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Court of the Silver C Presents CHS Royalty February 27

The fourth annual Coronation, sponsored by the Student Council and the Annual Staff will be held in the Crane High School Auditorium, February 27.

Admission prices will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. The theme of this most exciting event of the school year will be "The Court of the Silver C." The program is to consist of readings, dances, and music; an evening of gaiety and enjoyment for the whole family. After the Coronation, a formal dance will be held



Several girls received their football awards last Tuesday. The jackets are purple and gold, and you can't see a thing else in the hall but purple and gold.

Dig Those Crazy Mixed-up Juniors

Second only to the football jackets are the junior rings. They are college-type rings of antique gold, the majority having red sets.

Best Marfa

It would be advisable to pick fights with all your senior buddies—I hear some plan to order as many as 500 invitations.

Support The Volleyball Girls

The first volleyball game was here Thursday night, February 4. The girls support football and basketball diligently, so everyone get behind them.

Skin the Panthers

It surely is a lot quieter with all the exes back at college. Just think, next year we'll be the exes! It's enough to make us feel all our 17 years.

We Need A Little Help

Not many people have turned in "freak accident" stories. Any bone broken in an unusual way may be worth a show ticket to you. Just see that Paul Patterson gets your story.

Pluck The Owls

Charles Lively has all the luck—now a sprained ankle. This knocks him out of basketball the rest of this season.

Stop Coahoma

Welcome home, Carl Davis. Carl got a scholarship to San Angelo Junior College on basketball and baseball. Due to an appendectomy, Carl is out of both and decided to come home to finish school.

Dig These Crazy Mixed-up Kids

In case you boys are wondering what hit the sports section, Mr. Post decided to let the girls try their hand at writing up basketball games.

Get Busy

Sad, sad, 50 times is a lot of writing Charlotte and Nina Gayle, what happens to people who yell out windows?

Now Kids

That old booing stuff's got to go. Coach Rogers didn't appreciate it a bit at the Monahans game. Did you hear any Monahans kids booing?

Carroll, Williams, Nix Attend Pecos Meet; Set Program

School administrators of 17 West Texas Counties met in Pecos on Saturday, January 30, at 9:30 a. m. for an all-day meeting to study plans and materials to be used in the appraisal or evaluation of the instructional programs in the public school. F. J. Young, Superintendent of Seminole Public Schools, acted as chairman of the meeting and Dr. A. N. Foster, Texas Western College of El Paso, and Dr. Noble B. Armstrong, Sul Ross State College of Alpine served as consultants.

The 17 counties from which administrators came for the meeting were El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Reeves, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Terrell, Loving, Winkler, Ward, Crane, Ppton, Andrews, Gaines, and Yoakum.

The launching of this program of evaluation is being done by the Texas Association of School Administrators to the suggestion of the Texas Research League and the State Board of Education. A few phases of the instructional program will be studied the remainder of this school year and a report will be submitted to the Texas Research League who in turn will submit a report to the State Board of Education in regard to the total operation of the Foundation School Program as it has functioned under the provisions of the Gilmer-Aiken laws.

The study of the instructional program which is being done by the Texas Association of School Administrators is only one part of the total study which is being done by the Texas Research League. It is the plan of the Texas Association of School Administrators that the appraisal or evaluation of the instructional program is our public schools be continued and extended over a period of several years because only a few parts can be studied in the short time before it is necessary to make a report to the Texas Research League and the State Board of Education. It is imperative that the report can be made to the State Board by next September because the findings of the total study will be used by the State Board in planning for legislation that will be recommended to the legislature when it convenes in January 1955.

Those attending from Crane were superintendent Brady Nix, Principal C. A. Carroll, and Joel Williams, elementary principal.

CHS Faculty Elects Dolores Hooper for Citizenship Award



Dolores Hooper has been chosen by the faculty to represent Crane High School in the Good Citizen Contest which is sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dolores will be grouped with others in her congressional district and selection of one Good Citizen from each of the districts will be made by February 20, 1954. From the 21 district winners a final winner in the state will be selected on March 1, 1954. The state awards a \$100 U.S. government bond to the winner of the contest.

The senior class selected three girls who possessed the following qualities to an outstanding degree: dependability, service, leadership, patriotism, and scholarship. The three girls chosen by the Senior Class were Judy Glass, Myra Sue Harrold, and Dolores Hooper.

Dolores is well qualified for this contest. As to scholarship, she has been on the Honor Roll too many times to count, she is in the National Honor Society of which she is vice president, and she is among the top ten of the Senior Class this year. Perky is secretary of the Modern Choir Club, and also of the Pep Squad. The Chorus has her as their treasurer this year. Other activities such as the Future Teachers of America Club, the Future Homemakers of America Club, and the Journalism keep her busy.

She also represented Crane in the "Spirit of Christmas" beauty contest in San Angelo last December.

The latest craze isn't always found in the asylum.

Charlotte Caskey, Ella Smith, Nina Barr Head Crane High Semester Honor Roll

CHS Band Parades For March of Dimes

The Crane High School Band, under the direction of J. R. Dickason, took a day off from their regular routine to march through town for the March of Dimes drive. Hayden Wilmoth supplied the announcing in front of the band.

This organization has been drilling on the music for contest in March. Several ensembles have been formed and are practiced after school and at night on designated days. Several solos are also entered in the contest.

Besides working on contest numbers, the band is also working on numbers to be presented at their concert soon. Such attractions as a special number featuring bass players, a cornet trio, a xylophone solo, and a trumpet and drum number will supply the concert with all-round enjoyment.

Mr. Dickason plans to be gone February 11, 12, and 13 to the State Music Convention at Dallas. First chair players in the band will take over and direct the band while he is gone.

Final Census Report Lists 1059 Students

The final census report of February 1, 1954, for the Crane schools shows a total of 1059 scholastics for the 1954-55 school year.

Of this total 995 are whites. There will be about 745 whites in the grades from the first through the eighth, and about 250 students in the grades from the ninth through the twelfth. Last year there were 1010 white students.

There will be 64 colored students. In the Bethune Elementary School there will be about 55 colored scholastics in the grades from the first through the eighth. In the Bethune High School there will be about nine scholastics in the ninth through the twelfth grades. Last year there were 52 colored scholastics.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation to the Sophomore Class for the nice traveling kit they presented me as I left to go to the Warm Springs Foundation. Thanks to each and every member.

REAMS COX

Twenty C.H.S. students made the Crane High School Honor Roll for the entire semester. Charlotte Caskey, eighth grader, leads the Semester Honor Roll with an average of 95.9, followed by Ella Smith, freshman, and Nina Gayle Barr, eighth grader, taking second and third places with averages of 95.2 and 95 respectively.

The Senior Class set the pace in number of students on the Semester Honor Roll with six pupils. Five eighth graders took second place with a tie for third between the Freshmen and Junior Class. These two placed four each on the Honor

Roll. Sophomores boast three students with averages of 90 or above for the semester.

Sixty-seven students were listed on the third six weeks Honor Roll, paced by three eighth graders. Rita Ward, 96.6; Jan Parker, 95.8; and Nina Gayle Barr 95.6.

The eighth grade leads in number of students on the third six weeks Honor Roll with 17 followed by the Freshmen Class with 16 students while the seniors and sophomores hold third place with 15 pupils each. Only four students made the Honor Roll for the Junior Class.

The following chart shows the Honor Roll by six weeks periods.

