

District Champions—  
Our Golden Cranes

# THE CRANE

Be Regional Champions  
Without a Change

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Several improvements have been made in the school since last year. We are now in a new building, and now that we have the Council at work, we expect more.

The wedding bells are about to ring out the school bells.

Be sure and get the campus queen and king that will be something to put before the school.

It won't be long until six weeks are here again; ain't it a cinch!

It seems that the more the student hollers about how much he has to do, the less he does.

Sa-a-y, boy, aren't our basketball boys going to town?

Where is that senior play everyone is looking forward to it, let's not disappoint them.

Gee, just look at the pretty posters flying around over town. Every since our Student Council president race the wind has been giving the posters fits.

The lockers around here have got more bumps on people's heads than the bouncers in the toughest places. Too bad we can't have See CRANE, page 2

"Elect Me And The School Is Yours"—This Didn't Appear But Nearly Everything Else Did

The recent campaign for Student Council president was the most colorful ever to be observed in Crane High School. Posters supporting the three candidates decorated (decorated?—we mean covered!) the halls and bulletin boards. Although all candidates were supported, Baker Davis received the most publicity as to the number and originality of slogans. (Incidentally, he won).

Since some of the posters were thoughtlessly destroyed before your reporter could see them, a few may be omitted but here are the ones we could find:

"Vote for Baker, one and all Vote for Baker or not at all."

"He has peaches Just in your reach, He's the man you want. Bonner!"

"We need a president The school will follow Baker's the man, Betcha a dollar."

"Don't be all wet—Vote for Garrett! Jean Garrett for president!"

"Don't pull a boner. Vote for Bonner."

"A red-headed president for our school Would be something grand as a rule."

"The man with the qualifications is No one but 'Lil-ole' Snaker-boy!"

"The wind blew The sand flew Let's vote for David Drew!"

"Make a school of freedom and honor, Vote for Bonner!"

"Listen to the very wise pig who says—U-use y-y-your b-bean a-and v-v-vote f-for Jean!"

"Vote for the school's sake, Vote for Snake!"

"Don't make a mistake, Vote for Snake!"

"CHS needs a president grand, So let's set Baker on the stand."

## Presidential Candidates Speak In Assembly

An assembly was held Friday, Jan. 31, in which the three candidates for Student Council president were introduced by their supporters.

A short speech was made by each of the candidates. Baker Davis said, "It would be a great honor to be president. I would appreciate your vote."

David Bonner stated that he would try to perform the duties of president to the best of his ability if he were elected.

Jean Garrett asked that the student-body cooperate with the one who was elected president.

Mr. Martin announced that the voting would take place Monday, Feb. 3, in the library at noon.

## Martin Worried Over Cameras Displayed

"Hold it," is the cry of all the photographers of the school now days. Everyone is trying to outdo the other in taking pictures.

Everybody is afraid to do anything mean, because someone may be around with a camera to get a picture of the foul deed. Oh, yes, even Mr. Martin is worried about his actions.

In sports all the stars of basketball try to outplay the others so that they might have their picture in the paper or annual.

The girls come to school dressed fit to kill, with their hair just so, and their nails a bright orange or red, just in hopes that they might get into the limelight a few minutes and have their beauty recorded upon a roll of film.

As far as picture taking goes, even the office help and the secretaries have their hair combed and slicked down, so that it shines to such an extent that it is blinding to behold.

Even Mr. Nix goes to basketball practice with his hair combed and sporting a white shirt and loud tie.

Well, here's hoping that everyone gets his or her picture taken half a dozen times at least.

## Smoking Is Person's Own Business, Say Nine Out of Twenty

In most "bull sessions," the question of smoking by teen-agers will appear. In an attempt to discover what some of the Crane High School pupils and teachers thought in regard to this question, we interviewed 20 of them.

To the question, "What is your opinion on the subject of teen-age smokers," almost half replied that they thought it was a person's own business whether he or she smoked or not.

In this group were Billie Hardesty, Ellen Jourden, Goldie Hester, Miss Fetterly, Barbara Mason, Donna Miller, Tip Murrell, Chester Pettit and Zoe Reynolds.

"Smoking is entirely wrong for both boys and girls," said Bobby North, Bobby Don Smith, Mrs. Hughes and Clark Lee Presley.

Wilma Earp and Gladys Lee Barnard said that they thought smoking was too detrimental to the health for teen-age children to smoke.

Mrs. Elmore, Artie Fern Henderson and Beverly Bruce remarked that girls shouldn't smoke in public places.

Only one person, C. H. Stephenson, said, "It is all right for boys to smoke, but not for girls."

Don Kilgore said, "It is all right to smoke as long as you don't do it to look smart or grown-up."

## Queen Dreams Have Interesting Effects

Our dreams are probably the most baffling phenomena that ever occur in our everyday life. They make us wake up at the slightest sound if we are dreaming something silly or frightening.

I suppose the queerest dreams that people ever have are those that make you think you are being chased and no matter how hard you try to run, you feel just won't move from one spot. These kind of dreams, when psychoanalyzed, proved to be the most interesting and seem to have the most information of the person's mental condition conceived within them.

## Hickey, Garrett Take Test For Scholarship

Helen Hickey and Jean Garrett, chosen by their class as candidates for the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship contest, took the test which is to determine the winners of this contest Friday morning from 9:00 until 11:00 in the high school office.

Mr. Nix and Mrs. Elmore supervised the test which the girls had not seen until time to begin.

All other contestants for this scholarship all over the state were taking this test at the same time.

The two winners of this contest will be awarded four full years' tuition to any accredited college in the U. S., \$50 a month for general expenses, and one round trip ticket a semester from the college to his home.

## Teachers Granted An Increase In Salary

At a special faculty meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 12, Mr. Martin was happy to announce that it was decided at the last board meeting that each faculty member will be granted a \$40 monthly raise, retroactive to Jan. 1.

This raise, according to Mr. Martin, is to offset rising living expenses, and will be in effect until the board has worked out a salary scale similar to the one used by the Odessa Public Schools.

He went on to say that since the board was kind enough to give the increase in pay, each teacher should redouble his efforts to inspire the student body to greater achievements.

Incidentally, the teachers wish to use the Crane as a medium of expressing their thanks to the school board for this kind consideration.

## Big Valentine for Fish

The freshmen class had a valentine party last Thursday night, February 13, at the Gulf Camp recreation hall. Each person had to pay 25c to get in.

Cards, dominoes, and ping pong were played. There also was some dancing.

Sandwiches and cold drinks were served to the members of the freshmen class and their guests.

## Officers Elected In First Council Meeting

Officers for the Student Council were elected in a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4, the first meeting of the newly formed organization.

Jean Garrett was elected secretary-treasurer, David Bonner was elected vice-president, C. M. Coker is to be councillor-at-large, and Mrs. Elmore was elected faculty advisor.

Meetings will be held at least once a week and the first one will be Thursday, Feb. 13. Arranging for a Recreation Dance will be discussed.

## C. H. S. Weather Report

Weather report from the Crane: Breezy: June Crowover, Melba Howell.

Changeable: Helen Hickey, Sis Teague.

Sunny: Chester Pettit, Don Kilgore.

Stormy: Billie Lovelace, Red Weatherby.

Favorable: Raymond Weatherby, Helen White.

Humidity: Zoe Reynolds, Donna Miller.

Gloomy: David Bonner (and the "Shadow").

Calm: Wilma Earp, Homer Clements.

Unpredictable: Don Pope, "Mac".

Gusty: Mr. Martin, Dorothy Craig.

Cozy: Lou Smith, "Toots" Mathis.

