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## 'Betty Lou' To Be Presented Next Tuesday

Cast of 12 Characters and Chorus of 30 Voices in Operetta

The comic operetta, "Betty Lou," will be given in the Crane School auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The music department, including music classes and glee clubs, are presenting this three-act operetta under the direction of Mrs. V. O. Marshall.

The school children will be given a matinee, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, with a special admission of ten cents. The evening program will be given at 8 o'clock, with admission price of thirty-five cents. The cast has been practicing for over a month and good results are expected.

The setting of the operetta is in the home of the late Anthony Pendleton, and the time is in June. Fifteen special musical numbers, in addition to the overture and finale, will be given.

Charline Wakefield has the leading role of the operetta as Betty Lou, herself. She is supported by a cast of eleven characters. These are: Carol Kidd as Mrs. Anthony Pendleton, Betty Lou's step-mother; Viola Mullins as Lola Pendleton, her sister-in-law; Milton Boyd as Tony Pendleton, her brother; Beatrice Rawls, Vera Morris, Onis Condit, and Bobby Blodgett as her friends; Elwood Turrentine as Robert Sherwood, a shy young man; Gordon Smalley as Worthington Brooks, otherwise known as "Gentleman Jim"; Mildred McLaurry as Annie, the maid; and Casey Dunn as Mr. Lane, the man who played Santa Claus. There is also a chorus of thirty voices.

Betty Lou's experiences, together with the Pendleton financial troubles, make an intriguing plot for the play.

## Pupils in Spanish Class Play Dolls

Playing dolls has become a serious project for the pupils of the Spanish 1 class, under Mrs. O. W. Carothers. A doll house with all its furniture is being constructed by the boys and girls. The boys are making furniture and the girls will upholster the chairs, make bed spreads, towels, and other articles necessary to complete the house.

This project is being worked out to increase the pupils' Spanish vocabulary. The names of all the articles in the house will be learned through work on the doll house.

## Journalism Class



Members of the Journalism class of Crane High School are shown in the above picture with their instructor, Mrs. Roy Beal. Those in the group are: (Back row) Mrs. Beal, Ruby Blankenship, Leroy Hardaway, Elwood Turrentine, Woodrow Sewell, and J. L. Heydon. (Front row) Lois Townsend, Beatrice Rawls, Bobbie Blodgett, Rita Merle Young, and Marie De Colle. All members of the class are on the staff of The Crane. Others on the staff, but not in the picture are Gilbert Griffin, business manager; Virginia McIntyre, society editor; and Marcelle Griffin, assistant editor.

## Prize Offered for School Song

Teachers or Students Are Eligible to Enter Contest

A prize in the form of a silver shield or loving cup will be presented to the teacher or pupil of a school who will write a school song that will be acceptable to a committee of judges.

It will be necessary to write only the words of the song; the tune to some popular song or old favorite may be used. The tune must be one that is familiar to the majority of the pupils and one that is simple and easily sung. The song must express both dignity and spirit.

No prize will be given or song adopted unless one is submitted that the judges consider worthy in every way to become the permanent school song.

This announcement comes from the office of the superintendent, J. H. Bankston, and those desiring further details may call at the office for them.

## REHEARSAL GIVEN ON TOURNAMENT PLAY

A tournament play, "Mansions," in one act, directed by Miss Audra Faye Bailey, expression teacher in high school, is being rehearsed. The exact time for the play has not been set, but it will probably be given the latter part of February. The characters in the play are Arteele Simmons, Ruby Blankenship, and Sidney Goldstein.

## Cranes Win Over Red Devils, 17-10

Fourth Victory for Boys; Girls Lose in Big Score Game

The Cranes defeated the Red Devils in a fast game for basketball Friday night, Jan. 16, in Rankin court. The final score was 17 to 16.

Leroy Hardaway made the successful toss a few minutes after the game opened.

It was the fifth game of the season for the Cranes and their victory.

The girls played Rankin on the same night, making the engagement an indoor court made it difficult for the girls to score. Reports that the girls played a good game even though they came out with the small number the 66 to 7 score.

