

Please Pass  
The Cream



# THE CRANE



The Witless  
Witness

VOLUME 22

CRANE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1952

NO. 15

## Tomlinson, West, Valedictorian, Salutatorian

### Honor Society Announced; Wood Elected President

Rex Wood has been elected to head the Crane High School Honor Society as president, with Gene Hester, vice president; Dolores White, secretary; and Sammie Davis, treasurer.

Members are:

SENIORS: Louise Tomlinson, Wanda Leclair, Peggy McCasland, Wanda Sharrock, Billy Dcn Ingram, Juanel Maxwell.

JUNIORS: Rex Wood, Donnie Tomlinson, Dolores White, Marvace Hooper, Sammie Davis, Gene Hester.

SOPHOMORES: Jerry Caskey, Dolores Hooper, Luanne Presley, Norma Crittenden, Helen Lakin, Juan Ware, Louise Sharp.

Candidates eligible for this honor were required to be in the first 25 per cent of their respective classes in the scholastic work.

Each teacher received the list of candidates and scored only the students with whom they had come into definite contact. They judged on the three qualities, service, leadership and character.

Teachers were asked to make comments freely on the different requirements such as:

**SERVICE:**

- Willingness to render service to the school or community when called upon.
- Willingness to do committee or staff work.
- Readiness to show courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students.

**LEADERSHIP:**

- Demonstrates leadership in

class room or organization work.

- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility he accepts.
- Demonstrates initiative in carrying out any responsibility without the prodding of the teacher.
- Exemplifies the qualities and attitudes which are a silent influence on others for good.

**CHARACTER:**

- Meets promptly pledges and responsibilities to school and teachers.
- Demonstrates highest standard of attitude toward honesty and reliability.
- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, neatness, poise, and stability).
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations.
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.

If the teachers felt that a student was not qualified because of his attitude in class or conduct, he or she placed a check inserted under character on the form given them. They were also allowed to place a remark on the score sheet telling the reasons of their verdict.

Future plans have been made for the Wink High School Honor Society to initiate the Crane High School Chapter into the National Honor Society.

### Mrs. A. E. Galloway Presents Students In Piano Recital

Saturday, April 26, at 8 p. m., Mrs. A. E. Galloway presented a group of students in a piano recital in the elementary auditorium. This was the third of a series of recitals, this one featuring high school students.

The program was as follows:

Valse in E Flat (Durand)—Mary Lou Fisher.

Dance of the Demon (Holst)—Ann Garner.

Hungary (Koelling)—Gwen Nix.

Rustle of Spring (Sinding)—Eva Mae Miller.

Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Rachmaninoff)—Brenda Owens.

Polish Dance (Scharwenka)—Jo Ann Fisher.

'Tis Raining (Grunn)—Fifth Hungarian Dance (Brahms)—Luanne Presley.

Etude (Chopin)—Sue Harrold.

Valse in C Sharp Minor (Chopin)—Eugenia Mills.

Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody (arr. by Bend)—Dorothy Crittenden.

Rondo Capriccioso (Mendelssohn)—Louise Tomlinson.

The three seniors, Eugenia Mills, Dorothy Crittenden and Louise Tomlinson, will be presented an award at the commencement exercises.

### Applegate Attacked; Sends Distress Signal

Captain Applegate stood on the burning deck. Eating peanuts by the peck—eh, no, we didn't mean that. Well anyway, he must have been in terrible danger.

We can see it now. Cannon to right of him, cannon to left of him, cannon in front of him. Stormed at with shot and shell. Captain Applegate could see it was a hopeless battle, but he would never strike his colors.

What's that off on the horizon? Yes it is — SHRIMP BOATS. "Ah, maybe there's still a chance," he cries. "I will raise the flag upside down to signal my dreadful distressful plight."

Now, what we can't understand is why he hurriedly turned it right side up last Tuesday.

### Senior's Play Hands, Celebrate Success With All-Night Party

With a whoop and a holler, the fun proceeded Friday night after the senior play. The play was a success, and a need of celebration was felt.

The play cast, stage hands, their dates, and play director, Robert Irvine were invited to Billy Ingram's home for a pop corn and candy party.

Sylvia Partin furnished chocolate fudge; Wanda Sharrock furnished chocolate fudge, divinity candy and peanut buttered and cheesed Hi-Hos, Paul Henderson furnished two cases of coke, and Billy Ingram furnished cheesed Hi-Hos, peanut butter candy, and pop corn.

The guests were entertained with two sets of Chinese checkers, two checker boards, a game called Louise, Uncle Wiggly, and Dominoes. It was a night of fun and laughter.

At one o'clock after all the candy and pop corn was gone, the last drop of coke down, everyone had discovered their superior at every game, and the guests started leaving, the party was just beginning for some.

It was a slumber party for the girls at the home of Eugenia Mills, and for the boys at the home of Doyle Lakin.

Those who attended the party at the Ingram home were: A. J. Smith, Paul Henderson, Betty Bugg, Peggy Ward, Betty Henderson, Gene Watts, Charline Ellison, Peggy McCasland, Peggy Gene Sharp, Jessie Marie Scott, Bill Clark, Bowlus West, Babe LeClaire, Sylvia Partin, Harold Hunter, Louise Tomlinson, Dwain Warren, Ann McDonald, Doyle Lakin, Eugenia Mills, Jill Russell, Wanda Sharrock, Quay Clark, Donald Coleman, Billy Ingram, Berry Ingram, Mr. Irvine and Mr. and Mrs. Ingram.

### Four Year Averages For Students 95.97 and 94.37 Respectively



LOUISE TOMLINSON



BOWLUS WEST

Four Year Averages for Students—95.97 and 94.37 Respectively — Louise Tomlinson, with a four-year average of 95.97, and Bowlus West, with a 94.37 average, are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the 1952 graduating class.

Louise moved to Crane in her sophomore year from Ysleta, Texas, where she led her class with a 97 average. Her first year in Crane she had a 91.8 average, a 97.3 her junior year, and a 97.5 average for this year.

Louise was second in scholarship her sophomore year, and has led the class for the last two years.

She was Eugenia Bowles in this year's senior play and is on this year's journalism staff. Louise has been in the FHA, a member of the pep squad, and in the Dramatics Club. She is also a member of the recently formed Honor Society.

Bowlus led the class as a freshman with a 92 and a 92.9 average those years. He was second his junior and senior years with a 95.66 and a 96.65 average.

Bowlus has lettered two years in both football and basketball, having been out three years in both sports. He lettered one year in junior basketball. He came out two years for track. He is president of the "C" Club this year.

Bowlus played Sheldon Harley in the senior play. He is business manager for both journalism and annual staff this year.

Bowlus has sung in choral for two years, was vice president of the junior class, and was on the Student Council one year.

Crane, represented by Carolyn Van Meter and Willa Vee Loftin, received fifth place in the Class A journalism contest held at Lubbock April 19.

Carolyn won 106 points rating fourth place in editorial writing and third place in feature story writing.

Willa Vee won 50 points rating second place in headlines.

Phillips, Texas, won first place with 212 points. Stockton made second place with 196 points.

Connie Russell, Ft. Stockton representative, was high point winner of the Class A contest. Connie won the 196 points for Stockton by herself.

Connie Tisdale from Odessa High rated the highest individual for Class AA.

Approximately 28 journalists were entered in Class A.

Jerry Hall, former editor of "The Crane," represented Phillips High at the contest. Although considered at Phillips as the top performer for their paper, Jerry received only 21 points. Jerry, however, has proven his superiority already by winning third place out of 96 contestants in feature writing, so judged by West Texas Teachers' College at Canyon, Texas.

### Crane Places Fifth In Journalism Contest

Crane, represented by Carolyn Van Meter and Willa Vee Loftin, received fifth place in the Class A journalism contest held at Lubbock April 19.

Carolyn won 106 points rating fourth place in editorial writing and third place in feature story writing.

Willa Vee won 50 points rating second place in headlines.

Phillips, Texas, won first place with 212 points. Stockton made second place with 196 points.

Connie Russell, Ft. Stockton representative, was high point winner of the Class A contest. Connie won the 196 points for Stockton by herself.

Connie Tisdale from Odessa High rated the highest individual for Class AA.

Approximately 28 journalists were entered in Class A.

Jerry Hall, former editor of "The Crane," represented Phillips High at the contest. Although considered at Phillips as the top performer for their paper, Jerry received only 21 points. Jerry, however, has proven his superiority already by winning third place out of 96 contestants in feature writing, so judged by West Texas Teachers' College at Canyon, Texas.

### Senior Announcements For Graduation Arrive

The long-awaited announcements for graduation finally arrived, and the seniors are ready now to mail them out.

The announcements are white embossed paper, with a large gold "C" with a Crane on it up in the corner of the front of the announcement. In the lower corner is "Senior Class."

On the inside is a "1952" behind which are placed the personal card. Then on the right of the inside, the announcement is printed.

