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June White Leads First Semester Honor Roll



The volleyball team has been working hard and it is beginning to show.

The annuals went to press. So maybe they will be back before school is over.

Elmer Kelton, former CHS student, is now working for the San Angelo Standard-Times as a staff writer.

To the basketball team: Good luck and work hard. Go to regional.

When are the tennis tournaments starting again?

The district volleyball tournament is going to be held in Crane this year.

It is hard for students to tell which bus to ride since Mr. Bell's bus is being replaced. They change up nearly every day or so.

Burr haircuts came back with the coming of spring.

The juniors have been rehearsing their play, "Ah, Men."

Congratulations to June White on winning the Valentine Poetry contest.

Mrs. Anderson has been ill and Mrs. Nix has been filling in for her. Hope you are feeling better, Mrs. Anderson.

The boys of CHS are definitely against long skirts. Wonder why?

The Crane has said its say for this time. See you next issue.

Whoopee! It's spring again.

How do we know? Why, just look out of the window each day and what do you see? Sand, sand and more sand.

Oh, yes, girls, it's nearly time for spring house cleaning. If you don't believe it, just take a peek under the edge of rugs and in secluded corners.

Spring is really wonderful, and to us West Texans it just isn't complete without a mouthful of that delicious West Texas sand. Yum, um!

MRS. KELTON HONORS SENIORS WITH PARTY

Mrs. Buck Kelton gave the senior class a party at her ranch home Friday, Feb. 28.

The evening was started off with guests making different kinds of candy but the climax of the evening was pulling taffy. From the looks of the place, you would have thought it was made out of taffy.

Everyone came in cotton dresses, slacks, blue jeans and plaid shirts which made everything more exciting.

Jane Clark helped Mrs. Kelton get everything ready for the party.

Each member was allowed to invite one guest.

The senior class wishes to express thanks to Mrs. Kelton for giving them such a wonderful party. Everyone had an excellent time.

Two Performances Of Seniors Three-In-One Meet With Success

Under the direction of Mrs. Elmore, the seniors played to two full houses Tuesday afternoon and night, Feb. 24.

The plays were: "Ladies Alone," "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," and "How To Propose."

There was something doing every minute in every play in every scene.

Sample: Wham! Whaley hits the floor in "How To Propose," during the matinee Tuesday afternoon. What's that—he wasn't acting? Well, what happened? Oh, he just slipped down while chasing the Cave-Woman of his dreams. Everyone thought this was in the play, but Cave-man Whaley said, "No business at the night performance."

Anyhow he made his proposal and dragged his woman into the cave.

All others made their proposals. See SENIOR PLAY, page 3

Annual Fathers' Night Held By The P. T. A.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 19, at 7:30, the Crane PTA held its annual Fathers' Night program.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hayden Wilmoth, the president. The school board was recognized.

"America" was sung by the entire audience. Following this the Crane High School Girls' Chorus presented three numbers, with Miss Len Lowe, director, accompanying them at the piano. The numbers were: Claude Debussy's "Reverie," an A Capella number, "Come To The Fair," and a request number, "Stairway To The Stars."

A picture show, "The Declaration of Independence," was shown with the new movie projector recently purchased by the PTA for the school.

Mr. Paul Patterson then gave an interesting speech entitled, "Your Government Is You."

Mrs. Quay Clark also gave a short talk.

The room count was held, the winners being Mrs. Evatt's room, Miss Conger's room, and the 8th grade.

Refreshments of coffee and cake were then served buffet style. The small squares of cake decorated with cherries carried out the Geo. Washington theme.

The table was decorated with a beautiful center piece of mixed flowers. There were red poppies, blue snapdragons, and white fill ins.

A large crowd attended the gathering. The meeting was a great success as many fathers were present.

COUNCIL HAS DANCE AFTER GAME FEB. 14

After the basketball game Feb. 14, the Student Council sponsored a dance at the Community Hall. Starting as soon as the game was over, it lasted until around 12.

They had difficulty finding a needle for the recordio, but as soon as one could be found, the dance was put into full swing. There were no decorations or refreshments, but it was still one of the best dances yet.

Elmer Kelton Staff Writer In San Angelo

Elmer Kelton, ex-Crane and a graduate from the Texas University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree, is now a staff writer for the San Angelo Standard-Times. He also assists in editing the "Top O' The Windmill" column.

Elmer was cartoonist for "The Crane" before he finished school here in 1942. He finished at the University of Texas after several years in the service.

Elmer recently sold a story to a national western magazine, and occasionally sells a cartoon.

Crane High Saddened By Death Of Bobby Baize

Miss Bobby Baize, 16, high school junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baize of Crane passed away suddenly Sunday afternoon, Feb. 29.

Bobby was born Jan. 16, 1932, and came to Crane from Gatesville, Texas in her freshman year.

Funeral services were held in Crane at the First Baptist church, March 1 at 10 a. m., the Rev. H. D. Christian having charge of the service. The body was carried overland to Gatesville, where interment will be held today.

Bobby was survived by her parents and two brothers.

While in Crane Bobby made many friends. Her personality made her a cheerful and very popular girl. All the students and faculty mourn the loss of their friend.

Martin Attends NEA In Atlantic City, N. J.; U. N. Assembly In N. Y.

On Feb. 18, Mr. Martin left Crane for Dallas en route to Atlantic City, N. J., where he attended the National Educators Assn. Meeting.

As soon as this was over, he continued to Lake Success, N. Y., where he attended the UN Meeting through the 26th and 27th.

Mr. Martin was one of 600 educators throughout the nation invited to attend this meeting.

He was due to arrive back in Crane around the first of the month.

GENE NEELY RE-ENTERS

We have no new students to report this issue, but we do have a student who withdrew and then re-entered. Gene Neely, who withdrew a short time ago to go to Brownwood, re-enrolled in the Crane High School on Monday, Feb. 16.

English III Boasts Writing Talent

Miss Haley has had her two English III classes writing short stories the past six weeks. The top four stories were read to the classes and the best one was chosen according to its plot and originality. The following story, written by Harold Lowery, ranked first:

THE TRADE

(Harold Lowery)

The ancient vehicle Joe Steen was guiding dropped suddenly into a chug hole. Joe wrestled the car back onto solid ground. Joe had been singing all about sailing over the bounding main and Betty said, "In a way he's right," grabbing the side of the door as the front wheels caught in a rut.

"If there's anything this jiggle jitney does, it's bound," agreed Joe, feeding gas to the motor. It coughed a couple of times like it was going to die, then roared like mad. "But don't worry, chums," Joe called above the din, "I'll be driving around in super-charged convertibles before long. Just leave it to Joe the barterer."

Betty sniffed very loud but Jeanie just looked at her nails and frowned. It would be pleasant, she thought, if Bob didn't have quite such a good opinion of himself; he was really nice at times—such as when he was serving as president of the student body, or was out on the field giving his best for Riverdale High. But otherwise, Jeanie gave a silent whew! Shortly after they had first met Jeanie had gone with Joe a couple of times, but trying to appear interested while he bragged about himself had proved too much of a strain and she had, after that, turned him down when he asked

Council Achievements For First Semester

Since the things the Student Council have done this year may not be known by some, here they are:

Two dances have been sponsored by the Student Council—one after the McCamey football game, and the second one followed the McCamey basketball games.

The football boys wanted to buy their jerseys so the council took the matter up with Mr. Martin. He decided they could buy them.

Two weeks before Christmas, a box was placed in the library by the Student Council for toys, candy, etc., for the underprivileged children of Crane.

It was decided to start a homecoming each year to be held some time around Christmas.

There were five council delegates who attended the State meeting of Student Councils in San Antonio Feb. 6-7.

Journalism Class Buys Nice New Flash Camera

Clicks, pops, and flashes seem to be taking over the campus. The little box with the bright light will not hurt you as it is only a flash camera the journalism class purchased to help produce a better paper.

Costing only \$19.95 the little camera is adapted for flash pictures and also natural ones.

All at the programs had activities of the school you will probably see some member of the staff creeping around trying to get a picture.

The camera is kept in the office and the staff members check it in and out. This way anyone needing it can find out where it is.

The staff is leaving this camera to be used by the future "Crane Staffs." As a reminder, they are leaving it in a case with "Crane Staff of '48" stenciled on the case.

