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THE CRANE

TO HELP THE
MARCH OF DIMES

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"Crane" Again Enters Columbia School Press Association Contest

With entries already in "The Crane" will strive again this year to achieve a high national rating for Class B newspapers. These entries, consisting of two copies of each paper put out since April 15, 1948, will be judged by Columbia University in New York, and results of the contest will be made known next April.

Based on papers submitted from the last two years' journalism classes, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association has given "The Crane" a No. 1 rating among class B papers of the United States, receiving 859 points out of a possible 1,000.

Jean Garrett, ex-Crane, placed third in news writing three years ago. In order to be eligible for the contest, the staff must publish at least six issues before Christmas.

Dwain Stacy has been elected editor, James Ward has been elected assistant editor, and Charlotte Schlittler has been elected business manager. The rest of the staff consists of Lorene Daventport, Earlene Husted, Jean Murray, Coylene Pope, Bill Schoonover, Billy Henderson, Thomas Reynolds, Valco Garrett, and Jane Clark.

Why is everyone in such a hurry to leave a high school dance to go to Odessa? Even a high school dance is fun if everyone wants to make it that way. Let's all stick around the next time.

Crane High School wishes the newly-weds, Raymond Weatherby and Dixie Shaver much happiness in years to come.

The new school building is going right on up. The seniors are hope the auditorium is finished by the end of the year.

Some of the P. E. girls should have come out for basketball this year. They are really getting good.

Everyone had a grand time during the Christmas holidays. Many ex-Cranes returned home from college.

The junior class' New Year dance was a big hit. Mrs. Elmore said the next dance they sponsored all she was going to do was give out horns and confetti and turn them loose.

The way to get one's name remembered is by good deeds and not by the writing on the sidewalk.

Three ex-Cranes played football in bowl games the last week in December. They are Bob Martin and Bob Higdon, now in Sul Ross, and George Grounds in the College of Mines.

The Boy Scouts had a hike on December 29 at Camp Farr. All had a good time even though the weather was freezing. They said it was so cold that the lines on their fishing poles froze and when a fish bit, the line just broke off.

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Randel-Rice Wedding Solemnized In Crane First Methodist Church

Mr. and Mrs. James Rice left Saturday evening following a candle light wedding for a trip to San Antonio. Mrs. Rice is the former Miss Joanne Randel, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Barnett of Crane, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sneed also of this town.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Barnett. Rev. J. N. Whetstone read the double ring ceremony at the First Methodist Church of Crane. Miss Zonell Mayberry of Sweetwater was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Miss Mary Lou Sneed, and Miss Ginger Cowell of McCamey. The attendants wore royal blue taffeta gowns and carried heart-shaped bouquets of white gladioli.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin with a net yoke neckline outlined in seed pearls, and a tight-fitting bodice with a full skirt that fell into a long train. Her bouquet was a shower of carnations centered with an orchid. Her coronet-type veil-trimmed in seed pearls, was her mother's.

Candlelighters were Jean Murray who wore an orchid taffeta gown, and Jane Clark who wore a rose taffeta.

The train bearer was Shirley Crane. Her floor-length dress was of white taffeta.

Mrs. A. E. Galloway furnished the musical background and Miss Marilyn Lowe sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The reception was held after the ceremony at the community hall.

Mrs. Geo. Chrané served the cake and Jean Murray and Jane Clark served punch to 165 guests.

For traveling, the bride selected a brown suit and green accessories.

Mrs. Dorothea Strickland, president, and Mrs. Mildred Cloud, vice president, were in charge of the program.

Mrs. Susie Evatt was in charge of the refreshments of cake and coffee.

Henderson, Wilmoth
Win Jr. Class Raffle

Billy Henderson, Crane senior, won the ten-pound turkey, and Hayden Wilmoth won the Waterman pen and pencil set raffled by the Crane junior class Dec. 11.

Approximately 300 tickets were sold by the hard working juniors.

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Hogan Astounded By Antics Of Announcer

Before the Christmas holidays, Mr. E. M. Sonnenburg found out that neighbor Tom Hogan's favorite musical selection was "Rhapsody In Blue."

After a little scheming with Mrs. Hogan, Mr. Sonnenburg fixed the band's new wire recorder so that he could play the number over a certain station that Mrs. Hogan tuned into. So while the Hogans were having their evening meal, Mrs. Hogan tuned the radio into this station and heard "Rhapsody In Blue."

At the end of the selection, the announcer, Mr. Sonnenburg, said, "The opinions reflected are not those of the station, but only those of the announcer (short pause) Tom Hogan is a bum."

Astounded, taken aback, dumfounded, etc., are mild words indeed to describe Mr. Hogan's emotions at such a startling turn of events. After he had spluttered his soup over his suit, at hearing such a thing over his radio, his wife, convulsed inwardly with laughter, revealed that the announcer was his good friend and neighbor living across the street, Mr. Sonnenburg.

On hearing this, Mr. Hogan went to his door and, with the rage of a mad man, shook his fist at Mr. Sonnenburg.

Weatherby - Shaver
Wed New Year's Day

Raymond Weatherby and Dixie Shaver, two Crane high students, were joined together by the bonds of marriage, Saturday, first, New Years Night, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, with the Reverend R. Dunn officiating. They had been engaged since last October 20.

Dixie, a freshman, had gone to Crane Schools for seven years and has become well known around town for her talent at singing. She was a member of the Crane Pep Squad. Dixie will withdraw from school because she thinks a married woman's place is at home.

Raymond was a member of last year's annual staff and a member of the student council. He was also the manager of the co-regional champ football team last year. He is a senior this year needing only one credit to graduate.

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My dear Mr. Editor:
About 25 schools of Hesse, one of the states of Germany, have shown enough spirit to publish a newspaper. You cannot possibly realize how much courage and energy that requires. The German schools ordinarily have practically no extra-curricular activities. The athletics, social activities and even dramatics and music are largely outside of the schools. Therefore the German newspaper staffs find it difficult to get enough news to print.

I note from the reports of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association that your school paper has won high honors in the 1948 CSPA contest. You would be doing a service to the schools of Germany if you would send us enough copies of at least one issue, so that we can give a copy to each of these pioneer schools.

To save expense, I am suggesting, if you care to share your newspaper with us here, that you send 27 copies to me, and I shall distribute them to the schools. Naturally I shall be glad to supply you names of the editors and schools if you wish to have them.

You are to be congratulated upon the conspicuous success of your school newspaper and I hope that the new year will bring you continued success.

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Shop Instructor Buys New Shop Equipment, Eleven New Machines

According to C. A. Carroll, the shop instructor, Crane school has purchased the equipment from the private shop of J. C. Noles, Midland drilling contractor.

Mr. Noles' shop includes 11 machines and complete assortment of hand tools. The machines are as follows:

Oliver Wood Turning Lathe. It is used to turn wood down until it is round.

