

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

THE CRANE

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Pictured above in marching formation is Crane's 62-piece band. It is under the directorship of E. M. Sonnenburg, with Charlotte Schlittler drum major and Wanda LeClaire, Peggy Sharp and Lanell Murrell as twirlers. Not pictured are several band members who were occupied with football at the time the picture was made. Organized approximately 20 years, the band has accumulated 23 trophies and four certificates of awards. Since the Christmas concert last week the organization has been concentrating on numbers for the Band Contest to be held in Alpine next spring. Thus far they haven't attended any clinics but expect to be present at the Big Lake and Ozona clinics next semester. New uniforms last year and several new instruments this year make Crane's band one of the best equipped in the country. On road trips the organization is a well-knit, orderly affair with the members handling all of the loading details, etc. As in the military members are supposed to go in full uniform at all times, and there is no smoking when in full uniform, etc.

All-District Daniel Departs From Crane; Moves To Sundown

Kenneth Daniel, who helped the Golden Cranes through eight victories out of ten games, has departed to his new home in Sundown, Texas. He left after the Crane-McCamey football game Wednesday, Nov. 24. As co-captain of the Gold Birds and all-district at end position in '48, Kenneth's spirit and pep always brought good cheer. He will be missed immensely by his friends and associates. Everyone in Crane High School is well-acquainted with Kenneth. He has been in Crane Schools since he started in the first grade. He had played football since a freshman lettering his Junior and Senior years.

Crane T.S.T.A. Unit Holds Second Session Martin Main Speaker

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Martin were featured speakers at the second meeting of Crane's unit of the Texas State Teachers' Association in the high school library Monday night, December 6. Mrs. Martin gave a report on the recent state teachers' convention sectional meetings, and Mr. Martin chose as his subject "The Master Teacher."

Prepare the mind of youth, Mr. Martin emphasized, for an inevitable change. "Children must be educated to the 'world viewpoint'."

The amusing part of the evening came when Doug Chrane, as master of ceremonies, conducted a "Truth or Consequences" program with the ten new faculty members as victims. V. N. Keys, timekeeper, saw to it that the initiates didn't have sufficient time to answer the questions put to them by the emcee, thus having them pay the consequences with various amusing antics.

The party concluded with the group of 36 faculty members singing "Jingle Bells" as presents were passed around the circle. What presents belonged to whom was determined by music. The passing of gifts stopped when the music did.

Refreshments of coffee, tea and cake were served by Mrs. Johnny Waller's committee. Miss Midge Conger and Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore presided at the table.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Strickland, president, and Mrs. Mildred Cloud, vice-president.

Supt. Martin was doubly busy last week entertaining patrons in the Crane Cafeteria, and in conducting them through the school's million-and-a-half dollar building program.

Chow Hound Found?

Maybe the boy is just a straight-out chow hound; or he could have been coming out of a thirty-day fast. Possible he could have been advertising his firm's wares in order to lure in more customers. Still, there is the probability that he was merely doing this to keep from offending somebody who thought themselves quite a kitchen artist. Anyhow the dominant question remains: Why was Don Bradley eating a biscuit the other morning when he came into the journalism room to get the cafeteria count.

CHS Student Council To Brighten Yuletide For Underprivileged

Christmas was the topic of discussion at the regular meeting of the Student Council Wednesday, December 1. Jimmy Neal Stacy reported that a Christmas tree had been purchased and a committee was selected to decorate it for the patio.

December 17, the Christmas box which was placed in the library will go to the American Red Cross to be given to some needy child. If you are doubtful as to what to put in the box, just think of what you might like if you didn't have a nice warm home and plenty to eat. It won't take much to make a little child happy.

The Council plans to help the Choral Club with their program December 16. There will be no charge.

Mr. Nix has consented to having a coke machine installed but he says that there will have to be some rules and regulations placed on it. These will be drawn up later.

The entertainment committee sponsored a dance Saturday, December 4, after the Ft. Stockton vs. Crane basketball game. Several members have been fined five cents for talking out of turn. This is a rule set up by the Council to keep better order during meetings.

Council Sponsors Christmas Gift Box For Needy Children

The Student Council has placed a box in the library for the needy children of Crane. Please help fill it with toys, candy, or anything that would make a child happy on Christmas. The box will be turned over to the Red Cross on December 17 for distribution.

Committee members in charge of the box are Shirley Allen, Dolores White and Katherine Smith.

25 ex-Cranes Seen In Crane During Thanksgiving Holidays

During the Thanksgiving holidays, many old familiar faces were seen in Crane. These are the ex-Cranes returning home for Thanksgiving:

George Grounds, Toots Mathis, Alvin Whaley and B. O. McCully returned home from Texas College of Mines.

Baker (Red) Davis, Amel Omo, Harold Wasson and Don Pope returned from N. T. A. C.

C. M. Coker and Captain Lovelace returned from A & M for that Thanksgiving Dinner.

C. G. Liles, Bobby Pettit, A. L. Higdon, Bobby Higdon, Bob Mathis and Bill John Shaffer all returned home from Sul Ross. Zoe Reynolds returned home from Nurses' Training School in Lubbock.

Martha Ellen Murray and Maxine Omo who are now working in Midland visited their families over the week end.

Tipton Murrell, J. B. Clark, and Herman Hooper, who are now attending the University of Texas, were in Crane over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Clarence Watts returned from Draughton's Business College.

Donna Miller returned home from the Teachers College at Denton, Texas.

C. H. Stephens, Bubba Stephens, and Don Kilgore, who are all in the armed services, were in town during the weekend.

Ex-Crane Named On All-State Team '48-'49

Another example of a small-town boy making the All-State football team is ex-Crane Jimmy Patterson, who is one of the Odessa Bronco's star halfbacks.

Jimmy's father, Mr. A. W. Patterson, coached the Crane Golden Birds from 1940 to 1943 during which time Jimmy attended the Crane High School. He is a graduating senior from Odessa this year.

Because he was born here, Crane claims a small interest in Byron Townsend, ex-Odessa, who is now at the Texas University. He also made all-state team for two years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Name
Dec. 1 Cathryn Payne
7 Joyce Mann
9 Lila Kinsey
13 Mary Lou Sneed
14 Jane Ferguson
15 John Clark
16 Patsy Glenn
14 Joan Rhinehart
14 Irma McKay
22 Donald Whittaker
25 Ray Robinson
28 Richard Lightfoot
28 Paul Henderson
29 Harold Lowery
29 June Sherron

Christmas Brings Joy: School Out Dec. 17

Crane Schools close their doors for two weeks Friday, December 17, for the Christmas holidays. School will resume its regular course on January 3rd. EVERYONE... A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Davenport Elected Hm. Club President

Lorene Davenport was elected the Homemaking Club's president out of all the departments. President of individual classes are Peggy McCasland and Patsy Pendleton, and June White.

The Homemaking Clubs plans to meet once a month and do a lot of interesting things that will be useful to them later as well as now.

The girls were invited to attend the District II meeting of area III of the Future Homemakers of America on Saturday, December 11, 1949.

