

THE SEMESTER
HAS PASSED—
HAVE YOU?

THE CRANE

AH, THE CURSE
OF AN
ACHING HEART

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They Put "Class" In Class Favorites



Crane High Faculty To Give Melodrama On February 14th

"The Curse of An Aching Heart" is the play the Crane faculty is going to give, February 14, with Miss Eloise Haley as the director. This play is an old-fashioned melodrama, and the action takes place at None Such Ranch located somewhere in the Southwest.

It has the sweet and virtuous young heroine, the deep-dyed villain with the ferocious moustache and the manly-bosomed hero who can lick his weight in wildcats.

Lovely Melody Lane, played by Mrs. Mildred Cloud, has been placed in an orphanage while still a babe. She has no knowledge of her parentage as she flowers into lovely young womanhood. She has educated herself and is teaching school when she falls into the hands of Windermere Hightower, played by Brady Thomas, a scoundrel of the "Desperate Desmond" type who will stop at nothing to accomplish his foul ends. Windermere and Melody are married and the ceremony is barely over when he informs her that he expects her to carry out his criminal schemes. Revolted, Melody flees from Windermere—she is a wife in name only. Several months later Melody finds herself living on the None Such Ranch somewhere in the southwest. Since she has never lived with Windermere, she continues to use her maiden name and poses as a single girl. She meets and falls in love with Lucius Goodenough, played by Bill Haralson. It is love at first sight on both sides. But Melody has to turn down Lucius' proposal of marriage. How can she ever marry any man, cursed as she is with an aching heart?

When that snake of a Windermere Hightower appears at the ranch, Melody is appalled. The cowardly blackguard tries to force his attention on Melody and when he tries to force a kiss on her lips the heroic Lucius knock him down. Windermere threatens to have revenge. He steals money out of a cupboard, plants the money on Lucius in an attempt to frame him. He also plants a time bomb out side of the barn, hoping to blow Lucius to smithereens. Windermere's dirty work is discovered and he is unmasked but he manages to make a quick getaway. The plot thickens. In the last act the rascally Hightower returns to his ranch disguised as an old peddler. This time it looks as though Melody were really doomed. But once again our persecuted heroine is saved by—guess who? Yes Lucius arrives in the nick of time and after a series of miracles that has the audience convulsed with glee, virtue manages to triumph at the final curtain. No matter how broadly this old meller drama is played it is bound to be an outstanding hit. Both cast and audience will literally eat it up. Eight other faculty members, the supporting cast, furnish all other emotions not "emoted" by the heroine, hero and villain.

Golden Cranes To Enter Odessa Tournament

Crane's Golden Cranes next tournament to enter will be the Odessa class AA affair this week end.

In this tournament the Golden Cranes will furnish competition for both class A and class AA. Crane opened the season with a win over Odessa, but lost one game to them later on.

As of now the tournament paring has not been arranged and it is not known yet who Crane will play first.

The band contest will be held in Alpine, April 2 and the choral contest will be held in Alpine March 26.

Directors came from Alpine, Ft. Stockton, McCombs, Iraan, Odessa, Kermit, Andrews, Seminole, Marathon, Denver City, Monahans and Crane.

Iraan, McCombs and Crane are planning a "round-robin" band clinic. The tentative dates of the three will be, Iraan, February 18; McCombs, March 5; and Crane, March 19.

Region VIII T. M. E. A. Held In C. H. S. Band Hall

On January 16, in the Crane band hall, there was held a T. M. E. A. meeting for all band and choral directors of Region VIII, with 40 members representing the schools of the region.

The meeting was presided over by band president John Buchanan of McCombs and the business was conducted concerning the U. I. L. Band and vocal contest by the contest chairman John Carrico of Sul Ross, Alpine.

Six New Machines Put To Use In Shop

C. A. Carroll's shop classes have recently set up six new metal and wood working machines. They are as follows: Multi-speed wood turning lathe, Metal and Wood-cutting band saw, Metal and Wood-cutting sero 1 saw, six inch Walker turner jointer, Ten-inch Boice Crane Circular saw and the latest of plastic or wood materials.

In some cases there are several of the same kind of machines set up for different operation so that the students won't have to wait in line to use a certain machine, and at the same time it saves changing the machines to do the different kinds of work that is done on each machine.

Homemaking Classes Present P-TA Program

Homemaking I and II girls presented "Toward New Horizons" at last Thursday's P-TA program.

The program was a pantomime made up of eight parts, describing the eight phases of general homemaking work: child care, nutrition, clothing, cooking, social grace, care of the home, home nursing and budgeting.

Mrs. Johnny Walker gave a brief discussion of the Future Homemakers of America club. Attendance prizes were given to the senior class, Mrs. Roy Browning's seventh grade, and Mrs. Bill Haralson's second grade.

Next P-TA meeting will be for the fathers and will be held at night.

There was a special assembly for announcements called at 10:45 Wednesday, January 19, in the auditorium by Mr. Brady Nix. The announcements concerned the work the next two days, which were mid-term exams.

CHORAL TOPS EXEMPLIFIED LIST: NO EXAMS FOR 57 PER CENT

Twenty per cent of Crane High School Students with a grade of 90 or above, was exempt from taking mid-term examinations, according to statistics compiled by the teachers and your reporter. This means that one out of every five students in school is making above 90 on some subject and in many cases, all of the subjects.

The Music Department—choral club and band, came out with the highest averages in school, having 57 and 44 per cent respectively. Choral is under the supervision of Miss Mildred McReynolds.