Most of the seniors also ordered the leather-bound memory invitations. These are purple leather with gold lacing and a gold "C" in the upper corner and "Class '52" in the lower corner.

On the inside the announcement is printed, a place for the graduate's picture and personal card, names of class officers and sponsors, and autographs of friends and classmates, faculty and family.

Also, the seniors who ordered their personal cards early, received a free "Album of Memories" book. It has places for the names of "Old Timers," "Big Timers," "New Timers," for activities, class doings, the personal cards of other graduates, the graduation announcement, and signatures of friends.

### Robinson Drum Major For Band Of 1953

Bobby Robinson was elected Drum Major of the Crane High School Band in a special meeting held April 22.

Bobby was chosen from a group of four contestants, each having to lead the band in special maneuvers consisting of two left flanks, two right flanks, counter march and a step off and halt.

Other contestants for the honor were Billy Marie Gooch, Glynelle Clark and Nancy Robinson.

Also in the same meeting three girls were chosen to be majorettes for the coming year. Glynelle Clark, Kay Culp, and Luanne Presley won these places of honor.

J. R. Dickason and Jim Nevins judged the girls on specified required maneuvers and a routine worked up individually.

Each contestant was required to do each of the following: beat time, military salute, two hand spin, pass-around-back, cartwheels, figure eight, wrist twirls, finger twirls, and aerial work.

Other girls trying out for majorette were Brenda Owens, Sarann West, Shirley Wallender, Patsy Ellison, Sandra Russell, Leoma Higdon, and Joyce Parker.



DOROTHY CRITTENDEN

### Crittenden Receives Majorette Scholarship

Dorothy June Crittenden, daughter of D. L. (Dave) Crittenden upon tryout has received word of getting a scholarship at Texas Western on a majorette offer.

Dorothy performed Wednesday night after the Texas Western program in the high school gymnasium. John Carrico, director of the dance band, and The Texas West's drum major seemed well pleased, reports Mr. Dickason.

They told Dorothy they would send her a letter in the near future reporting their decision. Mr. Dickason, however, let the cat out of the bag with the affirmative news.

This means, of course, that she will receive a scholarship as a majorette for the Texas Western Band. The value of the scholarship is not yet known, but Dorothy feels it will be worth the accepting.

Dorothy has played French horn in the Crane Band for six years. She has acted as majorette for the Crane High School Band three years and has won two seconds and one first these three years at district contests.

### Robinson Chosen To Lead Band In '53

In the election of twirlers and drum major held Tuesday, April 22, Bobby Robinson was chosen to lead the CHS band his senior year.

Glynelle Clark, Kay Culp, and Luanne Presley were elected majorettes for the year of '53. This is the first time Luanne and Kay have twirled for CHS, but Glynelle Clark has twirled two years for Crane.

There were some ten girls coming out for twirlers. They were: Glynelle Clark, Luanne Presley, Kay Culp, Brenda Owens, Sarann West, Patsy Ellison, Sandra Russell, Shirley Wallender, Joyce Parker, and Leoma Higdon.

Brenda Owens, Shirley Wallender, and Sandra Russell were chosen alternates.

Going out for drum major were: Bobby Robinson, Glynelle Clark, Billie Gooch, and Nancy Robinson. There was a run-off between Billie Gooch and Bobby Robinson.

These high stepping, high prancing girls under the able leadership of Bobby, should give the fans something to look forward to. The CHS band, under their leadership has renewed all Cranes to hope for a sweepstakes award again.

### Nix, Nevins Attend Trans-Pecos Meeting

Brady Nix and Jim Nevins, high school and elementary school principals respectively of the Crane School Systems, were in El Paso Friday, April 18 to represent Crane in a Trans-Pecos District meeting of the Texas State Teacher's Association.

Various people were asked to attend this meeting for the purpose of making recommendations for the revision of the certification of Texas Teaching certificates.

Mr. Nevins was on one of the panels made up to discuss certain things that now exist in certifying teachers certificates which may be changed or discontinued from now on.

This meeting in El Paso was one of many such meetings called in districts all over Texas.

### School Board Makes Plans For Building

An architect from the firm, Wilson and Patterson met with the school board last Wednesday night for consideration of discussing and drafting final plans for the proposed building program.

Plans for enlarging the shop building has been made. Also, a new cafeteria and more classrooms will be built. These extra classrooms may be used for a junior high school if the need arises.

A new colored school has also been included in the building project. Dates have not been set for the building of the projects as of yet.

The 52 cards in a deck represents the number of weeks in a year.

### Four New Students Only One Withdrawal

The new students are steadily increasing over the withdrawals as spring comes on. It seems as if good old CHS just attracts students, and seems to hold them.

The new students are Lola Mae Kelly, a junior from Midland; Jerry Turner, a freshman from Cisco, and her sister, Shirley Turner, a sophomore, and Valla Jean Whitworth, a freshman from Glen Rose.

Only one student has withdrawn, Jay Carter, an eighth grader, who moved to Rankin.

**ATTENTION:—**  
Western Day Pictures Needed for Annual.  
Submit pictures to Paul Patterson and he will pay for all the pictures used. The ones not used will be returned.

### Juniors Now Point To Banquet and Prom

With the play off the minds of the junior class, most of their energy is now turned to the prospect of making the prom and banquet a success.

The banquet and prom will take place in the Community Hall May 3. The banquet will start at 7:30 and the prom will begin at 9:00 and will probably last until about 12:00.

The Crane Dance Band is hard at work polishing pieces to be played at the dance. The theme, the Mardi Gras, will be an outdoor scene.

A decorating committee has been chosen to start decoration about April 30. On this committee are the following persons:

Judy Mathis, chairman; Lacy Pittman, Mary Lou Sneed, Billie Gooch, Martha Hopson, Sammie Davis, Kenneth Terrell and Dolores White.

The costumes of the serving girls, nine or ten sophomores; black dresses, white aprons, white caps—the traditional French serving girls, will be entirely finished Wednesday, April 30. Table decorations are fully planned, awaiting only the actual word of putting them up.

The menu is now complete and is as follows:

Fruit cocktail in grapefruit halves; appetizer; perfection salad; main course, chicken a la king in rice nests; green beans; sweet potato balls; angels' delight; dessert, hot rolls and butter, and iced tea.

The names of persons invited to the prom have been turned in to Dolores White and Yvonne Cornelius. This year each junior and senior had one guest. Seating arrangements are now underway, since each junior and senior—if they had a date—listed their dances so they will be seated together.

The entertainment during the banquet is at present not complete.

### Kirby Quits Coaching; To Sell Sporting Goods

Ted Kirby, after six years of coaching, is giving up the career for a job with the Ragsdale Sporting Goods.

The reason he expresses is very simple and reasonable. "I feel that if I can make a living out of it, I will probably live longer than I would at the coaching business."

Mr. Kirby starts work August 1, when he will attend the coaches' school held at Fort Worth this year and make demonstrations for his company.

The Ragsdale Sporting Goods headquarters is located at San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Kirby, however, is making his home in Brownwood. His territory will cover east as far as Waco and west as far as Marfa and Pecos; south as far as San Antonio and north to the Bankhead Highway.

Mr. Kirby coached two years at Goldthwaite, and three at Eldorado before his moving to Crane for his one year here.

"I figure that I've been treated nice this year. Outside of losing so many games I've really enjoyed it. I think the Crane people have been nicer and more friendly to me and my family than anywhere I've lived up to now," he quotes.

The Kirby's address at Brownwood will be 2021 East Sixth St., and they invite their Crane friends to write or visit them at anytime.

### Six Seniors Nominated For Babe Ruth Award

Monday, April 21, the seniors nominated, by secret ballot, three boys and three girls of the senior class for the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award.

The results of this election were released last Wednesday, April 23. The three boys nominated were Malcolm Garrett, Dwain Warren, and Bill Clark. The three girls nominated were Betty Henderson, Peggy Ward, and Peggy McCasland.

Sometime in the near future the sophomore, junior, and senior classes will vote by secret ballot on one boy and one girl to receive this award.

Until the night of graduation, no one will know who will receive the awards, which will be presented at that time.

The Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award is considered to be one of the highest awards that a student can receive in high school.

### Murray Fly Speaks In Special Assembly

Murray H. Fly, president of Odessa College, and former superintendent of Odessa High School, spoke at a special assembly last Tuesday, April 15.

The talk was very informal, and everyone enjoyed it immensely, especially his jokes, which might have been embarrassing to a few, but were funny to others.

Along with the fun, though, Mr. Fly made particular mention of the fact that regardless of other people's opinions, he still had faith in the younger generation.

### Annual Staff Aims At May 1 Deadline

The annual staff had a scheduled meeting last Monday, April 21, at which the chief aim was to get things in shape to meet a May 1 deadline.

At the time of this deadline about three-fourths of the pages must be in.

Many of the pictures which will be in the annual are being purchased from Bill Mathes. The consistency of his photography and the "super" coverage he gives all CHS events will be a great aid in turning out a more complete annual.

