

Tense, Intense, Suspense In—



FUNZAPOPPIN'—Plot thickens and pulses quicken as Archie, Sylvester Phoggs' (Bill Marlowe) pet snake appears on scene. LEFT TO RIGHT on defensive: Bridget O'Grady (Mary Evans); Ambrosia (Iown Gilstrap); Sylvester himself, Hazel, glamorous blond, (Bill Lively); Vic Truman (Roger Cloud) Trudi Worthington Brown (Mary Lou Reynolds).—Photo By Darrel Tomlinson

"Funzapoppin" Acclaimed Best Three Act Comedy To Hit Crane In Mucho Tempo

The seniors of '49 presented their play, "Funzapoppin," April 22 and lived up to the old tradition that "the show must go on" when the rope that opens the curtains broke. Two stage assistants at the end of each act grabbed the curtain and pulled it closed, holding it until the time for the next act to begin.

The play, being a three-act comedy, was acclaimed by the people of the audience as being the best comedy presented here in a long time.

The chorus line was composed of Tommy Parrott, Earl Husted, Bill Schoonover, Valco Garrett, Myron Holcomb, Harold Lowery, Howard Christian, and James Ward. The play was under the di-

Chickenpox, Diphtheria Strike Crane Schools

With chicken pox and diphtheria epidemics raging simultaneously for the past two weeks, Mrs. Ethel Owens, school nurse has been busy giving Schick Tests and sending students home.

Up to the time of this writing Mrs. Owens has given 70 Schick Tests and only has enough medicine to give 120. They won't know the results until Monday.

Off hand, Mrs. Owens could not estimate just how many has the chickenpox.

Mrs. Owens advised, "that if everyone would stay at home until they are completely peeled, the chicken pox epidemic would be scattered so badly". Do no come back until you are completely cleared of every scab" she said.

Shirley Crane, and Carmelita Russell have been the only two reported to have diphtheria, thus far.

"One precaution to take is when you have a sore throat be sure and see about it. Be sure and not get in crowds or go to the show". She concluded.

General Science Class Has Big Leaf Collection

Fall comes but once a year. That is the case everywhere except in dear old CHS study hall. Just at a glance one would think a tree had sprouted up and shed its leaves overnight, for now the study hall tables are piled high with leaves of various trees and plants.

But wait. What's this? Hands are flying to and fro around and amongst the shrubby like humming-birds. Gradually the pile of green leaves vanishes from sight. The last leaf dissolves in mid-air, a notebook is closed, a deep sigh resounds for a few ageless seconds. A voice, "At last I have my general science notebook finished, and not a second too soon for there rings the bell."

This is an example of some studious students who are working like bees in their general science class studying plant life. They have to have 15 different kinds of leaves in which they study veins.

Collecting these leaves is not a hard task, but most students wait until the last day they are due to start gathering them so they have a pretty hard time at it.

Superintendent Martin To Graduate May 27 After 30 Yrs. Teaching

Have you ever heard of a high school superintendent graduating from a school where he is employed?

Well that is exactly what will happen when L. L. Martin, superintendent of Crane High, receives his high school diploma with the graduating class of '49. Martin will have the honor of being the first person to graduate from the new high school auditorium which is now being completed.

Although Prof. Martin has never received his high school diploma, he is a college graduate and veteran of 30 years of teaching. Mr. Martin spends some of his time filling speaking engagements, of which he has plenty, because of the good speeches he makes.

Martin has been superintendent of Crane High School since 1940, and is largely responsible for the new school system which is now nearing completion.

The boss will undoubtedly have an easier time acquiring his diploma than will members of the graduating class, which still has four hard weeks of slaving to do.

Graduating exercises will be held in the new auditorium which will be completed by then. Said auditorium is capable of seating more than a thousand people.

Typing Classes Design Typed Design Projects

The typing classes, under the direction of Mr. Brady Thomas, have completed projects in which they designed different designs on the typewriter.

The purpose of the projects was to teach the students the manipulation of the typewriter and neatness. These projects were turned in the last six weeks.

Some of the designs were eagles, deer, airplanes, sail boats, kitties, rabbits, Pancho and his cactus, a little girl with a piggy, maps of Texas and others.

The junior business class has completed their H. S. Grove Practice Set, which was keeping the books for a small sporting goods company for two months. In this practice they learned to make simple entries on the purchase journal and the sales journal, the cash receipts journal and the cash payments journal. Also to post to the customers ledger and to prove their cash at the end of the month.

Mr. Waller has received information concerning a summer camp in Ft. Stockton sponsored by the Future Homemakers of Dist. II and III. Each affiliated chapter of the area is invited to send as many as nine representatives with their sponsor. This camp will be held June 20-23.

Ex-Crane Spatters T. C. U.'s Spitting Record

William Roy Mathis, one of Crane's outstanding athletes, of past years, broke a four-year 14-foot spitting record at TCU recently. In a contest he more than doubled the record by spitting 39 feet.

William Roy is a sophomore at TCU. He was also made foreman of the TCU rodeo during this time.

This just goes to show the Crane produces all kinds of champions.

ONCE HE IS CUSS'D, THEN HE IS PRAISED

"Blah-blah, that old box. He ain't got a lick of sense about teaching school. He just flat flunked me on purpose. Blah-blah-blah." Comments such as these are heard approximately one day every six weeks. Several students who have had grades on their report cards at the end of each six weeks always have something to say about their teacher. That something usually is not very complimentary.

"Boy, is he a swell old guy. There is no one on earth like him. He is SO likeable and understanding. He is truly an Angel from heaven." These are comments six weeks later when again the report cards come out. But this time there is a good, high grade on the card. Once more the teacher is an angel.

Wherever one goes, it is the same old story that when a teacher gives a person a bad grade, he is an old coot of the lowest caliber. Then he gives the student a good grade on the next report card and he is acclaimed as the one and only teacher in the world.

But school life is school life, and that is all there is to it, so the teachers have to put up with it and hope that their student can learn enough so he can put a good grade on the next report.

Three Crane Profs Chosen For Positions In School Men's Assn.

Mr. L. L. Martin, Mr. Douglas Crane, and Mr. Bill Haralson, walked away with a large part of the responsibility of the newly-organized Penmar Basin School Board and School Men's Association at Kermit, Texas, Tuesday night, April 26.

Mr. Martin was elected president of the association, Mr. Haralson was chosen as member of the executive committee representing the coaches section, and Mr. Douglas Crane was voted chairman of class room teachers.

There were 11 representatives from Crane composed of eight teachers and three board members. The three board members were A. M. Murrell, president of the school board, W. B. Gunn, secretary, and R. O. Warren, member. The eight teachers were made up of Bill Haralson, football coach; Douglas Crane, math teacher; Floyce Underhill, grade school teacher, C. A. Carroll, industrial arts teacher; Brady Thomas, assistant football coach; E. M. Sonnenburg, band director; V. N. Keys, grade school principal; and Brady Nix, high school principal.

There were fourteen towns represented at the meeting. There were reservations for 161 members, but only 150 were able to attend.

Attention, Please: There May Be a Change, Not Weather But Names

WHAT IF: Jenny Porter were Jenny Bell-Jenny?

J. F. Miller were J. F. Blacksmith. Roger Cloud were Roger Sky. Billy Dan Lively were Billy Dan Deadly.

Tommy Parrot were Tommy Crow. Lola Mae Green were Lola Mae Red. Eugenia Mills were Eugenia Factories.

Mrs. Karr were Mrs. Truck. Barbara Hall were Barbara Room. Norma Rust were Norma Corrupt.

Joyce Bright were Joyce Dumb. Quinda Young were Quinda Old. Loy Taylor were Loy Dressmaker.

Art Boothe were Art Table. Henry Cook were Henry Eat. Sue West were Sue East. Joyce Mann were Joyce Woman.

Lorene McCoy were the Real McCoy. Mr. Doug Crane were Mr. Doug Odessa. Earlene Husted were Earlene Homestead.

