

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THE CRANE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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CHS Band Wins First Prize of Seventy-Five Dollars in Parade Dec. 4

In a giant balloon parade, clinic and concert at Big Spring December 4, Crane High's band walked away with the \$75 prize given for marching. Midland also took a \$75 marching prize, but this was for bands with more than 60 members, whereas Crane's prize was for bands with less than 60 members.

Six bands including Cohoma, Big Spring, Lamesa, Colorado City, Midland and Crane, each of which were represented in the clinic, concert and parade.

The parade of Howard County was sponsored by the Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce.

The Crane band left at 6:30 a.m. to attend the festivities of Howard County. They reached Big Spring around 9 o'clock. After the band had unloaded, the students that were to take part in the clinic band assembled for rehearsal in the Municipal Auditorium. The rehearsal lasted until 11 o'clock. After eating lunch, the students assembled to practice again from two until four p.m.

The parade of the balloons was to begin at two o'clock, but due to some delay, it was postponed until 6 p.m. and then again it was postponed until 8 p.m.

After the concert, the parade took place with Crane the first band in line.

The parade ended after covering most of the city.

"The Crane" Has Wide Range of Exchanges

"The Crane" exchanges high school papers with 47 other high schools, one of which is as far away as Canada.

Ten of the exchanges are out of the state of Texas, the other thirty-seven in the state, are towns both close and far away.

The ten out-of-state exchanges are: Baker Village, Ga.; Greeley, Colo.; Dothan, Ala.; Hahnville, La.; Frankfort, Ky.; Norman, Ok.; Jackson, Miss.; Hot Springs, Ark.; San Francisco, Calif.; and Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son; and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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Nanette Woods On KECK

Nanette Woods, eighth grade student of C. H. S. was a contestant in a spelling quiz held over KECK, Odessa, Texas sponsored by the Thrifty program, Saturday, Nov. 31.

Nanette received two silver dollars for spelling the words taken from a letter sent in by a member of the radio audience that she chose to try.

Anna Mae Scott, Denton, Texas, a cousin of Nanette's was also on the program and won two silver dollars.

Rev. Gray Speaks On "Elements in Success"

On December 2nd the Crane High School was honored with a very interesting talk from Rev. Gray of El Paso, who is holding a revival at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin first introduced Rev. Whetstone, pastor of the local church, who made announcements concerning the revival, and then introduced Mr. Ward, the evangelistic singer, from Waco, who led the entire assembly in prayer.

Rev. Gray was then introduced and gave his talk on "The Elements in Success." He stated that the first element in success is learning to value and appreciate the present. Second is to have high ideals, and third is that if every person is going to be successful in life, he must have a strong will.

The student body and faculty enjoyed the talk immensely, and wish to thank Rev. Gray for such a wonderful talk that will be helpful to everyone in the present and future.

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Glory to God, and On Earth, Peace and Good Will Toward Men

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

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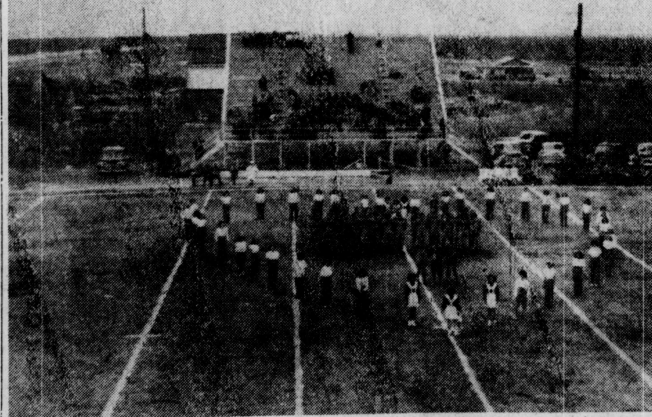
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Doris Collins Crowned Football Queen During Sanderson Game, Dec. 5

The most colorful event of the year was the crowning of the football queen, Doris Collins, before the bi-district game with Sanderson, December 5.

The pep squad formed a heart in the center of the field with the football boys standing at the top of the heart facing the Crane grandstand.

The queen, looking very pretty in a grey suit and grey hat, with a corsage of a beautiful yellow mum and purple ribbon, was escorted on the field by co-captain Alvin Whaley, and presented with a dozen red American Beauty roses by Captain Toots Mathis.

The band played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" during the crowning and a march was played as the pep squad followed the queen and escorts off the field.

A correspondent photographer from the San Angelo Standard-Times was present to take pictures of the scene.

Christmas Concert Set For December 18 by Len Lowe's Mixed Chorus

One of the biggest programs of the year will be the choral club concert on Thursday night, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the high school auditorium.

Miss Lowe's mixed chorus of approximately 50 members has done very well this year, and hopes to do better.

The concert is a Christmas theme and the program will be as follows:

1. O Come All Ye Faithful, Processional
2. We Three Kings of Orient Are, Double trio
3. I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
4. O Holy Night, Duet
5. Joy to the World
6. The First Noel
7. Jingle Bells, Fifth grade trio
8. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
9. Winter Wonderland, Sextet
10. Silent Night
11. Ave Maria, Solo
12. White Christmas
13. The Lord's Prayer

Admission will be 25c for adults and 10c for children under high school age.

This should be an outstanding program, so don't miss it!

