

Principal V. N. Keys  
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V. N. Keyes, grade school principal, last week broke into print in the largest circulating paper in Texas — The Star-Telegram, with a letter to the editor.

Said letter is in response to Gov. Jester's remark relative to teachers' salaries.

It states the following:  
Editor: Gov. Jester, a lawyer, disagreed with a resolution passed by school administrators that teachers should receive as much pay as professions like medicine, law and engineering. He further states that the admiration and respect that they receive help to compensate them. Then he wants them humbled by having special favors and discounts granted so that they may continue to keep body and soul together.

A few years back it was necessary for me to have an operation. I really admired that job the doctor did on me, and a respected him as much as could any man; but I received no credit on my hospital bill for my respect and admiration.

I want to see a lawyer about some legal work. I sincerely admired the way that man could throw "afore said" and "whereas" around and I greatly respected his knowledge the law, but 30 minutes of his time cost me \$12.

With all this admiration and respect that the governor draws, I am beginning to think that he is overpaid.

Does the governor realize that a teacher must be a leader and not a servant that depends on little Johnny's father for a discount so that he may continue to live from month to month. Do people respect and admire a man who works for a handout when he has the ability to do more?

The idea expressed by Jester is the cause of the teacher shortage and will continue to be the cause as long as it exists in the minds of the people. No matter what you say, being filled with respectability and clothed with admiration does not compensate for an empty stomach and a bare back.

V. N. KEYES.

March Of Dimes Drive  
Nets Total Of \$137.78

With the March of Dimes in the air, the Crane schools decided to do their part.

The drive was sponsored by both sections of the seventh grade in grade school and by the Student Council in high school.

The seventh grade evidently really went after it, topping the high school's donations over five times.

The grades reported \$117.80, while the high school turned in only \$19.98. This makes a total of \$137.78.

Everyone knows the reason for raising this money which is one of the most important funds of today.

Better Stick With The Weather Man, Kiddoes;  
Ground Hog Dead Wring 60 Per Cent Of Time

Though February 2 has already passed, many of the Cranes did not realize that this day was Candlemas or Ground Hog day.

Ground Hog day is the time for forecasting the weather for the next six weeks. The theory to this magic forecaster is that if the ground hog, or woodchuck, comes out of his winter quarters on this day and sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter, but that if the day is cloudy he will not return to his quarters for a long sleep as the winter weather will soon give way to balmy spring.

In the early part of the present century a group of merry guys living in Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa., organized the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge. On the morning of Feb. 2, its members in silk hats and carry canes and went into the fields seeking the narrow of a woodchuck. When they find a burrow he calls to the others and they all assemble to await the awakening of the animal from his hibernation and

his emergence into the outer air. They watch his behavior and then return to the village where they interpret his actions and report them to the public. According to the records of the lodge the woodchuck's predictions have been verified by the weather eight times, have been indefinite five times and have been wrong seven times since the observations began.

To end our memories of Ground Hog day of this year 1948, we would like to have you read a poem written about Candlemas day:

If Candlemas Day be dry and fair,  
The half of winter's to come and mar;  
If Candlemas Day be wet and foul,  
The half o'winter's gone at Yule.  
If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another flight;  
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,  
Winter is gone, and will not come again.



Left to right: Bruce Patterson, Joyce Sharp, Kathrin Cantrell, Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, sponsor, John Clark and Elmo Rust.

## Five Attend T. A. S. C. at San Antonio

Five students pictured above with their sponsor, Mrs. Inez K. Elmore, attended the annual Texas Association of Student Councils which was held in San Antonio on Feb. 6 and 7.

Those going from Crane were Kathrin Cantrell, senior and secretary-treasurer of the Crane Council; Elmo Rust, junior and councilor-at-large; Joyce Sharp and Bruce Patterson, sophomores; and John Clark, freshman. These students were chosen by the faculty as Crane's delegates.

The group left Thursday morning and arrived in San Antonio early in the afternoon, and came home early Sunday morning.

The president of the TASC this year was Miss Virginia Webber of Robert E. Lee High School, Goose Creek, Texas. The vice-president, James Hunt, was from

sonora. Shirley Waterman of Thomas Jefferson High School, San Antonio, was the secretary-treasurer.

The host of this year's convention was the Bexar County Student Leadership Association which consists of all the Student Councils in the county.

Registration began Thursday afternoon and ended Friday morning, with some 1,300 delegates registering. Housing was provided for everyone, some staying in hotels, tourist camps and private homes. The crowd was fed three nourishing meals in the Jefferson Cafeteria.

At the General Assembly on Friday morning, all speakers, officers and platform guests were introduced.

The Trinity University Music and Speech Departments presented

a drama about the Ethiopian Question after the First World War comparing the effectiveness of the League to the United Nations now in regard to the Palestine question.

A panel discussion of the Convention theme, "Student Leaders—World Citizens," was presented by six college students from foreign lands. They represented the countries of Palestine, Germany, Mexico, France, China and Canada. All of the delegates of these countries agreed that the only way that world prejudice and hatred could be broken down was through universal understanding of all languages, customs and traditions.

Friday night the Convention was honored with a buffet supper at the Gunter Hotel, followed by dancing in the ball room with Lee Kohlenberg and orchestra.

Saturday morning the Brackenridge High Dance Team presented two numbers in General Assembly for the entertainment of the group.

The election of officers was held at the business meeting. Lubbock will furnish the convention president of 1949. Plainview won for the vice-presidency, and Alamo Heights received the votes for parliamentarian.

Several amendments were proposed to the TASC Constitution, but one was withdrawn and the

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Five Sundays In Feb.  
First Time In 20 Years

Have you noticed the calendar lately? Just a mere glance no doubt to see what the date is. Look again! Notice February very closely. Yes, you are right—five Sundays. Is this unusual? For some months, NO, but for February, YES.

This is a leap year, and the seventh February in 192 years to have five Sundays—the first in 20 years.

Back as far as 1756 Feb. 1 was on Sunday, and that year was a leap year also. The next one came in 1784, 28 years later. There was a 40 year lapse before February had five Sundays again. This went on with two 28-year periods, and then one 40-year period.

Only in a leap year can February have five Sundays, and only then if the month opens on Sunday.

So far there has only been three Februaries in a century that has had five Sundays.

So, folks, if you remember 1880 or 1920, you can now realize 1948 as one unusual year.

The next February to have five Sundays will be in 1976, so you people remember it will be 28 years before another fifth Sunday for February comes around. Let's make a day of it.

Martin Invited To  
Attend U. N. Assembly  
At Lake Success, N. Y.

Supt. L. L. Martin recently received an invitation to participate in a United Nations Institute which will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations, Lake Success, New York, Feb. 26, 27, and 28, 1948.

Mr. Martin was one of only 300 educators throughout the United States to be thus honored.

Honorary chairmen of this U. N. Institute include such internationally known figures as Trygve Lie, secretary general of U. N., and Julian Huxley, world-renowned English writer.

The purpose of the institute is to acquaint this selected group of educational leaders with the work of the U. N.; to meet and talk with international leaders; and to exchange professional experiences in developing an understanding for the need for international cooperation.

"Eventually," Mr. Martin said, "success of the United Nations and peace must come through youth, therefore they are putting forth every effort possible to diffuse among educational leaders the actual workings of U. N. which accounts for the Institute and the invitations throughout the nation."

The program includes such topics as "The Challenge of the United Nations," Education and the Children of the World," "Education and International Cooperation," and "Education's Responsibility for One World."

If Mr. Martin attends the National Education Convention at Atlantic City, N. J., the latter part of this month, he will likely sit in at this U. N. Assembly.