Eight of Twenty-Two Seniors Start In Crane; Four Start Out-State

Out of 22 seniors, eight of them started to school in Crane, with 14 of them coming from elsewhere.

If you'd like to know where each of them came from, here they are:

From Crane, we have Tip Murrell, Maxine Omo, June Crownover, Marilyn Scott, Bobby Dale Allen, Billy Kelton, Vivian Craig and Frank Waller.

Those who started school out of state number four, with all of them in Oklahoma. The ones starting in Oklahoma are C. M. Coker, Mountain View; Doris Collins, Wewoka; Joan Earl, Idabel; and Joanne Randel, Oklahoma City.

The rest hail from Texas and if you want to see where they are from read on. They are: Gene Miller, Kildare; Eleana Rush, Stanton; Kathrin Cantrell, Mercury; Merwyn McCulley, Rochester; Billy Joe Dutton, Indian Gap; Barbara Mason, Dryden; Clarence Watts, Breckenridge; and Alvin Whaley, Ed Hube.

Even though there are several who did not start school here, they entered in some of the lower grades and have spent most of their school life here.

Nix's Enlarge Their Home And Build New Garage

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Nix are enlarging their living room, and have also built a new garage. The construction on their new garage is completed.

To enlarge their home, they removed the partition between the living room and kitchen, and made this all into the new living room. The old garage was then reconstructed and made into the kitchen.

Mr. Nix said he laid the linoleum in the kitchen, and that he was really glad to get back into it. He was tired batching.

Spring Fever Arrives Early In Crane High

Ho-hum! My, this is sleepy weather, isn't it? Dear ol' spring is on her way back.

In spring (someone said) a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. But really between us, it seems to turn to sleep. Ah-hh.

Almost any time you walk into class you find some student nodding, nearly napping. Maybe Poe wrote his famous poem, "The Raven," in the spring since he started it off by nearly napping.

Some morning when you forget to bring your books to school, you can count that you have spring fever.

A teacher can always tell the symptoms of spring fever because her most intellectual students are caught day-dreaming when they should be at their studies.

So if you have any of these symptoms you are the victim of the old disease that is nearly incurable—spring fever.

Ho-hum! Finding myself drowsy, I think I'll quit for a while.

Physics Class Tests Speed Of Sound

Have you ever wondered how long it takes you to hear someone after he speaks? Maybe you think you hear him as soon as he speaks, but that is not the case.

Anyone in physics can tell you about this because on Feb. 20 the class went out to test the speed of sound.

Mrs. Hughes brought the gun and they went out on the highway to see what they could find out.

One group stayed in one spot and another group went on down the highway to fire the gun.

When the gun had been fired and the time taken with a stop watch, the group started stepping the distance. Kenneth Daniels and Elmo Rust did the stepping. The speed was miscalculated a little but the boys' steps may not have been the same every time.

Whether they got the speed of sound right or not, they had a good time.

Home Economics Dept. Sends 14 Delegates To F. H. A. In McCamey

The Dist. II Area III F. H. A. Convention was held in McCamey on Feb. 21, with Crane sending 14 delegates. Those attending were Dorothy Nolan, Irma Lee McKay, Melba Bell, Learlene Idom, Lorene Davenport, Vida Klingenberg, Walaska Arent, Loal Green, June White, Norma Rust, Ellen Walling, Patsy Dulin, Joyce Bright and Lawanda Coker, accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. J. C. Waller.

Other than the host school, Ft. Stockton, Crane, Kermit and Pecos were present.

Registration began at 9 a. m., and everyone went to the high school auditorium for the program. Nelda West was the presiding officer of the meet.

Mr. John Buchanan, directed the McCamey High band in several numbers for the entertainment of the group. Ann Hawkins led a sing-song of some 15 popular tunes. Then there was a skit, "Hello Gorgeous," directed by Elsie Shults.

The welcome was given by Mr. H. E. Stoker, superintendent of the school. Everyone enjoyed the rest of the program, but the outstanding entertainment was the Truth or Consequences program. Our girls from Crane went through several comical experiences. Ellen Walling led the group in singing My Wild Irish Rose; Vida Klingenberg had to put a diaper on a doll. There

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Cantrell, Ragland, Rush, Senior Girls, Far Above 90 Avege.

June White, Kathrin Cantrell, Ladean, (McCasland) Ragland and Eleanor Rush are the only four students in all high school to achieve a perfect record of 90 or above on all subjects for the first semester.

Leading the four is June White, freshman, with a total average of 94.8. Trailing June by four-tenths of a point is Kathrin Cantrell, senior, with 94.4. Then comes two more seniors, Eleanor Rush and Ladean Ragland with 93.8 each.

These four students were also the only ones to accumulate 81 grade points for the semester, the maximum number that can be made when taking only four solid subjects.

All other classes failed to make perfect records although some students turned in some high averages.

Leading in the eighth grade is Bowles West with 77 grade points. Second third place, respectively, go to Doyle Lakin with 73 and Sammy Paris with 69. Nancy Evans accumulated 66.

Next to June, White in the freshman class is Joanne Ragdale with 75 points, and third is Jackie Mackey with 74. Ray Omo takes fourth place with 71.

LaNel Murrell and Kenneth Lewis led the sophomores with 71 grade points each. Darrell Tomlinson and Charles Plemister come in for third and fourth with 69 and 67 points, respectively.

Mary Lou Reynolds leads the junior list with 83 grade points, accumulated with the aid of five solids. Next in line are Coyleene Pope and Kenneth Daniels with 75 and 73 respectively.

In the senior group ranking next to the three girls is Tipton Murrell with 73 points.

Miss Lowe Hostess At Impromptu Party

If you were wandering around the streets last Friday night a week ago, wondering what you could do for entertainment, more than likely you ended up at Miss Lowe's, where a very, very impromptu party was staged.

Fudge was made by two of the guests, Corky Harris and Speck Pearce, and served to the following:

Mary Lou Reynolds, Faye Ellen Jourden, Coyleene Pope, Earlene Husted, Jane Clark, Dorothy Ervin, Eula Mae McClaire, Lanell Murrell, Tip Murrell, Bobb Kelton, Billy Joe Dutton, Billy Dan Lively, Myron Holcomb, and Dwain Stacy. (Say, are you sure no one knew about this beforehand?)

"Junior," better known as "Coco," was the center of attraction until he got sleepy and retired in Mary Lou Reynolds' coat. (Don't get excited, he's just a puppy).

Everyone danced to Miss Lowe's automatic record-player on which many good records were played.

The highlight of the party was when Eula made Dwain pull his boots off and dance bare-footed while she danced in his boots.

The party broke up at 12 o'clock. Although it was not a pre-planned affair, everyone had a wonderful time, and said "We need more of 'em."

Atlantic Company Awards Leonard Rose Scholarship

As a result of his trip to Philadelphia, Leonard Rose received a scholarship from the Atlantic Oil Co. This scholarship includes his choice of "Academy of Music" in Philadelphia or in one of the colleges in Texas. The scholarship is \$350 for nine months or \$175 each term.

Leonard can major in anything he chooses, but if he majors in music he can get special training and teaching in Philadelphia Academy after two years.

The scholarship of this company was originated by the first president of the Atlantic Co., J. W. Van Dyck.

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THE CRANE'S CREED

THE CRANE PROMISES:

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

Borrowing Brings Sadness, Dislike And Greed

As Johnny left his house for school, his mother commented, "Johnny, see if you can't keep that new pencil and package of paper longer than one day."
"Yes, mother," Johnny replied as he closed the door. Walking on toward school, he wondered what excuse he could give Hubert, who was always borrowing his materials. Hubert, he thought, didn't know what a hint was, never brought his own materials, and didn't bother to ask, or even thank you when he borrowed yours.
As the students prepared their materials for the exam in history, Hubert whispered over to Johnny across the aisle, "Hand me your notebook, Johnny." Then reaching over and picking it up himself, he helped himself to a generous amount of paper and put back the notebook without a word of thanks.
"Hey, Johnny, loan me your pencil. Oh, that's alright if you're using it. You can loan me your fountain pen," rumbled Hubert as the teacher explained the test instructions to the class.
As Johnny trudged home from school, he wondered what he would explain to his mother when she wanted to know what happened to his pen. Hubert forgot what he had done with it after class, but he assured Johnny it would turn up as he had loaned it to someone.
Reading that night, Johnny suddenly received a new lease on life as he read this phrase, "Everyone has his day of reckoning for shady deeds done in the past."