Mrs. Cox were Mrs. Flocks. Howard Christian were Howard Sinner.

There was quite a crowd around the American history door last Friday. It was none other than Louise Newman. The students of Crane High are always glad to see the old faces appear again.

Abram's 33 Grade Points Tops Six Weeks Honor Roll

The highest student on grade points this six-weeks belongs to the freshman class—Ora Abrams, with 33 grade points. The other four grades in high school have 27 grade points as their highest.

The seven highest students in each of the five grades in high school follow, with many tying for first to fourth place:

SENIORS	
Sammie White	27
Iown Gilstrap	26
Charlotte Schlittler	25
Coyelene Pope	23
Jane Clark	23

JUNIOR CLASS	
Charles Phemister	23
John Hickey	25
Lola Mae Green	23
Lanell Murrell	23
Billie Russell	20
Sammie Lewis	20

SOPHOMORE CLASS	
Joan Ragsdale	27
Peggy Mobbs	27
Cynthia Zafonotis	25
Ellen Walling	25
Jenny Porter	25
June White (Dean)	24
John Clark	23
Ray Knox	23

FRESHMAN CLASS	
Ora Abrams	33
Doyle Ray Lakin	27
Carmelita Russell	26
Bowlus West	26

EIGHTH GRADE	
Shirley Green	27
Judy Mathis	27
Sammie Davis	26
Ann McDonald	26
Donnie Tomlinson	26
Students with 90 or above averages in all subjects:	

SENIORS	
Sammie White	92.8

JUNIORS	
Charles Phemister	92.6

SOPHOMORES	
Joan Ragsdale	95.6
June White (Dean)	93.75
Peggy Mobbs	92.2

FRESHMEN	
Doyle Ray Lakin	92.2
Ora Abrams	91.2

EIGHTH GRADE	
Shirley Green	93.8

The four highest ranking students in the Eighth grade and above are:

Joan Ragsdale, Soph.	95.6
Shirley Green, 8th grade	93.8
June White (Dean) Soph.	93.75
Sammie White, Sr.	92.8

Students with an average in all subjects or 90 or above are:

SENIORS	
Charlotte Schlittler	92.4
Joy Dickson	92

JUNIORS	
John Hickey	92.2

SOPHOMORES	
Cynthia Zafonotis	91
Jackie Mackey	90.8
Ellen Walling	90
Ray Knox	90

FRESHMEN	
Carmelita Russell	93.4
Bowlus West	91.8
Peggy McCasland	90.6
James Hopson	90.2

EIGHTH GRADE	
Dolores White	95.2
Ann McDonald	94.2
Judy Mathis	93.4
Donnie Tomlinson	92
Wayne Atchison	91.8
Lacy Pittman	91.2
Rex Wood	91
Sammie Davis	90.8
Bobbie Robinson	90.2

Seniors Can Fifty-Six Cans Of Steak For Trip

For preparation of the '49 trip to California, a few of the seniors and their parents canned 125 pounds of steak, or 56 cans, on Saturday, April 23.

The seniors now wish to express their thanks to the following parents and sponsors for helping: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Murray, Mrs. Sally Hollander, Mrs. F. D. Husted, Mrs. Dan Lively, Mrs. Bill Marlowe, Mrs. Sam White, Mrs. L. B. Henderson, Mrs. Coy Pope, Mrs. Slim Ward and Miss Eloise Haley, Mr. C. A. Carroll and Mr. L. L. Martin.

Also, the seniors wish to express special thanks to Mrs. W. B. Gunn for supervising, and for the use of her sealer.

The seniors who came out to help were: Mary Joyce Evans, Bobby Aaron, Earlene Husted, Jean Murray, Coyelene Pope, Billy Dan Lively, Bill Schoonover, Sammie White and Roger Cloud. Everything was going along smoothly until W. O. Murray accidentally tipped a bucket of grease over on one of our room mothers, Mrs. Slim Ward, but with no serious results.

Film Shown 4-H's In School Cafeteria

A special film was shown Wednesday April 2, to the 4-H boys of Crane County. The film had to do with an electrical contest, "The 1949 National Farm and Homes Methods Electric Contest" sponsored by Westinghouse Educational Foundation. The Purpose of the film was to give some of the boys an idea for a project for the coming year.

The film started out with the story of a boy who lived on an old-fashioned farm where everything was done by hand and back-breaking labor, and where his parents and himself were always tired out at the end of the day. This boy started his project to make his dad's farm a better place to live and to save his dad and mother so much work. He started with having power put in the farm with electric lights and an electric milker. The milker gradually paid for itself and brought other electrical appliances until the farm was completely electrically furnished.

The film was attended by some twenty boys who are interested in 4-H work.

Plans were made at the meeting for a rifle club of which the best would be picked out of Kermit and Odessa and Crane to represent this district at the state meet.

PRAIRIE DOGS MAKE GOOD PETS

BY NUBBIN REYNOLDS

Prairie Dogs can be captured and tamed to be among the best of all house pets. Although it is next to impossible to tame a full grown prairie dog, it is a simple task to make harmless pets out of young ones. Your reporter and his immediate family have experienced the taming of several young prairie dogs. Naturally they try to bite when first handled by human beings, but the bite will not hurt (only shock if the person is leary in the first place).

There is no danger in using bare hands to handle the young, but even thick leather gloves will not stop the teeth of the grown prairie dog. To tame a prairie dog is very simple. All that need be done is handle and play with it. It becomes acquainted to this

in a very short time and will even come to its master when called for.

A tame prairie dog will eat anything put before it. It is advisable not to feed it raw sweet potatoes because this results in stomach ache that kills the pet. It will eat anything from ice cream and candy to fruits and vegetables and even some meats.

But one drawback to keeping a prairie dog indoors is the fact that it chews curtains, bedspreads, and anything it can get to if not trained.

By catching both sexes the family of prairie dogs can grow right up in civilization. As a matter of fact civilization does not affect the habits of this breed of squirrel in any way. Fed the right foods the tame prairie dog will grow up healthy but rather smaller than it would in its

CORRECTION!
Due to an oversight in the last issue of the paper, the journalism class wishes to make a correction on the Duke and Duchess of the junior class. They were left out by mistake and for the benefit of the public, their Duke is Bruce Patterson and their duchess is Kathleen Harrington.

NOT HARD TO CATCH

To catch a prairie dog one would probably think the easiest way would be to drown it out, but this has been tried and after several 55 gallon drums of water were poured into the hole not even a gurgle could be heard. (It is a common belief that they dig their holes down to water as most prairie dog towns are nowhere near open water.)

The easiest and probably the best way to catch these creatures is to first spot their "main hole." These are the holes they live in. There are always several other holes nearby that are out of use. After the main hole is spotted a fast dash is made directly to this

hole if any little prairie dogs are to be seen near here (they never wander very far away.) Incidentally, it is a good idea to have previously scouted out these holes before an attempt is made to capture the dogs so that a more swift attack can be made.

By rushing directly to this main hole, preferably in a car or on horseback for more speed, the prairie dogs, young and old, will dash for the nearest hole which is usually not a main hole. By watching which holes the young run into a person can plug all the other holes an arm's length from the surface (especially the main hole.) Then the person backs off from the hole about 25 or 30 yards. Soon a head will pop up out of a hole, then another. After making sure there is no danger they will cautiously emerge and begin to feed. The

capturer does not have to be hidden, but can stand in open sight. The prairie dog will feed in the general direction of the main hole and suddenly he will make a dash for it. The capturer dashes at the same time. The prairie dog gets in the hole only to find it plugged. Then all the person has to do is reach his gloved hand in and gently bring out his quarry. The rest of the prairie dogs of that family can be caught in the same manner. Here is mentioned the fact that all this should take place a little while before sunset, because this is when the prairie dogs bed down and they will be more eager to get to the main hole.

This is much more fun and exciting than shooting and killing them with guns because the laughs and thrills will be remembered always.

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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 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!

"DO YOU FORGET?"