Collins, Miller, Allen  
Chosen From Crane  
In Second Who's Who

Doris Collins, Gene Miller, and Bobby Allen were the three students chosen to represent Crane High School in the Who's Who Among Students In America's High Schools.

All three of these students are completing their final year in CHS and are three of the most popular students in school.

The students were chosen for this Who's Who contest on the basis of which students in CHS have shown a superior or above average proficiency in one or more of the following fields of endeavor: A. Scholarship; B. Athletics; C. Publications (school newspaper, annual, etc.); E. Music or creative writing; F. Leadership and service in school, church or community activities; G. Membership and offices held in school and school clubs; H. Useful and successful hobbies.

Only students graduating this year or in the spring of 1948 were eligible for this contest.

Each student selected for this honor automatically becomes a candidate for one of the college scholarships to be awarded by this publication in the Spring of 1948. Scholarship awards will be determined on the following basis:

The records of all the students selected will be compared, and the students having the best comprehensive records for their high school careers will receive the scholarship awards.

This publication is not connected with, nor is it a part of, any other publication or enterprise bearing or containing the words "Who's Who."

## Crane Scouts Active

Two weeks ago the scouts organized a senior patrol. To be eligible for this you have to be 15 or over and belong to at least two divisions of scouts such as the Boy Scouts and the Sea Scouts.

Nubbin Reynolds is coming up for the rank of Eagle soon.

At the last meeting the four patrols had a singing contest. The prize was to be one dollar, but they all sang so good Mr. Allman gave each patrol a dollar.

Monday night, Feb. 9, the scouts had a family night and Friday night, Feb. 13, they had a father and son banquet.

Practically every scout has advanced, and all have paid their fees for the coming year.



J. B. CLARK

J. B. Clark, War Vet,  
To Receive Diploma  
With Seniors Of 1948

J. B. Clark, war veteran and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Clark of Crane, will graduate with the senior class in May.

His diploma was awarded him by virtue of being a veteran and having taken the General Educational Development Test and passing same.

Born April 7, 1926, at Bowie, Texas, J. B. grew up and received his education in Crane, having moved here in 1937.

Leaving school in his sophomore year, J. B. spent two years in Civil Service before joining the Navy April 3, 1944. He served three years, one month and one day, being discharged May 4, 1947.

During his roving of the seven seas, J. B. or Jack as many call him, has touched some distant points of the globe, having been to the Hawaiian Islands; five of the Philippines; Japan, Korea; Johnston Island; Eniwetok; Ulithi; Midway; Guam and, while in Japan, saw the ports of Sasebo, Nagasaki and Rokusuka.

J. B. has one sister in Crane, Mrs. Henry Lee.

## NOTICE!

A ladies Medana 7-jewel wrist watch has been lost, and if it is found please return to Patsy Gail Pendleton or any member of the journalism class.

A brown bill fold has been lost. If found please return to Eleanor Rush or Principal's office.



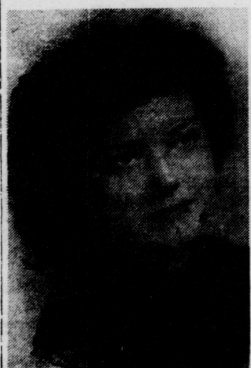
## Billie Hardesty Finishes

Billie Clyde Hardesty, a 1947-48 senior of Crane High School, completed her required number of credits at mid-term.

Billie was taking the following subjects the first semester: home-making I, P. E., typing, home-making II, and American history, which she carried by correspondence.

After complying with her school work, Billie went to Baytown, Texas, to visit her father. She plans to return this spring to graduate with her class. Billie also is planning to make the senior trip in May.

At the conclusion of the senior trip she plans to return to Baytown, where she will assume the job of typist in the Humble Refinery of Baytown.



JUNE WHITE



ROSE ANN VICKERS

June White, Roseann Vickers Winners of  
Valentine Jingle Contest; J. Best Second

Oh, to be a poet! After reading the various entries made in the Valentine Jingle contest, the journalism class, who were the sponsors, proudly announce the winners.

In the process of judging, many startling and unusual talents were discovered right here in our own school that would have never been uncovered had we not staged this valentine jingle contest.

To compete in the contest, the contestant had to simply write an original jingle and drop it in the box. The author of the best and most original jingle was rewarded with a box of candy. One was chosen from grade school and one from high school.

Taking first place for high school was June White, freshman. It reads as follows:

VALENTINES  
Whether you're tall,  
Or whether you're short,  
Whether you're dumb,  
Or whether you're smart,  
Whether you're coarse,  
Or whether you're fine,  
I don't care,  
Be my Valentine!

The grade school winner was Rose Ann Vickers who won a box of candy for writing the best jingle. It read as follows:

VALENTINES  
I made a string of valentines,  
Each one was red and blue,  
I put a little verse to say,  
I love you.  
The next I made  
Of roses and bright,  
All on a winter's night,  
To say, "Be my Valentine."  
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Although "runner-up" didn't pay dividends, it was decided that the following poem was worthy of mention. (Note the author). This is meant to show my love, To you, my little turtle dove.  
I love your lips,  
I love your hair,  
I love your pretty  
Face so fair,  
I love your tender little kiss,  
When you're away, that's what I miss!

JONNIE BEST.  
The names of the judges is withheld for private reasons, but it is assured that they were most competent and unbiased in their opinion.



# THE CRANE

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## THE CRANE'S CREED

### THE CRANE PROMISES:

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

YOU ARE A CRANE!

## Cafeteria Shields Boarder From High Prices

"Say, stop that shoving. I'm hungry, too." Often you have heard that around the cafeteria somewhere.  
Do you know how many people eat over there and how much it costs the school?

Well, lend an ear. We have gathered a few facts that might be of interest to you.

Daily the cafeteria feeds an average of 300 students and faculty at noon. Only 75 or 80 of these students are in high school. The lower grades bring in most of the trade.

An average of \$90.00 a day is spent on groceries. As we all know, 25c would not buy a meal anywhere, so all other is paid by the school district.

The school receives seven cents on a state type-A meal with milk and five cents on a state type-A meal without milk. Labor in the cafeteria received \$912.30 for 20 days or an average of \$45.62 per day.

These are a few of the simple facts that we all should know about our school cafeteria, then, perhaps we may have more appreciation for what our taxpayers make available for us.

## Ban On Marriages Results In Valentines

St. Valentine's Day is a day generally observed by the sending of missives especially by young people. Its origin is uncertain, but it is believed to have begun in 1446 or somewhere in the fourteenth century. It is observed in much the same way today as it was then.

St. Valentine's Day is a day of festivities and parties, which through the years has been observed many different ways, by many different countries.

The name St. Valentine originated from Bishop Valentine which is now known as the Patron Saint of February 14. Bishop Valentine was imprisoned by the Emperor Claudius because he was secretly marrying couples when the Emperor had forbidden marriages to take place.

Not too long ago the children used to make valentines out of old wallpaper, paste, and pictures cut from magazines and post cards. Somewhere on the valentine was printed a short verse and on the back, they printed the words: From Guess Who.

Some of the older members of the family received "store valentines," which cost as much as \$10.

An old saying used to be that if snowdrops were brought into the house before St. Valentine's Day, the single women of that house would remain unmarried all year.

A custom of England was for children to go about on Valentine's Eve singing for pennies, apples or oranges.

There are also many other customs and sayings about Valentine's Day.

## Men, Beware! Leap Year Is Here At Last Husbandless Maids Can Pop The Question Now

Leap Year . . . ah-h-h, all the old maids dream of it. Ever stop to think of what it really is and why?