## 4-H Boys Go To See Grand Champion Steer

Fourteen 4-H boys from Crane went to see the Grand Champion steer, Royal Jupiter, at Midland Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Those who made the trip are as follows: Jimmy Glenn, Baker Davis, C. M. Coker, Billy Henderson, Jimmy Zafanotis, William Brightman, Billy Keith, David McCully, Bill Marlowe, John Clark, Myron Holcomb, Billy Don Ingram, Doyle Lakin and Ray Omo.

Royal Jupiter, Grand Champion steer of the 1946 International Livestock Exposition, was bred and fed by Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater, Okla. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. bought Royal Jupiter in December. They paid \$4,000 for him. He is to make a 22,000 mile educational tour.

## Patterson Turns Tables On The Journalism Students

What? You say you are able to study during fifth period study hall? Able to get thru the office door or down the trail to town? Amazing, isn't it!!!

Say you can't understand it? Well, neither did the journalism class at first, but Mr. Patterson decided he'd rather see staff working on the paper than running around all period having a good time. He typed some official "press cards" which a journalism student must have with him before he leaves the room—and he must get the card from Mr. Patterson. If anyone is OUT and his card is IN, that means he is AWOL, which means an extra study period from 3:45 to 4:45.

You say you understand it now? So do we (the journalism students!!!)

## Mrs. Browning Honoree At Bridal Shower Feb. 8

Mrs. J. L. Browning, the former Miss Winnie Moore, was given a "come-and-go" bridal shower on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8, at the Community Hall.

The theme of the shower was carried out by using valentine napkins and small valentines as favors. The gifts were arranged on a lace covered table and the hall was decorated with flowers.

The bride's book, made by Mrs. Essie Brown, was hand-painted in the shape of a large heart.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Gallaway and Mrs. Alderice who played the piano. They played semi-classical music.

Coffee or tea and cake were served to the guests as they arrived.

Hostesses for the shower were: Mmes. A. G. Harold, O. O. Barrett, Sam Nolan, W. C. Meers and C. H. Evans.

## A Historical Sketch of The Crane Hi Library

The Crane High School Library has had many different experiences in its day and time. When the library came into existence it came into the world as a gymnasium of the highest degree: hardwood floors, dressing rooms, store rooms, and all that goes with a high class gym.

Then in the sad year of 1937 the most discouraging news of all time was heard: the top-flight gym was to be made into a library.

After changing the dressing rooms into offices, and the store rooms into book rooms, the library was complete with its rows of books, references, and dictionaries lining the walls on three sides.

That was how the Crane Library originated.

## Davis Elected President Of Student Council

The hotly contested election for the presidency of the Student Council was terminated Feb. 3 in a victory for Baker Davis.

The voting was done by secret ballot in the library during the noon period, and we are happy to announce that there was only one mutilated ballot in this first election of its kind in Crane High School.

The duties of the president as set forth in the Constitution of the Crane High School Student Association are "to call and preside at all meetings, to appoint committees, to determine procedures, and to cooperate with the members of the faculty and the school in effecting the purpose of this organization."

We are sure Baker will make a fine president and will do all in his power to make this school a better place in which to get an education.

## Civics Class Give Miss Lewis Fruit Shower

Miss Jacqueline Lewis was honored with a fruit and candy shower last Tuesday, Feb. 4, by the members of the eighth grade girls civics class.

While Mrs. Waller, home economics teacher, called her out of the room, the girls piled the desk with oranges, apples, pears, tangerines, lemons and candy.

When she first entered the room again, Miss Lewis did not notice anything different. She was very surprised and pleased when she saw her desk heaped with candy and fruit.

## English Class Honored With Valentine Party

Mrs. Barber's first period English IV class had a short Valentine party during the last 20 minutes of the period on Friday, Feb. 14.

Members of the class drew names Thursday and brought a valentine for the person whose name they drew. Also Mrs. Barber gave everyone in the class a valentine. A gaily decorated box was put on Mrs. Barber's desk in which the valentines were placed.

For refreshments each student was given two eskimo pies. Every one enjoyed the party very much.

## Valentine Party Given For Seven-Two

Room 7-2 was entertained with a Valentine party last Monday night. Each member of the class invited one guest.

Cocoa and cake was served to members of the 7-2 class and their guests. Others present were Mr. Walter Duff and Joyce Allman, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Browning.

Hostesses were the room mothers, Mmes. Sam Nolan, A. G. Harold, O. O. Barrett, W. C. Meers and Hershel Evans.

Mrs. R. O. Warren was in charge of the games.

## FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY P. T. A.

"Three Letters," a one-act play, is to be a main feature in the Founder's Day program to be presented by the members of the P. T. A. in the high school auditorium on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p. m.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Judge Joe Beyer, the county superintendent.

Musical numbers are to be a part of the program at which fathers will be special guests, and refreshments will be served.

## Nix' Brother-In-Law Dies Suddenly Feb. 3

Mr. Brady Nix' brother-in-law, Mr. Sal Oxford, died suddenly in Stephenville, Texas, on the morning of Feb. 3.

The funeral services were held in Stephenville on Feb. 4. Mr. Nix and his family attended the services. They left after school hours on Monday afternoon and returned Tuesday night.

Mr. Oxford had been in bad health for many years.

## MRS. CLOUD'S FATHER DIES

Mrs. Mildred Cloud, her two sons, Roger and George, and Miss Pickens journeyed to Gatesville, Texas, for the funeral of Mrs. Cloud's father, Mr. Tom Quick-

Mr. Quicksall, 70, died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 7, and was buried Feb. 9 at the Gatesville Cemetery.

## Important Notice!

W. O. Murray, chapter chairman of the Crane County Red Cross, has called a meeting of all Red Cross officials for tonight at 7:30 in the courthouse.

Plans for the Red Cross campaign Fund drive, beginning the first of March, will be discussed. All officials are urged to attend.

## Boy Scouts Celebrate Scout Week Fluently

The Scouts of Crane took over the town of Crane Saturday, Feb. 8, in order to let the community know it was Scout Week.

The Methodist Church held a special service in commemoration of Scouting on Sunday, Feb. 9. The Scouts and Cub Scouts had a Father and Son banquet on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The Scouts have had a busy week and they have shown a lot of results. Good going, boys, keep it up.

## Everyone Well Pleased With Annual Pictures

The annual staff, and the student body as a whole, is very well satisfied with the turn-out of both the individual and group pictures for this year's annual.

Re-orders were furnished for both types of pictures and the response to this offer was really gratifying. Only a few did not want their pictures used but the staff is sorry to announce that no off-size pictures can be accepted.

## MR. DUFF RESIGNS

Walter Duff, teacher in Crane Junior High School, resigned suddenly on Feb. 11, but gave no information as to where he was going or just what he would do. His place is being filled by Mrs. Blanche Keys.

## Monstrous Specie Of Rattlesnake Given Up To Be The Largest Of Its Kind In West Texas



Pictured above is what old-timers have given up to be the largest diamond-back rattlesnake of its kind in the largest state in the U. S. It is called diamond-back because its body is covered with black diamond-shaped blotches edged with yellow.

No foolin'! This rattlesnake is a seven and one-half footer that was killed in the summer of 1944 on a Gulf McElroy lease near Crane, Texas. The occasion on which it was killed was an open-air steak fry. (Did I say "snake-fry"?)

The largest of the species of rattlesnakes are found in the Southern States, one of which is Texas. Specimens eight feet long have been found on the Mangrove Islands of Western Florida.

The seven and one-half foot snake hung the length of Gay Miller's garage until it finally perished from the lack of any preservative.

Because of the size of this monstrous snake, it created our interest in snakes, the result: various bits of information gleaned here and there.

No snakes have a larynx or vocal chords and, in consequence, none have a true voice; they are all, however, capable of hissing and some of the larger, heavier-

## Dallas Student Council Convention Attended By 4 Crane Delegates

Four representatives of the Student Council: Joy Dickson, Melba Howell, Kenneth Pearce and Baker Davis; Mrs. Elmore and Mr. Martin went to Dallas to a meeting of the Texas Association of the Student Councils, held at the Highland Park High School on Feb. 7 and 8.