Dear Old Santa Claus Give Us All Something; Especially Mr. Nix

Dear Santa,

In behalf of the Crane students and teachers, I have a few favors and other things for you to grant.

We've all been very good, with the exception of a few teachers, and they wouldn't be teachers if they weren't mean once in a while, so Santa, please look over their mistakes and meanness.

C. M. Coker wants you to bring him a luscious brunette, and we think he deserves her, even though she may be from out-of-town.

Nelson Stephens would love to have some good-looking stockings but he wants them filled up with something besides candy.

Vida Klingenberg wants a joke book. She really needs it, too, Santa, to complete the joke.

Mr. Haralson says he wishes you would bring him his house completed, so he can move in, and please bring his wife a gun so he can borrow it to shoot quail.

Peggie Jean Sharp wants a new Buick, and a few years so she can get her driver's license.

Santa, Jean Murray has looked everywhere for her dog a bone, so please see that she gets one.

Mrs. Elmore has her new Dodge so all she wants now is just enough gas to keep it running.

T. R. Sullivan is craving a motorcycle, so please bring one, but put a limit to the speed, as we would love to keep him around a little longer.

Gene Miller really needs a radar antenna to put on his motorcycle so he can tell when a car is in front of him. That way, he can wave at all his friends.

Barbara Mason wants some diamond earrings and something tall, dark and handsome with the initials of M. K.

Last, but not least, our principal, Mr. Nix, who is a pretty good guy considering, says, "Please, Santa, send us a new school building by January 1, 1949. Give us one with an office where I may talk with those who have been bad for some cause or other. Make this an understanding office, one that will give the principal more patience with those who insist on trying to destroy the classes with "horse play". Also, Santa, I wish that you might make it possible for all to wake up just a wee bit earlier so that we might be in school on time. Then, Santa, last but not least, bring candy and apples to my house on this most wonderful of nights."

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Statistics Show Crane Ahead of Menard 14-11; Wins Football on Flip

The 2-B Regional championship was decided in San Angelo Saturday between Menard's Yellow Jackets and Crane's Golden Cranes by a 6-6 tie and a co-championship.

In the first quarter the Yellow Jackets carried the ball down to the Crane fourteen-yard line before the mighty Crane line stiffened and held three of the Yellow Jackets favorite line plays to a no gain, and a fourth down pass failed to connect, giving the ball to the Cranes on their own fourteen-yard line.

The rest of the first period was rather listless, with neither team threatening to score.

Early in the second quarter, the Golden birds looked as if they were going to draw the first blood from the Yellow Jackets, when Dwain Stacy intercepted a pass and raced it back to the 30-yard line.

In a series of line plays by Henderson, Stacy and Mathis, the Cranes placed the ball on the Yellow Jacket four-yard line with only one down to go. But luck was against the Cranes then as they failed to cross the Yellow Jacket's goal line.

Then the Menard team took the ball from their own four-yard line and marched down the field through the Cranes line to score the first touchdown from the one-yard line. The score was made by Menard's right half Walker, but the try for the extra point failed, making the score 6-0.

Crane took the kickoff, but could work the ball only to their own 33 before the half ended.

The Cranes took the kickoff to start the second half, then took over on their own 44, after an exchange of punts. Menard drew a five-yard penalty for delaying the game. Mathis circled right end for three and Henderson made six placing the ball on the Menard 41 with four downs to go.

Stacy rounded left end for seven yards and Henderson cracked left guard for three, to give the Cranes another first and ten on the Menard 31. Stacy cracked the middle for two, then Quarterback Merwyn McCully shot a pass to Frank Waller good for twelve yards and another first down on the Menard 18.

The Cranes kept their march toward the Yellow Jacket goal line with Stacy cracking guard for five, Henderson for three, then McCully added three more on a quarterback sneak to set up first and goal to go for the Cranes on the Yellow Jacket 7.

Stacy was stopped to a one yard gain around left end, but then Mathis tried the same spot for five and the Cranes were one

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Cooksey-Teague Wed Nov. 28 in Beaumont

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Cooksey of Beaumont, Texas, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Adana, to Edward Earl Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Teague of Crane. The church wedding took place at Beaumont November 28 at 9:30 a.m.

The bride wore a white satin bridal gown trimmed in seed pearls, and carried white orchids on a white Bible. The best man was Bill Teague of Crane, brother of Earl, and a sister, Vivian, also of Crane, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Joan Cooksey, sister of the bride, and a cousin; the maid of honor was Betty Cooksey.

Earl, who is an ex-student of C.H.S., was in the Marines over two years after graduating, and later attended John Tarleton Junior College, where his bride also was a student. Both Adana and Earl enjoy rodeos and both take part in them, Earl's hobby being roping and bulldogging.

The newly-wed couple will make their home at Uvalde, Texas, Camp Wood, where they recently purchased a ranch.

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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 com 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!

Christmas—Birthday of Our King

In the little town of Bethlehem Jesus was born of Mary nearly two thousand years ago. This was the first Christmas.

Christmas is the most meaningful and most important holiday of the year in all countries of the world. This day was not only the Birthday of Our king, but it was also the beginning of a new era of Christianity.

Strangely it is may seem, the birthday of Christ is not known exactly. In fact it was 354 years before December 25 was celebrated as Christmas day.