Walker-Turner Variable-Speed Drill Press.

Craftsman - Parks Planer. It smooths surface of wood.

Boycer-Crane Table Saw.

Walder - Turner Jointer, to smooth edges of wood.

Delta Jig-Saw. This small machine is used to cut smaller curves and circles.

Delta Band Saw, used to cut larger curves and bigger circles.

Delta Belt Sander, to smooth down ends of stocks and curves.

Air Compressor.

Lincoln Fleet Arc Junior Welder.

Spray Gun.

The shop got these machines but doesn't have enough storage space. The capacity for electricity also isn't enough out at the shop, therefore the students won't get to use all of this machinery until next year.

The classes had to move their work benches into a close group, trying to make room for the machinery. The hand tools also came in such abundance that they are going to be stored in boxes for future use.

Mr. Carroll went to Midland Saturday to take an inventory on the machines and tools. The cost of these materials ran approximately \$3000. The shop is also supposed to get the machines some time next week.

"The Crane" Known
As Far As Germany

The Crane received a letter from the Office of Military Government For Hesse asking if we would send 26 copies of our paper to be distributed among the 25 schools of Hesse. The following letter is the one we received and we would like for the public to see how widely our paper is known.

Wiesbaden, Germany
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SOPHS LEAD IN GRADE POINTS; SENIORS SECOND; JUNIORS LAST

A survey of the grade point average for the first two six weeks shows the tenth grade out front with a 17.115 average. Next on the list is the twelfth grade with a 16.285 average. The ninth grade falls in next for third place with the average of 15.54. Following closely behind the freshmen is the eighth grade with a 15.165 average, and last of all the eleventh grade with a 14.22 average.

The first six weeks the eighth grade had an average of 14.82 which was increased the second six weeks to 15.51, an increase of .69.

An increase was also shown in the ninth grade, as the first

six weeks they had an average of 15.50 which increased .08 to make it 15.58 the second six.

The tenth grade increased from 16.93 the first six weeks to 17.30 the second six weeks, an increase of .37. The only decreases of grade points were shown by the dignified eleventh and twelfth grades as the eleventh decreased from 14.30 the first six weeks to 14.14, a decrease of .16. The twelfth grade decreased from 16.30 the first six weeks to 16.23, a decrease of .07.

According to these statistics the juniors and seniors are reversing positions with the underclassmen--that is, their scores continue to decline whereas the other classes continue to rise.

Mid-Term Headaches To Be January 20-21

Yes, every year mid-term rolls around before you have had time to study. Mid-term examinations will be one hour and 30 minutes in length. For those who are finishing or making a change in subjects, you will turn in textbooks at your examinations. New textbooks will be issued in your classes Monday following tests.

The following schedule will be followed for the mid-term examinations January 20 thru 21.

Thursday:
10:30 to 12:00, 3rd period classes
12:40 to 2:10, 4th period classes
2:15 to 3:45, 6th period classes

Friday:
8:55 to 10:25, 1st period classes
10:30 to 12:00, 2nd period classes
12:45 to 2:15, 5th period classes

Exemption Tradition Still Holding True

As is an old tradition in Crane High School, the exemptions will still hold true this year. Those who have worked hard and kept their averages up to 90 or above will be exempt from mid-term tests. For those who don't understand this, we will explain it. If you are lucky enough or smart enough to have secured an average of 90 or over you don't have to take the final tests. You guys will averages from 1 up to 89 will still have to give away at the final tests as always.

Attention!

All boys 12 years of age or more. Boy Scout Troop 57 of Crane invites you to all the thrills and fun of scouting. Now that the Scout Hut is nearing completion, there will be more activities. That means more hikes and more scout games. It does not take up much time and is a lot of fun. For information, see Scoutmaster Harold Pettit or Assistant Scoutmaster Nubin Reynolds.

English Students Acquire Bees In Belfry Memorizing 85 Lines Of Classic Poetry

Bzz, bzz, bzz, mumble, mumble, mumble. No, it is not bees. It's not wasps, either. What is it? Why, didn't you know? It's the English students memorizing those 85 lines of poetry. A few incidents like the following ones take place.

You see someone sitting over in a lonely corner, staring into space, a blank look on their faces, a glazed, far-away look in their eyes, their lips moving, and a steady mumble issuing from those half-open lips. They are not ready for Big Spring, they are only learning poetry.

Over in another corner, you see two people. One has a book in his hand, the other sits facing him. There is a rapt look on one's face, as he spouts forth lovely, lovely poetry. On the other's face is a worried frown as his eyes quickly dart from line to line, trying to find the mistakes the other is making. Because, mistakes there certainly are.

Let's see now, you've got so much to do this period. There's that chapter in civics you simply must work up, or that shorthand

English III Students Turn Into Actors

For the last three weeks, English III has been studying drama starting with the one-act plays and ending with the larger ones.

They culminated the work with producing the three-act play "Our Town," one group presenting the first act, another group the second act and another group the third.

June White played her part so well, that when she cried in her act some of her audience followed suit.

According to Miss Haley, they did fairly well without the advantage of stage setting or sound effect.

Each cast had a student director and student cast.

Faculty Plans Senior Benefit Show Soon

Those desiring to see school teachers in their real light will be able to do so sometime next month when an all-faculty cast presents "The Curse of an Aching Heart," or, "Trapped in The Spider's Web."

This old-fashioned western, "The Elderdrummer," directed by Miss Louise Haley, is a benefit show put on by the faculty for the senior class.

Fourth Grades Present Yuletide Cantata

The week before Christmas, Miss Ann Ratliff, Miss Virginia Sharp and Miss Mary Kent's fourth grades presented a Christmas program.

The choir sang "Little Town of Bethlehem." The angels entered and sang "Hark The Herald Angels Sing." Then the shepherd entered and sang "The First Noel." The three wise men sang "Three Kings" and "Away In A Manger." The angels and shepherds returned, and everyone sang "Silent Night." They then asked the congregation to stand and sing "Joy To The World."

The background was made up of a choir in white robes.

The True Confessions Of A Freshman Girl Reveal The "Ups And Downs" Of School

"SCHOOL"

Mother must be waking me up for some reason. Oh! yes now I remember. School again! I seem as if I just got in bed. Gosh! it's seven-thirty now! I know I haven't been in bed very long.

Well here I am in homeroom. It surely is getting boring. I think we should cook today, but isn't my opinion that everyone takes. Now who all was I promised something if we cooked? Oh, well it doesn't make much difference now.

Now that darned old study hall I haven't got a thing to study. I wish he would at least look at me once, and just when he does, Mrs. Waller wants me to run an errand. Why couldn't she pick a day when he is absent. Oh! Well I might as well go. Maybe it will help on my grade a little. Gosh! we made it back just in time for the bell. I didn't get to see him this period, but just once, I'll get to see him next period.

Now that I'm in band, and he

is looking at me I feel like crawling in a hole. I bet I'm red in the face I surely am glad that bell rang.