After registration, they attended the Central Assembly on Friday, hearing the welcoming addresses and announcements. Another assembly was held after lunch. Both of them were presided over by Abilene.

Two discussion groups highlighted the afternoon.

Each of the Student Council members and Mrs. Elmore went to a different discussion.

Mrs. Elmore went to the discussion group entitled "How can the Student Council Get the Student Body as a Whole to Take a More Active Part in Student Government?" in the first one and to the discussion of "How can a school recreation program be made more effective?" in the second one.

Melba first attended the discussion, "How much authority should a Student Council have?" and then to a discussion of Student Council activities and projects.

Baker attended a discussion on conducting Student Council meetings and one on "Ways in which a Student Council may promote cooperation throughout a school."

"What do students expect of their leaders?" and "How to encourage good behavior at school activities" were the discussions Kenneth Pearce went to.

Joy attended "What types of projects should a Student Council undertake?" and "How can better standards of school citizenship be developed?"

Mrs. Elmore attended the Sponsors Meeting later in the afternoon.

At 7 o'clock, the group went to a dinner and a party at the Grand Ball Room of the Adolphus Hotel.

Much was learned concerning the Student Council and the delegates will speak to the student body in assembly when it can be arranged.



# THE CRANE

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## THE CRANE'S CREED

THE CRANE PROMISES:

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

## First President Compared to President of Today

On February 22 we celebrate the birthday of our first president of the United States, George Washington. As we look back to his term of office, we find that Washington served under many hardships, but he was still a great man.

When we compare him to the presidents of recent times, we find that he was the only president to march in front of his armies during war. We also find that he is the only president that did not accept a salary for his services as president.

Washington never enjoyed the comforts of the White House as the presidents of today do. When the capitol was moved from New York to Philadelphia, he was offered a home at national expense, but he said he would rather live in a home that he owned or rented privately. He finally rented a brick home for an annual rent fee of \$3,000.00.

Washington also had many peculiarities. One of these was his reticency of speaking in public and having a stern expression on his face when making a picture. There is a reason for these peculiarities, and that is that he was a constant sufferer of dental trouble. After the Revolutionary War he became acquainted with a French dentist who made him a set of false teeth from a rhinoceros' ivory. The teeth were very ill-fitted and made the wearer constantly aware of their presence.

As we look back over the life of Washington, we find that he was but half educated with no culture except the coming of good companionship. From that he had learned the qualities of a country gentleman, courtesy, hospitality, and a love of sport. The sourness of his judgment and the solidity of his information were the notable qualities.

No rash action or personal caprice was ever charged to him. He was able to bear great responsibility and courageously to meet unpopularity and misrepresentation.

## Gossip Causes Many Ruined Reputations

Gossip is a nasty wind that gets into everyone's eyes, nose, ears and mouth. It doesn't take much to get a breeze started, and it soon becomes a big bag of wind. The longer it is blown around, the more someone's reputation gets thrown around.

Why, I remember back in '41 when Clara Bell Upsnort's old gray mare fell on her and broke her leg, and before the story got back to Clara Bell, the humane society was going to press charges against her for undue cruelty to animals. Well, after all, it wasn't exactly kind for ole Clara to jump off the big red barn on to ole Nellie's back and break all four legs, now was it? No. But neither was it proper for the local flabber-bags to alter the story intentionally.

I never exactly found out what happened to Miss Upsnort, but her destiny may have been a hard one. Let hot air breeze by and keep a cool head, and a slow lip. In this way, you will not endanger other people's reputations and your own neck.

## CONFIDENCE GETS RESULTS

Have you people ever stopped to think how much confidence means in your life? You haven't? Well, let's sit down a minute and think about it.

Confidence is something that every man, woman and child should possess. When you start out to accomplish something, you must have confidence before results are obtained. Even though it may be that every one is against you, just keep a cool mind, ignore them, and have confidence in yourself, then you will see what a difference it makes. Not only should you have confidence in yourself but in your fellow-students also. If a boy or girl doesn't have confidence in himself it is always a credit to see that someone is backing him.

When you start to do something, don't throw it aside and say, "Aw, it's impossible," have confidence in yourself and see what a better place in which to live this world would be.

## A REVIEW IN MUSIC OF TODAY

Where would our world be today if there wasn't any music? Music is used for almost every occasion. It can cheer you when you are blue, and will make you forget unpleasant things that are on your mind.

Classics are beginning to become more popular this era than ever before. The film industry music, 'Embraceable You,' 'The Man I Love,' 'Rhapsody in Blue' importance of music. They have (which won world wide recognition several shows on television), 'An American in Paris,' and George Gershwin seem to vaudeville's beloved 'Swanee' be the most well known and were among them.

Of course, there are many more best loved by all music lovers. The movie, 'Night and Day,' but these are among his most featured Cole Porter and his me-popular.

## Monahans Plays Host To Sixty Young People

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Monahans Methodist Young People were the hosts of 60 young people of the Pecos Valley district.

The devotion was directed by the president of the Monahans MYF, followed by a prayer by Rev. Wilkins of Pecos. The ladies of the First Methodist Church of Monahans served lunch for the group of preachers and young people. After lunch Joanne Randel, vice president of the sub-district, presided over a business meeting held for the election of officers.

The officers elected were: Joanne Randel, president

Elaine Stearns, vice-president  
 Charlotte Bagwell, secretary-treasurer.

Transportation for the young people of Crane was provided by Mrs. Barnett, Rev. Whetstone and Mrs. L. E. Rose.

The meeting started at 10:30 a. m. and concluded at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

## Personnel Changes

Among the new students who have enrolled recently is Joreen McDaniel. She attended school last in Daugherty, Okla. Joreen started to school Feb. 5 and is classified here as an eighth grader.

Golden Hester, a sophomore, withdrew a few weeks ago.

## THE CRANE FILES

2 YEARS AGO:

Glenn Herring resigned after 11 years of work for the school. She was to take a position with the Gulf Oil Corporation.

4 YEARS AGO:

The Crane basketball team won the Dist. 31 tournament at Midland. We played Upton County or McCamey.

9 YEARS AGO:

Hershel Boyd was high point man for basketball with 133 points.

12 YEARS AGO:

Oscar Earl Hankins, band director and math teacher, died on Feb. 16.

13 YEARS AGO:

The Crane won the National Trophy twice in succession this year.

17 YEARS AGO:

Crane loses to McCamey in basketball, 29-17 (Imagine that).

## POET'S CORNER

MY GRANDMOTHER

By Kathryn Cantrell

There she sat in her rocking chair, quite alone,  
 My little old grandmother whose silver hair shone.  
 On her face she wore a look of perpetual peace,  
 As her deft fingers knitted an underarm crease.  
 Of the sweater she was making for her little granddaughter  
 To go with a skirt that her mother had bought her.  
 She looked up from her knitting in time to see  
 The oldest child sliding down an apple tree.  
 The baby was crying in his crib by the door,  
 Wanting his playthings that fell on the floor.  
 Living in this house with children and all,  
 My grandmother would hasten to answer each call.  
 No matter what troubles anyone had to bear,  
 My grandmother was willing each one to share.  
 God bless this grandmother so sweet and so kind,  
 And I want to thank God because she is mine.

ART FOR ART'S SAKE

As the last bell rings, all the students joyfully shout,  
 "F. T. G. (Friday, thank God) at last we're out."  
 The art class assembles, and each at his easel stands,  
 While Mr. Carpenter gives instructions about the lay of the land.  
 Wanda starts laughing, and no one can stop her,  
 While the lights make Barbara Dale's hair shine like copper.  
 Katharine draws a lighthouse that turns out a flop,  
 And everyone laughs until their sides nearly pop.  
 Douglas, the smallest of the group you see,  
 The greatest of artists I'm sure he will be.  
 Corky, the clown of his crowd, of his scenic drawings, he is proud.  
 Nancy, last but not least, knows the trials of school work will for a while cease.  
 After putting up for an hour with this,  
 Only then does our teacher realize solitude bliss.  
 All next week the students will drool,  
 Waiting for our art class Friday after school.

