	2
Parker	3
Ivy	3
Terrell	7
McDougal	2
Shaver	0
Napier	0
TOTALS	24

Grandfalls B team:

Criswell	0
Daniel	7
Williams	3
Nicholson	11
Davila	2
Garner	2
Lange	0
Ott	0
Horn	0
TOTALS	28

Between dances, a young woman went to the powder room, telling her escort she would only be a minute. But she met friends she hadn't seen for ages, and the conversation went on and on, until the maid handed her a note. In a masculine hand was the this message: "Can't understand why you haven't written."

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TWO POINTS: Miller (45) sinks one while Davis (55) Lively (20) of Crane, and Brown (10) Hess (4) and one unidentified McCamey player look on.

