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Well, folks, here we are again with a little news about everything.

"The Crane" received two foreign exchanges last week. One from Sutton, England, and the other from Mirzapur, India. Both of these exchanges are in the form of magazines.

This nice exchange letter came with the magazine from Mirzapur: Dear Exchange Editor:

We thank you for your letter and paper and shall be glad to exchange our magazine with yours.

It not only gives us an opportunity to learn the working and activities of American schools, but also establishes a bond of international relationship.

Our next issue, which is published three in a year, shall be out by the end of January, 1942, in February. We shall be very glad if you can see your way to send us something for insertion by way of criticism or suggestion.

With best wishes,
Yours faithfully,
EXCHANGE EDITOR.

If you find your task is hard,
Try, try again;
Time will bring you your reward,
Try, try again.
All that other folks can do,
Why, with patience, may not you?
Only keep this rule in view,
Try, try again.

These exchanges from England and India show a distinct difference between American and European journalism. We go for loud make-up, large display headlines and humor. They are very conservative on display, and scanty on humor. They exalt the serious side of life, the intellectual, and most of their stories editorialize.

Friends in Mirzapur, India, and Sutton, England, we appreciate the exchanges and we hope that your Sir Stafford Cripps and your Mahatmas K. Ghandi will have united your two great countries in a powerful, anti-axis band. (They are still in conference at the time of this writing.)

A draft board official in Texas asked a recruit: "What do you think about the war?"
Recruit: "I can assure you that if the United States gets in the war, Texas will be next."—The Dynamo.

"Education is the introduction of control to experience in terms of some great ideal."—Pro. E. E. Billington.

Irene Raybon: "What did the choocoo say when it went thru the tunnel?"
Joyce Allman: "I don't know. What?"
Irene Raybon: "Pitch a little, pitch a little, woo-woo."

Glen Johnson Holds Clinic at Crane High

Glen Johnson, Texas College of Music Department Director, held a two day band clinic April 10 and 11. A band concert Saturday night was a climax to the clinic.
Mr. Johnson stressed correct breathing more than anything else. He also gave his own interpretations on the concert numbers.

June Armstrong Weds E. E. Tinker To Live In Crane

Miss June Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. G. J. Armstrong, became the bride of Mr. Edward E. Tinker, March 26, 1942, at 8 p. m. Father Schaffle of Odessa per-



formed the double-ring ceremony in the home of Mrs. M. E. Young, the bride's grandmother.

The bride was attired in a blue suit with white accessories.

Mr. Martin Ingram and Miss Betty Moore were the only attendants.

Mr. J. R. Todd, Miss Lottie Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCorkle, Mrs. G. J. Armstrong, W. J. Davis, and Mrs. M. E. Young were the guests present for the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinker will live here in Crane. Mr. Tinker is employed by the Gulf Oil Co.

Mrs. Tinker is a former Crane student.

Mrs. A. E. Galloway To Present Students In Recital April 23

Mrs. A. E. Galloway will present her music students in a recital on Thursday night, April 23, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

Featured on the program will be Maybelle Bonner and Tommye Lou Hamblett, two seniors, who have been doing outstanding work in this department for a number of years.

Admission is free and everyone is urged to attend.

Other students appearing in this recital are:

Fay Dean Hankins, Lou Ann Pressley, Vernon Lee Allman, Melba Rae Bell, Juana Nell Brightman, Mary Lou Boone, Ann and Rose Marie Boyd;

Nona Tear and Esther Mae Browning, Bobby Brandon, Henry Cook, Peggy Daniel, Glenn Elliott, Dorothy June Frank, Marjorie Hodnett, Artie Fern Henderson, Marilyn Lowe;

Martha Ellen Murray, Doyle Miller, Dan McDaniel, Betty Price, Clark Pressley, Mary Pickering, Lionel, Patricia and Rozanne Pendleton, Zoe Reynolds, Joan Rhinehart, Nancy Shaw, Mary Louise Shackelford, Mary Lou Wilson, and Cynthia Zafonotis.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Men Vs. Women In Battle of Wits Prove Women Are The Smarter

Last week's assembly program went over with a loud bang as Mr. Yarbro's classes showed that teachers aren't so smart after all.

Before the program started, six senior boys forcefully ejected Guy Eddie Bosworth from the front row seats and took their usual places in what would be at a burlesque show "the baldheaded row."

