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By
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ARTIE HENDERSON**
WHEN is this football banquet
going to be?? (or is it??)
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What is on the mind of all the
students during these nice, warm
school days; could it be "water"
on the brain?
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We would like to congratulate
the Choral girls on their good
work.
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Congratulations to the tennis
team for taking Midland.
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It SEEMS that some of the
boys are scratched up; could it
be football or girls...?
.....

Oh, don't you dread those tests,
though! Better buckle down and
study, or ELSE!
.....

Why have tests????
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Thanks for the Spring Holi-
days!
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We hear the Junior-Senior
Banquet-Prom will be quite a
sumptuous affair in May. Here's
hoping.
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The Senior Play is scheduled
for April 26, but don't hold your
breath!
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Everyone seemed to have a
swell time at the Sophomore
party.
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Jolly Life of School Teachers Not for Seniors!

April 1, 1946, saw the seniors of Crane High teaching school.
We got the latest dope on their opinions as to whether they would
like to be teachers or not, and what they think about their jobs.

Here are some random opinions:

Myrtle Kelton: I think it's lovely. I wouldn't mind if I had both
arms broke and my legs cut off!

Betty Joiner: I'd go crazy teaching school.

Peggy Daniel: It's dull, it's boring, and furthermore, it's no fun
and, incidentally, I never would make a school teacher.

Merle Dickson: Wonderful occupation if you wear your eaties
every morning; 'cause you'll be putting out your paper dolls by night.

Beverly Holt: Never more!!!

Betty Bruce: One day's o. k. but I wouldn't make it my career.

Bobby Higdon: It's really swell as long as you can boss every-
body around.

Kathryn Lewis: O. K. as long as everyone is agreeable and co-
operates, and you don't go crazy.

Billie June Hanks: It's all right, but, oh, my poor feet!!!

R. T. Stacy: It's fair but I know of other things I'd rather do.

Raymond Renfro: It's the hardest day's work I ever did.

Eugene Hogan: One day's o. k. but that would be all I could go
of it.

George Grounds: I like it very much—if I had enough pay.

Bob Mathis: I wouldn't mind teaching football and P. E. but not
the math.

Betty Jo White: I wouldn't mind it for a while but it would get
old.

School Is Taken Over April 1 by Seniors; What a Wonderful Day

Anyone visiting Crane High
School on April 1, 1946, would
have seen some very amazing
sights.

Walking into the office, they
would have first seen Mr. Nix
writing permits. Now there is
not anything unusual about this,
but seeing Mr. Nix dressed like
R. T. Stacy and resembling R. T.
closely—that is something!

Mr. Martin—believe it or not—
looked like our all-around ath-
lete, Bobby Higdon. After a
brief conference, these two digni-
taries called an assembly.

In this assembly everything
was explained. April 1 was SE-
NIOR DAY!

Professor Higdon made a few
announcements and then intro-
duced the faculty:

Mrs. Elmore—Merle Dickson.

Mr. Patterson—Myrtle Kelton.

Mr. George Chrane—Bob Ma-
this.

Mr. Douglas Chrane—Eugene
Hogan.

Mrs. Baumgardner — Betty
Bruce.

Mr. Nevins—Betty Ruth Joiner.

Mrs. Hughes — Billy June
Hanks.

Mrs. Bruce—Peggy Daniel.

Mrs. Barber—Kathryn Lewis.

Mrs. Wright—Beverly Holt.

Mr. Owens—Berna Lou Mc-
Cully.

Miss Lewis—Betty Jo White.

Mr. Hood—Raymond Renfro.

"And last but not least," said
Professor Higdon, "is George
Grounds, acting as Mr. Brice, the
janitor." A few minutes later
George was seen digging ditches
with Mr. Barnett.

Hooray, Holiday!

Good news, kids! We are
getting Easter holidays this
month.

School will turn out April
18 at 4:00 and won't take up
again until April 23 at 9:00.
This gives us four days in-
stead of the usual two.

SYMPATHY TO NIX'S
Voicing the collective sen-
timent of Crane School's fac-
ulty and student body, The
Crane extends heartfelt sym-
pathy to Mr. Nix and family
in the recent death of Mr.
Nix's mother.

Un-Photogenic Crane Students Drive The Annual Staff "Nuts"

KATHRYN LEWIS

Crane High School had
several cases of hysterics dur-
ing seventh period, Thurs-
day, April 4.

Panic swept several classes.
The football boys were un-
able to concentrate on prac-
tice, the band students hit
"M" instead of high "C." the
choral club "sobbed" instead
of "sung," and the study hall
was especially terrible—the
poor children didn't say a
word.

While these episodes were
taking place, Mr. Martin paced
his den and the annual
staff laid their little heads
down and cried.

What's that? There it's
better upside down. What a
relief! It's only Tipton Mur-
rell's picture.

Well, anyway, the pictures
for the annual came in and
they—were beautiful. Ask
anyone but the annual staff
because it drives them tem-
porarily insane.

Tuesday, April 9, however,
another try was made. New
pictures were taken for the
1946 "El Ave."