Name	SENIORS		Third Six Weeks	Semester Ave.
	First Six Weeks	Second Six Weeks		
Jerry Caskey	96	92.8	94.1	94.3
Myra Sue Harrold	93	95	94.1	93.8
Norma Crittenden	92.5	93.3	92.4	93.1
Ted Field	93.8	93.2	92.8	93.3
Dolores Hooper	91.8	96	92.5	93.4
Louise Sharp		93.2	92.8	
Helen Lakin		92.6	92.4	
Kenneth Osborn		92.6	92	
Joan Ware			92	
Judy Glass			92	
Betty Lea Basham		91.6	90.8	90.8
Martha Cook			90.6	
Kay Culp		91.6	90.4	
Charles Lively		91.3	90.4	
Darrell Henry		91.4		
Geneva Gregston		90.6		
Luanne Presley		91.6	92.6	91.7
Name	JUNIORS		Third Six Weeks	Semester Ave.
	First Six Weeks	Second Six Weeks		
Bill Mathes	91.7	93.5	94.5	93.2
Mary Ted Sharrock	90	91.8	91.7	91.2
Lawrence LeBoeuf	92.8	90.6	92	91.8
Blackie Russell	92.5	90	92.2	91.6
Name	SOPHOMORES		Third Six Weeks	Semester Ave.
	First Six Weeks	Second Six Weeks		
Eva Mae Miller	94	95.5	93.5	94.3
Maurine Gardner	92.5		90	
Ann Garner	91	90.3	91.3	90.9
Deane Horne	90	91.3	90.5	90.6
Barbara McDougal		94.6	92.6	
Brenda Owens		94.2	90.2	
Sarann West		93.2	93.8	
Shirley Wallender		92.8	91.8	
Barbra J. Glass		91.6	91	
Sandra Russell			92	
Joyce Hendricks			91.8	
Ruedell Watkins			90.4	
Gwen Nix			90	
Regena Kinsey		90.8	91.3	
Leonard Barker			91.4	
Name	FRESHMEN		Third Six Weeks	Semester Ave.
	First Six Weeks	Second Six Weeks		
Barbara Peek	94	93	94.6	93.9
Ella Smith	96	95.2	94.4	95.2

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THIRTEEN UNMARKED GRAVES

Horsehead Crossing; Lost Link to Frontier

Long since by-passed and side-tracked by civilization lies one of the most historic spots in the entire Southwest—Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos, a lonesome site some ten or twelve miles southwest of our town (Crane).

Better known, even, to New Yorkers of 90 years ago than to modern-day Craneites, "Calavera de caballo" (Skull of the Horse), until a modern age bridged the Pecos, was the only safe and sane ford on that bitter stream for forty miles up or down. And "the best crossing within 400 miles" according to the famous frontiersman, Charles Goodnight.

Less than a hundred years ago Horsehead was the bridge, so to speak, to the future of all races on the western frontier—red, white, brown, and black. For the red Comanche it was the key to rich plunder, fair horseflesh and fairer captives out of Northern Mexico. For white, it was the Golden Gate, so to speak, to the (gold fields of California via the Butterfield Mail and Stage line to San Francisco. For still other whites, the majority, perhaps, it was "the Pearly Gates," what with Comanches being WHAT and WHERE they were. Then of course, there was the white outlaw to whom Horsehead was the gateway to freedom West of the Pecos.

As to brown (Old Mexico and El Paso Mexicans) it was "the salt

of the earth", as molasses-slow ox-carts by the hundreds squealed up and down its cramped banks, to and from Juan Cordona Salt Lake in present Crane County, hauling home seasoning for frijoles, jerky and other Mexican dishes. For black, the post Civil War Negro Calvarymen, it was the "trap door to hell", and (worse still) to the Apache "hold-outs" in the Davis Mountains.

GRAVE YARD PERIOD

"A grave yard of the cowman's hopes," Charles Goodnight called it, what with having left some 120 head of his first trail herd caught in the river's quicksands or trapped between its vertical banks. Not ped a graveyard to the cowman's only a graveyard of hopes, but also the graveyard of results of pistol shots to J. Evetts Havelock Goodnight to J. Evetts Havelock Goodnight.

Ironically, said pistol shots were not from snaky Comanches but from cowboys themselves, made from over-bearing, and over-ringing, over-bearring, and over-ringing, the 90-mile dry drive wrought by the Middle Concho. Two from the middle Concho. Two from the middle Concho. Two from the middle Concho.

Goodnight, a rock-hard, seasoned plainsman, never lost a single man from these "fallings-out". By hiring the best wagon cook, wages

could pay to stretch their stomachs, and a propped-up wagon tongue and a length of stake rope to stretch their necks if they started a ruckus, he usually turned loose in New Mexico or Colorado with all the men he started with. That is, God (and the heathen Comanches) willing.

Alive with Comanches, who were more prone fortunately, to thievery than to downright murder, Horsehead Crossing bore silent witness to many a bizarre scene. For example, 15 or 20 horsemen, starched and prim from the saddle up but naked and greasy from the saddle down, filing majestically down to water—Comanches in white linen shirts pilfered from the wagon of a California bound merchant named Whitehead. (Captain Jack Cureton was also witness to the scene—but not so silent. Neither were his guns.)

Or more bizarre still, old "Honey Allen" cussing his bull team up yander bank while his bees swarmed with angry impatience in and out of the bee gums, honing to be to heck and gone from a flowerless, grassless, treeless land, and on up into New Mexico—where a bee could make himself an honest living.

Or foolish, fearless old Rich Coffey with his four-up load of Concho watermelons bushed in a measly mesquite motte awaiting

the Mexican salt cart trade from El Paso.

Or, on the serious side, a Mrs. Hoy, four little Hoy children, three wounded cowboys, plus Mr. Hoy and the rest of the trail crew holed up in the remains of the old Butterfield Stage Stand, standing off Comanches whose friends had made off with the entire trail herd.

Or a swarm of naked Comanches (perhaps our formerly-formal friends after their linen shirts had gone to the laundry) taking over the herd of one Jim Burleson.

Or, perhaps its hoof-and-wheel-scarred face rippled in silent glee at the fool-hardiness of a South-Texas trail driver, the first Anglo-American ever to haze a trail herd across, feller with the appropriate handle of PERIL, (William A.) This was in the year of our Lord (Who seemed a fur piece away, no doubt) 1864.

Or brooding, most likely, at the rash and dash of another Texan with an equally fitting moniker (one GAMEL, with the Christian name of John.) Gamel was the second to run the gamut of danger, not to mention the peril experienced by PERIL (William A.) And, of course, the now-familiar faces of Charley Goodnight, Olive Loving and the fighting, faunching Ane-Arm Bill Wilson, not to mention the thousands of wide-horned, pop-eyed cattle that partook of its belly-corroding waters and scar-

red up its banks.

Although the trap door to hell for colored cavalymen, made sick unto death by its briny waters, Horsehead Crossing was, in later years, the Gates of Paradise to two well-known horse thieves (they thought—and they proved 100 per cent right.) A Sergeant Streiker and Texas Ranger partner choused them to these Gates of Paradise, and with unerring marksmanship, shoved them on through.

LOST LANDMARK

Perhaps the last men of violence to seek liberty (and avoid justice) west of the Pecos were two Mexican horse thieves. They stole some horses from the late Sam Murray (of Sheffield, Texas) and his partner over on Centralia Draw, and lit a shuck for Horsehead, Sam and in hot pursuit. But Sam and partner, over-eager and under-cautious, were bushwacked at Castle Gap and the partner was killed. Sam skinned out for Midland, picked up the 21-year-old sheriff, Dave Allison, a small posse, and apprehended the thieves. The story goes that one of the thieves was hanged on a then-new-fangled contraption—a windmill tower, at Pecos, Texas.

The actual basis for the naming of Horsehead Crossing lies in the dim recesses of un-recorded history. Frank Dobie places the nam-

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Armed Service Calls 21 Crane High Boys; Six Prefer Marines

In a recent survey of Crane High School, it was found that 21 of its boys are of draft age.

Six of these boys prefer the Marines to other branches of the service; five prefer the Navy; three prefer the Air Force; three prefer the Army; and the rest have slighted opinions.

Those who said they preferred the Marines were Charles Sheppard, Curtis Chipman, George (Goat) Omo, Lloyd Allen, Don Boothe, and Mason Thurman.

The choice of the Navy goes to Bobby Jack Russell, Edward Harris, Doug Jones, Robert McCorley, and Kenneth Simon.

Lee Ray Best, Phil Pearce, and Jackie Hood like best the Air Force, while R. E. Mason, Wayne Bower, and Clarence Miller suggest the Army.