There is some talk and discussion among staff members at present concerning the method of selecting assistants from next year's junior class. Previously the custom has been for the entire school to elect members of their class to serve in this capacity, but the new method would allow each staff member remaining next year to select an assistant from the lower class.

PHIE... married, I'd be... life where to... Bachelors... when you... the oncoming... your way... Aunt... time... Your Aunt... good example... things and... Student... much longer... All Aunt... the piano by... Me... Uncle fiddles... Auntie... our manners... Why do... your knife... the 12th... Aunty... very beautiful... worried. They... skin deep... dered Boy... the people of the land dress like... But the people in farming... fishing villages wear quaint... costumes... The Norwegians are great ski... They also get around by... sledges, sleighing and skiing... Norway, they have the north... lights like the Eskimos do. The... are called the "Land of the... Sun"... There are many glaciers in Nor... Their houses are made of wood... straw and sometimes made... grass on top. The roofs are... of wood... Bergen is a great ship-building... fishing center. Many whales... caught in Norway. Norway has... seasons just like we do. Nor... get their electricity from... plants.

**Grade—Mrs. Pittman**  
We had an Easter egg hunt. Our mothers served sandwiches and punch. Everyone had a good time.  
Wood and David Tomlinson brought flowers this week.  
We are half way through Up and Down our first grade reader.  
Wood, Rex Wood, Glenn Wood, and Ray Dickson have been sick.

**Grade—Mrs. Pearce**  
We have been studying about the last week we went to see the tomb that Joy Furry got for us.  
Pendley brought a grass snake to school Monday. After we looked at it, he gave it to Mr. Brazell in the Science Department.  
Brazell has moved to San Antonio.

**Grade—Miss Kent**  
We planted Verbenas in the science plot. We are going to start a new chapter in geography; the name of it is Norway. We have a girl whose name is Betty Jo and she came from Rankin.

**Grade—Mrs. Eitz**  
Norway is the capital of Norway and the largest city. Norway has many ships land. The coast farming is not very good. The Seven Sisters are in Norway.

**Grade—Mrs. Lively**  
We have been drawing a lot of pictures and letting a committee select the three best each time. Our winners were Ann Ueckert, Carol Chaney and Carol Tomlinson. We drew Jimmy Leo and the winners were Ann Ueckert, Carol Tomlinson and Melodie Lewis. We drew a sweet potato plant and winners were Carol Tomlinson, Rogers and Ann Ueckert.

**Grade—Mrs. Henderson**  
We are doing book reports on the countries in South America. In science we drew pictures of the parts of flowers. In art we colored a picture of an Argentine boy.

**Grade—Mrs. Beyer**  
We visited our room last Tuesday and we asked him to come again. We went to see the airport, and rode the train to Odessa. The Council went with us.

**Grade—Mrs. Pearce**  
We have been studying about the last week we went to see the tomb that Joy Furry got for us. Pendley brought a grass snake to school Monday. After we looked at it, he gave it to Mr. Brazell in the Science Department. Brazell has moved to San Antonio.

**Grade—Miss Kent**  
We planted Verbenas in the science plot. We are going to start a new chapter in geography; the name of it is Norway. We have a girl whose name is Betty Jo and she came from Rankin.

**Grade—Mrs. Eitz**  
Norway is the capital of Norway and the largest city. Norway has many ships land. The coast farming is not very good. The Seven Sisters are in Norway.

**Grade—Mrs. Lively**  
We have been drawing a lot of pictures and letting a committee select the three best each time. Our winners were Ann Ueckert, Carol Chaney and Carol Tomlinson. We drew Jimmy Leo and the winners were Ann Ueckert, Carol Tomlinson and Melodie Lewis. We drew a sweet potato plant and winners were Carol Tomlinson, Rogers and Ann Ueckert.

**Grade—Mrs. Henderson**  
We are doing book reports on the countries in South America. In science we drew pictures of the parts of flowers. In art we colored a picture of an Argentine boy.

**Grade—Mrs. Beyer**  
We visited our room last Tuesday and we asked him to come again. We went to see the airport, and rode the train to Odessa. The Council went with us.

### Seniors Find Interest Range From Scientist To Singing Cowboys



"Cowboy, artist, ditchdigger, or accountant"—what kind of work are you talented in. This seemed to be the main question after the San Angelo College gave the Kudor Preference Test to the seniors.

The test was given to determine what field a person was more interested in, thus making it easier for the ones still in the dark as to their future to choose an occupation suited to their interest.

The fields included in this test were as follows:

**OUTDOOR interest**—You prefer work that keeps you outside most of the time and usually deals with animals and growing things.

**MECHANICAL interest**— You like to work with machines and tools.

**COMPUTATIONAL interest**— You like to work with numbers. A high score in this area suggests that a person might like such jobs as a bookkeeper, accountant, or bank teller.

**SCIENTIFIC interest**—You like to discover new facts and solve problems.

**PERSUASIVE interest**—You like to meet and deal with people and to promote projects or things to sell.

**ARTISTIC interest**—You like to do creative work with your hands. It is usually work that has "eye appeal" involving attractive design, color, and materials.

**LITERARY interest**—You like to read and write.

**MUSICAL interest**—You like going to concerts, playing instruments, singing, or reading about music.

**SOCIAL SERVICE interest**—You have a preference for helping people. This leads to work as a vocational counselor, tutor, or personal worker.

**CLERICAL interest**—You like office work that requires precision and accuracy.

The results of the test were amazing and amusing. However, it seems that more of the Crane seniors are interested in office work because there were six students who were high in this field. Outdoor and computational came in second, both having five students interested in them.

Scientific, literary, and musical each had four students high in that particular field. Next came persuasive and artistic interests with three students for each one.

Two students were interested in mechanical and two in social service. These were the lowest interest shown by the seniors.

The tests are not completely accurate, but they may be of help to some people who are having difficulty in choosing an occupation. In fact, one particular boy has definitely decided he was cut out to be a singing cowboy.

A lot of pretty dresses, skirts, shirts, etc. have been seen around school lately. Could it be because of all the new Easter clothes or because everybody is diking out in summer clothes?

JOEL WILLIAMS is first on the list with his bright yellow shirt. Sure is pretty. WHANELE SMITH has a pretty aqua dress which goes nicely with her blond hair. Say, have you noticed how snazzy MALCOLM GARRETT and BILLY INGRAM look in their new khakis? WILLA VEE LOFTIN has an awful pretty tan sun dress that is dressed up with rhinestone buttons.

LOUISE TOMLINSON has some cute tan sandals that are going to be just the thing for the hot summer school days. WYVONNE CANTRELL CORNELIUS has a very pretty orchid suit. Have you noticed the pretty white patches BOWLUS WEST has been sporting around? At least, they are pretty original. If you see something bright flash by, don't be alarmed. It's just LACY PITTMAN in his bright orange shirt.

Quite a lot of the time, we overlook the home economics girls who are working hard on some very pretty dresses. However, this time we would like to give a little praise where a lot is due and mention a few products of that department.

BETTY KNAELL has made a very pretty orchid dotted swiss. STELLA BANGEMAN, who wears a lot of cute dresses, has made a plaid sun dress. DELORES HOOPER was very clever with her colors and made a dress with a brown skirt and a pink blouse. PEGGY WARD has made a beautiful brown linen suit which she plans to wear white accessories with.

JOYCE TAYLOR made a purple dress with beige stripes and MARY LOU SNEED has made a real cute quilted skirt. NANCY ROBINSON has made a blue plaid dress, and JUANELL MAXWELL made a pink dress with a matching jacket. JEAN SHAVER has made a very cute red and white organdy dress and LOUISE SHARP a light blue taffeta sun dress.

It looks as if CHS is just full of expert seamstresses because they are making and wearing some very pretty clothes.

### Record Crowd Sees Senior Performance: "Drums Of Death"

"Drums Of Death," a three-act mystery given by the senior class, April 18, was an overwhelming success. An unusually large crowd attended the performance and it was said to have been the largest crowd to fill the auditorium since the North Texas State College presented the opera, "Daughter Of The Regiment."

The play began with a group of oddly contrasting people arriving at midnight at the half-ruined mansion in desolate lagoon. They had been summoned by telegrams which they quickly discovered were false, but the discovery came too late for them to escape from the place where weird forces and malign people threatened their lives.

Bailey, a relative of most of them, had disappeared, and when the women came to find just what the whole of the story was, they were half frightened to death by the weird trances of the octoroon girl and the surly ways of the Haitian negro.

They struggled to solve the mystery of the place and the cabinet that was death to open, but always they were at a loss to the insistent, dull throbbing signal of the mysterious drum.

Yet, always to break the tension, there was the absurdities of the sheriff perfectly portrayed by Bill Clark.

To climax the story, there was a glow of romance that developed in spite of the sunless terror of the place.