Teachers To Travel During Christmas

Teachers as well as students look forward to the Christmas holidays. It seems they all have plans, some are a little indefinite, but we do like to be noisy and find out from teachers what we can.

Mrs. Abernathy—Part of my family will visit in my home then I will spend the remaining time in Stephenville.

Mrs. Miller—My daughter will be home and I will spend my time cooking for her.

Mrs. Karr—I plan on going to Kansas to visit my mother-in-law.

Mrs. Owens—Plans to stay in Crane.

D. Chrane—Going deer hunting, by the way deer is spelled right isn't it.

Mrs. Waller—Plans to visit her mother in Sterling City.

Miss Haley—Will visit her father in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas—Plans are to visit in Brownwood and Wichita Falls.

Mr. Nix—Will visit with his mother-in-law in Stephenville.

Mr. Martin—Plans are to stay in Crane.

Mr. Patterson—Plans to stay in Crane and catch up on his sleep.

Geo. Chrane—Plans to go deer hunting in Brownwood.

Mr. Haralson—Plans to see mommie in Fort Sumners, N. M.

Mrs. Cox—Will visit with her parents in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Filleman—May stay in Crane or go to Hondo.

LOST: A black Shaffer's pencil—short gold clip. Reward, Lacy Pittman, Jr.

C.H.S. Band Students Working Hard Toward Christmas Concert

The Crane High Band worked hard for the Christmas concert which was given on the night of December 10. This was a paid concert, and the first concert of the school year. There will be more concerts in the future.

With the help of the new wire recorder, the band has been able to "iron out" all of the bad places in the selections that were played. The students have also been doing their home practice which is a great help to them in their efforts to play a good concert.

The selections played were Star-Spangled Banner, Christmas March, Crusader, Noel, Gypsy Life, Christmas Festival, Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring, Rhapsody in Blue, White Christmas, Saskatchewan.

These selections were chosen very carefully so that they would suit the occasion.

Chrane, NVB, Bag Deer Experiences Opposite

Mr. Doug Chrane and Nubbin Reynolds each recently succeeded in bagging a deer. Mr. Chrane's deer, with seven points, far exceeded Nubbin's deer, a three pointer.

Of his successful hunt, Mr. Chrane has this to say: "I went with my brothers George and Wright Chrane. I just took George along as a cook and Wright to scare up the deer. George just happened to have his gun along that day for protection. All of a sudden both George and Wright opened up on the same buck. Man, lead was falling everywhere and I couldn't even see the deer. Then he came running out of the brush, so just to save time and effort I decided to shoot him in the neck. This way I killed and bled him at the same time. My brothers always save me a lot of work."

Nubbin's hunt was quite different. Quote "I did good to even hit the deer much less pick the spot to shoot at. I had just left my friend and crossed over a hill when the deer jumped out. All I did was raise the gun and shoot. To my surprise he fell down. But he got up and ran off. So I went to the spot where he fell down and trailed him about a hundred yards before I found him. Then I gutted him and had to tote him about a mile to camp. He sure got heavy before I got back to camp."

Crane Schools, faculty and student body should have been given 100 percent in attendance last Saturday—at the Odessa-Amarillo football game.

New Magazines, Books On Shelves In Library

Mrs. Elmore received seven magazine volumes from the bindery last Wednesday. These volumes are:

Readers Digest
Popular Science
American
Scientific American
Science News Letter
Newsweek
Time
Scholastic

Receiving these new volumes raised the total of volumes in the library to 154.

A few weeks ago during book week, 35 books were put on the shelves. In all there has been approximately 200 new books purchased for the library this fall. Some of the outstanding ones are:

Abigail Adams, by Janet Whitless.
Tournament Forward, by Jackson.
Toil of the Brave, by Fletcher.
Danger to Windward, by Sperry.
Kissin' Kin, by Thane.
Shannon's Way, by Cronin.
Bride of Fortune, by Cane.
The Moneyman, by Costain.
Pilgrims Inn, by Goudge.
Ever After, by Whitney.
Skycruisers, by Brier.
Lonely Passage, by Erdman.
Galapagos Bound, by Reisenberg.

H. Christian Accused In Civics Class Court; Jury Verdict: Guilty

Bill Haralson's civics class held court December 1 and 2, to try Howard Christian on a charge of not paying attention in class. After much discussion and debate, the accused was found guilty of the charge, and was sentenced to write a two-page theme on court procedure.

The officials were as follows: Dwayne Stacy, judge; Valco Garrett, clerk; Billy Henderson, prosecuting attorney; Nubbin Reynolds, defending attorney.

The jury, with Jane Clark as chairman, was composed of J. L. Pettit, James Ward, Charlotte Schlittler, Ina Jewel Napier, Jackie Mathis, Jimmy Pierce, Coylene Pope, Earlene Husted, Lorene Davenport, Iown Gilstrap, Don Bradley.

Witnesses were Bill Schoonover, Myron Holcomb.

Although the charge was not paying attention, most of the discussion was over Bill Schoonover's senior ring. Howard Christian had had Bill's ring but had lost it and was supposedly looking for it. Nubbin, the defending attorney, pleaded to the jury of seniors to free the accused because he had been helping Bill find his ring. The ring was found—but in the cuff of Myron's trousers.

Billy Henderson held firm to the fact that Howard had not been paying attention no matter what he was doing, and thereby won his case.

Everyone enjoyed the trial, as laughs were frequent. The fact that the ring was found in Myron's cuff was false, and still everyone is wondering where Bill's senior ring is.

Doubting Thomas To Doubt Nevermore

Although intelligible for Mr. Carroll's recently organized Bonehead Club for careless shop students, Brady Thomas should be given special consideration for membership, either in this or the nationally known Bonehead Club of Dallas.

Qualifications? He deliberately left the TCU-SMU football game two minutes before the end of the game when, as Little Abner says, "Anything can happen," and so it did. As soon as Mr. Thomas was safely out of eyeshot, SMU made a starting 99-yard drive to score and tie the game. (They'll do it every time).

THE CRANE

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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 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!

Remember Christ at Christmas Time

"Momma, is Santa Claus coming again this Christmas?"
"Yes, dear, Santa Claus comes every Christmas." "Oh, momma, help me write a letter to Santa Claus." This letter or one similar usually follows:

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you please bring me a doll, with curly hair, blue eyes and cries, a doll house, a pair of skates and a new sweater for Christmas. I have been a very good girl this year, Mother says that I have. I promise not to peek when you come. I hope you and Mrs. Santa Claus and the merry elves have a very happy Christmas.

Betty

This is a little act that goes on at Christmas for boys and girls, and Santa receives millions of letters. The main person that Christmas really stands for, Jesus Christ, is often overlooked, except for many wise mothers who tell their children about him.

Everyone knows the story of Jesus, how he was born in Bethlehem of Judea, many hundreds of years ago, in a lowly manger. The Three Wise Men brought gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense. The angels sang, the shepherds came and worshipped and there was rejoicing throughout the land because a king had been born.

This Christmas in many churches, plays will be given, reliving again and again the birth of Jesus. Gifts of love in the home will be given to loved ones as they were given to the baby Boy Jesus.