The musical departments of the Crane High School have just received their placards from last year's contest. The band came home with first place, and the choral club won second place at the meet in Kermit.



## AUNT SOPHIE SEZ

Dear Aunt Sophie:

I am a nice—(cuss word) girl, and I want all of these (c. w.) boys to realize this. If you can tell me how to make them realize this fact, I'll be very pleased.

Slewfooted Sal.

Dear Sal:

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Sophie.

Dear Aunt Sophie:

My boy friend beats me, cusses me, and ignores me, do you think it's true (drool) love?

Headoffsome Mae Stoopeed.

Dear Mae:

Oh, there is no doubt about it, he is bound to be NUTS about you.

Truthful Sophie.

Dear Aunt Sophie:

Everyone says that if you are going astray to write you a letter and get on the right road. Well, you see, I need lots of money to get by and I catch myself swiping money from my baby sister's piggy bank. What'll I do?

Hankypanky James.

Dear Mr. James:

You'll probably end up in Alcatraz!!! And I didn't think it was such a bad place.

Sophie.

Dear Sophie-wophie:

I am such a 'little girl at heart and a big ol' bad man is trying to lure me into going wig 'em. What should me do?

Justplain Dumm.

Dear Dumm:

Don't kid me, kiddo, no one is THAT dumb.

Your Wise Aunt.

Dear Sophie:

I am a big football star, I am one of the most important students in school, and yet I don't have many friends. What's up?

Knoseanddoo Awil.

Dear Awil:

Don't you suppose they feel that you don't need 'em, since you have so much to take care of?

Aunt Sophie.

## Perilous Holiday of Gilda and Capt. Eddie

One fateful day the marriage of "Gilda" and "Captain Eddie" went up with the "Searching Wind."

"Gilda" spent the "Week end at the Waldorf" and there she met "Ted" from Milwaukee.

The three of them had "Breakfast in Hollywood" and went to the "Stork Club." Then she decided to take a "Gallant Journey" and spend a "Holiday in Mexico."

When she got there she found that she was "Without Reservations" so she turned back and took the "Night Train to Memphis."

Meanwhile "Captain Eddie" was out on a "Lost Weekend." At "Whistle Stop" on the "Road to Utopia" he met "Cluny Brown" and by now was really "Snafu."

While out on their "Perilous Holiday," "Gilda" and "Captain Eddie" met in "Dakota." She said, you are "The Man I Love," and they made up their little fight.

She took a "Sentimental Journey" and lived happily together "Till the End of Time."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the students who were lucky enough to be born between the dates of Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, the members of The Crane staff would like to extend a very happy birthday:

Billy Glenn—Feb. 12  
 Bobby Nell Aaron—Feb. 14  
 Patsy Dulin—Feb. 15  
 Frank Waller—Feb. 16  
 Billie Lovelace—Feb. 16  
 Don Lee Johnston—Feb. 17  
 Kenneth Warren—Feb. 18  
 Nelda McCasland—Feb. 22  
 Fay Ellen Jourden—Feb. 24  
 Paul Simon—Feb. 25

## Seniors Present Don Kilgore



Whether you call him Kilroy, Kilgut, or just Don Kilgore, you are sure to like this friendly senior boy. Just for the record, he is 6-1 in height, 160 in weight, and has brown hair and blue eyes.

Don is well known to all of us, for he has played two years of football and three years of basketball, and has been outstanding in both sports.

Born in Cisco, Texas, March 22, 1929, Don started to school there. He came to Crane when he was in the 5th grade and has been here ever since, except for a brief stay in Jal, N. M.

Don plans to major in engineering in college. His likes include basketball, fried chicken, chocolate pie, and Land Turner.

## Thumbnail Interviews

I guess everyone has what he considers the happiest moment in his life, and by interviewing some of the students of Crane High we got them to confess to us (others just sat there and wouldn't answer) undoubtedly the latter has never had a happy moment. Any way, here are a few of the kids who did answer.

Jeannelle Glenn: My happiest moment will be when I graduate.  
 Helen White: When I get so far away from Crane I can't even smell it.

Wilma Earp: When my brother and sister got married and left me the only child at home.

Billie Lovelace: When people start realizing that I am no longer a baby.

Zoe Reynolds: When I get my Doctor's degree.

Leonard Rose: When we get our new '47 Plymouth.

Jimmy Glenn: When I feel good.

Chester Pettit: When I graduate.

George Grounds: I've had lots of happy moments.

Don Pope: When I receive my diploma.

Dorothy Craig: The happiest moment in my life will be when I graduate, quit work, and be able to do the thing I want to do most of all.

Donna Miller: When I complete my college education.

Artie Fern Henderson: I haven't had a happy moment yet.

Melba Howell: When I become a nurse.

Ladean McCasland: When I leave Crane High School.

Bill Teague: When I graduate, if I ever do.

Bascom Trammell: When I got married was my happiest moment.

Tipton Murrell: When I leave Crane High School.

Paul Simon: I have had lots of happy moments in my life but the last one was the happiest.

Mr. Haralson: I would have to think back a long time but off hand I have had a lot of them.

Toots Mathis: When I got out of school and got married.

David Bonner: The happiest moment in my life was when we beat Fort Stockton in Big Lake.

Mr. Patterson: When I got home after being out of the U. S. for 29 months. Box cars even looked good to me then.

Beverly Bruce: When I am with Bill.

## EXCHANGES

The man who thinks he is hard boiled is usually only half-baked. Usually the fellow who thinks that he is the whole cheese, is at least a piece of it.

Your happiness is the home-brew of your mind.—The Western Mirror.

AMBITIONS

To collect worn-out echoes!  
 To make some modern and up-to-date antiques.  
 To be the sleeve maker in a vest factory.

To sell empty cans-toothpowder for toothless people.  
 To sell empty bottles as hair oil for bald headed men;

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on! (Some people stick their heads in the knot.)

Some grades are hot  
 Some grades are cold  
 When dad sees that card OUCH, the tale will be told.

I draw the line at kissing  
 She said in accent fine  
 But he was a football hero,  
 So he crossed the line.

MY COUNTRY—TEXAS

My country is:

Where the tall pines tower,  
 And mountains rise and fall,  
 Where high plains are level,  
 And rattlesnakes crawl.

Where mesquite trees scatter,  
 Over land wide and far,  
 Where the Rio Grande travels,  
 In the land called the Lone Star.

Where the roads unravel  
 Around hills and through valleys,  
 Where the cold snow flurries,  
 And where misty rain dallys.

Where grassy prairies wind into desert,  
 Where the prickly cactus is king,  
 Where the coyotes howl,  
 And the crickets sing.

Where the Indians roamed  
 Over sweeping plains,  
 Where the great shaggy buffalo  
 No longer reigns.

Where the stagecoach ran  
 From plains to coast  
 Where the Texas rangers  
 Held their post.

Where the forty-dollar cowboy  
 Earned his pay,  
 Punching lazy cattle  
 From day to day.

The land of change,  
 This is Texas state.  
 The land of range,  
 This is my land.

—The Western.

## Blackboards Mode of Telling Opinions, etc.

A blackboard is used in many different ways, some good and some bad. In many rooms the boards will bear the passing of "Kilroy" or some such saying for the benefit of those who have never heard of that most gracious gentleman.

Some young men use the blackboard for the purpose of winning the affections of some fair maiden, of his choice, by writing "So-and-So loves So-and-So." Oh, yes, the blackboard has many uses. You could talk all day and not get over all the uses that the board is put to.