Teacher Turns Firebug

On April 1, 1946, Billie June
Hanks (alias Mrs. Hughes for
that day), slowly walked into
the office and reported that
her alcohol was on fire, and
naturally Mrs. Hughes didn't
want good alcohol to go to
waste, so she immediately ran
to the lab and with the aid of
a rag extinguished the fire.

It seems that Miss Hanks
was using the alcohol in an
experiment on leaves and she
smelled and smelled and
smelled and—anyhow, some-
thing slipped up and the al-
cohol became ignited. Now,
don't get the wrong impres-
sion. Billie June cares naught
for intoxicating beverages.
Maybe that is the reason she
burnt this nasty old stuff, but
(and who am I to say?) she
DID let it become ignited.

Some of the, should I say in-
telligent, students said, "I was
scared stiff!" "I thought it was
funny!" "Wish it would hap-
pen more often!" "Wow! ex-
citement, I love it!"

Except for this slight mis-
hap, June held a very good
class and some say she would
make a good school teacher;
draw your own conclusions.
How about it, Billie, is it a ca-
reer, or is it just—?????

Dickenson, Alderdice Buy Abilene Business; Take Charge June 1

Mr. C. A. Dickenson and Mr.
J. L. Alderdice have resigned
from the profession of school
teaching to go into business, as
partners, at 152 Chest Street, Ab-
ilene, Texas. The business is a
Kenyon's Auto Store where they
will handle auto parts and acces-
sories, furniture, and all kinds of
household appliances.

Mr. Dickenson has been teach-
ing school for 19 years, the last
six years as principal of Crane
Grade School. Before coming to
Crane, Mr. Dickenson taught in
Levelland, Texas.

Mr. Alderdice has taught
school for six years. Before com-
ing to Crane, he taught in Byers,
Texas. For three and one-half
years he was in the U. S. Coast
Guard after teaching in Crane
for two years. While in the Coast
Guard he worked in the pay of-
fice in New Orleans, La., and
Mobile, Ala. Then for two years
he taught math in the Coast
Guard Academy Prep School in
Gorton, Conn. This is his first
year back in Crane after release
from the service. He is teaching
seventh grade work and one
course in high school, trigonome-
try.

Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Alder-
dice will complete the present
term of school here but they ex-
pect to be set up in business by
June 1.

We wish them luck in their
future business.

Eight New Students Enrolled In Crane Hi

We, the journalism class, wish
to acquaint C. H. S. with our new
students. We hope they enjoy
working with the teachers of our
high school and that they will
like their classmates.

The new students are:

J. C. Skelton, ninth grade.

Freddie Lee Barrett, ninth
grade.

Donald Whittaker, ninth grade.

Ervin Fischer, eighth grade.

Bob Claude, eighth grade.

William Bailey, eighth grade.

Bobby Baize, ninth grade.

First Grade Presents Old McDonald's Farm

Old McDonald's Farm was pre-
sented by Mrs. Hood's first grade
to the elementary and junior hi
students in a program on March
28.

Seventeen boys and girls sang
the theme song, "Old McDonald's
Farm."

Five cats, four chickens, two
pigs, one dog, and one milk boy
consisted of the cast.

The song, "Chickery Chick,"
was the sensation of the program.
It was sung by the four chickens.

Miss Eddie Lou Haug was the
accompanist for the program.

More than 400 students and
visitors were present.

Mrs. Betty Nix, Mother Of Prin. Brady Nix, Dies In Stephenville

Mrs. Betty C. Nix, 81, mother
of Brady Nix, Crane High School
principal, died April 1, at 12:30
a. m., at Stephenville, Texas. The
funeral services were held at the
Harvey Baptist Church, with the
Rev. W. L. Daniels in charge of
services.

Mrs. Nix was born in Missis-
sippi Oct. 12, 1864. She married
L. C. Nix in 1887, in Kaufman
County, Texas. From there she
moved to Erath County in 1888
and lived near Dublin for several
years.

From there they moved to the
Lone Oak community, where
they made their home until 26
years ago.

Her husband preceded her in
death by three years, having died
March 13, 1943.

Mrs. Nix and her husband had
been residents of Stephenville
for 58 years. Mrs. Nix was a
Baptist and was a faithful church
attendant as long as her health
permitted.

The closest relatives surviving
are five sons: Homer Nix of Ste-
phenville; Mike Nix of Dallas;
Brady Nix of Crane; Dewey Nix
of Corpus Christi, and Wheeler
Nix of Dallas.

Mrs. Nix was buried at the
Johnson Cemetery with Stephen-
ville Funeral Home in charge of
services.

Taxes Pester Hester While Other Teachers Gallivant All Summer

There is one person on the high
school staff to whom the summer
season is not fair.

Mrs. Wright, called Hester by
all who know her, will have to
stick to the same old six and sev-
en—all but two weeks of the
summer while the other members
of the staff are off on a three-
months' paid vacation.

Hester will have to assess and
collect taxes, make out payrolls,
keep books and send in reports
that have to go in.