Now to make a mad dash home, and get a bite to eat, and then come back to school again.

I sure wish this general science class would end. I believe it gets more boring every time I come in here. Who was that I told I would give my math paper? Oh! well whoever it was I will ask me for it.

This English class ought not to be so bad. I know my lesson I think. Now what color whose eyes were? I'll make a guess of it. "Blue." Whew! that was a close one. I surely am glad the bell rang then because I didn't know that last question she asked me.

Oh! Boy the class I've been living for "Math" with Mr. Crane. Confidentially, he's my dream man. Shoot! you don't mean the bell is ringing already. It seems as if I just got in here.

To heck with school anyway. It never runs like you want it to!

Sir Weatherby Gets Private Chauffeurs

A very dignified figure around the campus lately is Sir Joe Oscar Weatherby I, who now has his private line of chauffeurs.

Joe decided to quit driving for at least six months and turned his license back to the state department, recently.

Joe is now seen arriving and leaving school with one of his quieter type drivers.

When in a speedy mood he summons one of his daredevil men for quicker trips and a few thrills such as fast corners, etc.

Your reporter was unable to determine which was which among the big operator's staff as to the type of driver they are, but has found that the main men consist of Don Whittaker, Clayton Cantrell, Bill Ogle and Jimmy Stacy.

It is rumored that one of his leading men, Clayton Cantrell, may retire his license soon and get his own chauffeur.

Those large boxes seen around in the patio are new desks and furniture for the offices and reception rooms of the new grade school and new high school.

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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 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!

Broken Resolutions Make Bad Character!

Naturally, January 1, or "New Year's Day," having passed, many resolutions have been made.

Some resolutions made were worthwhile like "making better grades," but some were silly like "take so-and-so's girl away from him." If a resolution is going to be made at all, it should be one to help one's body or strengthen one's body, mind or character.

Many resolutions will be kept and more will be broken. A resolution is a promise to one's self, but some people think that when you promise something to yourself, you don't necessarily have to keep it. If you break promises to yourself, you will be pretty sure to break promises to others.

This coming year will test many persons' ability to make and keep resolutions. If you know you can't keep promises to yourself, don't make them, because a broken promise is as bad for one's character as a cancer is for one's body.

Just what is this word Christmas as it passes across our life each year?

Does it mean something to you? It should, for it had a wonderful beginning.

Christmas, a word that brings hope and cheer to small and to mighty alike. A word that knows no boundaries, a word that each year fills one with hope and exuberance to strive to do.

A poem "Christmas Everywhere," well illustrates the universality of Christmas.

Many of us think of it only as a day of getting and exchanging presents. The real meaning to many of us has been lost long ago, yet each year as Christmas draws near we feel an urge to renew old acquaintances; to try to help our fellow man.

The giving of presents sprung from the idea of the three Wise Men who brought gifts to the Christ Child and worship service and songs came from the angels and the shepherds.

Christmas is the festival celebrating the birth of Christ. It is the first annual date to break the tradition and religious dogma of the early religions. Always before Holy Days were days set in honor of Saints who have died and honoring their deaths. (Christmas was the Christes Masse, The Day of Christ's Birth).

In the Mediaeval Era, the Christian Church annually on December 25 held the Christes Masse, the Mass of Christ, a feast commemorating Jesus's birth. It originally was a particular church service and hospitality was shown more freely. A feast was established in His memory in the fourth and fifth centuries. The Western Church ordered it to be celebrated henceforth on date of Sol's birth as there existed no certain date of Christ's birth.

We have many tales from the German and Celtic tribes to know they had a fair knowledge of Christian religion and celebrated the day. In the eastern world, that part known then west of Rome kept the Christmaside from December 24 to January 6 according to Gospel of Saint Luke.

Many symbols have sprung up that have attached themselves to us; such as the holly, Christmas tree, St. Nicholas, carols, songs, and mistletoe.

Today in most countries and Christian communities, Christmas is a legal holiday and is commemorated by a special church service: the giving of gifts to friends; sending of greeting cards or letters; entertainment and hospitality; the making of special baskets and articles of necessity to be given to some needy person or family; it is a gesture of friendship toward our fellow men to encourage him, to help him over a hard place or pass a word of praise, well done.

Christmas is our manifestation in life, that demonstrates our love and belief in the hereafter. That we, Love one another, and want Peace and Good Will.

Attention, Stags! Bring Your Own Dates!

Has anyone stopped to try to figure out what was the trouble at the senior dance? About a fourth of the kids at the party had a good time. The other three-fourths thought the party was bum. It seems to be that way at almost every dance.

ESPECIALLY FOR STAGS:

Do you know that if a girl does not have a date to a formal or a semi-formal dance she doesn't go? This means that every boy who comes without a date is just another extra boy. If the extra boy dances, he is dancing with another boy's date, which tends to make the boy with the date unhappy and therefore he doesn't enjoy the party. He says that it would be different if he could dance with the other boy's date, but the other boy is a stag and

doesn't have a date.

Emily Post says that it is not etiquette to come to any social function that requires a date without a date.

Thirty-five years ago in this west when the men were men and the women were back east, this coming to dances without dates may have been permissible.

That was back in the days when there were 25 people in Crane, and twenty of them were men, but now in the days of civilization when the numbers are about equal, let's try to get away from this habit of having dances with twice as many boys as girls. Some of you stags try to stun up courage, or manners, or whatever it takes to ask a girl to be your date at the next school dance.

Lowery No General But Harold Says So

Have you ever stopped to think what the names of some of your friends mean, or if their names suit them?

Here are a few names of the students in Crane High School and what they mean, see how you think they fit the person. These are the meanings of their given names:

Charles, strong manly, Phem-

Judge Lively, Billy Dan.

Donald, world ruler, Whittaker.

Nob's Hustead, Earl.

Eugene, well-born of a noble race, Kelton.

George, a husbandly man, McCorkle.

Harold, a great army leader, Lowery.

Henry, ruler of an enclosure or private property, Cook.

Jean, a French form of John (John Echols) Murray.

John, By the grace of God, we have John Clark.

Paul, Little, Henderson.

Jane, means the same as Joan, (is this the reason James visits both?)

Raymond, wise protection, Weatherby at least Dixie thought so.

Roger, famous with the spear, Cloud.

Nubbin, small, Reynolds.

Barbara, foreign and strange, Hall.

Next time you are around some of these students notice and see if you think the meanings of their names suit them as they should.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Name	January
Jane Clark	1
Jency Porter	2
Tommy Jones	3
Earl Hustead	4
Earlene Hustead	4
Rosa Jones	4
Coylene Pope	7
Calvin Hazle	7
Don Hinde	7
Edith Meadows	8
Joy Lee Pettit	11
John Paul Earl	13
Oscar Prettinger	15
Loye Russell	17
Dick Seals	18
Donald Coleman	19
Peggie Chapp	21
Kathleen Harrington	25
Eva Long	26
Tommy Parrott	27

'Keep A-Goin'! Moral To Inspiring Poem

If you strike a thorn or rose, Keep a-go-in!