Anyone but a school teacher would think that the average high school student would be capable of keeping tab on his property. But every day, in every class, the walls vibrate with these comments: "Oh, I got the wrong book. May I get the right one?" Or "I lost my fountain pen," or "I don't have any paper."
 An outsider would be amazed at the absentmindedness and forgetfulness of the students. Someone is always borrowing a pencil, or fountain pen, or paper. But the student continues on his merry way, never mindful of anything except what is going on at the present.
 But the question may be asked "How long would a person hold a job if he was always forgetting to do what his job required of him?" It can be answered simply by saying "Not very long." It is the job of the high school student to have his fountain pen and pencil, paper, and whatever he is apt to need. In high school one is preparing to face life on his own hook. He is developing his mind to meet future problems. The thing she does in high school will grow more or less as a habit and remain with him in years to come.
 Forgetfulness can be overcome, and it should be overcome while in high school. It is a bad and unnecessary habit. Advise to the forgetful is: "Break yourself of the habit and be secure in the future."

Grades For Grades' Sake Mean Nothing

Have you ever stopped to think what are grades? By now it would not help the seniors, but maybe it would help the others.
 The word grade means a step or degree in rank, dignity, quality and order. In each one of our subjects does the grade we make fill these qualifications?
 If we make a 90 in English by looking on our notes or looking over our friend's shoulder, how far ahead are we? When we come up with a 75 and made the grade honest, in the long run we are 15 points ahead.
 It doesn't help to copy. We go to school to learn. If we didn't we could copy off of our neighbors all the way through life. (That is, if the neighbors were agreeable.)
 A grade isn't just something that the principal insists upon your parents knowing. A grade is to find out how much you know about the different subjects.
 From now on when you start to take a test, stop and think. "Do I want my grade to be my own or do I want my grade to be the highest in the class?"
 Remember what your grades are in high school will determine what you can do in college. If your grades are made fair, you will come out on top, but if you borrowed part of your grade, it is likely you won't last in college nine weeks.
 Take a tip from a senior: make your grade square, so when you come out of high school you will have a foundation.

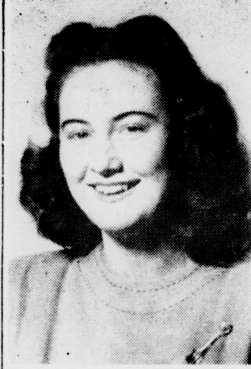
V. N. Keyes Is Main Speaker On P. T. A. Program April 21st

Featured on the last P. T. A. program was Principal V. N. Keyes, speaking on "Better Homes With The Help Of The School."
 Also on the program was a square dance by Mrs. Inez K. Elmore's class, and a tap dance by Gwen Nix.
 Elected as PTA officers for the coming year were:
 Mrs. S. S. Bangeman, president.
 Mrs. G. H. Wilmoth, vice president.
 Mrs. W. R. Marlowe, secretary.
 Mrs. Howard Evans, treasurer.
 Mrs. W. B. Clancy, historian.
 Mrs. J. N. Davis, parliamentarian.
 Other executives will be appointed by the president.
 Delegates attending the Dist. 6 PTA meeting in Fort Stockton were Mrs. Quay Clark, who spent the full three days, and the following members who were present for one day: Mmes. W. B. Gunn, P. C. Vines, R. D. Shaffer, G. H. Wilmoth and C. C. Swift.
 The freshmen class won the room count in high school and will receive \$1.50. Mrs. Susie Evert's and Mrs. Mary Kent's first and fourth grades, respectively, won in grade school.
 Louise Newman and "Speck" Pierce were in Crane over the weekend to attend the Junior and Senior Prom. They also visited school.

S.O.S. For Lost Book Return This Vol. P.D.Q.

Mrs. I. K. Elmore attended a Texas Library Association Convention in Abilene, April 7 and 8. She reported that there were many good lectures.
 Have you noticed the bulletin board lately? If you have you will have noticed the sentence "Books that have been made into movies." The following books are the ones Mrs. Elmore has displayed.
 Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens
 The Virginian, by Owen Wister
 Drums, by James Boyd
 Chicken Every Sunday, by Rosmary Taylor
 Green Dolphin Street, by Elizabeth Gowdige
 Big Freeze, by A. J. Cronin.
 Mrs. Elmore wishes that the person who borrowed the B Volume II of the Encyclopedia Britannica would kindly bring it back. If you are afraid to present it to her, bring it in when she isn't around. She only wants the book back. Other students like to use the books too. Don't be selfish. Bring the books back that you have gotten without checking out, or the books that are overdue.
 The Odessa High School Choir, under the direction of Miss Johnson, presented a concert in the Crane High School Auditorium, April 19 at 8:00 in the evening. There were approximately 25 members in the choir.

Introducing A Senior



JACQUELINE MATHES

It has come the time for the paper to introduce the seniors' most outstanding talented student none other than Jackie Mathes. Jackie is not only talented in her piano work but also on her clarinet in the band. She received a first place medal for playing in a quartet this year.
 Jackie was born at Myra, Texas, on March 26, 1931. She is known as the seniors' titian (red) haired musician. She has brown eyes and very light complexion.
 She started to school here in Crane and moved to Wink after seven years of school here and attended four years at Wink's school, but came back to Crane her senior year to finish her school days.
 Jackie was on the annual staff and in the Honor Society at Wink. She was in the senior play, was eighth grade favorite at Wink. Jackie has been in the band for eight years.
 Jackie was Glee Club accompanist at Wink and is also here in Crane. She is assistant pianist at the First Baptist Church.
 She plans to attend college at NTSTC and major in music at Denton.
 Her favorite food is Mexican food. Her favorite movie star is Clark Gable.
 Jackie's pet peeve is "selling tickets for anything."
 She has a specialty for fixing "Angel Fluff" for her friends when they come to see her, and they let her know ahead of time.

Introducing The Seniors MARY JOYCE EVANS

In this issue of The Crane, one of the seniors introduced is Mary Joyce Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Evans.
 Mary Joyce was born in Crane on Nov. 18, 1930.
 All of her school years have been spent in Crane.
 Mary Joyce is 5' 2" tall, has green eyes and sandy brown hair.
 Mary's favorite pastime is reading and her favorite sport is table tennis.
 Mary Joyce played a cornet in the band for two years. She was the "major" in the junior play and played the part of "Bridget O'Brady" in the senior play.
 Mary's favorite movie stars are Irene Dunn and Rex Harrison.
 Her favorite clothes are slacks and blouses.
 Mary Joyce is planning very much on going on the senior trip which will be her last Crane school trip and the last one for the other graduating seniors.

Introducing A Senior HOWARD CHRISTIAN

Of course, everyone noticed the outstanding legs in the chorus line of "Funzapoppin." They belonged to none other than Howard D. Christian.
 Howard was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Richland Springs, Texas.
 Like most boys, Howard's favorite sport is football. Howard went out for football in 46-47. He also tumbled in P. E.
 Howard's favorite movie stars are Joan Leslie and William Holden.
 "Everyone seems to have pet peeves—like most people his is people who gossip."
 We all were very glad to see Speck Pierce show his bright smile in the halls of Crane High. Wonder why he doesn't come down more often.

The senior class wishes to express their thanks to Mr. Bob Tobin (T & P Clothiers) for the use of the wig they used in their senior play. Also to Mrs. Betty Livingston who hair-dressed the wig for Billy Dan Lively.