Ted Field states that the 4-F branch of the service would suit him just fine as he is classified as 1-A. John Hays, who is also classified as 1-A, thinks the WACS would be most exciting.

Kenneth Osborn and Ted Jourdan say that just any part will do, since they don't have much of a choice.

This is an incomplete list of the boys who will be defending their country in the next few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson and baby have been visiting in Crane the past week. Mr. Johnson was the basketball coach here in Crane until the Naval Reserve called him. Mrs. Johnson was the volleyball coach, PT teacher, and typing teacher.

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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.

ARE YOU A CRANE?

EDUCATION—Base for Liberty

Historical Background of Free Public Schools in Texas

The Constitution of the Republic of Texas, adopted March 2, 1836, declared, "It shall be the duty of Congress, as soon as circumstances will permit, to provide by law, a general system of education."

In 1854 the School Law provided for the first State Public School System of Texas. The State Constitution declares, "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

From this grew the public school system of Texas. Historians say:

"Education of the masses through these schools which are public schools has been the bulwark of the liberties of the people and the national freedom of the country."

We must protect and nurture the public school system, without which Democracy will wither and die, for it cannot live without learning the knowledge by its citizens.

(Taken from information handbook compiled from Texas Citizens' Committee on Public Schools Week—March 1-6.

What Does St. Valentine's Day Signify?

The only thing most of us know about Saint Valentine's Day is that the luckier few girls will receive a box of candy from the boy-friend.

However, Saint Valentine's Day had a more serious beginning and still has a deeper meaning to a few.

Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest, is given the credit for originating Valentine's Day, as he went from doorstep to doorstep leaving food for the poor.

Another explanation for the origin of Saint Valentine's Day is that it sprang from the Roman Holiday, Lupercalia, which was held on February 15. At this time the boys drew names of girls from a box and promised to be true to the girl the ensuing year. This is supposedly the origin of the sentimental features of the day.

Along with sentimentality, friendship, unselfishness, and loving good will should be stressed.

Get on the Ball; Spring Approaching

Well, Spring is approaching, and once again students will gaze steadily out the window and dream of things they would like to be doing.

Dreaming and sleeping have long been associated with Spring. The warm weather tends to bring a slack period which causes a general lowering of grades.

Up to now the main weather complaint has been that stinging, blowing wind. Wind causes much irritation, but on the other hand most people just get lazy when it ceases to blow. This time is known as Spring.

Along about this time, students start thinking about three months ahead when they can once again live their idea of a perfect life.

Brace up—use some will power. It is just about three and a half months until school is out and during that time much can be accomplished. Those on the border line can easily bring their marks up if they start now.

Don't let the weather get you down! Get on the ball and erase that dreamy look in your eyes and replace it with intelligent gleam.

Much Crane Hi School Progress
Due to Work of Student Council

Have you ever thought seriously about what the Student Council does for us students in Crane High School?

We should give more thought to the many things they do to try to make this a better school to attend.

The first thing we might consider is the coke machine. The Student Council put this machine in for our enjoyment. However, this privilege has been abused by some of the people of Crane High School, as they have broken the bottles and have taken them out of the tunnel.

The Student Council donated \$100 to the Iron Lung, and they sponsored the drive for the March of Dimes here in high school. A Christmas box was placed under the Christmas tree in the hall which the Student Council put up every year, for food and clothing to be given to people less fortunate than us. They also sent \$20 to Korea through CARE. Toys and gifts amounting to about \$35 were bought and given to people in Crane last Christmas. Cards are being sent to those students that have been absent from school because of illness.

For the recreation of the student body, the Student Council sponsored the opening of school dance in September. They also gave the Masquerade Dance. The students of the Student Council worked hard to present the Beauty Contest and the dance afterwards.

Four delegates were sent to El Paso in November to the Southern Association, and four are going to be sent to the Texas State Meeting in March at Laredo. These delegates are sent to get new and different ideas that will be a great benefit to you, the student.

In the near future a pencil machine is going to be installed in our school so if you lose your pencil or leave it at home, you can buy another one easily enough. The Student Council will also sponsor the drive for the Red Cross in March.

The Coronation and dance, one of the biggest events during the whole school year, is conducted by the Student Council. Western Day and the Western Day Dance are also made possible by the Student Council.

These are a few of the things the Student Council does to make Crane High School a better school to attend.

The next time you are tempted to say something about the Student Council, think of the many things they are doing for your benefit. You are a pretty lucky student body to be governed by such a thoughtful group of students.

Norma Crittenden, Master Mind
Biggest Cut-up of Senior Class

This little bundle of Southern sunshine pictured above was born May, 26, 1936, in Sheffield, Alabama. She is five feet tall, weighs 112 pounds, has natural curly, blond hair, blue eyes, and is constantly laughing and talking, which by the way, are her favorite pastimes. In case you haven't recognized this person from the given description, her name is Norma (C) Crittenden, a b-e-e-g senior. She refuses to tell her middle name.

Norma stated that she moved to Crane when she was one and one-half years old and has been stuck here ever since, but says it is a nice place to be stuck.

Out side of doing nothing, Norma likes to read and sing. She says she likes all types of music, but can not tolerate anybody singing through his nose, like most hillbillies. Norma states she's taking voice lessons, for some, odd reason, and she was thrilled to try out for the All-State Choir. She says of course she didn't make it.

When Norma goes to the show, she likes to see someone who looks

rather like John Derek, but states that any old hag will do. She likes any kind of show except a horse-opera or a melodrama.

Norma likes any kind of food but prefers chocolate cake and chocolate pie for desert and positively will not eat where food is prepared wholesale.

Norma says she's stuck her foot in her mouth so many times she doesn't have a most embarrassing moment, but one she can remember happened at junior play practice. She was required to sit on a couch, and it was so wide her feet didn't reach the floor. She had to sit down and then squirm to the back of the couch. She decided to do it all in one motion one night, and her dress flopped over her head.

Norma's pet peeves are people who open windows because they're too lazy to take off their coats. She also frowns on lazy and unambitious people.

Some of the offices and organizations Norma has held and been in during her high school years are the Student Council one year; FTA three years; parliamentarian one year; Jr. Historian one year; vice-president; Pep Squad five years; choir four years; French Club one year, reporter; and National Honorary Society since eligible, and is secretary of it this year. Norma has always been in the upper 10 per cent of her class.

Norma plans to attend the University of Texas next year. She says she hates math of any sort, kind or description and is going to take all that is required in her freshman year at college so that she will finally pass it by her senior year. Her favorite subject is English. Norma plans to major in English and minor in Education.

Norma, with her sunny personality and "brains", is bound to succeed in whatever she undertakes.



By HELEN LAKIN

It's a sad case that everyone can be a football or Pep Squad sweetheart. Florence McDougall's necklace and earrings were very pretty. Also, Darrell Henry's identification bracelet was very nice.

The juniors are trying to rub the seniors the wrong way with their rings it seems. They don't seem to be getting very far, however. Seriously, the rings are very pretty.

Either Jo or Ann Gilstrap has been seen sporting a blue and gold jacket with a "B" on it. They both might have been wearing it for all I can tell.

Kay Culp was noticed with one of the new football jackets keeping her warm. By the way, did you see all the new football jackets in the halls. (Senior and junior both.) The new senior football jackets are purple with gold leather sleeves, and the junior football jackets are all purple.

Jerry Evans and Charles Lively are trying to start a new fad of walking on crutches. A. J. Smith tried to keep up with them but just didn't quite make it.

Maurine Gardner, Mary Ted Sharrock, and Della Caudle looked real sharp in their middie blouses. Maurine's was lime green with pleats in the back. Mary Ted said hers was pink and blue. You decide that point yourself. Della Caudle's is a dark brown. This fashion brings back memories of the good ole days.

Judy Glass always looks pretty in her clothes, but she looked especially so in her pink and white sweater held together at the neck by a little gold safety-pin decorated with a rhinestone.

The jewelry seen in the halls could never be described in this little space, but Nancy Robinson had on some very pretty earrings made of green sequins and stars, corks, and beads. Gwen Nix also has a necklace made from sequins.