## Revue To Be Given At Dixie Saturday

"Sweethearts' Revue" will be given at the Dixie Theatre Saturday night, Jan. 24, at 8 o'clock. A trained cast, with the help of Crane High School talent, will present the play.

There will be a big parade made up of members of the cast and floats representing the business firms in the city on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## Needs For New School Building Are Explained

Conditions of Buildings and Operating Costs Are Discussed

By J. H. Bankston, Superintendent

Do we need a new high school building? Will it raise our taxes? These are the questions that you hear on the streets and around the fireside. The questions are just and the public should know the true answers to them.

What will we do with our present building?

There are 115 in the first grade of our school. This number is 93 more than the enrollment of the senior class. What will the senior class be within ten more years? Our present building, plumbing fixtures and classrooms were designed to take care of about 350 to 400 pupils. We now have over 500. Is it good business management to have anything at one and one-half times its normal capacity? If the high school pupils are housed in the proposed new high school building, this will leave a few over 400 for the present building.

### Conditions Crowded.

All grades below junior high school now have from two to three sections. The grades in junior high school should have at least two sections in them also and would have if we had the rooms for the divisions. It would not be economy to build more temporary buildings. All rooms except the fourth grade have more pupils than the State Department recommends for any one teacher.

Physical education must be taught to all boys and girls in fulfillment of a state law passed and made effective this past September. This is a good requirement and should be met with the necessary equipment, gymnasium and its equipment. Remember the price of your gymnasium will be measured by the total enrollment of your school and not by the high school enrollment.

### Financial Conditions Favorable.

What about the cost of the building and the financial conditions of the school? The \$40,000 bonds that were voted in 1927 mature this March; \$30,000 has been paid; \$10,000 will be paid this March. The annual expenditure on this bond alone has been \$12,000, with interest. Keep in mind that this debt will be over after March of this year. We have had an annual expenditure of about \$8,000 for fixtures, remodeling, temporary

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**Contributions from Junior High School English Classes**

**IN THE SIXTH GRADE**

The sixth grade health club members are presenting a play on Friday, Jan. 16. The play is entitled "The Prickly Prince." Fourteen pupils are taking part in it. It will be given in their room.

Teacher: Bobby, what building in the city has the most stories?  
Bobby: The public library.

**After Exams.**  
I think that we should celebrate After exams,  
And be sure and don't be late After exams.  
We should write a kindly letter After exams,  
And then do better, on our next exams.

J. P. Mask from Coleman and Wilber Plate have entered Crane school in the sixth grade.

The sixth grade gave a health program last Friday afternoon. The fifth grade were their guests. The program opened by the singing of "America," by the entire assembly. A play, "Why be Dirty," by the sixth grade followed this. Readings were given by Juanita Prather, Doris Damron, Clarice Kidd and Helen Passur.

The sixth grade have called their rows their business houses and have made slogans and business names on yellow slips of paper. They have the rows named after streets. 1. Washington Avenue. 2. Alamo Plaza. 3. Broadway Avenue. 4. Baylor Avenue, 5. Hoover Avenue.

The ones that have clean desks for three times got a star.

The health club joined the "Totent Big Brother Club," which is a radio fraternity organized for the purpose of health. The club's slogan is "He Somebody's Big Brother or Sister." The sixth grade's motto is "Leaders of the Junior High." Each one who has joined the "Totent Big Brother Club" received a pin and a memento paper, and also health rules.

Each club member promises to write a letter each week to the "Big Brother." They expect to do this in English class. The club was organized under the direction of Mrs. J. O. Head, the sixth grade health teacher.

**IN THE FIFTH GRADE**

Three of the fifth grade pupils dramatized a play in reading. The ones who were in it were Helen Passur, Hersel Boyd, and Elleta Chaffin. The name of the play was "Molly Visits the Unwise Man." It was very interesting.

The class certainly enjoyed "Tom Sawyer," the picture Mr. Clonts, the theatre manager, gave the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. It was given Thursday, Jan. 15, at 2:30 o'clock.