Although the true meaning of Christmas is its religious observance, there are customs handed down from pagan times which are associated with its observance.

St. Nicholas was adopted first by Holland as the patron saint of Christmas. There WAS a real Santa Claus. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra. He was known for his kind heart. The first gift he made was to three maidens who were without suitors. He filled three bags with gold and threw them into the maidens' homes. As a result the girls had a dowry and were soon married. After that all gifts were attributed to which were received unexpectedly.

The giving of gifts at Christmas time is reminiscent of the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Holy Child.

One of the most beautiful customs of Christmas is the enactment of the Nativity. From the most ceremonious rituals on midnight of Christmas in the world's largest and most beautiful cathedral, St. Peter's in Rome, down to the tiniest miniature Bethlehem under a Christmas tree, all are representative of that holy night when Christ was born.

Let's all remember the true meaning of Christmas and make it a time of giving as well as receiving. We'll make this the happiest Christmas anniversary ever.

Chivalry Is Gone! Cave-Men Are Back!

"Oh, excuse me! I really didn't see you." This phrase is heard many times during the school day as some student comes bolting out of a door into the patio and runs over or into some poor student just standing and talking.

At various times during the day it is wondered if this is a public school or "The Angles" wrestling school. You are standing peacefully beside your locker when all of a sudden a fellow student comes bursting out of nowhere and down you go. He says, "Excuse me," I was only trying to get to my locker." He said it but the look he gives you makes you feel as if you shouldn't have been standing in front of his locker.

Gads! These friendly little tows the male students of C. H. S. issue out to their girls. BAM! "Hi, Where have you been all morning?" The girl answers as she picks herself up off the cement.

The days of chivalry aren't to be found around here except maybe when they pick you up after knocking you down.

In days of knighthood, a knight had to respect the woman and be courteous to all as well as being brave and strong. He certainly didn't show his strength by knocking his true-love down. The world must be going back to the age of the caveman.

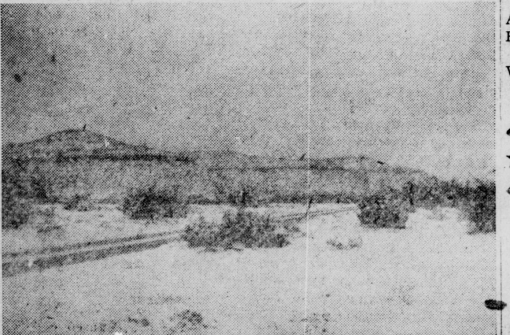
New Year's Resolutions Should Be Kept

Have you made a New Year's resolution? "I resolve to be a sweeter person," "to try harder and make better grades," "to answer mail more promptly," "to get to bed earlier," "to stop being a snub," were the resolutions of our more conscientious students.

Few people make resolutions for the New Year who honestly and solemnly swear to keep them. If a person who goes to the trouble of making resolutions, why not keep them? After all, the meaning of a resolution is a promise to one's self to try harder and do better in whatever he undertakes.

We could profit a great deal by having enough will-power to enforce our promises, that is, if they are good ones.

So this year, why not make a good sensible resolution and stick to it.



Remember last year, we almost had a White Christmas. To those who say we never see snow in the Pecos Valley, take a look at this scene and then start hoping for what ever kind of Yuletide weather you want.

SONG OF THE WEEK

AND MIMI

On the Rue de la Paix there was once a cabaret

And Mimi
As the night went along there was suddenly a song

And Mimi
All the world seemed to say that they loved the cabaret

And Mimi
But I knew that when she'd see me

Mimi sang for me alone
Came an apache with a passion
For dancing with the one that I adore

Taught her the dance in his fashion
And for me she's singing no more
On the Rue de la Paix there was once a cabaret

And Mimi
Now I'm sitting sad and dreamy
Just for Mimi and her song.

THUMBNAIL INTERVIEWS

As Crane has a winning football team this year your inquiring reporter has been trying to find out why most people think it has been a success. Here is what a few of the people told him:

JAMES KILGORE: The boys wanted to win and there was good coaching and also good captains who would not let them quit hustling.

KATHRIN CANTRELL: Better co-operation between the team and coaches.

MR. HARALSON: The boys had a good spirit and were willing to put out what it takes to have a good team.

JOE WEATHERBY: All the boys stayed in training and had their minds made up to win.

BETTY SUE HENDERSON: We had a good team and good coaching.

BILLY KELTON: Everyone co-operating with coaches, teachers, etc.

TIP MURRELL: Got so much material and spirit.

MRS. ELMORE: The boys had team work, and the boys and coaches worked together.

★ POET'S CORNER ★

AWAY IN A MANGER

Martin Luther
Away in a manger,
No crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep in the hay.
The cattle are lowing,
The poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying He makes.
I live Thee, Lord Jesus;
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my crib,
Watching my lullaby.

FAIRY DANCE

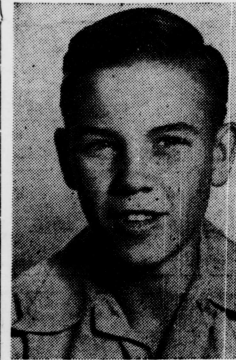
By Nancy Evans
The sun is sinking in the West
The sky is growing dark, and
Over yonder on the hill—
There's moonlight in the park.
The birds are chirping their last
good night
The sandman is coming their way
To tell them in his merry voice—
'Tis the close of another day.
The fairies and elves are gathered
To dance on the moonlit lawn
They'll dance, to fairy music
Till comes the sun at dawn.
They dance, they bow, they swing
and twirl
And then they leave in sorrow—
But they will be back—happy
again
When the sun goes down, tomorrow.