If the journalish staff could do
anything about the matter, we
would give her a four-months'
paid vacation.

But as it goes, we do not have
any authority, so we cannot do
anything about fate doing Mrs.
Wright wrong.

Concert Presented by Grandfalls Hi Band

The Grandfalls High School
Band, under the direction of Mr.
B. J. Pivetz, played a concert
for the students of Crane April
4, 1946.

The program consisted of sev-
eral contest numbers, a novelty
called "Jack and the Bean Stalk,"
and a cornet solo, "Sounds From
the Hudson," played by Billy
Walker.

THE CRANE

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Self-Reliance Greatest Word In The World

BY BOBBY HIGDON

Here is a word that can lead you to either good or bad. It has been discussed by many different great men and so is bound to be important to all people. It is more important to younger people because if you practice self-reliance while young, you have self-reliance when you are older. Whatever your sex or position, life is a battle in which you are to show your pluck; and woe be to the coward! Whether passed on a bed of sickness or a tented field, it is ever the same fair play, and admits no foolish distinctions. Despair and postponements are cowardice and defeat. Men were born to succeed, not to fail.

For the man who makes everything that leads to happiness, or near to it, to depend upon himself, and not upon other men, on whose good or evil actions his own doings are compelled to hinge, such a one, I say, has adopted the very best plan for living happily. This is the man of moderation; this is the man of manly character and of wisdom.

Men seem neither to understand their riches nor their strength; of the former they believe greater things than they should; of the latter much less. Self-reliance and self-denial will teach a man to drink out of his own cistern, and eat of his own sweet bread, and to learn and labor truly to get his living, and carefully to expend the good things committed to his trust.

A Nut is One Who Doesn't Have Self-Control

WHOOOOA! Hold that temper, once it's loose, it's hard to rope. Take it from this wise one, it's better to be safe than sorry.

Psychiatry is for the nuts, all kinds—kleptomaniacs, just plain nuts, and even inferiority complexes. WHY hasn't some of these doctors developed a treatment for the hot-headed lunatics who are always running around getting beat up and beating other people up?

One of the most frequently found cases is the school boy or girl who doesn't know what the simple word "self-control" means. Webster's dictionary says, "Self-control is the constraint and co-ordination of one's acts and impulses," and that sounds just about what we need, now, doesn't it?

So, unless you wish to be tabbed as a "nut," hold that ink-bottle very tightly and don't throw it at the perfect target of teacher writing a large assignment on the board, etc.

SPIRIT OF OUR DEMOCRACY

BY BILLIE LOVELACE

The spirit of our democracy is the greatest thing on man's earth.

A great man once said, "The trouble with people is, they are as little trees in a large forest, they can't get anywhere because great, clinging vines choke them out." In our American, nothing can choke out our spirit. All of the little, clinging, choking things are blotted out.

In short, our spirit makes us free—free like the dried leaves being blown along by the winds, this way and that way; but always the way it would prefer to go.

DOES AN EDUCATION COUNT?

BY R. T. STACY

Just to prove what these old fogies say is true, just stop and meditate a few minutes on the subject of education: Germany had education, but of the wrong kind. They were taught to use it for an evil purpose instead of for the good of humanity. Just look at the millions of Jews that were killed because of a power-crazed man. The German people, that is the younger generation, still follow the principles of Hitler, and we must educate them all over again so that war with Germany will not happen again.

INDIVIDUALITY

Individuality is something very few people have. Most people try to act like someone else instead of acting their true self.

There is nothing as beautiful as a person that acts and does as his true self.

If only people would be themselves, the world would be better off.

People will try to convince themselves to think the way the biggest majority of their friends think, whether it is right or wrong.

Also, people will take up certain habits that are harmful to themselves just because other people do. If the nation would only be more individualistic, people would be more civilized.

After all, God created us to be individuals and to act, think, eat, dress, etc., individually.

Crane Hi Faculty To Scatter to Four Winds During Vacation Time

Faculty members of the Crane High School plan to go places during the summer vacation. Their directions vary with the four winds.

MR. MARTIN plans to visit his daughter in New York City.

MR. NIX has no definite plans because of the recent death of his mother.

MR. PATTERSON is going six weeks to Field School in Chihuahua City, Mexico.

MR. HOOD will attend school at the University of New Mexico.

MR. CARROLL will go to college at Texas A. & M. or Greeley, Colo., to work on his M. A. degree.

MR. G. CHRANE is going to summer school at Sul Ross and fish between times.

MR. D. CHRANE is going to work for the Gulf, as he stated, "there is no rest for the wicked!"

MRS. ELMORE plans to go to New York.

Mrs. BARBER will go to summer school at Boulder, Colo.

MRS. BRUCE is going to vacation in Colorado, and go to summer school.

MRS. BAUMGARDNER will go to New Orleans and drink—(French coffee).

MISS LEWIS will go to New York.

MR. NEVINS stated that as soon as the band concert is over, he does not care what he does. He is going to let the summer take care of itself.