A year is the time it takes the earth to make one complete revolution around the sun.

The calendar year is only 365 days long and so we have to add an extra day for every four years to correct the difference in time between the calendar year and the solar year which contains 365 days, five hours and 48.7 seconds.

The fourth year is called leap year and the extra day is February 29. But by adding an extra day every leap year, it makes the calendar year 11 minutes, 14 seconds too long. Therefore, leap year is omitted in the century years, except those which can be divided by 400. Under this arrangement the difference in the calendar and solar year will vary only one day over a period of several thousand years. Complicated, isn't it?

Well, so much for that. Now to get down to a part nearer and dearer to the ladies of the world! Myth and history both play their part.

By myth it is told that St. Bridget of Ireland was very much distressed because the ladies could not "pop the question." So, she goes to St. Patrick. He said at first he would give them one year in seven. After a little while St. Patrick gave them one in four and made it leap year, the longest of them all.

St. Bridget thought of her own husbandless condition, so she popped the question to St. Patrick. But he had taken the vow of celibacy so he had patch up the difficulty as best he could with a kiss and a silk gown.

Ever since then, the legend concludes, if a man refuses a leap year proposal, he must pay the penalty of a silk gown and a kiss. "Men, Beware!"

So much for the legends. And now for history. In the year of 1238, a law is said to have been passed in Scotland saying that all women, no matter of class, could propose to any man. If he refused, he must pay a certain sum of money according to his estate. If he could produce a wife, he was freed from this.

Later laws were passed in France and Spain that were similar to this one. However, in England, it was a custom but not a law.

America has taken up the custom a little but not much. (Joke).

Don't give up, girls, you can always try, and now is your chance. Anyway, you might get a gown and a kiss.

## Worldwide Brotherhood Essential To Peace

Howdy, neighbor! This expression is familiar with all people here in the West, and is recognized as a warm greeting. To be called a neighbor is one thing, but the right kind of neighbor is the IMPORTANT thing.

We are Americans. We have our own personalities, families and friends. We worship God in our own way, and are proud of the fact.

We as Americans are only a link in the long chain of humanity. Our destiny can mean the destiny of the world. We know how one link of weak can weaken a whole chain. The same is true in a world.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews has set aside February 22-23 as Brotherhood Week, the week of Washington's birthday.

The United States was founded on an ideal, that all persons are free and equal. This ideal has made us a great nation, and all nations have a job to do together. To make sure we stick together, a National Unity is essential, we must all help in this era of hate and prejudice.

An Englishman said, "The one fault I find with Americans is that they are too narrow-minded. They think America is the only place where the Four Freedoms are exercised."

As leaders of the world, we Americans can overcome this by studying and understanding other people, their language, customs and traditions. Brotherhood Week is a good time to start practicing the policy of being a good neighbor and a brother to all men.

## SONG OF THE WEEK

### I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW

I wonder who's kissing her now,  
Wonder who's teaching her how;  
Wonder who's looking into her eyes,  
Breathing sighs, telling lies.  
I wonder who's buying the wine,  
For lips that I used to call mine;  
Wonder if she ever tells him of me,  
I wonder who's kissing her now.

### THE STARS WILL REMEMBER

The stars will remember the night we said goodbye,  
The stars will remember, so will I.  
A rose as a token, a kiss that brought a sign.  
The stars will remember, so will I.  
And now the stars and I, we share the lonely lane,  
But in my solitude it seems I hear you call my name.  
The world may forget you as time goes passing by,  
The stars will remember,  
So will I.

## FASHIONETTES

With West Texas weather as it is, most students are prepared for anything—snow, rain, sleet or even sunshine.

When the 8:30 bell rings every morning, students and teachers start pouring into the building. Off with the raincoat, or heavy top coat, and one soon discovers that Earlene Husted has worn a very pretty red wool-crepe dress to school.

Mrs. Otto Miller is seen in a neat gray, brown and orange plaid dress.

Out in the patio you notice a crowd of men teachers. After looking awhile George Chrane catches your eye with that purple football jacket that looks so sporty. Mr. Haralson is there in one of those spottish shirts that he wears, and Mr. Patterson shows off that new tie he got for Christmas. It is blue with two horse heads painted on it. Along comes Mr. Carroll, who, after a day spent in the shop, still looks neat.

We go around the patio and see a crowd of girls, and all with healing ears that have been pierced. Golden earrings seem to lead the parade as most of the girls have a pair.

Jane Clark goes by in a new rose-pink jersey blouse which is very becoming, and June Sherron has on a Kelley green swing back topper coat that looks fine.

Next we see Marilyn Scott wearing a pretty black and white check coat talking to Barbara Mason who is sporting a neat-looking white topper.

In the patio, library and all the class rooms you can see many new winter costumes that are wonderful on these cold days.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 3—Eugenia Mills  
Feb. 3—June White  
Feb. 4—Jimmie Zafanotis  
Feb. 6—Tom Robert Sullivan  
Feb. 11—James Kileore  
Feb. 13—Betty Sue Henderson  
Feb. 14—Cody Bell, Jr.  
Feb. 14—James Ward  
Feb. 15—Sue West  
Feb. 15—Patsy Dulin  
Feb. 16—Frank Waller  
Feb. 17—Don Lee Johnston

## THE CRANE

## Introducing the Faculty



MRS. IDA LOUISE ANDERSON

Mrs. Anderson was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1918. Before she was a year old, she moved to Baird, Texas, and graduated from Baird High School in 1935. After graduation from high school, she attended North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, from which she graduated in 1939. She majored in business administration and minored in English.

Mrs. Anderson teaches commercial work and eighth grade English. She has taught school eight years, two of which she has taught here in Crane.

Mrs. Anderson has taught in Baird and Palacios, and has worked as a secretary in Midland.

Before her marriage the last day of school last year, Mrs. Anderson was known as Mrs. Fetterly.

When asked what she thought of the school as a whole, she said, "The school here has pretty high standards and seems to live up to them."

## Stage Wall Markings Bring Memories to Old Actors and Graduates

The dawn of the day when the new high school is finished will mean the dawn of the day of sunset for the old building and many old memories will be lost.

One of the main places of memory is the stage where you gave your final play and received your diploma.

In the small dressing rooms back of the stage many students have written the name of their play, the actors, and their real names.

Because of the use and wear on the stage, most of these old writings are illegible and only some of the plays of recent years can be read.

The senior class of '46 presented "Nothing To Lose," starring Bobby Higdon as Ted Belden, Kathryn Lewis as Beverly Day, Raymond Renfro as Ben Higgins, Betty Jo White as Zella Garland, Eugene Hogan as Chuck Baker, and Betty Ruth Joiner as Jean Lamarr.

"Murder With Orchids" was presented by the seniors of '47, presenting Valentine as portrayed by Dorothy Craig, Mary as acted by Zoe Reynolds, Clark played by Don Pope, Sheriff by Baker Davis, Clarice by Helen White, Felice by Helen Hickey, Addison by Leonard Rose, and Marvin by David Bonner.

These two plays were presented with high success and the public sentiment points to a large crowd this year.

The sophomores of '47 gave "The Brink Of Silence," a story of the Far North starring Nubbin Reynolds as Macready, Don Bradley as Cole, Raymond Weatherby as Dorton, Elmo Rust as Johnston.

Other plays presented on the stage were "A Quiet Christmas," "Wildcat Willie Carves The Turkey," and others whose names have faded out.

When the stage is removed and torn down the physical remains will be gone, but in the hearts of all Crane High graduates will remain a memory of "the good old days in high school."