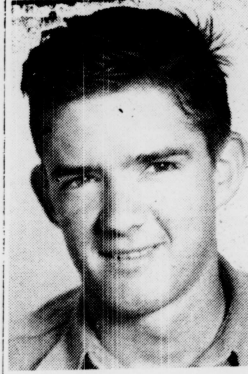
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This issue the Happy Birthday column is a farewell as well as a happy birthday column. We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all the students whose names and birthdays appear below:

- Bill Schoonover, June 16
- Kenard Hayes, May 12
- Roger Cloud, May 13
- Bill Teague, May 22
- Bailey Taylor, May 27
- Bobby Don Smith, May 25
- Jimmie Pearce, May 30
- Charles Phemister, June 16
- Lanell Murrell, May 7
- Eugene Kelton, May 27
- John Hickey, July 9
- Barbara Hall, June 6
- Lola Green, May 2
- Juanita Payne, Aug. 25
- Cynthia Zarcionetis, July 9
- Ellen Walling, Aug. 21
- Loy Taylor, June 3
- Norma Rust, June 14
- Joann Ragsdale, June 24
- Jeanette Peak, May 9
- Buster Pendleton, July 31
- Ray Ono, May 16
- Bobby Mason, May 13
- Jackie Lou Mackie, May 23
- Ray Knox, June 5
- Henry Field, May 3
- Lawanda Coker, July 25
- Clayton Cantrell, June 7
- Ronny Clark, July 31
- Walaska Avert, July 29
- Stacy Hodges, Aug. 31
- Malcolm Garrett, July 23
- Nancy Evans, Aug. 26
- Dorothy Erwin, Aug. 20
- Bill Clark, May 18
- Virginia Carter, Aug. 2
- Nanette Wood, July 26
- Bowlus West, June 28
- Larry Watts, June 10
- Gene Watts, Aug. 18
- Dwain Warren, July 8
- Joyce Taylor, Aug. 12
- Joyce Sherron, May 13
- Mareta Robinson, Aug. 7
- Donna Raybon, May 30
- Kerneth Lightfoot, May 1
- Leslie Napier, June 18
- Wanda LeClair, Aug. 4
- Cornelia Lowery, May 15
- Betty Lou Knaell, July 1
- Mary Crownover, July 10
- Curtis Chipman, May 2
- Shirley Allen, Aug. 7
- Charlene Ellison, Aug. 22
- Darrell Tomlinson, May 26
- John Rust, May 14
- Clara Miller, Aug. 18
- Gene Hester, July 8
- Ross Dickson, May 8
- Nora Cage, Aug. 14

Introducing the Seniors



DON BRADLEY

Don Bradley was born about midnight April 30, 1930, in the hills of Arkansas (Smackover). He lived in the Ozarks until he moved here in the sixth grade where he has been ever since.
 Don is a letterman in basketball, football and track which proves that he has plenty of athletic ability even though he was not permitted to participate in sports this year because of his age.
 You have probably heard someone say that they were born thirty years too soon, but Don was born just thirty minutes too soon which caused him to be ineligible this year.
 Bradley's favorite pastime is chewing gum in economics class without getting caught by Eagle Eye Bill Haralson. Although it is very seldom that he gets away with it, he is the kind that doesn't give up and is still chewing.
 Don will graduate this summer as he needs an extra credit which he will get through correspondence.

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

It is a well known fact that there are many different definitions of love. Great poets have tried to define it; journalists, in their writings, have tried to tell its meaning. So now we take the opportunity in giving you some of the C. H. S. students' definitions of LOVE.
BETTY McCORD: It is like being sick at your stomach, but you don't want to throw it up.
PEGGY McCASLAND: It is when you don't know what is happening, I guess.
BOBBY DON SMITH: It is a lot of fun and gives you a big charge.
KENNETH LEWIS: It is like being knocked in the head with a hammer.
RICHARD LIGHTFOOT: I thought I was in love so many times I don't think there such a thing any more.
PATSY GLENN: When you are serious about someone and when you feel deeply for them.
DOROTHY ERVIN: Something that itches and you cannot scratch it.
MARQUES STARK: A mad scramble.
JOHN CLARK: Expensive.
EARNEST HIGDON: A bunch of hoopy.
J. F. MILLER: It makes you where you don't know which end is up.
EULA MAE LeCLAIRE: Something you get hooked into and cannot get out of.
JACKIE MATHES: It puts you either high up in the clouds or down in the dumps.
JOY DICKSON: Where you are all mixed up and can't do anything right.
JOAN RHINEHART: James. But it has a better definition when everyone stays out of it.
CHARLOTTE SCHLITTLER: A strong mutual understanding between the two persons in love.
EARLENE HUSTEAD: Herman COYLENE POPE: Love is something you can't describe. You just have to find out for yourself.
JEAN MURRAY: The object of affection.
MR. PATTERSON (for the man): Love is a melody that springs up in the parlor and winds up over the kitchen sink.
KENARD HAYES: A big mess, as it usually turns out.
NORMA RUST: It is so wonderful you can't explain it.

Sod To Replace Rock On High School Yard

The old familiar rocks on the grade school campus are now being replaced with a completely new face.
 A re-sodding project has been begun and many loads of dirt have been hauled into the yard, much to the delight of the grade school youngsters who will be very glad to see the piles leveled off.
 The dirt has served as a playground for everything from hide-and-seek to the more lively game of war.
 Seriously speaking, this is an expensive project and it is our guess that nobody will mourn because grass is seen on the campus next year in place of the unsightly rocks and gravel.

Hamilton To Wed Henderson In June

Miss Bobby Hamilton, fifth grade teacher plans to marry Lloyd Henderson in June. The date and the place as yet has not been decided. After their marriage they plan to live in Crane.
 Mr. Henderson is employed with the Gulf and has been living in Crane about twelve years. Coleman is Miss Hamilton's home town. She was graduated from Howard Payne in Brownwood and has taught two years in Crane. She plans to teach next year.

By the time the paper goes to press one of Crane High's up and coming ropers, Bill Teague will be matching his skill against the High School Boys' World Champion roper, Jim Bob Altizer from Del Rio. Also, Bill will match Scooter Frees, Boys' State Champion roper at Carizzo Springs, May 5. Also along the rodeo line Bill and James Ward will pool their skill this summer and try to capture the Boys' state champion honors at Hallettsville and various other shows all over the state.

CRANE HIGH SCHOOL'S PERSONALITY LIST FROM A TO Z; AGREED? YES?

Here's a little quip called Alphabetically Yours. This has been assembled through interviews with several students. Read it and see if it is true in your estimation:
 A—dorable—Bruce Patterson
 A—dorable—Jane Clark
 B—ashful—Jimmy Pierce
 B—ashful—Cathryn Paine
 C—ute—Billy Clark
 C—ute—Jessie Mae Scott
 D—arling—Bill Schoonover
 D—arling—Peggy Mobbs
 E—xciting—Clark Lee Pressley
 E—xciting—Charlotte Schlittler
 F—unny—Calvin Hazle
 F—unny—Jackie Mathis
 G—lamorous—Roger Cloud
 G—lamorous—Joyce Sharpe
 H—ilarious—Don Bradley
 H—ilarious—Barbara Hall
 I—deal—Bill Teague
 I—deal—Patsy Dulin
 J—uvenile—Jimmy Neal Stacy
 J—uvenile—Betty Sue Henderson.
 K—issable—John Clark
 K—issable—Earlene Cannon
 L—ovable—Jerry Hall

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 M—arvelous—J. F. Miller
 M—arvelous—Lola Green
 N—ice—Earl Husted
 N—ice—Bobby Neil Aaron
 O—bedient—Tommy Parrott
 O—bedient—Mary Lou Reynolds.
 P—opular—Malcolm Garrett
 P—opular—Coylene Pope
 Q—uick—John Hickey
 Q—uick—Louise Pettit
 R—ushed—James Ward
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 S—illy—Gene Watts
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 T—idy—Dwain Stacy
 T—idy—Lena Sherron
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 U—ltra Ultra—Jean Murray
 V—ivacious—Buster Pendleton
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 W—itty—Billy Dan Lively
 W—itty—Frankie McDougal
 X—cellent—Bowlus West
 X—cellent—Joy Dickson
 Y—outhful—Joe Weatherly
 Y—outhful—Patsy Glenn
 Z—estful—Oscar Pittenger
 Z—estful—Mary Joyce Evans

Students Create Havoc In C. H. S. Assemblies

The conduct of the Crane High students during assemblies and while gathering for assembly has become a great problem, not only to those who are presenting the program, and the teachers, but also some of the students who enjoy seeing things done decently. The behavior just before an assembly is such that one would think this was a mad-house.