★ Happy Birthday ★

Joan Rhinehart, December 14
John Clark, December 15
Kathryn Smith, December 16
Merwyn McCully, December 17
Harold Lowery, December 18
Irma Lee McKay, December 20
Donald Whittaker, December 22
Paul Henderson, December 23
Richard Lightfoot, December 28
June Sherran, December 29
Lop Browne, December 29
Jane Clark, January 1

THE CRANE

Introducing the Seniors



MERWYN GUY McCULLY

On December 18, 1930, this blue eyed, originally brown haired senior was born in Rochester, Texas.

He spent the first three and one half years of his life in Rochester, then he moved to Spur and from there he moved to Crane and has been here ever since.

He is president of the senior class and holds office as honorary member of the Student Council.

Merwyn plays quarter back on the A squad of the football team and was chosen on the All-District second team. He plays doubles in tennis and also plays basketball.

He is 5 ft. 8 inches tall and weighs 146 pounds.

Some of his likes include chicken-fried steaks and coconut pie. Merwyn also stated that Lanell was one of his favorites, too.

His pet peeve is people who are always bragging, and people who are conceited.

Merwyn plans to attend Abilene Christian College after graduation.

★ FASHIONETTE ★

Since it's drawing so much closer to Christmas, boys and girls, our fashionette column this week will consist of hints for those Christmas presents that we will all be buying our closest friends or sweethearts.

Boys, for that special girl friend jewelry will be popular. Those lovely chatelaine pins are always appreciated because they add charm and beauty to last year's suits and dresses.

Other popular gifts are those scarves which come in such a wide variety, ever useful manicure sets and make-up kits, and sweet smelling colognes or perfumes. Stationery makes a very useful gift for anyone.

It's always a problem to buy that special boy friend a gift, but some helpful hints are: brightly colored neck scarves, cigarette lighters, shaving kits, billfolds, watchbands, I.D. bracelets, monogrammed handkerchiefs, gloves, and for a very special boy friend, surprise him with a large photograph of yourself.

Remember, kids, there are very few shopping days left until Christmas, so start thinking about what to buy and buy early.

Glory To God

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And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



PATIO PRATTLE

Dear Prattlers,

Here's mud in your eye!
Jane Clark looks very happy after Thanksgiving. Hurry back, Walter!

Crane boys journey to Odessa and Crane girls—hmm, these out-of-town boys.

Have you noticed the strange expression on Eva Long's face? Puzzling, Eva?

Fay Ellen Jourdan just turns her bottle right up in class. Cough medicine, that is.

Have a persimmon, Coy. Oh, no!

Instead of mud, have some water in your eyes. Oh, these water guns! Kids will be kids.

Well, Billy Jo D., if you're going steady, you may as well be engaged!

Are you bothered with a ringing in your ears? Don't be alarmed, it's only the bells that have engulfed C.H.S.

Girls, Kaye Cox has just gorgeous curly hair! What are you waiting for?

Doris Collins has taken a sudden liking to Seminole. Nice looking, too!

Mystery of the week — Whe threw the rocks in the patio???

Flash! A cold epidemic has broken out in Crane. (It was brought from Lubbock.)

The "Mumbles Quartette" on the north bound bus really put on a show.

Jo Ann Earl seems to be keeping tab on a certain Joe with a black Ford!

See you next week!

Your Prattling Reporter
(P. S. This is dedicated to our honorable Zoe Reynolds.)

Introducing the Faculty



MRS. OTTNEY W. MILLER

On May 27, 1911, Mrs. Miller was born in Knox county, Texas. Although she was born in the country, she soon moved to the city, and has been there ever since, she has blue eyes and blond hair.

Her duties here in the school are tax assessor and collector, business manager of the school, writing excuses in Mr. Nix's absence and taking care of the school supplies. She also does all the book work and a little typing.

She has been working for the school a year last August.

Before Mrs. Miller went to work for the school she worked for the Texas New Mexico Pipe Line Co. for four years, and prior to that she worked ten years as deputy and county district clerk in the court house.

Mrs. Miller has one daughter Donna.

Introducing the Seniors



LADEAN McCASLAND

Our senior for this week is Ladean (Mac) McCasland, who is a well liked student of Crane High School.

Ladean was recently elected to represent the Crane Choral Club at a statewide clinic to be held at Waco, Texas on Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14.

"Mack" was born at Wetumka, Oklahoma, April 6, 1930. She moved to Crane in 1946.

She was chosen as senior favorite for this year also.

Backing our boys at every football game is an energetic Mac. She is one of the senior cheer leaders.

Ladean is also the business manager of the journalism class.

Things that she likes include: everybody in general, but especially a twin (guess who). She is a very unusual person and she has no dislikes.

Mac says that she has made no definite plans after graduation.

★ CRANE FILES ★

One year ago a new recordio was purchased as a result of a board meeting.

Two years ago "The Crane" was again published after a two year's absence.

Four years ago the journalism class had received all the necessary equipment for Elementary Photography.