A special assembly was called on Feb. 11 to hear the reports of the students who attended Texas Association of Student Councils in San Antonio Feb. 6-7. The reports were enjoyed by everyone and much valuable information was gained for the benefit of the Crane High Student Council.

Joyce Taylor, eighth grade student, will go to Dallas the latter part of this week for medical attention.

## A Stitch In Time

(NOTE: This is a new heading to replace Aromas From Kitchen) Entering the second semester, all home ec classes turn their eyes from the art of cooking to sewing. The girls this year are all in high fashion, and are taking on that "new look."

A cotton garment will be the first thing each girl will make.

An introductory to costume design and color harmony was taken up by the home ec III girls. Along with the second year girls they have studied the selection of correct patterns and material.

Home ec I classes are studying about the machine and the use of every part.

As their first project the first year girls will make an active sport garment. Second year girls will make school dresses, and the senior class will make all-occasion cotton dresses.

Among the many helpful things learned the girls would like to pass on to every homemaker who sews this helpful hint:

When the top thread is too tight it lies straight along the top of the material, and the loops show on top. TURN TENSION REGULATOR TO THE LEFT TO LOOSEN.

When the top thread is too loose it lies straight under the bottom of the material, and the loops show on the bottom. TURN THE TENSION REGULATOR TO THE RIGHT TO TIGHTEN.

## BOOK NOOK

### THE ECHOING GREEN

By Eleanor Estes

The Echoing Green is the story of the Hand family: of Poppa, who was taking to drink and hollering; of Momma, who, even now in New England, could never forget the fabulous New Orleans; and of the five children. Especially Jimmie, staunch, passionately alive Jimmie, who longer fiercely for beauty and love and warmth, for a home that wouldn't be a store in front, where Momma wouldn't be tired and thin, where her friends would want to come after school. And because Jimmie thought she was "the comical one, the home one," she held her dreams for the future locked tightly inside—that future when they wouldn't be poor any more, when she would be 14 or at the most 16, and would have written wonderful plays.

With deep insight and understanding, Mrs. Estes shows us Jimmie growing up, refusing to let the demands, first of the store, then of her mother's illness, swallow up her dreams and the conviction that one day she will find out the "reality of things." And finally, we do see her released, off to New York and a new job and a new life.

Told with three-dimensional fullness of detail, The Echoing Green rings true as a fresh, authentic interpretation of childhood and youth. It recreates convincingly a young girl's intense emotional life with all its strange ecstasies, poignant humiliations and great hopes.

This book will be available in the library soon.

## CHORAL NEWS

Members of the Choral Club are beginning the study of classic composers and their works starting with Bach. They will continue this study until the concert numbers arrive.

Since school will be held next Saturday, Miss Lowe announced that her afternoon classes will listen to a broadcast of Carmen by the Metropolitan Opera Company. They will begin the study of Carmen Friday, both in libretto and musical score.

Miss Lowe spent Saturday with her parents in Lubbock. While there, she purchased new records and needles necessary in the study of their appreciation classes. These included a varied selection to be used by the music classes and others.

Movie Projector Put To Use By Classes

Since the new movie projector has been purchased, there has been two pictures shown.

The first one was a picture of the Monroe Doctrine and the second, "Danger Line," a picture showing how to care of the feet with proper fitting shoes.

There has been several more movies ordered which will be coming in from around the first of March on up until school is out.

## Introducing the Seniors



BARBARA MASON

Each week a member of senior class is introduced to student body. This week was pleasure in presenting Barbara Ann Mason.

Barbara was born in Dryden, Texas, on April 3, 1931. In 1948 when she was a freshman, she moved to Crane.

She has blonde hair, brown eyes, and is about 5' 6" tall.

When Barbara was interviewed and asked what her most interesting experience was, she replied, "When I went through the Oklahoma state penitentiary."

Fried chicken, coconut pie, tall, blonde, handsome men, especially with the initials L, seem to be the things Barbara likes most of all.

Her favorite song is "You." As far as movie and go, Cornell Wilde tops them for Barbara.

Barbara's chief dislike is people.

Barbara has been a member of Crane High School pep squad three years.

After receiving her diploma she plans to enter Draught Business College in Abilene.

## THUMBNAI INTERVIEW

### Sixty Six

As most of us know the Crane High School will have to take classes on some Saturday in near future, as a result of weather and heating conditions.

There has been much talk to this subject on the CHS campus so the writers of the paper decided to find out what was the general opinion as to what the students thought about having to go to school on Saturday.

Some of the replies are: Welaka Avenet: "It's better having to go to school longer the summer."

Earlene Husted: "I think torture for us."

Charlotte Schlittler: "It's terrible."

Joyce Sharpe: "As long as we have to, we might as well ahead, I don't mind it, I'm not going to be here."

Billy Henderson: "I don't mind it, I'm working and if I go school I'll lose my six dollars."

Kaye Cox: "I'd rather go than in the summer time, I like it."

John Clark: "Don't like it any time but rather go now in the summer."

Frank Waller: "I don't like it but I guess I'll have to go."

Billie Russell: "If it's necessary to make up days it's o.k."

Bobby Smith: "It's o.k. we got to make it up, and I'd go on Saturday than in the summer."

Clayton Cantrell: "I don't like it and don't see why we have to make those days."

Bobby North: "I don't like it, I haven't ever gone on Saturday yet."

Raymond Weatherby: "Like going to church on Monday and washing on Sunday."

Above you have some of the replies as to what you think about going to school on Saturday, take our advice and when you have school on Saturday, be sure you've got a good excuse before you miss school.

## CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of The Crane the picture appearing above biography of C. M. Coker in the biography of the seniors, was that of Bobby Don Smith. This should have appeared with the story of Bobby Don's making tournament team, and a picture of C. M. should have been in place. The staff regrets the error.



## Seniors Achieve 17 Grade Point Goal On Third Six Weeks

Five students are leading in grade points this third six weeks. They include: Kathrin Cantrell, senior; Eleanor Rush, senior; Mary Lou Reynolds, junior; June White, freshman; and Doyle Lachar, eighth grade. They had a total of 17 points each.

Other students ranking high in grade points are: C. M. Coker, senior; Daniel and Elmo Rust, each with 15 points; Lorene Davenport, Mary Joyce Evans and Sammie White, each with 23 points. The highest number of points in the sophomore class.

Others were: Kenneth Lewis and Carroll Tomlinson, each with 23 points. Out of the freshman class, Jackie Lou Mackey had a total of 25 points; Joan Ragsdale, 25; and Waldo Aven, 24.

In the eighth grade, Bowlus, Shurley Meers and Sammie Morris led with 26, 25 and 24 respectively.

The list above is practically the same as for the first two six weeks, thus proving that good grades are not a matter of luck.

## School's Cold Damage Estimated At \$100.00

A damage, estimated at over \$100, was done to the heaters, radiators, and pipes in various parts of the school building during the severe cold weather which swept through the country two weeks ago.

Mr. Bell stated that five pipes burst in the drinking fountains; and seven radiators had to be replaced. Two of them were in the gym, and five were reported burst in the shop building.

Because of this damage, and due to the shortage of gas, school was suspended for two days the last week in January. Beginning last Monday, this time will be made up.

## Many Students Out Because Of Illness

Many students have been absent from Crane High during the week of Jan. 20 to Feb. 4, because of illness. Many became ill because of the cold weather, others because of other causes.

Marilyn Scott, Sammie Paris, Mildred Lowery, Kathleen Harrison, Bobbie Baize, Joy Dickson, Barbara Aaron, Merle Coker, Irma Lee McKay, Sammie Morris and Leanne Idom have been absent two to eight days.