The program opened with the "Bang-Em-Up Bingham's," two grade school boys, pounding "h" and other letters out of two typewriters at the incredible rate of 80 words per minute.

Mr. Yarbro, the master of ceremonies, called Miss Herring, Miss Boynton ("Cookie"), Miss Stroud, Mrs. Elmore, Mr. Nix, Mr. Martin,

Crane and McCamey Bands To Entertain Texas Defense Guard

A patriotic rally presenting the Crane-McCamey bands in a mass concert, honoring the Texas Defense Guards, will be held in El Ave Bowl April 19, 8: 5 p. m. Admission will be a defense stamp.

Everyone is urged to attend the rally. Come out and see your defense unit.

One of the main features of the program will be the introduction of the march, "Texas Defense Guards," written by Kenneth O. Vaughan, McCamey band director. This march will be given to the McCamey and Crane units for their official march.

This same rally will be held in McCamey April 20.

Nix Entertains Athletes With Cream Supper

Coach Brady Nix entertained the 1941-42 basketball squad with a delicious ice cream supper at his home on Wednesday evening. There were three and a half gallons of ice cream and plenty of cake.

Those attending the supper were:

Norman Brunette, Harold Pettit, Jack Ellison, Earl Teague, George and Joe Grounds, B. H. Mansell, J. L. Hutchison, Billy Wright, Ralph Browne, Billy Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Patterson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and daughter.

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entertained with a werner roast at the football field last Monday night at 7:30. This party helped to celebrate the closing of Glen Johnson's clinic and also as the appreciation of the band's hard work by Mr. Nix.

The Band Mothers Club served all the students with ice cream beside the werner and such that goes with a werner roast.

Ann Boyd Injured In Fall From Horse

Ann Boyd, freshman of old Crane High, has returned to school after a serious encounter two weeks ago with a frisky horse and a barbed wire fence.

The horse, dodging from beneath her, left her stretched across a barbed wire fence where she received a severe cut under the left arm. She was taken to the hospital where 22 stitches were taken in the wound.

Shop Boys' Projects Shown at Evin Drug

Numerous projects made by the shop students are being displayed in the Evin Drug.

The projects were made by the students of both metal and woodwork, and include butcher knives, hunting knives, spurs, checkerboards, clip boards, foundry projects and tables.

Billy Joe Maynard was home for the holidays visiting his parents here.

Elmer Grounds, a freshman in the College of Mines, was in Crane for the holidays.

Men Vs. Women In Battle of Wits Prove Women Are The Smarter

Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Patterson from the audience to participate in a quiz program.

The teachers revealed their blissful ignorance of such higher literature as "Li'l Abner" and "Barney Google."

Mr. Martin exhibited a vast knowledge of geography when answering Mr. Nix's question, but could not answer the puzzlers directed at him.

Senior Patterson proved himself an expert on prize fighters, while Miss Stroud was completely dumbfounded on some subjects (except that peacocks do not lay eggs.)

The women proved themselves superior in knowledge by beating the men by one and one-half points.

Hayter-Fisher Wedding Vows Read In Odessa

Miss Doris Hayter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hayter, became the bride of Mr. Jack Fisher at 9 p. m. March 28, in the home



of Judge Denison of Odessa. Judge Denison performed the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a pink crepe dress with white accessories. Earlene Williams and R. L. Hayter were the attendants. Mrs. Denison and her daughter were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are living in Hobbs, N. M., where he is employed by the Banks Marlin Co. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are students of Crane Hi.

Martin Meets With Super At Ft. Stockton

L. L. Martin, superintendent, attended a meeting of superintendents in Fort Stockton yesterday, relative to the sugar rationing program the teachers will be in charge of some time in the near future.

Band Celebrates With Werner Roast, Monday

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Ghandi, Sir Stafford Cripps Send Envoys to Crane High, U. S. A.

Two very remarkable visitors blew into Crane High the other day. One of them was draped in the long, loose robes and turban of Mahatma Ghandi of India and the other wore the monocle, carried the cane, and spoke with the cultured accent of an aristocratic English lord.

Although our modest guests did not speak a word of their trip from their homes to Crane High, we know their journey was a perilous one.