Silence In Study Halls Is Greatly Needed

During the noon hour many of the students gather in the library. Some of them come there to study, but others of us gather there just to visit and gossip.
When the sun is shining there is need for us to be in the library to talk, as we can do that outside somewhere just as easy as not. On the other hand, when the weather is bad, the need to be in is understood, but even then we should be very quiet.
The library was made as a place of study for those who have to use the reference books, etc., and for those who do not have time to study at home.
During the periods of the day there is also much need for silence in the library as students need to study then also. Several who have been trying to study has complained that the study hall was too noisy on occasions.
Even if we do have to discuss something with a person, we should do it very quietly, because somewhere around us someone is trying to study.

THE EXPANDING ROLE OF EDUCATION

The youth of today are here to take the place of the passing generation. Can the world put citizens that are educated enough to take over?
A high school education is guaranteed to all who will take it. What about college?
Statistics show that the chances of a youth going to college from a family with an income today of \$7,500 are three in ten, and the chances of one from a \$2,500 family income is nearer one in ten. Those who live in rural districts, groups, and members of minority groups also have odds against them.
The G. I. Bill of Rights gave many young people the opportunity to get advanced training in some field. Many brilliant minds would not have been developed

farther to air in world governments.
How can we provide advanced training for more students? Existing schools must be enlarged, or build new ones to hold the added student population.
If this advanced training is provided in the form of Junior Colleges, vocational schools, etc., our country would have many more citizens trained for leadership. We need trained followers as well as leaders, plus trained men and women who will carry on highly technical work, government and military service, social organizations and many other fields in present-day life.
A basic principle of American democracy is the more education the better. We cannot indefinitely afford not to have it.

"New Look" In CHS Brings Revolt From Boys

Hark! "What women are these that wear their skirts below their knees?"
This cry has come from the boys in CHS since the girls took on the "new look."
Why, we don't know, but these boys are staging a revolt.
The styles say to have the "new look" the skirts should be twelve inches from the floor. The boys decided to start their revolt by rolling up their trousers to where the girls are wearing their skirts and dresses.
The gents have threatened to take their knives and remove a FEW inches from the "new look." They don't seem to realize that we girls who weren't blessed with beautiful legs are glad to see the skirts lowered a few inches.
One boy in CHS has quite an

idea of his own about the "new look." According to him, the "new look" is like prohibition. The joints are still there but they are harder to spot.
Surely he isn't the only one that feels that way since every time you step out into the open with the "new look," some gents pop out with some bright remark. Such as: "Say, did the hem become out?" "Well, Hi, Grandma." "Didn't they tell you, this isn't formal."
Oh, well, such is life. Did you know that long skirts are a lot warmer than cold days? At times slacks aren't appropriate and those long skirts surely do help keep the wind out.
Just to pep the revolutionists up, some fashion editors say that the "new look" won't last too much longer.

Introducing The Seniors



FRANK WALLER

Living over many severe airplane crashes without a scratch, and building another to take its place, would seem to anyone but Frank Waller, a dangerous occupation. As the planes are models and Frank flies them from the ground, he considers it only dangerous to the planes.

This model airplane builder was born in Odessa on Feb. 16, 1930, and moved to Crane when he was four years old.

He started school in Crane and is finishing with a good foundation—a size 10.5. What a foundation!

Frank has blonde hair, blue eyes, and is 6 feet 3 inches tall.

As an athlete Frank has a very fine record.

He lettered two years in football, being picked as an all-district end this year.

Lettering three years in basketball, he was also captain of the squad this year, and was selected on the all-district team.

Track also comes under his category as he won Area, last year, in the 440 yard sprint.

Graduating this year, he is undecided where he will attend college.

BOOK NOOK

By REBECCA CAUDILL

"A girl's got one calling," Blanche Barrie told her daughter, "to get married and housekeep. Against her wedding day, she can teach school." This was agreed in Poor Fork, with no dissenters except Peter, Fern's father, and Fern Barrie herself.

It was hard for Fern. The rigid conventions of the mountain folk were a barrier to an ambition which could not brook the endless round of housework, and looked for things beyond—not over the mountain where Clint's eyes longed, or Tom's with his gift of seeing loveliness and translating it to paper, but here in the valley. Blanche did not hold with such goings on. But Fern came to know that in her mother's life, her father's sense of beauty and imagination supplies an inner need, and that Blanche would give the even chance to what she considered poor judgment and a bad situation.

It was suicide for a Democrat to open a store, especially with election coming, but Peter Barrie, a man to whom the Constitution of the United States was a personal document, could not see justice perverted with ugly threats, and Fern was not one to stand idly by.

For those who are on the romantic side of life this book is highly recommended.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Some of the activities being planned have not yet been put on the calendar, but the ones thereon for the rest of the year are:

March 5—Junior Play
March 11-12—Teachers Meeting in El Paso
March 20—Senior Spring Fling
March 28—Easter
April 3—Band Contest in Odessa
April 23—Jr. and Sr. Banquet and Prom.
April 15, 16, 17—Enid Band Trip.
April 30—Senior 3-Act Play
May 24—School Out *

SOUR NOTES FROM THE BAND

Everyone attending the band concert Feb. 26, should have been thoroughly satisfied. The music ranged from overtures to swing.

The cornet section will appreciate anyone donating any of them a bottle of valve oil.

The juniors are practicing some numbers to use as advertisement, the evening before their play. Good work.

Ever hear of playing for "kicks"? Well, the members of the band seem to enjoy it, because they play "Rey Rhythm Valley", "Stormy Weather", or "Begin the Beguine". Anything with swing must mean "kick".

Our little friend the polecat has remained very compromising by letting us play without the "odor".

Let's attend some clinics and have some of our own, eh kids. The Big Lake Clinic is gone.

Noting any change in arrangement of trophies, care should be taken not to examine them too closely as "someone" was almost seriously injured when one of the plaques fell and hit him. Only one thing saved him. The plaque hit him on the head.

A STITCH IN TIME

By K. CANTRELL

Well, windy March is just around the corner and everyone is in a dusty whirl. The home-making department is no exception.

All the girls have chosen prettier materials and patterns more suitable for themselves than they ever had. Seems that they are even more interested in sewing than usual.

Anyone who is making a nice little dress or skirt will have to wear this garment to school several times before the year is out or no credit will be given for making it.

Home projects are due May 1. Everyone had to make two complete garments except the freshmen girls. Many of the seniors are going to make beach clothes to take on the senior trip with them. Embroidery will substitute for two garments if enough of it is done.

This semester each class has a hostess and an assistant. The hostess collects fines for leaving coats in the home-making lab, but soon this will be eliminated, we hope. The assistant sees that all machines are put away at the end of the period, and chairs are placed at the desks.

The more experienced girls are naturally getting along faster. Some have already finished garments. Mary Lou Reynolds and Lorene Davenport are ahead in HE II. Jency Porter and Waleska Avent are ahead in HE I, and Kathrin Cantrell is leading the senior group.

Mrs. Waller has given the girls a definite period of time to make a garment, and if you don't finish you can always stay after school.

A poll was taken at the beginning to see how many girls would lengthen their skirts. Everyone agreed that skirts would stay short, but after another poll it was found that sixteen out of thirty-three are making long ballerina skirts. Many of the girls changed their minds because this gives them a chance to cover up some unsightly bow-legs, and other defects.

The sixteen freshmen girls are making shorts, pedal pushers and other sport garments.

The following poem was found and we would like to pass it on to you.

AT A PATTERN COUNTER
A too-plump lady thumping through

The newest fashion book,
Selects a style suggestive of
A fragile sylphlike look.

A too-thin lady searches for
A style with pleats or flounces,
And visions herself sweetly
In needed pounds and ounces.

They make their purchases, and smile,
Their dreamy eyes enraptured
By the perfect thirty-sixes.
That their truant minds have captured.

—Ella Brooks Wilson.

POET'S CORNER

"SOME DAY"

(By Kathleen Harrington)
God guided my weary footsteps
To your door at last.
He swept away the unhappiness
Of my past.
He gave me an angel to hold for
awhile.
He let me kiss those lips that
always held a smile.
I had the opportunity to listen
to the gay laughter, so typical
of you.