Twenty-nine students were absent from one to one and a half days. The rest have been absent several periods.

Expected Fire Drill. The entire Auditorium was evacuated for a fire drill. The grade school was evacuated on Feb. 14.

Mr. N. H. Keyes, principal of the grade school, thought it would be a good time for a fire drill. After the play was over and everything was running smoothly, Mr. Keyes rang the fire bell and without any practice or any warning the kids got up and marched in an orderly manner, clearing the auditorium in exactly one minute and thirty seconds.

This is a very good time for a fire drill," Mr. Keyes says, "and everybody is in the auditorium."

## Crane Who Done It?

Crane! Tinkle! Tinkle! What happened? Mr. Filleman grills the fifth period study hall until they are blue in the face.

Who is the vandal? Who did that? That's what we all want to know. You say you, too, want to know what happened? Well, look out of the window glasses just west of who did it? Well, that's what we all want to know.

Most of the detectives of the school are going to be in the glass out until it gets into old C.H.S. and then imprison it until it comes to be good and not any more window.

## Sonnenburg Ousted; Skunk Takes Over

Wednesday morning Mr. Sonnenburg came into the office to report that he had been ousted from his job. Who is going to take over? It seems as if his name is Mr. Skunk and his business office is located under the band hall. Mr. Sonnenburg decided it was time to evacuate. Another great problem seems to be how to get the critter to remove himself.

Kids, how do you like the new band teacher?

## Characters Announced For Seniors Plays

Three one-act plays will be given on Feb. 24 by the Seniors. They will include the following: "Ladies Alone," "How To Propose," and "If Men Played Cards As Women Do."

The characters in "Ladies Alone," will include: Marge (Joanne Randell); Norah (Barbara Mason); and Peggy (Marilyn Scott).

In "How To Propose," the characters will include the following: The Lecturer (Bobby Allen); George (Billy Kelton); The Cave Man (Alvin Whaley); The Cave Woman (Chloene Watts); Sir Montmorency (Tipton Murrell); Lady Ermintrude (Maxine Omo); Mr. Butts (C. M. Coker); Miss Vera Butts (June Crownover); Mr. McBean (Merwyn McCully); Butch (Charles Mathis); Cookie (Doris Collins); Linda Van Courtland (Eleanor Rush); Kent Van Porter, III (Billy Joe Dutton); Elaine Popkins (Vivian Craig).

In "If Men Played Cards As Women Do," the following characters will act: John, the host (Tipton Murrell); Bob (Frank Waller); Marc (Gene Miller); George (Merwyn McCully); all as guests.

Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore is director with Kathrin Cantrell as assistant.

There will be two performances, one in the afternoon for students, and the other at 8:00 p. m. Prices will be 25c for students, 50c for adults and 25c for children under at the evening performance.

## GIRLS' ANGLE

By DORIS COLLINS

Why hasn't the tennis team been playing any matches with other teams lately. Could it be too cold or windy?

There aren't as many coming out this year for tennis as there were last year.

Those coming out for tennis are Merwyn McCully, senior boys singles; Doris Collins, senior girls singles, and John Hickey and Bill Teague play senior boys doubles.

Doris and Merwyn have been using the last period in the afternoon to practice, and also the afternoons after school. Hum, it seems as though they intend to get somewhere this year.

John and Bill use the fifth period for practice. They can not practice after school as John lives in the Sand Hills.

Taking advantage of those long practices will show up in the long run. (Also tired and aching bones). Doesn't air?

## Martin Main Speaker At Teachers' Meeting

L. L. Martin, much in demand throughout this area as a speaker, will deliver the main address at the third general session of the Trans-Pecos Teachers' Association convention to be held in El Paso March 11, 12, 13.

Since the theme of the convention is of general educational topics, Mr. Martin has chosen as his subject, "Summarizing The Convention Program."

Crane Schools, following the regular custom, will dismiss the school on the above-mentioned dates in order that all faculty members may attend the convention.

Mrs. Ethel Owens, school nurse, was absent a day or two last week because of illness.

## Santa Claus Has Already Come To Town



Mrs. Evatt's Room Being Held Spellbound by Santa Claus at Christmas Party. Note the Holiday Hats.

## Grade School News

### FIRST GRADE—PITTMAN

We have two new readers: Our New Friends and Fun In Story.

We had a Valentine party on Feb. 14.

We have a new pupil, Vivian Burnett, and are glad to have her.

### SECOND GRADE—ROWLAND

Most of the children are back in school again, so many have been ill.

We have a new pupil in our room, Elaine Matches. Elaine is from Smithville, Texas.

We are learning to write now. Everyone is excited about it and are really trying hard on it.

We are looking forward to our Valentine party and we plan to have a good time.

### GRADE ONE

Mrs. Evatt's Room. We have new "Think And Do" work books. It is fun to work in them.

Our new pupil is Ruby Jean Heath. Opal Mae Choate has moved to San Angelo.

Kenneth Stewart has a new pet. It is a Cocker Spaniel. His name is Browner.

### GRADE TWO

Miss Stewart's Room (Sue Townsend, Reporter)

Lots of boys and girls in our room were ill while the weather was so cold.

Clark Wellard came from Sugar City, Idaho, and is now in our room.

We have been busy working on a program for Lincoln's birthday, Valentine Day and Washington's birthday.

We are also decorating our room and learning to write instead of print. We all enjoy it. Our class is having a contest to see who will be king and queen for Valentine Day. In this contest we have to keep ourselves and our desks clean. We must know our lessons, and use good manners.

### GRADE THREE

Mrs. Martin's Room. Joy Choate and Carolyn Brown have moved away. We miss Eloise Vines who is ill.

Our class made a snow man the first day the snow came. Wayne Blanton went to San Antonio last week. He saw the Alamo.

### GRADE SIX

Mrs. Cloud's Room (Dolores Hooper, Reporter)

We enjoyed our short vacation from school, but are glad to have warm weather again.

Our studies in geography are getting more interesting now that we have our work books.

In our reading, spelling and English we have been required to look up and write the meaning of words. This has improved the vocabulary of all the students.

### GRADE SEVEN

Mrs. Browning's Room (Venona Hamblett, Reporter)

We all enjoyed the snow and the holidays from school, but we are not happy about going on Saturday.

Our reading class has been having debates. It is great fun.

The whole class is eagerly waiting Valentine Day.

### FIVE-TWO NEWS

Mrs. Patterson's Room. Five-Two presented a short 2-act play, "Boy With A Future," during assembly Wednesday morning with the whole room

taking part. The New Year, played by Jimmy Bull, and his helpers, Tolerance, Industry and Generosity, showed out the Old Year, played by Riley Hood, and the Evils, Greed, Laziness, Prejudice, and Fear, who had been at work to make 1947 a failure.

Joyce Parker was tolerance; Mary Ted Sharrock was Industry; Vanette Russell was Courage, and Elizabeth Weddle was Tolerance. Those who helped the Old Year were Allan Hollis who played the part of Greed, Iva Jean Dickson who was Fear, Patricia Bradley was Laziness, and Richard Gatlin who was Prejudice.

The entire room sang, "Ring Out Wild Bells." Sylvia Sullivan played a piano solo, "Vesper Chimes." Sandra Plummer played "The Lullaby," and Patricia Bradley played "The Juggler."

We are glad to have Charles Cobb back again after a three weeks' stay in Galveston. James Shown has withdrawn and enrolled in the Wickett schools.

Allan Hollis, who attended the Crane schools last year, is back with us again.