Also, this Christmas, let us remember that our gifts do not have to be gold, myrrh, or frankincense, but just a gift of love. It's not the biggest or most expensive gift that is appreciated more but the thought of the giver of the gift.

Students, let's believe in Santa Claus, because he stands for gayness and remembrance. But, most of all, remember to tell your smaller brothers and sisters about the baby Jesus. Do not let the real meaning of Christmas slip through your fingers.

So, may your Christmas holidays be merry and bright, and your days be full.

Appreciation For Play Hour Expressed

The Student Council originated and enforced a play hour and study hall a few weeks ago. This play hour, which takes place during the lunch hour, takes care of those students who have no studies and wish for recreation. The study hall takes care of those students who wish to study during this hour. This prevents gatherings and noise in the patio and gives the students something to do.

The students wish to express their appreciation for the play hour, and the advantage of studying in quietness, to the Student Council. The teachers wish to express their appreciation to the students for the capital way they have cooperated in observing this.

"Alls well that ends well."

Christmas Thought — Peace On Earth, Etc.

How many people really think of Christmas as how it started, or do they think of what they are going to receive? Yes, it does mean presents and a big turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

What does Christmas mean beside the trimmings, and what does holiday mean? Christmas means to celebrate the birth of Christ. You can't celebrate the birth of Christ with liquor, etc., and be really thinking of Him and what all He has done for the world. Everyone can have a good time drinking coffee and milk, and be by the fireside thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed on you and your family in the past year. Holiday is composed of the two words holy and day. How many people in the world keep a holiday holy?

Of course everyone at Christmas time will be thinking about presents, but remember, it isn't what the gift costs or how big a gift is, it is the thought and the love from the giver that makes the gift priceless.

Jesus was crucified so that our LIFE might be better, so this Christmas and during the holidays let's think of HIM more than OURSELVES.

Introducing The Seniors



Jean Yvonne Murray was born in Ranger, Texas, November 14, 1930. She is 18 years old, 5' 4" tall, has dark brown hair, brown eyes, and dark complexion. Jean came to Crane in 1940 from Abilene, Texas, where she attended the fifth grade. She has gone here ever since and intends to finish here. After she graduates, she plans to enroll in Draughton's Business College in Abilene.

She has taken part in the pep squad and the Choral Club, where she was a member of a sextet that won second place last year. She was Hallowe'en Queen in the eighth grade and again in the senior class.

Her favorite foods are angel food cake, fried potatoes and pork roast. Bragging people are her pet peeves.

Take notice, boys: Her favorite pastime is cooking. June Allyson is her favorite actress and Peter Lawford is her favorite actor.

EXCHANGE

"OUR SLIP IS SHOWING"

by Brit Webb

Who sets the standards in our school?

The grade school pupils don't. The freshmen don't. Who does? It is the seniors and the juniors that set the pace and standards—good or bad. If older students in the upper grades cheat, the younger students will cheat. If they are honest, they set a pattern of honesty. If they are courteous in the hall and in assembly, the younger students will likely follow the example.

The more important we are in classes, sports, the more responsibility we have. Everyone wants to be popular and important and will follow the examples of those who are.

Do all us juniors and seniors realize that with the pleasures and the honors that come to us, that there should be ten-fold the responsibility.

If Marfa High is to be a superior school, the upper classmen, seniors, and sports heroes must set better examples.

The Shorthorn, Marfa, Texas.

New Star Found In Crane Solar System

Girls, open thine eyes and take note of the new shining star that has now entered the solar system of good old Crane High School. This star is W. L. Lennon, and has drifted in from Corsicana, Texas. He attended the Corsicana Junior High School in Corsicana, and is entered in Crane High School as a freshman.

The subjects he is taking are study hall, general science, English I, general math and World History.

W. L. is going out for basketball. He participated in football in Corsicana. He played end on the A-team.

This good-looking freshman is 6' 2" in height. This star is not hundreds of years old like some of the stately dignified seniors in Crane High School, but has reached the age of 14 years, and is still alive. He has green eyes and brown hair.

Students, don't let this prejudice you against him, but his opinion of Crane is "Pretty good, I guess,—kind of dull." Come on, girls and boys and see if you can't change his opinion and show him that Crane is a pretty good place to live.

We have seen as many crutches the first two weeks of basketball as were seen all football season. Just like that Myron Holcomb, basket ball captain, and Valco Garrett, all district fullback, are hobbling around on crutches as the result of basketball accidents. Both have suffered sprained ankles in the last week.

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

They say that everyone has a pet peeve, and that is the question of the week: "What Is Your Pet Peeve?"

Says Mrs. B. Thomas: "Right now it's the Ford."

Mrs. B. Haralson: "Having to wait on my husband while he waits on John Clark to get dressed."

Valco Garrett: "Super-hard-boiled teachers."

Nubbin Reynolds: "For a bunch of people to come in about time the store is about to close and buy a bunch of groceries."

Billy Henderson just said: "Girls!"

Mrs. B. Abernathy: "When students talk out in class room without permission."

Says Nedra Anderson: "When a teacher hops onto you for something you didn't do."

Marques Stark: "Don't guess I have any."

Don Bradley: "Smart Ales."

Mrs. Elmore: "People popping gum behind me in the picture show and talking out loud."

Mrs. G. Miller: "To expect someone when they do not show up."

Mrs. R. Karr: "Have an appointment with someone and for them to be late."

Mr. B. Nix stated that his pet peeve was when students came to school with their excuses not properly signed.

Mrs. Waller: "People that gripe. Especially students gripe."

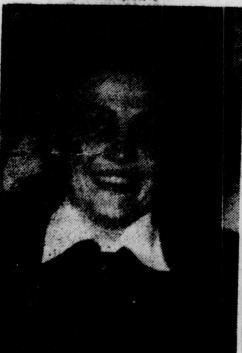
Peggy Ward: "Gossip!"

Dorothy Erwin: "People that don't mind their own business."

Sue West and Babe Leclair said their peeve was "People that stick their noses in other people's business."

Miss E. Haley: "Procrastination."

INTRODUCING THE FACULTY



MISS ELOISE HALEY

The teacher we are introducing this week is none other than Miss Eloise Haley, better known as just plain Haley. She is teaching English III and IV to the Crane High geniuses.

Miss Haley was born in Cross Plains, Texas in August, but said she would keep her age to herself. She said never to let a man know your age.

Miss Haley started her education in Baird and after graduating from high school started her college carrier in T. S. C. W. and later went to Texas University. She said the greatest education that she ever got was over seas with the Red Cross, by learning to get to know people better, and the better ways of life.

You can usually see Miss Haley was the junior sponsor and went along with the class and is now one of the senior sponsors. She said if the class will keep working hard they will have enough money to make a wonderful senior trip. She is hoping the trip will be to Mexico.

THE CRANE FILES

1 YEAR AGO:

Kathryn Cantrell and Gene Miller were chosen for the annual Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contest.

2 YEARS AGO:

Thirty-four gridders received award jackets.