Don't forget that the teachers use the blackboards (and other boards) occasionally for the purpose of trying to teach the students the better things of life, etc.

If it wasn't for the blackboard what would the candidates for the different offices of the school functions do for posters?

Yes, the blackboard is one of the necessary evils of the high schools of the country.

THE CRANE SEZ:

(Continued from page 1)  
 some new ones since we don't have a new school.

Photography ought to be one of the subjects of CHS, it has enough fans running loose in the patio.

Yes, yes, many a first period class is spent in the Sweet Shop. Well, it's better than being late and staying in detention hall, so they say!

Some one said Red was going to get his driver's license. Don't get excited, he could drive way back yesterday when he almost sideswiped you, he was just playing. Oh, "all he wants is a little friend to play with."

As the Crane departs she lets forth a cheerful farewell, "Squaaak, Skreetch, Whistle, Moan." Which means, "Good bye and good luck until next time."

## Grade Point Average Help You To Find Your Scholastic

In case you don't know you stand scholastic, the following figures on the bulletin board library will help you out your standing on a basis.

There the total of each grade points for the weeks periods, and the first semester is taken with each six weeks number of grade points you will find the average grade points for the term.

Following is a list of and the average total grade for that class:

Seniors—58.2  
 Juniors—46  
 Sophomores—45.8  
 Freshmen—45.9  
 Eighth—45.52

For each solid subject has a full credit six grades are given for a grade 100, four grade points for 80-89, and two grade points for a grade of 70-79. For physical education these points are given for a 90-100, two grade points for 80-89, and one point for a grade of 70-79.

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## Golden Cranes Lose Third Game of Season To McCamey Badgers

The Golden Cranes lost their third game of the season in 27 starts by dropping a game to the McCamey Badgers. The Badgers won by the score of 33-21.

Crane had won two previous games from McCamey this season before dropping this game.

This was the largest margin by which Crane has been beaten this season by any team. Crane made five field goals and 11 free shots in the entire game.

The scorers for the two teams were:

- Crane:**  
Murrell, 2 points  
Pettit, 4  
McLaurin, 6  
Bonner, 5  
Kilgore, 4
- McCamey:**  
Gregory, 9 points  
Curry, 5  
Davis, 5  
Wilson, 5  
Allen, 4  
Pauley, 2

## Crane Juniors Make Another Winning By Taking Imperial

The Crane Juniors beat the Imperial Juniors Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Crane gym to the score of 33-14.

Scarborough of Imperial was high point man with 12 points. Smith of Crane was next high with 8 points.

All the junior boys from Crane played a great deal of the game with Coach Haralson substituting freely. This is the junior team's 19th win in 11 starts.

The scorers for Crane were:

- Crane:**  
Smith, 8  
Teague, 2  
Halcumb, 2  
Stacey, 6  
Whaley, 4  
Hickey, 2  
Garrett, 2  
Pressley, 6

## Crane "B's" Ride Cowboy "B's" To 42-21 Score At Crane

The Crane B team won another game Tuesday, Feb. 11, by defeating Grandfalls 42-21 in the Crane gym.

Davidson of Grandfalls was the high point man with 14 points. Wallace Coker of Crane was second with ten points.

Rust of Crane played a good floor game, but was fouled off in the last four minutes of playing time.

The scorers for Crane and Grandfalls are:

- Crane:**  
Mathis, 9  
C. M. Coker, 0  
W. Coker, 10  
Waller, 8  
Simon, 0  
Davis, 2  
Stacy, 4  
McCully, 2  
Best, 0  
Rust, 0  
Barrett, 0  
Bradley, 0  
Murrell, 7  
Grandfalls:  
Davidson, 14  
Rhodes, 0  
Walker, 4  
Endsley, 0  
Wells, 3  
Lindsey, 0  
Seay, 0  
Lujon, 0

## Crane Sink Rankin's Red Devils 36-27

On a return engagement to Rankin last Friday night, Coach "B's" 14-karat gold birds came away on the large end of a 36-27 score.

Twelve Cranes, the entire team, saw action in this game. Bonner hitting five field goals and one free pitch to lead the scoring for both teams. The score is as follows:

- Crane:**  
Pope, 9  
Pettit, 6  
McLaurin, 2  
Bonner, 11  
Kilgore, 2  
Murrell, 5  
Mathis, 0  
Simon, 0  
Coker, W. 0  
Coker, C. M., 1  
Davis, 0  
Hickler, 0  
Hall, 0  
Taylor, 6  
Daugherty, 6  
Perris, 0  
Bell, 5  
Gamblin, 10

To satisfy everyone's curiosity, wish to state that the little building just behind the band was erected to house the being used in the construction of the addition to the building.

## Cranes Take Sixth Conference Win By Defeating Braves 50-23

The Cranes came one game closer to the district championship Tuesday night, Feb. 4, when they defeated the Iraan Braves 50-23. The game was played at Iraan.

This is the highest score made by the Cranes during this season thus far. The second highest was the Imperial game when the Cranes scored 50 points.

McLaurin was high point man for the Cranes with 18 points, and Murrell was second with ten points. McFaddin, who was high point man for his team, was also high point man for the whole game with 20 points. R. Martin was second high for Iraan with 6 points.

This was more of an offensive game, rather than a defensive one, with nearly all of the Crane boys scoring points. But Chester Pettit, who usually shares the high point honors, was off that night and made only four points.

This game made the Cranes six wins out of six starts in the district play.

Points scored by each played are as follows:

- Crane:**  
Murrell—10 points  
Pettit—4  
McLaurin—18  
Bonner—8  
Kilgore—8  
Mathis—3  
Coker—2
- Iraan:**  
R. Martin—6 points  
McFaddin—20  
Rowe—0  
Whitefield—2  
McMillen—2

## Crane Pee-Wees Lose To Little Badgers 12-6

The Crane Pee-Wees, composed of boys from grades 6 and 7, were defeated by the McCamey Pee-Wees Saturday morning, Feb. 8, at the local gym, 12-6.

McCamey was leading by only two points at the half but the little Cranes could not tie the score nor keep the tall, straight-shooting Badgers from scoring again.

Hugh Green, Billy Don Ingram, Truman Flowers, Billy Clark and Doug Damron were on the starting lineup. Shurley Meers, Doyle Lakin, Malcolm Garrett, Delano Schoonover and Curtis Chipman also played.

## Golden Cranes Down Andrews by Score of 27-20 For 21st Win

The Golden Cranes won their 21st victory in 23 starts by defeating Andrews Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Crane gym. The score was 27-20.

Young of Andrews was high point man with 8 points.

Although Crane was not up to par, they made a good showing by jumping in the lead at the start of the game and staying in the lead throughout the game.

The score by quarters was:

- 1st—Crane 9—Andrews 2  
2nd—Crane 13—Andrews 9  
3rd—Crane 22—Andrews 16  
4th—Crane 27—Andrews 20

The scorers for Crane and Andrews were:

- Crane:**  
Murrell—16 points  
Pettit—5  
Bonner—6  
McLaurin—5  
Kilgore—2  
Waller—3
- Andrews:**  
Snyder—7 points  
Young—8  
McAuley—1  
Collins—2  
Hamilton—2

## Crane Juniors Beat Grandfalls Juniors 38-8

The Crane Juniors swamped the Grandfalls Juniors Tuesday, Feb. 11, by the score of 38-8. The Grandfalls Juniors made only 3 field goals and two extra points to the Crane Juniors' 16 field goals and six extra points.

Alvin Whaley led the Cranes' scoring attack by racking up 16 points.

## Gold Birds Vs. Midland In Crane Gym Tonight

Those wishing excitement will likely see the hottest home games of the season tonight in the local gym when the championship Cranes clash with the class AA Midland Bulldogs in a double header beginning around 7 o'clock.

