



The Crane Sez its gonna be spring before long. We can hardly wait to see all those new romances popping out and we're not kidding. This gossip shortage is very unusual for ole Crane High.

The Crane would like to send congratulations to several people this time. First, we sincerely congratulate Mrs. Ralph Scott, the former Miss Marilyn Lowe, and her husband. Second, we extend our congratulations to Miss Evelyn Knight and Lt. Bob Knorr. Third, we congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Vickery. Something new has been added to their family since Sunday, Jan. 29, and his name is William Eugene.

Ye gods and little fishes, I'm feeling rather punk! Just a little nine-week est. And for the term I flunk. (We own up—we snitched this from The Tiger Falls, of Jackson, Miss.)

Everyone is talking over the top of their heads these days. It was these dirty Japs who treated our American boys who are the "Will this anger awake the American people to the brutality and determination of the Japanese nation and to the fact that we are not yet close enough to victory over this determination to sit down and rest?" Let's each buy an extra War Bond in memory of those boys and send an extra bomb to Tokyo.

We are sincerely grateful to those responsible for the reservation of the Community Hall for the young people each Saturday night.

Love is the illusion that one woman differs from another.

Have you read the Crane Creed lately? Read it! It will do you good.

If you are ever in doubt as to whether to kiss a pretty girl, always give her the benefit of the doubt.

Because there are so many, it is hard for us to get the addresses of all of our boys in the service. If there is anyone that we have missed we sincerely hope they will notify us or if any of our readers know of one of our boys who does not receive the Crane, we hope they will notify us.

What every editor knows Poetry is corny stuff—I don't see why we need it. To write it down is bad enough. But heck to have to read it! Don't shirk your duty. Turn in the number of War Bonds you or your family has bought since the Fourth War Loan to your class secretary or president. Put your class at the head of the list for buying War Bonds!

In Alaska, an over-night pass means three months!

Well, thanks for listening. This is station C-R-A-N-E signing off. See you in the next issue of the Crane.

BILLY JO WALLER SICK

Billy Jo Waller, sophomore in Crane High School, has missed over two weeks of school because of illness.

Honor Students Announced by Nix

Twenty-one Crane High School and eighth grade students have been announced as being on the honor roll for the third six-weeks, announced Brady Nix, principal. In order to be on the honor roll, a student must have an average of 90 or better.

Table listing honor students by grade: 8th GRADE (Hale, James; Cantrell, Kathryn; Murrell, Tipton), 9th GRADE (White, Helen; Garrett, Norma Jean; Hickey, Helen), 10th GRADE (McCulley, Berna Lou; Dickson, Merle), 11th GRADE (Murrell, Pola Jean), 12th GRADE (Smith, Bobby; Joiner, Kathryn; Crownover, Zane; Henderson, Jo Veda; Caldwell, Mary Beth; Coker, Dorothy; Windsor, Doris; Bromley, Hattie Lee).

Crane Enrollment Drops to 137

A comparison of the number of students enrolled in Crane High School in September and in February shows a drop of eleven pupils. This was due to the moving of families and the joining up with the armed forces of some of the boys.

Martin Hears From Ex-Crane Student

Mr. L. L. Martin received a letter from Bill Nance, former Crane student, who is in the U. S. Navy at San Diego, Cal. In the letter, Bill brought out his daily activities, which are a two-mile run, take one hour of morning exercises, boxes for 20 minutes, does the manual of arms for four hours, and scrubs barracks the rest of the day. He is always thinking of the boys and girls in Crane.

Texas Min Officials to Visit

Dr. D. M. One, president of the Texas Mining Students' Association, and J. F. Williams, secretary, will visit Crane High School on Feb. 20. If any students have questions regarding military training, college preparation, or in general about post-war, these men will be glad to talk with them, announced L. L. Martin, Superintendent of Crane Schools.

INTRODUCING OUR FACUTY

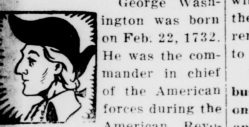
The person we will introduce this time is lovely Miss Anderson. Miss Anderson is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. She has blonde hair and blue eyes. She was born in the state of Oklahoma and moved to Texas at the age of two. Miss Anderson was in school at Garden City, Texas, when she was in the fifth grade until the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following students have birthdays at some time during the first part of February: Raymond Weatherby Feb. 7, 1928; Leroy Walker Feb. 11, 1930; Ralph Browne Feb. 14, 1926.

February Honors Two Presidents

To some of you who may have forgotten this great month of February is the month in which two of our greatest statesmen were born. These two men were George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.



George Washington was born on Feb. 22, 1732. He was the commander in chief of the American forces during the American Revolution. He was also the first President of these glorious United States. Washington's life is most remembered by his statement that he "could not tell a lie," and his chopping down his father's favorite cherry tree. Some will remember him for admitting to his mother that he had ridden his prize colt until he had burst a blood vessel and died almost immediately.

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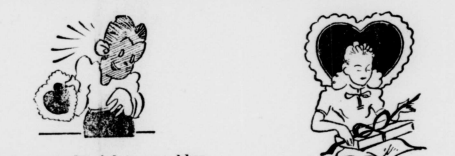


He couldn't afford candles. He also used charcoal to figure with and he used the back of a shovel for his blackboard. He was the sixteenth President of the United States. The colored population owe their freedom to him because his signature was the one that adorned the Emancipation Proclamation. He was the man who held this country together during the trying days of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by a man named John Wilkes Booth, on April 15, 1865.

Crane to Be Red Cross Chapter

Miss Alice Lee Marriott, District Red Cross representative, was in Crane on Feb. 1st, to confer with branch chairman John E. McCorkle. Miss Marriott assured workers that Crane will be given a charter which will make Crane a chapter by itself, instead of being a branch chapter of McCamey as it is now. Miss Marriott will be back to Crane sometime between now and March 15.