I learned that love could be wonderful and true.
Now—can it be that this same
God has taken you from me?
Has He taken the angel that was
so very dear to me?
God, you must have had a reason
for taking her away,
But I have the consolation that
we'll meet up there some day.

SONG OF THE WEEK

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE

The moon belongs to ev'ryone;
The best things in life are free.
The stars belong to ev'ryone;
They gleam there for you and me.
The flowers in spring;
The robins that sing,
The sunbeams that shine;
They're yours, they're mine,
And love can come to ev'ryone
The best things in life are free.

THOSE THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY

To walk and talk with you in the moonlight;
To share a kiss for each star in the sky;
To know you care, care, care for me only—
Those things money can't buy
To have a one way ticket to heaven
Upon the wings of our dreams we can fly
To know I'll never never be lonely
Those things money can't buy
To have a perfect understanding
Is worth its weight in gold,
But, dear, a perfect understanding
You can't buy you know why?
It ain't sold
To have and hold, hold, hold you forever;
To know our love, love, love will not die
To hear you whisper "Darling, I love you"
Those things money can't buy.

CHORAL NEWS

The entire choral club presented three numbers to the PTA last Thursday night. "Debussy's (Reverie)" and "Come To The Fair" were their selections. As a special request from the PTA, they sang "Stairway To The Stars."

Miss Lowe was asked to select two girls to present a number at the Masons' George Washington banquet last Friday night. Jane Clark and Dixie Shaver were chosen; they sang "The Best Things In Life Are Free."

The junior girls' sextet sang two selections at the senior play Tuesday afternoon and night. The sextet, which includes Coylene Pope, Mary Lou Reynolds, Jane Clark, Faye Ellen Jourden, Jency Sherron and Jean Murray, sang, "You Do" and "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover."

Dixie Shaver sang a solo at both performances—"The Desert Song."

A duet, "The Best Things In Life Are Free," was presented by Jane Clark and Dixie Shaver.

The Choral Club has been asked to present extra-act numbers at the junior play March 5. These numbers are, as yet, undecided.

Circulation Gigantic

One of the world's largest circulating bi-weekly papers, with a nation-wide exchange, is "The Crane," boasting a subscription of 244 and exchanges of 55, it leads also in delivering the news. These papers go to Canada, as far west as Nevada, and to the east coast.

Large colleges in Texas have many students who are fans of this paper and who are very angry if they do not receive every copy.

In each issue of "The Crane" there is a column called "Exchanges" in which brief articles from other papers are printed.

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

What do you think about the bill that is before the House of Representatives to add two more grades to high school which will be the same as a junior college?
JUNE CROWNOVER—Pretty good idea.

KATHRIN CANTRELL—I think it would be nice to get to stay at home and get two more year's education.

MR. PATTERSON—That would suit me fine because there are many students who would not get to go to college who couldn't go any other way.

C. M. COKER—It's okay. It wouldn't cost so much to finish your college education.

MR. MARTIN—I must refrain from giving a definite opinion, but there is definitely a trend for such idea of educational thinking and planning.

MISS LOWE—I've seen too many college freshmen go home to mama after the first week of college not to think it's a good idea.

BARBARA MASON—It's all right with me.

JOAN EARL—I think it's a very good idea.

RAYMOND WEATHERBY—I think it's all right if we can go ahead and get out at the twelfth grade.

JEAN MURRAY—I don't think it would be so hot. I want to get away from Crane.

BILL KELTON—I guess it would be okay, but I sorta wanted to go away somewhere else.

JOANNE RANDEL—It would be a pretty good idea for those who wanted to hurry up and go to work, but personally, I want to go away to a four-year college.

CHLORENE WATTS—I think it would be a good idea.

PAUL SIMON—I don't think it would be so good—twelve years is enough.

RONALD TALLMAN—I don't see as it would make any difference if you plan to go to college anyway.

MR. HARALSON—I think it would be a very good idea if a good way of financing it could be found. Some would take advantage of it and others would not. Some who are actually capable of doing college work do not have an opportunity to go because of finances, etc. They could have this advantage.

MR. NIX—It's a very nice thing but the finance and facilities for operating this would be tremendous and there is a question of making room and operating this in the smaller schools, as most of the students would go off anyway.

JANITOR RELATES A FEW OF HIS MANY SAD TALES

Have you ever thought of what a janitor has to put up with? If you haven't, here are a few of the many ones.

The first thing Mr. Brice said when asked what the worst thing was, he said he wished they would put the bubble gum in the waste basket rather than drop it on the floor.

His next complaint was that he wished the girls would put their lipstick somewhere besides on the walls.

He said he wished the students would throw the paper out in the aisles, at least, instead of cramming it under the desks.

These are only a few of the many things he would like to be helped out on, so can't we be just a little more careful?

Introducing the Faculty



L. L. MARTIN

When Aug. 14, 1895, had passed by the future superintendent of the Crane schools had been born, his name being no more than Leland L. (Leslie) Martin, better known as "Looseleaf."

Mr. Martin has been teaching only 31 years, eight of which he has been superintendent of Crane.

During the first World War, he served in the navy. When asked how long he served, he said, "Two years, three months, eight hours, and fifteen minutes."

Mr. Martin stands 6' 1" without his boots, and when asked what his favorite food was, he replied, "Something to eat."

Mr. Martin is famous in these parts as a public speaker.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 17—Don Johnson.
Feb. 21—Peggy McCasland.
Feb. 22—Carmaleta Russell.
Feb. 24—Fay Ellen Jourden.
Feb. 25—Paul Simon.
Feb. 26—Jimmy Miller.
Feb. 26—Arbra Taylor.

FASHIONETTES

Bruce Patterson seems to have a yen for these "loud" plaid shirts. He not only has a blue and yellow plaid shirt but a black, red and white plaid one also. Not bad.

Kathrin Cantrell was wearing a brown suit trimmed with gold buttons last Friday. Good taste, matches her eyes. (Brown suit, that is.)

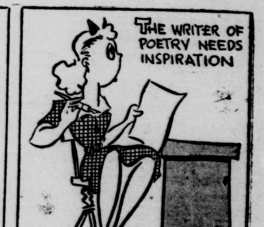
Lou Browne had the "new" look the other day. She was wearing a black ballerina skirt incidentally, that IS the new look with a matching black blouse with a red rose on the left shoulder.

Mrs. Cox was sporting a new gray dress her son gave her for Christmas and Mrs. Nix had on a fuchsia dress that was very attractive.

Donna Raybon looked awfully cute in her black and white print dress the other day. The white collar and cuffs put the finishing touches to it.

Mrs. Hughes turned the tables on the wind the other day when she had a bandana tied around her hair. That's using your head.

Last, but not least, Coylene Pope has on a new black slacks suit trimmed in green. Looked very nice on a nice little girl.



GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE ONE

Mrs. Evtatt's Room

We had a nice valentine party. Mrs. Preslar made a beautiful box. Mrs. Carroll brought some Valentine cookies. Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Modiset, Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Preslar served cold drinks, cookies and plate favors of Valentine candies in baskets. Everyone enjoyed the party.

Kenneth Stewart has moved away. Lou Ann Sebastia has a new baby brother. His name is Charles Henry. Billy Bud Waggoner is a new pupil from Odessa. Dyantha's pet dog, Whiskers, died from poisoning. Whiskers came to school every day. We miss Whiskers very much.

Mrs. Pittman's Room

Our room mothers gave us the nicest Valentine party. We really appreciated it. Diana Leaman has been ill for some time. We miss her very much. Don Bardin had a birthday party in our room. Everyone had a good time. Many happy birthdays to you, Don.

Mrs. Dossey's Room

There are three new pupils in our room, Tom Coffield, Alice Heath and Halbert Terry. Suellen Davis has been out of school several days. We miss her. David Griffin has a baby sister. Her name is Catherine Cecile.

Leanne Turner has a new car in her family. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Turner made us a pretty Valentine box, and we had fun at our party.

Mary Ann Barker has a new puppy. It is a Collie named Queenie.

GRADE TWO

Mrs. Rowland's Room

Betty Miller has moved to Big Spring. We are sorry she moved, we will miss her. We are working very hard in school, but we are enjoying our play.

