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After a taset of freedom, we would be more reconciled to our school work. Seriously, we hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holidays.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Having to have passes to go from place to place is hard on us, but it has cut down traffic, anyway.

BUY AN ANNUAL
The Crane staff wishes Miss might very much happiness in her approaching marriage. Judging from the enticing aromas that come from the home ec. room, we know Mr. Waller will have a fine cook for a wife.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Why doesn't everyone just forget Kilroy for a while? Haven't we had enough of him?

BUY AN ANNUAL
Did you know that Mr. Patterson was an accomplished singer? Several students swooned when he sang for the Spanish class. (Fainted, that is.)

BUY AN ANNUAL
We are always happy to have Cranes visit us. It is good to see them back.

BUY AN ANNUAL
The concert by the Hardin-Simmons College Band was enjoyed by all the students. We are looking forward to hearing concerts by our own band.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Congratulations to the Crane football boys for starting a winning season on Dec. 3.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Little girls and boys had better stop their noise, because if they do not, they won't get a big lot of toys and candy and stuff. I heard Santa say, "Enough's enough!"

BUY AN ANNUAL
S. Teachers seem to have the same outlook.

BUY AN ANNUAL
A hint to the P. O. D.'s (Prisoners of Detention): An hour after school can be used in many more pleasant ways than only one or ten minutes of the morning and at noon.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Xmas is just around the corner. That is the pleasant thought for the week. Final exams are too, guess what kind of thought that

BUY AN ANNUAL
The teachers are really on their feet, so I guess the students had better get on the beam, if they want to stay in school.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Twenty yard dash; the office door.

BUY AN ANNUAL
If every body in school were conscious of the sports training as David Bonner, we would have a perfect team.

BUY AN ANNUAL
Two colors seem to rule our line of thought, will it be a white mas, or a red... report card!

BUY AN ANNUAL
When can we expect the volleyball girls to crawl into action?

BUY AN ANNUAL
From what we hear, the annual shall be something to say something about this time, and it would be good!

BUY AN ANNUAL
I have asked before, and I will ask again, WHERE IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL?

BUY AN ANNUAL
This was the month before Xmas, and all through the school, a creature was stirring, it doesn't rhyme, but it's the truth!

Set for Senior Ball
Dec. 21 is the date set for the Senior Ball to be given by the seniors this year.

The dance follows a tradition by the seniors a long time ago and is considered an annual and purely invitation affair.

The 46 seniors plan to do their best to make it entertaining and enjoyable for those present.

Get Up, Lazy! You Might Become (More) Deformed

Sometimes it is necessary in our school for the teachers to tell students if they would stop using the desks as lounging chairs, they might get more from the lessons that are being taught. It is amusing to observe the various reclining positions students take when studying or listening to class discussion. We wonder if anyone can really be comfortable with his feet up in the seat or his head on the desk. Or have you tried this one: sitting or lying on your backbone with your feet up on the chair in front.

These positions may be comfortable for a while but after a time, parts of the body begin to grow numb, (namely, the head), and if you sit very long in such a fix, mobility will be difficult when it becomes necessary. Lying around in cramped positions is not good for posture or health; any nurse or doctor can tell you that.

And if you don't believe I know what I'm talking about, just remember that I've tried 'em all myself.

Annuals Promise To Be Better Than Ever

The annual staff has begun work in earnest now on this year's annual and all members are confident that the books will be out in plenty of time for once.

The annuals will be \$3.00 this year, a slight increase over last year, but they will be much nicer and we are sure no student would like to sacrifice quality for price.

The staff is setting its goal at 200 copies—so all you students bring your money promptly and help go OVER that goal.

Crane MYF Shares In Sub-District Meeting At Pecos, November 29

The Methodist Young People of Crane participated in a Sub-District meeting of the Pecos Valley District, Pecos, Texas, Friday, Nov. 29.

Joanne Randall, vice-president of the Sub-District, took charge of the meeting as Don Vaughn, president of the district, was absent, due to his being off to college.

The meeting started promptly at 10:30 a. m. with the morning devotionals led by Eugene Ater, president of the Pecos MYF, followed by a hymn, scripture by Sarah Sadberry, a prayer by Nora Holcombe, and then a series of talks: "Youth and Christian Stewardship" by Virginia Goodrich; "Youth and The Church" by Allen Hancock; "Youth and The World" by Nancy McCree; and "Youth's Commitment to Christ" by Mary Martin.

The series of talks was followed by a broadcast over radio station KIUN by a group of Odessa and Crane young people.

Right after the broadcast, Rev. Estol Allen, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church in Toyah, Texas, gave a message, "Christ Calls Youth," to the young people.

The Methodist ladies of Pecos assisted Mrs. F. L. Willshire and Mrs. Ater in preparing a lunch for the members and guests.

After lunch the devotionals were led by Billy Smith, vice-president of the Pecos MYF. He was followed by a trombone-baritone duet, "The Holy City," played by Valco Garrett and Leonard Rose of Crane. The duet was followed by the closing prayer offered by Rev. F. L. Willshire of Pecos.

There were representatives from Fort Stockton, Pecos, Toyah, Monahans, Crane, and Odessa at the meeting.

Hickey's; Glenn's, Bring Enrollment Of School Up

After asking nearly every student in high school how many of their family were attending CHS, we found that three was the limit.

It seems the Glenn's and the Hickey's head the list with three each.

In the Glenn family there are Jimmy Glenn, a senior; Jeanelle Glenn, also a senior; and Billy Glenn, an eighth grader.

In the Hickey family there are Helen Hickey, a senior; Dorothy Hickey, a sophomore; and John Hickey, a freshman.

Donna Miller Places Third In State-Wide Musical Contest Dec. 6



Donna Miller, playing an oboe solo, took third place in a state-wide musical contest in Austin last Friday, Dec. 6. The contest was sponsored by the United Sulphur Co.

Donna qualified for the finals by taking first place in the semi-finals which were held in Abilene Nov. 22.

Third place in the finals was a prize of \$50, first place being \$200 plus a chance to be guest player with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nevins made the trip to Austin with Donna, Mrs. Evans acting as piano accompanist.

In addition to her duties as alternate student band director, Donna substitutes as Methodist Church pianist and writes the Fashionette column for The Crane.

Santa Claus To Bring Everything From Boy Friends To New Cars

Santa Claus is really going to be busy this year if he tries to bring what everyone wants because that ranges from new boy friends to new cars. (Which is the hardest to get????) We could not get around to see what everyone wanted, so those we didn't see will have to write their own letter to him.

"Dere Santa: All the boys and girls have bin good and hav studied hard and lerned ther lessins good too so please bring them what they want.

Jean Garrett would like to have a new boy friend.
Dorothy Craig says she has what she wants but her problem is: "Can she keep him????"
Zoe would like a trip to San Angelo with lots of money to spend.

Chester and Don Kilgore would like, more than anything else, a diploma.
Helen Hickey would like a boy friend.

Mr. Patterson says there is no use in wanting because he doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
Melba wants a man!
Jimmy Glenn would like a one-way ticket from Crane.