3 YEARS AGO:

New \$29,285 Cafeteria opened for students.

5 YEARS AGO:

Odeesa crowned champion of Crane Basketball tournament.

13 YEARS AGO:

Crane battled McCamey to a 6-6 tie.

14 YEARS AGO:

Crane met Andrews in a benefit game for Eugene Wasson who suffered a broken leg during practice in 1923.

Introducing The Seniors



Thomas (Nubbin) Reynolds was born April 23, 1930, in Smackover, Ark.

Nubbin has lived in West Texas practically all his life and will complete his ninth year at Crane in May. During this time he has played football for the Golden Cranes three years. He was ineligible last season because of his age, and can not participate in any sport this year.

This year Nubbin was elected as cheer leader by the pep squad. He helped keep up the school spirit during all the games by leading the yells.

Nubbin's favorite hobby is hunting just anything there is to hunt.

BOOK NOOK

Loula Grace Erdman Presents

LONELY PASSAGE

by Jean Murray

Although born in Missouri, Loula Grace Erdman is now a teacher of creative writing in West Texas State College, thereby contradicting Bernard Shaw's famous maxim that "He who can, does he who cannot, teaches." Obviously, Miss Erdman does both. In addition to her two novels, she has written several books for young people, contributed frequently to numerous national magazines, and travels and lectures widely.

LONELY PASSAGE

Lonely Passage is the story of Thurlay Renfro, daughter of Jennie Pemberton, a tender story of a young girl, of her love and her marriage, of the questing loneliness of the young, lonely in spite of her place in the Pemberton clan. "All our life is a seeking, a great quest, for something we will never know—release from loneliness. And that is as it should be, for loneliness is a hunger of the spirit. It is our badge of immortality."

The Pembertons were the big people in Hilton and the Pemberton women had taken over when the male representatives of the clan died off. There were Aunt Belle and Aunt Jennie—comfortably established in the two biggest houses in town, with husbands who provided a pleasant background. There was Aunt Sarah who had never married and had journeyed to faroff Kansas City to become a nurse but returned to devote herself to the patients of overworked "Dr. Ben". There were other Pembertons on near-by farms, and the family was a self-sufficient unit—hardly a segment of society but a community in itself.

Lonely Passage is a quiet story but one in which the reader finds himself intimately absorbed in that most fascinating study the human mind and heart.

C. Hazle Has Making Of Good Cartoonist

"The Crane" has found a quite talented cartoonist in high school and it is Calvin Hazle.

Calvin has attended Crane School all of his previous school years, is 15 years of age, and is a sophomore.

Calvin has drawn ever since he entered school. His freshman year, he was sent out of his math class for not paying attention because he was drawing on a cartoon. (And he has the wit and humor to go with it.)

Two of the cartoons that he has drawn have been run in "The Crane."

Not only does he draw but he is in the band and is on the annual staff.

His favorite sport is riding horses, and his favorite subject is drawing horses.

A recession is a period in which you tighten your belt; in a depression you have no belt to tighten, and when you have no pants to hold up it's a panic.



BY THE WAY, HOW ARE THEY?

FASHIONETTES

By Earlene Hustead

With cold weather coming on, in fact already here, many of the girls in C.H.S. are sporting new clothes and naturally they have their favorites so I decided to ask some of them just what their favorite winter ensembles are. Following are the answers:

JEAN MURRAY red corduroy suit.

COYLENE POPE gray corduroy dress.

CHARLOTTE SCHLITTLER slacks, plaid shirt, and football sweater.

JANE CLARK green plaid skirt and yellow sweater.

NORMA RUST blue and gray dress.

IRMA LEA MCKAY blue corduroy suit.

JENCY PORTER black skirt and green blouse.

NEDRA ANDERSON gray and maroon dress.

LORENE DAVENPORT black and white check, and white dress with red trimmings.

MARY LOU REYNOLDS gray and black dress with red belt.

JUDY MATHIS red skirt and white blouse with red initials.

ANN McDONALD pink and black plaid blouse and black skirt.

DOLORES WHITE brown dress with lime collar.

MARTHA HOPSON black skirt with white blouse.

Nobody Especially

Any Subject

No Certain School

No Exact Date

Final Exam

1. Forgot
2. Don't know
3. Not for sure
4. x
5. Can't think
6. Too much noise
7. Nervous
8. Too hard
9. Didn't study
10. Flunked

The Student's Prayer

The final exam is my shapeliest

I shall be gaunt.

It maketh me to study late at night;

It leadeth me to forget all my

It exhausteth my soul;

It leadeth me to toe the line by my grade's sake.

Yea, though I walk with springs

ing step, I fear thy evil;

For thou do wound me, thy meanness does not comfort me.

Thou preparest a trial before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou threatened my head with decapitation; and my woe is neth over.

Surely ignorance and dullness shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in this house of learning forever.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Shop Departments Receive Three New Precision Instruments

C. A. Carroll's shop classes

have recently received a new test dial indicator, surface gauge, conduit benders and a new Burgess Vibro tool.

The test dial indicator, surface gauge and conduit benders will go to the Metal Working department. The Woodworking department is to receive the Vibro tool.

If it's precision you want then the test dial indicator and surface gauge will come in handy because these instruments may be attached to the lathes to insure accuracy down to the one-thousandths of an inch.

Crafts' Vibro tool has many uses, some of the most important ones being jewelry engraving, metal decorating and engraving, metal embossing, metal tapping, copper and steel plate etching,

celluloid sheet etching, leather tooling, leather carving, linoleum block carving, wood carving, wood engraving, clip carving, cutting balsa wood sheets by model-making, cutting cardboard thin wood and textiles, cutting stencils and paper illustrations, glass monogramming and decorating plastics, horn, bone, ivory, etc. and engraving and decorating tin ceramics, stone and composition material.

Student Life, magazine of the National Association of Student Councils, ran an article on Crane High's council activities in its December issue. This was sent in last year by Kathryn Cantrell, former editor of the Crane.

A husband replied, "I want to know once and for all who's boss around here!" His wife replied, "Dear, you be much happier if you try to find out."

Let's ALL Back Them!



SPORT SHOTS

Crane Junior Squad Takes Midland 33-0 In Final Grid Game

The mighty junior squad took the Midland Bulldogs to a pleasant funeral here November 23 and gave them a burial of 33-0.

Bill Don Ingram started the rally by trotting thirty yards for a touchdown, and then ran the extra point over.

The first half ended 14-0 with Midland getting several boys injured by the big unshod feet of the Crane younguns. The game then continued after the boys rested their allotted time. The Crane juniors then came back and went for another touchdown, and when the final whistle blew the local boys were ahead 33-0. The final touchdown was made by Rex Knox who covered the ball in the end zone on the kick off.

This was the boys' last game of the season, and they showed it by crowning their football sweetheart before the game. The sweetheart was Luann Presley. Malcolm Garrett did the honors by crowning her and then congratulating her with the traditional kiss.

The boys had a good season with only two defeats to mar their record. This was made by a much bigger and better team—Odessa.