We know that they were long, dangerous months on the way to Crane. We know that they zig-zagged back and forth through Axis sub-infested waters through-out gray, stormy days and pitch-black, terror-stricken nights. We are certain that if any German, Italian, or Japanese bomber had sighted the ship of our guests, they would have tried their best to send her to Davy Jones. For it is a well known fact that both of our guests are mortal enemies of Hitler. They tell us so themselves.

One of our guests braved his way half way around the world, and through hostile waters, just to bring us a message of friendship and hope. The other guest did not come as far, but he came from off the coast of Europe, and that is no small feat considering the way Hitler has the Atlantic sown with death-dealing subs.

Now let us introduce these very strange ambassadors of good will, Babu Lal Jaiswal High School Magazine from Mirzapur, India, and The Suttonian Magazine from the Sutton County School of Sutton, England.

Terry Brunette, former Crane student, was home for the Easter holidays visiting his parents and friends.

Shower Honoring Marjorie Brandon Is Given at Gulf Hall

Miss Marjorie Brandon, who is to become the bride of Ray Evans April 22, 1942, was honored with a bridal shower April 11, at the Gulf Recreation Hall.

The hall was decorated with pot plants of various kinds. Mrs. Leta Mitchell and Mrs. Sammie Brunette were at the tea table where white individual cakes and spiced tea was served.

"Marjorie", a play in seven acts, was given. This little play was Marjorie's life from her birth to her marriage. Miss Billie Morton sang a song for each act accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Galloway, while Mary Louise Shackelford, Venona Hamblett and Jimmy Colvin did the acting.

Mesdames Galloway, Shackelford, Howze and Melton were the hostesses.

Tomlinson and Gunn Win Trustee Race

Mr. E. R. Tomlinson was elected to the Board of Trustees at the meeting Saturday, April 4, 1942. Mr. Tomlinson will take the place vacated by Mr. Grounds, who has been transferred. Mr. W. B. Gunn was re-elected for the next term.

The members of the Board of Trustees are:

J. L. Hutchison, Pres.
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A. M. Marrell
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E. E. Wasson
W. B. Gunn
E. R. Tomlinson

Lottie Willard Weds J. R. Todd

Miss Lottie Willard became the bride of Mr. J. R. Todd, March 27, 8:30 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore. The Rev. M. M. Griggs, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a sky-blue dress with beige and white accessories. She wore a corsage of pink gladiolas.

Jim McCorkle, Martin Ingram, Betty Moore, and Odell Willard were the attendants.

Mr. Todd graduated from Crane Hi in 1939.

Dorothy Lee Boone was home over the week end for the Easter holidays with her parents.

Martin Sees Dark Future, But To Him It Has Its Bright Side

Mr. L. L. Martin, Crane school superintendent, was asked to express his views on the world situation which might possibly exist a year from now.

Mr. Martin is a man with a sense of humor and a desire for fun even in the most critical and serious situations, so he is likely to look on the funny side first. Without giving time for questions, he stated, "There shall be more old maids with less hope."

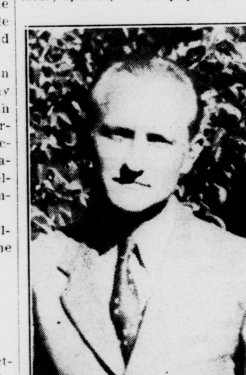
To the question, "How will our schools change in one year from now?" he answered: "There will be very few men teachers and therefore perhaps a lessening of athletics. They will be more important from the standpoint of our country's need of strong, healthy manpower, and less stressed because of the lack of transportation which is likely to exist. So far there has been no instructions sent out to contrive a broadening of the athletic program. The schools will probably create a broader and more stressed body-building program, however."

"There will be certain fields of education brought to prominence because of the demand of government in warfare. For boys, math and science will be given in a more advanced degree."

"Girls will probably find their place in nutrition and health matters, and for their accommodation schools will give a more full and stressed course in these studies."

Kurt W. Lenser Will Condition Naval Recruits

Kurt W. Lenser, assistant coach, left Crane on Sunday, April 5, for Norfolk, Va., where he is to assume the position of petty officer, special, in the physical edu-



cation department of the navy. He will remain in Norfolk for about six weeks and from there his destination is unknown.

Mrs. Lenser went to Stratton, Neb., where she will remain until after Mr. Lenser's training period, then she will join him.

Mr. Lenser attended the University of Nebraska, and he also wrote a book, Practical Six-Man Football. He is the second coach to leave Crane for that position in the navy.