Seven years ago Coach Woodward started a private art school.

Twelve years ago a contract was let for the new gymnasium.

Fifteen years ago Miss Waddell opened a dramatics class in Crane.

"World Seeks Peace" Is Play Sponsored By Crane P.T.A. Group

Highlighted by a grade school play, "The World Seeks Peace", a Christmas program was given by the Crane P.T.A. last Thursday, Dec. 11.

After refreshments were served in the home economics room of the high school, the group moved to the auditorium for the program and meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hayden Wilmoth. Mrs. Quay Clark, program chairman, gave a short speech concerning the play, "The World Seeks Peace", which was presented by the students of Miss Conger and Mrs. Cloud.

The program consisted of several short speeches on the different countries of the world. Students dressed as people of these various countries also sang several songs. Mrs. Len Lowe, choral director, accompanied the students who sang. Mary Lou Wilson also accompanied a Mexican dance during the program.

The visitors present were then recognized.

The room count was then held the winners being Mrs. Martin's room, Mrs. Browning's room and the eighth grade.

A report was heard from the delegates who attended the State Convention at Galveston. Mrs. George Crane and Mrs. W. B. Gunn attended.

After the minutes were read by Mrs. Nix, secretary, the meeting was brought to a close by the entire audience standing and saying "Merry Christmas".

★ EXCHANGES ★

SCRAMBLED EGG:

I wish I were a widdle egg
Away up in a twee;
I wish I were a widdle egg
As wotten as could be.
So when a mean old man
Hollers weal loud at me
I'd mash my widdle wotten
And spatter me on he!
—Quill and Scroll (Who says
above is corny.)

If you are stuck on your
you may get stuck with your
—The Wildcat, Lake Charles, La.

LEGS

Girls who ride horseback
legs like this—()
Girls who go ice skating
legs like this—()

Girls who have baggy stockings
have legs like this—()
Girls who go swimming
legs like this—X

—The Western Mirror, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

★ BOOK NOOK

DRIFTWOOD VALLEY

Theodore C. Stanwell-Field

In a remote part of British Columbia, some thirty miles from the nearest Indian village, over two hundred miles from the nearest road, railroad or telephone, two young people live their log cabin and spend eventful years. Animals, fish, flowers, trees, mountains and lakes were the background for days filled with strenuous activity and unceasing vigilance. Daily living was an adventure itself and called for constant hunting and fishing to keep larger food.

Their mission was scientific to collect specimens of wild and to study the distribution of northern animal species in Canadian museum. But their life was really threefold: adventure and solitude appealed to them well as exploration of virgin unmapped territory. And the outlook was rewardingly mysterious, the artist-explorer's careful observation and drawings greatly enhance the appeal of this story, the naturalist and writer, catching the wonder, the violence, the enchantment of the wilderness engrossing prose.

Together the Stanwell-Fields worked out a personal relationship of mutual dependency under conditions that often called for courage and high moral attitude. Nature in the wilderness is capricious, sometimes gentle, sometimes terrible, demanding strength and endurance. From the moment they selected the site for their cabin, on the shores of the lake, these two remarkable people accepted and turned to their enjoyment the forty-below-zero weather, the deep snows isolate so completely, the hardships along with achievements.

This book is recommended one of the most exciting and entertaining for the average school student. You will want to follow these brave people their adventure.

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Elementary News

GRADE ONE

(Mrs. Evans' Room)
The class is coming! We are busy making decorations for our room and for the Christmas tree. We have drawn names for the drawing contest.

GRADE TWO

(Mrs. Pittman's Room)
We are busy making Christmas decorations for our room and for the Christmas tree. We have drawn names for the drawing contest.

GRADE THREE

(Mrs. Martin's Room)
Horace Mann has a new little sister named Barbara June. Betty Frailey has moved to the Gulf camp.

GRADE FOUR

(Miss Alexander's Room)
We are in the Christmas spirit. We drew names and decorated the room for Santa.

GRADE FIVE

(Miss Hamilton's Room)
(Reporter, Patsy Ann Terrell)
In our room we have three new boys. Their names are Robert, Charles and Bobby.

GRADE SIX

(Mrs. Browning's Room)
(Reporter, Verona Hamblett)
Our room had a play in assembly entitled "Wildcat Willie Carves the Turkey". It was very humorous.

GRADE SEVEN

(Mrs. Alderice's Room)
(Reporter, Rex Knox)
Mary Crownever was sick for one day this week. She is now back in school and feeling fine.

GRADE EIGHT

(Mrs. Browning's Room)
(Reporter, Verona Hamblett)
Our room had a play in assembly entitled "Wildcat Willie Carves the Turkey". It was very humorous.

GRADE NINE

(Mrs. Browning's Room)
(Reporter, Verona Hamblett)
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GRADE TWELVE

(Mrs. Browning's Room)
(Reporter, Verona Hamblett)
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LIBRARY NEWS

Crane Uses 2-3 Mile Of Tape to Keep Going

You may not think that it cost much to run a football team, but Mr. Haralson says that during the season there has been 3600 feet of tape used (or 2-3 of a mile to be exact).

Also to keep the boys going, Raymond Weatherby has used two quarts of liniment, merthiolate and other salves and medicine. Also several feet of gauze bandage and cotton have gone around region champion bruises.