Listed below are the percentages by classes:

Class	No. Enrolled	Teacher	Per Cent Ex.
English IV	21	Haley	9
English III	35	Haley	14
English II	41	Haley	15
Girls P. E.	50	Abernathy	22
Chemistry	21	Filleman	4
Biology	12	Filleman	8
General Science	43	Filleman	16
Spelling 8	28	Abernathy	21

Course	No. Enrolled	Teacher	Per Cent Ex.
Geography	28	Abernathy	10
Woodwork I	24	Carroll	21
Metal Work I	13	Carroll	8
Mechanical Drawing	14	Carroll	14
Woodwork II	13	Carroll	8
World History	29	Haralson	24
Civics	28	Haralson	21
Band	63	Sonnenburg	44
Journalism	12	Patterson	33
Spanish I	5	Patterson	40
Spanish II	9	Patterson	33
History 8-2	26	Patterson	34
Algebra I	26	G. Crane	34
Jr. Business	10	Mrs. B. Thomas	20
Typing	35	Mrs. B. Thomas	14
Homemaking I	26	Waller	11
Homemaking II	15	Waller	20
Homemaking III	8	Waller	22
English 8	54	Cox	25
English I	53	Cox	26
American History	34	B. Thomas	9
History 8-1	28	B. Thomas	3
Health 8-1	26	B. Thomas	23
Choral	28	McReynolds	57
Solid Geometry	8	D. Crane	12
Algebra II	31	D. Crane	22
Algebra I	28	D. Crane	43

Portrait Proves Wild West Still Alive



Hi, podner!!! East is east and west is west, and this is the west. A lot of folks out in these parts and elsewhere, think the bill is fading away. But Pecos Bill, Sundance Kid, and other figures of the west had nothing on the hordes in the above picture. Upholding the spirit of the wild west, these cowpokes do everything on the mesquite and sagebrush range from riding fences to bulldozing Texas Longhorn steers and biting the rattlesnake's fangs out with their teeth. Bustin' a bronc is a minor detail and small task to these rough and tough trail riders.

From left to right in the above picture is "Rattler" Henderson, "Dead Eye" Stacy, "Jackrabbit" Ward, "30-30" Kelton, "Bronco" Teague, "Cactus" Garrett, "Fancy" McCorkle, "Horseshoe" Miller and "Jarrin" John Kilgore. The origin of these names is both comical and true. Henderson was named "Rattler" because when very young he bit a rattlesnake and the snake died. "Dead Eye" comes from the fact that Stacy can knock the eye out of a rabbit at 80 yards with a ".40-70" shooting from the hip. Ward was named "Jackrabbit" because of his long legs. "Fancy" came out one night to a shiner; all dressed up like Roy Rogers. The boys started calling him "Fancy". "Horseshoe" Miller, like Garrett, had a hard time a few years ago while he was feeding some broncs. Once he accidentally stepped behind one to pick up a horseshoe. The bronc didn't like the idea so he gave Miller a boost out the door leaving a perfect print of a horseshoe on—well, he is hence known as "Horseshoe".

Seriously, although the West is getting more and more modern, actually the cowboys are going back to styles of 50 years ago, except for the fancy tops on the boots and the fact that there is no longer ears thereon. Cowpokes still make fires even though there is no wood around (the cattle supplies the fuel). Guns are no longer worn except by a very few old-timers who refuse to put them away. There is nothing fancy on the range; nothing fancy about the cowpokes clothes, as one sees in the movies. When a man starts to rope and throw a calf for branding he surely does not wear 25-dollar shirts or trousers. Levis and plain, simple shirts are the regular clothing. Most of the above characters not only dress western, they actually are cowpokes, doing the work of ranch hands. These boys work during the summer months, but do work some during school.

Roundup time is a dirty, dusty and smelly job. When the cook pulls out the chuck-wagon and starts stocking it with provisions (red beans), everyone starts preparing himself for the coming venture. They look forward to it, but cannot decide whether to be glad or sad. It is very colorful to the newcomer.

Rodeos are a lot of fun to watch as well as to participate in. "Bronco" Teague has furnished crowds with his calf tying, with a speed of 12 seconds. That includes catching the calf with his horse, roping it, throwing it, and tying three of its feet together. "Bronco" does a good job in this line. (In fact in friendly competition, he has bested the state high school champion ropers in two matches.)

The pride and joy of these cowpokes as one can see, is his boots, hat and horse. His boots not only protect his feet but supply a good grip on the stirrup. His hat protects his head from the blistering sun and the cold, rain or snow. His horse is an all important factor in the life of the cowboy. Only a horse can follow a cow or bull in rough range country. Eastern people can thank these boys for some of those wonderful steaks they sit down to once in a while.

Junior favorites Bruce Patterson will take Elmore Rust's place as president of the Student Council at mid-term. Bruce played football on the "B" team and is president of the junior class. Earlene Cannon was voted as the best all-around girl in McCamey last year, secretary of the Home-making Club this year, she was a favorite in the eighth grade in Wink and was the junior Hall-of-fame queen this year.

Sophomore SOPHOMORE FAVORITES: Buster Pendleton who plays basketball on the "B" team, football on the B & C team, plays a sax in the band and is a member of the Student Council, Norma Rust was a cheer leader this year, plays volleyball as a substitute on the "B" team, and was the freshman favorite last year.

FRESHMAN FAVORITES: Malcomb Garrett played football on the junior team, and basketball on the junior team. Peggy Ward was junior cheer leader for two years and vice president of the freshman class.

EIGHTH GRADE FAVORITES: Bobby Robinson is president of the eighth grade, serves on the Student Council, and plays a sax in the band. Shirley Allen is on the Student Council this year.