If it hails or if it snows, Keep a-go-in!

Taint no use to sit and whine, When the fish aint on your line, Bait your hook and keep on tryin'!

Keep a-go-in!

This little poem has a big moral; through all difficulties and strife, no matter what, keep a-go-in! A lot of people get stuck on something but keep trying to do it. As a rule they usually succeed.

But some people try something once. If they cannot do it then they stop trying and say, "I can't do that." They just do not try to keep a-go-in!

A poem like this with the moral that it has could really help a person if he or she paid any attention to it. The trouble these days is that everyone has things so easy that no one knows how to work or "keep a-go-in" to accomplish something.

For example, here is Dim Jim, a high school student. He is taking solid geometry. Of course, it is hard. Jim gets set to get his assignment. He opens his book and reads his problem over once, then says, "My gosh, I can't work this." And with that he quits.

Now Sam Cram is a student taking the same subject as Dim Jim. Sam gets down to his assignment and digs for the correct procedure. If necessary, he reads the problem a dozen times or more and begins all over each time he reads it. Finally he stumbles on a clue. So he goes on to work the problem and the next time he sees the problem he will know how to deal with it.

Comes test time. Dim Jim-O (a big red zero); Sam Cram-100. After these two get out of high school, Sam Cram goes to college to get a better education. But Dim Jim is out digging ditches for a living.

This is not just fiction. In many cases this has been fact.

Everyone can "keep a-go-in" despite all hardships if he or she will just try and try again.

THE CRANE

Introducing The Seniors



JAMES WARD

James Ward was born in Cisco, Texas, February 14, 1932. He moved to Crane in the eighth grade and has been here ever since.

An all-around boy James played junior and senior football all four years of high school lettering the last two years at center. He also came out for track two years lettering both of them.

He is very popular on the gridiron as well as the school campus. Not only is he vice-president of the senior class but he is assistant editor of the Crane. He was elected King of the Hallowe'en Carnival with Jane Clark as Queen his junior year.

Incidentally James has been going with Joan Rhinehart (with an exception now and then) for three years.

Due to graduation, James will be missed on the gridiron next year with an year as well as on the school ground and in the classroom.

BOOK NOOK

James Barke Presents

THE WIND

THAT SHAKES

THE BARLEY

By Jean Murray

A man of genius—brilliant, sensitive, romantic—comes to life in this novel about the youth of Robert Burns.

In the hundred and fifty years since Burns' death, no biographer has quite succeeded in portraying him as he must have been known and loved by his contemporaries. His character is too warm, too brilliant and human to be caught by the human objective method of biography.

James Barke, using a novelist's methods and skills, describes the poet's life as it must have been—a childhood on the windswept moors of Ayrshire... long days of work on his father's poor and stony farm... an apprentice's life in an Irvine slum... the easy fellowship of the tavern... country dances and pretty lasses... the ever-fresh mystery of love.

All these things are woven into a story of courage, rich in the joy of living about people poor in this world's goods but proud and passionate in spirit.

Here is the very soil in which the poet's genius grew, moulded by the hard, stubborn nature of a religious father, but more by the women who loved him—fresh young country girls and the wondrous of Irvine town—to whom he wrote his deathless songs.

James Barke, as Scottish as his books, is country-born and bred, the son of Galloway parents. His first novel, "The World His Pillow," was published in 1933, and was acclaimed as a "brave and honest start." His writing is passionate and sincere, moving and human.

THUMBNAILS

Here are some New Year's resolutions made by students of Crane High.

Billy Henderson: I did not make any resolutions for fear I would break them.

Valco Garrett: My New Year's resolution is to remain not henpecked.

Mrs. Abernathy: I resolve to keep those journalism reporters out of my first period study hall.

Don Brady: I resolve to brush my teeth twice a day.

James Ward: I was satisfied the way things were and did not make any resolutions.

Arbra Taylor: I resolve to get my lessons every night.

Nubbin Reynolds: I resolve to study more, especially chemistry.

Marquis Stark: I resolve to study English harder where I can pass under Miss Haley.

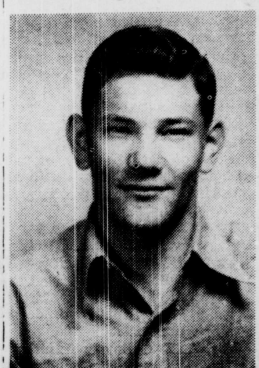
POET'S CORNER

One of Crane High School's juniors, Kathleen Harrington, wrote this poem, "Equality". Maybe, someday, you will be able to read a book of poetry written by the great Kathleen Harrington. This poem has a good meaning and moral value that many of the great masters of poetry would appreciate. You read it and be the judge.

EQUALITY

I am no higher than the man who walks the street in rags And begs of you what food he can.
Yet I am no lower than he who brags He holds the world in his hand God does not ask if our wealth is great Nor if our worldly goods are few,
He wonders only that you dare to state That someone is not so good as you.

Introducing the Seniors



J. F. Miller, one of Crane High School's seniors was born March 31, 1931. He started the ninth grade in Crane High School, and has continued here except for the second semester of the eleventh grade.

This 5'10 1/2" fellow has hazel eyes and brown hair. He played tackle on the B-team of football in the eleventh grade. This year J. F. plays forward on the basketball B-team.

English IV, metal work, typing I, and plain geometry are the subjects J. F. takes.

When you come to the subject of favorites, J. F. becomes stumped but after a lot of thinking, he turned up with these. Favorite foods: chicken-fried steak and strawberry jello. Favorite movie stars: Gregory Peck and Ingrid Bergman.

When asked what he was going to do after he graduated, J. F. replied, "haven't decided yet."

FASHIONETTES

This snappy scenery was seen at the Christmas dance sponsored by the senior class:

JEAN MURRAY:

Light green dress topped with yellow roses.

JANIE CLARK:

Rose taffets with a neck line trimmed in sweet peas.

COYLENE POPE:

Black with silver ribbon topped off with red carnations.

LORENE DAVENPORT:

Black flowered with pink carnations.

PEGGY McCASLAND:

Black crepe dress with a corsage of rosebuds.

EUGENIA MILLS:

Brown satin top with a pastel plaid taffeta skirt. Corsage of yellow roses.

EARLENE HUSTEAD:

Blue green crepe dress with pink carnations.

MARY LOU REYNOLDS:

A changeable taffeta dress and yellow rosebuds.

JENCY PORTER:

Red faile dress with talisman roses.

JESSIE SCOTT:

Black dress with red carnations for a corsage.

JACKIE MATHIS:

Black dress with red carnations.

SAMMIE LEWIS:

Black dress with red roses.