Most of this 2-3 mile of tape was used on ankles, while some of it was used to tape knees and other injuries; also the liniment was used on such injuries as these.

Raymond used the merthiolate on skinned noses and other such injuries.

All of this is in addition to all the pads, braces and other special injury harness which is bought all during the season.

Miller, McCully Acrobats

'Tis a Sad, Sad Story

The senior class is credited with daring acrobats.

First the daring Gene Miller and his motorcycle. One day last week Gene tried to spin his motorcycle around a slick, wet pavement but the thing got down-right mean and wouldn't go. Gene did all the spinning that was done on his hands and knees.

The next day Gene again tries his luck with acrobatics. Going along down the street Gene tries to ride over Elwood Ragland's little of Ford. He didn't make it. Of course Gene blamed the failure on waving to a friend but he later stated that he was used to using Buicks. Poor Gene!

Then Merwyn McCully came along in civics and tried to do a flip over the front row and land at his desk in the second row. But something happened, his foot caught and he fell gracefully to the floor. (Did we say gracefully?) and arose very disappointed in acrobats.

If any other class has any known acrobats the Crane would appreciate the scoop.

Trophy Presented School

During Pep Rally Friday

Charles (Toots) Mathis, co-captain of the Golden Cranes football team, was presented the District Trophy by principal Brady Nix, in Friday afternoon's pep rally. Toots in turn gave the trophy, in behalf of the Crane team, to the school. This prize was gained as a result of much hard work by the members of the football team.

Frank Miller, C. M. Coker, Paul Simon, Alvin Whaley, Charles Mathis, Dwain Stacy, and Eugene Harrington were presented miniature gold footballs by Mr. Nix. These were awarded the boys who made the All-District team.

The pep rally was held before the Bi-District game which was played Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

The program began with a yell presented by the pep squad members. The band played the school song while the audience stood and the pep leaders led the number.

Several other yells were given and the band played "The Showboy" and "Queen City".

The entire audience sang "We're the School With the Spirit" and the pep squad gave a yell.

Mr. Nix reported that the Crane high band won first place and \$75.00 as a result of a contest held in Big Spring on Thursday, December 4.

The program was closed with a yell by the audience.

Tennis Team Invited

To Sun Bowl Festivities

The tennis team has been invited to the Sun Bowl Festival in El Paso. The tournament will start Dec. 27.

The matches will be played on the College of Mines campus. The competition Crane will have to play will probably be El Paso High and Austin High.

Those going to El Paso are: Mr. Crane, Merwyn McCully, Jimmie Neal Stacy and Doris Collins. They will leave the morning of the 26th and will play part of their matches the 27th.

The Sun Bowl Festival will be climaxed by the finals in Tennis on December 30 and these will be a basketball game between Sul Ross and the College of Mines the night of December 30.

Three Students Leave

Three students have withdrawn from Crane High School. The list includes R. E. Mason, Polly Sherrell and Norma Wells.

R. E. Mason, eighth grade, withdrew on December 3, to attend school in Ft. Stockton.

Another member of the eighth grade, Polly Sherrell moved to Clyde, Texas, where she plans to continue her studies.

Matrimony was the step which Norma Wells, ninth grader, decided to take. She plans to go to Odessa to live after her marriage.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below;

When, what to my wandering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall! Now, dash away, dash away, dash away, all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So, up to the house-tops the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf; And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself:

A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"

Crane Campus Corner

Offers New Pleasures To Students of CHS

How would you like a piece of delicious home-made pie and a cup of steaming hot coffee before school these cold mornings or at noon? Since the Crane Campus Corner has opened under the management of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shirley this is now possible.

Campus Corner has one of the best stocks of candies in town, ranging from penny suckers to pound boxes of chocolates.

Also nice on cold days is the piping hot chili they serve.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and the things a school boy or girl likes are to be found there.

There are novelties hanging around that would make cute Christmas gifts. The "Puzzle Pups" key chains or the Oral Kit, containing a folding tooth brush and tooth powder well, are the little things that mount up to the big things.

Mrs. Shirley has a very nice assortment of cards on display. She has Christmas cards of religious or humorous types. She also has novelty stationery for children.

Furthermore, venetian blinds can be bought through Mr. and Mrs. Shirley. The blinds may be had in wood or various metals.

If you need a pencil or a loaf of bread, it's all the same; the Campus Corner is the place to get it in a hurry since they handle groceries and school supplies.

Along with the rest of the articles named, there is a nice supply of fireworks for the Yuletide season.

Although there is hammering and noise around, it can do nothing to interfere with the pleasant atmosphere found at the Campus Corner, any time between 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

CRANE COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

The Crane colored school had its first party Tuesday, November 25.

The party was sponsored by the P. T. A. of which Mrs. M. Hollins is the president.

The Sunday School B.T.U. and school are to have a joint program and Christmas tree. Mrs. Lydia Hollins was appointed from these two organizations in getting the program started.

The colored school has increased its enrollment from 20 to 24 since the first of school. Those enrolled are: Tommy Lee Hollins, James H. Hollins, Hazel Marie Hollins, Curtis Hunter, Mary Ellen Jones, Roy Milton Jones, Rosieella Jones, Johnnie M. Jones, Walterlene Jeffery, Gala Ruth Jeffery, Earnestine Jeffery, Glenn Jeffery, Margaret Lewis, Bobbie Jean Love, Alice Ruth Miles, Irene Morris, Luther Morris, Willie D. Morris, Anny Y. Lathon, Hazel Ruth Lathon, Johnnie Ray Hollins, Imogene Newton, Odell Morris, Jackie R. Sanders and Jimmy Lee Finley.