Who In This School Lack Free Speech? Can you imagine how many miles our janitor, Mr. L. A. Heard sweeps a year? Approximately 155 miles. The amount of dirt he sweeps out could only be determined at about 20 tons a week.

Mr. Heard's greatest worry is "just having to work." When asked about four wishes concerning students and teachers, Mr. Heard was reluctant to say. Finally, after much thought, he came up with these:

1. "I wish the girls would stop throwing cigarette stubs in the commode tanks and kissing the walls.

2. "I also wish the boys and girls would stop tearing up their love notes in small pieces and throwing them on the floor."

He stalled about the other wishes. In his words, "If I gave you the other wishes, I would be fired on the spot." Hummm—Wonder what they are?

A few of Mr. Heard's duties are dusting, sweeping floors, emptying waste paper baskets, waxing floors, checking radiators and repairing broken desks.

Unsettled Fines Mean No Report Cards; Alas

Mrs. Inez E. Elmore has a list of students on the bulletin board in the library who owe fines. Although there are not fines, as many fines this year as last, there is really no excuse for the first of them because at the first of the year Mrs. Elmore gave everyone a mimeograph copy of the library rules.

Those who have reserve books checked out and let them run overdue have a large fine running up. To hold a reserve book is keeping someone else from getting it and thereby holding him up in his work.

All students whose names are on the list in the library should see Mrs. Elmore as soon as possible and get their fines settled. Report cards will not be issued to any student who has a fine unsettled.

Melba Bell, a junior, withdrew from Crane at mid-term as did Nedra Anderson. Melba didn't reveal her plans but Nedra is moving to Brownwood.

Those who attended the funeral from Crane schools were Mmes. Steve Filleman, Susie Evatt, Brady Nix, Isyl Cox, and Miles. Madge Conger and Clo Dozey.

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Forty-Nine Students Most Perfect Scores For Year's Attendance

Records for the first semester show that some students really want to acquire some knowledge. 40 students have perfect attendance records.

Are these students really on the ball or is it the parents who would be congratulated for this record? Parents have a lot to do with these perfect attendance records, as their coaxing gets one to go many times when he had rather stay in bed.

Although the parents play a big part in these perfect attendance records, the students' desire to learn really is the biggest factor. If a student has no desire to come to school he can get out of some way, even if it means getting deathly sick just before school time.

The records also show that the youngsters are the eager beavers. The perfect attendance records are very scarce in the top two grades. To prove this, there are 18 eighth-graders and 12 freshmen compared to the sophomore class' even and the junior class six perfect attendance records.

Here is a list of the students having perfect attendance the first semester. (Let's see how many of these make it the entire year without being absent.) Mary Joyce Evans, Earl Husted, Art Boothe, Jimmie Heard, James Kilgore, Charles Phemister, Jimmie Neal Stacy, Bailey Taylor, Louie Brents, Joyce Wright John Clark, Lawanda Baker, Henry Field, Ray Omo, Clark Lee Presley, Wyvonne Cantrell, Virginia Carter, Quay Clark, Dorothy Ervin, Malcom Garrett, James Hopson, Doyle Ray Lakin, Betty McCord, Patsy Pendleton, Jessie Marie Scott, Peggy Sharp, Lena Barron, Curtis Chipman, Billie Marie Gooch, Don Hinde, Rex Knox, Loye Russell, Mary Lou Wood, Betty Lou Field, Venona Hamblett, Marsha Hopson, Harold Hunter, Donnie Tomlinson, and Betty Knaell.

Relative of E. Haley Dies In Monahans

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THE CRANE'S CREED

THE CRANE PROMISES:

To be strong that nothing can disturb his peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person he meets; to make all his friends feel that there is something in them; to look at the sunny side of everything and make his optimism come true.

To think only of the best; to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as his own; to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements of the future.

To give so much time to the improvement of himself that he has no time to criticize others; and to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit troubles.

YOU ARE A CRANE!

IS IT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FAULT YOU FAILED?

Well, did you pass or fail?

You passed, well then you are pretty proud of yourself. And you should be. If you pass, it is a sign that you have worked and studied and deserve to have passed.

You failed? Oh, that is the mournful cry on the lips of some. Those words leave a bitter taste in your mouth, probably a cut in allowance or maybe something happened because of this makes you unable to sit down for a few days. "It's not my fault," you say, "those teachers were too hard on us." "So-and-so had the wrong answers on his paper." "I had a horrible headache on the night before the exam and couldn't study." What about those weeks or even days before the exam that you could have studied, but you put it off until the last minute.

Kiddos, look around, take a good look at yourself. If you failed, it is your own fault. No one can do your studying for you. No one but yourself can force you to learn those things which are necessary for you to know to pass. It is not the teacher's fault. The teacher can only give you things to study and grade you on what you have learned.

Why don't you take a little more time next semester for studying. Be able to feel proud of yourself because the effort has been all yours. It makes you feel a little proud when you have passed without copying from your neighbor.

Begin now and not wait until the next final exams roll around. You received this warning at the beginning of the first semester, but you didn't heed it. Now you know your folly. Don't try to repeat it.

CHOW HOUNDS ACT LIKE DOGS!

Here are a few of the thoughts of the high school group when the lunch bell rings:

"Hmmm—I am so hungry! I just have to finish in a hurry today because I have to go to the post office. Maybe if I could crowd in front of those little kids. They won't raise a howl, because I am a junior (or senior). The teacher has his back turned, so I will just slip in up there a little ways."

Listen, friends, stop and think. Be considerate of others. Maybe they have a more important errand or work to do than run to the post office, or just go to town. They have awaited their day to be first and also stood in line until their turn came up. How do you think they feel about your crowding in? It sure doesn't make you very popular. Besides, if you have reached high school, you should have learned patience by now.