CHARLOTTE SCHLITTLER:

Black taffeta dress trimmed in strip taffeta; an orchid as her corsage.

Billy Joe Dutton, last year's senior, left for the airforce on Dec. 1. He is stationed at Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls, Texas. His first furlough will be the first of March.

FOR ALL STUDENTS



OH, PEACE IS PEACE, AN' REST IS REST, BUT NOT FOR STUDY HALL TEACHER

Study hall period is the most lively event of the school day.

The study hall is no longer a place of quiet concentration and learning. A new ruling has been passed in Crane High School that study hall is to be a leisure hour of talking, sleeping, etc.

To start the average day in this play period, there has to be at least two or three persons who are detained by various objects (girl friends mostly), and come in after the tardy bell. Of course they don't expect to get a tardy excuse and feel very irritated to have to do so.

Next in the course of events, a nice speech is given by the study hall teacher asking in a nice way to please "Shut Up!". After this mournful plea there is usually a one- or two-minute noiseless period in which students think things over.

But after all, isn't this the time to get all your talking done. Of course!

By the way, since the teacher doesn't know about the new ruling he still tries to run the study hall in his old-fashioned way so he starts his daily route from table to table rudely disturbing hilarious hen parties, lovers' quarrels, and just plain old jolly get-togethers.

Before much time elapses someone will surely find a reason to leave the study hall and the mean old teacher will surely refuse to let him. This will cause much sentiment against the teacher and as revenge for this cruelty, a barrage of paper wads will soon litter the floor.

After sufficient revenge, students will settle down to read magazines and talk over the unjust punishment inflicted upon them.

When the bell rings everybody is supposed to run a race to the door and knock down a few chairs and to make Mrs. Elmore

Schoonover Re-Captures Stirring Drama Of Steamship Titanic's Sinking In Year 1912

As a class project, The Crane's reporters re-scoped the great Titanic disaster of 1912. The best mind's eye coverage of it was by Bill Schoonover. Here it is:

The great ocean liner, the Titanic, believed to be unsinkable, sank this morning on its first voyage from Southampton to New York.

It is believed at the moment that approximately 14000 persons lost their lives last night as the great ship went down.

Seven hundred and ten survivors have been picked up so far, and the search is being continued in the hope of finding a few more persons.

Many great men died when the ship went down; some of these were Col. Astor, Robert Harris and James Strauss.

Ignorance among the officers can be blamed mostly for the shipwreck because they did not heed five warnings of the field of icebergs they were approaching. The Titanic struck the iceberg at about 11:40 last night and went down in about three hours. When the ship struck it split a hole in the bottom about three hundred feet long.

Even after the people had been warned that the ship was sinking, many still thought that the Titanic was unsinkable and made

very happy be sure and leave the magazines on the table.

Well, the day is over and the strong-hearted teacher has cracked up, so keep trying kids, you'll break him down some day.

Seriously, now, what is Study Hall really for? Is it really much to ask for a student to come in and actually use the period for a study hall and as a recreation period?

Let's try for awhile and see the results.

How about it?

Band Students Ready For New Band Hall

A jubilant Crane band will move into its brand new \$4000 home in February.

The circular band hall will seat 100 band members comfortably.

It is all done in pink, blue and hardwood.

The band rehearsal room has hardwood about half way up the wall. The band director's office is done in light blue. The girls' powder room is done in light pink and the boys' dressing room is done in blue.

This new band hall boasts a practice room which is sound-proof—a wonderful improvement over the old one whose sound carries for blocks.

The old band hall, a fire hazard, will be razed. It has been in use for over 20 years.

Fall proves to be more aptly titled weather than any other according to Mrs. Nettie Kelly, Cafeteria manager.

The fall menu is different from the winter. They have more fresh vegetables and ice tea at this season.

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SONG OF THE WED

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

Between you and me I will always love you; Between you and me, I will never forget. We are more than just friends, So I speak from my heart. This is where my dream ends, Now that we have to part. Between you and me, I hope you'll be happy; 'Tho' you'll only be just a sweet memory. But how I regret that I ever let you go, Someone else come between you and me.



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Cranes Meet Braves In Next Game On January 13 At Crane

Thursday, January 13, the mighty Crane basketball team will meet the mighty Iran team in a conference go here at home. The Crane basketball team has played eight games thus far in the 1948-49 season:

- Odesa in Crane
- Crane in Big Lake
- Stockton in Crane
- Kermit in Crane
- Crane in Odesa
- Big Lake in Crane
- Crane in McCamey

So far, they have only lost three games. To Kermit twice and to Odesa once. Two of these games, the center, Myron Holcomb, was on the bench with a sprained ankle. The other five games, Crane has had hard-fought battles but they managed to come out on top.

The team, as it started out this season, was a little green, but has been advancing and getting better as the season goes along.

The team consists of four juniors, Bill Teague, John Hickey, Jimmy Stacy and Bob Smith, and one senior, Myron Holcomb. In the coming game, January 13, with Iran, the Crane basketball team means to do to the Iran Braves what the football team failed to do.

Iraan Scalps Menard For Regional 5B Crown

The rowdy Iraan Braves scalped the Menard Yellowjackets 40 to 13 for the Regional 5B crown in Iraan on Dec. 10.

The Braves scored in the first minute of play on a brilliant running attack and score from then on.

Although badly defeated, Menard proved to be a hard-fighting team. Menard's first score came early in the second period on a long pass and a 60 yard run by their receiving right end.

The score at half time stood at 27-7 for Iraan. The Braves came back the second half to run the score even higher and Coach Monroe Haralson let all the squad into action. Iraan defeated the Cranes 26-0 to take district.

Council Holds Routine Meeting December 15

Monitors for the Choral Christmas program sponsored by the Student Council were appointed by President Elmo Rust at a short meeting held Wednesday, December 15.

The monitors are to keep order before the program. There had been some complaint about the smaller children running in and out of the auditorium at previous entertainments.

Members of the Council have re-printed and mended some of the toys brought for the needy children. The toys were given to Mrs. John E. Clark, Red Cross Home Service Chairman, to be distributed around Crane.

Mrs. Inez K. Elmore announced that the Texas Association of Student Councils will meet in El Paso on March 25 and 26. As to how the delegates will be selected has not been decided.

Mrs. Leonard Rose Is Featured On P.-T.A. Christmas Program

Mrs. L. E. Rose presented a book review on "I Remember Mama" at the PTA meeting on December 16.

The senior class won the room count for high school with seven votes.

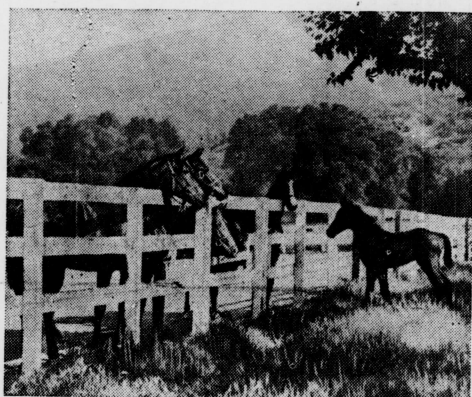
Miss Bobby Hamilton, fifth grade, won the room count in junior high school.