The Crane A string and the Bulldogs are even with one all, the Cranes defeating the Bulldogs here early in the season and the Bulldogs coming back to edge the Cranes by one point on their home court, a few weeks later.

Tonight tells the tale, so come out and give the boys a good sendoff to the regional (and quite possibly) the state tournament.

## Crane 'B' Team Whips Andrews 'B' 28-23

The Crane B took another victory Saturday night, Feb. 1, when they defeated the Andrews B 28-23 here.

The game was a close affair with the score changing hands several times. The Crane boys weren't hitting the basket like they usually do, and missed several good shots. In spite of all the trouble Mathis was able to hit the hoop for seven points while Wallace Coker got five points. These were the two high point men for Crane. Barnes of Andrews scored eight points for his team, making him high point man for them as well as the whole game. Phillips was next high for Andrews with seven points.

All but two of the Crane boys scored for their team:

- Crane:**  
C. M. Coker—3 points  
Mathis—7  
Waller—4  
Simon—3  
Coker, W.—5  
Davis—2  
McCully—2  
Stacy—2  
Johnny Best—0  
Freddy Barrett—3

## Tennis Season To Get Under Way With All Players To Return

Now that the basketball season is nearly over, the tennis season is about to get under way. Many of the tennis players have already started working out.

Mr. Doug Crane will coach the tennis team again this year. Last year four of the Crane players went to the regional meet at El Paso. David Bonner and Don Pope reached the finals in the regional meet only to be beat out by El Paso. Billie Lovelace and Doris Collins lost their first round at the regional tournament.

Crane had the majority of the district winners last year which means that Crane won the district and will be defending champions this year.

The players to return this year are:

- Dorothy Craig and Doris Collins to play senior girls' doubles, and Billie Lovelace to play senior girls' singles.

David Bonner and Don Pope will play doubles and Merwin McCully will play singles for the boys.

## Cranes Rack Up Cowboys 54 To 20 To Win District

The Cranes wound up the district 82 playoff Tuesday night when they beat the Grandfalls Cowboys 54-20.

This was the last district game for the Cranes, they came thru it with eight victories in the district playoff and no defeats.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 15-6, at the end of the first half, 28-11; and at the end of the third quarter, 39-15. The score of this game is the highest the Crane team has run up this season.

This game brought the Cranes' season record up to 25 wins out of 28 games, losing only to Midland, Lake View and McCamey.

Pettit and McLaurin shared the scoring honors with ten points each; with Bonner and Pope tied for second place honors just one field goal behind Pettit and McLaurin, or with eight points each. Iness was high point man for Grandfalls with six points.

Points scored by the Crane players are as follows:

- Crane:**  
Pope—8 points  
Mathis—2  
Pettit—10  
Murrell—6  
McLaurin—10  
Waller—0  
Bonner—8  
Simon—1  
Kilgore—0  
Coker, W.—7  
McCully—2

## Golden Crane Teams Climax Season With Triple Win Over Kermit

As a grand finale to a near-perfect season, the Golden Cranes of all sizes, took a triple-header from the stubborn Kermit fives by the scores of 35-27; 46-22, and 27-11 respectively, here last Saturday night.

Pettit, the season's leading scorer, held true to form by chunking in 12 points, thanks to splendid cooperation on the part of the other boys. Bonner came out with nine points; Pope looped seven; McLaurin and Kilgore hooped three each and Murrell one. Nice hustling was shown on the part of Mathis, Simon, Waller and Wallace Coker, who were in the game for short periods.

Wills of Kermit led the field with a total of 15 points.

The B game proved more of a lop-sided affair with W. Coker and Murrell hitting the hoops for 12 and 10 points respectively. C. M. Coker came out with six points; Waller with five; McCully and Stacy with three each; and Davis with 2. Rust, Omo and Barrett turned in good defensive games.

In the junior division, Pressley sparked Crane's top-heavy victory with 14 tallies, Stacy wound up with six; Hickey and Pearce scored two each, and Boyd, Kilgore, Brents and Teague, sharing time, did plenty toward making the final score read 27-11.

Except for another home game with Midland here tonight (Tuesday, Feb. 18) the A team, district champ, has no more games until the regional tourney in Marfa on Feb. 28-March 1. There they will get a shot at the powerful Marfa Shorthorns who won their district by a 47-6 score over the Sanderson Eagles. However, judging from the season's record of the two teams, the Golden Cranes loom just as powerful as the Shorthorns.

## Crane 'B' Team Wins Over Iraan 'B' 58-9

The Golden Cranes B squad trounced the Iraan Braves B squad to the tune of 58-9 Tuesday, Feb. 4, on the Iraan court.

Wallace Coker was high point man with 13 points. C. M. Coker and Frank Waller tied for second place honors with ten points each.

Every player who made the trip to Iraan got to play in either the A game or the B game.

Mr. Crane took the boys to Iraan, Mr. Nix being unable to go because of the death of a brother-in-law.

The scorers for Crane were as follows:

- Crane:**  
Mathis—7 points  
Davis—4  
W. Coker—13  
C. M. Coker—10  
Simon—4  
Waller—10  
McCully—2  
Stacy—8

## Crane Volleyball Girls Lose To Imperial

The Crane volleyball girls played Imperial in their second practice game of the year on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4.

The B teams played four games first, Crane winning one.

The A teams played four practice games with powerful Imperial taking all of them. Since this is only Crane's second year to have a volleyball team, they are justified some in losing a practice game to Imperial.

Both teams showed promise, and they have a good chance of winning some games this year.

## Thirty-Four Gridders To Receive Jackets

Thirty-four football boys will receive football jackets for 1946. The jackets are to be purple with gold trimming.

Six senior boys are to get wool jackets, 15 are to get gabardine jackets, and 12 are to receive reserve awards.

The letters are to contain the years lettered in football, basketball and tennis.

## Stars Gain Knowledge By Observing Film

The basketball boys have seen three basketball shorts on "How To Handle The Ball," "How To Shoot," and "Defense Foot Work."

Mr. Nix said that a boy must know these and be able to use all of them. The picture showed the correct fundamentals of basketball.

The three pictures were taken at the University of Southern California.

## Fashionette For All

By DONNA MILLER

For the fashions of the week some seem to think that levis (blue jeans) are fashionable enough for the school and others do not care for them. Still others think the place for levis (for girls) is only for an outdoor picnic.

The following replies were made when asked the question, "What is your opinion of girls wearing blue jeans to school?"

Jean Garrett: I like to wear levis to school. They are more comfortable than anything else.

Gladys Barnard: I just don't like it.

Mrs. Elmore: Amen!

Clarence Watts: It looks pretty nice. I'm gonna get me a pair.

Martha Ellen: I wear 'em.

Coylene Pope: I think it's o. k. as long as they are not—well, you know.

Jimmy Glenn: It doesn't bother me.

Chester Pettit: I don't care.

Leonard Rose: I don't like 'em. They look better in dresses.

Jeanette Glenn: It's alright, I guess.

Lolla Green: I think they are cute.

Dorothy Nolan: It's all right if they are not too tight.

Pat McLaurin: Out of place.

David Bonner: It just don't make a heck of a lot of difference.

Bobby Don Smith: It's o. k. on cold days, I guess.

Fay Ellen Jourdan: I don't know.

## Pettit Leads Season's Basketeers With 204; Bonner Next With 193

By compiling all the points made by the usual starting five, we have compiled this final result:

Chester Pettit, the little 5 ft. 8 in. forward and guard, is ahead on the scoring for the Crane team with 204 points. Pat McLaurin, the tall rangy center, is next with 193 points. Bonner is third high with 190, and is really crowding McLaurin for second place honors. Pope has scored 97 points despite the fact he has been out of commission for about the last ten games. Kilgore has scored a total of 43 points.