VALENTINE IS OBSERVED ON FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH



"Roses are red, violets are blue, Sugar is sweet, and so are you!" That is a very, very old Valentine rhyme which, as children, we printed dozens of times. On the day before the 14th of February we made Valentines galore. "Store-bought" Valentines that were decorated with red hearts, paper lace, Cupids, and loving verses suitable to the day, were bought. Then the Valentines were placed in a large box with a slit in the top, and there these numerous and gay missives remained until the time for them to be distributed.

Who started all this Valentine business which has been going on through hundreds of years, and who was St. Valentine, anyway? Many hundreds of years ago, in the days of the Roman festivals to pagan gods, there was a feast called the Lupercalia, celebrated in honor of the gods, Juno and Pan. It was the custom at this feast for the young Romans to put into a box the names of young maidens and then draw the names out by chance. The girl whose name was drawn became the girl's mistress for the next year.

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Chemistry Class Studies Halogens

During the past week the chemistry class has been studying the halogen family. This family of elements if from the most active to the least; fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine. Fluorine is a pale greenish yellow gas used principally in etching glass. Because of its great affinity for some materials it has to be prepared in a lead retort. It is stored in wax bottles. Chlorine is a greenish yellow gas used in bleaching, as a disinfectant, a deodorant, and as a poisonous gas in warfare. Its most abundant compound is sodium chloride, or common table salt. Bromine is a deep red-brown liquid and one of the two known liquid elements. It has a very pungent odor and is dangerous to inhale. Bromine compounds are used in medicine, photography and in the manufacture of dyes. Iodine is a purplish black solid that is not as active as the other halogens. Its compounds are used in medicines, photography, and synthesis of dyes.

Mrs. Filleman to Turn Out Scientists

Reports on echinoderms, mollusks and arthropods were made last week by the biology classes. At the present they are studying the characteristics and habits of the crayfish. They are also cutting the crayfish up to study the structure.

Do You Know How to Wear A Class Ring?

Do you know how to wear a graduation ring? It is the duty of every senior to learn the correct way. It shows loyalty and faithfulness to your school to find out. The proper way is to wear the engraving upside down from the tips of your fingers, before you have graduated. After graduation, the ring should be turned around.

Home Economics Class Starts Sewing

The Home Economics department, under the head of Miss Anderson, is beginning to study sewing. The class is learning the parts of the sewing machine and how to operate them. The class will soon begin on their first garment, which will be a blouse.

May 24 Date Set For Commencement

The commencement date for the senior class of 1944 was announced by Mr. L. C. Martin, superintendent of Crane Public Schools, to be held on May 24th, 1944.

The members of the senior class of 1944 are as follows: William Roy Mathis, Calhoun Lovelace, Harold Wasson, Kathryn Joiner, Bobby Smith, Joyce Stone, Jo Veda Henderson, Delbert McCandless, Dorothy Coker, Doris Windsor, Hattie Lee Bromley, Mary Beth Caldwell, Billy Lowe, Zane Crownover, and Joe Riley Lewis.

Fourth War Loan Drive Ends 15th

The Fourth War Loan drive closes February 15. During the last few days of this drive, let's all make it a point to invest all that it is possible in this great and glorious cause of FREEDOM. This is one of the greatest Bond drives in the history of our nation. The quotas are rather high for all counties, but evidently the Secretary of the Treasury thinks that we can raise the money if we would have asked us to raise it.

Library Display Attractive

There's a display of American flags over the door of the library that is really attractive. The new library booklets the Home Economics class made on foods. The display is quite attractive. A book on display in the booklets is "Clemenceau in the Kitchen." Book Review: "Democracy Comes to the Archbishop" (Walter Fisher). Usually, when a fiction book is mentioned, we are inclined to turn the other way, but not this book, believe us, is an exception. It is a story of a Catholic missionary, Jean Marie Latour, and his friend, Father Vaillant, in what is now Mexico. It tells of their part in bringing Christianity to the Indians there. The description gives an accurate picture of life in early New Mexico.

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Unloaded Gun Shoots James Hale in Foot

James Hale, eighth grade student at Crane School, was accidentally shot in the left foot with a .22 last week. The gun was supposed to be "unloaded." Due to the accidental shooting, James had to miss school. This should serve as a warning to all boys and girls to be careful of guns, whether they are loaded or not. It is usually the "unloaded" gun that goes off and hurts someone.

Poll Tax Amounts To 886 in Crane

There were 811 poll taxes paid for Crane County by January 31, 1944, announced Jack Young, Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector. Mr. Young also announced that there were approximately 75 exemptions by the 21-year olds and by those who are 60 or over.

Third Six-Weeks Rating Announc'd

Twenty-nine students of Crane High School have been announced as being the students with the highest number of grade points for the third six-weeks, announced Mr. Nix. This list includes the eighth grade, as well as the high school students:

Table listing top students by grade: 8th GRADE (Hale, James; Murrell, Tipton; Holt, Joetta; Smith, Meredith; Cantrell, Kathryn; McCulley, Merwyn; Weddle, Audavee); 9th GRADE (Hickey, Helen; White, Helen; Weed, Gwendolyn; Garrett, Norma Jean; Garrett, Billy Foyil; Whitwell, Naomi); 10th GRADE (Dickson, Merle; Holt, Beverly; McCulley, Berna Lou; Caldwell, Helen Leigh); 11th GRADE (Murrell, Pola Jean; Calhoun, Helen; Shackelford, Mary L.; McDaniel, Dan; Wilson, Marjorie); 12th GRADE (Bromley, Hattie Lee; Crownover, Zane; Coker, Dorothy; Joiner, Kathryn; Jones, Dorothy; McCandless, Delbert; Stone, Joyce).

Lt. Knorr Talks To Chem Class

Lt. R. E. Knorr of the United States Infantry talked to the chemistry class of Crane High School in the laboratory on Jan. 31. His talk was on chemical warfare. He told of the many different kinds of gases used against the enemy and by the enemy. He believed that gases should only be used in case of necessity.