Suppose some prominent business executive in this nation was to visit Crane High to choose a person to operate his concern. What nature of person would he be most likely to pick? It surely would not be the rough and rowdy individual that helps cause all the racket in an assembly.
 People smart enough to be in high school are certainly intelligent enough to know how to act in assemblies. There is not a person in CHS that does not know when he is doing something wrong. And he certainly knows not to be so noisy and ill-mannered at these programs.

These sermons may not help much, but the rattlesnake always warns before it strikes. This paper, and this article, are the warning and the school as a whole is the snake about to strike.
 Most of the seniors, and the juniors, can remember when Crane High had a reputation as a tough roughneck school. Then things cooled down a little and a few people began congratulating the school. Its reputation grew better and better through the years. But now when a person presents a program here he can form his opinion, be it good or bad. We wonder just which it is.
 Think it over, kids. Which is best for the school as a whole—a good reputation or a bad reputation? Let's all strive to make our school the BEST IN THE WEST.

Schlittlers Announce Daughter's Engagement

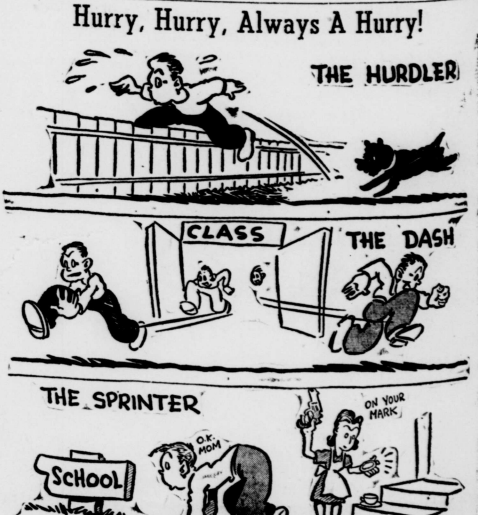
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schlittler who reside at the Phillips Camp Crane County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Charlotte Ann Schlittler, to Terry Brunette, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brunette, who reside at the Gulf Camp, Crane County.

School Election Passes 51-1 In Favor of Const.

Results of the school bond election held April 16 was an overwhelming majority of 51 to 1 in favor of some more construction and remodeling for the Crane School System.
 This election made it possible for the school to completely remodel the football field and to construct a large bus barn.
 The capacity of the football stadium will be a little over twice as much as it has been in the past few years with several new sections being added to the present stadium. El Ave will be lighted excellently next year as they are to install a completely new lighting system which does away with all shadows. The playing field is to be re-sodded in time for next fall's gridiron play.
 A large bus barn will be constructed soon, where buses will have shelter and won't wear out as quickly as they do otherwise.
 The school has also put in an order for a huge Trans-Coach school bus, which is about the same size as the Mack, but has more power. Seniors are all hoping that it will be delivered in time for their senior trip.
 This election was held by Paul Patterson, Mrs. Doug Crane, and Mrs. Joe Boyd.

Senior Diplomas And Invitations Received

All diplomas and invitations have arrived.
 The invitations are white with senior class printed on front in raised engraving. A golden center is also on the front of the invitations. On the inside is a large raised engraved white C and printed inside of it is "Crane graduates invite you to attend"—the rest is printed in regular size black engraving.
 There were 1800 invitations ordered by twenty-nine students.
 The diplomas are in a purple leather folders with a gold metal taffeta lining. They are printed in the old English style print. On the diploma is a crane flying off into the new world just as these graduates will be doing in the near future.



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**COACHING CLASS A COMPETITION
COACHES NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC**

The Golden Crane football team will be going into a dense season next fall where it's going to make a pretty sharp attack through the coaches have been looking over their prospects for another year. It seems that they are going to start with an inexperienced squad coached by Bill Haralson, head coach, stated that it will take a lot of cooperation and interest in the boys to have a winning team. Mr. Thomas, assistant coach, stated that the backfield will be good, but there will be only one regular line player back. The boys coming out will be:

Yr. Let.	Wt.	Pos.
Clark	165	HB
Hickey	155	E
Higdon	150	HB
Lightfoot	145	G
Phemister	150	E
Don Smith	170	QB
Stacy	135	QB
Cook	175	T
Presley	160	FB
Dameron	140	G

SPORT SHOTS
BILL HENDERSON

Crane High for the past two years has sent quite a few boys to the regional meet, but this is the first time that they have ever gotten past that barrier. This year several of the boys have qualified for the state championship meet. It seems that James Ward tried to hurl the discus plumb out of the Broncho stadium. James threw it 126 feet 10-1/2 inches. Myron Holcomb also clocked off the 440 yard dash with a good bit of speed by winning it in 54 seconds flat. J. F. Miller also ran the mile like it was a 50 yard sprint. His time was 5 min. and five-tenths seconds. We wish these boys that are going to state all the luck in the world.

The school's ever popular trombones have finally taken their toll in injuring. Betty Lou Fields and Jamie Sue Green have both been thrown off into the gym floor. They got their ankles sprained. We just want to let them know that we think they are pretty brave young ladies. Believe it or not, they had nerve to get back on the contraption.

The tennis team went to the regional meet last week, and was just a little outclassed. The whole bunch played top tennis, but luck just didn't seem to be running their way. Everyone of them will be back another year and maybe luck will be on their side.

The May-Pageant that is coming up on May 7 will really be a contest between the girls and boys, to see which is the best on the trombone and in tumbling. Mrs. Abernathy seems to think that the girls have the show stolen, but confidentially I think she is wrong.

Crane Hi Track Team Qualifies Three Boys For State Meet, May 6

Three first places and one record fell to Crane's track team at the regional meet in Odessa April 23rd.

The Crane boys were one of the smallest teams present, but took more first places than any individual team there.

Myron Holcomy set a new record in the 440 yard dash at 54 seconds flat, clipping almost a full second from the previous record of 54.9 1-2 seconds. He also won his preliminary heat that morning in 55 seconds.

J. F. Miller set his own pace to win the mile run, finishing a good 15 yards ahead of the second place man. J. F.'s time for the mile was 5 minutes and .5 of a second.

The first state ticket came in the morning with James Ward tossing the discus 126 feet 10 1-2 inches to win the event and set a pattern for his teammates. There were no preliminaries in the discus throw and finals were held at 10:30 in the morning.

Earl Husted also took a third place in the 220 yard dash and Stacy Hodges qualified for this event but failed to place in the finals.

Other Crane boys that attended but failed to place were John Best, discus, and Buster Pendleton, high jump.

The literary events were also held in Odessa and Jane Clark and Lorene McCoy finished third and fourth, respectively, in the journalism contest.

First and second places in the track events will be eligible to attend the state meet at Austin and this will be the first time Crane High has ever been represented at the state track meet.

CIVIC NEED PRODS WINNING ESSAY FROM JERRY HALL, FRESHMAN CLASS WRITER

Hereinunder is the District winning essay written by Jerry Hall, freshman in high school. The district meet was in Iraan April 13th.

OUR TOWN NEEDS A PARK

My father has always said that every man has a natural urge to live with nature. He said further, that the man who suppresses this desire is really missing something in life. While this may seem far from the subject of a park, I think you will readily agree that a park does offer a glimpse of nature that is extremely satisfying and relaxing. To the person who dwells forever in the city, it is heaven on earth. And yet, if the park is not a beautiful one, one that has a well kept lawn, beautiful trees, and a pleasing atmosphere, it may have an entirely different effect and should not be considered at all.

The people of this town must do their utmost to keep the park in a clean and delightful shape. No park with rubbish strewn on the ground can be considered as beautiful, no matter how large the trees or how green the grass.

If this park is a beautiful one, it would offer a wonderful place for youngsters and old people alike to spend their free time. A park with a spotty lawn, filed with "stickers," lacking shade trees large enough to throw a cooling shadow, and without flowers, is not worth having.