The following pupils have been absent recently because of illness: Cecile Napier, Billie Jim Napier, Barbara Kinsey, Glenna Pierce, Mary Ted Sharrock, and Catherine Jacobs.

### GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Alexander's Room. We are having fun learning our multiplication tables. In spelling the boys and girls are having a contest to see which side can keep up the highest average.

We are studying some about the lives of Washington and Lincoln.

The program given by the two fifth grades were enjoyed very much.

Jimmy Preslar, Reporter.

## C.H.S. Students Chant 'Toreador' About Patio

"Tor-e-a-dor, tor-e-a-dor, tor-e-a-dor." This is the latest chant heard by all about the patria.

Is everybody going crazy? Some of the students are probably wondering, unless they happen to be in the choral club.

The opera "Carmen" seems to be liked by all the choral members.

In case you are puzzled, tor-e-a-dor is taken from this opera. It's actual meaning is "bullfighter."

Miss Lowe's classes have been listening to this interesting opera for the past week. In the day when this opera was written, the bullfighter was a very popular figure.

Many students who before did not like opera, have changed their minds since hearing "Carmen."

Here's hoping Tor-e-a-dor does not drive everyone in C. H. S. batty!

Illness Calls For Substitute Teachers. Substitutes who last week replaced teachers because of illness and various other reasons, were announced by Junior High Principal V. N. Keyes.

Mrs. Brady Nix substituted for Mrs. Brown who was taken ill with flu last week.

Mrs. Geo. Crane taught Mrs. Martin's classes last Friday and Monday, due to the illness of Mrs. Martin's mother. Mrs. Crane also substituted for Miss Dossey last Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Dossey received severe arm burns when her hot water heater exploded.

## Seniors Meet Discuss Money, Sales, Plays; Have \$370 In Treasury

In order to discuss and decide and discuss some important business, the senior class had a special meeting Wednesday at noon in room 17.

Doris Collins gave the treasury report which stated that the seniors of '48 had \$370 on deposit in the bank. She also reminded some of the seniors to bring their money if they failed to bring a cake or a pie to the bake sale.

Mrs. Elmore, senior sponsor, told the students the three one-act plays would be presented either Feb. 16th or 20th, according to convenience.

The class voted to charge 25c for school children at the afternoon performance, and 50c for adults at the night performance. Children under 12 years of age will be charged 25c at the night performance. This price has to have the school's okay before it will be final.

The actors in the play were reminded of play practice and the necessity of being there on time.

## Fathers Night To Be By The P. T. A. On February 19th

The meeting of the PTA this month will be a special program. It is in honor of the fathers of Crane students, and will be held Feb. 19.

Mr. Paul Patterson will be the main speaker of the evening. His subject is "Your Government Is You."

The district president will also attend this meeting. The members of the association are to present a play and a tea is also to be given.

Fathers Night is an annual affair in Crane. All fathers are urged to attend.

## June White Heads Honor Roll With 95.4

June White, a freshman, was at the top of the honor roll this six weeks with a 95.4 average in all her subjects. Kathrin Cantrell ranked second with a 94.8. Placing a close third was Eleanor Rush with 94.

No students were announced for the honor roll in the junior and sophomore classes.

Doyle Lakin was announced from the eighth grade with a 92.6 average in all his subjects.

To be placed on the honor roll, a student must have a 90 or above average in all courses.

## Crane's College Students Change Schools At Mid-Term

Several ex-Crane college students changed schools at mid-term.

Gene Hogan transferred to A. & M. from Texas Tech. Bobby Pettit changed from Sul Ross to NTSTC.

Dan Kilgore quit NTAC to work in the oil fields. David Bonner went to ACC from Texas Tech.

Berna Lou McCully dropped ACC to work. A. L. Higdon changed to Sul Ross from Texas Tech.

June Crownover, a journalism staff member, was absent several days from school because of the death of her grandfather in Lorraine. The staff extends their sympathy to June and hopes she will be back in school very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Early and baby are living in Crane now, coming here from Brownwood. He works for the Texas-N. M. Pipe Line Co.

Ladean Ragland, former Crane High student and journalism staff member, visited the journalism class a short while Saturday, Feb. 7. Ladean attends school in Kermit now and has been elected business manager of the journalism class there.

Just guess who was seen doing the washing Saturday, none other than Lloyd Alderdice. But hats off to you, Mr. Alderdice... now we know that your wife doesn't have dish-pan hands.

All the girls are wondering if Mr. Alderdice has a twin brother or an eligible brother.

Joyce Taylor is going to Dallas to the Scottish Rite Hospital to try to get rid of the braces on her legs. She wants you to wish her luck.

## Crane High School Has Regular School Day Sat., Feb. 6

Students of the Crane High School came back to school on Monday morning looking a little weary.

Having to go to school on Saturday wasn't much fun with three weeks' tests coming up.

That was probably the shortest week end the students ever lived through but then it will keep the school from having to run a couple of days longer at the end of the year.

Oh, well, cheer up, you only have one more Saturday to go, but when it will be nobody knows.

## News Press President Compliments The Crane

Kathrin Cantrell, editor of The Crane, received a letter from W. A. Ward, president of Texas Interscholastic Press Assn. at McMurry College, Abilene. In this letter he pays high tribute to The Crane.

The letter read as follows:

Dear Miss Cantrell: Let me congratulate you on putting out what I believe to be one of the very best high school papers to be found anywhere in Texas.

The first time I saw a copy of The Crane a few weeks ago, I immediately thought it was one of the college papers. The make-up is very good, and the variety of news and features makes The Crane a very readable paper.

I have occasion to read quite a few high school papers throughout the state, together with a large number of college papers, and it is evident to me that the students of Crane High School have a paper which they should be very proud of.

You, your sponsor, and staff are to be congratulated on such a fine job of journalism. Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM A. WARE, President, Texas Interscholastic Press Association.

## Last Batch Of Annual Copy Goes To Press

On Friday, Feb. 6, with a last minute drive the final batch of copy of the El Ave went to press and on time.

The first batch of copy of El Ave went in around the first of December.

For the past two years El Ave has come out after school was over, so this year's staff resolved to have one annual on time. As a result they got the copy in, so now it is up to the Taylor Publishing Co. in Dallas.

The annual is supposed to be back within period of eight weeks but probably will be delivered around May 1.

El Ave sold for \$3.50 and is expected to be the best annual CHS has put out in several years.

The annual staff has put in many hours of work to make an annual that all will enjoy and treasure.

## Monahans Coca-Cola Advertises Students

The Monahans Coca-Cola Bottling Co. is sponsoring an advertising campaign, featuring, each month, one outstanding high school student of this area.

A biographical sketch and a photo of the student will appear on the company's posters. Selection of students is based on scholarship, extra-curricular activities, etc.

This month's selection from Crane is C. M. Coker, president of the Student Council, and all-district guard of the past football season.

## John Echols Enrolls In Crane High School

The senior class now has 25 members, the number being boosted by the enrollment of John A. Echols.

John came to Crane from John Tarleton in Stephenville. His original home is Breckenridge, Texas.

He is taking the following subjects: biology, English III, Texas History, American History, P. E. and study hall.

John enrolled on Feb. 9. Crane extends a welcome to John, and everyone hopes he likes Crane High.

## Activity Period Is Eliminated During Second Semester

The activity period, which was held each Thursday afternoon for one hour, during the first semester, was canceled the second half, due to the fact that all laboratory classes require one hour of work each day. Therefore no time could be cut off of the periods in the afternoon, as was originally done.

While these periods were conducted they consisted of assembly and class meetings being rotated each week.