Teacher: Tom, how many days are there in each month?  
Tom: Thirty days has September; all the rest I don't remember.

The calendar hangs on the wall. Why bother me with that at all?

The fifth grade spelling ladder has just been put up. Tommie Jay Carroll, Geneva Walden, Beryle, Hasas, and Ovida Mae Townsend are on the top.

Mary Carmen Walk of the fifth grade gave the class two new library books. They are the "Anderson Fairy Tales," and "Black Beauty."

The fifth grade pupils are making backs for their music books about Bach. They are making designs on the front of the cover. They are going to sew the books so that they will not come apart when opened.

The bulbs have bloomed beautifully that our room mother, Mrs. Damron, gave to us. We have all enjoyed them immensely.

At noon we have all been gathering in the fifth grade room and telling stories. Four girls in our room who take expression say readings for us. If you are lonesome someday at noon and don't have anything to do, just come in and listen to our entertainments.

In the fifth grade Mrs. J. O. Head is reading the story book of Holland, "Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates." It is an interesting book.

Geneva Wallin and Tommie Fay Carroll put up a new calendar in the fifth grade room.

**IN THE SEVENTH GRADE EXAMS**

Tune: "After the Ball."  
After exams are over,  
After we've studied hard,  
Then when we get our papers,  
And find out we've flunked,  
It's hard!

Then when we get our report card  
And take it home to Pa,  
At once he eyes it over,  
And goes to the side of Ma.

They talk awhile then whisper  
About my report card, I know;  
After exams are over,  
There's always a tale of woe!

The boys of the seventh grade have been making door stops out of bricks. They make their own designs and paint them on the bricks in different colors.

The seventh grade has a spelling

ladder for the ones who miss the fewest words. The ones that are ahead are: Jessie Lou Armstrong, Vera Birdwell, Otto Kiphart, Evelyn Passur, A. M. Thornton, Marie Trice, Odelle Bagget, Jo Frances Faust, and Marcella Redman.

The seventh grade wishes for all voter to vote for a new high school building. We, the pupils of the seventh grade, will be in high school next year. We would like to be the first freshmen pupils in a new high school building. If we have a new high school the grammar school will have more room. In this room there are forty-two pupils. Just imagine a teacher teaching forty-two pupils!

The girls of the seventh grade art class have been making ties. Their next project will be silk scarfs. Some of the girls made bow ties and others made long ties.

Three new pupils have entered the seventh grade and are given a welcome by all. They are Billie Steele of McCamey, Roland Smith of Galena, Kansas; and Lorene Fulton of Konawa, Oklahoma.

The seventh grade won the first basketball game of the season last Monday. The score was 8 to 4. The sixth grade put up a good fight, but they were a little too weak for the seventh grade boys. These grades are to play every Monday and Thursday.

The famed airplane "City of Chicago" which once held the world's endurance flight record, got into the news again recently. It was used by Miller Stephenson and Miss Rankin, who were married in its cabin as the plane soared over the town of Sparta, Ill. In this instance the bride and groom might well be referred to in hackneyed newspaper phrase as the "high contracting parties."

Opportunities for export trade are listed in bulletins by the Department of Commerce, one of which recently revealed inquiries for garlic, windmills, popcorn machinery, garters, milk bottles, padlocks, whale and shark meat. Or what have you?

**A GO-GETTER AT 86**

When Mrs. Herbert Hoover christened the new Dollar Line ship, the President Hoover, a few days ago, Captain Robert Dollar, the 86-year-old owner of the line, was not present. He was in China looking for new business for his great fleet of ships.

The President Hoover, by the way, it the largest merchant ship ever built in the United States, being 653 feet long, with accommodations for 1,260 passengers. A second ship of the same size is under construction.

Few careers have been more picturesque or more amazing in accomplishment than that of Captain Dollar. Born in Scotland of poor parents, his schooling ended at the age of 11, and upon removing to Canada his active career began as laborer in a lumber camp when he was 13.

Shortly afterward he came to the United States and was naturalized as an American citizen in 1888. He engaged in the lumber business and foreign trade and has long been known as one of the largest operators of ocean vessels in the world, all of which are under the American flag. He was 57 when he bought his first vessel, and he is not a licensed shipmaster. His title of "Captain" therefore, is merely honorary.