All-Time All-American Barton "Botchey" Koch Fits CHS Grid Jackets

This year the football team was honored by being measured for jackets by a former All-American football player. Barton "Botchey" Koch, who measured the boys, was All-American in 1930 at guard position. He was also picked by Grantland Rice for the All-Time All-American team. Beside all this he played in the East-West game in California in 1930, and was captain of the club.

Lettering three years at Baylor he was placed on the All-American team his last year. "Botchey" has coached in past years. In his fifteen years of coaching he led Baylor University, George Washington, Tulsa, and Texas A. M.

Barton attended high school in Temple, Texas. Here he received a broken knee and did not play again until his freshman year at Baylor. All three years that he played at Baylor they finished second place in the conference. Some of the best teams he played against in his career were Texas and Purdue in 1928, S.M.U. and Texas in 1929, and T.C.U. in 1929. The best player he ever played against, in his opinion was Lou Huttenberger of St. Edwards-Rustin.

"Botchey" also played professional baseball for Wichita Falls. Now working for Lowe and Campbell Athletic Goods Company of Dallas, he takes measurements for football jackets. The Crane Cranes were proud to have such a player to measure them.

Crane Cagers Edge Past Reagan Owls In Double Header

The fast-moving Crane quintet slipped past the Big Lake Owls in two tight games Dec. 3 in Reagan's Gymnasium.

The A team game was a thriller with high scoring on both sides. An overtime period was necessary as the two teams were tied at 40-40 when the final whistle was sounded.

In the overtime Crane scored and the game ended with the local boys victors 42-40. Holcomb and Hickey were outstanding players and Hickey was high point man.

The B team game was equally exciting although the scoring did not run as high.

Crane took the game 37-23. Presley was the outstanding player and high point man.

The scoring was as follows:

"A" game	Points
Hickey	15
Stacey	11
Holcomb	9
Teague	7
Smith	0
"B" game	Points
Presley	7
Taylor	7
Miller	4
Phemister	4
Higdon	2
Clark	2

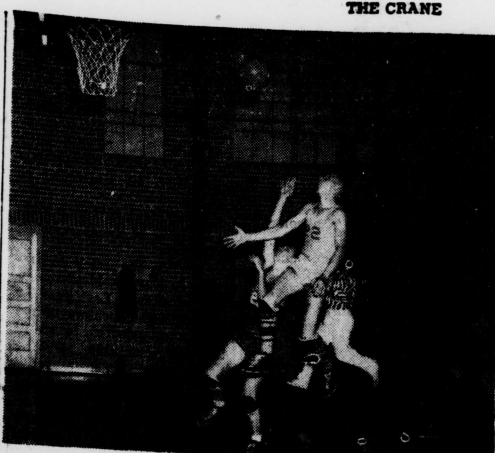
Ball Starts

Crane's basketball team is ready to start their road to glory with the fact that all the girls are taking the old volleyball.

There has been an Mrs. Abernethy who is quite a few lettersman.

Lower Pettit, 3 years; Sue Henderson, 2; Sue Henderson, 2; Sue Henderson, 2.

Clark



Hickey mixing it with an Odessa Bronco in the first game of the season. The little man with the big expression is Jimmy Stacy. Crane won this one 42-33.

Brady Nix Coaching Twenty-Third Season Of Basketball This Yr.

Brady Nix, coach of this year's Crane basketball team, is coaching his 23rd year of basketball this season.

He played basketball at Stephenville, Texas, while in high school and later played for John Tarleton College.

The greatest rule change which has come about since Mr. Nix played is giving the ball to the opponent after a basket is made by the team. When he played they had to jump ball after each basket was made. This rule change made basketball a much faster and more colorful game.

Mr. Nix has coached in Crane nine years and during this time has won seven district championships, one regional championship and has gone to the state meet once. Doing all this in just nine years proves that he is really a great coach.

During his coaching career, he has coached many who became college stars.

Alvin and Leroy Crews and Leoroie Scudday were the most outstanding boys he has coached.

Alvin and Leroy Crews were outstanding basketball players at Texas Tech for four years. Leoroie Scudday a member of Nix's Forsan team played three years for Forsan, three for John Tarleton and one for Texas University.

Brady Nix's formula for basketball success is WORK, WORK, WORK along with a thorough knowledge and love of the game.

38 Crane Gridders To Receive Awards

Thirty-eight boys will receive awards this year.

Boys receiving senior awards are: Henderson, Rust, Ward, Schoonover, Daniel, Weatherby, Pettit, Holcomb, Marlowe, Garrett, Best, and Parrot.

Regular Jackets will go to Hickey, Stacey, Smith, Teague, Patterson, Lightfoot, Higdon, Cook, Clark, Zarafonitis, Phemister and Hodges.

Those receiving reserve awards are: Heard, Dameron, Presley, Boothe, Brents, Cloud, Husted, Kelton, Kilgore, Knox, McCrindle, Pendleton, Taylor and Schoonover.

Elmo Rust and Billy Henderson are the only four-year lettermen on the squad. This is the last group of four year-men for several years.

Band Wins Volleyball; P. E. Girls Basket Ball In Lively Tournament

The P. E. girls edged out the pros by a bare margin of one point last Tuesday. It was a struggle to the end with the score 10-11.

On the pros team were Miss Mildred McReynolds, Miss Ann Ratliff, Miss Bobby Hamilton, Mrs. Brady Nix, Mrs. George Crane, Mrs. Bill Haralson, Mrs. V. W. Keyes, and Mrs. Winnie Browning. In the first portion of the game the girls were leading by a great score of 10-2.

Mrs. George Crane was outstanding player of the pros' team while Jenny Porter shined for the P. E. cagers.

In the volleyball tournament the band advanced as victors from the second P. E. class.

game count of 2-1, then coming back to take two straight games from the second P. E. class.

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THE CRANE

All Gain And No Loss Is Not Always True With Sports . . . Here Are The Figures

Crane Quintet Breaks Odessa Broncs 42-33 In Season Opener

Playing a AA school didn't mean anything to the Crane basketball team Tuesday, November 30, when they took the Odessa Broncs 42-33.

High point man on the Crane five was John Hickey with 15 points. Jimmy Neal Stacy and Myron Holcomb proved to be no slouch chalking up 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Hooper, number 28 of the Bronco team was high point man making nine points with Sharpe, number 31, and Morris number 21, running a close second each with eight points.

Much team work was displayed on the court despite the fact that the boys had had only one organized workout.

Not so fortunate as the big boys was the B team who lost to the Odessa B team 21-29. Clark Lee Presley was leading pointer with 12 points. Second in points was Charles Phemister with 4.

	F	ES	G
Jimmy Stacy	1	0	12
Earnest Higdon	1		
John Hickey	2	1	15
Myron Holcomb	2	1	11
Bill Teague	1		2
Bobby D. Smith	1		
John Clark			2

Crane Team Of 1949 Will Be Very Short On Seasoned Gridders

The football team of 1949 is to be very short on old familiar faces.

Due to graduation or age, six of the mighty Crane line will be gone next year and one of the backfield.

At the right end position was Myron Holcomb, a senior, who played his last game this year due to graduation.