MRS. HUGHES has no plans for the future, but to stay on the hill at Crane and take in the fresh air.

CHATTER OF OUR GENERATION

Modern slang has become a favorite phrase in the speech of most young people. In each greeting you usually find slang; also in the conversation which follows.

Why, some dignified fathers and mothers have almost fainted when they walked in on the commencement of a telephone conversation and heard, "It's your nickel, shoot!" But, then, you have to say something to let them know you are waiting, don't you?

A conversation that begins like this usually ends rather shortly (in ten or fifteen minutes!) It does seem rather odd, though, that they always meet at the drug store immediately following to "beat their gums somewhat."

Silly? Well, yes, but isn't most enjoyable things we do in our youth rather on the "silly" side? When we were babies we went around eating up the furniture—later we walked fences, which is an ignorant way of committing suicide—and then comes the tomorrow, when you go around being "hep" and dishing out plenty of jive talk to prove it. (Time marches on, ta-ta-ta-ta-ta!)

Tommy Turner is now discharged and back in Crane after serving 16 months with the Army Medical Corps in the ETO.

W. H. Lovelace is back in Crane and has been discharged after serving with the Marines in the Southwest Pacific.

SENIOR WHO'S WHO

BOB MATHIS

Once upon a time—not so long ago—at Hatchel, Texas, on March 17, 1928, a new addition was added to the Mathis family.

They called him Robert Lynn (just Bob to those of you who do not grasp these statistics).

Now the Mathis family has moved to Crane.

Bob is vice-president of the Senior Class, football captain, business manager of the '45-'46 edition of El Ave, and Campus King.

This tall (5 ft. 11 1/2 in. plus cowboy boots), dark (black hair, brown eyes), handsome, friendly senior has lettered three years in both football and basketball.

Chocolate pie, strawberry jello, fruit cocktail or "Sis" Teague—just any of the above will please Bob.

Having attended eight different schools, Bob says that Crane rates "tops" because the students are so friendly.



PEGGY DANIELS

Do you have any donations for the Senior Class? Give them to Peggy Daniel, senior treasurer—guaranteed no refunds!

Margaret Ruth (yes, that is the true title) was born in the city of Breckenridge, Texas, in 1928. She has attended Crane Schools for 12 years.

Proof that Peggy likes music: she plays the piano, tympani, bells, and snare drum, also likes George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue," and swoons when DeBussey's music is played. She has been in the Glee Club one year and the band three years, and is the editor of "The Cleff."

Peggy possesses beautiful brown eyes and a vivacious personality; selects as favorites Van Johnson, Jennifer Jones, "Seventeen," and Texas Tech; pet peeve, her nickname, "Frankie" (originated in the sophomore days because she liked Frank Sinatra).



THE CRANE FILES

5 YEARS AGO:

The senior play, "No, No, A Thousand Times No," was a great success.

Tyrus Dahn and Ray Todd of the Crane Quill and Scroll Club won honors in the International contest. Only four contestants from Texas appeared on the list of winners.

6 YEARS AGO:

The parents and teachers held a party in the gym to familiarize the parents with the program of the coming year.

Edward Lewis and Hester Ryan were named honor students of 1939.

9 YEARS AGO:

Commencement exercises to be held May 27.

12 YEARS AGO:

The senior class went to Carlsbad Caverns on the senior trip.

The junior-senior banquet held May 12.

13 YEARS AGO:

The Glee Club presented an operetta May 2 in auditorium.

The seniors were honored with a dance in the home of Mrs. R. A. Young.

Terry Brunette is back in Crane after serving with the Army Air Corps in Africa. Terry expects to put in a business here soon.

EXCHANGE

Teacher: What letter comes after "H"?

Ignorance: Huh?

Teacher: Well, then, what is on the other side of my nose?

Ignorance: It looks like powder from here.

Teacher: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Student: On the bottom.

Johnny: Hic—hic, hic, hic.

Teacher: What is the matter, Johnny, got the hiccups?

Johnny (sarcastically): No, I'm signaling the boy behind me in Morse code!

Hari-Kari is Japanese.

They try it whenever they can not win. Translated in English it sounds like, "Excuse, but may I cut in."

Teacher: "My father had money," is past tense. Now, Mary, what tense would you be speaking in if you said, "My father has money?"

Mary: "Pretense."

Before I heard the doctor tell

The danger of a kiss,

I had considered kissing you,

The nearest thing to bliss.

But now I know biology.

And sit and moan.

Six million mad bacteria,

And I thought we were alone.

Bozeman, Montana.

The Fiction Writers' Corner

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY

About a hundred miles from "nowhere in particular" stands an old brown house, crowned with very high roofs, and so completely isolated that there is nothing near it, not even a filling station or a drive-in, such as are commonly seen around small towns. In front of this house is a garden down to the river, where the shrubs, formerly clipped close to the edge of the walks, now grow at their own will.