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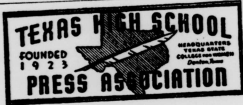
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Pre-Flight Training



As if a Navy aviation cadet wasn't busy enough studying at Chapel Hill, N. C., Pre-Flight, they tend their own victory garden on the side. Here you see a couple of them bagging some big ears for chow while they learn to be baggers of enemy planes. (U. S. Navy Photo.)

Thumbnail Interviews



"Are you a good sport?" is the question of the week. Mr. C. A. Dickenson, principal, gives us the following test:

Below are listed some of the elements or characteristics of good and poor sportsmanship. Which of these items would you mark "Good" and which would you rate as "Poor"?

- 1. Plays hard to win.
2. Quits when the game is going against him.
3. Plays to the "grandstand."
4. Is a good loser.
5. Obeys orders of coach.

Are you a good sport? Sportsmanship is necessary in all walks of life. Sportsmanship in sports depends on the ones participating in the game, events, etc.

A good sport plays hard to win, plays clean, is always in a good mood while participating in a game, never says anything about the officials' decisions even if they are wrong...

Fashionettes



KATHRYN JOINER

JOYCE SLOANE has been sporting something new—blue feathers in her hair. They are becoming in her dark hair and everyone seems to be wearing some of them nowadays.

MARY SHACKELFORD had on a pretty blue and white evening dress at the President's ball.

DOROTHY COKER has a new yellow flower to wear in her hair and she also has some yellow ear bobs.

This weather we are having seems to be too changeable to wear the same type of clothes all the time, so one day we wear sweaters and skirts, and the next lighter clothes.

MISS EVELYN KNIGHT is sure flashing that new engagement ring around. Say girls, we will be old maids if something isn't done!

Everyone is still wearing fascinators. They are good in the wind and also in the cold.

BILLIE JUNE HANKS has a new blue suit and a beautiful yellow blouse.

HELEN HICKEY has a pretty, new brown suit.

DOROTHY WOOD has a powder blue suit that looks darling on her.

MARILEN SCOTT (LOWE) sure has some pretty rings.

TATTLE TALES



Billy June Hanks seems to be getting around these days. First, Joe Riley, and now Charles Lovelace.

Joan Stark is having a life and death struggle these days to keep Elsie and Billy apart.

Could it be that Gloria is carrying the torch for A. L.?

Well, Marilyn hooked her man. Maybe the rest of us should take lessons from her.

What happened to the romance that was started between Mary Louise and Herman Hooper? Neither of them will mention it.

Raymond Weatherby seems to have a new girl friend these days. Dorothy Coker is the object of his affections.

Wanda looks a little lonesome these days. Maybe she hasn't gotten back into full swing yet.

Peggy Daniels and Dean Large were sitting pretty close together in the show not long ago.

Bobby Ervin, can't you see that Cupid is playing with your heart? Eh, Margaret True?

Wonder why Betty Collett still goes to San Angelo? It must be a "Bobcat" ---

It seem like Bob Mathis is at it again—breaking hearts. Who's next?

Maybe nobody CAN break up Frenchie and Zane, but you gotta give Helen Calhoun credit for trying?

A certain Gradfalls girl is losing her technique with Burl Cox, isn't she, Zoe?

Mary Caldwell is especially fond of the Shell Camp area, or at least, the people from there. Could it be Roger Brooks?

Betty Lee and R. V. have a fuss every day. Is it because making up is so much fun?

Gwen just loved the show the other night! Or at least who was with her. Jack Nance, of course.

I wonder if Betty Johnson calls Norman Cox, "Fuzzy," too?

Dorothy Craig is a FINE girl these days. Eh, Dorothy?

Peggy Lightfoot keeps awfully quiet about her attraction in Grandfalls, but a little Cowboy told me his initials are Bob Young

Helen Hickey is a Howl! (Howell).

Hattie Bromley really started something two years ago in Grandfalls. I hear the one she started it with is coming home on leave from the Navy. Have fun, kids!

EXCHANGE

een to thirty, she needs good books; from thirty to fifty she needs a good personality, and af-

Man-power shortage—utterances by fair sex in recent years:
1941: "What a man!"
1942: "What? A man!"
1943: "What? No man?"
1944: "What's a man?"
—The Western Mirror

TRAGEDY OF YOUTH

By Zane Crossover

Alone he stood with head bowed low.
His aching heart was sad.
But he had seen her. Oh, the joy!
His swelling heart was glad.
But now! He stood there dolefully,
As sped away the train,
And entered the gloomy night.
Sorrow o'ercame his brain.
His one, his only! Gone away.
What was life without Rose?
The years to live lay blank ahead.
The sleeve went to his nose.
His life was drab, with heart cold and dead.
For he now was fifteen.
And she, the lady of his heart,
A gorgeous cin'na queen.

REUNION

By Kathryn Joiner

It was a lonely winter day
When everything was still.
No single bird did sing a song.
Not even a whippoorwill.
No woodland creature could be seen
And none a vigil kept.
No more protector did they need.
Than God gave while they slept.
The snow fell steadily and quiet.
And on a lonesome road,
A little old brown shack did stand
A small sad girl's abode.
She wept and wept, then cared no more;
And would to no one yield,
Because her one and only love
Fell on a battlefield.
At last of sorrow she did die.
To join her love again.
A lovely city in which they met,
'Twas in a peaceful land.