The park need not be a large one. I have seen parks a block long that surpassed, both in beauty and cheerfulness, the 20-acre parks found in large cities.

I can well recall the happy scenes I have seen in a well-kept park, children playing and laughing gaily, old men sitting under huge elm trees, discussing days gone by, and happy families gathered around a small fish pond or dining on the green carpet of grass.

There is an excellent spot in our city to place a park; the price is not too high and the land is extremely fertile.

However, it is not the material value this park would have, but the joy it would bring to the citizens, that prods me to say, "Crane should certainly have a park."

Ex-Craneites Illustrate Money-Saving Method In One Simple Lesson

Are you a penny-pincher? Do you hate to spend money? Would you like to know how to save money? Tell you what I'm gonna do! Here is a little article on how one can save the lump sum of 25 cents.

A couple of ex-Cranes, Tooth Mathis and George Grounds, have found a foolproof method by which 25c is saved on a shoe shine. As is a well known fact, both of these boys play football for the College of Mines, El Paso, Texas. During spring training this year, each of them got an ankle injury that resulted in crutches. Naturally they could not wear a shoe on that foot. When they went to town, they wore one shoe apiece. They went up to a shoe shine stand and both of them got a shine for the price of one, saving 25c.

So if a person wants to be thrifty and save money, all he has to do is go out and break your ankle, after he finds a buddy to accompany him.

Softball Team For CHS; About Twenty Boys Out

Coach Underhill has undertaken the duty of organizing a softball team and coaching it, his material to be picked from the boys of C. H. S. He reports about 20 or 25 boys coming out regularly and that they are improving steadily. They have only been working out a little while and as yet there is no definite team of boys chosen on the team.

When the team is ready they will probably play such teams as McCamey, Monahans, Grandfalls, Fort Stockton, and possibly Odessa, but no games will be played until the boys' arms are in shape.

Only once before has Crane High tried to organize a softball team. This was two years ago when Coy Pope coached, and the school itself did not back it. But this time it is probable that the school will take interest and do something toward helping and sponsoring the team. All the boys hold hopes of this as about this time every year there are no sports at all but a little tennis and they just sit around with nothing to do.

At any rate Crane High now has a softball team and with lots of backing there will continue to be a team with the winning spirit of the boys now playing.

Ward, Miller, Holcomb Are State Contestants

James Ward, J. F. Miller and Myron Holcomb, regional winners, will be the first boys in many years to represent Crane in track and field events, when they attend the State Interscholastic track meet, May 6, at Austin.

Ward won district in the discus throw with a throw of 104 ft. and 2 1-2 inches. In the regional meet he made a throw of 126 ft. 10 1-2 inches to win first place again.

Holcomb is the winner of the 440 yard dash in district with 55.5 seconds, and his regional time, 54 flat, broke the record of 54.9 1-2 seconds. He also holds a district record on the 220 dash.

J. F. Miller, running the mile, has breezed through the district and regional meets without much trouble, taking first in each. His time in the district meet was 5 min. and 5 sec., and in the regional meet he cut his time to 5 min. and 5-10 of a sec.

BULLETIN BOARD FOR ETIQUETTE

Mrs. I. K. Elmore now has the bulletin board designed for etiquette. The following books were put out for the students to read before going to the prom. If the students were to read these books all the time, their etiquette would be improved:

This Way, Please
Smarter and Smoother
Gentlemen Aren't Sissies
Cues For You
If You Please
Safe Conduct
The Questions Girls Ask
Manners Now and Then

DONT HANG WHILE DANCING
She hangs upon his word,
With curious gaze adores;
He labels girls who worship thus
Unmitigated bores.

LET HIM TALK AWHILE
John thinks, John says, John will,
John won't,
She gabbles, John stands glum;
He wants a girl who'll let him talk,
Not act as if he were dumb.

TALK TO HIM, NOT TO THE STAG LINE
She used to concentrate her charms
On him, to win his favor.
But now he's hooked, she has become
An over-shoulder waver.

CARE FOR HIM
Watch out, don't spill that on my dress,
Oh, now you've mussed the trim;
It's obvious she cares much more
About her clothes than him.

I DON'T CARE, NEVER GETS YOU ANYWHERE
Dance? Sit? Stay? Go?
Distracted, he tears his hair.
To each one of these questions
She answers, "I don't care."

through the San Angelo Clinic April 21, 22, 23, and 25 for a check-up.

He found out that he was allergic to certain foods, which will keep him from eating such foods as chicken, pie cake, ice cream and all other foods he likes. Looks as though he will have to live on "baby food".

Crane Tennis Hopetuls Eliminated In Meet

Crane racketeers were taken out one by one in the Regional Meet by the stiff competition of the five districts represented April 23 in Odessa.

The last one to drop out was Jimmie Neal Stacy when he defeated Fabens in senior singles 6-3, in the semi-finals and then was defeated by Junction's senior singles 6-4, 6-1.

Barbara Hall was defeated by Pyote singles 7-5, 8-6, 6-3, who went on to win the division of the meet.

Clark Lee Pressley and John Hickey, representing Crane in senior doubles, were defeated by Van Horn 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Betty Henderson and Peggy Sharp in the senior girls, doubles division were defeated by Sierra Blanca's doubles 6-2, 6-2.

Pyote was the winner of the tournament, having two firsts and one second.

Four Band Members Receive New Medals

Walking Scrap Medal drives could be a good description of some of the band members since they received their medals, April 12.

There were four band members who received medals and all were clarinet players. These band members were Wanda "Babe" Leclair, Bruce Patterson, Lanell Murrell, and a Jackie Mathis.

A year ago the U. I. L. medal ruling was changed to the effect that unless a contestant, or the contestants, won a first division in the ensemble they entered, they would not receive a medal.

"Babe" Leclair, a freshman and a twirler of the band, has won two other medals, these being won in solos. This new medal for which she won playing in the clarinet quartet makes three medals which she has won in the past three years.

Bruce Patterson, a junior, president of the junior class, of the student council and of the band, has won two previous medals which were also won as member of a quartet. This makes the third medal Bruce has won in playing quartets.

Lanell Murrell, a junior and also a twirler in the band, has won nine medals previous to the one she received recently. These medals were won on solos, quartets, and at the Band Festival in Enid. Lanell now has ten medals that she may display on her white twirler uniform.

Jackie Mathis, a senior and choral piano player, has won one other medal which was in piano. Jackie is quite proud to display her two medals which are the last two she will receive in high school unless she enters and wins in an ensemble at Enid this year.

This year's medals have a star in the center of them with the initials U. I. L. around the star and Regional Meeting at the bottom.

Ellison Injured In Motorcycle Accident

Arlene Ellison, third grader, suffered a serious injury about two weeks ago while riding on a motorcycle with her father. They were side-swiped by a passing car and a piece of chromium stuck through her left leg, striking the bone just below the knee. They were unable to pull the chromium out until they operated in her leg.

The doctor has had her walking a little so that the muscles in her leg will not grow together.

If everything goes all right she will be able to return to school next week.

We are all glad to hear that she is recovering and will be back with us soon.

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THE CRANE FILES

1 YEAR AGO:
Speck Pierce, Valco Garrett, Myron Holcomb, Earnest Higdon, Henry Cook, Jimmy Stacy and Ray Knox started a non-shaving hat club with some complicated rules.

9 YEARS AGO:
The parents and teachers held a party in the gym to familiarize the parents with the program of the year.

15 YEARS AGO:
The senior class went to Carlsbad Caverns on the senior trip.

16 YEARS AGO:
The glee club presented an operetta May 2 in the auditorium. The seniors were honored with a dance in the home of Mrs. R. A. Young.

11 YEARS AGO:
Thirty-two boys enrolled for spring training football. A scrimmage with McCamey provided the first experience.

1 YEAR AGO:
At the last board meeting, Bill Haralson was elected head football coach to succeed Geo. Chrane, who retired from coaching last spring.