The girls are playing jacks and the boys are playing soccer ball. Seven girls and six boys went to Sunday school last Sunday.

Mrs. Haralson's Room

We are all getting ready to play some baseball. After we have practiced some we will play Miss Stewart's room.

We are sorry that Earlene Heath will have to move back to Abilene.

One of the reading groups is ready for a new reader.

Our room was sorry to hear that Whiskers died last night. We hope that Diantha will get another dog real soon.

Mrs. Stewart's Room

Lord Donald of the House of Lee and Lady Nell of the House of Pomroy were crowned King and Queen of Valentine Day by Stewart Earl who was master of ceremonies. The room mothers served us ice cream and pretty red heart shaped cookies and white star-shaped cookies which were just right for our Valentine and Washington program.

In PE all of us are learning to play baseball. We really have lots of fun.

Patty Knaell was cop for the week.

We are having some contests in reading and arithmetic. Seven boys and girls have been in the pig pen the last two weeks.

Patricia Teague, Reporter.

GRADE THREE

Mrs. Alexander's Room

We are working on our program to be given in March.

It is time for six-weeks tests and we are all busy learning to weave and enjoy it very much. We made some coin purses, then some larger ones. We will make our mothers one when we learn how better.

In geography we are learning about our different kinds of clothing and where they come from.

Mrs. Martin's Room

The room mothers sponsored a Valentine party for our class. We each received many valentines. The mothers served cake and ice cream.

Tommie O'Leary is a new pupil from Rangeley, Colo.

Billy O'Connor visited his grandmother in Barnhart last weekend.

GRADE FOUR

Mrs. Kent's Room

We gave our assembly program Friday, Feb. 20. Some say it was the best day of their lives. After the program we were served Eskimo Pies.

We liked the month of Febru-

Scientists Get Cold Feet Trying To Convert Ten Grams Ice Into Steam

Can you tell me how many calories of heat are required to convert 10 grams of ice at -150C into steam?

If you can work this simple problem, will you please report at once to the science department. The physics class will be very glad to see you. Maybe some of the students can quit tearing their hair out. Or should we say, maybe, Mrs. Hughes could quit tearing HER hair out.

Some students insist that only a genius could possibly work those problems while Mrs. Hughes insists it only takes a little thinking and about 20 or 30 minutes of your time.

Goodness, she is being wholly unreasonable asking students to think and give that much of their time to physics alone. Students might have to spend a whole hour of their precious evening on home work from all the various classes if she requires 20 minutes.

But teachers can be so unreasonable about things, can't they?—especially a student's time when there is a thrilling movie on that you simply can't miss.

So what? To heck with studies. You can get them tomorrow maybe, or why turn them in anyway. She wouldn't dare fail me. I'm an athlete (or something else important in school life).

Oh, no! Brother, beware! The teacher is under no obligation to pass you because of your sports or social standing in school.

(They say a hint to the wise is sufficient. Let's drop one then). Brother, they won't!

ary with its many birthdays and special days. We have made many pretty things to decorate our room.

Our science unit has been about animals, and we enjoyed it very much. Our snails have some baby snails, come in and see them. We also have a turtle and two goldfish.

GRADE FIVE

Mrs. Hamilton's Room

We have three new readers this week. One is the Distant Doorways. The others are Frontiers Old and New and the Pages of Adventure.

We want to tell the seniors that we enjoyed their play very much. Our class has three new students, Bobby Stembridge, Alice Brem and Valley Jean.

We have a new club in our room. There is a president and vice president, who will choose pupils to entertain us on rainy and cold days when we cannot go outside for PE.

GRADE SIX

Mrs. Conger's Room

(Barbara Aaron, Reporter)

Our class has a new boy, Oscar Brem. He comes from Grandfalls. We are glad to have him with us.

We also lost one of our girls, Phyllis Williams. She moved to Lark, Okla.

Mrs. Cloud's Room

(Dolores Hooper, Reporter)

We had a very nice Valentine party. Everyone received quite a number of cards. For refreshments we had soft drinks, candy and cake.

Everyone is getting ready for the six weeks' tests.

In reading we are learning about the voice, what makes it sound and what parts help us speak distinctly.

GRADE SEVEN

Mrs. Alderdice's Room

(Rex Knox, Reporter)

Our room had a good time on Valentine Day. We got many valentines. Our class is preparing for six weeks tests.

Mrs. Browning's Room

(Venona Hamblett, Reporter)

We are sorry to hear that Howard Brown moved to Oklahoma. Many of our pupils have been absent with colds.

Our teacher is having two students check desks every afternoon.

Our room had a Valentine party on Feb. 13. We had a very pretty box. After we opened it we had refreshments, which consisted of cold drinks and cookies. Mrs. Browning received a box of candy from her 7-2 group. We threw darts, but the boys won by a wide margin.

Our room mothers, Mmes. W. D. Gooch, J. B. Mann, Bruce Wells, J. W. Foulk and J. H. Davis, gave us this nice party.

Coker, Allen, Kelton Amaze Crane School With New Automobiles

Crane High School looked like the capitol grounds in Washington, D. C., after a recess of the Senate, Tuesday morning when some of the students came driving in fancy, late-model cars.

Bobby Allen came cruising in a super special Buick, with his chest out and his head all "throwed" back. Everyone seeing Allen probably thought he had struck it rich and traded his "Green Beetle" for this new Buick. This amazed all, but more shocking than ever was when C. M. Coker came driving by in a sleek long black Chrysler, and close on his "wheels" came Billy Kelton in a new Kaiser.

After everyone got over the shock of seeing this, they later found out that Allen, Coker and Kelton were only moving some of the high school teachers cars which were in the way of a road grader.

Allen, who was used to driving a Buick, made the moving of Mrs. Fillman's car without any trouble; Kelton moved Mrs. Cox's new Kaiser without any mishap, but Coker, was used to handling a Ford, calmly crawled into Mrs. Hughes' Chrysler. He shifted into what he thought was the right gear and prepared to take off. He then let out on the clutch but just sat there with its motor running. About this time Kelton came to the rescue and showed Coker the right forward gear to start off in. C. M. made it o. k. from there, that is, until he started to back up, after trying a few gears with no results except forward movements, Coker circled the block instead of backing up, and successfully parked the car.

They have all made outstanding rodeos throughout the country, including most of those in Texas, and many out of the state. Bill Lowe is employed by Joe Davidson, Ozona rancher, who last year sent him to Madison Square Garden, Boston Gardens, several rodeos in Iowa, Okla-

Senior Plays—

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als stick and everything went off smoothly. Lady Ermintrude (Maxine Omo) was swept off her feet by her knight in shining armor, Sir Montmorency (Tipton Murrell).

Progressing up to the 19th century, we see Mr. Butts (C. M. Coker) trying to marry off the last of his five daughters, Miss Vera Butts (June Crowover). The unlucky man in this scene was Mr. Alfred McBean (Merwin McCully).

After this the lecturer (Bobby Dale Allen) told how people proposed in different localities. The first of these were Butch (Chas. Mathis) and Cookie (Doris Collins) who were from Brooklyn.

Next we had the society set with Linda Van Courtland (Eleanor Rush) and Kent Van Porter, III (Billie Joe Dutton) making a very bored proposal just to see if they could stir up something to do.

In the last scene Elaine Popkins (Vivian Craig) hooked the lecturer (Bobby Allen) into marrying her during leap year.

George, the stage hand, played by Billy Kelton, put on a good performance as did all the other players.

In "Ladies Alone," Marge (Joanne Randel), Norah (Barbara Mason) and Peggy (Marilyn Lowe) displayed talent in pretending they were not going to see any men, but before the night was over everyone of them had a date and was gone.

In the third play, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," John (Tip Murrell) was host to three men, Bob (Frank Waller), George (Merwyn McCully) and Marc (Gene Miller). The scene takes place in John's living room, and of all the gossip!

Between acts, Miss Lowe's choral girls sang several songs. Dixie Shaver sang "The Desert Song" while she teamed up with Jane Clark to sing "The Best Things In Life Are Free."

The girls' sextet composed of Coylene Pope, Jean Murray, Jane Clark, Fay Ellen Jourdan, Mary Lou Reynolds, and June Sherron, sang "You Do" and "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover."

Kathrin Cantrell and Joann Earl, acting as prompters, also contributed to the great success of these plays.