They won this right to attend the convention with all average scores on five journalism tests that were given to determine the winners.

The tests given were in feature writing, headline writing, news story writing, editorial writing, and copy reading. These same five tests will be given at the state convention.

Lila Lee Earp won third place in the contest, with Irene Raybon and Juanita Wallis tying for the fourth.

Paul Patterson, sponsor, will also attend the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Todd were the only attendants.

Mr. Ingram was graduated from Crane High School in 1940.

Effie Lucille Fortenberry, a former Crane student, was home over the week end visiting her father and friends.

Crane's Scholastic Census Reaches 671; Increase Over 1941

Crane Independent School's scholastic census for the current school term, according to Miss Gleny Herring, business manager, are 671 as compared to only 623 last year.

An allowance of \$22.50 per student brings the state available fund up to \$15,097.50. This fund, allowed each year by the state, is used only for the payment of teachers' salaries.

The tax roll budget for this year amounted to \$73,610.45 as compared to \$75,410.05 last year. Of this amount, 98 to 99 per cent will be collected, 95 per cent of which will be used to make up the local maintenance fund, from which the school expenses for the year are paid. This fund is also used to make up the shortage of the state available fund. The other five per cent is used to make up the interest and sinking fund, which is used to pay off the indebtedness of the school. This indebtedness amounts to only \$20,000, of which \$5,000 is paid each year.

New Incinerator Built

Much to Miss Herring's pleasure, after all these many years of insistence, a new concrete incinerator 8x12x5 feet has been built west of the school building.

L. A. Heard and Cecil DeLoach did the work.

Martin Speaks To Buena Visto P.-T. A.

Supt. L. L. Martin made a talk to the Parent-Teacher Association of Buena Vista Tuesday, April 14, on the subject, "Education in the Present Crisis."

Juniors, Seniors Banquet, Prom To Be April 24

Stags Appearing at Prom Will Pay 50 and 75 Cents Each

Plans have recently been made for the Junior-Senior prom and banquet. They are scheduled for April 24 at 7:30 at the Recreation Hall.

Only juniors and seniors may be admitted to the banquet but outsiders may come to the prom provided they have an invitation from a junior or senior.

Boys within the senior and junior classes, who are without dates, will be admitted for 50 cents; boy stags not in either of the above mentioned classes must pay 75 cents; and couples not in either class will be charged one dollar. There will be no admission for junior and senior couples.

Although the program is being kept secret, this should not cause a delay in the preparation of dates on the students' part. All boys are urged to have dates since there are girls enough for each one.

Johnson, Kelton To Represent The Crane At State Convention

Vera Mae Johnson and Elmer Kelton will represent The Crane at the Interscholastic League Press Convention in Austin May 8 and 9.

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THE CRANE'S CREED

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

Tortoise Vs. Hare; Same Old Story

Once upon a time (the time is now) there went to a certain high school (the high school in Crane) a tortoise and a hare (the tortoise and the hare are two Crane students).
It is a well-known fact that the hare and the tortoise ran a regular race down a regular track but this particular race is down an irregular track and is a very irregular race.
Here is how it goes:
The track is a school year, and the minute the September starting pistol fires, the tortoise is off, whereas, the rabbit, knowing his terrific speed, smiles and relaxes. (Both about the same speed) come momentum, only smiles the broader and lies back down.
Spring, with its wind, comes around again, and so does the tortoise, not like the wind, of course, but he's running smooth and breathing easy. So is the hare breathing easy but he's not running.
Balm late spring ushers in the last six-weeks lap of the tortoise and again he passes the hare reclining on the green grass. When the tortoise creeps by, the rabbit (pardon us, the hare) realizes for the first time that he has nine months to do in exactly six (weeks) flat. Still unfrightened, he calmly gets up, flexes his powerful sprinting muscles, winks confidently at himself, and bursts away like a U. S. bomb on its downward flight to Tokio. Never before did you see such dazzling speed. His feet scream like new tires on a college boy's roadster before the rubber shortage. Three times he whistles by the calm tortoise, but the fourth time the pace begins to tell. By the middle of the fourth lap, his tongue hangs out longer than his ears. Finally, he falls across the finish line a few minutes after the deadline. The tortoise had already graduated and gone on to take his valuable place in helping Uncle Sam win the war. Again the rabbit has run fast but has thought slowly.
MORAL: This story should have been told and heeded seven months ago. As it is, both the story and the hare (of Crane High School) have come in a half of a year late.
Promptness works its magic, whereas much delay is tragic.