The characters in the play were: Celeste—Wanda LeClaire Sheldon Harley—Bowlus West Jules—Doyle Lain Mrs. Gellette — Peggy McCasland Eugenia Bowles — Louise Tomlinson. Amelia Gellette— Wanda Sharroc. Mrs. Oaley—Sylvia Partin Dr. Cameron — Billy Don Ingram. Sheriff Cooper—Bill Clark Paula Bailey—Eugenia Miller.

Members of the Ananias Club are liars.

Hispaniola is the former name of Haiti.

Mt. Vesuvius destroyed the city of Pompeii in 79 A.D.

St. Johns River in Florida flows in a northerly direction.

### As School Draws To Close Ol' CHS Grows More Woes

It seems that here lately Mrs. Williams has really been laying the law down to Mr. Williams.

For the past few weeks, he has been hobbling around on crutches and when approached by someone as to just what happened to him, he just shakes his head, and says, "go ask my wife, she'll tell you all about it."

The story got out that he and his wife were having a pleasant little chit-chat one evening and they came upon a subject on which they didn't quite agree.

They commenced to talk, gradually getting louder and louder, and finally came to blows.

Mrs. Williams began throwing everything she could get her hands on, so Mr. Williams, thinking he could get away, tried ducking behind the divan, but he forgot one minor detail. He left his foot out in the open, and when Mrs. Williams saw it, she really took advantage of the opportunity. Finding one of Joel's dumbbells laying around (he is taking a Charles At-las Course), she managed to pick it up and aim it in the direction of his foot. The result of what happened is plain to be seen. Mr. Williams (bless his toeless little foot) hobbles around on crutches and bows to his wife's every command.

But of course, this is only a rumor, and the whole of the story is that Mr. Williams had an exceedingly large growth removed from his toe and had to resort to crutches as a means of maneuvering for about two or three weeks.

**STILL MORE GORE**

After looking around in the halls between classes, it was found that there are few other cripples limping about due to various causes.

One of Chas. Sheppard's legs seems to be about twice its normal size, due to the fact that while working and sweating for dear old

CHS on the gridiron, he had a little misfortune and received a broken leg.

During spring training, he tried tackling someone, but the tackle turned out not to be very successful, because he broke a bone in his knee cap and had to have a cast put on it for about six weeks.

Coming on down to the acrobats, Lawrence LeBeouf was unfortunately rewarded with a broken ankle and a fractured leg.

**ROUGH ON LE BEOUF**

While trying to be a nice little boy, he was helping his dad build one of his new houses. Lawrence thought he would make himself even more useful by picking up scraps of wood and building a bonfire with them. It was getting dark, so he might just as well do that.

After all the little bits of wood had been gathered up and put on the fire, he discovered he didn't have anything else to do, so he thought he would amuse himself by jumping over the fire. Alas, though, every good thing has to come to an end, and end his fun did, when he jumped over the fire and onto a two-by-four block. Just as he landed on the block, it turned and caused him to break his ankle and fracture a leg.

Lawrence said that he never again would try jumping over bonfires.

A little on the lighter side of accidents, Bowlus West encountered a very unusual experience when he tried biting his dog, but to his surprise, the dog bit first. Seriously, though, he has some sort of infection on his chin and has to wear a little white bandage.

Then, there was another accident not worth the snap of a finger—which was the finger Glen Maxwell, eighth grader, snapped in P. E. last week.

Anyone else want in on this type of publicity?

### Crane Gets Second Rating In National Press Contest

The Score Book was received from the judges of the 28th Annual High School Newspaper Contest on Wednesday, April 23.

The rating received by The Crane was Second. The total score received was 825. The amount of score necessary to place first is from 850 to 1000, and the score necessary to place second is from 750 to 489.

The maximum score in the content division is 300, and the score of The Crane was 250. The maximum score in the Writing and Editing is 400, and the score of The Crane was 328. The maximum score in the Make-Up division is 200, and the score of The Crane was 157. The General Considerations score was a possible 100 and The Crane received 90.

The highest possible total score was 1000, with The Crane receiving 825.

Among the comments made by the judges were the following. Good coverage of news, Good editorial work, and well planned appearance. Also The Crane was complimented on the lack of questionable slang in sports.

The Crane rated particularly good in feature and editorial writing.

The papers which were graded were the last six put out by the last year's staff, and the first six put out by this year's staff.

It was mentioned that the printing in the May 17 issue (1951) was hard to read.

Among the unfavorable criticism was the following:

- No organized sports page.
- Not enough anticipation of future events.
- Avoid wordy sentences.
- Inconsistent style.

From those papers receiving a rating of first in this contest a few are chosen to be honored as Medalists. The Medalists must not be more than 10 per cent of the total entries.

In the General Considerations division the highest possible score was 100, and the score received by the Crane was 95. The Points upon which this rating is received are:

- Does the paper have a general appeal?
- Does it create a favorable opinion of the school?
- Does it serve as an organ of student opinion?
- Does it have a consistent editorial policy?
- Does it encourage high standards in scholarship, athletics, service and behavior?

### Time To Take Heed To Polio Pledge For 1952

In a letter to Supt. L. L. Martin, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has requested the help of him and other superintendents throughout Texas in distributing Polio Information.

Each year this cooperation is sought to distribute information about polio, its symptoms, preventive measures, and where to seek further information and help about the disease.

Below is the POLIO PLEDGE for 1952, designed to carry on this vital health education program.

**POLIO PLEDGE**  
If polio comes to my community, I WILL REMEMBER TO

- Let my children continue to play and be with their usual companions. They have already been exposed to whatever polio virus may be in that group, and they may have developed immunity (protection) against it.
- Teach my children to scrub their hands before putting food in their mouths. Polio virus may be carried into the body through the mouth.
- See that my children never use anybody else's towels, wash cloths or dirty drinking glasses, dishes and tableware. Polio virus could be carried from these things to other people.
- Follow my doctor's advice about nose and throat operations, inoculations, or teeth extractions during polio season.
- Be ever watchful for signs of polio: headache, fever, sore throat, upset stomach, tenderness and stiffness of neck and back.
- Call my doctor at once and, in the meantime, put to bed and away from others any member of my family showing such symptoms.

**I WILL NOT**

- Allow my children to mingle with strangers, especially in big crowds, or go into homes outside their own circle. There are three different viruses that cause polio. My children's group may be immune to one of these. Strangers may carry another polio virus to which they are not immune.
- Let my children become fatigued or chilled. Overtired or chilled bodies are less able to fight off polio.
- Take my children away from our community without good cause. Polio time is the time to stay at home and keep with everyday companions.

**If Polio strikes my home: I WILL**

- Have confidence in my doctor, knowing the earlier the care the better my child's chances for complete recovery. I know that my child has a better chance to recover without paralysis.
- Call my local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis immediately for information or help. The telephone book or my health department will tell me how to reach the chapter.
- Remember that whatever financial help my family needs for polio care will be given through the chapter. This is made possible by the gifts of the American people to the March of Dimes each January.

### Sophs Lead C.H.S. In Attendance For Year

The attendance record for the eight months of the 1951-52 school year finds the eighth grade out in front as usual with a 97.14 per cent record, while the seniors are trailing with an attendance record of 95.87 per cent record.

At the end of eight months, the sophomores are leading the other classes with an average attendance of 95.31 per cent, and the juniors are trailing in attendance for the entire eight months with a record of 94.69 per cent.

Below is the attendance record for the eighth through the 12th grades for the eighth month, with the total attendance for the eighth month, also the record of each class for the entire school year, with the total attendance of the whole school:

Grade	Av. for 8th Mo.	Av. for Year
8th	97.14	95.20
9th	95.56	95.21
10th	95.87	95.31
11th	95.60	94.69
12th	94.87	94.97
Totals	95.80	95.11

### Orchestra Working On Numbers For Prom

**LIBRARY CLUB**  
Each member of the Library Club is to make a poster illustrating one of the books in the library. Those to make these posters will be graded on them. When these posters are on display the students will try to guess what book they are copied after.

The Library Club also worked on the vertical file in the library.

**PING PONG CLUB**  
The Ping Pong Club and its sponsor, Burl Strickland wants to express thanks to Lloyd Heard for fixing the ping pong tables. Now that the tables are ready, the club has a new lease on life and can get underway. This club is to learn how to play a better game of ping pong.

**GIRLS' ATHLETIC CLUB**  
The members of the Girls' Athletic Club have been enjoying themselves lately playing volleyball, badminton, and tennis. If these girls keep on they will be ready with the know how and experience to have a district championship volleyball team next year.

**ORCHESTRA CLUB**  
Mr. J. A. Dickson has been working these people very hard lately getting them in shape to play for the prom. They should have some very good numbers worked up by then.

All other clubs have been going about their various and assorted activities.

The human brain contains approximately 10 billion cells.

**That's Life**

You say my daughter Maggy has decided to marry you? Why in God's name are you the second happiest man in the world?

—BUY MORE BONDS—

—BUY MORE BONDS—



### Quiet Ways Caused Three Day Vacation

I was making my usual noiseless way down the aisle of study hall. Bump! Bang!! Whamm!!! What hit me? Nothing but the tank-like appearance of Doyle Lakin. Just a small collision! After coming from the doctor's office, where minor repairs (my arm set) were made, I made my way into the library.