Pettit has scored 88 field goals and 28 free throws, McLaurin has scored 84 field goals and 25 free throws. Bonner has made 71 field goals and 48 free throws. Pope has gotten 46 field goals and five free throws, while Kilgore has 18 field goals and seven free throws. Adding the boys' totals up we find the boys have scored 727 points in 25 games. All the above figures are taken from the previous games plus the Imperial game.

The high points honor has changed hands three times with Bonner taking it at the first, then McLaurin and finally Pettit comes along to beat them both.

These boys have made 48 per cent of their free shots thus far, which is a pretty fair average.

Points made by the five other players are:

- Simon—4 points  
Mathis—48 points  
Waller—19 points  
Murrell—66 points  
Coker—19 points

## Crane Volleyball Team Wins Over McCamey

The Crane volleyball team defeated the McCamey girls in two games out of three last Tuesday afternoon. Crane won the first two games played with the scores being 15-6 and 15-11. High point man on the A team was tiny Louise Pettit.

After these games the B teams played two games out of three. McCamey downed Crane 15-9 and 15-1 in the first two games. Carla Boyd was high point man.

After this the junior teams played one game. The Crane juniors defeated McCamey 15-12 in a very exciting game.

## Crane Win 24th Victory by Defeating Yellowjackets, 53-39

The Golden Cranes took another opponent for a cleaning Friday night, Feb. 7, when they defeated the Kermit Yellowjackets 53-37.

This was the first time this season the Cranes had played the Kermit team. The game was a very close contest up until the very last when two Crane forwards started taking the ball away from Kermit guards, running up the score considerably, with Mathis and Pettit sharing scoring honors.

McLaurin of Crane and Wills of Kermit were the high point men for the game with 18 points each. Pettit was second high for Crane with 13 points; and Holmes was second high for Kermit with 9 points.

Crane made a total of 23 field goals, and six free throws; while Kermit made 16 field goals and five free throws.

Box scores:

- Crane:**  
Pettit, 13 points  
Murrell, 0  
McLaurin, 18  
Bonner, 12  
Kilgore, 0  
Pope, 2  
Mathis, 7  
Waller, 0  
Simon, 0

- Kermit:**  
Wills, 18 points  
Kennedy, 3  
Campton, 2  
Stridge, 2  
Wood, 0  
Holmes, 9  
West, 3  
Sumst, 1

## Cranes Win District Championship By Beating Imperial 45-38

The Golden Cranes won the District Championship by defeating Imperial to the score of 45-38.

Imperial did not have enough boys to play so they borrowed a few of the ex-Cranes to play for them. Imperial also played their coach and one of the referees.

The ex-Cranes to play for Imperial were Bobby Pettit, Carleton Hutchison and Billy Henderson. The referee was Carl Maxwell. Their coach was Mr. Wheeler, a former teacher from Crane.

High point man for Imperial was Wheeler with 12 points. He was followed by Bobby Pettit, Carl Maxwell and F. Atkins with 6 points each. B. Atkins and C. Hutchison made four points each.

High point men for Crane were Chester Pettit and Tipton Murrell with 8 points each followed by Charles Mathis with seven points.

Imperial was ahead at the half by a score of 15-20.

The scorers for each team were:

- Crane:**  
Murrell, 8 points  
C. Pettit, 8  
McLaurin, 6  
Bonner, 1  
Kilgore, 4  
Mathis, 7  
Pope, 2  
Waller, 2  
Simon, 1  
W. Coker, 2  
Stacey, 2

- Imperial:**  
F. Atkins, 6 points  
B. Pettit, 6  
B. Atkins, 4  
Hutchison, 4  
Wheeler, 12

## SPORT SHOTS

The Golden Cranes won District 88B without a single loss. Let's all hope that they can do as good in the regional meet in Marfa.

It has been rumored around and talked about a great deal that Crane has the best team since they went to state in '41. What do you think?

The Imperial game was quite a comedy and also a good game for the spectators. Due to lack of two players, Imperial forfeited their game, but it was played anyway. How? Bobby Pettit, "Hutch," Carl Maxwell, Billy Henderson and Mr. Wheeler, the coach for Imperial, played in place of the missing men. It was quite a game when the two Pettit brothers tangled.

The junior team is said to be the best of any of the junior teams in the last four or five years. It seems that no one anywhere can give them any competition. (Except Angelo).

The boys are all looking forward to the trip to Marfa. The Regional meet is to be held from Feb. 28 through March 1. Let's win it, boys!

## Confident Seniors Of '48 Order Class Rings

Make way for the Juniors. Our Seniors of the year 1948 are now counting their chickens before they hatch... they ordered their rings Feb. 3.

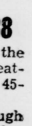
A class meeting was called and Kathryn Cantrell, Joanne Dulin, Tipton Murrell, Ronald Tallman, and Alvin Whaley were elected as a committee to pick a few choice rings for the class to choose from.

The rings will be here the first of the school term next year. They are yellow gold with a white finish; they will have "C" (for Crane) set in a shield. The boys all ordered large and the girls medium-make rings. The sizes range from 4 1/2 to 12.

We hope that these chickens DO hatch, and that there will be such smart seniors next year that there will be two days allowed for the valedictorian and salutatorian's speeches. (Oh, what a dreamer).

## MARTIN TALKS OVER RADIO

Mr. Martin has quite a reputation as a speaker around these parts, having spoken at every thing from commencement exercises to women's clubs; but for the first time in his speaking career, he made an address over the radio. On Feb. 12 from 12:30 to 1:00, he addressed the Fort Stockton Lions Club on the subject of "Our Possessions As American Citizens." The broadcast was transmitted by remote control over Station KCRS in Midland.



Mr. Martin speaking over the radio.



## Suicide At Eventide! Gran'ma's Radio Choice For Returned G. I.?

A bouquet of jimson weeds to radio for its great work in helping obliterate from the memories of battle broken G.I.'s the horrors of killing.

Beginning with the Sabbath let us take the psychoneurotic vet through a week of serene, restful radio entertainment. While he is settling on the divan for an afternoon nap, and while his Sunday dinner is settling in his stomach, grandma is juggling the radio dials. Then grandma and the networks start giving big brother the works. Radio, that is, steps in and starts coming at him with such nerve palliatives as, let us say: "House of Horrors," "Doctor Danger," "Multiplied Murder," "Homicide at Eventide," etc.

Just before a relapse of battle fatigue engulfs our hero, the rattle of 45-calibre fire fades out and in wades the announcer to tell us what Duz does. Then, shadowing the shadow of the announcer is the real "Shadow." (Again the rich full resonance of small arms fire and the crunchy Wuunchy sound of 45 slugs striking human flesh).

Shadowing the Shadow, let's say, is BALTIMORE BALDY, a reformed murderer out to murder murderers. Baldy's bald pate, glowing like the apple on William Tell's little boy's head, proves too tempting a target for Matt the Rat's gat. POP! SNAP! And there goes the delightful crackle of bullet on bone again!

Naturally it is about time for the appearance of Booth the Sleuth, which he does, but not to Joe's relief. Already poor Joe had heard more small arms fire than the 104th did in the Bulge. Furthermore, he has been auditory witness to more dying groans than were emitted in the entire two campaigns—or so it seems to him. Joe is now a fit subject for a psychiatrist. By a diabolical coincidence a wild spin of the dial ushers in a doctor "Sadistic Surgeon," that is the gore continues to pour.

And so it goes, far, far into the night, the climax coming with "Mass Murder at Midnight." Hours upon hours of concentrated murder, uninterrupted except for the times a confidential voice cuts in to tell you it's MOISTURIZED.

To insure Joe the quickest recovery possible, radio doesn't confine its doses to Sunday alone. No, indeed. Monday night rolls around with a light dose of "Death Strikes Every Hour on the Hour," and "Night of Terror" with little brother, this time, at the controls (too tame for grandma.) Tuesday's medicine is stepped up to three doses of concentrated murder as compared to Monday's two.