A few old trees have grown wildly and, as though they were a fence, half hide the house. To be accurate, the whole garden is as the bare fruit trees, neglected for ten years. The roof of this house is terribly dilapidated; the outside shutters are always closed; the balconies are hung with bird nests; the doors are forever shut. Moon and sun, winter, summer, and snow have eaten into the wood, warped the boards, and peeled off the paint.

The dreary silence is broken only by birds, cats, mice, and dogs, free to scamper around and fight, and eat each other. An invisible hand has written all over it: Mystery.

Sports Page

Study Manners Display In Order to Better Display Prom Manners

With attractive displays and helpful hints, Mrs. Elmore is sharpening up the students' manners for the Junior Prom. See the library wall, east side.

For those indifferent girls desiring a brief (say half a minute) course in etiquette, there are 8 cartoon illustrations telling them how they can avoid over-popularity.

For those who wish to delve deeper into refinement, there is a baker's dozen (13) of books on fancy manners for both male and female.

These 13 books bear such titles as "Gentlemen Behave," "Smoother and Smarter," "Manners Now and Then," etc., all of which bear reading.

After all, if one appears at a Prom in tuxedo or evening gown, whichever the case might be, one wants to have manners to match. After all (once more) an ill-mannered person in a tuxedo is about as noticeable as he would be in a tuxedo—and barefoot.

Would you ask Emily Post for a tipstick? Or would you save her embarrassment by going ahead and picking your teeth with your fork?

Were your girl friend to swoon while dancing, would you catch her or would you jump out of the way to avoid having your bow tie knocked askew? We ask you! You will find the answers in Mrs. Elmore's manners display.

Library Bulletin Board

Since no occasion has arisen for Mrs. Elmore to put special posters and decorations in the library, this is what she has on the bulletin boards.

First, there is still the poster each day on what your education should mean to you.

In addition to this she has pictures telling the story of trains, from the driving of the Gold Spike on the Union Pacific up to the present day.

THUMBNAILED INTERVIEWS

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO DURING THE SUMMER?

Eugene Hogan: Try to work for the Gulf Research.

Bill Teague: Work on a ranch, I guess.

Ronald Tollman: I'm going to try to work for Phillips again.

Bobby Allen: I will rough-neck if I can.

Gladys Lee Barnard: Probably go to Missouri.

Donna Miller: I'm going to take some correspondence courses so I will graduate next year.

Bobby North: Not much, probably stay in Stockton.

Donald Pope: Work like a dog.

Merwin McCully: Work like heck (I'm in the liars' contest!)

Baker Davis: Go to Schreiner Institute.

Billy Kelton: Work and be lazy.

Betty Bruce: Work if I can. I'm going to loaf all summer!!!

JOKE.

R. T. Stacy: Chase Betty all summer.

Beverly Holt: Try to work if I can.

Share and Share Alike Is Crane High Policy

You all know the old saying, "share and share alike," well, Crane High has been living up to that. We have been sharing our talented Mr. Martin, better known as "Pop" or "Prof," with the surrounding schools. It seems that we aren't the only ones who recognize his oratory qualities.

On April 5, Mr. Martin made a little trip to Grandfalls and at 12:45 in their assembly he gave them his idea of "The Value of Courtesy and Attitudes."

On April 13, Mr. Martin ran over to McCamey and lectured them during their assembly period.

Also, our "Prof" is to speak at the Commencement Exercises in Iraan on May 17.

We are proud of our superintendent and are glad to allow the other kids around to be given the opportunity to soak up some of his wide span of knowledge.

Boys Spend Exciting Week-end In Amarillo

At 7:30 Friday morning, two of Crane High School's seniors started on a very important trip. Bob Mathis was going to Amarillo to take a test for a scholarship awarded annually by Phillips Petroleum Co. If he makes one of the seven highest grades, he will be awarded a scholarship good for \$400 a year for four years.

Raymond Renfroe was going to Amarillo with Bob and then the two boys were coming back by Borger to see Raymond's folks.

The boys hitch-hiked and reported that luck was very good. They arrived in Amarillo at two o'clock and spent the night in the Herring Hotel.

The next morning they found Amarillo Junior College where the test was to be given. The test started about nine o'clock and consisted of English, vocabulary, algebra, geometry and general mathematics.

Sophs Light Up Red Barn In Biggest Party Of The Entire Year

Cowboy Jim and Sunbonnet Sue swung the big red barn doors wide open for the sophomores and their guests Friday night, April 5, 1946. A lantern and a horse shoe were at the door to guide the guests into the soft-lighted hayloft. Bales of hay were placed around the barn for the comfort of the lazy ones. Farm equipment, such as saddles, wagon wheels, lanterns, hay, horse shoes, bundle feed, milk-buckets, and tow sack-covered lights, decorated the room. The walls were covered with original pictures of animals.

Everyone came dressed for the occasion. The girls wore brightly colored pinafores and ruffled dresses with sunbonnets. The boys came in blue jeans, boots, bright plaid shirts, and cowboy hats or the "straw" fashioned ones.

The souvenir invitations were cut in the shape of a red barn and written in white ink. Delicious refreshment of punch and canapés were served by the room mothers, Mrs. Dulin, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Murrell, and Mrs. Kelton.