In the library, Mrs. Elmore came out of her office to confront me. I was my usual innocent self. All I had been doing was singing loudly, talking in a stage whisper, and throwing spit balls. Why should Mrs. Elmore throw me out of the library?

The present debatable question between the seniors and the juniors is, whose play was the best, "Nine Girls" or "Drums Of Death." Of course, neither class is the least bit prejudiced.

The lettermen of the basketball team have received their jackets. Certainly look nice, boys!

The prom and banquet should really be something this year. The juniors are making an all-out effort to make it a success. The costumes are underway and plans are almost completed as to the menu, decoration, etc.

All those guys and gals really shined Western Day. The dance will be one that lingers in the mind of all those attending, as a pleasant memory.

Well, kids, don't let spring fever get you so badly that you forget school, teachers, and studies. This last six weeks are the last opportunity for some of us to bring up our grade this year.

The seniors are really getting anxious for school to be out. Could it be the monotony of school or just the senior trip?

The juniors will really be full-fledged seniors after they receive those new rings. They are said to rival the beauty of this year's senior class rings.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

Back in the study hall, I was proceeding with Expedition X, or my Spanish lesson. I felt eyes on me, and shrank under the dagger-like gaze of Principal Brady Nix. I was caught with my defenses down. My feet were on the desk in front of me, the gum, which I had been chewing, was well on its way to becoming the largest bubble ever blown in old CHS.

Well, I needed the vacation, so the three days were just enough to let me recuperate from my wounded pride. Three days later I returned to CHS, my lesson well learned.

It's all right to throw paper wads, talk, cut up, and annoy the teachers; that is, if you don't get caught. I sincerely hope you children of old CHS will take this as a warning of what may happen to you if they don't observe as I did.

### Several Students Owe Long Overdue Fines

As is usual every year, there are some students who let library fines hang over from week to week, until they forget about them, and as a result, the fines are not paid.

Several of these fines are so long overdue that the students who owe them have been restricted from checking out any library books until they are paid. Some of the fines are lost books.

This is a reminder to those who owe these overdue fines to pay them as soon as possible. These students are: Carol Cornwell, Martha Cook, Glynell Clark, Roy Dameron, Melvin Delaney, Bennie Earp, JoAnn Fisher, Barbara Jeanne Glass, Dianne Green, Riley Hood, Barbara Haynes, Howard Hunter, Dick Jolly, R. E. Mason, Shirley Tomlinson, Mason Thurman, Don Womack, James Ware, Shirley Wallender, Vassar Wilkinson, Roy Thurston, Don Hinde, Curtis Chipman, Hugh Neal Green.

Kay Culp, Bobby Porterfield, Leoma Higdon, Billy Don Ingram, Jill Russell, Joyce Taylor, Doug Jones, John Hays, Charles Sheppard, Ral Allen, Joel Adams, Joe Dan Ash, Jimmy Bright, Joe Boyd, Betty Blackwell.

These are not all of the students who owe library fines. These are just the ones that have overdue fines. There are several others who have small fines that should be paid as soon as possible, also.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

The preview performance of senior play, "Drums Of Death," really did add to the drawing power of the play. It made the students just curious enough to find how the play was going to end.

There are certainly a number of the Cranes limping around in CHS halls. What happened? Is the last of school really getting you that much?

### Poem Of The Week

DEAR OLD SCHOOL  
Dale Owens  
The freshman year was fine  
With all of us together,  
Upon our knees before the seniors  
In all kinds of weather.

The seniors took no pity  
On us poor little fish.  
Therefore we had to obey  
Their every command and wish.

The school was out and summer  
passed  
And we were again in high.  
With a little more work on us,  
Underneath a grey-blue sky.

'Twas not many things to do,  
During this dull year,  
But for the teams and players  
The sophomores did cheer.

And now you're wondering who  
we are  
And this you'll never know,  
Till you've looked in Crane High  
and seen,  
Our pictures above the door, seniors  
1954.

### Student Body To Elect Student Council Officers

An assembly will be held Friday, May 2, to nominate candidates for vice-president and president of next year's Student Council.

Only a junior is eligible for the position of president. He must have 12 units at the end of this year and have made eight of those in Crane High School.

A sophomore is eligible for the office of vice-president. He must have eight units at the end of his sophomore year and four of those units must have been obtained from Crane High School. Both of these students must be passing in all their work.

The present president, Malcolm Garrett, has appointed the executive board as the nominating committee. Also, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Each candidate will have a campaign manager and there will be a week of campaigning. On Thursday, May 8, the candidates will be voted on by secret ballot. Seniors will not be allowed to vote but will help in the election.

The Student Council Secretary will be elected within the council. Retiring president, and secretary are Malcolm Garrett and Carolyn Van Meter. Harold Hunter is vice-president.

### Navy People Visit Crane High Seniors

Three members of the Navy Personnel visited Crane Thursday, April 17, and presented an hour-long program.

A film was shown concerning the research which the Navy is doing. Also, some discoveries creditable to Navy people were pointed out.

Chief Engineman Webb spoke briefly, and then introduced a First Class Boatswain's Mate, who made a talk illustrating with a slap board.

This talk pointed out the importance of remaining in school. In the Navy any officer must have a college degree. The speaker then pointed out, however, that should a boy be unable to remain in school, the Navy offers numerous opportunities to gain an education.

Then he went on to discuss salary, opportunities for advance, vacation, etc. as offered by the Navy.

The Wave Recruit Personnel of this area, Chief Yeoman Webb, made a brief talk concerning Wave opportunities. She outlined a plan for girls interested in becoming commissioned officers in the Navy.

The requirements for such a plan are a college education, and two summers between the college terms six-weeks-long cruises must be made. These cruises are with full pay, and are not ship cruises, but simply basic training at a training camp.

Boys interested in N. R. O. T. C. were advised to write for further information to Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.

### Happy Birthday

- Billy Don Jones April 7
- Bettie Lou Field April 11
- Joel Adams April 12
- Mary Wolf April 13
- Maurine Gardner April 13
- Billy Gregory April 14
- Joe Wayne Carter April 16
- Juanell Maxwell April 18
- Luane Presley April 19
- Jean Shaver April 20
- Gwen Nix April 20
- Sandy Sadler April 21
- Geneva Johnson April 21
- Theda Warren April 26
- Roy Joe Collins April 28
- Dorothy Crittenden April 29
- Lowell Adams April 29
- Jerry Lewis Caskey April 30

### SPORTS SHOTS

Even with warm weather hovering over us, some of the basketball boys still insist on wearing jackets, especially since the new ones have come in. They really look nice though.

Crane is bound to take the district title in tennis next year, that is if everyone keeps practicing like they're doing now.

Hugh Neal Green is still at the top of the ladder in the senior boys tennis tournament. George Thompson has moved up in first place in the junior boys division by defeating Dean Mann.

Doug Damron has really been cutting some capers on the trampoline in the gym. Pretty good, Doug.

Lacy Pittman can certainly handle himself well on the parallel bars. Maybe that's where he got all those muscles?

Going back a little to take a review of past sports events, it boils down to this. The basketball team won a large majority of their games and had several boys to place on all-tournament teams. Bill Grey and Carl Davis received individual awards for their outstanding sports ability in the Big Lake tournament.

In track, Clarence Miller captured the district title by tying for first place with an Odessa boy in the high jump division, in which he cleared 5'7". His record, unofficially, has been as much as 5'11".

The girls' volleyball team has been about the most successful of all, winning 23 games and losing only five. At Andrews, April 5, they placed second in the district meet and placed two girls on the all-district team, Charlene Blair and Betty Henderson.

George Thompson, A. J. Smith, and Riley Hood, also captured the district title in the junior boys division at the district tennis meet.

### Movie Schedule

- Thursday Films:  
May 1—The Teeth.  
Safe Use of Tools.  
May 8—Yosemite National Park.  
Everday Courtesy.  
May 15—Your Ears.  
May 22—Grand Canyon.  
Mr. Crane:  
May 2—Inductance.  
May 8—Sightseeing at Home.  
Mr. Whitley:  
May 6—Flowers at Work.  
From Flower to Fruit.  
May 7—Development of a Bird Embryo.  
Hereditry.  
Mr. Williams:  
May 6—How Not to Conduct a Meeting.

### Lettermen Announced For 1952 Tennis Team

Lettermen announced for the 1952 tennis season included seven senior and three junior racket wreckers.

The lettermen were: SENIORS: Babe Leclair, Wayne Bowers, Hugh Neal Green, Rex Wood, Joe Dan Ash, Helen Lakin, Kay Culp.

JUNIORS: Riley Hood, A. J. Smith, Geo. Thompson.

The players were measured and all but Geo. Thompson ordered sweaters. George has a letter in another sport.