SONG OF THE WEEK

"Abraham"
On one February morn,
A tiny baby boy was born.
ABRAHAM - - ABRAHAM
Then he grew up,
This tiny babe,
The folks all called him
Honest Abe.
ABRAHAM - - ABRAHAM
In 1860 he became
The 16th President—
And now he's in the Hall of Fame.
A most respected gent.
That is why we celebrate
On this February date.
ABRAHAM - - ABRAHAM

THE PIN-UP GIRL

The pin-up girl chosen for this issue is Doris Windsor. Doris was born in Eden, Alabama, March 11, 1907. She is a senior, weighs 120 pounds, and is 5 feet 4 inches tall.
Doris has been nursing at the Robinson Hospital for two years. She began her nurses training at the Baptist Hospital in Miami, where she spent two years. She nursed one year at the American Hospital in Picher, Oklahoma, for Dr. E. A. Aisenstadt, brain specialist, and three years at the Cooper Hospital in McCamey.

THE PIN-UP BOY

Joe Riley Louis was born on December 3, 1925, at Olden, Texas, and came to Crane in his Sophomore year. He has brownish-green eyes, brown hair, weighs 140, and is five feet three inches tall.
Among Joe's favorites are Bette Davis, Peter Lorre, track, dancing, chicken, and the usual food; but he dislikes spinach. His dream girls, he says, is "undescribable."
Joe plans to enter John Tarleton Agricultural College in June to study drafting.
At present, he has passed all his preliminary examinations and must go before the Board of Review before being accepted in the Air Corps Reserve.

How About Studying?

Three weeks have gone by of the new semester. How are you doing? Are you still keeping those New Year's resolutions about turning over a new leaf and spending a little extra time on science, history, math, or English?
Try to make the Honor Roll your goal and then stay on it once you have attained your goal.
The boys and girls in the American schools today are to make the leaders of the world tomorrow. And that tomorrow is not as far off as some of us may think. In order to make the most of ourselves, it is our duty to prepare ourselves to hold the responsible positions that ours tomorrow.
Let us not have our boys come back after the war to find that we have not taken advantage of the things they are fighting for today.
Sometimes we may think that all of the time spent on studying is wasted because, after all, we could be down at the drug store or Community House cutting the rug or downing a coke.
Of course, everyone must have some recreation, but time for recreation should be set aside just as time for study, but let us not set aside all of our time for recreation.

Support the Basketball Team

We students have not been supporting the basketball team as well as we should. We Cranes have a good team this year, and it is the duty of every loyal Crane to get out and give our boys the support they deserve.
These boys and their coach spend many hours practicing for the games and spend a lot of their time and energy for Crane, and therefore it is the duty of every Crane to turn out for the games and get behind our boys.
Where is that old Crane spirit that we have all heard so much about? Do not let the boys down. Come on and attend the rest of the games. We have a good team that is well worth supporting.

Back 4th War Loan Drive

Somewhere on the far-flung battlefronts of the world, American soldiers, sailors and marines are dying so that we may stay at home and have the security and peace that they are dying to preserve. These boys are giving their lives gallantly and valiantly. They do not shirk their duties in the least. They stand ready to lay down their lives at any moment, if the need arises.
Some people say that they are putting their 10 per cent into War Bonds and they seem to think that that is enough to do to save this country from the awful fate that lies in store for us if we were to lose this war. This is not nearly enough to do to help preserve our country.
The Secretary of the Treasury has asked the citizens of this country to back the Fourth War Loan drive, and so far, people haven't bought bonds to the limit of their ability. Just such people as this are the ones that shirk their duty to the American living—the American servicemen. DON'T LET THEM DOWN—BUY BONDS AND STAMPS TO LICK THE AXIS. SUPPORT THE FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE TO THE LIMIT OF YOUR ABILITY.



Patio Prattle

The patio has been filled with quite a bit of disturbance lately. Just so people will think sweet, let's abide by the rule: not run or scuffle in the yard.

The other day we were in uniform in the patio and in it but Tommy R. Schneider's cousin. After a snooping, we found the Shackelford had gone west for four nights straight, have an unconfirmed report he went with Anna Bevin's car he took Mary home the last night he was here.

We can understand why Zane and Frenchie are so agitated anyone that interrupts their very intimate conversations, but must they make it so evident?

When Miss Knight's gold bar walked through the patio, all the girls gave a great big sigh, but she very politely gave them all to understand that he was taken.

What's the matter with Bob Mathis? It seems he just "don't get around much anymore," or have I been missing something?

Why was Jo Veda so "up in the air" Friday night? Could it be because Dot Rogers came home that night and Jo had a date with Charles Waters for Saturday, which she was afraid he was going to break?

R. V. Bolt and Jack Nance—letters from McCamey—I wonder why those few words seem to go together so well?

Pola was seen with a relative of the Ervins and she certainly enjoyed it. Incidentally, this is first-hand information.

Is there anything to that little

Landlady: "What man did you invent an explosive?"
Prospective lodger: "I suppose those spots on the wall are the explosive?"
Landlady: "No, they're the inventor."

King's Engalitch

Brooklyn, although it is one of the United Nations, continues to speak a foreign language.
For instance, the other day a young Brooklyn boy went to visit his aunt in the country. Suddenly he called out:
"Look, Aunt Mollie! A bold!"
Aunt Myrtle replied, "That's a bird, not a bold."
"Well," he said, "it choips like a bold."

Life is just one thing after another; love is just one earned thing after each.

Beginning with the month of the Dusher, Granddaddy Texas, goes on a month's vacation. This is after a certain amount of time on the part of the printer, who is doing their job in the Fourth of July's finish line.

ANDRY is more than the thing for the...
qualification...
have on my mind... said the... as she... blackboard.

The Roundup
From...
til eighteen, a girl needs...
parents; from eight-

affair...
broken out between Dorothy... and Charles Satterwhite...
dreaming? Nice

Joan...
owe are back together...
port separation. There...
people who made a...
but he got lonesome

I won...
True ever won the...
of Bobby Ervin? I...
keep up with her, but I'll...
by can.

Lesson...
piling in, but we'll...
gossip in the pa-

Happy...
Year!

Long Shots



At the Basket

By Billy Lowe

Mr. Nix has been sick for about two weeks, but he has kept right on going regardless of his health.

Bob Mathis got a finger sprained in the game with the McCamey Badgers and it is still swollen.