I haven't slept in 30 days. Why? I sleep nights.

(Sent in by Jimmie Baker of the third grade).

Sophomore Elected For Freshman President; Joe Weatherby's Political Career Is Short

If the Democrats and Republicans have already picked their presidential candidates, they have overlooked one of the most promising personalities of all time, and this person is none other than Joe Oscar Weatherby of CHS.

Most candidates spend thousands of dollars for campaigning, and much of their time making speeches, but all Joe has to do to get elected president is to just nonchalantly walk into a class meeting, sit down and start reading a magazine.

It seems that Joe, getting bored with the same old routine sophomore meetings, wandered into the freshman class meeting. The freshmen were electing a new president since their first president had become ineligible. All the freshmen thought Joe was a member of their class since he was in their class meeting, and one intelligent pupil nominated Joe for president. Then after

Crane High Out Where The West Is: Turns Out Scholars And Cowboys

Three ex-Crane boys, Bill Lowe, Myrle Kelton and Earl Teague, have made quite a round of the rodeos all over the U. S. since their departure from CHS.

Two of the boys, Bill and Earl, served in the marines during the war, and Myrle, after finishing school, attended John Tarleton Junior College. Earl also attended John Tarleton after returning from the service. All three are calf-ropers.

They have all made outstanding rodeos throughout the country, including most of those in Texas, and many out of the state.

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"That's about the best one for what you want," he said. Joe shook his head and said, "Wh-hh." He pointed out a fine looking roan standing quietly against the fence. The horse was sleek, well fed, and its coat shone in the sun. "We'll take that one." Even Jeannie felt approval at Joe's choice in spite of herself.

"He don't look so good," protested Walter. "Our deal was that I'd pick out the horse," Joe said. "He don't look so good," repeated Walter, "but it's up to you. I'll hitch him up to the wagon."

Oh, Oh, Joe!

A few minutes later Joe was settled in the wagon driving the roan out of the yard. He looked over his shoulder at Betty and Jeannie and gave them an "I told you so" grin. At the same moment there came a grinding, grating crash, and the sound of metal tearing. The roan stopped and Joe stared down in bewilderment where the front hub of the wagon had hooked onto the fender of his car and torn it off.

"I told you he didn't look so good," said Walter, coming over. "In fact, the old boy has been nearly blind for a long time. That is why he's so sleek, we never work him because of his inability to see."

Joe stared at Walter, open-mouthed. The farm boy certainly didn't sound like a country hick now. Joe stuttered, "Oh, when you said the horse didn't look good, you meant he could not see."

Betty giggled happily. "I'm sorry, Joe, but we just had to take you down a peg. I called Walter and asked him to play the part of the rural hick. He may be a farmer, but he is also a top student at Aggie High school. We kind of thought you would outsmart yourself."

"I guess I had it coming," said Joe sheepishly. "Well, since you can't use the car, Walter, I guess I'll have to work out my end of the deal on your farm."

"Only if you want to," returned Walter. "Actually, I was going to furnish the horse and wagon, anyhow. Betty has asked me to go along on the hay ride."

"A trade is a trade. I'll work it out," said Joe. "But first, you can take me on the hay ride," said Jeannie firmly. Something tells me it's going to be lots of fun."

campaign speeches were spoken for Joe and the other candidates, they had the rest of the candidates leave the room, along with Joe, who had been interested in the magazine and not paying much attention to what was going on. When they asked Joe to leave the room, Joe didn't know if he was getting run off or not, but he followed the rest of the candidates out of the room anyway.

After the election they called the boys back into the room and announced that Joe Weatherby had been elected president of the freshman class by a unanimous vote. Hearing this, Joe explained that he was a sophomore. This surprised the freshmen but several of them still wanted Joe for their president. The sponsors took over then and explained that Joe couldn't hold office in the freshman class since he was a sophomore, and Arbra Taylor was finally elected president in place of Joe.

homa, and the major Texas rodeos. Bill was only reasonably successful at most of these shows but hopes to have better luck this season. He plans to go to Arizona next and work a few shows out there, including Tucson and Yuma. Then he plans to return to Texas and rope at El Paso and others. So far this season he has roped at Ft. Worth, Houston and Denver, Colo.

Earl Teague, who is now running his own ranch at Uvalde, last year placed high in all the rodeos at which he roped. He also wore all the prominent rodeos in West Texas and many shows in other states. At present, he has his hands full attending to his ranch, but plans to rope quite a bit next summer.

Myrle Kelton, well-known to all the students, roped at many shows last year and several this year, three of which are Denver, Colo., Ft. Worth and Houston.

John D. Holleyman, ex-Crane citizen, who is known to most of the Cranes, also employed by Joe Davidson, has made quite a name for himself during the time he has been out of the service.

Texas History Class Subscribe to 'Our Times'

The Texas history class, after a little persuasion from Mr. Bill Haralson, consented to buy a little newspaper called "Our Times." "Our Times" is the advanced paper in current events series published weekly during the school year by the American Education Press, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio.

A single subscription costs only one dollar a year with special rates for school clubs.

"Our Times" is also printed in Braille by the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Ky.

The paper contains stories of the conferences held all over the world as well as the happenings here in the U. S. It gives some history but not much. There are also questions given over the paper but the answers are included.

The first thing the class turns to are jokes on the last page. "Our Times" covers the current affairs and U. S. History very closely to all important points.

These papers break the old rules that are usually followed in history.

Home Economics—

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was a summons for someone who could not dance. June White was selected so she had to dance on her tiptoes The Three Tulips. Melba Bell had to chew up a string, and Lorene Davenport was requested to eat half a lemon without frowning, and she did it, too.

After this came a business meeting and then a picnic lunch in the gym. At 1:00 everyone met in the gym and a report was given from each town. Following this everyone was entertained with a coke party.

The girls all agreed that they had a swell time and would be looking forward next year to the FHA Convention in Pecos.

Food, Disposition Present Problems

Whenever we eat something, in some way or other, that food is going to help or hinder us.

In the summer if we eat a lot of heavy foods all the time and never eat light foods, it makes us sluggish and lazy, or at least it makes us think the weather is almost too hot to endure. In the winter if we don't eat heavy foods we can't keep from getting sick, and we don't have enough energy to do all the things we should.

Just before a hard game, the coach advises the players what to eat and what not to eat. They eat the things that will give them energy, not too heavy foods. When students eat too many sweets and smoke too much, it hinders breathing, and makes them short winded.

Food and disposition have much to do with the character of the people, and either helps us to make the grade or lose what we are striving to win.

Valentine Party Given For Henderson, Dulin

Friday night, Feb. 13, a Valentine party was given honoring Betty Henderson and Patsy Dulin.

The party was held in the Gulf Rec Hall and the hall was decorated with red and white streamers running across the ceiling and going down from the lights. Large red hearts with valentines on them were placed behind the serving table which was covered with a white table cloth. The table was lighted by two candles placed on each side of the white single layer of cake.

Cakes and cokes were served to the guests.

The main entertainment was dancing, but Speck Pearce and Raymond Weatherby gave everyone a few laughs with a novelty number that was not a scheduled event.

Betty and Pat were celebrating their fourteenth and fifteenth birthdays respectively. Betty's came on the 13th and Pat's the 15th.

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Murrell, Waller Make All-Conference B. B. Team In Dist. 83-B

Out of seven boys on the all-district basketball team of 83B, Crane landed two. They are Tipton Murrell and Frank Waller. They will be awarded a miniature basketball which will be engraved with the district number and the year.

Each coach selected ten boys from other teams. In this manner no coach could vote on his own boys for this honor.

The boys selected for the all-district team are:

Frank Pollard, Ft. Stockton; Chas. Davidson, Grandfalls; Richard Martin, Iraan; Bruce Grammer, Imperial; Tipton Murrell, Crane; Dwight Pattillo, Ft. Stockton; The following boys were selected for the second team: Billy Fine, Grandfalls; Whitefield, Iraan; Roper, Imperial; Akins, Imperial; Curtis Nix, Ft. Stockton. Honorable mention goes to the following boys: Durwood Cox, Grandfalls; "Sassy" Cummins, Iraan; Pat Iness, Grandfalls; Seithler, Imperial; Dick Manier, Ft. Stockton.