Pat McLaurin would appreciate a black Ford convertible with FENDER skirts.
Jeannelle says she could use a maroon convertible.

Iown Gilstrap wants an airplane, a record player, and a camera.
Lou Smith says she has what she wants—Ralph!

Mr. Nix wants a rag doll—and, of course, a new car, too.
Mrs. Elmore wants a 1947 green car that can take her miles, and miles, and miles!!!

Bobby Allen would settle for Dorothy Lamour under his Christmas tree.
Don Pope wants the power to keep that certain little junior girl.

Billie Lovelace wants the same old thing she has been wanting for quite a while.
Billy John Shaffer wants a record player.

Dorothy Hickey would like a certain little boy from O. U. for keeps.
Mrs. Miller would settle for a new stove.

Wilma Earp wants lots of pretty clothes.
Helen White would appreciate more than anything else a permanent pass to cut all the classes she wants to.

We know you will do your best to bring all the students and teachers just exactly what they want.
Love,
THE CRANE STAFF.

Teachers, Too, Appreciate An Escape At Times

Who says that pupils are the only ones who look forward with wild anticipation for those few days of freedom from the everyday drag of school life? From the answers and sighs we received from the faculty when we asked them where they would spend the coming Christmas holidays, we gather that they, too, enjoy an escape.

Just in case you want to see one of your teachers about your lesson during the holidays (yes, we're being funny!) here is where you will have to go to see them:

Mr. Patterson will be found in Denton (probably in a dentist's chair because he is to have a wisdom tooth pulled).
Mrs. Miller is throwing her secretarial duties to the winds and going to Corsicana.

Our teacher most noted for her wide, extensive traveling, Mrs. Elmore, will be found in Dallas or Corpus Christi or on the road between the two.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevins will spend part of their vacation in Abilene and Christmas Day in Dallas.
Mr. Martin gave a great big sigh and replied, "Stay in Crane and work!"

Miss Fetterly will be visiting in Baird and Miss Nelson in McKinney and Dallas.
Mrs. Barber will remain in Crane until after Christmas and then go to Colorado City and Abilene.

Miss Knight must really have the wanderlust for she is going to Houston, Austin, and New Orleans.
Mr. Nix will be visiting in Stephenville. (Mr. Martin says, "living off his mother-in-law, you mean.")
Mr. Carroll will go to Stamford or Alpine.

Mr. Haralson will go to Fort Sumner, N. M., to taste some of his mother's turkey and chicken.
Mrs. Hughes plans to spend the holidays in Crane.
George and Douglas Chrene plan to spend the holidays at their home in San Saba County.

Elmer Grounds Writes Features In Prospector

If everyone could read The Prospector, the College of Mines' school paper, they would find a certain feature story written each time by an ex-Crane, ex-Marine, and one of the Grounds boys.

I am speaking of Elmer Grounds. I know that everyone can recall him. He lettered four years in football and made honor grades in his studies. He wasn't very big, just 214, and about 6 feet 2 inches tall.

All of the journalism class is very proud of Elmer, and we hope that he continues to write his interesting features for The Prospector.

Pardon My Red Hair! It Matches My Temper

Well, what'da know, if it isn't Sammie Lewis with red hair—wait! What's this? Well, I'll be—Louise Pettit has red hair.

Yes, dear people, it's really true. It seems that all of our beautiful blonds decided they weren't beautiful enough, but that red hair would do the trick. It almost did. Some of them were practically in hysterics after about thirty people saying, "My goodness!! What HAVE you done to your hair—it looks awful!!!"

Frankly, all of them looked very attractive with red hair because nearly all of them had green or blue eyes and especially green eyes look very attractive, and also makes them show up much more.

We all think it is cute to color, or your hair a different color; so don't pay any attention to those provoking comments.

Crane Band Performs Between Halves At Hardin-Sul Ross Game

The Crane High School Band of Crane, Texas, was present at the Hardin Jr. College Indians vs. the Sul Ross Lobos football game Saturday night, Nov. 23, and performed for the spectators at the half.

The Sul Ross College Band went on the field before the game and helped the football squad crown their queen.

At the half the Crane Band came on the field and formed November 28 and a live turkey was brought onto the field to the tune of "The Funeral March" and then as an axe was raised to remove its head, the turkey started to run across the football field to the tune of "Turkey In The Straw."

The Hardin Band came on the field and formed an airplane and then turned the flood lights out, leaving the twirlers twirling fire batons in front of the plane. Flashlights formed the propellers.

Rumors of Known Kilroy

Flash! It has been rumored that Crane High has a relative of Kilroy in school. Who could it be? Mr. Martin? Mr. D. Chrene? No, not them! It's Mr. Brad Kilroy. He is always around when a student

Five Seniors, 2 Freshmen Make Honor Roll; Jean Garrett Still Leads With 96.2 Average

For the second six weeks of school, as well as the first, the highest average on the Honor Roll was made by Jean Garrett with 96.2, closely followed by Helen Hickey who had a 95.6 average.

Seven students were listed on the Honor Roll, five seniors and two freshmen.

The seniors were: Jean Garrett, 96.2; Helen Hickey, 95.6; Helen White, 95; Jeanelle Glenn, 94.6; and Homer Clements, 93.5.

Freshmen were: Lanell Murrell, 94.8; and Bruce Patterson, 91.8.

The four highest averages were: Jean Garrett, 96.2; Helen Hickey, 95.6; Helen White, 95; and Lanell Murrell, 94.8.

The eighth grade, having one on the Honor Roll the first six weeks, did not have any on it this six weeks. No sophomores or juniors made it this six weeks, of the first six weeks.

Six highest ranking students in grade points are Lanell Murrell, freshman; Bruce Patterson, freshman; Jeanelle Glenn, senior; Jean Garrett, senior; Helen Hickey, senior; Helen White, senior. All have 27 grade points.

PTA Has Meeting; 5 Attend Convention

The PTA had a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21. Mrs. George Chrene presided in the absence of Mrs. Wilmoth. Business matters were discussed and reports were heard from the committees.

The topic for the program was "Building a Firm Foundation by Giving Thanks." Two speeches were given by Mr. Martin and Mrs. John Webb. Judy Mathis then gave a reading entitled "Mother's Gone To The Convention."

Yearbooks were presented to each paid up member as they entered the door. This was the first time to have yearbooks.

Mrs. Brady Nix, Quay Clark, Walter Boren, P. O. Vines and Hayden Wilmoth attended the PTA Convention in Amarillo on Nov. 21-22.

New Recordio, Result Of Schoolboard Meeting

The student body wishes to thank Mr. Martin and the school board for the new Recordio and the supply of recording discs that they have so thoughtfully acquired for us. The Recordio set the school back \$212.50 (including the tax), and it will be used for, and in, English, reading, and the music department.

It will also be used for a public address system. Mr. Martin has asked that the Recordio not be used for recreation night, dances, etc.

As far as the new equipment goes, the office now proudly displays a new staple remover. Also, the band marched behind a new set of flags in Alpine, Texas.