Bill Gregory can't be left out as he is always so neat. Especially with some of the shirts he wears. Nice going, Bill.

It looked like a couple of white rabbits wrapped around Muriel Lewis' waist and neck. Upon closer investigation, it was discovered to be a white fur belt and collar. Nancy Wilmoth gave us the scare of our life when we saw her wearing

Juke Box
Personalities

"Rags to Riches"—Juniors with new rings
"Many Times"—Sue and Judy after another El Paso trip
"Wish You Were Here"—Exes after a holiday

"Make Love to Me"—Steadies
"There's Been A Change"—Lovers in halls after the discussion
"Enjoy Yourself"—Seniors

"Sweet Mama Tree Top Tall"—The harmonizers at the cafeteria
"That's My Desire"—Dolores Jones
"Stranger in Paradise"—When one has any lessons

"Home, Sweet Home"—A. J.
"Baby, It's Cold Outside"—Football players with new jackets
"It's Been So Long"—To Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson from C.H.S.

"Heart of My Heart"—Florence and Roy
"Vaya Con Dios"—Guy Rogers
"Gad About"—To the Journalism staff from Mr. Pat

"That's Amore"—Ted
"Would I Love You"—Lovelie and Buddy
"Put That Ring on My Finger"—Patsy Dennis and Vasser

"Ain't Love Grand"—Kay Baby and Rabbit.

Juanice Morton, Mary Lou Sneed, Sammie Davis, Keneneth Terrell, George Scott, Rex Woods, Bruce Wells, and Bobby Robinson were in Crane during the between-semester break at Texas Tech.

Judy Mathis, Ray Lakin, and Donald Coleman were home from north Texas State College between semesters.

a leopard collar Looks like these girls have been hunting for wild game.

Edith Spence has a breath-taking belt made of black velvet with rhinestones and pearls scattered over it.

Ted Field was seen wearing a multi-color shirt. It is blue with a lot of other colors thrown in.

The hair styles just never stay the same. Norma Crittenden won't have any hair left if she keeps cutting, but it is very becoming.

Betty Jo Reid has decided to become a dashing brunette with black hair, while Phil Pearce decided to become a blond by a gradual process. Barbara Peak and "Perky" Hooper also cut their hair. It looks like Billy Pina has tried to scalp himself as he has had his hair cut to about one-inch long.

Last but not least is Jan Parker who always looks like she just stepped out of a band-box.

EXCHANGES

"I'll be deviled," said the crab.
"I'll be switched," said the train.
"I'll be darned," said the sock.
"I'll be stumped," said the tree.
"I'll be blowed," said the horn.
"I'll be hanged," said the picture.
—The Musketeer

The definition of an English class.
Don't like the teacher
The subject's too deep
I'd cut the class
But I need the sleep.
—The War Hoop.

According to the Comanche Warrior the following rules are given for becoming popular in high school:

1. Own a car.
2. Be a good conversationalist.
3. Own a car.
4. Own a car.
5. Present a good personal appearance.
6. Own a car.

Note: If the car is a red convertible, then disregard rule two and five.

—The Owl's Eye

Overheard outside a movie house:
"I never go to a film unless I've seen it before. Then I know it's good."

—The Reader's Digest

"Er-a-Dad," stammered the youth, "I'm in love with a girl, and—"

"Well," interrupted his blase parent, "you couldn't have made a better choice."

—San Angelo College RAM'S PAGE

LONG-LIVING: An old Negro mammy's recipe for longevity:
"When I works I works hard; when I rests, I sits loose; and when I starts to worry, I sleeps."

—The Rotary Chief

Carl
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"I draw the line at kissing," she said with fiery intent.
"But he was a handsome football star, so over the line he went."
—Cat's Tale, Bay City, Texas

There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.

Marriage licenses, like hunting licenses, limit you to only one dear at a time.
—Tigers Tale, Snyder High School

Clarence (during exam): Are you sure the third question is in the book?
Absent-minded prof: Certainly. Clarence: Well, I can't find it.
—Bronc Buster Roundup

T'was the night before tests, And all through my head I searched for some answers, But my brain wires were dead. Not even a thought— My memory had left me— Backward, turn backward On time is my sorrow, and make it And make it last week Just for tomorrow.

Politics:
From the Congressional Record, February 30, 1953: "I propose the formation of a committee for the investigation of committees investigating investigating committees."

BOOK NOOK

DESIREE

"Desiree" is the book that has taken our Western world by storm. It led the Best-Seller List for some while, and is still on the list.

It is the amazing true story of the Cinderella from Marseilles who followed her heart to a throne in the bold, glittering years of Napoleon's rise and fall.

Desiree Clary was young and sweet and lovely when she met the shabby young general with the electrifying dreams of empire. His name was Napoleon Bonaparte. They were engaged to be married.

But Napoleon left Marseilles and, as all the world knows, married another woman. What the world does not remember is the lost love who played a major role throughout his career. For Desiree pieced her heart together and fell in love with another man—Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte.

Their love started in anguish and went on to glory, for Bernadotte was elected to the Swedish throne and Desiree, the little girl from Marseilles, became his Queen.

Annemarie Selinko has told this sweeping story with such simplicity and charm that it has already made its own history throughout Europe (Austria, Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Holland, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Sweden)

and, of course, in the United States. Mrs. Elmore ordered this book for the juniors and seniors. It is classified as a historical fiction.

Charles Sheppard Laughing Senior
Hopes to Get Last Chuckle at Army

This bright-eyed kid let out one squall on March 10, 1935, in San Saba, Texas, but since then he's managed to laugh at everything else. He lived in San Saba for 14 years, then decided he should give Crane a treat so he has honored it with his presence. He bears the full name of Charles Royce Sheppard but answers to "Charlie" or "Shep."

This kid's altitude is 5 feet 10 inches, his tonnage 157 pounds, his eyes are cat-eye green and hair is Marilyn Monroe—blonde. "Shep" is really on the "Hopalong" side for he likes western shows that star Audie Murphy and Jane Russell, and any western song. However, he can be just a little on the pop-haired side and choose the popular "Secret Love" as his favorite yodel.

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this kid doesn't paint the town red because he prefers blue. He cites that just "messin' around" caused his most embarrassing moment when he lam-bambled a car. He claims his pet peeve is for someone to tell him they'll come by after him and then they never show up. (That means he doesn't like to be stood-up, girls.) On the other hand you can calm him down if you feed him a chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, tomatoes, and tea; but to top this off he'll order a big bowl of chocolate ice cream.

Football and basketball are Charlie's favorite sports. In a way football has really treated this kid mean. While he was playing junior football he broke his arm, then in the spring training of '50 he broke his knee. He played one year of junior football, lettered two years in senior football, and this year he was manager. He played basketball two years.

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CLARENCE MILLER, (45), Lays One In As Ted Field, Crane, and Duane Smith, (21), Alpine, Look On.

Crane Drop Two; Alpine Wins 72-52 Second Half

The Golden Cranes lost to Alpine, Friday, January 23, by a score of 52-72. The first half of the game was a close battle, with both teams hitting hard. In the second half, Alpine's offense came alive, scoring 34 points. The Cranes' defense was unable to contain the Alpine attack, leading to their defeat.

A-TEAM				
No.	Pos.	F.	G.	Pts.
15	F	5	4	14
55	F	0	0	0
30	F	1	1	3
20	F	0	0	0
50	F	2	1	5
45	C	6	2	14
40	G	2	2	6
10	G	1	0	2
35	G	3	2	8
65	G	0	0	0
60	G	0	0	0

B-TEAM				
No.	Pos.	F.	G.	Pts.
7	F	2	1	5
3	F	1	8	10
2	F	6	2	14
8	C	5	0	10
8	C	0	0	0
10	G	3	0	6

Crane Firemen Lose Rotary Engineers With Score of 58-37

Thursday, January 28, two inter-school teams, the Crane Volunteer Fire Department and the Rotary Engineers of Midland, played basketball in the Crane gymnasium. The Rotary Engineers won by a score of 58-37. The game was a one-sided affair, with the Rotary Engineers dominating throughout.