3 YEARS AGO:
Harry Gunn ran through a 4-strand barbed wire fence on his motorcycle.

8 YEARS AGO:
The Kermit faculty beat the Crane pros in a volleyball game.

10 YEARS AGO:
Crane took fourth place in a Big Lake track meet.

11 YEARS AGO:
The school paper, The Crane, went to the state meet journalism finals ten years ago.

It seems that the Interscholastic League is changing up the rules on football to beat sixty. There has been some talk about a substitute having to report when he goes on the field.

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The boys have started out for softball with a zeal that will surpass lots of pro teams. The boys started practice last week and have really been doing well. They also had their first game with McCamey last week and it turned out to be a good game.

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FASHIONETTES

by EARLENE HUSTEAD
Fashionettes, like those of Peggy Barbara Hall and Genevieve are dancing back into the fashion scene.

Skirts come in pairs now. Lee Pressley, Dwain Stacy and Billy Henderson are sporting the classy shirts.

Have you seen the keen skirts of Norma Rust, Pat-ty and Coylene Pope?

Fashionettes, such as Glennell, are really marvelous in Glennell's dress features the plunging neckline with cord around the low neck and a long skirt.

Speaking of loud things, have you seen Mrs. Thomas' new dress?

Have you seen the zipper shirts Barbara Hall, Coylene Pope, Genevieve and Peggy McCamey are wearing?

Waller looks very neat in chambray dresses she has wearing. She really looks like her pink one.

Speaking of pretty plaid dresses, Miss Haley has a different plaid dress she wears to school and it looks very nice.

Miss Cloud has a cute black sun dress with a matching jacket.

BOOK NOOK

Reviewed by JEAN MURRAY
Nutchuk with Alden Hatch Presents
BACK TO THE SMOKY SEA

This is the story of an Eskimo who went "Outside," who left his bleak Aleutian home to find a place for himself in the civilized world. It was not easy for Nutchuk to become an American when other Americans looked on him as a foreigner. But with his music, his piano-playing, as a bridge, he traveled the road to the modern world and achieved success, married the beautiful American girl he loved, and had two children.

Then tragedy struck, and left him lost and bewildered. It was the outbreak of the war that gave him new life, new determination. Dutch Harbor, the town he called home no matter where he wandered, was bombed by the Japanese, the Aleutians invaded. Nutchuk enlisted in the U. S. Army and was rushed to Alaska, where he was assigned to Army Intelligence at Fort Richardson, headquarters of the Alaska Defense Command, under the late Gen. Simon Boliver Buckner, Jr. Here he was placed in charge of information so important and secret that he kept a can of gasoline and grenade always at hand. "If there is an attack or a serious bombing raid," he was told, "pour the gasoline over everything, pull the pin of the grenade and run."

But the attack never came. Instead, the Japanese were driven from the Aleutians, with Nutchuk's special knowledge of those islands playing no small part in the American victory.

CRANE AND SONNENBURG BAND RESERVATIONS.

L. L. Martin and Mr. E. M. Sonnenburg went to Ruidoso, New Mexico April 23, 24, and 25 to make reservations for the band trip to go to Ruidoso in May. The lodge where accommodations were made was the Carter's located close in town.

The band students voted two weeks ago to go to Ruidoso in May because it would be an all of them to make such a trip so close to the end of school, what with the tests and etc.

The trip will be made May 13, and 15. The band will leave Friday morning and arrived Ruidoso early in the afternoon. They intend to stay there until Saturday evening or Sunday morning and drive to Carlsbad through the cavern.

The members will have swimming, bowling, horseback riding, and many other sports for recreation.

Senior room mothers wish to express their thanks for the beautiful corsages that were presented to them to wear the night of the prom.

Don Pope Marches In The Baile Of Flowers

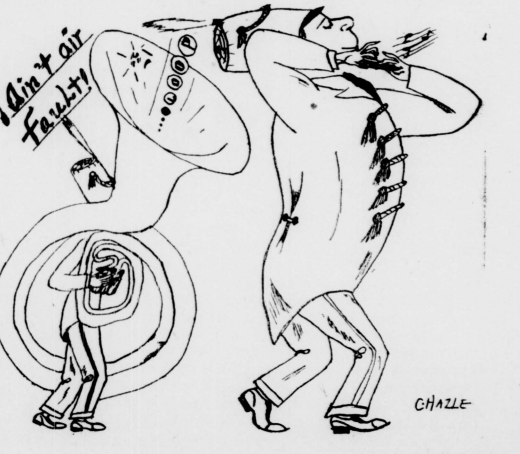
Don Pope, Crane's ex-editor, is going places in college and keeping up Crane's tradition.

He was in the Sam Houston Rifle Squad that marched in the "Battle of Flowers" last year and this year at San Antonio. His squad won first place.

His squad was elected to make a tour to Washington and Canada this summer with all expenses paid.

He has also been going places in tennis at NAC and we hope he continues when he transfers to Tech next year.

C.H.S. annual staff reports annually will be out May 15.





By James Ward

The senior's invitation cards arrived last week and everyone seemed well pleased with the choice.

Everybody had better bear down on their books these last few short days. Would like to see everyone pass.

We're proud of our track and literary representatives who made such a good showing at the Regional Meet April 23. Best of luck at State to them.

The Jr.-Sr. prom and banquet went off well April 30 with the Southern style motif. This was one of the largest banquets ever given by a junior class.

Also we're proud of the senior's presentation of Funzapoppin which proved to be a big success.

The cute chorus girls of Funzapoppin would like to know why the boys are not flocking them for dates.

Pardons to the juniors for the absence of the junior class duke's and duchess's names in last issue's May Pageant story.

We're pulling for the success of the May Pageant this weekend. This is the biggest project ever undertaken by Crane High School.

A lot of hard work was in store for the Seniors April 23 in canning the beef for their trip to sunny California.

Congratulations to Mr. Patterson for devising a way to keep peace and quiet in his study hall. (Passed out the new issue of the paper for them to read.)

A very important item to about 25 dignified students were the diplomas which arrived last week.

Music And Choral See Film, 'Rehearsal'

The Crane High choral students and grade school music students enjoyed a film given Monday, 25. The name of the film was "Rehearsal."

It was the story of a rehearsal of the Bell Telephone Orchestra for a radio program and the film showed part of the radio program. The commentator told the story of the growth of communication from the bonfires on hill-tops to our present day system of telephone.

The director of the Bell Telephone Orchestra was Donald Voorhees and the soloists were Ezio Pinza and Blanche Terbor.

It was a two and a half reel movie and was one of the best films of the year.

Prof. Charles Kelley Speaks At Sul Ross

Dr. J. Charles Kelley, professor of anthropology at the University of Texas, spoke at the Sul Ross auditorium Monday, May 2. This lecture was given before the annual meeting of the American Association for the Development of Science, Southwestern Division, and was open to the public.

J. Charles Kelley is the son of Crane's superintendent of the cafeteria, Mrs. Nettie Kelley. He has a sister, Mrs. Pearl Pittman, who teaches school here in Crane grade school, a brother who is auditor for the State Highway Department, and a father who is a doctor. He, C. A. Carroll and Paul Patterson attended school together at Sul Ross.

Dr. Kelley was graduated from Balmorhea High School in 1930. He received his B. A. degree from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, and received his Ph. D. from Harvard University in 1948.

Grade School News

ALEXANDER'S THIRD GRADE

We were so very sorry to learn of Arlene's misfortune. We hope her a real speedy recovery. The boys have been playing soft ball.

We hope the weather stays nice so we can play ball. Tuesday we sent Arlene a pretty vase and flowers.

SIX-ONE

Reporter Le Bouef and Mathes The sixth grade is looking forward to the picnic that we are going to have Friday afternoon. All the boys are changing girl friends since spring is here.

Everybody is eagerly waiting for the end of school. A lot of boys have burr haircuts but the girls don't seem to like them.