"Cyclops of Palomar" To Be Next Assembly

On Dec. 19, at 11 o'clock, the senior class will sponsor an assembly, "The Cyclops of Palomar," by Robert T. Edgar.

This is a unique, non-technical lecture-demonstration of the Wonder of the World, the great 200-inch telescope on Mount Palomar, Calif. It is the exciting, dramatic story of man's greatest scientific achievement, illustrated with giant models of the telescope and mirror, and it will be presented in a forceful, dynamic manner by a master story-teller.

The admission will be 15c for grade school students and 25c for high school students.

Thanksgiving Dance Sponsored By Juniors

The junior class is thanked whole-heartedly by the student body for the Thanksgiving dance given Wednesday night, Nov. 27, at the Community Hall. Everyone who attended seemed to have had a hilarious good time.

The hall was decorated in autumn colors with different colored leaves around the room.

They charged 50 cents a couple to get in and 10 cents for the drinks. This was for the purpose of making money for the junior and senior prom later in the year.

Mr. S. T. Ragsdale furnished the music for the entertainment.



By WILMA EARP

It was just 17 years ago on Oct. 2, 1929, that the stork left this little brown-eyed, brown-haired baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Garrett in El Dorado, Ark. The name on the papers read "Norma Jean Garrett," but since entering school she prefers to be called just "Jean."

Since that time Jean has grown to be 5 feet, 2 inches tall, and weighs 110 pounds.

She came to Crane from El Dorado in November, 1942, when she was in the eighth grade. Since then she has proven to be one of the high ranking students of the high school, making the honor roll every year.

In her junior year she was given a medal for having the highest grade point average of anyone in that class. Jean's favorite sport is journalism, but she plans to take a business course at Draughon's Business College in Abilene, Lubbock when she graduates.

Jean likes men of the Alan Ladd type and admires women of the Ingrid Bergman type. She enjoys any kind of sweet foods, especially banana pudding; and her pet peeve is teachers who are unfair in grading.

Binum Holds Clinic For Crane High Band Before Holidays

Crane's High School Band had a clinic under the direction of Mr. Raymond T. Binum from McMurray College in Abilene, Texas, Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The clinic started Wednesday morning and lasted until noon that day. Various numbers were "sight read," and others were "worked on," to employ two band colloquialisms.

Ten visitors from the Big Lake Band were present with their director.

After the clinic, Mr. Binum gave the flute players helpful hints. He also talked to the seniors about attending McMurray.

There were four seniors from Big Lake and Donna Miller and Leonard Rose from Crane. Scholarships were offered to various ones.

Mr. Binum will hold a clinic in Big Lake some time in February. A few from the Crane Band will attend.

Lecture And Painting Presented In Assembly

Mr. Carpenter from the Taos Art Studios of Odessa gave a lecture and demonstration on art in the high school auditorium on Monday, Dec. 2.

His lecture had to do with the qualities of a good artist. He pointed out that the first quality of a good artist is that a person must be interested in art before he starts a course.

Mr. Carpenter demonstrated his artistic ability by painting a landscape picture with colored chalk.

Art classes will be conducted by Mr. Carpenter in Crane if there are enough interested in becoming artists.

After the grade school students were dismissed, Mr. Martin gave a lecture to the high school students on the attitude they should attain to their school work. He stated that the attitude that a student has while he is still in high school will reflect on him in future life.

Five Senior Girls See 3-Act Mystery Play Given by MHS Juniors

Mrs. Elmore honored five of the senior girls with a trip to Midland last Thursday night, Nov. 22, to see a three-act play presented by the junior class of Midland High School.

Those who went were: Jean Garrett, Helen Hickey, Helen White, Zoe Reynolds and Wilma Earp.

The mystery comedy, "Are You Mr. Butterworth?" started at 8 o'clock and was over about 9:30.

The setting of the play was in the lobby of the Empire Hotel. During the first act, the characters were all introduced, and in the second act, the mystery began, which was the loss of a jewelry case containing several thousands of dollars worth of diamonds.

The third act closed with the solving of the mystery and the desk clerk winning the hand of his boss' daughter.

All the girls enjoyed the trip very much, and they would like to express their thanks to Mrs. Elmore for a wonderful time.

Constitution Finished; All Over But Voting

Finishing the Constitution of the Student Council, Wednesday, Dec. 4, the Constitutional Committee composed articles on important matters.

Articles concerning duties of officers, status of regulations as passed by the council, powers of the council, amendments to the Constitution, and the adoption of the Constitution.

When three-fifths of the classes have adopted the Constitution by a majority vote, it will go into effect.

Each and every student will have a chance to read the complete Constitution before he votes for or against it.

Shop Boys Are Making Complicated Projects

Projects in wood working range from simple one piece bread boards to complicated wood turning projects. They are taking up safety precaution, operation of the band saw, and the shaper.

Projects in general metal range from bracelets to complicated turning projects. Some have taken up foundry, lathe work and welding.

Arrangements are being made to enter the field of art projects exhibit in El Paso. Some time in the spring of 1947.

Students, parents, and faculty members are invited to visit the shop classes any hour and day of the week.

Annual Photographer To Be Here Thursday

On Dec. 12, at 1 o'clock, a photographer from the Calvin-Wheat Studios of Dallas will be here to take individual and group pictures for the annual. Every one please remember this and be present that day because it will be your ONLY chance to have your picture made for the annual as no off-size picture will be accepted this year.

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THE CRANE'S CREED

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

YOU ARE A CRANE!

Origin of Christmas and Christmas Traditions

On December 25 we will again observe Christmas in a peaceful world. This will be the second peacetime Christmas since 1940. But let's look back and see just when this memorable day began.
 Christmas derived from the medieval *Christe Masse*; that is, the Mass of Christ. The feast commemorating the birth of Christ has been observed by the Christian Church annually on the 25th of December.
 According to the authorities, the Christian Church did not celebrate Christmas in the first centuries, but instead they celebrated the death of remarkable persons rather than the birth.
 Most Christian Churches celebrate this great festival in some way, and practically the entire community in Christian countries, including Jewish and non-churchgoing people, join in its social observance.
 In the United States, England, and other countries, business is commonly suspended, although in Scotland this is only partially the case.
 Our custom of sending presents at Christmas is derived from ancient usage; but it has become consecrated by the ages, and contributes greatly to make this festival an interesting event to families.
 The traditional Christmas tree has been traced back to the Romans. It went from Germany to Great Britain, and is almost universal in the United States where the customs of so many nationalities meet and gradually blend into common usage.
 Now that we have learned the origin of Christmas from the early days, let us look into the future and see how Christmas will be celebrated this year.
 As a result of the recent world war, millions of people in Europe and Asia were left homeless and starving. Christmas this year will not mean much to them, and as we enjoy the good food and nice gifts in our homes, we should stop and think of these people and offer a prayer of thanks for the privilege of living in a free and prosperous country.

Lack of Honor May Bring Disgrace to School

HONOR! That which we can never have enough. The lack of honor in any field of sport can cause disgrace not only to you and your team, but disgrace to your school. Many games of basketball, football, and others have been played by the players to save their honor. The majority of people always say, "Honor before victory."