CHS Ideal Faculty
Principal—Bud Abbott
Vice Principal—Lou Costello
Counselor—Jeff Chandler
Physical Education—Marilyn Monroe
Physical Education—Rock Hudson
Art—Betty Grable
Music—Stewart Granger
Drama—Janet Leigh
Director—Eddie Arnold
Director—Rita Hayworth
Director—Tony Curtis
Director—Jerry Lewis
Director—Esther Williams
Director—Johnny Ray
Director—Ava Gardner
Director—Dale Robertson
Director—Lana Turner
Director—John Derek
Director—Bob Hope
Director—Jane Russell
Director—Fernando Lamas
Director—Robert Mitchum

Eagles Beat Cranes By Score of 25-18

The Junior Cranes were beaten by the little Pecos Eagles by a score of 25 to 18 at Pecos, Friday, February 5. For Crane, Bill Lightfoot led in the number of points made with six points, followed by J. H. Green with five points. Pecos' high point scorers were Roberts with 12 points and Dowling with only five points.

Golden Cranes Lose A Win B, in Double Header With Pecos

The Golden Cranes lost a close one to Pecos on the Eagles home court, February 5, 54-53. The Cranes got off to a slow start, getting behind 8 to 18 in the first quarter, but had narrowed the margin to one point before the game was over. It was a hard fought battle all the way, but Crane couldn't overcome the slow start.

Failures Drop Fast English Leads Lows

The number of failures in Crane High School dropped sharply this time to 45 for the semester, as compared with 76 for the second six weeks. Most of the failures were in the lower grades, from the tenth on down. The seniors had four failures; juniors, seven failures; sophomores, 13 failures; freshmen, 11 failures; and eighth grade, 10 failures.

Junior Cranes Beat Little Lobos 24 to 15

The little Cranes romped past the little Monahans Lobos to the score of 24 to 15 in the Crane High School gym at Crane Texas, Tuesday, February 2. The little Cranes were never in trouble as the score by quarters read: three to three in first quarter of play. The second quarter saw Crane move ahead 11 to six, while the third quarter showed up as 20 to 11 in favor of Crane; and the final score 24 to 15.

RUSSELL, GRIFFIN, HUNTER ELECTED '54 GRID CAPTAINS

Blackie Russell, Tommy Griffin and Howard Hunter have been elected as next year's football captains. Blackie, all district halfback, is already a three-year letterman. He has lettered two years at halfback and one year at quarterback. Tommy, honorable mention at end, is two-year letterman, both years at end. Howard, also honorable mention end, has three seasons under his belt.

Crane Juniors Go To Kermit Tournament; Capture Consolation

Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30, the junior Golden Cranes participated in the Kermit tournament held at Kermit, and came out consolation winners. The junior Cranes lost the first game to Pecos with a score of 26-23, but won over Seminole 38-25 and the Wink 'C' players 19-16. The leading scorer for Crane against Pecos was Bill Lightfoot with 10 points. Roberts led the way for Pecos with 11 points.

Crane - Pecos				
Name	No.	F.	G.	Pts.
Lightfoot	13	4	2	10
Hooper	18	4	0	2
Green	20	2	0	4
Ash	22	0	1	1
Snyder	10	0	0	1
Kelley	12	2	1	5
Total	9	5	23	

Crane - Seminole				
Name	No.	F.	G.	Pts.
Lightfoot	13	5	4	14
Ash	22	0	1	1
Snyder	19	0	1	1
Hooper	18	6	2	14
Green	20	2	3	7
Kelley	12	0	1	1
Delaney	11	0	0	0
Evans	17	0	0	0
Total	13	13	38	

Crane - Wink 'C'				
Name	No.	F.	G.	Pts.
Lightfoot	13	2	2	6
Snyder	19	1	3	5
Hooper	18	0	3	3
Green	20	2	1	5
Delaney	11	0	0	0
Evans	17	0	0	0
Total	5	9	19	

Aaron, Heard Head '54 Volleyball Team Of Twenty Girls

The volleyball team for 1954 has been selected from 40 girls who tried out for the team. The sophomores lead the line-up with the largest number of girls. There are five seniors, six juniors, seven sophomores, and two freshmen. Edith Aaron, a senior, and Juanelle Heard, a junior, were chosen to lead the team as captains.

Those girls selected for the volleyball team are Edith Aaron, Betty Bassham, Carleen Dunn, Jackie Hallbrooks, Juanelle Heard, Nomia Hollander, Melrose Idom, Patricia Johnson, Dolores Jones, Bobbie Lightfoot, Barbara McDougal, Eva Mae Miller, Joyce Parker, Charlie Powell, Margie Rust, Anita Scott, Louise Sharp, Mary Ted Sharrock, Wahnelle Smith, and Lillian Thurman.

The girls who have been on the team before are Edith Aaron, Carleen Dunn, Juanelle Heard, Nomia Hollander, Dolores Jones, Barbara McDougal, Eva Mae Miller, Joyce Parker, Charlie Powell, Mary Ted Sharrock, Wahnelle Smith, and Lillian Thurman. Patty Johnson was chosen to be on the team, but because of an appendectomy she couldn't finish the season last year.

Billie Gooch, Venona Hamblett, Peggy McCasland, Wanda LeClaire, Spike Jones, Joe Weatherby, Har- old Hunter, and James Ward were old members between semesters from Sul Ross.

SPORT SHOTS

Crane doesn't have much of a chance for district championship now, but they would still like to win second, so keep supporting them. It's easy to follow a winning ball club, now we'll see if the fans care enough about the team to keep going to the games. They've been mighty faithful so far.

The volleyball girls did a fine job in their game with Midland, but half the students were not at the game. Let's get behind them and push. We can win district if the supporters work as hard as the girls do.

There is a tournament in Odessa, February 16, 17, 18, and 19, and all who can find a way to the games should go and support the girls.

The football boys finally got their jackets, but you can't tell whether they belong to the girls or the boys by looking. Surely there weren't any girls on our football team this year!

Charles Lively, co-captain of the basketball team, and Jerry Evans, junior high player, are out of action for the rest of the season with sprained ankles. They will be missed greatly in the remaining games because of their ball-handling ability and their shooting.

A. J. Smith, tennis player supreme, will be out for awhile with a wrenched knee. This will eliminate him from the tennis matches to be held soon. The boys and girls will play an elimination tournament for the top ten players in each sex to represent Crane against Pyote in matches to be played soon.

Jrs. Present Trophy; '54 Football Awards Given in Assembly

In the assembly program of February 2 in the Crane High School Auditorium, Bill Lightfoot presented a consolation trophy that the junior basketball boys won in the Kermit tournament to Martha Cook, president of the student council, who accepted it on the behalf of the student body.

Coaches Dan Andereg and George Grounds passed out the awards for the 1954 football season. The boys received either a gold football or a purple wool jacket with gold leather sleeves.

Florence McDougal, who has been elected football sweetheart of the 1954 football season was presented with a rhinestone necklace and earrings. The Pep Squad presented Darrell Henry, who is their sweetheart, an identification bracelet with his name on one side and "Pep Squad Sweetheart" on the other side.

Blackie Russell, Tommy Griffin, and Howard Hunter were announced as the next year football captains.

Science Department Lacks Living Animals

The Science Department is now in the process of doing some interesting experiments. The physics class has just finished studying and making different types of batteries. Now they are beginning the study of electric circuits.

The biology students are beginning the study of the different organs and systems of a frog's body. To see how rapidly the students are progressing, ask a biology student what the cutaneous abdominis is. It is some part of a frog.

Some more news about frogs is that they are studied the most because the bone and muscular structure are similar to man and they are easily tamed. The biology students also have some fish and other water animals in their aquarium that were caught in the Pecos River.

Another interesting fact about these fish is that they give birth to their young instead of laying eggs, as most people think fish only lay eggs.

As soon as repairs can be made, live water animals will be placed in the large tank in the biology room. During the Public School Week, March 1 through 6, a chemistry class and a biology class will be held for all parents and the public to give them an idea of what the two courses are like.