Oh, by the way! Haven't manners been taught you all these years? They have. Well, where have they disappeared? My, but you feel well mannered when you said, "Excuse me," when you stepped on a little girl's foot. But what about your impoliteness to the whole cafeteria. "What have I done now?" you ask. You leave on your hat. It is a simple process to take it off. Surely your head is not cold in the cafeteria.

Come on, be fair, consider others instead of yourself for a change. You will find that you are much better liked, and have a better respect for yourself, if you check up and do these things.

Given By Mrs. Haralson Junior Trophy Arrives; Only One Year Late

El Ave annual staff recently sent 13 pages of the picture section to the publisher, News Photo in San Angelo.

The sale of the Annual stopped Wednesday, January 13, with only 116 subscriptions.

An example of the cover was sent to the staff for inspection, and they looked it over carefully and returned it with their approval.

The colors will be of two shades of purple with a Golden Crane at the top. The lettering will be in gold also.

The officers of the staff are: Myron Holcomb, editor; Bruce Patterson, assistant editor; Dwain Stacy, business manager; Town Gilstrap, assistant business manager; Joy Dickson, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth Lewis, assistant secretary-treasurer; Jerry Hall, art editor; Calvin Hazel, art editor; Darrell Tomlinson, photographer; Kenneth Lewis, photographer.

Junior Trophy Arrives; Only One Year Late

Although the Crane Juniors did not win anything at the San Angelo tournament, they brought back a second place trophy.

This trophy was a little late in arriving since the junior team of last year won it for being runner up in the tournament there last year.

The boys who won this runner-up trophy in the San Angelo junior tournament were Bill Teague, John Hickey, Bob Smith, John Clark, Jimmy Stacy, Chas. Phemister, Art Boothe and Eddie Tallman.

Most of these boys are now on the Crane High School team, and so far are doing very well.

Warning: Don't miss the between acts of the Faculty Play that is to be sponsored by the seniors. Mr. E. M. Sonnenburg is to sell salty peanuts, followed by Mr. Doug Chrane selling soda water.

Introducing The Seniors



Born in Burkburnett, Texas, January 4, 1932, is a little 5' 5" number with brown eyes and brown hair called Earlene Hustead.

She moved to West Texas in 1944 and enrolled in Crane High School in the latter part of her sophomore year in 1947. Her favorite subject is Home Economics.

Hateful people are her pet peeve, and she just loves Mexican food piled high with cheese. Alan Ladd and June Allyson are the stars of her life, and they get all her attention too since going to the show is her favorite pastime.

Everyone recognizes Earlene by her shining personality and friendly way.

POET'S CORNER

One of our juniors, Lola Green, wrote this poem. It seems that there are many in our Crane High School that have a flair for writing poetry.

"HER HANDS"

Hands of beauty, hands of grace, Tapering fingers and a lovely face.

Playing melody known dear to me The holding them where all can see.

One beautiful hand held just so Shaking a little, but no one knows.

For deep inside there is flowing calm

While warm, rough lips Kiss a dear, sweet palm.

And on a finger on a loving hand, Is a single, gold and lovely band.

If you have a flair for writing poetry, and aren't too bashful to let it be put in the paper, please contact Mr. Patterson and leave it with him.

FILES

Fifteen Years Ago

A mass meeting was held for the purpose of discussing plans for a gymnasium.

Eleven Years Ago Crane Cagers were beaten by Wink in both a boys' and girls' game.

Three Years Ago Crane was host to 230 Region 8 Musicians.

Two Years Ago Miss Elsie Knight, H. E. teacher, became the bride of Mr. Johnny Waller.

Pink and Blue Shower Given By Mrs. Haralson

A pink and blue shower was given for Mrs. Al Owens Thursday, Jan. 13, at Mrs. Bill Haralson's home. Mrs. Howard Evans and Mrs. Bill Haralson were the hostesses.

Those present were Mmes. Jerry Cowden, Harry Cowden, Hayden Wilmoth, Irene Mason, Smoky Swift, Buck Kelton and Hawley Van Court.

Refreshments of coffee, tea, waldorf salad and sandwiches were served to those present. Favorable little saques made of paper doilies were given.

Crane Team Loses Twice In Tournament

The Crane basketball team lost the first two games they played in the Pecos Tournament the week-end of January 14 and 15.

Crane played Ft. Stockton in their first game Friday night, and was beaten 33 to 25.

Saturday at 2:00 o'clock the Crane team played Pecos for a place in consolation and was submerged again 39-21.

Although the Crane team had a little hard luck in the Pecos tournament, they are entered in two more frays and still have a chance.

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THUMB NAIL INTERVIEWS

Again we have the unpopular poll taker around to find out in this issue a very vital question: what do you consider your most useful and most useless course.

JANE CLARK's most useful subject is shorthand and most useless course is chemistry.

LORENE DAVENPORT's most useful course is homemaking and most useless course journalism.

CHARLOTTE SCHLITTLER's most useful subject is band and journalism and most useless subject is study hall.

NUBBIN REYNOLDS' most useful subject is geometry; his most useless is civics.

DWAIN STACY's most useful subject is solid geometry and most useless is civics.

COYLENE POPE: "Most useful subject is shorthand and most useless is civics."

JEAN MURRAY's most useful subject is homemaking and most useless subject is mechanical drawing.

MARY LOU REYNOLDS' most useful subject is homemaking and most useless subject is civics.

J. L. PETTET: "Most useful subject English; useless subject is plain geometry."

ROGER CLOUD's most useful subject is typing and most useless English.

JENCY PORTER's most useful subject is algebra and most useless, biology.