Myron has played two years and is a popular guy around the campus besides being an honor roll student.

Elmo Rust, senior, at right tackle, finishes his career also by graduation. Elmo was a unanimous choice for the all-district team this year and is a good prospect for somebody's college team. Elmo has been around the gridiron for the last four years. He is popular with everybody, an honor roll student, president of the Student Council and just an all around good guy.

Filling up the spot between center and tackle is Billy "Butterball" Schoonover, also a '49 graduate, playing his last year with an excellent record behind him.

Chosen this year's best sport, "Butter" is a well known figure around Crane High.

He doesn't know whether or not he will enter college football. Taking up the largest amount of room on the field is Joe Weatherby, a little 310-pound junior who played his last game because of the age limit.

Joe is a 3-year letterman and is known for his air of friendliness and good personality.

Out on the far end was Kenneth Daniel, senior, a 2-year letterman, who left at the season's end to join his parents at Sundown, Texas. Ken will be missed by everybody. He is a very popular young man around the school, especially with the pep squad girls who chose him as their sweetheart for the year.

In the backfield department was the boy who will be missed by the team and everybody else. This is Valco Garrett, senior, a hard-running fullback who has helped the team's scoring record a lot this year. "Pepper" is a 2-year letterman and an all-around good athlete.

The hardest position to refill next year will be the center position vacated by James Ward. For the last two years James has played this position, and he will be hard to replace as he is among the best centers Crane has ever had.

James is vice president of the senior class and is liked by everyone in Crane. He plans to enter New Mexico A&M next fall.

These boys have left an excellent record behind in all the sports and social activities and everybody will bewail the loss of those who have upheld a great team for the past few years.

This article should be of special interest to those who think that football is all profit.

After tedious hours over an adding machine, Principal Brady Nix came up with the financial statistics of this year's football season.

Based on ten games, the total income amounted to \$5,782.54, but \$2,259.81 of this amount went for expenses, thus leaving some \$3,522.73 as profit.

Itemizing a few expenses one discovers that insurance for the players cost \$203, laundry \$127.90, etc. Also there are the officials' fees, road trip expenses in the form of gasoline, hotel bills, meals, etc.

For the first time in years, Crane High bought a supply of much-needed athletic equipment, planking down \$3,608.76 for the lot. This amount added to the \$2,259.81 knocks this year's athletic profit to a loop, but next year, and for many years thereafter, this expense will not be so great.

According to information from Coach Haralson, the average cost of suiting out one boy in a game uniform is between \$75 and \$100. This includes the pads and uniform itself.

Now, the reader can plainly see that there is much expense and work in football as well as a lot of fun for the boys and fans.

Below is a profit and expense account of the 1948 season:

Crane-Big Lake, gate \$998.95; expense \$355.59.
Crane-Jal, N. M., guarantee \$100; expense \$35.
Crane-Ozona, gate \$793; expense \$307.
Crane-Santon, gate \$736.25; expense \$291.89.
Crane-Alpine, guarantee \$100; expense \$33.65.
Crane-Marfa, gate \$586.95; expense \$300.92.
Crane-Pecos, gate \$488.80; expense \$357.43.
Crane-Iraan, gate \$1,329.50; expense \$431.83.
Crane-Robert Lee, guarantee \$75; expense \$77.
Crane - McCamey, guarantee \$214.09; expense \$49.50.
Total, gate \$5,293.45; guarantee \$489.09; expense \$2,259.81.
Profits \$3522.73.

JUNIOR GATE RECEIPTS

Gate	Expense
Crane-Iraan \$104.74	\$44.46
Crane-Odessa 41.20	23.87
Crane-Mc 49.06	24.17
Crane-Midland 42.20	12.03
Total 237.20	104.53
Profits \$132.67.	

Band and Chorus Give Colorful Halftime at Crane-McCamey Game

The C. H. S. Band performed a very picturesque halftime maneuver at the Crane-McCamey game November 24. The band entrance from the south goal was a broken field affair with half the band going to the left and half to the right. They marched to the 50-yard line and made regular band formation, marched to the 30-yard line and changed into a three-file maneuver to the north goal. Then they did a counter march and playing, marched back up the field. Another counter march took them to south goal. As soon as the counter march was completed, the band did a double forward march four steps, a side step four steps, and a double to the rear-march then a right flank, a left flank and a column left to the McCamey stands.

At the drum major's signal there was a large cross formed and the deep brass of the band played the "Thanksgiving Prayer" with ten of the chorus girls singing.

When this was completed, at the drum major's signal, the band made regular formation and counter-marched to the middle of the field where the band was halted to form a large football.

The twirlers, Peggy Sharp, Lannell Murrell, and Wanda Leclair made the ties in the football and the drum major directed the band in playing "Auld Lang Syne". This was in honor of the last game of football of the season.

When this maneuver was completed, the band formed regular band formation and marched off the field.

Since this was Charlotte Schmitt's last game to be drum major, with Director Sonnenburg's permission, she "let her hair down" and pranced with the twirlers.

Crane Downs McCamey With Final Score 19-7 In Seasons Last Tussle

Crane's Golden Cranes battered the McCamey Badgers to a defeat of 19-7 in the final game of the season, November 24. Scores for Crane were made by Valco Garrett, Myron Holcomb, and Richard Lightfoot.

The outstanding run of the game was turned in by Lightfoot when he took a punt from the Badgers and twisted his way from the 40-yard line to the goal for a score.

McCamey took the opening kickoff. The Gold Birds came in with a bang and held the Badgers to downs. Then McCamey fumbled and Crane took over. After a series of plays the Cranes pulled a trick out of their sleeves when ran a triple reverse with the ball ending up in the hands of Myron Holcomb who scampered 16 yards for a score. Clark converted and the score became 7-0.

Clark kicked again. But again the Birds' forward wall stood firm and the ball was soon in their hands again. Then McCamey recovered a fumble and proceeded down the field until forced to kick.

The first period of play ended with no more scores. The second quarter brought out plenty of fight. Both teams had possession of the ball several times but could not advance. Each team battered away at the other but nothing happened until near the end of the first half when one of McCamey's punts was taken in by Lightfoot and he started his 40-yard sprint to the second touchdown for the Cranes. The conversion was no good. Score 13-0.

Again McCamey took the kickoff and again Crane regained possession of the ball on the 35-yard line. From here they marched up to the goal line and Valco Garrett plunged over. But the play was void as Crane drew a 15-yard penalty. The half ended with Crane leading by a margin of 13-0.

Opening the second half of play the Badgers kicked to the Cranes. Behind the driving Crane line the Birds' backs charged down the field and Garrett again plunged over. This time the score held but the kick for point was no good. The score became 19-0.

McCamey then took the kickoff and started digging down the field. They went all the way in a series of bruising plays and scored a touchdown. The conversion was good and the score became 19-7. For the remainder of the game the ball changed from one side to the other. Only once did either team threaten again and that was when the Cranes went all the way to McCamey's one-yard line from their own 24. But the Badgers held them back and prevented a score. Neither team could get past the other and the game ended 19-7 in favor of Crane.