Have you ever been to a basketball game and seen and heard the losing side boo and call the referee names, and try to attract the players' attention? I am sure you have. How does it sound? You know how it sounds. It sounds rude and uncouth. It shows the lack of sportsmanship and disrespect for your school and schoolmates.

How many people like to see dishonorable winners rather than honorable losers? Not many.
 So let us remember, we spectators as well as the players, "Honor before victory" under any circumstances, and our school and its members will always have an honorable and respectable name of which we can all be proud.

Just Praise Is Offered To The Just

Aw, now! Don't go 'way. We are not starting to preach a sermon like most editorial writers do. We want to offer a few compliments to some of the members of Crane High School because they deserve a little praise now and then.

We have had reports from reliable sources that many lost and found articles such as fountain pens, books, money, etc., have been turned in to be given to the rightful owners.

This makes us all feel that we are not going to school with a bunch of thieves but real honest-to-goodness honest citizens. With a liberal sprinkling of this type of citizen, the old world can't be too shaken up—nay, not even by an Atom Bomb.

Think Twice Before You Decide To "Be a Sport"

Many times the saying comes to us, "Aw, come on, be a sport!" And if we stop to ask ourselves the question, "What IS a good sport?" we often think twice before participating in what we are asked to do.

The answer to that question is not always clear. Is it good sportsmanship to destroy the property of others because we want to have fun, or because we want to be with the crowd? How about telling a cover-up story for someone's wrong doings because we do not want the other "kids" to think we are bad sports?

Doing big things like these often causes more trouble later on than we bargained for. And the trouble may not appear until ten or even twenty years afterward, when it is too late.

If we follow the rule of thinking before acting, we are sure to be safe.



Seniors Present Helen Hickey



Helen Hickey, our lovable and laughable senior - of-the-week, was born on June 25, 1929, in Crane, where she has lived ever since. She is 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, and has brown hair and blue eyes. She is always an honor student and has ranked third in her class all during high school. Helen is senior class president and treasurer for the annual.

Her favorites are Perry Como, pumpkin pie, bookkeeping, "Rhapsody In Blue," and she has an incurable weakness for shoes. The main thing she dislikes is untidiness.

After graduation she plans to enter business college where she will major in bookkeeping.

Songs Of The Week

THE OLD LAMP LIGHTER
 He made the night a little brighter
 Wherever he would go
 The old lamp lighter of long, long ago
 His snowy hair was so much whiter
 Beneath the candle glow
 The old lamp lighter of long, long ago
 You'd hear the patter of his feet
 As he came toddling down the street
 His smile would hide a lonely heart you see
 If there were sweethearts in the park
 He'd pass a lamp and leave it dark
 Remembering the days that used to be
 When the "wash" creeps were new,
 He loved someone who loved him, too
 Who walks with him alone in memory
 He made the night a little brighter,
 Wherever he would go
 The old lamp lighter of long, long ago
 Now if you look up at the sky
 You'll understand the reason why
 The little stars at night are all aglow
 He turns them on when night is here
 He turns them off when dawn is near
 The little man we loved so long ago.

WHITE CHRISTMAS
 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
 Just like the ones I used to know,
 Where the treetops glisten and
 Children listen,
 To hear the sleigh bell in the snow.
 I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,
 With every Christmas card I write,
 May your days be merry and bright,
 And may all your Christmases be white.

Girls Have Plans For Happy Lives As Boys

Taking it for granted that all girls would like to be boys, we asked a few of them the question, "What would you like to do if you were a boy?"

Most girls would like to run around all the time if they were boys. Helen Hickey envies the freedom that boys have.

Zoe said, she would like to hunt, fish, drink, and be merry if she were a boy. (Now, Zoe!) Jeannelle Glenn vowed that if she were a boy she would always be flirting with girls, and Wilma Earp echoed her by saying she would date a real pretty girl.

Mrs. Elmore said she would like to go around the world if she were a boy.

Barbara Mason would like to be a football hero if she were a boy, and Doris Collins would like to be a tennis hero.

Jane Clark said she would like to stay in the pool hall all day if she were a boy. (Now, Jane!)

Darrell Warren, a CHS graduate of 1945, now with the Paratroopers in Japan, was recently promoted to a sergeant.

THE CRANE THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

How often many of us say, "Oh, if there were one more hour in the day, I could do so much more." The most common excuse for lessons being late, being late to class, and almost anything else we don't do is, "I didn't have time."

Just to see what people really would do with their extra hour if there were 25 hours in a day instead of 24, we put the question to some of them. Here is what they think they would do:

Mrs. Elmore: "Get out and work in my yard instead of paying someone else to do it."
 Zoe: "Lot of things I can't find nerve enough to do in 24."
 Helen Hickey: "Sleep."
 Joann Dulin: "Sleep. I guess."
 Dwain Stacy: "Sleep."
 Merwyn: "Sleep."
 Bill Teague: "Sleep."
 (What a bunch of sleepy people!)

Mr. Nix: "I think I'd be reading the newspapers and thinking a little basketball and history."
 Billie Lovelace: "Probably stay in detention hall."
 Dorothy Craig: "Well, if it would come between 11 and 12, I'd probably spend it with Durwood."

Beverly Bruce: "Eat and sleep."
 Melba Howell: "Do a lot more messing around."
 Helen White: "It would be just my luck for it to come during school hours to make school that much longer."

Ladean: "Stay out an hour later."
 Dorothy Hickey: (Dreamily) "Writing to Perky."
 Mr. Patterson: "Waste it like I do a lot of the other 24."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish to extend a very happy birthday to the following students who are one year older on these specified dates:

William Brightman—Dec. 4.
 Norma Wells—Dec. 6.
 Lila Kinsey—Dec. 9.
 Baker Davis—Dec. 11.
 Jacqueline Schneider—Dec. 13.
 David Bonner—Dec. 14.
 Joan Rhinehart—Dec. 14.
 John Clark—Dec. 15.

Four Live Assistants Help Librarian Elmore Keep CHS Well-Read

When you step up to the library to check out a book, you may be assured that you will be served by very intelligent and efficient library assistants.

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If an assistant's grade shows signs of decline she is immediately asked to resign in order that she may devote that extra hour to study.

Acting as assistants are Billie Russell, freshman, who works the first period; June White, freshman, second period; Kathryn Cantrell, junior, third period; and Doris Collins, junior, fourth period.

Crane Criminal Wanted By Austin Police



The loss of a valuable racing mare, Jewel, who has been sent from England to her attractive teen-age owner, Cary Marsh, leads to the dramatic and rousing climax.

I'm sure you'll enjoy this book as much as the others.

Coming Attractions Make Yokels of Locals

It is amazing but true. The Sunday picture show has a strong bearing on the procedure of the school for the next week; but comes a new show, comes a new attitude. (Praise Allah!)

A poor-little-rich girl show brings forth a week of self-pity and many tears are shed because the students of CHS have plenty of money, but aren't happy with all their millions (joke).