The sweaters will be all white with purple and gold trim and a purple letter. The letter will contain a tennis racket, but no stripes for those who have lettered before.

### Calendar For April and May

- The calendar for the completion of the school year the last part of April through May is as follows:  
Texas Western Choir—April 23.  
Piano Recital—April 25.  
Western Day Dance—April 26.  
Prom and Banquet—May 3.  
P-TA—May 8.  
Baccalaureate—8:00 p. m. May 18.  
Semester Tests—May 20-21.  
Final Report Cards—May 23.  
Commencement, 8:00 p. m.—May 24.  
Seniors Leave for California—May 24.  
Montilla Dance Recital—May 21.  
Bingham Dance Recital—May 17.  
Maximum brain weight of a woman is attained at about the age of 17.

### Twenty CHS Boys Facing Army's Draft

There are 14 boys in Crane High that are subject to the eighteen-year-old registration for the army, and six that will be this summer.

Twelve boys from the senior class and two juniors have already registered. From the senior class they are: Ray Allen, Doyle Lakin, Gene Watts, Billy Ingram, Donald Ray Coleman, Neal Miller, William Lively, Paul Henderson, Bill Gray, Douglas Damron, Quay Clark, and S. G. Tarbet.

From the junior class they are: R. E. Mason, and Harold Hunter. Lessie Joe Napier, Malcolm Garrett, Bill Clark, Bowls West, and Dwain Warren are five seniors that will turn 18 this summer and are looking very pessimistic about the situation.

Only one boy in the sophomore class that has the worry, Kenneth Simon. Kenneth will turn 18 this summer and will have to leave his destiny his name to the government's decision.

Ray Allen is the only one that is subject to the draft call, and has been deferred until August. Ray, however, is not worried because he feels assured he will not cause the physical owing to the affects of rheumatic fever.

The R. O. T. C. is the answer of some of the boys, and high grades in college is the answer for others. High School deferment is the answer for three. For some, however, the call is inevitable.

### Blistered Backs Cause Bad Temper And Books

Salmon pink or blazing red—which would you choose?

Although they may not have chosen, it seems that there are a few students in school with backs just these two colors. Was it the effects of a late atomic blast that caused it or did teacher apply the paddle treatment up a little too far? No, neither of these two are right. It's just that some of our CHS'ers lay in the rays of ole' mother sun a little too long.

Seems as if it may have decreased their friendliness and worsened their dispositions, too. The day before their excursion, anyone of them would greet you with a happy hello. Now, the first thing they say is, "If you dare touch my back I'll murder you."

There are rumors going around that soon there will be a new book out that is being written by some of our students, the title of which will be, "The Cruelty of Mother Nature; or, How I Got Blistered At Balmorhea."

The authors, of course, are none other than Billie Gooch, Martha Hopson, Judy Mathis, Sammy Davis and Mary Lou Sneed.

### New System Causes Improvement In Typing

The new system of grading on accuracy as well as speed has definitely improved the grades of the typing classes. Darrell Vines has made 100 as a result of this new system.

Joan Ware is still at the head of the Typing I Class with 52 words. Judy Mathis has a score of 71 or better in Typing II.

The bookkeeping class has received some of the books they ordered. The Curry and Todd Practice Set on which they will work in until the last six weeks of school, have arrived and the members of the class are now working on these books.

The state requirements of 60 words a minute in shorthand have been met. The class is now taking 80 words a minute and will try for 100 words a minute before the end of the school year.

Not only is the commercial department trying to meet the state requirements, but Mrs. Nancy Ross is trying to teach her students more than just the requirements. She is trying to make the class as a whole better than the average students turned out of the commercial departments of other schools. She is trying to make the students better qualified for jobs at the end of the year.

### Thank You Note To The Senior Class

In appreciation of the concern of the senior class during the recent illness of Mrs. R. V. Robinson and the beautiful arrangement of flowers during her illness, Mrs. Robinson and Marena Don would like to thank the senior class for both the flowers and their sympathy.

### Band To Take Trip; 9 Members Graduate

A Ruidosa trip seems to be the main talk of the band lately. They will leave Friday, May 9, and come home Sunday, May 11.

The band is playing mostly for enjoyment now. There is no program set for the concert band. However, the stage band seems to have a full schedule. They are set to play for the Western Dance, the Junior-Senior Prom, and the Permian Basin Men Teachers Meet to be held in Crane on April 28.

Nine band members will graduate this year. Four of these eight come out of the clarinet section. They are Doyle Lakin, Wanda Leclair, Eugenia Mills and Willa Vee Loftin. Doyle Lakin has been in the band eight years and plays an alto clarinet. Wanda Leclair has been playing a clarinet in the band for seven years. She was a majorette four years and drum major her senior year.

## Tomlinson, Mathis; Take Fifth Six Weeks Honors

Louise Tomlinson, with an average of 95.83, and Judy Mathis, with an average of 95.8, led the high in scholastics for the six weeks of school. Bowls West with 95.67, and Donnie Tomlinson with 95.4, were third and fourth, respectively.

The sophomore class had the four highest ranking students in grade points. The four were:

- Jerry Caskey 96.2
- Dolores Hooper 96.1
- Ted Fields 96.0
- Bowls West 95.8

Students with 90 or above subjects were:

- EIGHTH GRADE:  
West, Sarann 92.2
- NINTH GRADE:  
Mathis, Bill 93.0
- TENTH GRADE:  
Harold, Myra Sue 94.1
- Caskey, Jerry 94.1
- Glass, Barbara 91.6
- Field, Ted 91.5
- ELEVENTH GRADE:  
Mathis, Judy 95.0
- Tomlinson, Don 95.0
- Hester, Gene 94.9

TWELFTH GRADE:  
Tomlinson, L. 95.0  
West, Bowls 95.0  
Sharrock, Wanda 94.6

Grade points for the weeks:

- EIGHTH GRADE:  
West, Sarann 92.2  
Barker, Leonard 92.1  
Glass, Barbara Jean 91.6  
Owens, Brenda 91.5  
Gardner, Maurine 91.4  
McKay, Katherine 91.3  
Boyd, Joe 91.2  
Garner, Ann 91.1  
Kinsey, Regina 91.0  
Miller, Eva Mae 90.9

NINTH GRADE:  
Mathis, Bill 93.0  
Holcomb, Stanley 92.9  
Simon, Mamie 92.8  
Tarbet, Lou 92.7

TENTH GRADE:  
Caskey, Jerry 94.1  
Hooper, Dolores 94.0  
Field, Ted 93.9  
Vines, Darrell 93.8

ELEVENTH GRADE:  
Hooper, Marvalee 95.0  
Hester, Gene 94.9  
Mathis, Judy 94.8  
Tomlinson, Donnie 94.7

TWELFTH GRADE:  
West, Bowls 95.0  
Sharrock, Wanda 94.9  
Tomlinson, Louise 94.8  
Leclair, Wanda 94.7  
Maxwell, Juanell 94.6

### 1952 Football Squad Witnesses Tech Game

The 1952 Golden Crane football team took a short trip Friday, April 18, to Odessa to watch the intersquad football game between the Texas Tech Red Raiders' gridmen. The game ended with the tie score of 21-21.

Those attending and taken in private cars by Dan Anderegg, Harold Riley, H. F. Brock, R. B. Booth and W. B. Smith were Kenneth Terrell, Darrell Vines, Geo. Scott, Jerry Caskey, Chas. Shepherd, Blackie Russell, John H. Hays, Lowell Adams;

Joel Adams, Jackie Hood, Clayton Dennis, Sonny Brock, Lee Ray Best, Kenneth Simon, Paul Coker, Jim Tom Butler, Hawley Van Court, Tom Adkins, Bobby Womack, Lloyd Alden;

Joe Allen, Tommy Griffin, Howard Hunter, Don Booth, Leonard Barker.

### Note Of Sympathy

"The Crane," on behalf of the student body of Crane High School, would like to extend their deepest sympathy to and Barbara Jeanne for the recent death of their father.