First downs came plentiful for Crane. They got 18 first downs all total to McCamey's two. But penalties also came plentiful for Crane. Seven was the sum total for Crane to McCamey's two.

All the seniors played in this game since it was the last of the season and their last high school game. Everyone seemed to enjoy the game very much since it was the second straight victory over McCamey—old football rivals who had beaten Crane so many times in the past years.

Can You Imagine

1. Jessie not giggling in algebra.

2. Jane and Joan friends.

3. Jimmy Neal without a brag.

4. Dorothy Chittenden without a swing.

5. Billy L. without Dot Eryin.

6. The Volley Ball team winning.

7. Crane losing a football game.

8. No speeches from Mr. Patterson in study hall.

9. Richard Lightfoot not playing football.

10. Crane High School burning down.

A man replied, "I can understand a lot of things, but what baffles me is my wife slaving to clean so she won't be embarrassed when the cleaning woman shows up!"

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Miss Rowland's

SECOND GRADE

We are making Christmas decorations and we are looking forward to our Christmas party. In music we are learning some Christmas songs.

Our room would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Miss Alexander's

THIRD GRADE

Thanksgiving holidays were well enjoyed by all.

Those visiting other towns were: Sue Townsend, Barbara Gill, Beverly Head, John Webb, Iney Pierce, Patricia Bragg and Nell Pomray, Charles Woodbury, Kenneth Richardson, Miss Alexander.

Everybody reported a good time. We are now ready to work and look for a Happy Christmas.

FIVE TWO

Reporter, Sandra Russell

We have two new pupils, Kenneth Sharp from Goldsmith and Edith Ferguson from Loraine. Eva Mae Miller had a birthday party on Tuesday, Nov. 30. She was 11 years old. The party was at the Gulf camp in the recreation hall. Her mother served orange soda pop, cookies and nuts in little bags that looked like turkeys. She received many nice gifts.

SIX-TWO

Reporter, Mike Windsor

On November 24, the sixth grade had a Thanksgiving program in which students participated. 6-2 and 6-3 had a play about football with suits, pads, pep squad and all. It was a very funny play.

On November 19, the student council sponsored an Amateur Hour. There were amateurs from almost all rooms. From our room came the Wild West with Bob St. Clair, Mike Windsor, Johnny Burrow, and Allan Hollis. They sang "The Cowboy."

SIX-THREE

Reporter, Peggy Lightfoot

Last week we had two new pupils who were Shirley Reddy and Virginia Head.

We had our Thanksgiving program the other day and I am sure everyone enjoyed it.

Many of our students went visiting over the holidays, among these were: Jane Cary, Peggy Lightfoot, Janis Chrane, Mynell Richmond.

Billy Don Willis moved to Lawn, Texas. We were very sorry that he moved.

SEVEN-ONE

Reporter, Jax Potet

Everyone in 7-1 seemed to have had a nice Thanksgiving except for Scotty McIver, and he was sick with flu.

Marshall Jones moved to Crane from Leachville, Ark.

There were four people who visited out of town Thanksgiving and they were: Gwen Weddle, Brent McAfee, Alfred Moore and Trixie Lynn Rudd.

SEVEN-TWO

Reporter, Loune Presley

Our room sent 19 pounds of candy and gum to the needy children of England.

Monday night our room mothers gave us a party at the Gulf amp Recreation Hall. Everyone really had a nice time.

Louise Sharp from Odessa moved to Crane not very long ago. We are very glad to have her.

Norma Crittenden went to Dallas over the holidays. Joe Dan Ash went to Sundown.

Miss Ralliff's Room

Reporter Ella Smith

We are going to make Christmas cards. Charles Payne is a new boy. He came to Crane last week. Charles is from Madill. We have all ready drawn names for the Christmas tree. We get out Dec. 17. We have been making vases out of clay. We had a visitor, his name is Bruce Boyd.

Saturday night, December 11, the eighth grade had their Christmas party in the gym. There was dancing and games playing.

The room mothers and Paul Patterson and Mrs. Isyl Cox, and class sponsors were present.

The party was informal.

Lower Classmen Hit Upper Brackets On Second Honor Roll

Delores White, eighth grader, sets the Honor Roll pace for the second six-week report with the incredible average of 95.

Next-to-top honors are shared by Ora Abrams, freshman and Ann McDonald, eighth-grader, each with an average of 94.6

Not far down the line are two more eighth-graders, Judy Matthis and Wayne Atchison with 94.4 and 94 respectively.

Two sophomores and a junior, Joan Ragsdale, June White, and Charles Phemister hit above the 93 mark.

Listed below are those with 90 or above:

8th Grade	
1. Wayne Atchison	94
2. Judy Matthis	94.4
3. Dolores White	95
9th Grade	
1. James Hopson	92.6
2. Doyle Ray Lakin	92.8
3. Carmelita Russell	92.8
10th Grade	
1. Jackie Lou Mackey	91.6
2. Joan Ragsdale	93.6
3. June White	93.75
11th Grade	
1. Charles Phemister	93.2
12th Grade	
None	

Students with an average of 90 or above on subjects for second six weeks 1948-49.

8th Grade	
1. Ray Bob Robinson	90
2. Rex Wood	91
3. Ann McDonald	94.6
9th Grade	
1. Ora Abrams	94.6
2. Nancy Evans	92.4
3. Jerry Hall	90.8
4. Peggy McCasland	90.2
5. Betty McCork	91.6
6. Donna Raybon	90.0
7. Peggy Sharp	91.6
8. Bowlin West	91.8
10th Grade	
1. John Clark	91.4
2. Jenny Porter	90.4
3. Cynthia Zafonotis	90.8
11th Grade	
1. John Hickey	92.6
2. Lanell Murrell	91.0
12th Grade	
1. Lorene Davenport	92
2. Sammie White	90

Juniors Will Sponsor Gala New Year Ball

Climaxing the semesters' social season will be a New Year's dance, December 31 in the gymnasium, with the junior class as sponsor.

Starting at 9:00 and lasting until 12:00 the affair will be semi-formal, which, according to Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, means no long dresses—and no slacks.

To really ring out the old and ring in the new, the gym will be decorated in fine New Year's style, and the class mothers are planning some really good refreshments. Good news for the pep cats is that there will be plenty of new records, and the music will be given out good and loud. Also there will be plenty of noise makers and favors to enliven the evening.

This dance is strictly for high school students and their guests as passed through the office. Admission prices will be 50 cents drag, and 35 cents stag

Homemaking II Girls Present First Meal

The Homemaking II Girls had their first meal Wednesday, December 1.

The meal consisted of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, english peas, combination salad, hot rolls, and iced tea. The dessert was chocolate pudding with whipped cream on top of it.

The color scheme was green. Green place mats were under the pastel pattern plates.

Small Christmas trees were made for the place cards and a big bowl of fruit, apples, oranges, grapes, bananas, was the center piece, with "Merry Christmas" written out of marshmallows around the bowl of fruit. The meal was eaten by candlelight.