But, even if he is not a practical navigator of ships, he probably knows more about operating them at a profit than any other living man, and has not slowed down appreciably as a business go-getter, in spite of his 86 years.

Cut off Rudy Vallee's nose and he would be noiseless.



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THEN WE'LL BE HAPPY

A new high school building! Wouldn't that be nice? A big brick, two-story building for the high school alone. That's what we like about it. That means no more little fellows in the way all the time, and no more big fellows warring the little ones.

A journalism room, gymnasium, and a big new high school auditorium! All the high school students are ready to offer up their thanks for these things, but the chorus of the little children in the emergency buildings outside will be "Hurrah! we'll get to be in the big building at last! No more chasing back and forth and no more crowded conditions."

In fact we are all full of joy at the prospect of a new building, and we must not forget to thank those who brought this possibility about; but we will be still more thankful if the citizens vote the bond and the possibility becomes a fact.

THINKING IT OVER

Well, the old semester is gone forever and the new one has just begun. As we look back we can see the errors that we have made and profit by them. We can also look back and note our accomplishments with a sense of pride, and resolve to do better than ever before, next semester.

If we have failed, we are not discouraged. Not at all! The failure only helps us to make a stronger resolution to pass with a wide margin next time. If we passed with a C average, we are ashamed and resolve to do much better next time. If we have made good records, it fills us with pride and we make up our minds to keep

up our good grades through the next semester and to better them if we can.



Preparations are now under way in all departments of the Odessa Public Schools, both in the grades and in the high school, for Odessa's entrance in the regular district Interscholastic League meet which is to be held in Alpine in April. The students are working hard in preparation for entrance in both divisions of the meet, academic and athletic. Odessa schools are to be represented in practically every event in each department. —The Odessa, Odessa, Texas.

Forty-two graduates will receive their diplomas from Wichita Falls high school Friday night at the final commencement exercises, according to Registrar A. K. Presson. A new plan of speakers, including talks from a group of graduates, will be substituted for the usual commencement address. —The Wichtan, Wichita Falls, Texas.

"Confederates," a one-act play by H. Woodrille, has been chosen from a selection of fifteen possible plays by J. H. Williams, sponsor of Ye Little Players dramatic club, as Abilene's entry in the tournament play contest held annually each spring and sponsored by the Interscholastic league. —The Abilene High Battery, Abilene, Texas.

On Saturday of the week ending Jan. 3, an invitation basketball tournament was held on the Mullin High School court. Enthusiastic teams from five different schools of the neighboring counties participated. Mullin won the final championship title by a very narrow margin over Gustine. —The Tattler, Mullin, Texas.

The honor roll for the second six weeks, announced December 12, has 164 names for the second six weeks period, an increase of seven names over that of last six weeks. Of the number, 118 are girls and 46 are boys.—The Pantherette, Central High School, Fort Worth, Texas.

Miss Varner — Have you read Scott's novels?

Jack T.—All but his "Emulsion." I have seen it advertised, but have never been able to get a copy. —The Hi-Campus, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

THE SIGNAL

When we get our report cards it's a signal that seems to say, "The ones mailed out to our parents are now out on their way."

So we make a rush to the post office

Tho we know very well what we got.

The thing we do is go get them. So that our parents will not. —Lois Townsend.



Some people may be able to make money talk; but all it ever says to me is "Goodbye!"

Why worry if you flunked the mid-term examination? The questions were just some little things that weren't important anyway. You are smarter, you know, than that little so-and-so who passed them.

Mr. Neely should be called "mother" by C. H. S. students, for many of them act as if they were at home, so Mr. Neely performs the mother's duty and cleans up the disordered rooms.

I know three of the teachers must be rabid "Amos 'n' Andy" fans. They say "is been" all the time.

(Names withheld through fear of consequences.)

Some of Mr. Murley's P. E. boys have decided against talking since exams."

Don't miss "Betty Lou."