Mrs. Bill Haralson's second grade won the room count in the grade school.

Speeches were made by each delegate who went to El Paso. The delegates were Mmes. R. D. Shaffer, Mills, P. O. Vines, Hayden Wilmoth and Mr. L. L. Martin.

After the meeting the guests were served with coffee, tea and cookies of little Santa Clauses, in the home-making dining room. The tea and coffee were served by Mrs. Geo. Chrane. The room was decorated very beautifully in the Christmas motif.

Photo Classics



Good composition is the key to this simple yet appealing Speed Graphic pictorial by Bert Clark Thayer, noted horse photographer. Thayer was originally a magazine publisher who decided he could take pictures as good as those he bought. So he installed a darkroom next to his office and became a photographer.

Texas University Star Comes To Crane High; Sells Sporting Goods

Crane High was recently honored by the visit of stocky, four-foot-eleven inch, "Rooster" Andrews who in 1945 showed that brain is as formidable as brawn in football by drop-kicking all of Texas University's extra points. "Rooster" came out for football at Texas in '43-'44-'45 lettering the first two years as manager of the team and the last at point-kicking.

"Rooster" went to high school at Woodrow Wilson, Dallas and was manager of the football and track team there. Also he was manager of the West Texas State East-West game played in New Orleans January 1, 1942 and manager of the College All-Star team that played the professional winners in 1942 '43-'44-'45-'46.

Texas won the conference in '43 and '44. They played Randolph Field and Missouri in the Cotton Bowl. "Rooster" also lettered in baseball in '44 and '45 at Texas U.

The most exciting game he played was in 1945 when Texas played A. and M. He got back to kick the point, faked the kick and passed to Bobby Lane for the point.

People like "Rooster" make high school sports interesting. He was here selling sporting goods for C and S Sporting Goods Company. Austin is his home. Maybe Crane High School will again be honored by "Rooster" or other sport stars in the near future.

Junior Basketeers Attend Angelo Tourney

Coach Brady Thomas' junior basketball team is scheduled to enter the San Angelo Junior Basketball Tournament on Jan. 14 and 15. The Cranites' first game will be with the Big Lake Juniors Jan. 14 at 11 o'clock.

Rex Knox, Bill Clark, Ray Knox, Harold Hunter, Malcolm Garrett, R. E. Mason, Bowls West and Lee Busse are the eight boys that will represent Crane.

Crane's last year juniors were runners-up in the tournament, with Bobby Don Smith chosen as all tournament guard.

With the loss of last year's height, the Cranites are expected to run into even stiffer competition than they did last year.

Cranes Beat Big Lake In 'A' And 'B' Games

Crane took the New Year's game with Big Lake by 12 points. The score was 34-22.

Starting the game for Crane were:

Guards, Smith and Clark Forwards, Hickey and Stacy Myron Holcomb, center

The high point man was John Hickey with 17 points, and next was Jimmy Stacy with 6 points. Hickey's 17 points is the most any player has gotten in one game thus far this season.

Crane committed 13 fouls to Big Lake's 12. Big Lake made seven of their free pitches with Crane making the same amount of theirs.

Opening up the double feature was the Crane "B" and the Big Lake "B" teams. Crane took this game by a bare margin of two points—14-12. Garrett was the high point man with six points.

Crane High Beats McCamey Badgers; B Team is Trimmed

The mighty Crane High cranes swept the McCamey badgers off their feet beating them 41-32, January 5, in McCamey.

This game was very close with neither team being ahead more than two points until the last quarter when the Cranes pushed their way to a nine point lead.

John Hickey and Jimmy Neal Stacy tied for scoring honors with fourteen apiece. Myron Holcomb, who is just recovering from a sprained ankle, followed them with ten points. Bob Smith and Bill Teague made up for the remaining three points.

The "B" team was beaten by a small margin of 28-21. Clark Lee Pressley was high point man for the "B" team with ten points.

The Junior team lost their second game this season by a score of 27-14. They have had very little practice and should do better in every game from now on.

Bill Clark and Malcomb Garrett tied for scoring honors with five points each.

THE HIT PARADE ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA

I'd love to get you on a slow boat to China,
All to myself, alone.

Get you, and keep you in my arms evermore,
Leave all your lovers weeping
On a faraway shore,
Out on the briny, with a moon,
big and shiny,
Melting your heart of stone,
I'd love to get you
On a slow boat to China,
All to myself alone.

THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir,
And folks dressed up like Eskimos.
Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright.
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard not to peep to-
night.
They know that Santa's on his way,
He's loaded lots of toys
And goodies on his sleigh.
And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeer really know
how to fly.
And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two:
Although it's been said many times many ways,
Merry Christmas to you.

BUTTONS AND BOWS

A western ranch is just a branch of No-Where Junction to me,
Gimme the city where liv-in's pretty and the gals wear fine-ry;
East is east and west is west and the wrong one, I have chose;
Let's go where you'll keep on wear-in those frills and flow-ers and buttons and bows.
Rings and things and buttons and bows—
Don't bury me in this prairie,
Take me where the cement grows;
Let's move down to some big town where they love a gal by the cut o' her clothes,
And you'll stand out in buttons and bows—
I'll love you in buckskin or skirts that you've homespun,
But I'll love you stronger, longer where your friends don't tote a gun.
My bones denounce the buck-board bounce, and the cac-tus hurts my toes;
Let's va-moose where gals keep us-in' those silks and sat-ins and lin-en that shows,
And you're all mine in buttons and bows—
Gimme eastern trimmin' where women are women in high silk hose and peek-a-boo clothes, and French perfume that rocks the room
And you're all mine in buttons and bows.

Douglas, Geo. Chrane Bag Two Deer Apiece Christmas Eve Week

The Chrane boys, Douglas and George, that is, breezed through the '48 deer season bagging two apiece.

Doug killed his first one early in the season when his brother jumped it up for him. His second deer met disaster Christmas Eve day in Cherokee, Texas. This was an eight pointer. Doug was in a thicket when he first saw the deer. He said he could have hit it in the head with his gun but he wanted to give it a fair chance, so he shot over it to scare it and then shot it when at about 150 yards away.

(Editor's Note: This is the story told your reporter—form your own opinion from it.)

George Chrane bagged his two deer the 21st and 23rd of December in San Saba. They were both four pointers, but from what your reporter is told, George thought he had killed a doe until he moved the deer's ears and revealed the antlers. These were the only two bucks that George saw so the reader can form his own opinion of what kind of a chance a deer has in the sights of George Chrane's gun.

Doug said he always paid his debts so he repaid George by running a deer in his direction.