GIRL'S ANGLE

by DORIS COLLINS

The tennis team hasn't had much publicity lately, but the reason for that is Mr. Crane is waiting for the basketball season to close so they can really get down to business.

Mr. Crane intends to stay in two or three days out of the week to instruct the kids on their serves, volleying, lobbing, etc.

For those of you who are interested in tennis, start brushing up on your backhand and forehand. Mr. Crane states that there will be a tournament play-off among the Junior and senior players to determine who will play singles and doubles.

Crane got a taste of El Paso the first of the year and they are in hopes that it can be arranged for some of the kids to return to El Paso when the teachers go to the teachers meeting March 11, 12, 13.

If the tennis team gets to go to El Paso, Mr. Crane hopes to match games with El Paso High. If so, Doris Collins will play Lorraine (Poochie) Roberts and Merwyn McCulley will play Winston Farquer. Both of these students from El Paso High went to State last year.

As we've said before, the harder you work the more places you'll go, so get in there and fitch.

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SPORT SHOTS

Well, it looks like track will be getting into full swing pretty soon this year. Here's hoping that they go somewhere this year.

Looks like Stockton took the district without much trouble this year, but look out, Stockton, up at Marfa.

Well, Crane now has second place in basketball and will get another chance at Stockton in Marfa. Here we go again saying that Crane has a good chance to go to state this year.

The volleyball team is showing good spirit even though they are losing. That's the way to show good school spirit.

The tennis team is shaping up into a pretty good team this year. Well, we want to see some of them in the state meet at Austin in the spring.

Looks like the basketball team is finally getting down to business and will win some games from now on. They are playing better ball together and are showing a lot of hustle.

Basketball Refereeing Very Thankless Task, J. L. Alderdice Believes

Mr. Lloyd Alderdice was interviewed recently to see how hard the life of a referee was. Mr. Alderdice was very cooperative, and he gave the lowdown on refereeing.

When asked if women or men were the best sports, he replied that they were both about equal. No one was better than the other.

"One time," he said, "after a game in which I had refereed a decision, the people were so dissatisfied that they had to call the sheriff to control them." More times than one he has been balled out on his decisions.

"I was nervous the first game I refereed and also the last one, but the toughest game ever was the Andrews-Crane game in 1941."

Naturally, Mr. Alderdice agreed that Crane had the best sports of anyone, but he refrained from saying who he thought had the most braggarts and bad sports.

Mr. Alderdice was born in Italy, Texas, "Queen of the Cotton Belt," and educated at Midlothian High School, receiving all of his college work at NTSTC at Denton, both BA and MA degrees.

He spent three and a half years in the Coast Guard and during that time taught at the Coast Guard Academy Prep School in New London, Conn.

He tried one business enterprise, but the outcome was not favorable, and since being a teacher was the thing he liked best anyway, Mr. Alderdice came back to Crane.

Crane Defeats Wink 22-19 In Second Game

The Golden Cranes defeated the Wink Wildcats Saturday, 14th, in two games, the score being: Crane A 22-Wink A 19 Crane B 24-Wink B 14

Tipton Murrell of Crane was high man with 12 points.

Pearson of Wink ran a close second with 9 points.

In the B game Henderson was high with eight points.

This was the second game to be played by Wink and Crane.

Wink won the first game 50-19 in Wink.

Crane Beats Imperial 31-23 On Friday 13th

The Golden Cranes romped through another conference win by defeating the Imperial quintet 31-23 in the Cranes' own gym. The game was played on Friday 13th which proved to be an unlucky day for the Imperial five, and a lucky day for the Cranes because they had to win this conference game to have a chance at the regional meet.

Crane's scoring was led by Tipton Murrell with ten points, and Don Bradley, who followed closely, with seven points.

Crane's starting lineup for this game was Murrell, Waller, Pierce, Holcomb and Bradley.

Crane Hardwood Greats Close Season With Win; Defeat Imperial 31 to 24

Coach Brady Nix's Golden Crane quintet sacked up their last conference game of the season by defeating the Imperial five 31-24 in the Crane gym Feb. 16th.

This was the deciding game for Crane and this win cinched the Crane quintet a chance to represent its district as second place in the regional tournament. If Crane had lost this game it would have thrown Dist. 83-B into a mixed-up affair with Crane and Iraan tied for second place, and next to Ft. Stockton.

The game, exciting and thrilling throughout, looked pretty bad in some moments, with Imperial nipping closely at Crane's heels. But Crane held the lead in the game, and continued to do so until the final whistle.

High point man of the night was Akins of Imperial with nine points.

High pointer for Crane was Myron Holcomb, who played a magnificent, all around game, sacking up eight points.

Teagle, Waller Pass 50 NWPM Typing Test

Many of Mrs. Anderson's typists are going places in a big way. Bill Teagle takes the lead in having passed the 30 n. w. p. m., 40 n. w. p. m. and 50 n. w. p. m. tests three times each. This means that Bill has three blue, three red and three gold stars to his credit.

Following close behind is Frank Waller, having three blue stars, two red stars and one gold star.

Landell Murrell and Darrell Tomlinson are credited with having three blue stars and three red stars.

Those having three blue stars and two red stars are Joyce Sharp, Charles Phemister and Billie Russell.

Others having from one to four stars to their credit are: Eula Mae LeClaire, two blue stars and one red star;

Joy Dickson, Eleanor Rush and Kenneth Lewis, three blue stars and one red star;

Iown Gilstrap, Mary Joyce Evans and Eugene Kelton, three blue stars;

Bruce Patterson, John Hickey, J. L. Pettit, Melba Bell and Marquis Stark, two blue stars;

Mary Brewer, Sammie Lewis, Joan Rhinehart, Earl Husted, Louise Pettit, Jane Clark, Jimmy Pierce and James Ward each have one blue star, and Dorothy Nolan has one red star.

HARALSON'S NEW HOME TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS

Construction on Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haralson's house began in October, 1947, although the plans were begun in August.

Their new FHA home is located on Vivian Street in the new addition.

It consists of four rooms, bath and garage.

The house is nearly completed. Mr. Haralson said that he still had the yard work, papering and painting to do.

"The Haralson's plan to move into their new home in three or four weeks.

Mr. Haralson seems to like the location fine as it is located near the golf course. He said, "When my wife wants me to hang out the clothes or something, I will slip off and go to the golf course." So he says!!!

CHS Boys Get Burrs

Did some of the boys in CHS rebel against the girls wearing dresses longer, and have their hair buried?

Well, to tell you the truth, we haven't been able to find out, but if they did get their hair cut off short just to spite the girls, their rebellion was very successful.

Some of the boys who got their hair shortened were Dwain Stacy, Clayton Cantrell, Speck Pierce, Jimmy Neal Stacy and John Hickey.

Most of these boys play basketball, and if you ask them why they got their hair cut off you'll receive an answer something like this, "To keep some of our fans and girls from mobbing us," or "To keep hair out of our eyes while playing basketball." If you get one of these excuses for an answer, you can draw your own conclusions as to whether he really is sincere or not.

Band Hall Has Wide Variety Or Trophies

Passing through the band hall, a stranger could notice many interesting objects, but before his glance could absorb most of the scenes, it would fall on the trophies. After noticing these he would step forward to get a closer look at the cups and plaques.

The band, with its 70-odd members, runs a close first in almost every contest it enters.

Mr. Jacques Nonce, ex-bandmaster, directed the Crane band through several state and national contests, placing first in every performance.

This great band continued under Mr. Jim Nevins to be one of the finest bands in West Texas. In '47 this band took first place at a tri-state festival at Enid, Okla.

In years during the war, materials to make golden cups and figures dwindled, plaques came out to take their place.

These plaques are not as showy as the gold but they mean teamwork and many hours of practice.

This year Mr. Sonnenburg came to Crane and started the band rolling by taking first place at the Big Spring clinic and bringing home the prize of \$75.

These bands and directors have taken trips to many large cities, including Waco, San Antonio, El Paso, Oklahoma City, Austin, and Enid, Okla.

Wherever this band goes they leave behind them people who wonder at such an organization, as there is such a difference in size and age of the members.

To have the school represented by an organization that is well known for its musical talent and good behavior is a privilege that should be cherished by the school.

Library Assistants Aid Themselves And I.K.E.

Some of the students of CHS are assistants in the library, as we all know.