CHS Golden Gloves Win Three Fights At Odessa Meet

Thursday, February 4, a number of C.H.S. students journeyed to Odessa to fight in the Golden Gloves tournament. Melvin Delaney, 160, of the novice middleweight division fought Wiley of Monahans. Melvin won the fight by a technical knockout in the third round.

Gary Birdsong, 75-pounder, contender in the novice juniorweight division, won over Ken Maxwell of Odessa by a decision. Tom Soles, 70, another novice juniorweight contender, lost to a Latin-American boy by a close decision.

James Ward, Crane's All-State discus throwing champ of 1949, won an astounding two-blow knockout over Roy Wallace of Midland after only 35 seconds in the first round, to win the fight in the light-heavyweight division. It was the hardest blow hit so far this year and maybe the hardest punch ever thrown in the Odessa ring, said the announcer. James is now a senior at Sul Ross.

Joe Dan Ash, 160, won his second victory in the middleweight class, winning his first over Matthews of Midland. Joe won against Richard Sinclair with a technical knockout.

At press time Joe Dan Ash, Melvin Delaney, Jackie Hood, Larry Moore, Bernard Mobbs, and Bill Burns, of the featherweight class, still had not met their opponents.

Three other boys, Carlos Pina, Floyd Idom, and Leon Tarpley, were not available at weighing-in time, and did not fight.

Birds Over Lobos In Two Cage Tilts By Narrow Edge

Tuesday, February 2 the Monahans Lobos tangled with the Golden Cranes in the Crane high school gym. Field, Miller, Boothe, Henry, and Vines started off for the Golden Birds in the A-game. The Cranes won the A-game 45-43 with Vines coming in as high-point man.

Miller of Crane came in second with 11 points, and Ford of Monahans made 10 points. The game proved to be very exciting as Monahans made the first points and ended the first quarter with a one point lead.

By half-time, the Cranes had pushed forward and led by five points. During the third quarter, the Lobos came back with another one-point lead. In the final quarter, the score went steadily back and forth, but Crane finally came out on top with a two-point victory.

The Cranes won the B-game with a score of 41-39. Watkins of Monahans was high-point man for the game with 16 points, while Roussarie of Crane came close behind with 16 points. Russell of Crane hit the basket for 11 points, and Kennedy of Monahans made 10 points.

A-GAME				
Name	No.	Pos.	F.	Pts.
Field	15	F	2	3
Roussarie	55	F	0	0
Vines	50	F	7	26
Caskey	30	F	0	0
Miller	45	C	3	5
Hays	25	C	1	2
Boothe	40	G	0	0
Russell	10	G	1	0
Henry	35	G	1	3
Brook	60	G	0	0

Paul Pat Tough Kid; Dead Tree Tougher

Series: Freak accidents in which bones were broken. Story: Second.

Time: Many moons ago, in fact, too many.

Hero: (none.) Paul Pat. Place: Davis Mountains. Situation: Mr. Pat in a tree. Object: Getting fire wood.

Well, it seems a select little group went to the Davis Mountains on a picnic back in 1941. Since firewood was needed, our friend Paul Pat volunteered (yeah) to go after it.

Wandering around, he spied a dead tree. His old brain began ticking. He decided the easiest way to get wood was to climb up in the monster and break off some limbs.

CHS to Organize Baseball Team; Ground, Rogers to Direct Play

Crane High School will have a baseball team this year for the first time in 20 years. The coaches for the Golden Crane baseball team will be George Grounds and Gerald Rogers. As yet, a manager has not been selected.

Coach Grounds stated that he expected about 30 to 50 boys to go out for baseball. The squad will then be cut because of a shortage of uniforms.

The Cranes will be in district 5-A with Monahans, Pecos, Wink, and Kermit. The affair will be a double-round-robin with each team playing every other opponent at home and away. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays unless postponements are necessary. In such a case, the game will be played at a convenient time with the mutual consent of each team.

C.H.S. Tennis Team To Play Pyote Soon

The C.H.S. tennis team is in the process of a playoff between the senior team boys. Right now, Riley Hood is at the head of the list, as he defeated Chink Thompson February 3, 8-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. These two boys had to play three out of five.

There is a play-off between the girls scheduled in the near future. The first ten boys and girls to win these play-offs will be the ones to play the Pyote tennis team, which incidentally, is coached by Doug Crane's brother.

Volleyball Schedule

Feb. 4 Midland A&B Here
Feb. 8 Ft. Stockton A&B There
Feb. 11 Iraan A&B There
Feb. 17-20 Odessa Tourna'm't There
Feb. 25 Grandfalls A&B Here
Mar. 4 Pecos Tourna'm't A There
Mar. 9 Grandfalls A&B There
Mar. 16 Imperial A&B Here
Mar. 22 McCamey A&B Here
Mar. 26 McCamey A&B There
Mar. 29 Iraan A&B Here
April 1 Imperial A&B There
April 6 Midland A&B There
April 9 District Meet at Fort Stockton.

Cranettes Take Game 41-16 Over Midland

The Crane High School Volleyball Team started the season off on the right foot Thursday night February 4, 1954, by winning against the Midland Bulldogs. The "A" game score was 41-16. They took the "B" game with a score of 46-10.

The girls showed a lot of spirit and enthusiasm in this their first game. "A" team high scorer was Juanelle Heard with 12 points. Dolores Jones was second with 10 points. Acker was high pointer for Midland with nine points.

For the "B" team, Jackie Hallbrooks and Lillian Thurman were tied for the high scoring spot with 10 points. For Midland, Mullican and Wimberly tied for the top scorers with three points each. The referee was Ferrell Hogg and umpire was George Grounds.

Lightfoot Sets Pace In Junior Scoring

Thus far this season for the Golden Crane Junior basketball team, Bill Lightfoot is ace scorer. He leads with 73 points.

Following close behind, is J. H. Green with a total of 54 points. Sam Hooper is third with 43 points.

The juniors have played approximately 11 games this season and have showed a lot of fine spirit.

In a recent tourney at Kermit, the Crane Juniors won consolation, winning two out of three games.

Paul Pat looked up from his lofty perch and noticed the mountains quivering. He thought maybe the world was coming to the end, so paid no attention and went back to his laborious labor. Well, it seems the weight of Paul Pat was a little too much for the poor dead tree. The tree started

Golden Cranes Split Triple Header With Ft. Stockton Cats

Tuesday, January 26, the Golden Cranes won two basketball games and lost one to the Panthers of Fort Stockton on the Cranes' home court.

The junior Cranes lost their game 29-23, the 'B' won 54-40, and the 'A' team scored a victory of 63 to 49.

Another interesting factor is that each point the 'A' team made was worth \$20 and each point Ft. Stockton made was worth \$1.74, all of which went to the March of Dimes, making a total of around \$1345 plus what was collected after the first half of the game.

The high point man for the Cranes 'B' game was Blackie Russell with 25 points. For Ft. Stockton it was Lee Graham with 18 points.

The leading point maker for the Crane Juniors was Richard Snyder with seven points. For Ft. Stockton was Abe with 10 points.

For the Cranes 'A' game the high point maker was Clarence Miller with 14 points. For the Panthers, Keith Decker was high point scorer with 15 points.

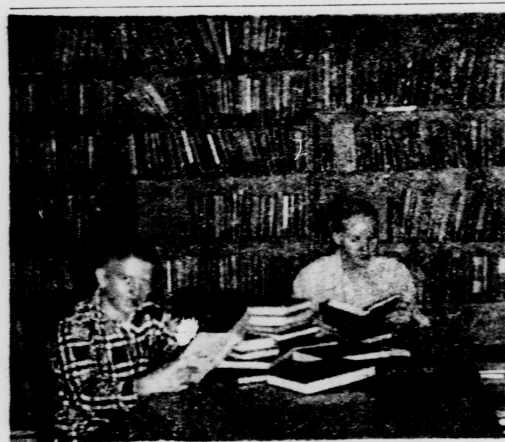
'B'				
Name	No.	F.	G.	Pts.
Brunson	32	1	1	3
Snyder	41	0	0	0
Roussarie	36	3	3	9
Taylor	37	0	0	0
Preslar, B.	31	3	0	6
Russell	31	12	1	25
Barker	39	0	0	0
Allen	30	4	3	11
Total	23	8	54	

Abuse of Books Irks Librarians

Mrs. Inez Elmore, librarian, was looking through the magazines when she came upon the "Seventeen." To her surprise she found a picture missing. The next day she found another picture missing. She also found pages torn out of the "Colliers" and the "Popular Science." Because of this, Mrs. Elmore has threatened to hide all the magazines where no one can find them if any more pages are found torn out. This is Mrs. Elmore's current pet peeve.