Good people! perhaps you realize a lot of twaddle is printed in this column, but it's nothing to the amount thrown away.

Poor Mr. Patrick! His beautiful flower vase has a large-sized portion broken off.



The boys in the typing classes are sure feeling good over the fact that no girl has yet attained the typewriting honor roll.

Of course everyone expects the freshmen to have puppy-love affairs with grade school students; but a junior! Shame on you, Sidney!

Milton Boyd and Harold Garner are two of those souls who unblushingly admit they crave publicity. Their pet yearning is to see their names emblazoned in 60 point type in "The Crane."

Perhaps you think that building a fire is a one-man job. You should see the whole manual training class at work on one little fire when Gordon Smalley, the self-appointed firemaker, is absent.

R. L. (Peanuts) Damron is of the opinion that Miss Riley fusses at him more than she does at the other pupils because he is about

the only pupil in high school who is smaller than she.

Coach Murley was finding out which of his P. E. boys had the next period off.

Morris Garner declared, "Coach, I can't work on physical education next period because I promised to do some typing for some one."

Elwood piped up, "Who is she," and Morris turned as red as the proverbial beet and grabbed Elwood by the neck with murderous intent.

WHO IS SHE?

Robert Sullivan says there is only one thing wrong about C. H. S. The school teachers won't furnish him a bed to sleep in and they wake him up when he goes to sleep on his desk.

Girls in C. H. S. may sprinkle perfume delicately on their handkerchiefs, but the boys are different; they dip theirs in ammonia and hold them under peoples' noses. Phooey!

Mrs. Beal's motto is: "Why worry? It probably won't happen anyway." We are glad some of those questions we were expecting mid-term didn't happen.

Some of the students remembered the questions they forgot to ask the teachers during review, when they saw the examination questions.

Why do they try to sit at so few tables in the library? If you know, you probably also know the reason the librarian scatters us about over the room.

No Hope.

The squad of recruits had been taken out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They were moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They then tried it at 100. Still not a hit.

"Tenshun," the sargent bawled. "Fix bayonets. Charge. It's your only chance."

Unsafe.

A prize fighter was walking along Sixth Avenue. As he passed a fur store one of the pieces in the window caught his eye. Entering the store, he accosted the man behind the counter.

"I'd like to buy a fur for my girl," he said.

"Yes," said the storekeeper. "We have all kinds. Here's a silver fox, six hundred and fifty dollars."

"I can't pay that much," interjected the prizefighter. "How much are the black and white ones I saw in the window?"

"Oh, you mean skunk," said the storekeeper. Then everything went black.

How we wish that someone would listen to the plea of humor editors and invent some way of making people behave in a humorous way.

Charles Tibbetts, a farmer of Wolfeboro, N. H., has kept a daily record of his life for 70 years.

After he had stolen four turkeys, three ducks, two capons and four pheasants from a cold storage plant in Lebanon, Pa., the unknown thief telephoned news of the robbery to newspapers.

**A Personal Interview With the Guardian Spirit of Crane School**

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When the biology class started studying birds, they decided to get the low-down on the Crane. They determined to investigate the habits, opinions, and characteristics of Mr. Crane and to see whether they justify his being the guardian spirit of the Crane High School.

Mr. Sandhill Crane, a well-groomed, neat young man, dressed in a suit of slaty gray has a very long neck and very long legs. These last two characteristics serve to make him almost as tall as the average man.

In answer to the questions put to him by his interviewer, Mr. Sandhill Crane said, "I will describe some of my best known relatives and then tell you why I feel that I am particularly well qualified to be the guardian of your school.

**Mentions Whooper Crane.**

"One of my brothers, Whooper Crane, who lives in the Mississippi Valley, is taller than I and would like to use this characteristic and the fact that his loud whooping would help in your school yells to gain in your favor. I maintain, however, that I gain a point over him in that my favorite haunts are the sandhills, and that his snow-white suit tipped with black would not long survive the sandstorms. Besides that, his red beak and head above his white suit would cause many of them to think that he haills from Iankin.