With this kind of hunting it is surprising that a deer is left in the country, but naturally hunters like these can only come from the haunts of Crane High School.

Big Christmas Ball Given By The Seniors

The seniors held their annual Christmas dance on Dec. 11 in the community hall. Evidently it was a great success.

As a part of the program, Nedra Anderson sang "White Christmas," accompanied by Jackie Mathis. This number was followed by Jackie playing "Deep Purple" and "St. Louis Blues."

The room mothers, Mmes. L. A. Ward, Bill Marlowe, W. O. Murray and Dan Lively, presided at the refreshment table.

Their theme was red and green. Strips of red and green crepe paper were draped across each side of the stage, and a Christmas tree was placed in the center, making it look like a picture. Tables were placed along the side of the dance floor for the couples to return to after each dance. On each table there were candles. All of the lights were off except for those on the stage.

On the punch table were miniature Christmas trees on each corner with the punch bowl in the center. Marshmallows were placed around the bowl with one letter on each to spell Merry Christmas.

On a napkin there was printed "From" and "SENIORS" was spelled out on marshmallows. The punch was colored green with lemon rings floating on top. Each square of cake bore a Christmas tree decoration with candles on the points.

The napkins were decorated with small drawings of Santa Claus head.

International Technical Aid Given Countries of World



New ways of solving old problems are shown to experts and governments in dozens of countries through technical assistance programs of the United Nations and its affiliated specialized agencies. Here scientists in Italy learn about latest methods of central insect and fungi infestation in stored grains at a school conducted by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

--Elementary News--

Mrs. Strickland's FIRST GRADE

We have a new girl from Denning, N. M., and her name is Dorothy Ann Castleman.

The measles have at last caught us. Monday during the holidays we had 17 absent.

Miss Dossey's SECOND GRADE

We had a nice Christmas. Santa Claus has been to see us and gone—so have the measles. After having the measles, we have decided school is not so bad after all. Monroe, Gail, Billy, Buddy, Norma Lee and Denelda are not back in school yet.

Brenda Meinzer has moved from Odessa to Crane, and is in our room. We are very glad to have new students.

We hope it snows soon.

Miss Alexander's THIRD GRADE

We are very happy to have everyone present. Eight of our members were out with the measles the last week of school.

Santa has been very nice to all of us. During the holidays most of us visited relatives and friends.

Mrs. Martin's THIRD GRADE

We had much fun at our Christmas party. Our program consisted of Christmas carols and a short play. After the gifts were passed out, the room mothers served sandwiches, shaped and colored like Christmas trees, and soda pop.

Ten of us received books for Christmas.

Edith Hollander has a new baby sister named Cathy Ann.

Gordon Miller is a new pupil from Odessa.

MISS KENT'S ROOM

Reporter
Leah Rhea McAfee

We all enjoyed our Christmas holidays. Santa was good to everyone. Our room looks bare after we took all the decorations down. Santa brought us a new window shade for Christmas.

Gwendolyn Basham is a new pupil from Odessa. That makes 27 in our room.

Miss Kent visited in Plainview and Loraine during the Christmas holidays.

MISS RATLIFF'S ROOM

Reporter
Kay Keltner

Our room had a Merry Christmas and we are all ready for a busy new year.

Ella Meyer Smith has the measles. Wayne Blanton is on his vacation.

The children in our room are cleaning it up for the new year. We are going to make a little town on the sand table.

MISS SHARP'S ROOM

Reporter
Johnnie Sue Buchanan

We all had a very nice Christmas. We were very happy with the gifts we received. Two chil-

dren in our room have the measles now. We surely hope the rest of us can escape.

Our teacher says we really have to get busy and start the new year right.

FROM SIX-ONE

Reporter
Stanley Holcomb

We have all enjoyed the Christmas holidays. Some of us didn't want to come back to school but we did.

We think this is pretty hot for January. We were hoping for a little snow anyway.

David Sals moved from Crane to Big Lake during the Christmas holidays. We were sorry to see him go.

NEWS OF SIX-THREE

Reporter
Peggy Lightfoot

We are sure everyone had a wonderful Christmas but are very proud to be back.

Ann Chaney is going to move to Comanche. We are very sorry to see her move.

We are very happy that we can turn over a new leaf on our calendar since this is the new year of 1949.

Some of the pupils are sporting clothes that Santa brought them. A few of the students went away over the holidays. We are sure they had a wonderful time while they were gone.

NEWS OF SEVEN-ONE

Reporter
Jax Potet

Everyone in 7-1 had a big Christmas.

Ted Fields, Evelyn McKay, Guy Rogers, Bobby J. Russell, Trixie Rudd, Jax Potet, Marshall Jones, Alfred Moore, Darrell Vines, all visited out of town during the Christmas holidays.

FROM SEVEN-TWO

Reporter
Luanne Presley

We are happy to be back from the holidays. Here are some of the people who went some place at that time.

Mrs. Brown, Sue Harrold, Kay Culp, Jean and James Ware, Frankie Flowers, Geo. Cloud.

We are sorry that Robert McCarty and Judy Glass are ill. We welcome Betty Leah Basham from Odessa into our room.

OFFICE JABBER

Supt. L. L. Martin was a business visitor to Austin last week.

The office has recently received vocational guidance manuals pertaining to any profession a student might consider, from high finance to public relations. Each book, written by a specialist in that particular field, outlines the opportunities, advantages, disadvantages, etc. in the various professions.

These pamphlets have been handed out to various classes for the purpose of study and class reports.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

by McFeathers



"There's no question about who's boss in my house!"

Boy Trappers Bring Revival Of Old West

Revival of the Old West: Clarence Miller, Brent McAfee and Tommy Collier have been trapping in the uncivilized wilds outside of the Gulf Camp. These three school boys have found that trapping still has its hazards; of course, not like in the old days of the porcupine and panther, but, as the story goes, Clarence discovered a strange animal that he had not met up to that moment.

He found a little black animal with a white streak down its back. Clarence knew this to be a skunk, but didn't quite know the habits of this little animal. Clarence picked up the skunk and started toward the would-be victim; he raised the club, and brought it down with great force, and in the meantime, the skunk's tail had folded over and some kind of liquid hit him in the chest, making him smell like a "perfume" factory.

The boys have made a pretty good start by catching and tanning two foxes, one ring tail coon, three skunks, one jack rabbit, and one cottontail.

This is a warning to all greenhorns who wish to become trappers: Watch every animal or not telling what he says.

The teachers like to see the boys trap, but they'd rather they didn't come to school smelling like little undesirables.

Senior Class Loses Outstanding Senior

Elmo Rust, one of Crane's outstanding seniors, all district tackle, and president of the Student Council, is planning on leaving Crane at mid-term.

He is leaving with lacking only one-half a credit in English, which he plans to finish by corresponding this summer. He will be graduated in May with the rest of the senior class.