Two books have been missing from the library for about two months. If the whereabouts of these books, "Sarah" and "Rue Plays the Game," are known, turn them in to the library. Barbara Peek had the highest average of the students who work in the library with a 97. Pat Bonner was second with a 96; Helen Stell, third with 94; and Jean Taylor, fourth with 93. This grade is based on daily work in library, tests during the semester, final semester test, and attitude and interest toward their work in the library.

Wayne Bower is back in school after being absent 17 days due to illness.



R. MARSHALL, G. McCASLAND TOPMOST BOOKWORMS OF CRANE HIGH SCHOOL

These two pictured above are the top readers of C.H.S. in case you can't tell. They are both eighth graders and have set quite a record for themselves.

Ruby Marshall and George McCasland have both read over 50 books since the beginning of school.

Although Ruby doesn't have a favorite book, she says that she likes to read western books and love stories the best. The best author in her mind is Zane Grey.

Ruby says she didn't start reading so much until this year. Looks as if she has made up for lost time.

George likes to read any kind of book, but he especially likes books about airplanes. He has been a steady reader for quite some time, as he read almost as many books this summer.

Both Ruby and George agree that reading is their favorite pastime.

CHS Entertained by Gene Autry's Cousin

Gene Autry's cousin, Tex, presented a musical program Friday, January 29, at 9:40 at the high school auditorium. This program was sponsored by the Student Council, and the proceeds went to the March of Dimes.

As Tonie, Tex's singing partner, was ill, Abe Morton substituted. Tex and Tonie sing over KGNC, Amarillo, and XERA. Del Rio regularly. They also appear over Channel 5 on television. Tex has made several movie pictures with Gene Autry. Tex and Tonie have worked in 38 states and have presented programs to more schools in Texas than any other singing artists.

Tex and Abe's program consisted of popular songs and comedy. Abe played the steel guitar while Tex played the guitar and sang most of the numbers.

Crane TSTA's Prepare for Trans- Pecos Meeting

The Texas State Teachers Association will meet in Crane, February 15. This meeting is in preparation for the District 6 Trans-Pecos meeting that is to be held in El Paso. They are to receive final instructions.

The theme to be discussed at El Paso is on Teacher Retirement and Teacher Tenure. This will be brought by the members of the faculty. A general business meeting will be held and then the floor will be open for any questions from the State Department and any problems pertaining to school work.

Paul Patterson will be shedding tears for the teachers to pay their dues of \$7 per teacher to the National Education Association. Crane is 100 per cent in the TSTA.

The final tallies of the delegates to El Paso are David Tiner, Doug Chrane, Mae Featherstone, and Lucille Boyd instead of Joel Williams.

Seniors Assemble To Choose Invitations

As graduation grows nearer, the Senior Class gets more excited and impatient. The "big day" is only four months away, only four months until the seniors no longer have to be at school at 8:40.

With the help of the sponsors, C. A. Carroll, and other members of the C.H.S. administration, the class has selected their graduation invitations. Representatives from all classes had a hand in choosing these cards, as they are to be the standard graduation invitations from now on.

The invitations have the mascot in the upper left hand corner and a picture of the school in the middle with Crane High School printed under the building. The card slot has 1954 on it.

The class has also been measured in height and weight for their gowns and caps.

Local Hi School PTA Celebrates Birthday

Thursday, February 11, the Crane High School Parent-Teacher Association will meet in room 201, the high school's little auditorium.

The program will be a discussion by students on the subject of College, Job or Both.

The group will also take up the recognition of National Parent-Teacher Association's birthday. Refreshments will be served to finish off the program.

WWI Making Tables

Wood Working I has about finished their lamp vases and bowls, which they were making on the lathe. Each student is required to make one project on the lathe.

Projects being turned out now are tables—tier-type tables, coffee tables, bed-side tables, and card tables. The legs are many different types, with mortise-tenon being the most commonly used.

Two new students taking shop are Mason Thurman and Bill Mullens, who is from Ozona. Selwyn Taylor withdrew.

Crane Reaches Big Time - TV Is Here to Stay

Well, we've finally caught up with the rest of the nation—we have television.

Although you can usually only get one station, "canned" shows are enjoyed from 5:30 to 10:00. To the enlightened few "canned" shows are old movies shipped to stations to be relayed.

A survey was taken to see whether or not TV interfered with study of lessons.

Roy Dameron—Yes, it does mine—a 100 per cent.

Jerry Evans—No, I get my lessons at school.

Jimmy Hay—Nope, still making F's (not really).

Fred Webb—No, I get kind of tired of it.

Nina Barr—I just have one, but never get to see it.

Eloise Neely—I never stay home to watch it.

Patsy Terrell—It sure makes me short on sleep—I have to get my lessons after it goes off.

Richard Box—No, I get my lessons before it comes on and get up at 6:30 to practice piano until 7:30.

Betty Bassham—I never stay home to watch mine.

Equally important are those who don't have TV. Some of their opinions are:

Paul Patterson—I'd never get anything done—if I get one, it'll have to be in the summer, and it'll have to be padlocked in the winter.

Louise Sharp—I think TV is terrible.

Norma Crittenden—I don't want one—my daddy would expect me to sit home and look at it, besides I wouldn't have time to watch it.

Mrs. Elmore—I intend to get one when they get down to where I can buy one on the installment plan for a \$1.00 a month.

Edith Spence—I don't want one until colored TV comes out.

CHS Clubs Show Fewer Activities Second Semester

The various clubs of Crane High School have started the second semester with few activities.

The French Club is studying the different ways to say good afternoon and how to count and tell time.

The Slide Rule Club, one of the smallest clubs in Crane, is studying the nomenclature of the slide rule. They are also studying ratio and proportion. The multiplication and division of more than one term is being taken up.

The Gun Club is planning on taking up the art of fishing later on. They elected Bernard Mobbs as the chairman of their program committee.

The Volleyball Club has been playing volleyball.

The Library Club has been getting instructions on the library. They also received their mid-term tests that they took recently.

The Modern Choir and Dance Band are singing and playing popular music. The Modern Choir is going to help the regular choir in the spring show.

The Spanish Club is listening to records. They plan to record their voices soon.

Horsehead Crossing

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ing of it clear back to Spanish Conquistadores' day, but the most likely version is that John R. Bartlett named it in 1850 when he was surveying the Mexican boundary. He found the crossing marked by the skulls of horses. John S. (Rip) Ford camped there a year earlier (1849) while scouting out a fast forty-niner route from San Antonio to El Paso and points west.

"The Handbook of Texas" points out that old Rip's eye caught the skeletons of horses and mules cluttering both sides of the river. These remains, it is believed, were a crop of animals the Comanches harvested in Old Mexico by the light of the Comanche moon. Since the nearest watering toward Chihuahua was 60 miles to the southwest (Comanche Springs), the ride to the Pecos half killed them, with the arid Pecos water, doubtless, taking care of the other half.

The T&P Railroad in 1881 delivered a crippling blow to the famous crossing, then around the turn of the century along came an upstart by the name of San Angelo and finished knocking Horsehead in the head, so to speak. In clamoring for the present title of "inland wool market of the world" it bridged the Pecos at the present sleepy town of Girvin. Thereafter, only isolated ranchers used the ford for a couple more decades and finally abandoned it entirely.