The entire student body regret the fact that this worthwhile program must be discontinued.

## Students Get Holidays; Cold Weather Strikes

On Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 28 and 29, Crane Schools were dismissed due to the unexpected cold weather which existed throughout West Texas. The Southern Union Gas Co. requested the school to close in order that there be enough gas to heat homes in Crane.

School was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, to make up for one of the days when school was not held. School will also be held on another Saturday in the near future, but the date has not been set as yet.

This cold weather was said to be the severest in Texas for 20 years.

Cold or no cold, the students enjoyed their two wonderful holidays. Making them up on Saturdays is not a very pleasing prospect, however, according to the opinion of many.

## SOUR NOTES OF THE BAND

The band has to play very sweetly these days because the little striped cat under the band hall doesn't like sour notes. PHEW!

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A concert is planned for the first part of March. This includes "Red Rhythm Valley."

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Enid seems to be the major trip again this year with all the kids.

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The band hopes Mrs. Sonnenburg's hand gets well soon.

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When the new building is finished and the new band hall completed, everyone can enjoy practicing in rooms with special acoustic material to keep down the echoes and bad vibrations.

Anyone in the band wanting to put any comment in this column can see the director, because he doesn't know anything about it.

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Practicing seems to be one item missing, so let's all turn over a new leaf today.

## Weather Changes Are Frequent In Crane

Do you find the weather discouraging? If you don't there must be something wrong.

Cranites wake up to see a very bright sun beaming down and then before another hour has passed the skies are overcast with heavy rain clouds. But, does it rain? Oh, no! The clouds linger all day and pass away during the night.

Then here comes the southwind blowing sand in your house, in your hair and everywhere, but there is nothing anyone can do about it.

The next morning you wake up and a cold north wind is hitting you in the face.

Oh, well, cheer up, spring will be here before long with its showers, muddy roads, electrical storms and more sand.

## Juniors Meet Wednesday; Discuss Plans For Program

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, the junior class conducted a special meeting to discuss the junior-senior banquet and prom.

The class decided upon the orchestra which they will try to engage for the formal dance. The date of the prom was also discussed, but a definite date was not set.

The minutes of the previous class meeting were read by Jane Clark, junior secretary.

The date of the prom will be definitely set at the next class meeting.



## Hard Fighting Cranes Beaten By Stockton

The Golden Cranes were swamped by the Stockton Panthers in the Panthers' own gym Friday night, Feb. 6, by the score of 31 to 18.

The Crane quintet held the Panther five to a close half time score, 11-12, in favor of the Panthers, but in the last half the Panther team opened up with some fast breaking offensive plays, and got possession of a lead that the Golden Birds could not overtake.

High point men for the Crane team were Frank Waller with a total of eight points, and following him closely with four points was Tipton Murrell. Other scorers for Crane were Holcomb, Pierce and Stacy.

The high pointer for the Fort Stockton team was Patillo with 13 points.

This is the third conference tilt that the Crane team has lost, but with hard practicing and training, the Crane team will be one of those present at the regional tournament.

Exact revenge, in advance, for their big brothers, the B team Cranes overpowered the Panther B's 37 to 8.

## Andrews Takes Crane 25-22; 'B' Team Loses

On Saturday night, Feb. 7, Brady Nix's Golden Cranes were defeated by Andrews 25-22, in the Andrews gym.

Nixon of Andrews was high point man with ten points. Tip Murrell of Crane ran a close second with eight.

As can be seen by the score at the end of each period, the game was very close.

| Periods       | Crane | Andrews |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| First quarter | 4     | 7       |
| Half          | 10    | 11      |
| Third quarter | 16    | 16      |
| Final         | 22    | 25      |

The B team lost to Andrews in an overtime period by one point. McMasters of Andrews was high point man in this game with 14 points, while Hickey with 11 points was high for Crane.

## The Crane—

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fast rate. The Star Typist Chart will soon become overloaded.

Mr. Sonnenburg, could a spring concert be in the making, or will the skunk under the band hall permit it?

The Student Council appreciates the cooperation that has been shown in regard to parking cars off the school ground.

Remember: Try every day to be a better student, and tomorrow you will be a better citizen of the world.



Left to right—Joan Earl, Doris Collins, Louise Pettit, Joan Rhinehart, Eula Mae LeClaire, Lanell Murrell, and Joyce Sharp. Standing—Mrs. Davidson, Coach.

## Volleyball Team Is Downed By Iraan

Crane volleyballers met their second defeat of the season at the hands of the Iraan Squaws here Thursday night.

The junior team was again the most thrilling game of the evening. They played two out of three games, taking the first game 14-16. Crane won the second game 15-13 but lost their last game 14-16. Donna Rayburn was high pointer.

The "B" team showed improvement since they played Iraan first. They played two out of three games.

Iraan won the first game 11-15, Crane took the second game

## 78-B Holds Meeting To Plan 1948 Program

The District 78B Interscholastic League meeting was held at McCamey on Feb. 4, 1948, to set dates and places for this spring's Interscholastic League contest.

At this meeting Mr. Paty, principal of Iraan High School, was elected as chairman for the '48-'49 school year.

The contests will be held at several different places in the district at several different dates this year.

The literary events will be held in Iraan, and the date is now yet known.

The Track and Field Meet will be held in Ft. Stockton on April 19th.

Tennis will be held in McCamey and this date is not known as yet.

Volleyball will be held in Crane on March 19 and 20. Two games will be played Friday night with two more games to be played on Saturday afternoon. The championship and consolation games will be played Saturday night.

Mrs. Davidson of Crane will be in charge of the volleyball tournament. Also the price agreed on by the group will be ten cents for students and 25c for adults.

The first night Rankin will play Grandfalls, and Ft. Stockton will play Iraan. Imperial drew a bye as did Crane in the first round.

Mr. Douglass Crane was made director of tennis.

## Cowboys Upset Crane In Conference Tilt 35-27

The Golden Crane basketball squad was defeated by the Grandfalls Cowboys by the score of 35-27 in the Cranes' own gym last week.

The Cranes' scoring was led by Frank Waller with ten points. Grandfalls' scoring was led by Fines and Davidson, who scored 12 and 13 points respectively.

This is the second time that Crane has played Grandfalls this year, with the last one coming out in the Cranes' favor. Both games with Grandfalls were conference games, and this was the first conference game that the Crane quintet has given up.

## Five Attend—

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others tabled to be voted on by mail.

The sight-seeing tour began at 2 p. m. with seven chartered buses. The group left Thomas Jefferson High School with a commentator on each bus to explain all the sights of San Antonio. Included in the tour was the Alamo Stadium, Brackenridge Park, several old missions, O. Henry's home, the Governor's Palace and the Alamo.

## Basketball Standings

As the district is in such a state of uproar, perhaps the people of Crane might want to know how the basketball team is coming out.

Here is the way the teams stand at this time:

| Team       | W. | L. | Pct. |
|------------|----|----|------|
| Stockton   | 3  | 1  | .750 |
| Crane      | 3  | 2  | .666 |
| Imperial   | 2  | 2  | .500 |
| Iraan      | 2  | 4  | .200 |
| Grandfalls | 2  | 3  | .444 |

This shows that Ft. Stockton is ahead in the district, but that there are several contenders for the crown, and it is still to be determined who will win the district title.

## Andrews, Crane Share Two Games Saturday

Visiting Andrews cagers drew blood from Crane netters, 27-20, Saturday night, Jan. 31.

Andrews led by seven points at each quarter of the game, being closely challenged throughout by the Cranes.

McAuley led Andrews scorers with three field goals and four free throws, totaling ten points.