NORMA RUST's most useful subject is homemaking and most useless subject is algebra.

NEDRA ANDERSON's most useful subject is homemaking and most useless subject is algebra.

MARQUES STARK's most useful subject is P. E. and most useless subject is English.

EXCHANGES WHERE PIONEERING FADES IN A DECADE

One of the deep, dark mysteries of life is why a man would leave a town like Crane, Texas, and come to a town like Waldo. For at Crane, Texas, may be found all the glamour and adventure of the old west in a spot of quietude. That's exactly what Elder Chas. Whit, and his family consisting of wife and two children did. They are living in the Church of Christ parsonage, and he is devoting his whole time to local church duties. By the way, that parsonage is perhaps as big as any two residents they have in Crane. Elder Whit stopped for a couple of years, enroute, in East Texas, which he does not count. Crane is not any bigger than Waldo, nor does it offer any greater opportunity for religious work.

Crane is a new county, it came into being about 20 years ago when oil was discovered there. It is one of the last two counties to have been organized in the state. It is a lovely town, the whole resources being oil and ranching. It is perched atop of a high plateau and sand dunes. Not a thing grows there except mesquite and greasewood. Crane sits in the center of things, thirty miles from Rankin, thirty miles from Grandfalls and twenty to McCamey. There are no other towns and each of the towns mentioned are in different counties. Ranches in the county consist of the Waddell, McElroy, Tubbs, Bell and others.

In the old days of around twenty years ago before roads were built in the four principal outlets it was necessary to keep one's car moving, otherwise if the car stopped in the deep sand, it was worse than the mud holes of Arkansas.

They are now building a magnificent high school, which covers several blocks. On a high hill, on the McCamey road they are building a hospital big enough for every man, woman and child in the town. The only other communities in the county are the Gulf and Phillips camps. The school at Crane, which is the only one in the county, has its own tax assessor, collector and business manager.

The winds blow all the time. Your hat may be on your head one minute and two blocks away the next minute.

Cold, northern blizzards roar in without notice. Sand and gravel blow in such force that windshields, windows and store fronts are often completely covered, with small pebbles imbedded in them.

Withal it is a wonderful town. Most people wander in there for a year or two and never want to leave.

Waldo, Columbia County Ark. Columbia County Journal

Introducing The Seniors



The Crane is introducing Charlotte Ann Schlittler for the benefit of those who do not know her. Considering the fact that she hasn't been here all of her life like most of the Crane students. She needs an introduction.

Charlotte was born November 10, 1931 at Graham, Texas. Miss Schlittler has been moved around a lot since she started to school. She started school in Eunice, New Mexico and went to the middle of the sixth grade. She then went to Fort Worth and finished the term of the sixth, then moved to Crane and started the seventh grade, but then moved to Odessa and stayed there until the end of her sophomore year. She then came to Crane to finish her high school career.

Charlotte has brown eyes, brown hair, and has a lovely complexion. Her hobby is collecting napkins and records, and her favorite pastime is dancing.

She was twirler in the Odessa band her Freshman year, then came to Crane to be twirler her junior year, and Drum Major-ette her senior year. She is also business manager on "The Crane."

FASHIONETTES

Here are fashionettes telling about some of the things they wear during the rainy weather. Fatsy Dulin and Ellen Wallen are wearing cute white snow shoes.

Mr. Patterson was wearing a bright tie which was blue and white.

Ann McDonald was wearing cute red rubber boots.

Mary Lou Reynolds is sporting a new black rain coat, Santa must have been real good to her.

Joy Dickson has been wearing a cute brown dress trimmed in other colors.

Norma Rust has been wearing a cute red and black shirt with black slacks.

Mr. Haralson has been sporting an odd tie, it is gray with figures of football men on the gray. Bill Teague has been seen in a cute maroon corduroy shirt.

Have you noticed the lovely ring that Melba Bell is flashing around on her left hand.

Charlotte Schlittler has been wearing a cute brown and gold skirt to school.

Have you noticed the new blue denim shirts that some of the boys have been wearing around school lately?

Have you noticed the Aaron sisters' new gray coats that they have been wearing to school.

Have you noticed the new pearls and new watches some of the girls have been wearing to school since Christmas.

Mrs. E. M. Clark Honored

A farewell party with gifts honoring Mrs. E. M. Clark was held in Mrs. T. R. Sullivan's home. Mrs. Sam Edwards and other hostesses stood in the reception line.

Lola Green, a junior in high school, sang "When Day Is Done" accompanied by Mary Wilson.

Volleyball Girls Bow To Imperial 15-3; 15-13

Crane's volleyball team opened the season with hard games at Imperial week before last. In the two games Imperial bested the locals as follows: 15-3; and 15-13. High point player was Eula Mae Le Claire with five points.

The Crane girls showed good team work despite the fact that they had had little practice.

The Crane B team was more fortunate than their superiors. They took two out of three games as follows: 15-10; 15-8; and 15-7. Dorothy Ervin took the place of high point player with eight points.

New Uniforms Ordered For Volleyball Team

This year's volleyball team was recently measured for new uniforms.

Eight new gold uniforms were ordered for the main team and two substitutes.

They are to be gold with purple trim.

The old suits are to be given to the B team.

There is a lively interest in volleyball this year with 40 girls reporting for practice.

The girls are divided into three groups with eight on the main group and the rest on the B or junior team.

Volleyball Girls Kneel To Stockton

Crane's Golden Crane Volleyball team knelt to Ft. Stockton in the seasons second game to the tune of 15-3, and 16-14. Betty Henderson took top honors with seven points.

The first game the Stockton girls were really on the go.