All of the girls are very dissatisfied with the football and basketball stars after seeing Van Johnson or Charles Boyer in a "heart-tearing" love story, but, then, the boys aren't exactly satisfied with their material for sweethearts after seeing an eye-fel like "Gilda."

Many happy relationships have been broken up just because these triple-threats to romance have come to our local cinema; however, they manage to make up when the week is over and a good musical comes to town. THAT is when the teachers get the raw end of the deal . . . or should we say the noisy end of the deal!

Boy! Can't you just imagine how it is going to be after "Forever Amber" has shown the pathway to a new week's course? Or can you?

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BOOK NOOK

HOW DEAR TO MY HEART
 By Emily Kimbrough
 Those who have read and enjoyed "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay," "We Followed Our Hearts To Hollywood," and the other laugh-provoking accounts of their lives by Emily Kimbrough and Cornelia Otis Skinner, will also find reading pleasure in this autobiography of Emily Kimbrough's little girl experiences.

The story is carried along in amusing fashion by her grandmother who bought the first automobile the town had, thru a part of her school days. Happenings such as praying in the dirty clothes basket, running errands for her grandmother and grandfather, biting her first grade teacher, dressing up for Hall-lowe-en, preparing magic boxes, and many others make this a heart-warming and easy-to-read book.

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 By Mary O'Hara
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THE CRANE FILES

1 YEAR AGO:
 Crane, War Casualty, Back on Wing after two years in Morgue.

3 YEARS AGO:
 Mr. Martin Sends Christmas Message to Service Men.

5 YEARS AGO:
 A Student Council was organized with a membership of 17 students on the legislative body.

6 YEARS AGO:
 Our Spanish Class has received a list of addresses from Mexico and Central and South America and have started corresponding with our Latin-American friends.

11 YEARS AGO:
 Nineteen letters to be given to grid team, managers, and pep leaders; two awards to reserves.

12 YEARS AGO:
 The Golden Cranes played the Wink Wildcats for the District 9-B Championship. (Imagine Crane playing for District.)

13 YEARS AGO:
 Crane students take a diagnostic test in English Composition. These tests were given to all the high schools in Texas.

Fashionettes For All
 BY DONNA MILLER
 The following are various comments on different students' clothes, etc., of the student body:

Wilma R. Earp was seen wearing a black slack suit trimmed with nail heads at the top; good taste, Wilma.

Corky Harris wore a very attractive tie to school one day—with sport clothes—hummm—very nice!

David Bonner looks very nice in blue! Did you say blue?

Billie Barbara and Helen have very smooth looking aqua sweaters which they wear occasionally.

Mrs. Elmore has more cute shoes! Tell the girls where you find 'em, Inez.

Miss Kent looks very cute in a wool sweater and a plaid skirt.

Gladys Barnard is very attractive in a certain little brown hat.

Barbara Barber has a "new-fangled" huba-huba belt from

Chester Pettit looks nice in red hair—ah yes!

Dorothy Hickey has a new yellow dress which is all "rite"!

Mrs. Barber's new hair-do is super—very attractive!

Mr. Duff still wears his G. I. jacket which is hunkey-dorey—eh, teach?

Patsy Dulin has a pretty lime-wood blouse which goes nicely with blonde hair.

Speaking of blonde hair, Mildred Boren is very cute in short hair—long hair, too.

Billie Russell wears a cute poverty pen on her coat.

Beverly Bruce has a rust-colored winter coat—good color—says Bill.

Fay Ellen Jordan is seen wearing occasionally a "snazzy" green two-piece dress with puppy buttons.

Jimmy Glenn owns a wool, red, white and blue turban which creates skillful thinking to the feminine side—so THEY say.

"Don Kilgore," say the girls, "looks heavenly in his CURLY blonde hair."

AUNT SOPHIE SE

Dearest Aunt:
 I am thinking about giving your mind—a piece of my mind—what do you think?

Dear Furious:
 NO! Don't do it. You can't afford it.

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 The other day I saw a cat trying her kittens in her room, wonder why human beings do the same. Some of our mouths look like they were made for it.

Dear Imaginative:
 What are ya' trying to do, disrupt the baby carriage business?

Dearest Aunt Sophie:
 I am frantic, I just don't know what to do! A handsome fellow has been following me ever where I go—shouting, "Dearest I love you, will you marry me? What can I do to get rid of this?"

Dear Stupid:
 Start reading DETECTIVE

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 Every time I get out of house, I catch cold, but I want a cold, I WANT A COLD! What can I do?

Dear "Phew":
 Just find a man who likes noses—might I suggest "kisses"?

Dear Auntie-Wantie:
 Tum piple sez I need to somping new to my speech. Do do 'oo think? How kin little do it?

Dear "BABE":
 (A vocabulary MIGHT be of help.)
 Although, a good space would probably work wonders.

Dear Aunt Sophie:
 I can't see why people sleep, and play. I can't see sense in living. I know this terrible outlook on life. Can I help it?

Dear "Ex":
 Open your eyes!
 Your Wise Ol' Aunt

Dear Aunt:
 Great black spots are appearing all over me. What can I do?

Dear "Spottie":
 Ever try taking a bath?

Dear Aunt:
 With men I'm fed up—through you hear me, through, through!

To Fed-Up:
 Well, I am glad, glad, glad, because I am not, not, not! Your Spry Ol' Aunt

Dear Aunt:
 All the girls and boys send their noses in the air when I pass. What can I do?

Dear "Stinkie":
 Have you tried "Mum"?
 Your Tired Aunt

Ex-Crane Promoted To Senior In Alpha Chi
 Kathryn Joiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Joiner, 175, Crane, Texas, has been promoted from a junior to a senior member of the Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society. She is a senior student in Abilene, Texas, and is a member of the ACC chapter of the organization.

Class meetings were held Monday, Dec. 2, for the purpose of discussing coming social events and handing out report cards.



Cranes Pluck Triple Victory From Owls

On Dec. 3, a victorious beginning gave the Golden Cranes a running start for the basketball championship of 1937. With a triple-feature victory over the Reagan Owls, there are good prospects of repeating the victorious march started by the last year's team. The scores are: "A" team 49-17, "B" team 38-11, and last, but not least, juniors 56-7. All three games were started off with a bang and ended the same way. All of the boys who suited up for the games played a reasonable amount of the respective games.

Scores of each and lineup are as follows:

"A" TEAM	
Pope	10 Pts.
Pettit	12 Points
McLaurin	6 Points
Bonner	8 Points
Kilgore	None
Coker, W.	5 Points
Coker, C. M.	2 Points
Mathis	2 Points
Waller	2 Points
Murrell	None
"B" TEAM	
Stacy, D.	4 Points
Davis, B.	None
Henderson	8 Points
Simon	None
Bradley	None
McCully	7 Points
Rust	None
Murrell	6 Points
Coker, C. M.	4 Points
Coker, W.	6 Points
Mathis	1 Point
Waller	1 Point

JUNIORS	
Smith	16 Points
J. Stacy	8 Points
Halcomb	8 Points
Clark	None
Whaley	8 Points
Pessley	8 Points
Pearce	2 Points
Hickey	2 Points
Teague	6 Points
Kilgore	None
Tallman	None
Higdon	None

Crane's Mighty "B" Team Loses To Badger "B" 7 to 6

The Crane "B" team lost their first game of the season, last Tuesday, Nov. 19, when McCamey defeated them 7-6. This game was a very interesting and tense one from start to finish, with both sides showing the crowd some thrilling moments.