Then on Wednesday night, if the patient is still unmeasured for a straight jacket, radio, with the unwitting cooperation of the family, lets him have the ether again—this time with such sedatives as "Confessions of a Cutthroat," "Murder, Murder, Murder," "Patricide, Matricide, Fratricide and Suicide," etc.

Thursday night, should the patient show signs of life, with grandma at the dials again, the networks attempt to induce sleep with such soporifics as "Heinous Heinie," "Bluebeard's Bedtime Stories," and "Gruesome Murder Series."

The rich full flavor of death is still predominant in Friday night's schedule, while Saturday night's nightmare is a recapitulation of the whole week.

Sunday again, and Joe's big dose is repeated—that is, if he hasn't sought the comparative quiet of the Chinese Revolution, the Moslem-Hindoo rites of the Palestinian underground.

## Interesting Study Of Blood Circulation Holds Students' Attention

Biologv study for the six weeks' is probably the most interesting subject that the "buggy" students have studied this year. It includes the muscles, bones, digestive system, and blood circulation, which most of the students find rather difficult if it isn't taken in properly; however some say that man's circulation is not as hard to understand and learn as that of the frog's. This is because the frog was first (and it was hard) and if it was learned—the circulation of man doesn't seem so hard.

The students have learned only to carry blood away from the heart through the arteries. As soon as possible they will start the process of bringing it back to its starting place.

Principal: "Well, did you not forget that note? And stop jumping around, we are not playing tag."

Student: "No sir, but I am trying to dodge the issue."

## Students And Teachers Are Reckless Creatures

People would be surprised if they could only know the number of accidents that occur in our own community from day to day or from year to year.

Instead of telling you about the accidents, we have gathered information from other people letting them tell us about their accidents and how it happened.

Mrs. Elmore: When I was very young a bunch of red pigs got in the road and ran off into a ditch trying to avoid hitting them. I smashed all of the wheels of the car, and nearby railroad men had to pull me out of the ditch.

David Bonner: I backed into Mrs. Elmore's car on the school ground one day. She shouldn't have parked her car right in back of mine.

Don Kilgore: I ran over a horse on the way to the Gulf Camp. I didn't get scared, but Chester got pretty much that way. (Shouldn't have been horsin' around, boys).

Helen Hickey: The biggest accident I ever had was when I knocked the pole down when I tried to parallel park while taking my driving test.

Artie Henderson: Well, I ran into Mr. Monk's car when I was making a 'U' turn by the Post Office.

Billy Henderson: This one has not had but about four or five, but to mention just a few will be plenty. "Sammy got smart one night and put her hands over my eyes and, naturally, not being able to see, I hit something, and that something was a fire plug. I started to turn a corner one time and the fender 'just fell off.'"

Mrs. Miller: I was going to pull over to the right and some one backed in my car.

Mrs. Owen: I lost a front left fender when I wasn't even in the car. A bunch of boys did it 'just playing.'

Don Pope: I've been lucky.

Mr. Patterson: Sleeping on the job and turned over a truck load of furniture.

Norma Garrett: Ran over a big trash barrel and tore up a fender.

## Grade School News

### GRADE FOUR MISS PICKENS' ROOM

Reporters  
Patsy Terrell and  
Linda Smith

We are going to have two choral readings tomorrow at our Valentine party. The names of them are "The Freight Train" and "Valentines."

Valentines are lovely things, flying to and fro. Little messages of love, tied up with a bow. Even baby Sue has one, So has Grandma Lee. See this pretty silver heart Bobby sent to me? Sun is shining overhead, Everyone is gay. Hope the postman does not miss Any child today.

We are studying on our 6's and 7's in division and multiplication. We hope we become the master of them before long.

Friday, Feb. 14, we are going to have a Valentine party. Our room mothers are giving it to us. We have two valentine boxes. One is already full. We have been coloring valentines and putting them on the bulletin board. I am sure we are going to have fun.

We got a new reader Tuesday. The name of it is Elson Basic Reader. We have drawn pictures and written stories under them. We answer questions, tell the stories, and have class discussions. We love to read the stories in this book, too.

In language, we have found out that we must use a helping word with the following words:

Seen, done, eaten, given, taken, and come.

### SECOND GRADE

Reporter, Mack Forbes.

We have three new pupils in our room. They are Sterling Morris, Bobby McDaniel, and Jerry McCracken. Gene Ross moved to California. We hated to see him leave, but we are glad to have our new pupils.

The "Blues" class is collecting health pictures to make scrap books while they are reading their "Healthy and Happy" reader.

We had a hard test on our arithmetic this week. We hope to do better on our next one.

Mary Lou Fisher has been ill. We'd all like for her to be at our Valentine party and we will be

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glad when she comes back to school.

We have our room decorated for Lincoln's birthday and for Valentine's day.

Eddie Gray's mother made our valentine box. It surely is pretty, with a red pleated skirt and silver hearts. We have been making valentines for our mothers and classmates.

Mack Forbes is our cop this week.

### MR. ALDERICE'S ROOM—6-1

Reporter, Rex Knox

We are very sorry about Mr. Duff leaving. We liked him very much. The funniest thing about him was that two girls always fussed at him, but when he started to leave one cried.

Our new room teacher is Mr. Alderice. We all like him, too.

### MRS. KEYES—CLASS 7-1

Reporter, Truman Flowers

Class 7-1 surely does miss Miss Murphy. We do not get to have class meetings any more.

We surely hated to see Mr. Duff move. He moved to Roswell, N. M.

Class 7-1 is thrilled by the spelling contest that we are going to have. Mrs. Browning, John Rush, Mary Wilson, Norris Crowder, and Lannette Wood are studying for the big contest. We hope they all make good.

Mrs. Browning surely appreciated the shaggy rug and double boiler our

class presented to her for her wedding present.

Our class now has a new teacher, Mrs. Keyes, and she is really a nice teacher.

7-1 had a valentine party last Saturday night. All had a very good time. Truman Flowers has started working at the new Wacker store in Crane, as a janitor. The P. E. boys have to stay in two days a week now. Some of the boys got very angry when they were told that they would have to start staying in at the health period.

### MRS. CLOUD'S ROOM

Reporter, Luanne Presley.

We are very happy to have Mrs. Cloud back with us after being called away. We enjoyed Mrs. Keyes as our teacher while Mrs. Cloud was away. She was very nice.

I regret very much that this will be my last time to write the news, as I am moving to Wichita.

We are studying about how they eat with chop sticks in China, as we are studying about China in geography. We also studied about their new year.

Diplomacy.

Teacher: Bobby, give me a sentence with an object.

Student: Teacher, you are very pretty.

Teacher: What is the object?

Student: My report card.

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## MISS KENT—GRADE 4

Reporters, Louvella Avent

and Mary Sharrock

Valentine's day is almost here.

Ted Sharrock and Jean Dickson made the Valentine box. Our room made some valentines and a February calendar last week.

The room mothers gave us a party last Friday, Feb. 14.

Peggy Lightfoot was absent last Thursday and Friday.

She was visiting with her grandmother. Donald Standerfer was also absent all of last week because of illness. We have missed them both very much.

We also have some new readers in which to read and study about the first families of America.

### MRS. BROWNING'S ROOM 7-2

(Reporter, Nancy Evans)

Our room mothers honored us with a Valentine party, Monday,

the lucky one be?

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

Feb. 10. It was great fun

surely do appreciate it.

Mrs. Browning was

with a bridal shower on

Feb. 8. There were many

gifts and it was a very

shower.

Mr. Alderice is really

us since Miss Murphy has

away. "A test a day brings

grades up (mostly down)

stay."

Kathryn Smith has

where she sees spots before

eyes all of the time. Mary

just too much candy.

Rozaleah Barrett, Don

Faulkner, Dorothy Critch

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