Here Is An East Indian Version of War

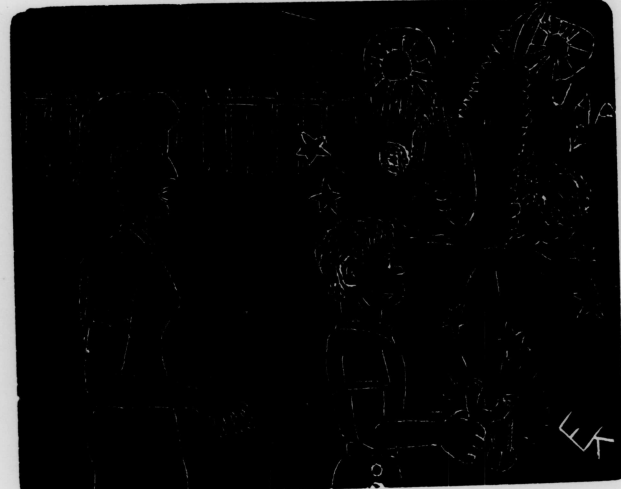
The present war, which is nothing but a chronology of blood-curd-Eng takes, brutal murders, wholesale bombardment of innocent, peace-loving citizens, annihilation of God's best creation, and a dark spot on modern civilization, began on September 19, 1939, and has now lasted more than two years.
As soon as Hitler felt secure in Europe, he embarked on an aggressive career. The historical treaty of Versailles, which was calculated to give the world a lasting peace, was set at naught. English, French and American nations were striving hard to keep the world peace, whereas, Hitler was secretly increasing German armaments. Many novel and deadly weapons of war were being manufactured and deposited in subterranean recesses constructed for the purpose.
Hitler has said in his book that he is not against peace, but he alleges that world peace is possible only when the strongest nation establishes peace, not by conferences, but at the point of the bayonet. In other words, Hitler's intention is to keep the world under bondage and to rule with a rod of iron.
—Taken from the Babu Lal Jaiswal High School, Mirzapur, India.

How We Can Help America Win

This war in which America is now involved is to be fought by every individual in America. We, the students of Crane High, are American individuals; therefore, it is our duty as a citizen to assist in every way possible in winning this war.
The defense stamps and bonds that we buy are of vital importance to the nation, but there should be support other than that created by money. During a war, the morals and culture of a country usually drop below the average; however, if the young people, who are to make up the future generations, would uphold and maintain the moral standards and culture of America, they would be helping to preserve two of the important factors in this free, beloved nation, which is, after all, the purpose of the present war.

FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS

AIN'T HE AIRCRAFTY



Junior, what are you doing?

The Dirt Dauber

When IRA G. CROWNOVER is home, BETTY ARNOLD has no worries at all with ONE exception, and that is how to keep JEARLEE from going with him; that is one big problem, eh, Betty?—LILA LEE certainly has the system, she rates a bracelet from her soldier boy friend; Lila, you shouldn't be a GOLD DIGGER because, after all, he only makes \$21 a month.
—The way I understand about these lectures, the students ARE NOT the only ones who get them; isn't that right, TEACHER-S?—NORMAN and DOROTHY MAE are still at it even if Dorothy Mae does trifle on him every now and then; I guess she does that so he won't get too sure of her. (Good excuse, anyhow.) Sharing his...
LOVELACE has been LESTA'S escort. Robert pays much MORE attention than before; nice work. Lesta — JOHNNIE STOKES is going around in circles and getting no place fast with BILLIE RUTH when it comes to trying to talk about her trip to Monahans over the week end; don't be so nosy, Johnnie, so there, too! — MISS WHITAKER grinned rather SHEEPISH the other day when asked about a certain soldier boy in Midland. Is it that bad already, Jo? — BOBBY SMITH AND JOHN HEARD are still at it, but the progress is rather slow, I hear — BILLY LOWE hasn't been having much to do with the girls lately. What's the matter, boy, haven't you gotten over the last affair yet?
Last week all the members of...
The poor girl in study hall every day; now, B. H., I ask you is that nice? After all, Mr. Patterson does hate to interrupt such pretty speeches, don't you, Mr. Patterson? — Since the new girl, BONNIE MAE, has enrolled in school, a few male hearts have been beating a trifle too fast; boys, you can tell your hearts to stop the extra labor because she has a boy friend elsewhere, I hear — It is rumored that ANN BOYD and BILL WAL-LIS are supposed to be "steadies," but that's not the way I see it, eh, JACK ELLISON? — BETTY JO MITSICK is being escorted around by a certain JIM of McCamey after receiving a letter from OSCAR BUSHWAR, who is also of McCamey; my, but that letter must have turned the leaf, eh, Betty? — ROBERT EARL HESTER evidently likes competition because since CHARLES