The biggest thrill of the game was when Omo, the fleet-footed halfback of the Crane team, broke away on his 50 yard touchdown run.

McCamey made their touchdown on a long pass play, and ran the extra point over, after they made the touchdown. The Crane touchdown came as the result of Omo's brilliant run early in the game.

The "B" team won three out of four games played this season. The four games played were one each with Stockton, Monahans, and two with McCamey.

The starting lineup for Crane was: I. E.—Billy Marlow, L. T.—Johnny Best, L. G.—Baker Davis, C.—Frank Waller, R. G.—Billy Schoonover, R. T.—Joe Weatherby, R. E.—Alvin Whaley, R. H.—Don Bradley, L. H.—Kenneth Pierce, Q. B.—Merwyn McCulley, F. B.—Thomas Reynolds

SPORT SHOTS
The basketball season is now open. Let's give the boys the same backing and better than that of football.

What's this we hear about the flashy football jackets for the letter this year.

Basketball boys seem to have a lot of spirit. They even practiced during the Thanksgiving holidays.

There is a rumor about new basketball suits.

The volleyball girls are coming along fine in the night practices. Good luck!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Mr. and Mrs. Schneider Given Farewell Party

The Tide Water Camp of Crane gave Mr. and Mrs. H. Schneider a going-away party last Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Community Hall. About 40 guests were present at the party. "Forty-Two" and bridge were played and a blanket was presented to Mrs. Schneider as a going-away gift. Jackie, their daughter, was given a skirt and jacket.

Thirty-Four Gridders Receive '46 Jackets

Mr. Chrane has ordered the football jackets for this year. The jackets are to be purple with a gold trim. The senior boys and the coaches will each receive a wool surcoat, and the other boys will receive a gabardine surcoat, all except the ones who did not letter. The senior jackets will have both the football award, the basketball award, or what other award the boys have lettered in; that is, if they have lettered in any other sport.

The boys receiving the wool surcoats are as follows: David Bonner, 3 years; Wallace Coker, 1 year; Baker Davis, 1 year; Don Kilgore, 2 years; Chester Pettit, 3 years; Amel Omo, 1 year; Donald Pope, 2 years; George Chrane (coach); Bill Haralson (coach)

The boys receiving the gabardine surcoat are: Bobby Allen, 1 year; C. M. Coker, 1 year; Eugene Harrington, 2 years; Billy Henderson, 2 years; Golden Hester, 2 years; Charles Mathis, 3 years; Merwin McCulley, 1 year; Elmo Rust, 2 years; Paul Simon, 3 years; Billy Schoonover, 1 year; Dwain Stacy, 1 year; Frank Waller, 1 year; Joe Weatherby, 1 year; Jimmy Zarafonitis, 1 year; Raymond Weatherby, Mgr.

The boys receiving reserve awards are: Johnny Best, Don Bradley, Howard Christian, Kenneth Daniel, Valco Garrett, John Hickey, Billy Kelton, Bill Marlowe, Kenneth Pearce, Thomas Reynolds, Alvin Whaley, Tommy Alderfer.

Coach Haralson Starts Practice With 20 Boys

The Crane junior basketball team, coached by Mr. Bill Haralson, have been working out from 8:15 to 9:00 in the mornings. Coach Haralson has 20 boys out for the team.

The juniors' first game was on Tuesday, Dec. 3, with Big Lake, which they won by a large margin.

There are many good prospects out for the team.

There are also a few of the boys back from last year's junior team. The junior team has a game just about every time the A and B teams have one.

Miss Wanda Martin of New York City is visiting her parents, Supt. and Mrs. L. L. Martin. Miss Martin only recently returned from a tour of the Caribbean area.

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The Crane "B" Team Of 1946



Top, left to right: George Chrane, Joe We atherby, Alvin Whaley, Bill Haralson. Middle row, left to right: Bill Marlowe, Billy Kelton, Howard Christian, Kenneth Daniel, Johnny Best, and Baker Davis. Bottom row, left to right: Billy Ray Collins, Merwyn McCully, Kenneth Pearce, Thomas Reynolds, Valco Garrett, and Jimmy Zarafonitis.

Pettit, Louise, That Is. Scores Wild Touchdown In Devil-Buzzard Game

One of the most exciting football games of the season was played Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 4, at the El Ave stadium in Crane. This game was played between the two leading six-girl teams of the year, The Red Devils and the Blue Buzzards.

The teams were led by their two capable captains, Louise Pettit of the Devils and Joyce Sharp of the Buzzards.

One of the most breathtaking moments of the game was when the dashing Louise Pettit caught a pass and ran 50 yards for the first touchdown of the game.

In the last half of the game when minutes were getting scarce that daredevil Buzzard, Louise Newman, bucked the line for a touchdown for the Buzzards.

This made the score a tie, 6-6, because both teams failed to make the conversion point. And so this suspenseful game ended with the score tied. Both teams played a great game.

Flash! Our latest bulletin says the mighty Blue Buzzards defeated those fighting Red Devils 6-0 Thursday, Dec. 5, in another hard fought game.

To those who are interested, these two six-girl football teams are made up of the girls of the sixth period P. E. class.

Nix Attends Basketball Clinic At Big Spring

Mr. Brady Nix, High School principal and basketball coach, attended a basketball clinic in Big Spring, Texas, on Dec. 1 and 2. The clinic was sponsored by the Wilson-Waltz Sporting Goods Co. at El Paso, Texas.

The instructors at the clinic were Coach Gus Miller of West Texas State College and Coach A. B. Morris of Abilene Christian College.

The coaches also brought their basketball teams with them and they played Monday, Dec. 2. West Texas won the game after a five minute overtime period by the score of 38-39.

Mr. Nix said that he saw some good basketball playing and received much good information on basketball.

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Volleyball Girls Elect Managers and Captains

At volleyball practice Monday night, Dec. 2, two very important events took place. The "B" team elected captains, and managers were elected. Co-captains for the "B" team are Louise Newman and Eula Mae LaClaire and the managers are June Crownover and Coylene Pope. Incidentally, the managers of the team this year are the same as those last year, so they must be good ones. "B" team, we wish you the best of luck this year and hope you win lots of games.

Busy 'B's' Snow Under All Opponents, But One

The busy "B" team of old CHS (see picture) came through the '46-'47 football season with three wins and one loss. Crane won over McCamey the first time 7-0; the next time Crane was not so fortunate. The Badgers took Crane for a 6-7 loss. The "Bs" won over Fort Stockton 12-7 and over Monahans 13-7.

All in all, it was a victorious season for the "B" boys. Nice going, fellows.