"I have a little brother, whom we call the little brown crane. He might do for a substitute, but I refuse to allow him precedence over me.

**Tell of European Relatives.**

"I have about fifteen relatives in Europe who would naturally be out of the question. You know how these Europeans are — self-satisfied and complacent. This bunch all looks very much alike, wearing ash-gray suits and having black faces and throats. Some of them have adopted the habit of wearing long, fluffy tufts on their heads, a practice which I consider very vain.

"Now, as to the characteristics which make me the personification of the spirit of Crane High School, I ask you to look at the meaning of my name: courage, readiness, ambition, neatness and energy.

"As an illustration of the first, I will tell you of an experience in which my grandfather figured. An Indian hunter wounded my grandfather when he was a small bird. He was wounded in both leg and wing, but he refused to surrender and as the hunter approached, he attacked the hunter, driving his beak into the eye and piercing the brain. Can your school show such courage?

**Sleeps While Standing.**

"Readiness, I am always ready for any emergency, sleeping while standing on one leg so that I will be ready to move at any moment. In my family we always keep one member on the lookout while the others sleep. This guard warns us of an emergency and we are ready to meet it. Are you always prepared?

"Ambition, in the first place I

come of a proud family, which traces its lineage back to the Miocene Period, which means more to birds than the Mayflower means to Americans. In such a family lack of ambition would be a crime. This ambition is illustrated in the travels of my family. Knowing that travel broadens one, they make long journeys from India to Lapland and Siberia and from Arctic America to the tropics.

**Can Forecast Weather.**

"Because of the desire to amount to something, my family has built up a reputation of being intelligent weather forecasters. People watch our method of flight to determine the approaching weather. When we fly high and silently, we tell of fine weather. When we fly low and noisily, we warn of approaching storm. We claim to be the only persons able to accurately forecast weather in Texas and are the exceptions to the Texas rule that only fools and strangers forecast the weather in this State.

"The old Romans took our comings and goings as signs of approaching events. Many of my relatives are held sacred in Japan and India. Many are the myths and legends woven about my illustrious family. Has your school built up such a reputation?

"Neatness — As an example of neatness, I show my house, a neat structure of reeds and rushes. I stand before you and defy you to find a feather out of place. Do you keep yourself and your school neat?

"Energy is not the least of my characteristics. My long travels illustrate energy as well as ambition — and isn't this energetic enough?" Saying this, Mr. Crane gave an example of the dance he does when he goes a-courting. It closely resembles an Indian war dance and takes as much energy as a game of football or a hard proposition in geometry.

Let us try to develop the Crane's courage, readiness, ambition, neatness and energy in work and in play, so that we may be worthy namesakes of such an illustrious bird.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DECIDE FOR SWEATERS**

Letter sweaters were the awards decided to be given to the boys

lettered in football for the season of 1930 when the Athletic Association met in a call meeting Saturday, Dec. 13.

Sweaters are to be awarded to those boys who have played twelve quarters or more during the season.

Elwood Turrentine was awarded a letter on the basis of his attitude towards the team with only eight quarters.

Letter men must pass in three subjects or a minimum of one and one-half credits at the end of the first semester, or awards will not be given, according to the association ruling.

The sweaters will not be awarded until after the close of the first semester.

The association decided to leave it up to the football boys as to who should receive the silver football award presented by the Dean Drug company. Harold Garner was elected by a large majority as the best sportsman and most valuable man to the team this year.

**Cranes Lose First Game by 2 Points**

The Cranes met their first defeat Friday, Jan. 9, when the Iraan Indians passed the score of the Cranes by two points and held it during the few remaining minutes of the game. The game ended by a 37-35 score in favor of the Indians.

The game started off when the Indians made the first basket. After this point was made the game became very fast and exciting. The two teams passed the score of each other several times during the game, but the Indians finally came out in the lead, to defeat the Cranes.

The crowd became very excited when the two teams were required to play three extra periods of three minutes each in order to break the tie of 33-33. The two teams were still tied at the conclusion of two extra periods. The teams played another period and the Indians came out victorious by the two extra points.

Hoot Gibson is the slay-boy of the movies.