The reserve football jackets are in the office, but none of the football players have inspected them very closely, because Miss Herring stands there with a club. The first-string jackets are not here yet, but will be soon, we hope.

A. L. Higdon has made quite a showing in the past two weeks and will probably have something to do Friday night.

C. G. Liles can really sing the song, "Mares eat oats, Does eat oats, and little lambs eat ivy." The basketball boys get him to sing it so much down in the dressing room that he sounds like a mocking bird.

In the junior basketball game with Imperial, Chester (Hotrock) Pettit was a "going Jessie."

Coach Mullins is looking for some football players and he wants them to come out for spring training.

Bobby Pettit sure did get hot in basketball practice last Thursday evening.

Harold (Babe) Wasson has started a career of basketball and is doing all right. Keep it up, Babe.

Archie McElween has been making quite a showing in basketball for the past week, and probably won't be sorry for it.

You have heard of a full house—well, here it is; there are three Bobs and two Bills on the basketball team, and it would take more than five clubs to stop them.

Joe Pearce and A. L. Higdon have been running wild out on the basketball court, especially since Joe has got a guard for his glasses. You will have to admit Joe was doing some pretty good blind shooting before he got his mask!

Odessa Defeats Grandfalls, 19-18

In the basketball tournament held at Grandfalls Saturday, January 29, Crane played Monahans for the opening game of the day. The scores were running pretty close and at the end of the game they were tied. The officials decided to have an extra three minutes period, and the one to lead at the end of the three-minute

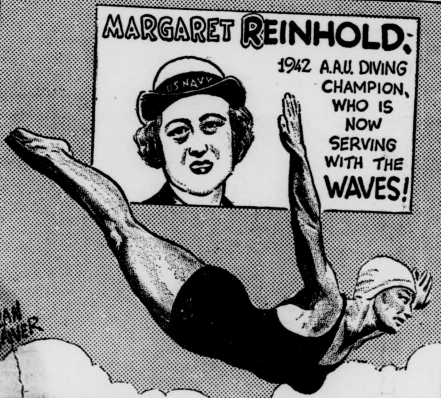
period to be the winner. It so happened that when the 3 minutes were up the two teams were still tied, so the officials decided that they would keep on playing and the first one to make a goal would win. Crane was the first one to make two points, and so defeated Monahans 24 to 22.

The second game Crane played was with Odessa, and they were defeated by a score of 21 to 11.

The third game Crane played, being for third place, was with Kermit. Crane was defeated because of the tall boys on Kermit's team, it being difficult to get the ball off the backboard. The final score was 26 to 18 in favor of Kermit, making Kermit the third-place winners of the tournament.

Odessa and Grandfalls played the final game for first place and Odessa defeated Grandfalls by a score of 19 to 18.

STARS IN SERVICE



MARGARET REINHOLD, 1942 AAU DIVING CHAMPION, WHO IS NOW SERVING WITH THE WAVES!

BUY WAR BONDS!

VICTORY

By Billie Gene Russell

Victory may come slow, Victory may come fast,

But after Victory, we could forget about the past.

The past would tell of war; how they fought to make us free—How they went over there, to fight the enemy.

How they died for Old Glory and her rights,

How they fought without resting day or night,

How they fought to make our country what she is and what she is to be.

So let's keep buying War Stamps and Bonds until Victory.

(This poem was written by Billie Gene Russell, with music by the Crane High School Glee Club.)

Cranes Clash for Second Bout with McCamey Quint

The Golden Cranes clashed with the McCamey Badgers in another basketball game the night of January 27, at the McCamey gym. The Badgers got a lead on the Cranes of about 8 to 2, but the Cranes soon gained it back and were in the lead for a while, but finally the scores were running neck and neck until the last few minutes of the game, when the Cranes pulled out in the lead by about five points and held it until the game was over. The final score was 45 to 40 in favor of Crane.

The starting line-up for Crane were: Bill Lowe (guard); Bob Higdon (guard); Bob Mathis (forward); Bob Pettit (forward) and Bill Mathis (center). The starting line-up for McCamey were: Pat Pauley (forward); Bushwar (forward); Kellerman (guard); Cook (center); and Bob Pauley (guard).

Crane Defeats Imperial, 32-27

The Crane "A" team beat Imperial Tuesday night, February 1st, in a non-conference game, 32 to 27, on the Crane court. The Cranes played their second string in the first half and the score ended at the half with the Crane boys two points behind of a 15 to 17 score. William Roy Mathis was high point man for Crane, and Smith was high for Imperial with 9. The starting line-up for Crane was C. G. Liles as center, William Roy Mathis at left guard, Archie McElween at right guard, Bob Pearce at left forward and A. L. Higdon at right forward.

Vickerys Parents Of Baby Boy

Boy and Girl are expected to arrive in the Crane hospital on Wednesday, February 9th. The baby is expected to weigh about 7 pounds and be about 19 inches long. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vickery of Crane.

GREENHOUSE is a U. S. fighting word for the transparent observation enclosures protecting plane crews from the elements. They resemble the glass windows of a conservatory. Protect our crews from a long war with extra War Stamps during the Fourth War Loan.

Income Tax Must Be in by Mar. 15

Income tax returns for the calendar year 1943 must be filed not later than March 15, 1944, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the taxpayer resides or has his principal place of business, as provided by law.

A Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the Crane County court house on March 7, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., to give any advice or assistance needed. No charge will be made for this service.

Those who must file are: 1. Any single person whose total income in 1943 was \$500 or more.

2. Every husband or wife whose individual income was more than \$624.

3. Every husband and wife whose combined total incomes were \$1,200 or more.

4. Every individual who paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.

Form 1040-A, called the short form, may be used by individuals whose total income was not more than \$3,000 and was all received from wages, salaries, other personal compensation, dividends, interest, and annuities.

Form 1040, called the long form, must be used by all other individuals and may be used if desired by any tax payer regardless of the amount of his income.