Crane Cagers To Play In Rankin Tourney

Friday, 13, 1946, the Golden Crane basketball team journeyed to Rankin for a two-day tournament. Last year Crane won the tournament by beating a McCamey Badger team in the finals.

Crane also won the tournament at Big Lake last year when they beat San Angelo in the finals.

We are hoping to have another winning basketball team this year, so let's give the boys all the backing we possibly can. They have a tough schedule ahead of them.

CHS Hardwood Greats

Little did people know that April 9, 1929, in Ranger, Texas, a little boy was born that was destined to be a Golden Crane basketball star. This little black-eyed boy is none other than Pat McLaurin.

Since that day in April, Pat has grown to be 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 12 pounds. Pat has lived in Crane twelve years and has played high school basketball for three years.

Pat is a senior this year and this is his last year of eligibility in high school.

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Grade School News

FOURTH GRADE, ROOM 1

Louella Avant, Reporter

We have just finished our six weeks tests. We all made very good grades. We had reading, arithmetic, and music tests. They all were very easy.

Wayne was absent Monday. We missed him.

We all will be glad when Thanksgiving comes. Some of us will visit our friends and relatives.

We made some Pilgrims. The man and woman are going to church. The men have their guns. They always carried them for protection.

We made some autumn leaves. Some were green, yellow, orange, brown, red and purple. We made some sunflowers. Birds were playing around them.

We have a big turkey on the blackboard. We have all kinds of pictures in our room.

Our Weekly Reader is getting more interesting. Our letter is from Uncle Ben this year.

GRADE SEVEN-ONE

Gene Watts, Reporter

Class 7-1 gave 7-2 a picnic on Wednesday, Nov. 13, out at the Sand Hills. We had a very nice time.

At a class meeting on Friday, Nov. 22, our class voted to have a Christmas party at the Community Hall. The committee to plan the games are Dorothy Erwin and Dixie Shaver. John Rush is responsible for the song books. Gene Watts and Lamar are going to serve refreshments. Peggy Ward had a play called "Trouble Occurs."

FIVE-TWO NEWS

Tuesday, Nov. 26, the two fifth grades presented a program in the auditorium. Members of the band in 5-2 gave a play, "Jim and Arthur Count Their Blessings," and the music students sang a Thanksgiving song.

Mrs. Field served Eskimo pies after the program. We were happy to have Mrs. Field back with us again.

Darrell Vines was absent Wednesday because of sickness.

We are getting ready for Christmas. The music pupils are practicing songs for a Christmas play. We are decorating our room and have drawn names for our Christmas box. We are going to decorate a tree next week.

School work is still going on, though. In arithmetic we have learned to add and subtract and to reduce fractions to the lowest terms. In health we have been studying about making the most of our appearance.

Geography has been about Switzerland — the GI's Playground, and The Netherlands Comes Back To Life from the Weekly Reader.

MRS. CLQUD'S ROOM

Luanne Pressley Reporter

We gave an assembly program Tuesday. Afterwards our teacher took us down to the Sweet Shop and treated us to ice cream. Wednesday our room mother gave us another treat of ice cream.

We made posters on Switzerland. On the posters we put what Switzerland sends to us and what other people send to Switzerland.

We are learning to give book reports.

We have finished all our six weeks tests.

MR. DUFF'S ROOM

Our room is thinking of having a party or a picnic. We are going to ask our room mothers about it. We haven't decided whether we want a party inside or a picnic outside.

Billy Wood had a birthday on Dec. 2, 1946. Happy birthday, Billy.

MISS MOORE'S ROOM

Nancy Evans, Reporter

We surely did enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays and are glad the turkey got around this year.

Ruth Nolan spent the holidays in Denver City, Texas. Peggie Barnsley spent the holidays in Toyah, Texas, and various others were out of town. Donna Sue Raybon had company over the holidays. They were from Fort Worth, Texas, and New Mexico. Peggie Sharp had company for the week end. Helen Sharp of McCamey visited her.

Miss Moore states she spent an enjoyable four days in Stephenville, Texas.

We sure did dread getting our report cards, but since we have them we are going to work real hard next six weeks.

The students of our room are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and we hope everyone has a merry Christmas and Santa Claus brings them what they want.

MISS PICKENS' ROOM

Reporters: Patsy Terrell and Linda Smith

Ole Santa will be here soon, then all of us will get our Christmas presents. Benny Earp is going to get a Christmas tree for our room. We are getting ready for the snow.

Miss Pickens got a pretty coat yesterday. She wore it to school. We think she is a very nice teacher and Mrs. Keys is also very nice. All of us had a big time in her room. We sang and played games. Mrs. Martin was a nice teacher, too, and so are all the other teachers.

Several of us in our room are going to take art. We think art is fun. We are learning how to make good sentences in Language.

GRADE FOUR-ONE

Reporters: Lovelle Avant and Mary Sharrock

We enjoyed our Thanksgiving holidays very much — although some of us came back sick because we ate too much Thanksgiving dinner. Some of us had turkey but some of the pupils in our room were unlucky enough not to have it.

Christmas is almost here and we will get two weeks of holidays soon. Oh, what fun! We have already made one poster. In it Santa Claus is in a house and it is 12 o'clock.

We are having a football game today with the other fourth grade. We all hope we beat them. They beat us last time.

Our plants are growing big and strong. We have planted some narcissus bulbs.

We are enjoying telling stories in our English words. Each one has to tell a story. We are trying to be good listeners. In music we are learning some Christmas songs.

We really did like the fifth grade's program. We are looking forward to putting on a program for them.

FOURTH GRADE

Miss Pickens' Room

Reporters: Patsy Terrell and Linda Smith

The pupils of our room enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays very much.

Christmas is coming soon. Our room mothers are going to give our room a Christmas party. We are expecting to have a good time over the Christmas holidays. It is just three weeks until Christmas. We get out the 20th.

We have some interesting stories in our readers. We have read most of our new readers.

In arithmetic, we are studying our four's, also reviewing our addition and subtraction facts.

Education Is Just What You Make It

What do you expect education to do for you? Make you and mold you as a sculptor does his clay? Or do you look upon education as a waste of time, a burden that keeps you from having your fun? Do you expect to go to school every day and never look at a book and still make passing grades; and when (so strange that you didn't) you scream your troubles to high heaven? Yes, as absurd as it seems, there are students like that in every school.

Education is the root and foundation of our lives. It teaches us the difference between good and bad. It points out that road to take when you reach the cross-roads of life. It will put a light in your heart when there is nothing but darkness all around you; just thinking that at least you have an honestly earned high school education.

So when you get disgusted and discouraged with your school and want to quit and get a job, using just as an excuse that you can't get along with the teachers, remember the question, "What do I expect education to do for me?" remember, and be able to answer that question—not regret that you can't answer it.

Band Director Nevins Heads Largest Class In Crane High School

Mr. James (Jim) B. Nevins has the biggest headache in the Crane Public School System. He has 78 students in one class alone and 147 students combined. (No wonder teachers get gray.) Mr. Geo. Crane is a good runner-up with Mr. Nevins for second place with 34 pupils in his largest class and 111 students altogether.