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SANDWICHES OF ALL  
KINDS!

**Junior High School Gives Christmas Play**

"The Spirit of Christmas," a musical play in one act, was given by the sixth and seventh grades to the students of Crane School in the auditorium Friday afternoon, Dec. 19, at 1:45.

The scene opens with the time Christmas Eve and the children are joyfully anticipating the coming morrow and its many promises of pleasure, when to their unbounded delight, Santa Claus enters, followed, in close succession, by other allegorical and mythical personages, who each in turn graphically tell in verse and song of what educational value and benefit they have been to the world and mankind.

Characters in the play were Miss Syntax, a governess, Minnie Baggett; George Merriman, Jimmie Miller; Robert Merriman, Alton Sikes; Susetta Merriman, Elizabeth Conley; Louise Merriman, Alma Powell; Thomas Blythe, Blaise Gangway; Vivian Blythe, Varnease Pearce; William Gay, Davis Heydon; Theodore Bright, Happy Howry; Myrtle Love, Lorraine Miller; Julia Sweet, Jessie Lou Armstrong; Santa Claus, the Idol of Childhood, Orville Howard; Father Time, a Historian, Odell Baggett; Jack Frost, a child of winter Earl White; Aurora Borealis, a luminous phenomenon, Marie Trice; Diana, the Goddess of Hunting, Vera Birdwell; Hygenia, the Goddess of Health, Virginia Brunner; Queen of Christmas, a Yuletide favorite, Evelyn Passur; and Flora, the Goddess of Botany, Lois Hardaway.

In a concluding chorus, while kneeling, the entire group sang "Silent Night."

Jack Carroll of Akron, O., and William Martin of Philadelphia, received only fifty cents each as a reward for returning a pocketbook which contained \$1,500.



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## Grade School News

### SECOND GRADE HAS ESKIMO PROJECT

People of the far north are being studied as a project by Mrs. Bob Miller's second grade pupils. The children are reading stories of Eskimo people and making booklets illustrating the life of these people.

### FOREIGN LANDS SERVE AS PROJECT

Children of other lands are serving as a project for Miss Alma Sewell's pupils. Special study is given the Chinese, Dutch, Irish and Eskimo children.

The assembly program which is to be given on Jan. 20, will be a reproduction of the class room study. The play to be presented at that time was written by the pupils.

### FAR NORTH DISPLAYED BY THIRD GRADE

An Eskimo scene portraying igloos, sleds, dogs, seals, snowmen, a northern sun, and animals of the north, is on display in the rooms of Miss Verna Sammons and Miss Eula Smith, third grade teachers.

### GRADE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ANNOUNCED

The "E" honor roll for the grade school is given as follows: First grade, Belle Allman, Audrey Love, Scott Schmalhorst, Horace Harris, Terrell Blodgett, Jean Plate, Effie Fortenberry, Connie Morris, Marguerite Baker, Sarah Jean Martin, Jack Thornton, Mary Rogers, Frances Steward.

Second grade: Varnelle Brannon, D. E. Duncan, Laura Belle Scott, Third grade: Lois Ingfram, Morene Powell.

Fourth grade: Myrl Henderson, Ruby Herron, Hazel Carroll.

### GRADE BRIEFS

Mrs. Bob Miller and Miss Alma Sewell have received self-checking silent reading tests for their second grade pupils.

Clayton Evans is absent from school because of illness.

The pupils of Miss Alma Sewell's room are reading a health reader and making health booklets in connection with the stories read.

Horace Harris has gone to Burkburnett, where he will have access to a dental clinic at Wichita Falls for the purpose of straightening his teeth. He will go to school in Burkburnett.

### Student Body Sees Safety Pictures

C. H. Martin, safety director of the Phillips Production company, and his assistant, W. E. Weible, entertained the pupils and teachers in assembly, Wednesday, Jan. 14, with two reels of movie films. These pictures taught the student body a valuable lesson in the prevention of accidents. The second one showed the effects of carbon

monoxide and where and how it is found.