Knows His Oats and Bombers



H. C. "Tex" Bennett doesn't take time to worry about the farm labor shortage. After a full day at Douglas Aircraft's bomber factory in Tulsa, Okla., he goes home and harvests oats six or seven hours, aided by some of the boys from the plant now and then.

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Surprise Party Honors Bobbye Smith, Feb. 3

Miss Bobbye Smith was honored on her sixteenth birthday by a surprise party given by her mother, Mrs. L. T. Smith, at the Community Hall on Feb. 3, at 8:30.

A Valentine theme was carried out in the table decorations. Valentines were used for tally cards to keep scores for the bingo and cootie games played.

Hot chocolate and cake were served to; Bobbye Smith, Betty Bruce, Betty Joiner, Beverly Holt, Mary Caldwell, Hattie Bromley, Mary Tolison, Kathryn Joiner, Elsie Snider, Archie McElvin, A. L. Higdon, Dorothy Coker, Carlton Hutchinson, Harold Wasson, Cleo Henderson, Joyce Stone, Mary Shackelford, Jacqueline Mathis, Joetta Holt, Corky Harris, Bobby Ervin, Bill Snider, Charles Lovelace, Zane Crownover, Ella Smith, Venona Hamblett, Linda Smith, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. Hamblett, and Mrs. Smith.

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Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL
2 Center of motion picture industry.
11 Guided.
12 Absolutes, source of mother of pearl.
14 Pedal digit.
16 Verbal.
18 Glass marble.
19 Fluid rock.
20 Cavity of the skull.
22 Before.
23 Nocturnal mammal.
24 One who prevents.
26 Deference.
28 Northeast.
29 Young goat.
31 Existed.
32 Exclamation of inquiry.
34 One who rivets.
38 Pieces out.
41 Feline, carnivorous mammal.
42 Sacred inter-

Answer to Previous Puzzle

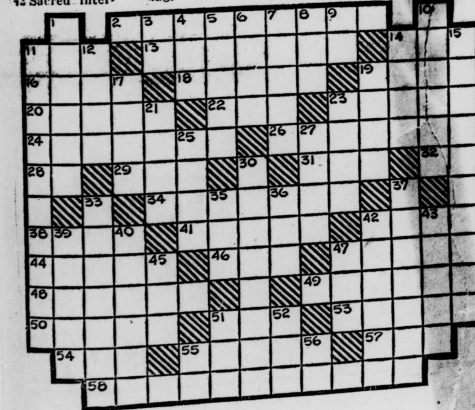
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REPOSAL, LUGGER, AVIO, FAGUS, ARIA, MITE, EVENT, TINY, ALAS, RATES, ENDS

Denmark.
14 Woven string.
15 Southern California, recently had a serious —?
17 To sneak.
19 Race track.
21 Bustle.
25 Emperor.
25 To redact.
27 Pitcher.
35 To —?
36 To —?
37 One —?

VERTICAL
1 To deduce.
3 Bone.
4 Mead.
5 Kind of mine, of a — st.
6 12 mc.
7 Aqua.
8 Metallic.
9 Telegra- signal.
10 Neophyte.
11 Largest city in California.
12 Inhabitant of



Elementary School News

SEVENTH GRADE

7-2 Room.

Room 7-2 is giving a play Feb. 10. The name of it is, "Billy Is Coming."

The girls are talking about wearing long curls and go around eating Kool-Aid.

Wish us luck in having a history test Friday.

The other day in the show we learned to recognize a Zero from a P-40, and Japan, our enemy.

Dorothy Hickey sprained her ankle the other day.

Grade 7-1

Mrs. Fried, teacher

Faye Laverne Dennis, formerly a member of our class, visited in our room Feb. 1. Faye is now attending school at Big Lake.

"Mexico" and "The Way of Democracy" are the two new books we are now using in our reading class.

June Sherron has made us a chalk drawing of a log cabin for our February blackboard decoration.

We are very interested in helping make the 4th War Loan drive a success in our school and community. It is our aim to have our class be one hundred per cent in buying stamps and bonds each week.

SIXTH GRADE

Grade 6-2, Mrs. Braly, teacher

Tommy Alderfer and Robert Sullivan were absent the first of the week due to illness.

We are looking forward to having a new work book for language. We expect to begin work in it at an early date.

The week of January 27, our room purchased more stamps and bonds than any other room in grade school. We also had one hundred per cent buyers. This is the second time since school started that during the school week each student purchased at least one stamp. We hope that we may keep this up for all of the second semester.

We all enjoy the beautiful calendar that Dorothy June Frank brought for our room; it has a large picture of our national capitol, and around the calendar portion are pictures of our presidents. Under the calendar we have the electoral vote for 1940. Thank you, Dorothy June.

Miss Jackson's 6-1 room

The members of the home room 6-1 drew names to exchange with on Valentine's Day.

Marquels Stark, Eddie Tollman, Dwain Brown and Charles Pheaster have been out of school because of illness.

Our class is very happy that Bonnie June Joiner's father is feeling much better. He was in the hospital for a while.

Our class is going to try to buy more war savings stamps and not spend our money on things that we do not need. We are going to make a special effort to find any mis-placed war stamp books and finish filling them up. This part of the National Treasure Hunt to find stamp books that have been started and try to finish them so that we can buy bonds with the money and put our money to work for us and for the government.

FIFTH GRADE

Grade 5-2, Mrs. Worley's room

Reporters, John Clark and Mildred Boren

Mrs. Worley is reading the book "On Jungle Trails," by Frank Buck, to our class. It is an exciting book, and it is not fiction.

NOTICE: I am Uncle Sam's brother, Uncle War Loan. I have given three war loan drives and am now going strong on the 4th one. I need your help. You might be the one to save the life of an American soldier, so remember to do your part.

Joann Ragsdale was absent half a day on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Mary Schneider was also absent that day.