The following contests took place with these winners:

Pistol Shooting—David Bonner
Hogg Calling—Raymond Weatherby.

Chicken Calling—Lanell Murrell.

Boys' Singing—Chester Pettit and Don Kilgore.

Girls' Singing—Gloria Collier and Joetta Holt.

Liars—Toots Mathis. There was also a grand march directed by Mrs. Elmore. Mr. Douglas Chrane, dressed as a "city slicer," "cookie duster" and all, called the square dance.

There were about 110 guests present, including parents, and a few faculty members.

Regional Tennis Meet To Be April 19 and 20

The Regional tennis meet will be held in El Paso April 19 and 20. The match will be played at the College of Mines tennis courts and Mr. W. H. Ball will be in charge of all activities.

Eight districts will be represented at the meet from Region 8. From Crane will be David Bonner and Don Pope, playing boys, and Doris Collins and Billie Lovelace playing girls doubles. Roby Haddon from Fort Stockton will represent district in boys singles while Iraan will furnish the girls singles representative.

The players must all be at El Paso on the morning of April 19, Friday, to draw for opponents.

The matches will start Friday afternoon and will extend thru Saturday.

Bobby Higdon went to Alpine this week end to visit his folks and to see the coach of Sul Ross, Mr. Pollack, about waiting until after April 26 before coming over to spring football practice in order that he can be in the senior play.

Ted Hogan is now working in Lubbock for the Staolin Oil Co. after his discharge from the Army at San Antonio.

Tennis Team Defeats Midland AA Champs In 3 Straight Matches

Hoeing out the Class AA competition, Crane defeated Midland tennis team in three matches the fine evening of March 8. Mr. Douglas Chrane and his players left for Midland Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to take on the Bulldogs in three matches.

The Midland club won their district in tennis as did Crane. The players showed a little improvement since the district meet here. They had to wait with the competition the Midland team gave them.

In senior girls doubles, played by Doris Collins and Billie Lovelace, the Midland girls were defeated in a two-out-of-three match by 11-9, with Midland winning the next set 11-9. Then Crane came back in the best set, winning it by 6-3.

Merwin McCully, playing senior singles, had a tough time, as he usually does, since he gets the toughest competition. Midland won the first two sets 6-1, 6-2, and "Cully" came back with terrific force, winning the last three sets by 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

Last, but not least, Don Pope and David Bonner playing senior boys' doubles. They were defeated the first set 6-4, but came back with a bang to win the next three sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Mr. Douglas Chrane seems pretty proud of his little team defeating the double A team. He has a lot more confidence for the Regional meet now.

5 Players From Crane Win District; Four to Play In Regional Meet

Five of the Crane School tennis team, David Bonner, Don Pope, Doris Collins, Billie Lovelace and Jimmie Neal Stacy, won district in the meet held at Crane March 30. These players showed that they were the best of the seven teams here. Iraan, Grandfalls, Rankin, McCamey, Fort Stockton, Imperial and Crane were represented.

Senior players will venture to El Paso April 20 for the Regional tennis meet.

David Bonner and Don Pope first defeated Iraan in the first round 6-4, 6-2. They then played Grandfalls, and took them to a cleaning, score 6-0, 6-0.

In the finals which lasted to well after dark, our boys defeated Ft. Stockton in three out of five sets to a score of 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0.

Doris Collins and Billie Lovelace, playing senior girls doubles first defeated Iraan by 6-1, 6-0, after drawing a bye in the first round. They defeated Imperial in the finals match 6-2, 6-0, 6-0.

Jimmie Neal Stacy played high school junior singles and defeated McCamey in the first round. In the semi-finals he defeated Iraan with Iraan winning the first set 7-5 and Stacy getting the next two sets 6-3, 6-1. In the finals Stacy defeated Stockton 6-2, 6-4.

Carroll D. Melton, formerly of Crane, visited here over the week end. Carroll served in the Amphibious Troops of the Navy in the Southwest Pacific.

C. H. S. Ex-Gridders Shade Crane Regulars 7-0 In Spring Windup

In a breath-taking episode, witnessed by a goodly crowd of football fans, the Golden Crane regulars were defeated by the ex-Cranes, 7-0 in a gridders spring game on El Ave Field on Tuesday evening, April 10.

The regulars had the exes bested in that they had been practicing together, but the running of Higdon, Stacy, Grounds, Renfroe and the pass reception of Mathis and Kelton proved superior.

The Crane team next year showed great possibilities of being one of the best teams in the history of Crane. They showed team work on the field far superior to that of the exes.

Several long runs were made by both teams only to be brought back because of penalties.

The only score of the game was made by a pass from Higdon to Mathis. Grounds carried the pigskin over for the extra point.

Put Brandon was coach for the Exes and George Chrane, head coach of Crane, led the regulars. Douglas Chrane, Lloyd Alderdice and C. A. Dickson were the officials.