In the second game the lead changed several times. Crane took the first lead with 4-1; later Stockton had the lead with 9-4. Then the Crane girls started coming up from behind and took

STOP! LOOK! READ VALCO GARRETT'S NEW, THRILLING ROMANCE SERIAL

It was a beautiful evening with a lovely moon the night Dianne and Jerry met. Jerry Taylor, a sophomore in High school was right at the age where girls and sports were about the only thing that mattered. He studied just enough to keep his grades a few points above passing, and spent his evenings in town or at parties when there was a party, and at home when his parents insisted on him studying. Jerry, well-built, 150 pound boy was 15 years old. His hair and complexion were dark and his eyes were grayish green. He wasn't the type of boy at all that you would have expected lovely little Dianne to fall in love with.

It was one of those dark evenings when there seemed to be nothing to do. It had been dark about an hour and Jerry and Dan, his best friend, had failed to find any life in the little town of Stanford where they lived. It was after one of those long drives around the countryside that Dan jumped up and said that he had two invitations to an eighth grade party. The two boys, thinking that anything was better than having nothing to do, decided to go to the party.

Neither of the boys expected this to be a party where there were any girls old enough to have dates and didn't expect to have a good time when they walked up the path to the Community Hall. As they entered the hall the record player was playing "You Do" in a soft, easy rhythm. Jerry and Dan, likers of fast swing pieces thought that this was one party that was a waste of time, but it was then that both the boys spied a girl.

In Dan's case it was a girl he had gone with several times, and he excused himself from Jerry, but in Jerry's case it was a girl he had never seen several times but had never really paid much attention to. At first he was too startled at seeing such a pretty girl a dance. He hadn't even expected to see a girl old enough to have dates. But soon he regained his normal mind and walked over to the table where she was. It was only a decorated card table, but it seemed to have more meaning than just a mere table when he saw Dianne sitting there. Jerry spoke to Dianne and asked her for a dance. They danced, and while they were dancing a change came over Jerry.

That first day of softball wasn't very hard, especially for Jerry, who had been in training for track. He was a little rusty in his batting, but he held down his short stop position in the season style. Jerry loved softball. It was one of his favorite sports. He enjoyed nothing else in the world. Jerry never gave up. He thought to Dianne. He had gotten all about her, but Dianne having nothing to take her mind off Jerry, thought about him a day.

Several days passed and Jerry was proving to be a great softball player. Jerry's team had won their first two games by large margins, but they still had more games. The last two were the hardest—the Stanton and Gibson games.

All this time had seemed short to Jerry, but Dianne, having nothing to think about, constantly thought about Jerry.

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Elementary News

Dossey's Second Grade
Oh, gee the snow was wonderful to look at, but we couldn't play in it. If the measles had passed us by, we would have had fun making a snow man.

Everyone was back in school Friday except Diana, Billy Earl and Dorothy. But today there are too many absent to name them.

The Eskimo we are coloring today looks like he is dressed just right to live in Crane. Miss Dossey looked a lot like him when she came to school this morning.

We hope the heating system keeps working, because we do not like school on Saturday.

Harolson's Second Grade

We all are very glad to have Patsy Preslac back in school. She had a terrible time with the measles.

There are still a lot of people out of our room. It looks like everyone is going to have the measles if they haven't already had them.

All of us are enjoying the pretty snow today.

Jimmy Grace Foster has company at her house.

Alexander's Third Grade

We are very proud of our new readers. Everyone is enjoying the stories.

The snow was so pretty we wished it would have stayed on the ground longer.

Lydia Wilson had a lovely birthday party Friday evening. We all had a nice time and hope Lydia many more happy birthdays.

Martin's Third Grade

Gordon Miller and Bobby Mishler are new pupils in our room.

We have had from six to ten pupils absent every day since the holidays.

With some of their P-T. A. money, the third grades bought a new reader—More Streets and Roads.

Ratliff's Fourth Grade

We have three people in our room that have the measles. Shirley Collins, J. H. Green, Ella Myer Smith are back from the measles and also Jimmie Baker. Jane Cantrell is absent with Chicken Pox. Treva Alexa, Horace Mann, Billy Wayne Smith and Kay are absent, but we haven't heard if they are snow-bound or staying in with the measles, too.

Sharp's Fourth Grade

Reporter David Lee Crittenden
We wish very much for all the sick one to get well. Many have colds, some have measles.

Johnny Sue Buchanan, our reporter visited in Fort Worth the past week. We miss her very much.

We wish we could play in the snow but the teacher won't let us.

Kent's Fourth Grade

Our room is really glad it snowed. Even though we didn't get to get out and roll in it. Most of us are planning to make snowmen when we get home.

We have three out with the measles. Shirley Brents is back after she had the measles. We are really glad to have her back.

We are ready for our mid-term tests. We hope everyone makes good.

5-2**Reporter Sandra Russell**

We have a new pupil, Gene Jones from Alpine, Texas.

Deana Horn has the measles. She has been sick since the day before the holidays were over.

6-1**Reporter Stanley Holcomb**

Do you remember last week I wrote that we were thinking it was pretty hot for January. Well we have changed our minds. We all were glad to see the snow. Although we will have to wait to play in it till we get home.

We will all be glad when our mid-term tests are over.

6-3**Reporter Peggy Lightfoot**

The weather has been so cold that many of our students have been absent.

Leoma Higdon and Jean Shaver have the measles. We are sorry and hope they are back soon.

We are all happy that mid-term tests are over so that we can sit back and relax once more.

We are happy to welcome Patsy Hallford back who was gone for about a week.

7-1**Reporter Luanne Presley**

We are sorry to have two people that are absent. Kenneth Osborn and Teddy Jourden.