Dwain Stacy and Don Bradley held Crane honors with six points each.

Mr. Bostic, referee, hails from Odessa.

Never behind, the "B" squad coached by Mr. Bill Haralson, tramped Andrews "B" 38-21.

The first quarter ended 14-6, then the half 18-12; third quarter, 24-16, and the final score 38-21.

Dwain Stacy led Crane by scoring 12 points. He was closely followed by John Hickey with ten.

Phillips showed Andrews the way by scoring six points.

## Monahans Downs Crane Volleyball Team Feb. 12

The Crane volleyball team played Monahans Thursday night, Feb. 12.

The "B" team lost their games by the scores of 2-15 and 12-15. They played two out of three games. Dixie Shaver was high pointer.

The "A" team showed much improvement on the games they played.

They played three out of five games, losing the three games 15-17, 15-17, 6-15. Doris Collins and Jo Ann Earl were high pointers.

Crane played Monahans there Monday night, Feb. 16.

The volleyball team wishes to express their appreciation for the support they have been getting at the volleyball games and also to Lou Brown and Raymond Weatherby who have been calling the games.

## Braves Scalp Cranes In Final Period 28-22

The Crane quintet met the Iraan Braves in the Braves' own gym Feb. 3, with the Braves taking the Cranes by the close score of 28-22.

The game was a close and interesting one throughout.

The half time period found the Braves leading the Cranes by only one point. Then with the beginning of the third period, a double foul was called on Tip Murrell, one of the captains of the Crane five, and Martin from Iraan, and Tip, with already four personal fouls to his credit, was obliged to watch the remainder of the game from the bench.

At the beginning of the fourth and final period, the Golden Cranes had taken the lead and the score stood 22-21 in favor of the Cranes. But the Cranes' lead was short-lived, for the Braves' defense stiffened and the Crane quintet was unable to score in the last quarter.

Martin put the game on ice for Iraan by sinking three field goals and one free shot in the final quarter, making the final score 28-22. Martin was high point man of the night with 18 points.

The Crane scoring was led by Tip Murrell, with eight points to his credit, and Frank Waller with seven points.

Crane B Overruns Iraan B  
The Crane B team turned in an excellent performance by defeating the Braves' team by the overwhelming score of 43-26.

The game was a dull, uninteresting one throughout, with the Golden Cranes swamping the Braves almost at will.

John Hickey was high point man for Crane with 10 points.

## THE CRANE

## Ex-Football Players Scattered Over Earth; Several Still Playing

As several people have been here since the town was established in 1927 and have been interested in all the football teams, we thought that they would like to know where some of them have ended up.

Out of one family three boys made excellent players. This was the Grounds family. The three boys were Elmer, George and Joe.

Elmer is married and living in El Paso, while George is playing football for the College of Mines at El Paso. Joe is living in California where he married after getting out of the service. Elmer was in the Marines with Joe, while George was slugging it out in the Infantry.

Pat Butler was a player on the only team to win district for Crane beside the 1947 team. Pat is now working for the Gulf in Crane and is married. He has a boy who he hopes some day will make a good football player.

"Put" Brandon, one of Crane's greatest passers, went to school at Sul Ross after getting out of the service and is now coaching in McCamey. He was all-conference quarterback this past season.

Billy Joe Maynard, a back field player, is now in Arkansas working on his internship to become a doctor. He hopes to practice here.

"Tiny" Earp, a fast back in his day, is living in Crane and is running a ranch. He was in service for several years.

Making a great name for himself, William Roy Mathis is still playing football. He is attending TCU after several years in the Marines.

A. L. Higdon, a Tech student, played for Crane several years and also was in Uncle Sam's employment for several more.

Joe Pearce, one of Crane's best centers, now is a big business man in Waco. As all the other boys mentioned above, Joe was in the service.

Bob Mathis and Bobby Higdon are winning athletic acclaim at Sul Ross College where Bob Mathis made second team all-conference end.

Many more ex-Crane athletes are worthy of mention but their present whereabouts and activities are unknown to us at this time.

Mary Garren, Evelyn Higdon, Mary Lou Clark, and Dot Franks of Odessa High School were visitors in Crane schools Saturday. Upon being questioned as to why Odessa lost to the Scotties, their replies were: "Over-confidence," "out-of-town field," etc.

The A. M. Murrells moved out to the Gulf Sand Hills Camp where Mr. Murrell will be in charge of production.

## Famous Green Beetle Plows On In Spite of Heat, Cold, Thirst, Etc.

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the faculty and freshmen, here is the latest exciting installment on Allen's super magnificent car, "The Green Beetle." You can take it from us that this car is really wonderful, and if you don't believe it, you can ask the guy that owns it.

This adventure of the Green Beetle happened a few days back during the cold spell when it got so cold that nearly everyone's water line froze up (even some of the filling station lines froze). It seems that Bobby Allen took the Beetle to town one day during this cold spell. He didn't have any anti-freeze to put in the Beetle's radiator so when he got to town, he decided that he would stay awhile.

He drained all the water out of the radiator so it wouldn't freeze up and burst. Finally Allen got ready to go home so he cranked up the Beetle and drove to a filling station to get some water but everything was frozen up. Allen decided to go home without any water in the Beetle's radiator.

Our hero reached home safely, drove out to the garage and cut off the switch, but the Beetle kept right on running.

Well, it didn't take Allen but a few seconds—well, a few minutes to realize that something was wrong. So he gets out of the car, raises the hood and calmly takes off the distributor cap, but still the Beetle refused to stop running. When the Beetle refuses to stop now, Allen just stands there with an astonished look on his face for 15 minutes, then he disconnects the gas line from the fuel pump and about ten minutes later the Beetle coughed and stopped running. Luckily no damage was done to the Beetle. She is invincible.

A couple of days later Allen decided to take the Beetle back to town again and give it another chance, but this time there was a leak in the radiator and all the water leaked out on the way in. Upon reaching town Allen again cut off the ignition and the Beetle again kept right on running, but Allen, like the smart boy he is, decided to use different tactics on the Beetle this time. He rams her up against a telephone post, puts her in gear and lets out the clutch which finally stops her.

The Beetle is now in White's Garage getting a few minor repairs. Allen says he doesn't know exactly what is the matter with her, but he feels sure that it will soon be in running condition again. Indavincible, dat's her!

Barbara Bridges, former Crane student, has been elected campus queen in McCamey, her present home.

## Cranes Make 32 Per Cent Of Free Shots

If we look at Crane's score book we can find out why they have been beaten. We have counted up the free shots that they have gotten and there were 176 chunked by the team. They have made only 66 of these, missing 110 of them.

The boys have made a good showing even though they have been beaten. Each member has scored the following points:

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| Tip Murrell—39   |
| Frank Waller—74  |
| Bobby Smith—10   |
| John Hickey—4    |
| Bill Teague—11   |
| Speck Pierce—37  |
| Myron Holcomb—23 |
| Don Bradley—14   |
| Dwain Stacy—24   |

## NEW RULING HELPS TRACK

Under a new ruling, the Class B track teams do not have to compete with Class A and Class AA teams in their district meets all the way through to the state meet.

The track team hopes to go far toward state under this new ruling.

Also, Mr. Harelson, track coach, said that he hoped to go to several all track meets and win some events.

## GENE NEELEY WITHDRAWS

On Friday, Jan. 30, Gene Neeley withdrew from the Crane High School.

Gene was a member of the eighth grade. He plans to attend school in Brownwood after leaving Crane.

Benny and Barbara Bridges, from McCamey, visited the Crane schools. They were formerly of Crane before moving to McCamey.

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