REGULARS LINEUP

Chester Pettit, back	138
Chas. Mathis, back, capt.	165
Donald Pope, back	132
Billy Henderson, end	170
Elmo Rust, tackle	160
Golden Hester, guard	155
Paul Simon, center	163
Eugene Harrington, guard	150
Don Kilgore, tackle	148
Bobby North, end	160
Dwain Stacy, back	125
Nubbin Reynolds, back	130
Bobby Allen, end	150
Billy Schoonover, guard	140

EXES LINE-UP

Geo. Grounds, back, capt.	185
Bobby Higdon, back, capt.	150
Ray Renfroe, back	140
R. T. Stacy, back	141
Myrtle Kelton, end	165
Bob Mathis, end	160
Raymond Weatherby, tackle	160
Frank Waller, tackle	165
Eugene Hogan, guard	
Speck Pearce, center	115
James Ward, center	125
Alvin Whaley, guard	160
Johnny Best, tackle	140
Baker Davis, guard	135
Billie Kelton, guard	146
Billy Shaffer, tackle	263
Joe Weatherby, tackle	300

Daredevil Harry Gunn Downs 4-Strand Fence

One of the bravest (and luckiest) seniors in Crane Hi School, Harry Gunn, tried to break thru a four-strand barbed-wire fence on his speeding motor-scooter.

The accident happened about seven miles out of town when Harry started swimming!

The barbed-wire wrapped around Harry's neck, nearly cutting his jugular vein. He received cuts all over neck and arms, and scratches on his back.

Harry considered himself very lucky because he was back in school after missing only one day. He says that the barbed-wire was supposed to have broken on his chest. It always does on Superman.

Marion Brunette is now back in Crane after being discharged from the Army.

Elementary News

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Carroll
We have some little yellow ducks and their umbrellas made for room decorations. We hope that the April showers will come soon.

Two reading groups have new teachers.

Mrs. Reynolds, Frances Louise's mother, is planning our egg hunt. We are looking forward to the visit from the old Easter Bunny.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Roberts' Room
Jackie Pennell has moved to Salt Lake City.

Iva Jean Dickson went to Iraan last Saturday.

Stanley Laney is making a bug collection. He got a net and a jar from Mrs. Hughes for killing his insects.

Larry Moore is saving his money for a trip to Chicago this summer.

NOTES FROM THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Martin's Room
Tuesday our class took a reading test from our "Weekly Reader."

Ila Fay McCasland's brother, Arnold, is home from New Orleans where he is in military service with the Seabees.

Kenneth Laird's sister, Virginia, and his brother, Donald, are spending the Easter holidays with the family.

Charles Chambers' father will soon be discharged from military service.

NEWS FROM SIX-2

The Girl Scouts are looking forward to Friday, since they are going to McElroy Gardens. They are also looking forward to this summer because they are going to Camp Louis Farr.

Cynthia Harrell is studying very hard with her spelling so she will win at El Paso and then at Washington. We are very proud of her.

SEVEN-ONE NEWS

The room mothers are planning an Easter Picnic for 7-1. It will be given next Wednesday.

Seven-1 has two new pupils, Wynelle Bailey from Levelland, Texas, and Jackie Balze from Gatesville.

Lila Kinsey and Geneva Baker are leaving April 19 to go fishing at Devil's River.

Jency Porter won all of her tennis tournaments except one.

MISS PICKENS' 4TH GRADE

We have two new students. They are Anita Scott from Grandfalls, Texas, and Richard Bailey from Levelland, Texas. We are very happy to have both of them.

We certainly did enjoy Mrs. Hood's first grade assembly program last Friday afternoon. "Ole Farmer McDonald" had his troubles, but he came through with a great big smile.

We regret very much that Mr. Dickenson isn't going to be back with us another school year. We feel that we are losing a good friend. We think a lot of you, Mr. Dickenson.

Last week in health we had a unit on "Let Us Be Good Citizens." In order to be a good citizen, we found out the following things: we must not quarrel; we must not bother other children

when they are playing games; we must play fairly; when we lose, we must not make excuses; we must not be rough when we play; we should not boast when we win a game; we should try to choose the games that most children want; we must make rules for our games and keep them; and we must be brave when we are hurt.

Mrs. Elmore's tap dancing classes were invited to the Lions Club banquet Tuesday night. After we had given our program, we found out why they call themselves the Lions Club, because of the way they devoured the food. But the food was really very good.

Only C.H.S. Library Stands Out In Alumni's Memory

BY BOBBY HIGDON

People all over the world are now remembering events of their school days. Maybe they are thinking of the foolish things they did. How they should have studied and didn't. But most of the boys from Crane, whether in Japan or Germany, are probably thinking of the old Crane library! They remember how they have sat there with their friends, laughing, whispering, and looking at the pictures, maps, magazines, flags, posters, etc. They remember how they used to shuffle their feet toward the magazine rack and get an "Outdoor Life, or any other book to look at or cut pictures from. All these things are of vital importance to you in later life. Not because they are things you have done mean or foolish, but because, whether they realize it or not, they were the greatest and happiest moments of their lives.