All of the kids in our room have really enjoyed the snow.

We are very unhappy knowing that the mid-term tests are rolling around.

Our room mothers are giving us a line party Friday. The show will be "Melody Time."

Hickey Gets Hot In Basketball Practice; Secret, Long Drawers

Last Monday in practice, there was an odd-looking player on the court. At first it looked like an earthman and then again it looked like something from Mars or somewhere a way off. It was a peculiar looking sight and it sort of resembled a basketball player. When it started taking shots the boys saw that it really was a basketball player. It sank shots from all angles and positions. The boys got to thinking that it was some kind of vision, or nightmare, but when it finally turned around and grinned, everyone saw it really was John Hickey, Crane forward.

It wasn't all as bad as it seemed after you got used to it. It was really just John in a pair of long handles. If you remember, Monday was a very cold day. John had just put on his long handles and donned his regular practicing shorts over a new. The get-up would have caused a new style among the girls if some girl had seen it. The outfit didn't bother John at all. He was on and was making some very pretty baskets.

When the scrimmage started, John continued to make baskets and it seems either the long handles or something had improved him. John is about 5' 11" tall and his legs are the longest part of him, so if you picture it you can imagine what a comical looking character John was in the long handles, but John wasn't embarrassed — only warm and comfortable.

He was playing ball very nicely and we all hope that he will be able to keep it up (without his long handles) in the coming tournament at Odessa.

Prof. Henderson Makes Difficult Assignment

There is a boy in Crane High School who, if he ever becomes a teacher, is going to have a lot of trouble with the students. The reason for this is because he makes such long assignments in geometry. This particular person is none other than Billy Henderson.

Mr. Douglas Chrane was trying to make an assignment in class the other day but there was so much end-of-the-class confusion he could not hear himself talking. So he asked if there was anyone who wanted to make an assignment and Bill raised his hand. He made the assignment and it was the longest the class had had all year. Everyone groaned but it did no good because the assignment was made and could not be changed.

Those students who have any class with Bill had better heed this advice and not let him make the assignment for the class.

Martin's Hen Turns From Black To White

It is out of the ordinary to have a "Believe It Or Not" in our school paper. One reason is because we do not have any "Ripley's" to go out and hunt up the material to put in a "Believe It Or Not." Also there aren't many things you could find to put in one if there were someone to look for them. In this case, we have found the material right at our back door—woops!!! I mean in Mr. Martin's chicken yard.

Mr. L. L. Martin, our school superintendent has a chicken ten years old, more or less, that had been black all its life up until about a month ago. When it was putting on its winter feathers, the majority of them came out snow white. A few black ones were left, but just enough to make it a dappled gray. That just goes to show that chicken feathers turn grey when they get old, the same as people's hair turns grey—that is, if they have a lot of worries.

Wet shoes should never be dried close to a stove. Fast drying of leather makes it shrink, harden or crack open.

There are more than 1100 active farmers' cooperatives in the state and 95 percent of these serve local groups of approximately 200 members each. Eighty-nine new cooperatives were chartered during 1949.

THE CRANE**Law of Gravity Grabs Sir Oscar's Chauffeur East of the Pecos**

Flash! Sir Oscar of the house of Hamburger was completely flabbergasted when recently his most favorite and reliable chauffeur failed to make a curve after hitting a slick spot in the road. Of course as everyone probably suspects, Tiny Joe was sitting on the side which first made the journey over the horizon. The accident occurred twenty miles west of Crane, just east of the roaring Pecos. The car seemed to have landed on its wheels, and Don, after looking over a few minor dents and a window or two which were cracked, he then decided to travel on to the flourishing city of Crane where he then took his 1947 model Plymouth up to his home. His father didn't seem to have much to say, and his mother thought he was lucky to be alive, and his little brother didn't like the way the bumper was sitting.

It seems that the Insurance company is going to pay four hundred and fifty dollars of the five hundred and twelve dollars it will take to fix the car like new.

Crane Lose To Sonora Tournament Champs

The Golden Cranes had some tough luck in the Big Lake tournament as they were defeated by Sonora in their second game. Sonora went on to win the tournament.

Pint-sized Jimmy Neal Stacy sparked the Cranes to a win of 26-16 over Eldorado in their first game of the tournament. Little Jim racked up ten points, and Bobby Don Smith scored six points.

In the second game against Sonora, Crane was beaten 43-30. John Hickey was high point man of this game with 11 points. Stacy came in second with seven points.

Crane-Eldorado	10
Hickey	2
Holcomb	5
Teague	3
Smith	0
Crane-Sonora	0
Stacy	7
Hickey	11
Holcomb	5
Smith	5
Boothe	4
Pendleton	0
Teague	2

JUNIORS STILL PLUGGING

The Crane junior team has had some hard luck this season and are still looking forward to winning a game.

Lack of experience and need of more height has kept the boys from winning so far, but they are steadily improving in every way.

Boys playing junior basketball are Jerry Hall, Harold Hunter, R. E. Mason, Bill Clark, Malcomb Garrett, Hugh Neal Green, Bow-lus West, Rex Knox, Leigh Busse and Dwan Warren.

The Martins and the Coys feud was renewed during the last week when there was snow on the ground; they opened up and fired on EVERYBODY THOUGH.

Silver Footballs Given Peewees Get Awards;

Nineteen Golden Fledglings received silver footballs the week school resumed after the Xmas holidays. Mr. V. N. Keyes, principal, and Tommy Parrot, coach, awarded footballs to the boys.