The ones partaking were Joyce Bright, Sammie Lewis, Jency Porter, Juanita Payne, Coylene Pope, LaWanda Coker, Ella Mae Sherron.

The cooks were June White, Earlene Canon, Erma Lee McKay, Nedra Anderson, Norma Rust and Patsy Dulin.

Since there were so many in the class there were no outsiders invited.

Two Weeks This Year Christmas Holidays

Contrary to custom, Crane School kids will get two weeks for Christmas holidays instead of one.

School will turn out for Christmas, Friday, December 17, and will not take up again until Monday, January 3, thus allowing students ample time to visit grandma, and teachers ample time to enjoy mama's cooking once more.

Aromas From Lab Indicate Thanksgiving

Um! Things sure smell inviting. It's those Homemaking III girls of the third period class preparing a Thanksgiving dinner before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Those delicious aromas came from:

- Baked Chicken and Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Peas
- Giblet Gravy
- Celery Sticks
- Hot Rolls
- Pumpkin Pie
- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Iced Tea

Mrs. Waller was the guest at this dinner. Billie Russell was hostess and Loy Taylor was host. Dinner was also served to Joyce Sharp, Kathleen Harrington, Melba Bell, Lola Green, Ima Jewel Napier and Lorene Davenport.

This dinner was served more or less buffet style. The table had that Thanksgiving air about it, due to the decorations prepared by Melba Bell and Loy Taylor. The place cards were small brown turkeys reposing on a square of white paper with the name written on the white paper. The center piece was a basket with squash, avocados and grapes artistically arranged on it.

Full stomachs and contented sighs were the aftermath of this dinner.

Trip To Switzerland! For Winning Essay

Win a trip to Switzerland! Miss Eloise Haley's English IV class is working on this for their term essay—with their hopes high.

The first prize for the best essay is a trip, via Swiss Air Lines, to Switzerland for student, and teacher supervising the research. One-hundred additional prizes of Swiss watches are given for other good essays. This contest is offered by the American Society for Friendship with Switzerland, Inc.

The types of essays they are allowed to write about are:

- A. Birth and Progress of Swiss Democracy.
- B. Swiss Neutrality
- C. Switzerland's Economic Importance
- D. Swiss Contributions to the World
- E. A Comparison of the American and Swiss Form of Government.

Students in high schools all over the United States are competing and the essay is not graded on length but should at least be a thousand words.

This contest is a requirement for Miss Haley's English IV Class, but any student in high school may enter. All information about entering this contest is found in room 12 pinned upon the board. It is hard to miss.

If anyone is interested, they may enter.

Stop, Look, Listen, On Holiday Travels

The Holiday season has rolled around again and more people than ever are on the road.

With this added traffic comes more accidents than ever.

Most of these accidents could be avoided if people would stop and think instead of traveling with their minds set on getting there faster.

Most highway wrecks are caused by one thing: speed! Who's life is worth no more than seeing a friend or relative you haven't seen for awhile?

When traveling by automobile why not take a little more time and be safe than to try to get there quick and maybe take the life of someone dear to you or somebody else.

Ex-Crane, Jo Randel Honored With Shower

A shower honoring Miss Joanne Pandel, an ex-Crane, was given December 3 at the community hall.

Joanne received many nice gifts. Three tables with all the gifts unwrapped made things look quite impressive. The color scheme was blue and silver.

Mrs. Geo. Crane poured tea. Mrs. Hugo Huffman poured coffee, and Mrs. C. A. Shaffer stood by the cake. Mrs. W. B. Gunn stood in the reception line with Joanne, her aunt Mrs. Johnny Barnett, her future mother-in-law, Mrs. Sneed, and Mrs. W. O. Murray who received the gifts. Mrs. Bill Edwards from McCamey sat at the brides book. Each hostess wore a white corsage, as did the honor guests.

Soft music was played during the shower. Most of the records were Joanne's favorites.

Science Classes Now Probing Unknown

The science classes are still working hard and are taking up new work right along. The students seem pretty well satisfied with the way things are running. The classes are still probing into the unknown.

The biology class has been dissecting the earthworm, clams and crayfish. These are better known to the class now as Annelida, Mollusca, and Arthropoda Phylums respectively. At first the girls shied away from the goo, but they are not so squeamish now.

The chemistry class has become electrically charged with projects, electrons and thentions. Mrs. Fileman hopes these ions would charge the brains of some of the students because some of them need their memories recharged.

The general science classes have been studying a unit on meteorology. They would like to take a trip to the moon and look around at the sights.

Holcomb Elected to Lead Basket Ball Team

Myron Holcomb was elected by his team mates to captain the basketball team this year.

Myron played three years on the junior team, and this is his second year of senior basketball.

Myron is also editor of the Crane High School Annual.

Angelo PTA Features L. L. Martin's Lecture

"World Citizenship" was the topic of the talk that was given by Leland L. Martin at a meeting of the San Angelo City Council P-T-A Study Group last Tuesday Nov. 30. Beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, the address was held in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin has traveled extensively in Europe, Mexico, and the United States. Last year he was among 600 educators of the United States selected to sit in on the UN Assembly at Lake Success.

The Fort Concho P-TA sponsored the program Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Bruce Keesling chairman of the Fort Concho group.

Tomlinson Official Annual Photographer

Darrell Tomlinson, official photographer of the annual staff, has taken over 30 pictures up to the present date and has more to take in the next few weeks.

Tomlinson is equipped with a new \$300 camera and his own dark room. He has been turning out some very fine work this year.

Annual Staff Is Busy On Dummies

The annual staff has been busy with the dummy section of the annual, in fact, 19 full pages of advertisements have already been sent to the publishing company. Nearing completion also are the picture sections.

The annual will be completed two months after the last dummies are completed and set to News Photo in San Angelo.

All school districts in Texas do not operate schools. During 1947-48, approximately 1500 local school districts maintained no school. They contracted with and sent their children to other districts.

Jim Holmes, brother-in-law of E. M. Sonnenburg, was visiting in Crane a few days ago. Mr. Holmes, an ex G. I. (gob), was recently graduated from Bradley Institute in Peoria, Illinois, a technical school for jewelers.

Attendance for First 12 Weeks of School Shows Eighth Graders Eager Beavers!

This message from the principal is passed on to all our readers who shows who likes school.

Grade	1st 4 wks	2nd 4 wks	3rd 4 wks	Average
8th	98.62	96.94	97.05	97.80
9th	97.47	98.00	95.88	97.12
10th	98.90	96.66	96.79	97.45
11th	97.64	96.25	95.31	96.40
12th	95.50	95.75	94.40	95.22
Average	97.626	96.72	95.886	96.743

By analyzing the table you will find that attendance has declined the second and third four weeks. You will also note that the eighth grade has the best attendance and the twelfth grade the poorest. What is the trouble, seniors? As you gain in knowledge you find more reasons for being absent? As a whole the table indicates that as students advance in high school the attendance falls off.

As a whole our attendance is good. That is as it should be. We find that those students who miss most, usually are the lowest in grades.

It is also true that those students who miss most are those lacking in interest. What will the next report show? Will the eighth grade continue to lead in attendance?



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