Cliff Newland, Y Ranch wind-miller, recollects having crossed it occasionally back in 1907 through 1910. M. G. Dameron, present owner of the Crane County side of the historic old ford, tells of fording it with his bride, back in the horse and buggy days. Jerry Cowden, whose ranch home is some five or six miles away, by road, relates that his father, Gene Cowden, often used the crossing in shipping cottonseed cake out of Girvin. And to the best of Jerry's knowledge, his dad used the crossing from 1914 on up until around 1927.

But today, what with erosion and shifting scenery, neither Cliff Newland, M. G. Dameron nor Jerry Cowden is able to ascertain the exact location of the famous crossing. The last attempt Jerry Cowden made to cross what he believed to be the site, his saddle horse bogged down. Mr. Dameron's last living bridge to Horsehead's lousy past was through an old Swede blacksmith who used to shoe teams at the old stage stand. So, somewhere beneath the alkaline, sluggish scum of water in an unmarked grave, rests Horsehead Crossing, long-forgotten link to the violent, bloody frontier.

Sincerely yours,
Gail Garrett
Pilot Editor.

All State Choirsters To Dallas for Meet

J. J. Almack and J. R. Dickason will leave here February 10 to take the All-State Choir members to Dallas. Joe Boyd, Gwen Bassham, and Beverly Sikes were chosen as members for the All-State Choir on December 5, 1953.

Maynard Klein will direct the group for their performance.

Mr. Dickason will be observing band clinics and other music departments, while Mr. Almack is observing the choral clinics. They will also attend the state board of directors of TMEA meeting. Mr. Almack is going as regional vice chairman and choral chairman for region eight.

The A Cappella choir is scheduled to give a program during Texas

Teen Age Voters Favored by Most

In the past decade there has been much discussion as to whether 18-year-olds should be allowed to vote.

High school editors have been urged to wage a state-wide campaign encouraging legislators to bring up the discussion in Congress.

Below is a letter received by The Crane from the editor of the Port Arthur school paper.

Dear Editor:

One of the most widely discussed proposals in the nation at this time, due to President Eisenhower's State of the Union message, is the proposal to amend the Constitution to give 18-year-olds the right to vote.

The Pilot of Thomas Jefferson High School is particularly interested in this proposal and would like to see the amendment passed. We are supporting the issue by writing editorials, interviewing civic leaders and writing letters to the governor of Texas and our congressmen.

We believe 18-year-olds are qualified to vote, because they have recently studied government and are anxious to do something to help our country. The 18-year-old is independent and unprejudiced. He is not tied down to a particular party as so many of the older folks. Most important of all, as the President mentioned in his speech, he is giving his life to keep us free.

We believe the high school newspapers of Texas could do much to help see that this proposal goes through. Through our papers we could start a state-wide campaign encouraging our Legislators to aid this issue. We are asking you to get your student body's reaction. Are they in favor? Do they believe the 18-year-old should vote? If your student body is in favor of this, we are encouraging you to write editorials, contact other schools in your vicinity and write letters to congressmen. Let's show the nation that the teenagers of Texas are interested in their country's welfare.

Sincerely yours,
Gail Garrett
Pilot Editor.

The following are opinions of Crane High students, picked at random:

DOLORES HOOPER: Sure, I think they should be able to vote if they're going to be expected to defend their country by the time they're eighteen.

LOUISE SHARP: If a person is old enough to fight for his country or old enough to be on his own, he should be old enough to vote!

CORKEY DICKSON: Yes, the 18-year-old should be able to vote. I think that when you are old enough to go over to help Uncle Sam that you should be able to vote for the things you want done.

PATSY TERRELL: No, I think the 18-year-old is too immature to vote.

HELEN LAKIN: I think they should be able to vote. I don't think though, that just because you are old enough to carry a gun that you have enough knowledge to vote. There are lots of good marksmen younger than 18 that wouldn't be able to vote.

TED FIELD: It would be a good idea if the students in school would not listen to teachers who would probably try to persuade them to vote a certain way. I'm for it myself, but Swift and Brock don't have sense enough to vote for dog catcher.

MARTHA COOK: If an 18-year-old is old enough to make his own living, and his parents can no longer carry him as a dependent, it seems as if he should be old enough to vote, since he is more or less on his own.

KENNETH OSBORN: I think if one is old enough to go to the service, he is old enough to vote.

Education Week for the activity period.

The chorus is now working on music which will be sung by the all-state choir in Dallas. Since the annual choral contest is on March 20, the group has been working toward that, but they do not know what music they will sing.

Mr. Almack has been trying to line up some numbers for the spring show. He has a couple of songs already finished, but is still working on the theme.

A stork came to the Crane memorial Hospital, January 23 at 4:25 p. m. and left a little "Robin" to Mr. and Mrs. David Tiner.

The "new principal" has been named Robin Elizabeth Tiner. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 22 inches long. The young lady has dark hair and blue eyes.



PICTURED ABOVE from left to right are the Crane High shrimp, John Bostwick, Ronnie Sherrill, Sammy Shipman, C. B. Curry, Robert Pearce, Bill Stell, Don Kinsey, Lee Womack, and Robert Taylor. All weigh less than 100.

SHRIMPS SHOW UP RECENTLY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION SURVEY

During a recent survey taken by the Physical Education Classes to find out how much all the boys weighed, it was discovered that there are quite a few "shrimps."

In the picture you can more readily discover for yourselves what desert shrimp look like. It must be due to the heat, because they sure are not dainty eaters! To give you an example we slyly poke into our most honorable periodical an average day's menu.

For breakfast our hero eats half a grapefruit, a bowl of oats, at least two eggs, four pieces of bacon, and two sliced to toast, and drinks two huge glasses of milk.

(He wanted half of that Boston cream pie, but mother's saving it for lunch.)

At noon Junior has to be satisfied with the three meals he eats at the cafeteria, because he only has \$1.20.

But when he gets home and to the deep freeze, that's another story!!

Snack time; so he snacks two Dagwood sandwiches and drinks a glass of milk with each; then he grabs a hand full of cookies and goes out for a little exercise. (Heaven knows, he needs it.)

By supper time Junior is starved again. After each person in the family has filled his other plate

with an average helping of each kind of food, all the bowls are placed in front of brother; so he can clean them up. He eats his supper, frequently uncoupling his belt, and tries getting up—too late, so he just gets his lessons at the table.

Hours later he can finally get up, but, heck, it's bedtime now. Junior just has to have another snack. So, snack he does. Then he goes to bed, and to sleep he dream of—guess what? Food, of course!

Our advice to those who would like to look like our "shrimps" is ten easy lessons is (1) eat, (2) eat, (3) eat, (4) eat, (5) eat, (6) eat, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (do 'em yourself, we're too tired to write that word one more time!)

Daffynishuns

ANATOMY: something that everyone has, but somehow it looks better on girls.

AUTO: a convenient place to sit out traffic jams.

EDUCATION: ability to describe a beautiful girl without using your hands.

A KISS: a pleasant reminder that two heads are better than one.

SINGING: a man's bathright.

BACHELOR: a guy who is too loose and fiancée-free.

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Charlotte Caskey, Ella Smith, Nina Barr Head Crane High Semester Honor Roll

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Gwen Bassham	92	94.2	94	93.4
Kay Keltner			93.8	
Connie Marie King		94	93.2	
Betty Vickers			92.6	
Bill Lightfoot			91.5	
Pat Clancy			91.4	
Hurb Currie			91.2	
Glenna June Mills			91.2	
David DeLong			91	
Peggy Milam	93	94.8	92	93.3
Johnny Woody			91	
Carolyn Bostwick		91.8	90.6	
Jimmy Baker		91.8	90.6	
Shirley Brents		91		
Sammy Hooper			91.2	

EIGHTH GRADE

Rita Ward			96.6	
Jan Parker	90	93.4	93.3	93.1
Patty Knaell	93	94.4	95.6	95
James Byrley			92.3	
Charlotte Caskey	92	93.6	92.6	95.9
James Williams			92	
Jimmy Elder			91.4	
Gary Edmiston			91.4	
Vaneta Lowery			90.6	
Alta Barton			90	
William French		92.4		
David Harris	92	92.4		
Billy Mayes		91.4		
Robert Taylor		91		
Cindy Scott		90.4		
John Webb		90		