The most outstanding students of the Crane colored school are Tommy Lee Hollins, James H. Hollins, Rosieella Jones, Irene Morris, Hazel Ruth Lathon and Jimmie Lee Finley. Jimmy Lee, by the way, is only four years old and can out spell many of the students in school.

The Sunday morning church services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Hollins. The attendance is increasing every Sunday.

New Student Enrolls

Jackie Lou Mackie, new student from Ralls, Texas, enrolled in C. H. S., Wednesday, Dec. 3 as a freshman. Jackie Lou is a niece of the J. A. Glenns, who reside in the Tidewater Camp. She will live with them while attending school. Jackie is a former student of Ralls and also attended school at Happy, Texas, earlier in the year.

When asked for her first impression of the school, she replied, "So far I like it fine, but haven't had time to get acquainted very much".

Physical Ed. Classes Practicing Volleyball

Coming Back! Spike It! Wham! Don't get alarmed. It's only Mrs. Davidson's P. E. classes playing volleyball.

Mrs. Davidson has decided to wait until after Christmas to start volleyball practice.

Everyone seems to have the volleyball spirit this year, and Crane will be backing the team 100%.

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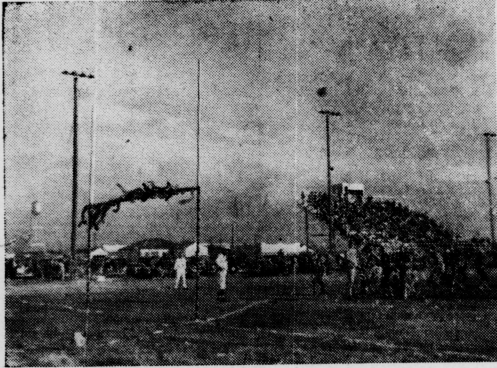
Kids Retreat

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Helen McLendon,

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Billy Collins booting extra point for Crane

Crane Loses Seven All-District Players And Four Other Gridders in Final Game

Cranes Pluck Eagles 47-0 on El Ave Field, Gain Bi-District Honors

With a muddy field hampering their fast-breaking power plays, Crane's Golden Cranes plucked the Sanderson Eagles 47-0 at Crane Friday a week ago to cap the 5-B-6-B bi-district championship and advance a step to meet Menard for regional honors.

Late in the first quarter, the scoring ice was broken when Crane's left guard, C. M. Coker, blocked a punt which sent the pigskin into the waiting arms of Frank Waller, who crossed the goal line for the Crane's first score. Collins kicked the extra point to give Crane a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

After an exchange of punts in the second quarter, the Cranes had possession of the ball on the Eagles' 31 yard line.

McCully, Crane's sensational quarterback, pulled a double fake to pivot and spin around his right end for eleven yards, which set up the Cranes' next touchdown. The touchdown was made by Mathis, Crane's powerful, hard-driving fullback, who carried the mail seventeen yards on the next play. Collins again converted.

Crane's swift little halfback, Dwain Stacy, chalked up two more touchdowns in the second quarter and Collins kicked both points, running the half-time score up to 28-0.

Opening the third quarter, scab-back Stacy, again following his interference with amazing talent, broke loose for a 65-yard run ending in a touchdown. Collins kicked the ball squarely between the goal posts.

In the closing moments of the same quarter, Dwain again scored with a seven-yard plunge through the Eagle line.

The last touchdown was made by Crane's all-district end, Frank Waller, who went fifteen yards for a touchdown.

Players outstanding on defense for Crane were Alvin Whaley, C. M. Coker, Elmo Rust, Jinx Harrington and Don Bradley.

Other players that showed up greatly for the Crane team and contributed much to their success are Paul Simon and Billy Henderson. Mathis, the mainstay, sat out much of the game because of a bruised shoulder. The Cranes substituted freely.

Crane's total yardage from scrimmage was 301 yards to Sanderson's 55.

Starting lineup for Crane was as follows: Frank Waller, RE; Elmo Rust, RT; Jinx Harrington, RG; Paul Simon, C; C. M. Coker, LG; Alvin Whaley, LT; Don Bradley, LE; Backs were Toots Mathis, Merwyn McCully, Dwain Stacy and Billy Henderson.



Waller, Crane end, being tackled by Sanderson

Crane High Wins 56 Trophies In Only 14 Years

In the past fourteen years the school has received some 56 trophies or awards of some kind. The band accounts for 26 of these, which have been won in the past nine years. The basketball teams added 20 to the trophy case. The others were won by track, tennis, debate, school paper, and coral club stars.

The last trophy to be put among them was a trophy awarded as result of winning district in football.

The first trophy was awarded to the school in 1933 with the girls' basketball team, winners of the Wink tournament, bringing in this honor.

The boys' basketball team placed the second one in the case when they won the Big Lake tournament in 1934.

From there the boys took over and have won nine trophies at tournaments in senior boys basketball.