In our English class we are studying about the different parts of speech, such as nouns, pronouns and adjectives. We find them very interesting.

Mrs. Sawyer's Grade 5-1

Monday we began our first study of fractions. We have learned the meaning of the fraction and how to add those with like denominators.

Mrs. Sawyer is reading Frank Buck's "On the Jungle Trails" to us. We think it is very interesting because it makes the jungle we study in geography more interesting.

La Wanda Coker has moved to a new home.

We are going to join the treasure hunt and do our best to fill those partly-filled stamp books.

Nora Roberts went to Odessa over the week end.

Martha Lee Braly went to the dentist in Odessa Monday.

Cynthia Zarafonitis spent the week end in Odessa.

Mrs. Lela Strickland of Odessa is visiting in the home of John Stacy Hamilton.

The ground hog saw his shadow on Feb. 2, so that means that we will have six more weeks of winter.

Clark Lee Presley attended the midnight preview Saturday night.

We traded library books with Mrs. Worley's fifth grade this week. Mrs. Sawyer handed each of us a book and we are to be able to make a report on it by Monday and Tuesday.

We are making colorful book-marks so that our books will remain looking nice and in good condition so that others may enjoy the book the same as we did.

We remembered that February sixteenth birthday. He is a fat second was Fritz Kreisler's mous violinist who never plays over the radio.

We are just now taking up parts of speech. So far we have been introduced to the noun, pronoun, adjective and verb.

FOURTH GRADE

Miss Kent's room report

Madeline Johnson and Carmaleta Russell, reporters

We have in our room a number of books with Mrs. Braly's name. We have read some of the books in our library collection and we like the new books very much too.

We drew pictures of the "Dog of Flanders" and Miss Kent put some of the pictures up on the board.

In geography, we drew a picture of the home of the Turners, the people we have been studying.

Carmaleta Russell was absent for two days because she went to Brownwood.

Week before last, Dwain Warren went to Big Spring.

We drew pictures of pueblos. Pueblos are the types of homes that the Indians lived in in the Southwest. The pueblos are made of adobe and are built up high, several stories high. The Indians had to use ladders to get up to their homes.

So far, we have seven victory V's on our War Stamp chart. Before the end of school we hope to get many more.

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Mrs. Buckley's room

Peggie Gene Sharp and Betty Henderson, reporters.

Peggie Gene Sharp attended the funeral of her great-uncle in San Angelo, Jan. 31.

Mr. Ned West, father of Sue West, is coming home on furlough soon.

Our room has a collection of pot plants. We have five wandering Jew plants, a geranium, rubber plant, and two alligator plants.

Wyvonne Cantrell's brother, Aubrey, who is in the Navy, is somewhere in the South Pacific.

Our fourth grade room exchanged library books with Miss Kent's fourth grade room.

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. L. L. Martin's room

Winnie Sue Dennis is moving back to Crane. We have missed her in our class.

We have begun work in some new language work books.

Freddy Coe is back in school after several weeks' absence. We welcome him.

Last week in our Weekly Reader, we learned about the work of Seabees. The story was especially interesting to Gene Hester because his brother, Bob, is in that branch of the service. Bob has sent Gene a Seabee pin.

We have enjoyed writing about our pets. Here are some stories and poems:

"My Pet"

I have a little rabbit. He is gray with two cute little ears and a little short tail. When you try to look at him he runs away. If you will be quiet he will come out again.

Marcia Rust

"My Bird"

I have a canary. He lives in a cage. In his cage there is a

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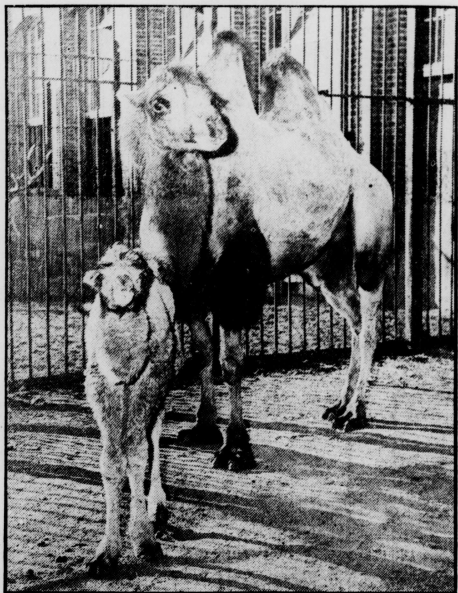
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Sahara Sou



Mama "Elly" looks a little perplexed about all this attention, but her offspring, Central Park, N. Y., Zoo's newest boarder, doesn't seem to mind. Only a few days old, the baby camel is a her, and mostly feet.

BONDS OVER AMERICA * * *

In lower Manhattan where George Washington took the oath as president, stands his statue on the steps of the Sub-Treasury, a monument to our fiscal security.

G. Washington

In Belgium the Nazis now are selling property confiscated from loyal Belgians to residents cooperating with their Nazi masters further complicating the fiscal affairs of that troubled land.

Help Yourself Buy War Bonds

"Twin Goats"

I have a goat and its name is Sparky.

She has a brother whose name is Darky.

They toss about and butt their heads together.

They like to play in all kinds of weather.

John Boren

SECOND GRADE

Marjory Key's room

Dickie Mason has withdrawn from school to move to Royalty and we all miss him. However, we have a new pupil, Barbara Crawford, from Seymour, and we are glad to have her.

We are making Valentines and we are going to make some things for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, too.

We have been writing poems. Here are two that we think are the best:

"Ground Hog Day"

Ground Hog Day
Is on the way;
Shall he see his shadow?
That I cannot say!

Darrell Lee Vines

Musician Delights Crane Students

Assembly was held Feb. 7 in the high school auditorium. The assembly was sponsored by the senior class and the money taken from this will be added to the treasury.