Those who received footballs were Jimmy Young, Jim Swift, Stanley Holcomb, Lowell Adams, Joel Adams, Johnny Burrough, Melvin Delaney, Clarence McDonald, Bill Lightfoot, Darwin Higdon, Hawley Vancourt, Van-jay Gilstrap, Jimmy Elder, Jean Hall, Roddy Chandler, Howard Hunter, James B. Williams.

Piloted by Joel Adams and Stanley Holcomb, the little Birds went down twice to Midland and tied with Iran in the three games they played. They were coached through the season by Jimmy Zarafonitis and Tommy Parrott. Those who stick around Crane for the next few years will see these boys win more and more awards for themselves and their school.

A total of 2,410,000 students are now registered in the nation's 1,800 colleges—7,200 more than were registered at this time last year—according to an announcement by the United States Office of Education.

Commercial Classes Complete Projects For Second Semester

The commercial news for this semester turns out as it should. The junior business students completed their workbooks and finished unit five which was exactly what they were required to do.

The shorthand students have been continuing with their brief forms and new words as usual. So far the students have been able to take 27 words plus, or nearly 28 words per minute.

The typing students are doing fine also. Some are able to type 27 words per minute. The average students are able to type from 20 to 24 words per minute. A few of the average students are as follows:

Ora Abrams, Roger Cloud, Jackie Lou Mackie, Ray Omo, Charlotte Schlittler, Ellen Walling and Frankie McDougal.

The typing students have completed 50 lessons in their books and have been taking a few ten-minute tests.

There was only one second year typing student in the typing class, who was Elmo Rust. He quit at mid-term.

D. Chrane Mathematics Esquire Calendar Type

It has become quite evident that Mr. Douglas Chrane has grown tired of telling each student, separately, in each class, the date of the month. In his class room he has collected about five calendars and put them directly in front of the students. He still thinks he will still have to tell an average of three students a day the date.

However if the student is even half awake he can see the calendar. One in particular. Anyhow the student can see the picture on the calendar whether or not he recognizes it as a calendar. The one in mind is the Esquire 1949 number. It is put off to itself, while the others are grouped close together, probably so there will be no distraction when Mr. Chrane looks for the date. (Looks anyhow.)

Mr. Chrane had a little trouble the first day he had the calendar up. Each class that came in looked at it and started whistling. If anybody drops down in math he can have an excuse ready, but it probably will not be accepted. Too much interest in the calendars.

Vile Odors Stifling Chemistry Students

There has been some very vile odors issuing from the chemistry lab these last few days. Some people think maybe Mrs. Filleman killed one of her troublesome students and hid him in the lab. Other people think it may be the biology student's specimens, and still others think it is other things, but the chemistry students and your reporter know the cause.

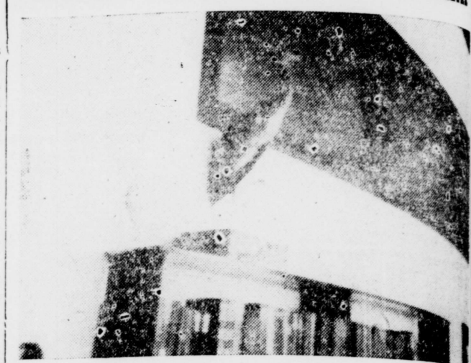
The chemistry students have been preparing hydrogen sulphide and sulphur dioxide. These two chemicals have very pungent odors. It is very unpleasant in the lab when you have to smell these odors as they come out of the bottles, and it has been even more so in this cold weather when you cannot leave the windows open without getting too cold. In addition to studying the properties of sulphur, the class is still studying the forming and balancing of equations.

Cold Winter Weather Displayed In Library

Once again Mrs. Inez Elmore, Crane High's librarian, hit the jackpot on the bulletin board in the library. Last week she had an interesting display of the weather. In the center of the display there was a calendar of January. Surrounding this were 11 books that had titles pertaining to our January weather.

The names of the books were Lightning on Ice, We Live in Alaska, Driftwood Valley, From Snow To Sun, Reluctant Rebel, Big Freeze, Mid Winter, Seasoned Timber, Mutiny in January, Starbuck Valley Winter, One Man Against The North.

There is nearly always an interesting display of some kind on the board in the library. And always it is pertaining to something of interest to us all.

ICHABOD DESERTS PERCH IN C. H. S. CHOOSES BRIGHTER PERCH IN BANK

This is the case of Ichabod, Crane High's old standby, who gave up the familiar walls of high school for the brighter future of looking at money and the owners in the First State Bank of Crane.

Ichabod, pictured above, has seen all kinds of students enter and leave C. H. S. Your reporter was unable to find when Ichabod entered C. H. S. (about 1933) but one thing for sure if he happened to come to life and tell all the things he had seen a lot of students in and out of school would be very embarrassed (that is the majority of them.)

No one knows just how many romances have been witnessed by this dear old Crane who sat perched in the library so many years. Old Ichabod has seen people copying other's work; arguments; love birds; and a host of other things from just one position, on top of the encyclopedia shelf in the library.

Now ex-Crane who comes home will look and wonder where the old crane is and he will miss his familiar gaze. He all will be glad that he is unable to talk. Students can no longer look up into the eyes of Ichabod and admire him unless they go to the bank in Crane.

This was a great loss to Crane High School, but everyone will know that Ichabod is happy in his new home where he can watch thousands of dollars flowing around daily.

Perhaps Crane High School will get a new Ichabod to take off in the new library next year.

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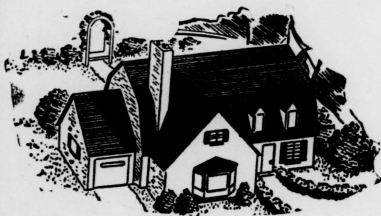
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