He plans to try to go to work for the Gulf until next September. Then he plans to go to college at either the College of Mines or A&M and major in petroleum engineering and minor in geology.

He has gone all 12 years of his schooling in Crane except about two months that he went to school at Grandfalls.

He was also the president of the junior class, councilor at large of the junior class, and football captain his senior year.

As you can see, he is a true, popular Crane and it will be a great loss to the senior class when he leaves.

Journalism Staff To Attend Conference In Odessa January 22

Journalism delegates from Crane will attend a Regional Inter-scholastic League Conference at Odessa on Jan. 22.

The speaker from the Crane delegates will be Charlotte Schlitter, who will make a 15 minute speech on "Problems of Small High School Newspapers."

The journalism program will begin at 9:30 o'clock in the Odessa High School building. The morning session adjourns for lunch at 12 o'clock. The meeting will start again at 1:30 and be

Grade School Principal Loses Tip Of Finger

The grade school principal, who happens to be Mr. V. N. Keyes, met with a very serious accident last Thursday while showing the fifth grade science class the school heating system at the boiler house.

The class had already descended into the room, and Mr. Keyes was holding the heavy door back until his small students got in. He then let it go, but saw that it was going to slam. He put his hand out to catch it, but his hand slipped, and then his hand slid into the hole for the lock, cutting off the tip of his ring finger of the left hand.

He rushed to the hospital and had a dressing put on it. The doctor said that he didn't think the bone was hurt.

Homemaking Girls Making Little Dogs

Out of the 48 homemaking girls approximately 40 have been making little toy dogs for Christmas gifts.

If you see blue and white, pink and white, green, yellow or any other colored dogs, don't think that you are sick because these dogs are of all different colors. You may wonder a little about the black dogs with white streaks down their backs, whether they are dogs or skunks. In this case you can call it whatever you like.

The girls were really proud to learn how to make these dogs. They have had a lot of fun making them and they also make very nice gifts for girls of all ages. It is very easy to make these dogs after your first one you can make the other in less than an hour.

Crane High School extends a warm welcome to Leigh Busse from Middle Park Union High School, Granby, Colo.

Leigh is a freshman and is 14 years old.

His schedule runs as follows: study hall, English I, algebra II, general science, Spanish I, and physical education.

The Crane High School volleyball team played Imperial last Saturday night in their season's opener.

The girls are entered in a volleyball tournament sponsored by Imperial this week-end.

Before the Christmas holidays, Miss Florence McAlister, the Area III state supervisor for Home Economics, visited the morning classes of home economics and took a tour through the new building.

Miss McAlister complimented the new school building and the food in the cafeteria.

over at 3 o'clock.

The Crane is one of three papers who have been asked to make speeches at the meeting.

Along with these three speeches made by the high school students, there will be two speeches made by two newspaper men who have been asked to speak at the meeting.

The majority of The Crane staff are going to attend the meeting.

Science Classes Busy In Different Depths.

Mrs. Steve Filleman has really been coming along with the science classes since the Christmas holidays.

The two general science classes are studying astronomy at this time of the year. They are learning the names of the planets and the names of some of the stars. Most of the students enjoy this part of general science very much. Mrs. Filleman says they are still her quietest classes.

The biology class is studying about famous scientists and their findings, also they are studying about current discoveries of scientists.

The chemistry class is plugging along at balancing equations and studying about ions.

There are, as we suppose you have gathered, five science classes in Crane High School, but there are only three science courses given. These are chemistry, biology and general science.

Elmore Teaches Use Of Library To 8th Graders

Every year the students of the eighth grade have to take a semester's course on how to use the library. This is one of the state requirements.

This course is taught by Mrs. Inez Elmore. Mrs. Elmore teaches one of these lessons each week.

The first lesson was on how to use the card catalog and where the books are placed on the shelf. The following lessons were over encyclopedias, almanacs, Who's Who in America, and current biography magazines.

After the Christmas holidays, the students will study the Reader's Guide which will end the studies on how to use the library.

Among the library assistants, there are three eighth graders—Mrs. White, Evelyn Welch and Charlene Ellison.

MY OLD STEADY

I did it. At last I've succeeded! Tonight, I'm taking her out once more. It's been almost three months now since I've been around town with her. When I use to go steady with her, everybody was my "Pal." She always attracted more attention than I did. On some days I missed a really good movie or went without my lunch, so I could take her out that night. People used to get "chummy" with me just for the purpose of being near her.

Then all of a sudden she just stopped, without any explanation at all. Maybe she was getting tired of me. It might have been that I wasn't spending enough money on her, or maybe it was someone else.

But I've been working on her now for three months, and tonight is the night. All last night I worked on her. After I got up, this morning I went to see her first thing I begged, I pleaded, and with my last prayer turned the crank. The motor started! Ah! Success!

One Christmas Present Not Especially Wanted

One person received a Christmas gift not especially wanted. Mary Lou Wilson, one of Crane High School's freshmen, had her appendix removed at the Crane Memorial Hospital. Dr. S. F. Robinson performed the operation on the morning of Friday, Dec. 17. Mary Lou has been bothered by attack of appendicitis since last April.

From Mary Lou's point of view, an appendectomy is a very common thing to happen to a person. Quote: Who wants to hear about my operation? Everybody has their appendix removed. Unquote. In many people's opinion, an appendectomy would be a catastrophe.

Mary Lou received part of her Christmas presents, a robe and house slippers, before going to the hospital, and the rest on Christmas Day, when she returned home.



Cranites Dismiss 1948 With Gala Ball



Climaxing this semester's social was the New Year's dance sponsored by the Junior class December 31st at the community hall. The community hall was decorated in orange and white with lots of balloons hanging from the ceiling which were let down towards the last of the dance.

At about 11 o'clock refreshments of cookies and punch were served, as the dance became more lively.

This dance brought many large students and ex-Cranes together for a good time.

—Photo by Darrell Tomlinson

MD Folders On Display; James Ward Cops First

Mechanical Drawing folders of 11 students are on display in the CHS library. They are original and beautiful in design. All the drawings of each student will be put in his or her folder.

C. A. Carroll, the instructor, gave points for the first, second and third best folder. James Ward walked away with first, Bill Marlowe ran a close second, and Jimmy Heard followed up with third.

Those who had folders are: Darrell Tomlinson, Kenneth Lewis, Jean Murray, Bill Marlowe, James Ward, Sammy White, Jimmy Heard, Myron Holcomb,

Howard Christian, Marquis Bill Schoonover.

The folders are a good example of what kind of work will come out of Mechanical Drawing this year.

Only Five Old-Timers In Crane Classroom

Among Crane's 38 or 40 teachers, five are now teaching their ninth year in the Crane School. All the rest of the teachers taught in Crane different years ranging from years to about 10 months.

As you may know, the veteran teachers of Crane are Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, Bill Patterson, Clinton Carroll, Bill Nix and L. L. Martin.



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