Mr. Phillips-Robertson was in charge and he feels that people should be interested in the music of the Ancient World. He has gone rather elaborately about his task of preparing himself for his unusual career. He visited Syria, Palestine and Egypt to search out records undisturbed for centuries. Here he saw shelves with curious and archaic devices upon which the singers of long ago twanged the melody they sang. Using these as models, he reconstructed twenty-two harps, horns, fiddles, flutes and drums, upon which he accompanies himself. He also found many lyrics: plantation songs, war songs and love songs, and all of them uncopyrighted.

The display of museum pieces was significant in itself. This was neither a lecture nor a concert, yet keenly interesting and entertaining to the audience.

Go in Services Soon

First grade boys are leaving for the service in the near future. They are: Herman Hooper, Naval Air Corps; Andrew Cook, Naval Air Corps; Ralph Brown, Navy; Charles Lovelace, U. S. Maritime Service; and C. R. Ward, Navy. The Crane wishes good luck to all of you.

Adventures of THE TOTTIES



(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

SAID Duncy, "Tell you what let's do. As long as this wig-wam is new, I'd like to sleep in it tonight. I think it would be fun."

"We made it nice and big, you see, and it looks comfy as can be."

"You think of naught but sleeping, lad, but even so I will be glad to join you in a good night's rest," said Scouty, with a grin.

An Indian shouted, "Go ahead. It's getting dark, so go to bed. Just crawl into some blankets."

IN just a moment Goldy cried, "Oh, listen to the song outside. The Indians are real thoughtful. They are singing us to sleep."

The Totties listened for a while. Then, on each face there spread a smile.

At break of dawn there came a shout. "Hey, Totties, come on, hop out. A dandy breakfast's ready. Get it while it's nice and hot."

"You bet we will," cried Dotty. "Gee, some hot food sounds real good to me." They soon were served with porridge and each Totty ate a lot.

TOWARD noon the fisherman said, "Say, I think I'd best be on my way. You Totties can stay here, if you wish, and play a while."

"Right near my cabin there's a spot where I can fish and catch a lot." "Oh, gee! Can we go with you?" questioned Dotty, with a smile.

"Why, sure you can," the old man cried.

And so they all said goodby to the Indian tribe. Then off they flew. "Hang on real tight," yelled Coppy, "or you'll likely take a spill."

Enrollment for Grade School 313

The total enrollment of the Crane Grade School is 313. The teacher and number enrolled for each grade are:

Teacher	Grade	Enrolled
Crabtre	first	29
Hood	first	24
Key	second	23
Dickenson	second	23
Roberts	third	19
Martin	third	18
Baschley	fourth	21
Kent	fourth	23
Worley	fifth	23
Sawyer	fifth	24
Braly	sixth	25
Jackson	sixth	26
Fried	seventh	23
Dickenson	seventh	27
		Total
		313

JUNIOR Fashionettes

Gloria Likes has a very cute plaid dress, which looks very nice on her.

Elizabeth Teague has some cute black dress shoes.

Jacqueline Mathes has a cute black and blue dress, with a blue hat and black shoes for trimmings.

Nelda McCasland has a cute red and blue dress.

June Crownover has some bright green shoes. She surely does like green.

Lola Faye Ervin has a cute red suit. It looks neat.

Dot Hickey has some cute house shoes which she wears because of a sprained ankle.

Carla Boyd has been wearing bangs lately. They surely are cute, Carla.

Gloria Likes has some cute wine shoes.

Sherra Nell Wells has a cute tan dress. Surely does fit nicely.

Carla Boyd has five new dresses. They are all very cute.

Mary Pickering has some cute red play shoes.

Kool-Aid seems to be popular down in sixth and seventh grades. Nice to eat between classes (or in class).

Sixth Grade Buys Most War Stamps

The 6-2 class holds the lead in the bond and stamp contest for the second week. Since the 14 weeks of school, Mrs. Braly's 6th grade has purchased \$226.32 in stamps and bonds.

During the 19 week the room bought \$83.30, and during the 20 week they bought \$113.57 worth of stamps and bonds.

Since the sixth grade has had the most buyers and the most money spent, they have had the honor of having both pictures hang in their room for two weeks.

Next week, if some other room has more buyers or more money turned in the pictures will go to these rooms.

New Jeep Song

The mounting enthusiasm for jeeps which has swept through the schools during the recent Tri-ble-Three-Week, "Jeeps have literally sung the praises of jeeps.

The following song was composed during the height of the "Jeep Fever" by one of the field representatives of the War Finance Division, who said "Everywhere I go I hear a new and better report of the schools buying jeeps through War Savings."

Here is his song:
(Tune: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean")

The Jeep is a marvelous thing!
The Jeep is a wonderful thing!
The Jeep, it is never a quitter!
We're happy its praises to sing.

Chorus:
Buy Jeeps! Oh, buy Jeeps!
Send thousands of Jeeps o'er the sea, the sea!
Buy Jeeps! Oh, buy Jeeps!
They'll bring back my soldier to me!

A Jeep can swim over the ocean
A Jeep can fly up in the sky!
A Jeep can climb over a mountain!
If I were a Jeep, so could I!

(Chorus)

The Jeep has a fine education,
So sometimes it just sits and thinks.
It's rumored the Jeep has no engine,
So naturally, it never drinks!

(Chorus)

One Jeep lost its driver in battle,
Kept on fighting enemy tanks!
It pushed them all down in the canyon,
And then gave three cheers for the Yanks!



The Squander Bug thinks it's just dandy
When you spend all your money on candy.
He shouts in high glee,
"How jolly for me,
Uncle Sam would have found that money handy."

All of you kids look around the house and find those War Stamp books that are only partially filled up and finish filling them up, so that the picture will not think you are a "Squander Bug," which is picture of a bug, which is picture of a bug, which is picture of a bug.

LAUNDRY is the U. S. war name for the board passing on the qualifications of Flying Cadets. Get yourself qualified as a member of our boys in the invasion armies. Buy extra Stamps in February.

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