### CORNER DRUG STORE

Prescription Specialists  
DRUGS — COSMETICS — SUNDRIES  
Wayne Ervin, Prop. Phone 55

### CRANE FLOWER SHOP

"Don't Study For Hours—Send Flowers"  
Claudia Willis Dial 11  
CRANE, TEXAS

### HAYDEN WILMOTH'S "66" SERVICE STATION

Firestone Tires, Tubes, and Accessories  
"EVERYBODY TALKS SERVICE—WE GIVE IT!"  
—BUY MORE BONDS—

FOR COMPLETE INSURANCE PROTECTION —SEE— WESBERRY INSURANCE AGENCY REAL ESTATE Dial 3311 Crane, Texas

THE CRANE FOOD STORE GOVERNMENT INSPECTED MEATS FRESH PRODUCE QUALITY GROCERIES Don Chaney Neal Cook

VOLUN...  
New ru...  
Administ...  
Council a...  
Stucent C...  
The rules...  
1. Ex-s...  
and plann...  
school-spo...  
obtain a p...  
school ad...  
2. Ex-st...  
town, and...  
may be it...  
school, bu...  
tained for...  
viting any...  
sible for t...  
injured.  
3. A stu...  
an ex-stud...  
graduated...  
a pass and...  
ance in our...  
4. An ex...  
to only the...  
graduated...  
High Schoo...  
5. No stu...  
to any sch...  
evidence of...  
any intoxic...  
6. Studen...  
Seniors...  
Chorus...  
Space D...  
Judy Math...  
president...  
of Crane...  
Denn...  
en vice-pr...  
White was...  
treasurer...  
cently.  
The choir...  
last year's...  
The boys h...  
number thi...  
Seventy gir...  
Jack "Papp...  
had a fine...  
sections of...  
and...  
During the...  
tion was ad...  
but it has...  
over load...  
made to ad...  
four section...  
The group...  
Armistice...  
gran plus...  
in the spring...  
A varsity...  
choir and...  
On Mond...  
students me...  
during the...  
study music...  
building, gen...  
productories...  
also study...  
choir and...  
Tuesdays...  
strange sou...  
auditorium...  
May Miller...  
Johnson, Ma...  
White, Deon...  
ner are taki...  
An eight...  
is being org...  
enth period...  
built from...  
also.  
El Ave F...  
With Nev...  
Friday, the...  
Cranes first...  
public addr...  
El Ave Field...  
The unit...  
easy to oper...  
speakers per...  
the light tow...  
microphone...  
speaking, an...  
in the audito...  
be moved.  
C. A. Carr...  
that althoug...  
and distinct...  
could have b...  
system."  
Anne McD...  
of Crane, w...  
Camey has b...  
ative for the...  
the senior cl...  
of the Pep

### WHO IS BEST SPORT IN CLASS '52?

When one thinks of sportsmanship, he seems to connect it with athletics. Although the best sports in a school may be athletically inclined, think of the many people who never seem to become depressed or "down and out," but really have more hardihood and trouble than anyone.

Maybe the one in the limelight does seem like a good sport, but after all he does have the limelight, and that helps him to need to appear so, but the modeler is not in the limelight, and perhaps he can't be, but he may still be a good sport.

Consider the boy who turned out for football five years straight, but never made the team. Don't think it wasn't hard for him to keep coming out in the face of apparent defeat. But by coming out thus, he won a victory in sportsmanship, and he did it all alone.

Who is the best sport in a school? It's not necessarily the hero of all sports events, although it might very well be him. It's the boy or girl who maintains a sporting attitude in the face of anything.

### ARE YOU THE GUILTY ONE?

There is an old saying that is well worth repeating. "Will the defendant please arise and bear the verdict." This is a humorous question, but it provides a thought. In all sincerity, we ask the students of Crane High School to arise and learn just what is going on around them.

Of course, they know what is going on, but they fail to realize the importance of it.

Things like this have happened in other schools; the journalism class even wrote practice editorials on the subject because it could happen in Crane, but we never really thought it would.

Now it has, and it is time to do something about it. Lately, some of the students riding the buses to and from school have literally destroyed a few of the seats by taking their pocket knives and cutting strips of leather from the seats.

There is one bus in particular, the one that makes the north run, that has more seats that are not fit to sit in than it does good ones. This is not a very good practice and the student in high school, as well as grade school, should stop and take stock of themselves.

Maybe you are not the guilty one, but if you should be, or if you know anyone else who is responsible for any such vandalism, just remind them that they may be paying to have all of those seats repaired as well as being restricted from riding the buses at any time.

In other words, a disrespect for other people's money is not restricted to Washington, D. C., it is here.

### HARD FACTS VS. SUPPOSITION!

The easiest thing to do when in doubt is to ask someone, or better still, just assume you can guess the right answer, but that is a bad habit to form.

Perhaps you've heard it all before, but the day will come when your employer will be too busy to answer questions, and not being accustomed to doing things for yourself, you will be lost.

As matters stand today in this world of industry and business, no one can afford to carry a lead weight, which is just what an employee is who cannot carry his or her share of responsibilities.

Now is the time to subtly bring in the commercial, so here goes.

There is no need to suffer of this malady indefinitely. There is one sure cure—that it, start using your mind instead of your mouth.

For instance, recently a group of students hit the ceiling upon "discovering" that three points would be taken off for an unexcused absence. They would not have made themselves appear so ridiculous had they used their heads. The Crane High School Hand Book clearly states that work may not be made up in the case of an unexcused absence. Although no grade was actually recorded for that day in many grade books for those students present, absent students miss the class discussion which the other students participated in. This is the equivalent of three points in terms of the six week grade.

Much information may be found in the Crane High School Hand Book, all of which would help to insure safety and confidence when taking uncertain measures, and give one a leg to stand on, for one can't argue with facts.

Things like the hand book, a dictionary, encyclopedia, reader's guide, etc., are the best sources to rely upon when in doubt.



## THE CRANE

EDITOR: BILLY DON INGRAM  
BUSINESS MANAGER: BOWLUS WEST  
REPORTERS: Louise Tomlinson  
Wanda Leclaire, Carolyn Van Meter, Jannell Maxwell, Willa Vee Loftin, Wanda Sharrock, and Doyle Lakin.



### THE CRANE'S CREED THE CRANE PROMISES.

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

### INTRODUCING



JOYCE TAYLOR

Joyce Taylor was born Aug. 12, 1924, in Iowa Park, Texas. When she was a year old she moved to McCombs, Texas. At six she moved back to Iowa Park, and lived there until she moved to Crane when she was in the sixth grade. Joyce measures an even 5' 11", and tips the scales at 130 pounds, and then tops it all off with brown hair and brown eyes.

When it comes to movie stars, Joyce prefers Jeff Chandler and Doris Day to all others. Then, when it comes time to eat, she'll take hamburger steak smothered in onions, and french fries. Sure sounds delicious!

Joyce's pet peeve is someone who always tries to tend to her business. Her hobby is collecting earnings, and her pastime is reading over old love letters.

Joyce has been quite active in various high school activities. She has been in the Pep Squad four years, was in the Choral Club two years, an FHA member four years, and incidentally, home economics is her favorite subject, and she is in the Pi Kappa Club this year. After graduation, Joyce wants to prepare to be an Occupational Therapist. So here's wishing lots of luck to one who deserves it.

### INTRODUCING



MARETA ROBINSON

The Crane would like to take this opportunity to introduce Marena Don Robinson, senior pictured above.

Marena Don, born in Abilene, Texas, on August 7, 1922, did not make her residence in Crane until she reached the "ripe old age" of four, for she was delayed for a year while living in McCombs.

She has spent all of her very enjoyable school years in Crane, and plans to return to her birthplace to receive her higher education in the form of a business course.

Marena's likes number many and her dislikes few. She likes anything to eat, but especially she enjoys a Mexican dinner. Homemaking seems to be the list as favorite subjects. Passing the time away by traveling is Marena's hobby, and also seeing movies, preferably one starring Jane Wyman. She dislikes the most, "bossy people."

Volleyball is one of the activities she enjoys the most, having played volleyball for three years—one year on the junior team and two years on the B team.

### HELP YOUR CHILD WIN SUCCESS

"ATTENTION, PARENTS!"  
The time has come for your sons and daughters to choose their course for another year. Why not have a talk with them and help them choose the course that will be of benefit to them in later years.  
For example, let's take the case of John Doe. While John was in high school, he decided to take a course because one of his friends was taking the course, thus passing up a very beneficial course. Because he missed this course, John failed to make the grade in college, and he had to give up good jobs to more educated people.  
Because mishaps such as this occur frequently, don't fail to help your children pick out the courses that will help them in their struggle for success when they get out into the world.

### THUMBNAILED

About this time of the year a reporter seems to have a hard time finding a question to ask in Thumbnail Interviews. So for this week's question we ask, "If you were getting Thumbnail Interviews for this issue of the paper, what subject would you like to have discussed, or what question would you ask?"

Johnny Burrow: Why do some substitute teachers try to overwork the Choral Club?

Gene Hester: Why do girls wear each other's clothes?

Jodie Hood: What does Jim Smith do in his pickup every evening about 8 o'clock?

Doyle Dinkin: Why do people choose a course in high school because a buddy is taking that same course?

Irene Moore: How important is a college education to you?

Faye McCasland: If you were going to be a teacher, what subject would you choose, and why?

Hawley Van Court: Whether school should start Sept. 8 instead of the first?

Blackie Russell: Whether the boys athletic department, such as the football team or the basketball team, get to go on a trip like the band and the choral do when they go to Boulder?

Dwain Warren: How long it would take the seniors to go to California on a mile.

Mrs. Elmore: Why do girls wear blue jeans to school? I wonder if they ever look at themselves from the back in the mirror. Of course, there are exceptions.

Kenneth Terrell: What are the advantages of a CAST?

Doug Damon: What to ask for thumbnail interviews. That would be a good topic, you ought to try it sometime.

Marjorie Rust: How to make school more interesting.