Katrin Cantrell has been working as an assistant since the year she was in the eighth grade.

In addition to Katrin Cantrell, there are eight others: Yvonne Cantrell, Doris Collins, John Clark, Ellen Walling, Peggy Sharp, Doyle Lakin, June White and John Ragsdale.

Some of the assistants divide periods or days. One working one day and another the next.

Behind the desk the assistants help at checking books in and out; putting the books on the shelves and doing the mechanical work required.

Although you do not plan to be a librarian, this work is good to know.

If we all knew how books were numbered, we would have no trouble in finding a book in a large library. With the proper training students could learn to use the index that is offered in our own library.

Crane Band Holds Successful Concert

A well attended band concert was presented Feb. 26 at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. The price of admission was 25c and the program consisted of the following numbers:

Star-Spangled Banner
Straoliner-Concert March
Overture of Student Prince
Midnight in Paris
Rachmaninoff's Second Concerto.

Lady of Spain
Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Red Rhyth Valley-Swing Version.

SEVEN PAPERS IN CLASS C NW DIVISION OF ILPC

"The Crane" as a member of the Interscholastic League Press Conference of 1947-48, is in the running of the northwest division, Class C.

There are seven papers in this district. Other than the "Crane," there is "The Gusher," Grandfalls; "The Roundup," Happy; "Eagle Script," Holliday; "Yellow Jacket," Kermit; "The Pirate," Lefors; and "The Hornet Stinger," Lometa.

Last year "The Crane" placed first, sending two delegates to Austin to compete in a state meet. Jean Garrett won third place in a news writing contest at this convention.

Judging of the papers will begin very soon, and results will be announced in early April.

Miniature Volley Balls, Loving Cup, Trophy To Be Presented March 20

Highlighting the district volleyball tournament to be held in Crane on March 19 and 20, will be the presentation of a beautiful loving cup to the winning team. Six miniature volley balls will be presented to the all-district team as chosen by the coaches.

The trophy had miniature volleyball balls are being ordered thru Nathan's Jewelers. Nathan's will present the outstanding girl with an individual trophy.

The tournament will consist of two games Friday night and two Saturday afternoon. The championship games will be played on Saturday night.

The schedule is as follows: Rankin vs. Grandfalls. Ft. Stockton vs. Iraan.

M.Y.F. Holds Meeting In Odessa, Feb. 14th

On Feb. 14, at Odessa, the Methodist Youth Fellowship had their quarterly meeting in which officers for the new year were elected, with Rev. Whetstone giving the morning address.

Elaine Sherrill from Odessa was elected president, Bruce Patterson from Crane was elected vice president, and Nancy McCree from Pecos was elected secretary-treasurer.

Three reports were given on last winter's Cleveland trip. Jimmie McClardy from Odessa, Virginia Goodrich from Pecos, and Joanne Randel from Crane gave the reports.

After all business was transacted, lunch was served by the ladies of the church. Two plays were given during the lunch hour and later came a recreation period in the basement of the church.

Those attending the meeting from Crane were:

Eddie Tallman, Bruce Patterson, Tommy Parrott, Dorothy and Ruth Nolan, Peggy Ward, Earl Husted, Kenneth Daniels, Sammie White, Joanne Randel and Anna Merle Daniels.

Rev. J. N. Whetstone, Mrs. Parrott and Mr. Nolan provided the transportation.

Crane High Students Proud Of New Boots

This story is late getting into print, but C. M. Coker and Alvin Whaley are still just as proud of their fancy boots as they were when they got them. These boys had their boots made at Odessa, in the Ramirez Boot Shop for the sum of \$52 each.

Both boys had their boots made exactly alike, except that Alvin's is just a little bigger than Coker's and by so doing got a three dollar reduction in price.

These boots have ten inch shot gun tops, trimmed in white leather at the top. They have butterflies and flower sets in the top in white and red leather respectively.

The bottoms of the boots are made with foxed calfskin oxblood color toes. The heels are the fancy walking kind—new style.

Alvin and C. M. spend a lot of time polishing their boots, and if you want to get some loud words slung at you when either of them is wearing his boots, just calmly walk up and accidentally on purpose mess up the shine.

Cynthia Zarafonitis Writes Best Essay

Mrs. Cox's Literature I class has been writing essays for the past six weeks, one of which she chose for publication. It was written by Cynthia Ann Zarafonitis, freshman. It reads as follows:

MY SCHOOL
Yes, it's my school, and I am proud of it. It isn't one of those beautiful structures you see in larger towns, but even so, it has a kind of beauty of its own.

Its history boasts of good sportsmanship, as well as citizenship. For years our old patio has been filled with rowdy boys and girls who mean well, but nevertheless harass the teachers.

The worn floors have multi-colored ink polka-dots and the shabby desks bear the names of nearly every high school student since way back.

The walls, too, are autograph-ed.

You think you detest this old building now, but you'll miss it if you left—wouldn't you?
Cynthia Zarafonitis.

Cafeteria Commandments, Lunch Room Logic Can Be Practiced Here Same As Anywhere

Some Longhorn Logic that was received from the State Department of Texas in regard to cafeterias included the following:

There are only 14 counties in the state of Texas that do not have school lunch cafeterias . . .

It is said that there is enough lipstick deposited on glasses and cups in public eating places over a day-to-day period to paint several hundred barns . . .

Once upon a time a man, his wife, and two children were starving. Their only food was buttermilk and potatoes. To save the children, the parents ate the potato peelings and drank the whey, giving the children the other part of the food. The parents lived and the children starved. Moral: Don't overlook or waste foods that have the most value . . .

Also included in the bulletin was The Ten Lunchroom Commandments, which was copied from "Counter Clicks," a publication of the Bureau of Lunchrooms, Board of Education, Chicago, Ill.

They are as follows:

1. Thou shalt not crowd or push in the bread line.

2. Thou shalt not delay the bread line by diving into thy pocket for change after thou hast reached the cashier. Have thy money ready.

3. Thou shalt throw thy lunchroom paper into the waste basket: thou shalt not leave them and thy crumbs on the tables for someone else to clear away.

4. Remember that spills of food and breakage of china cause confusion and add to the cost of maintaining the lunchroom.

5. Honor those who have provided this lunchroom for thee by keeping it today and by taking good care of its furnishings.

6. Thou shalt take thy food seriously, enjoying it and being ever grateful for it and for health and enjoy it.

7. Thou shalt turn in thy tray and soiled dishes and silver at the proper window and shalt always remember that the lunchroom deserves the respect in the school that the dining room deserves in the home.

8. Thou shalt place empty milk bottles in the proper cases and all beverages bottles in the proper

cases. If thou should have an unhappy accident, thou shalt go to the dishwashing room and get broom and dishpan and clean up thy mess.

Thou shalt not beautify thyself at the luncheon tables. To scatter face powder or dandruff in places where people eat is a sign of bad breeding.

10. Thou shalt eat, drink and be merry during the lunchroom hour, but shalt not forget that table manners are an indication of thy breeding, and of thy character.

Reverend Jason Makes Speech In Assembly

The Crane Schools gathered in the auditorium on Feb. 19 to hear a talk by Rev. Jason of the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Bobby Allen, vice president of the Student Council, started the assembly by introducing the song leaders. They were Speck Pierce and Billy Don Ingram, and they led the group in two songs.

After Mr. Jason finished his fine talk, C. M. Coker, president of the Student Council, took over the announcements.

Mr. Nix then brought in a very mysterious box and presented it to Coach Crane. It turned out to be a trophy showing that we were co-regional champs in football.

The trophy was a life-size gold football on a black bakelite base.

BILLIES AND MARYS DOMINATE THE SCHOOL

A poll was taken Wednesday, Feb. 18, to see what the most common name was in CHS. It seems as though the Billies and Marys are overrunning the place.

On the boys' side of the race there are 11 Billies with only five Jimmies. The Kenneths are running close behind with a total of four.

The Marys seem to overpower the girls with six votes, with the Jo Anns netting four scores. The Joyces, Patsys, Peggys and Dorothys each have three on the score sheet.

This could get very confusing having the 11 Billies and the five Marys in one class.

And people wonder why teachers retire at an early age.

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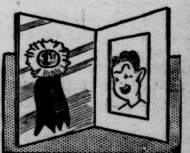
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