Only Nine Studious Students In Crane Hi

Out of 175 students in high school, this reporter has been able to find only nine who work part-time jobs. These are:

Jimmy Zarafonitis—Crane Service Station.

Raymond Weatherby — Gulf Camp Store.

George Grounds—Don's Food Store.

Merle Dickson—Bell Telephone Office.

Doyle Baker—Holman Grocery Store.

Kathryn Cantrell—Palace Theatre.

J. F. Miller—Palace Theatre.

Wilma Earp—Palace Theatre.

Billy J. Shaffer—Ice House.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We hope all of you are very lucky on this happy event and that you are just showered with expensive gifts (well, you can dream, can't you?)

May 2
Benny Bridges
May 10
Betty Bruce
May 22
Bill Teague
May 26
Franklin Taylor
May 25
Bobby Smith
May 27
Eugene Kelton
May 2
Lola Mae Green
May 9
Betty White
May 28
Billy Shaffer

Crane High Enlarges Industrial Arts Program Receives 2 New Lathes

The High School Industrial Arts Shop is happy to announce the arrival and installation of two new South Bend bench lathes. The lathes are 9-inch swing with adjustable horizontal motor drive. Both are quick-change gear type, and sufficiently equipped with such accessories as face-plates, four jaw and universal chucks, forged cutters, boring bars, tool holders, and drill pads.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Carroll went to San Angelo, early in December, and placed an order for the lathes with The Alamo Iron Works of that city. They were expected at an earlier date, but were delayed due to excessive demand, and shortage of materials.

Facilities are now available for students of Crane High to do work in mechanical drawing, hand woodwork, machine woodwork, and general metal work. The metal group are now engaged in bench metal work, foundry work, arc and gas welding, and art metal work.

Schools throughout the nation are expanding their Industrial Arts programs, and Crane High is keeping pace with the installation of new machines and many new hand tools.

Former Employee Of The Crane High School Subscribes To "Crane"

Miss Glenneth Herring wrote a letter from Midland to Crane requesting a subscription to The Crane.

Miss Herring is a former employee of Crane High. She was the secretary for ten years and a great supporter of the school and all of its activities!

She is now employed at Midland in the McElroy Ranch Company office.

Crane Red Cross Drive Exceeds Budget Quota

Crane County's Red Cross 1946 Fund Campaign Drive, now complete, exceeded its budget quota by approximately 12 per cent, according to F. F. Adams, chapter chairman.

J. L. Hutchison, fund campaign chairman, conducted the drive throughout the oil camps, while Mrs. George Chrane, secretary-treasurer, directed the canvassing of Crane proper.

Mrs. Chrane was assisted by Mmes. Burt Barnett, Quay Clark, Bill Gooch, T. N. White, Allen and Claude LeClair.

Sixty-three per cent of all money above the budget quota remains with the local chapter and 36 per cent goes to the National.

Mrs. W. B. Gunn, home service chairman, during the month of March, handled 17 new cases for the Red Cross, plus two cases which were carried over from February.

The first Saturday in May an election will be held for the purpose of selecting a chapter chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary-treasurer and an advisory councilman. Candidates will be announced at a later date.

In order that the Red Cross and its great work may be carried on everyone is urged to turn out and vote.

Six Scouts Go Camping At Camp Louis Farr

If you would like to hear some fish stories, just question a member of the Wolf Patrol who just returned from a camping trip at Camp Louis Farr, Mertzon, Tex.

Members of the Patrol going were:

Bruce McDaniel, Clark Lee Pressley, Doug Boyd, Doyle Laykin, Lamar Gilstrap, and George McCorkle.

Now I lay me down to rest,

Tomorrow I must take a test;

If I die before I wake,

Hot, dog, I'll have no test to take.

Nah! Answer to "Do You Study At Night"

BY BOBBY HIGDON

The majority of Crane High School students, when asked if they study at night, looked at you as if you were crazy and said: "Nah!!!" Then the next greatest number had an answer of, "Sometimes." Whether you believe it or not, some students (2 or 3) study some every night of the year! Yes, that's hard to believe, isn't it, non-studiers? But it is true.

There is no need to ask who studies more at night than others. Just look through grades of Crane school or look out in the world at famous men from Crane and you will find the ones who put forth an effort in school—(studied at school and at night, too).

Beef 3 Times a Day: Srs. Put Up 150 Cans

Before you ask a senior what he is going to eat on the senior trip, we will tell you.

For breakfast we will have beef, for lunch, beef, for dinner, beef, and between meals we will probably open a can of beef.

Don't get alarmed when you see the seniors' hands—they haven't been in a threshing machine, but they have only peeled and cut 60 pounds of potatoes, 15 pounds of onions, 36 bunches of carrots, and one quarter of a pound of garlic.

The canning started at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and ended at 8:00 p. m.

All together, 150 No. 3 cans of beef were put up. The cans of beef steaks, roasts, chili, soups, and stews are now stored until May 25, when the seniors expect to start on their trip.

Speak well of your enemies. Remember you made them.

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