Kenneth Simon: What students think about home room days.

Mary Lou Seese: What good is going to college if you have already waited two years to get married, but haven't found a man yet?

Willa Vee Loftin: Do you think women will ever be drafted?

Juanell Maxwell: Why do students always wait until the last minute to get in their work?

### INTRODUCING



PAUL HENDERSON

The young man above exercised his lungs for the first time in Botan, Texas, on Dec. 28, 1933. In case you haven't met him, we are pleased to introduce Mr. Paul Henderson.

Paul stayed in Botan only six months before moving to Crane. He started to school here and remained until he was in the fourth, then moved to Big Spring. Paul moved to Pecos and started school there in the fifth and then returned to school here in the sixth. He then settled down for good, and has been here ever since.

Paul stands an even six feet and weighs 150. His light blue eyes are set off by brown hair.

Paul now exercises his lungs for CHE, having been in the Crane Choral for the biggest part of three years. Paul's support is felt a lot in the bass section.

Paul's favorite sports are basketball and some game he plays in the "office" called snooker. We guess you know what "office," since his hobby is pool.

For a pet peeve, Paul dislikes talkative girls immensely. He also said "work," but he doesn't exactly shirk it since he works at the theatre as a projectionist, has held a roughnecking job and he sometimes works for his dad.

Even though his dad owns a cafe, Paul's favorite food is nothing real fancy, just a good thick steak with banana pudding as a dessert.

Elizabeth Taylor suits his fancy as a movie star. When asked what about a man star, he replied: "Man" — what are you taking about?"

Paul's favorite pastime is hunting or fishing, his favorite subject is trig, and he states his ambitions number about about a million.

Paul possesses a sense of humor and a drive which we believe will give him about a million chances to reach nearly any of his million ambitions. Good luck to a real CRANE.

It's All Over But The Memories—Senior play cast, stage hands, and Mr. Irvine.  
I Don't Care—Ray Allen.  
I'm Moving On—Students who pass.

Turn Back The Hands Of Time—Students who don't pass.  
My Happiness Belongs to Someone Else—Bowlus West.  
And So To Sleep Again—Everybody since spring.

Scott, Get and Begone—Juniors to seniors.  
Me and My Big Fat Heart—Doyle Lakin.

It's A Grand Night For Singing—Seniors, night of graduation.  
So Tired—Students and Teachers.

When My Money Run Out—Bobby Russell.  
Crazy Heart—Judy Marks.  
I Ran All The Way Home—Doyle Woolf.

Baby, We're Really In Love—Bruce and Faye.  
Somebody's Been Bestin' My Time—Harold Hunter.

When there's joy in living  
You just never grow old,  
I'll love you so much  
That you'll never grow old.

People who are lonely  
Can be old at thirty-three,  
Don't let that happen to you,  
Don't let that happen to me.

Be my life's companion  
And you'll never grow old,  
I'll love you so much  
That you'll never grow old.

Love and youth and happiness  
Are yours to have and hold,  
Be my life's companion  
And you'll never grow old.

I knew a man who's lonely  
And he's old at thirty-three,  
No one wants to be  
Old at thirty-three.

Your disposition sours  
Like a lemon on a tree;  
Don't let it happen to you  
And don't let it happen to me.

Be my life's companion  
And you'll never grow old,  
Love and youth and happiness  
Are yours to have and hold.

Be my life's companion  
And you'll never grow old,  
Love and youth and happiness  
Are yours to have and hold.

Shakespeare's last completed play was Henry VIII, finished in 1611.

Chocolate beans were once used as currency in Mexico.

### EXCHANGES ★ AUNT SOPHIE

The traffic officer became highly enraged at an elderly woman, who, after he had flagged her to stay on the sidewalk, strolled calmly out into the street.

"Lady," roared the officer, "don't you know what it means when I hold up my hand?"

"I ought to," she snapped, "for the last 25 years I've been a school teacher."

EL VAQUERO,  
Cotulla High School.

Devour me  
Digest me  
Dog-eat me  
Digest me  
Adore me  
Or spurn me  
But damn ye.  
Return me.

EL VAQUERO,  
Cotulla High School.

Here's to the girls that like to date,  
Here's to the girls that like to kiss,  
I'm the boy you don't want to miss,  
Here's to girls that like to park,  
I'm the boy that's really got the spark.

Here's to the girls that like going steady,  
I'm the boy that's always ready,  
Here's to the girls that like eyes of brown,  
I'm the boy you want around,  
Here's to girls that like the boys sweet.

Count me in, cause I'm a treat,  
Here's to girls that like boys like me,  
For all I care, you can go climb a tree.

CATS DEN,  
Brownfield High School.

It was their first date, and as they stood at her door saying good night, the sailor asked:

"What would you do if I were to kiss you?"

"I'd call my brother," said the girl blushing.

"How old is he?"

"Three," she whispered.

THE OWL'S HOOT,  
Big Lake High School.

The business man was phoning his home:

"Hello, honey," he said, "would it be all right if I brought a couple of fellows home for dinner tonight?"

"Why, certainly, dear, I'd love to have them."

"I'm sorry," he apologized, "I must have the wrong number."

THE CAT'S TALE,  
Bay City High School.

### Introducing A Senior



WILLA VEE LOFTIN

The little lady pictured above Willa V. Larrayne Loftin, is a most unusual young lady, and very pleasing and likable, at that.

Her cheerful smile and happy "hello" have made her a most welcome member of the senior class.

Willa Vee is one of the few people who have been able to skip a grade. She came to Crane last year when she was a sophomore but skipped the junior year, and became a senior this year.

Willa Vee is to be commended for this, because it must have taken many extra hours of hard work to be able to do this.

It seems as if Willa Vee was pretty much the "roving kind" before coming to Crane.

She was born June 17, 1925, at Electra, Texas. She attended school there her first year. In the second grade she attended school at Durant, Okla., then back to Electra, then to Thibodeaux, La., and back to Electra again.

For the third grade, she started in Electra, but then went to New Iberia, La., and before the year was over, she went to Lafayette, La., where she stayed for the fourth grade.

She started the fifth grade at Lafayette, but, guess what? She ended up at Electra again, finished

Dear Aunt Sophie:  
I'll bet if I were married, I'd boss and tell my wife where to head in.

A. Baskin

Dear Uneducated:  
Yes, and I suppose what you get to a railroad crossing, you get your horn to warn the express to get out of your way.

Your Experienced Aunt

Dear Aunt Sophie:  
That story you told me the other day about the man who said "I ought to," was just repeating.

Dear Gossip:  
It's young yet; give it time.

Your Aunt

Auntie Sophie:  
Can you give me a good example of how heat expands things, or cold contracts them?

A Stumped Student

Dear Stump:  
Well, the days are much longer in the summer.

Your Know-All Aunt

Dear Auntie:  
My uncle can play the piano ear.

Dear Me:  
That's nothing; my uncle fiddles with his whiskers.

Your Smart Aunt

Dear Aunt Sophie:  
I've been watching your manner and they are terrible. Why do you always eat with your knife?

Emily Post the 12th

Dear Emma:  
Because my fork leaks.

Auntie

Dear Aunt Sophie:  
I'm in love with a very beautiful girl. However, I'm worried. The girl says that beauty is only skin deep.

A Bewildered Boy

Dear Boy:  
That should be deep enough for myself, I ain't no cannibal.

Your Wishing Aunt

Dear Auntie:  
Would you marry a sap just because he has money?

Just Asking

Dear Asking:  
Are you gathering statistics on proposing?

Your Hoping Aunt

Dear Aunt Sophie:  
I understand kisses speak in language of love.

Wondering

Dear Wondering:  
Well, let's get together and do things over.

Auntie

Dear Auntie Sophie:  
My editor has told me to write a story on yesterday's ball game. What shall I say about the people who made such a fuss at the game?

Reporter

Dear Reporter:  
Just say the bleachers were wild.

Your Editor Aunt

Dear Auntie:  
I'm so happy! My boy friend is just crazy about me.

Happy

Dear Happy:  
Don't take too much credit to yourself. He was crazy before you ever met him.

Your Aunt Sophie

the fifth grade, and went through the sixth grade there. She attended school at Hereford, Texas, during the seventh grade but went back to Electra for the eighth grade and freshman year.

Finally, she came to Crane for her sophomore year, and as you know, Electra hasn't had what it takes to get her back there again.

Willa Vee is a pretty miss with brunette hair, which incidentally she wears in a very becoming ponytail, and dark brown eyes, measures exactly 5'5" tall, and tips the scales at 130 pounds.

Among her favorites, Willa lists: Subject, English; foods, fried shrimp and candy; actor and actress, Van Heflin and Judy Holliday; pastime, arguing; sport, football.

She says her pet peeve is her own laziness, and her ambition is pass typing.

Willa Vee has been quite active in hand, playing the clarinet. Also this year she has been quite active to the journalism staff, and recently won the honor of representing "The Crane" at the regional meet-

ing Lubbock.