SIX-THREE

Reporter Peggy Lightfoot Many of the students of our room have been visiting. Barbara Kinsey went to Moran, Texas to visit her grand-parents. Patsy Halford went to Brownwood.

Jean Shaver went to San Angelo to visit her little nephew who is ill in the hospital. Friday evening the 29th we had a party for all three sections.

JUNIOR FASHIONETTES

The saying is April showers bring May flowers. It looks as though April sunshine brings pretty May fashions. Sue Harrold's midriff really looks cool on these hot spring days.

Also Della Jean Caudle's blue dotted swiss dress is very nice for hot days. Mrs. Conger's brown dress is cute and also very cool.

Illa Dee Owens' plaid sandles are very cute and are very unusual. Polka dot shoes seem to be very much in style. Dawn Simpson, Sylvia Sullivan, and Peggy Lightfoot show off these cut shoes.

Kay Culp has been wearing some cute patent leather shoes. Juanel Heard's white dress certainly looks cool. Mrs. Browning was seen wearing a purple hat that is very attractive.

SEVEN-TWO

Reporter Luanne Presley Thursday afternoon, our room mothers are going to take us to the show then afterwards to dinner. We will get out at 2:45 o'clock.

We have been practicing on our play all this week. George Cloud has been sick.

ROOM FIVE-2

We had a picnic Friday, 29. We had it at the sandhills. Both fifth grades had it together. After we went to the sandhills—we went to the Gulf Camp to eat our lunch. We had a good time.

Reporter, Sandra Russell

ROOM SIX-2

Well, the sixth grade picnic is growing very near, in fact it is on Friday the 29th and everyone is happy. We will have sandwiches, pop, cookies, potato salad, and potato chips.

Mr. Underhill has shown 6-2 the drawing of the new athletic field and everybody is very pleased with the lay out.

Reporter: Mike Windsor

NIX'S THIRD GRADE

We all enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and the refreshments that our room mothers served us. We want to thank Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Wilmoth, Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Gibson.

MISS SHARP'S ROOM FOUR-3

We have a new girl whose name is Nancy Jo Ann Yost. In art we tried to draw a squirrel, but half of them looked like everything but a squirrel. Some of us are very poor in art. Patsy Jo Burkhalter, Mary Lou Fisher, Jimmie Lou Baker, all have had birthdays. We are having an arithmetic test. One of the pupils brought a red rose and some honeysuckles. Marilyn Moore has been making paper dolls all morning. The music teacher is reading Stephen Foster to us and we are enjoying it very much. Our Duchess is absent so we have Mary Lou Fisher to do practice. Barbara Kay Peek has gone to the doctor.

Reporter: Johnny Buchanan

SECOND GRADE

We are having fun in Science. Josephine brought some tadpoles

Trail Of Senior Plays Traced Back To 1937

Senior plays which have taken place in Crane High School have been traced back to 1934. Several years of plays could not be found, possibly because the papers were not filed or a senior play had not taken place.

Back in 1934, the seniors gave a one-act comedy, "His Best Foot Forward," and a two-act play, "For The Love Of Mike." Then a span of five years goes by until 1939 shoots around bringing "Among The Stars."

Next year, 1940, the seniors bring to the stage "Everybody's Crazy Now."

The fatal year the war started with Japan, 1941, the seniors were giving the play, "His Ozark Cousin."

Three years are skipped until 1944 rolls around, still war years. The seniors gave a light, ghostly play, perhaps to raise morale: "The Saturday Night's Ghost."

The war years have settled into peace, and the boys are coming "some when the seniors presented the play, "Nothing To Lose."

The year of 1948! Prosperity! Boys and Girls growing up and the world again fairly settled from the war. The seniors give, "Ladies Alone," "How To Propose," and "If Women Played Cards As Women Do," all one-act plays. Also a howling success was "Are You Mr. Butterworth," a three-act play. That question was on the lips of everyone, who was Mr. Butterworth? It was finally discovered after a great many laughs and mixups.

And finally, the year 1949. "Funzapoppin," and it really lived up to its name, was given. This play was a smashing success.

Most, if not all, of these plays have been to appropriate money for the long-awaited senior trip.

Next year, the year after, and many more years, senior plays will be given for this purpose. Much hard work and a lot of fun goes into the making, and many more successes will take place. But, not in the old Crane High School will they take place, but in the huge auditorium of the new Crane High School.

Reporter: Mike Windsor

Band's Three Firsts Pace Year's Progress

Passing in review are the highlights of the 1948-49 school year. The highest of the highlights being the three first places won by the band April 2.

Also The Crane copped and A-1 rating in the National Contest April 5.

April 22, Funzapoppin was presented by the senior class. April 23, Crane tennis team won 8 first and three seconds in the district tournament.

April 23, The Crane boys, James Ward, J. F. Miller, and Myron Holcomb each won a first place in regional tournament and will compete in the State meet.

September 19 marked the beginning of football season with the Golden Cranes defeating the Big Lake Owls in the opening game 12-0.

October 30 was the date of the annual Halloween Carnival, remember kids? Crane's football boys moved into the new field house Oct. 19.

November, The Golden Crane's football squad won second place in District 5 B.

November 30, Crane Cagers started the season off by defeating

to school and we are watching to see them turn into frogs. We have some snails, a horned toad and some moths. It is fun to look at them through the magnifying glass.

Gail brought a bird book that has pretty pictures and good stories. Several of us are members of the Audubon Bird Club.

Post 60 And Troop 57 Are Working Toward Scouting Adventures

Post 60, the senior Scout unit of Crane, got to work Saturday before last and made a clear profit of about \$60 by hauling dirt for yards and on a cake walk they had in front of the Palace Theatre.

They worked to get the money to go to a Senior Bivouac in the Davis Mountains last weekend. They are really going all out to win the coming contest against other senior units in the future.

This is a new scout unit in Crane and it is going along smoothly under the leadership of Jimmy Glenn and his father. It

ing the mighty Odessa Broncos to the tune of 42-33. They also won District for the seventh time in nine years.

December 17, Closed its doors for the Christmas holidays until Jan. 3.

The seniors held their annual Christmas dance Dec. 11.

February 12, Marked the day for the Crane Cagers when they defeated Iran 34-33 to win first place of district 86 B.

February 14, "The Curse of An Aching Heart" was presented by the faculty for the benefit of the seniors.

March 11-12, Marked the days spent by the teacher attending State Teachers Convention.

March 23, "Every Family Has One" a comedy was presented by the Junior class.

March 19, Crane Volleyball team won second place in district tournament.

is sponsored by the Lions Club of Crane.

Troop 57 has now begun to take interest in softball, and is organizing a team with Nubbin Reynolds as coach. Probable pitcher for the team will be Brent MacFee. If things go right and everything is satisfactory, games will be played with McCamey, Grandfalls, Fort Stockton, and maybe other neighboring towns.

A hike was planned last Monday for next weekend. The boys are looking forward to it for it will be a break in a long period of no hikes.

The patrols are out working to make some money to go to camp with this summer. One patrol, the Stag Patrol, made \$15 in one day last week.

With summer coming on, there will be more fun and more adventures in scouting.

Carroll Attends T.V.A. Meet In San Antonio; Shop Foremen Teach

C. A. Carroll, shop instructor in Crane High School, attended the T. V. A. meeting which was held in San Antonio for three days, early in April.

The meeting was held in the San Antonio Tech High School and about 2,000 instructors attend the three-day meet.

All vocational arts were discussed in two general discussions held for the entire group, and several discussions were held on different types of work in industrial arts fields.

Mr. Carroll left Thursday, April 14, and returned Saturday, April 16. During Mr. Carroll's absence, his classes were conducted by the following students:

First Period—Kenneth Lightfoot. Second Period—J. F. Miller. Third Period—James Ward. Fourth Period—Off. Fifth Period—Gene Watts. Sixth Period—Marquis Staff.

Joyce Taylor returned from her trip to Dallas to see the doctor about having the brace removed from her leg. Joyce found out that she could never have the brace removed unless her leg was left stiff.

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