Only one musical contribution was given. The entire assembly sang "Hail Columbia." The remainder of the program consisted of the pictures. Mr. Martin concluded the program with a lecture.

### FROM A PERSONAL VIEWPOINT

Delma Herron, a senior and yell leader for Crane High, withdrew from school Thursday. He will probably enter the El Paso High School.

Lois Townsend visited in Iraan Sunday, Jan. 11.

George Grimmit, freshman in Crane High School, withdrew from school Friday. His home will be in McCamey.

Bobby Plato, freshman, left Friday to enter school at McCamey.

Elwood Turrentine was absent from school last week. He was visiting in Waco.

Marie De Celle was absent from school last week on account of illness.

Doris Knight was absent part of last week because of illness.

Katherine Kirkland entered school here Monday. Katherine is a sophomore from Louann, Ark.

Maurice Lanning visited with friends and relatives in Houston last week.

Ruby Jordan has entered the freshman class here from Lindsay, Oklahoma.

John June McCrory has returned to the freshman class here. She was attending school at Lubbock.

Yvonne Still visited her grandmother and brother at Stale, Texas, during the Christmas holidays.

Fern Seals visited in Mineral Wells during the Christmas holidays.

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### WORRIES

(A worthwhile editorial selected by the National Editorial Association)

In the official bulletin of the American Educational Association, I read an essay on "Worries," which was very interesting and true. "Worry is not a feeling of down-heartedness at actual obstacles and difficulties," it read. "It is not fear of real danger. It is fear of the unknown. It is not the danger we face that sends cold shivers galloping up and down our spines. It is the danger we cannot see. And this danger that we imagine lurks around the corner may have no other existence than that which we give it in our imaginations."

"I am an old man," said a philosopher, "and I have had many troubles, but most of them never happened."

And so it is with all of us. Our trouble is that we persist in forming judgment before we have the facts upon which we form it. We are afraid something unpleasant or unfortunate may happen, and immediately we begin to take it for granted that something unpleasant or unfortunate is bound to happen. And so we give way to worry.

Such state of mind tells two things. It tells first that one lacks a sense of humor, and, second, that one lacks common sense enough to suspend judgment until whatever is really going to happen has a chance to show itself.

Worry is a term that describes more than our reflections to material influences. It applies to personal affairs, also. For example, we often say of a person who does not fit our ideas, that we are worried about what he may do next. Possibly this worry, as we call it, does not arise out of anything he has ever done. It is simply that we do not understand what is going on in his mind, and what his intentions may be. Ten to one he is using better judgment and effort than we give him credit for and what he does will not harm us—may even be of benefit. But we do not understand, and, therefore, we worry about it.

Sometimes we worry about our work. We are afraid that the plant

may close down or go on half time, or that our job is going to be handed to somebody else, or that someone else is going to get a certain promotion. So we allow ourselves to be so perturbed in mind that it seriously interferes with getting things done, and helps to bring on the very trouble we fear.

Worry is never helpful in forming judgment according to facts. It does not assist in bringing about the best that can happen. Worry jumps at conclusions, passes judgment in advance of events, and does its damage before reason has a chance to come to the rescue.

To persist in worrying is to deal a death blow to health and vitality.

Doctors are very frank in their declaration that worry poisons the whole human machine. It not only plays havoc with the nerves, but serves in turn to interfere with the natural working of all bodily functions. The great tragedy of worry is that it is so futile as a force in combatting the unknown. Events do not yield to worry. They can only be met by thoughtful preparations. The person who wastes no energy in worry has more strength to meet the problems of each successive day.

Some people find it easier to worry and fret about others' business success than to prepare for their own good, and about the possible ill fortune of tomorrow than to get busy and make sure that tomorrow will bring good fortune instead of ill. But worry is never easy on its victim. It is a feeling to fight off and put out of mind.

Anticipation of misfortune invites it. Action averts it. The person who worries is simply suffering from what has not happened. The logical course is to wait for events to happen and meanwhile work to help make things come out right.

The way to master a situation is not by sitting down and making the worst of it. It is by standing up and making the best of it.—James H. Anderson, Editor Kansas City Labor News.



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