In 1943 the boys again broke loose and added a trophy for winning the district championship. They followed this up by winning again in '46 and '47. In 1946 the basketball team journeyed to Marfa to bring back a second place trophy in the regional tournament.

The band came into the trophy case in 1938 by winning first in the West Texas Band Contest. Since that time the band has won nine trophies all of which are first divisions except three. Two of them are second division and the other is a loving cup presented to them by Joske's Battle of Flowers in San Antonio.

One of the trophies was won at the Sun Carnival in El Paso. Last year the band went to Enid, Oklahoma and brought back three certificates of award.

Also there are three track trophies which were won by both junior and senior boys.

The Choral Club has three awards and "The Crane" has won one, plus several certificates.

Doug Crane's tennis team has put in two trophies, one of which was a district championship award.

The annual Christmas formal dance sponsored by the senior class will be held December 20 at the community hall.

Each senior is allowed to invite four guests. Plans are being made concerning the dance.

Those on the committee for the dance are: Charles Mathis, chairman; June Crowmover, Eleanor Rush, Ladean McCasland, Barbara Mason, Billie Hardesty, Clorene Watts, Frank Waller, Eugene Harrington, Bill Kelton, and Alvin Whaley.

The program included: Crucifixus by Lotti, Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation by Brahms, Come, Juesus, Come, Bach, Hodie Christus Est by Palestrina, God Is With Us by Kastalsky, Carillon by Cain, An Apostrophe to the Heavenly Host by Willan, O What a Beautiful City, arr. Dawson, Steal Away, arr. Hall, Set Down, Servant, arr. Shaw.

There Is A Balm in Gilead, arr. Dawson, Ezekiel Saw De Wheel, arr. Dawson, Whoopie Ti Yi Yo, arr. O'Hara, Navajo War Dance by Farwell.

Optional numbers included Soldier, Soldier by Powell and Religion Is A Fortune, as arr. by Hall-Johnson.

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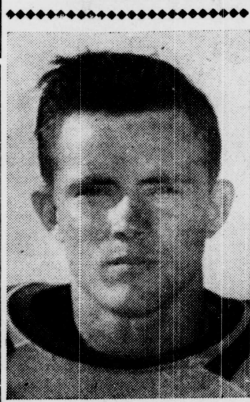
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THE CRANE

★ Gridiron Greats ★



C. M. COKER

C. M., better known as "Coke" to all the Crane students, was born July 22, 1930, in Chandler, Oklahoma.

He moved to Crane in 1937 and started to school Valentine Day.

"Coke" has been interested in football as we can see by his record. He played pee wee one year, junior football four years, and senior ball also for four years, lettering two years on this team. He is also one of Crane's all-district guards for 1947.

C. M. has played basketball, too, playing three years on the junior team and three years with the seniors.

Nineteen Jr. Gridders To Receive Jacket

On Monday, December 1, 1947, the junior football team was measured for jackets which they are to receive in February.

The jackets are to be in the school colors, each with a "C" on it. In the "C" the word Junior is to appear with the number of years the owner has lettered. Also the jackets are to cost \$10 each.

Twenty-one jackets were ordered but one was for the coach and the manager.

The young Cranes getting jackets were: Bill Teague, John Clark, Bobby D. Smith, Jimmy Stacy, John Hickey, Charles Phemister, Doyle Lakin, Eddie Tailman, Kenneth Acuff, Ray Knox, Billy D. Ingram, Truman Flowers, Clovis Lewis, Henry Cook, Boob Kelton, Art, Booth, Bill Clark, Shirley Meers, Buster Pendleton, manager, and Coach J. L. Alderice.

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Crane Basketball Team Starts Season Drill

The Golden Crane's basketball team went into action December 11 against their old rival, McCamey, but due to several boys still playing football only two games were scheduled before the Christmas holidays.

The boys who played junior football are playing these two games.

Mr. Nix, basketball coach, announced the schedule as follows:

December 11, McCamey in McCamey

December 16, Big Lake in Crane

January 3, Big Lake in Big Lake

January 6, Wink in Wink

January 9, Grandfalls in Grandfalls

January 10, McCamey in Crane

January 13, Iraan in Crane

January 16, Stockton in Crane

January 27, Imperial in Crane

January 29, Grandfalls in Crane

January 31, Andrews in Crane

February 3, Iraan in Iraan

February 6, Stockton in Stockton

February 7, Andrews in Andrews

February 13, Imperial in Crane

February 14, Wink in Crane

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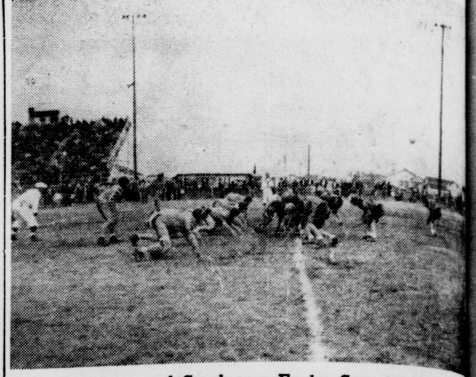
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Cranes and Sanderson Eagles Squaring-Off

Wells-Arnold Rites Read By Rev. J. N. Whetstone In Twilight Service

On the evening of December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Norma Jean Wells became the bride of Marvin Arnold.

The ceremony was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wells, the bride's parents, with the Rev. J. N. Whetstone reading the vows.

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