And then there's Miss Mary Nelson, who has 109 students to contend with; also there's Mr. Doug (Snooks) Crane who counts 108 students; Mrs. Laura Barber takes fifth place with 94 students; Miss Jacquelyn Lewis has 87 pupils; Mrs. Ruby Hughes puts up with 86 students; Mr. William (sometimes known as Bill) Haralson has 66 students; Miss Ida L. Fetterly puts up with 59 pupils; Miss Elsie Knight; tutors 56 students; Mr. Paul Patterson counsels 46 pupils; Mr. Nix tolerates the whole sum of 24 hard studying students; (Mr. L. L. Martin has 7 counting as Mr. Martin terms it) "little" Douglas Crane. And, oh yes, don't forget Mrs. Inez K. Elmore, our most capable librarian—she has them all to contend with at one time or another.

Gwen Weed Wed To Wayne Carter Nov. 16 At San Angelo

Ex-Crane Gwen Weed was wed to Wayne L. Carter on Nov. 16, 1946, in the bride's home on 115 N. Washington, San Angelo.

Gwen wore a silver gray crepe street-length dress, smoky blue feather hat and gloves; she carried a white prayer book topped with a gardenia corsage with scattered blue carnations on white satin.

Rev. T. L. Slimp, pastor of our Tabernacle Baptist Church here in Crane, performed the double ring ceremony before the fireplace decorated with baskets of white and pink gladioli and tall candelabra.

Mr. Melvin Weed, the bride's father, gave Gwen in marriage, while Miss Mary E. Debusk served as maid of honor. Miss Debusk wore a light pink wool jersey dress with a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Mrs. G. H. McLaughlin played the "Wedding March," and softly played "Ah, Sweet Mystery Of Life" during the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held in the bride's home where the room was decorated with pink and white chrysanthemums. Miss Bobbie Adams served the wedding cake, topped with a miniature bridal couple, while Miss A. Fern Henderson poured punch from a crystal bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter will be at home at 85 Gillis, San Angelo, Texas.

Only Insects Attract Biology Students

Mrs. Hughes' Biology class has studied the lowest animal life, the one-celled protozoan, and completed their life history. The class has now worked, and we do mean worked, their way up to a higher animal, one that contains different organs. They are studying the Phylum Arthropoda, which includes all insects. Insects have six legs and usually four wings.

In Biology there is a name for every little animal. Most people call everything that crawls a bug, such as spiders, ants, bees, fleas, and other small animals as that. They are not bugs, because they have a name all their own. Of course they have very scientific names, that you probably would not understand. Most people think that the Lady Bug is a bug, and the Dobson Fly is a fly, but they aren't, because they have different characteristics from the fly and the bug, therefore making them something else.

Of you should ever run across some kind of insect, and you are not sure whether it is a bug or not, just ask a biology student what it really is, they can tell you. Anyway, Mrs. Hughes hopes they can.

Hardin College Gives Concert In Old C. H. S.

The Hardin Jr. College Band opened their concert Friday morning, Nov. 22, with "The Star Spangled Banner," then "The Billboard March," featuring the twirlers, after the march, the overture, "The Phantom Trumpeters," then "Stouthearted Men," featuring Eddie Savage, a talented baritone of Hardin College, after the song came the overture, "Student Prince" with the solo part being handled by Don Vaughn on the trombone; then the Frank Sinatra of Hardin College, Don Berry, sang "Ole Buttermilk Sky."

The Dean of Men of Hardin then gave a talk about the Hardin Jr. College, followed by an accordion interlude.

For the last portion of the program, the band turned strictly modern with "At The Grimlin Ball," "Embraceable You," "The Tiger Rag" and others.

Hunters Do Not Get Their Share Of Bucks

The hunters from Crane were none too successful this season, although our coach was able to bag a three-point buck. This may not sound so big, but he did not kill this one until about ten o'clock Sunday morning, December 1.

Billy Dan Lively's father killed himself a six-point buck, and Raymond Weatherby's father also killed a fairly large buck.

Mr. Douglas Crane did not hunt very much during the Thanksgiving holidays, but he did get a shot at a couple of big bucks. Sammie White had his chance to get him a large buck, but he failed to hit the target, which was the buck. Sammie and his father stayed gone for over a week, and they hunted in the Guadalupe Mountains. On the rugged mountains Sammie said he wore out a pair of shoes which were new when he went up there (in one day).

We hope the hunters have better luck on their next hunting trip.

Don't Be Convicted On Your Grammar, Please

"I never done nothin' to nobody," said the notorious New York gangster, Pretty Boy Floyd. Now what do you think of a person who uses such bad grammar?

Of course, no one believed him—those on the jury—not that they thought he was such a bad gangster, but it was the grammar that he used.

Now let that be a lesson to you. Start now using the best grammar possible and maybe when you are a bad, bad man you won't be convicted on your misuse of the King's English.

Miss Knight To Wed J. C. Waller of Crane

Miss Elsie Knight, home ec. teacher, is to be married Dec. 19 to Mr. J. C. Waller of Crane.

The wedding will take place in her mother's home, east of Crane. Rev. J. N. Whetstone, pastor of the Methodist Church of Crane, will perform the ceremony.

The couple plan to leave for New Orleans after the ceremony. After Jan. 2 they will be at home in Crane, where the bride will continue to be on the faculty of Crane High School.

Mr. Waller, an army veteran, is now employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation.

Cranes Take Sixth Victory From Big Lake

Making it their sixth victory over Big Lake in less than a week, the Golden Crane Junior, A and B basketball teams won by the following scores, respectively:

A team 24 to 12.
B team 47 to 11.
Juniors 25 to 10.

The games were played in Big Lake last Friday night. The Cranes' next game will be at the Rahkin Tournament his week end.

Senior English More Interesting Each Day

Mrs. Barbara's English IV class has studied the shortest poems in the book, and also the longest, "Macbeth."

She started this six weeks with romantic poetry by Shelley, Byron and Keats.

It seems that among all of the poems studied the "Prisoner of Chillon" was a favorite even among most of the boys.

Keats is the author of many love poems that hold the attention of the class the full hour.

Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and Byron's "Prisoner of Chillon" taught the best moral lessons for the six weeks.

Golden Cranes Beat Midland Two Straights

The Golden Cranes A and B quintets, showing fine early-season form, conquered two Midland teams (class A) here last Saturday night, Dec. 7, by the respective scores of 26-16 and 30-19.

At no time was Crane in trouble, which fact gave Coach Nix an opportunity to use practically all of his reserves.

Listed below are the A string scoring records:

Name	Points
David Bonner	11
Don Kilgore	2
Chester Pettit	4
Frank Waller	1
Pat McLaurin	6
Don Pope	2
Charles Mathis	0
T. Murrell	0

Faculty Gives Party

The Crane faculty had a party Monday, Nov. 9, in the cafeteria. Each member of the faculty brought a covered dish. The venison was the main course. Mr. George Crane.

Approximately thirty members, their wives and relatives attended.

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