SOUR NOTES From The Band

Glen Johnson, music director from the School of Mines, held a two day clinic for the Crane Band last Friday and Saturday. A band concert was the climax of the clinic.
If the day was pretty last Monday, Mr. Nounce was given to give the concert band a werner roast to show his appreciation for their hard work.
It certainly would thrill anyone to hear the piccolo swing out on "The Stars and Stripes Forever," especially if Melvyn Hawthorne was on the "blowing end."
Mr. Hoffman is holding a two day clinic this week. He will also present the band in a concert. Mr. Hoffman is director of the Houston Symphony.
A lady with brown eyes and brown hair was born in Maypearl, Texas, and only she knows when. This lady is none other than Miss Mamie Smith, who teaches the

FEATURING FEMALES OF OUR FACULTY

Speaking of women of the faculty, Mrs. Elmore has them all beat. She has had a very thrilling life, even though she is only five feet tall and weighs 96 pounds.



She has brown eyes and brown hair, which is turning gray. (She is a grandmother, why shouldn't she be turning gray?)
Let's take a little time out and go over a brief period of Mrs. Elmore's life, because she's had some very interesting experiences. During her high school days, Mrs. Elmore studied dancing. When she was only fifteen, she danced one summer in New York with Vestoff, a Russian ballet dancer. After attending Kidd-Key Junior College, she eloped. She went to the University of Wisconsin and Columbia. Later she taught physical education ten years at Kidd-Key. She received her Literary Science Degree at TSCW.
Horseback riding, shrimp, reading, movies, dogs, prowling in new houses, and Fredric March all please Mrs. Elmore very much. She doesn't like people without a sense of humor, though.
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FROM THE CRANE FILES

2 YEARS AGO: Ernestine Holes won first place for senior girls, Orville Cohn first for senior boys in the county Inter-scholastic declamation contest, held March 25.
484 scholastics are now enrolled in the Crane common school district.

8 YEARS AGO: The Crane public school band, under the direction of O. E. Hawkins, will present a formal concert in the high school auditorium Monday, April 2.
A new editor and business manager for The Crane will be selected at the close of this school term to succeed Charles Passur and Alton Sikes.

5 YEARS AGO: Billie Marie Morton, fifth grade student, represented Crane in the Ward Girls' Declamation Division of the district meet in Midland, and won third place.
Each section of the fourth grade received a card from Miss Lea on her way to England.

4 YEARS AGO: "The Ring and the Look", the Crane conference play, took third place, and Hershel Boyd and Margie Trice placed third and second, respectively, in the individual honors at the district meet in Midland Friday, April '4.
Finis Butler, Marion Brunetta, and Mill Joyce Seger were in McCamey April 18.

2 YEARS AGO: The senior class will leave for Abilene April 27 at four o'clock a. m. to attend the annual State Senior Day at Hardin-Simmons University.

POET'S CORNER

BREAKING OF YUKON JAKE
Yukon Jake was tough as a stake,
And harder than tempered steel.
He once used his brow for a turning plow,
And his chin for an emery wheel.
To Yukon Jake the worst rattlesnake
Was a harmless piece of what
With live diamond backs,
He held up his slacks,
And picked out his teeth with his fans.

When Jake had to sneeze, the flowers and trees
Would curl up and wither away.
Every cow on the place that he looked in the face,
From then on would give paw weh.

Old Jake hadn't known a home of his own;
He wandered from here and there;
When sleep he did crave, he'd find it in a cave,
And kick out a grizzly bear.

Jake's greatest delights were boys' room fights;
He gloried in fistic attacks.
He'd grab three or four and march up the floor,
'Till it glittered like Johnson's wax.

Jake cleaned each saloon between Nome and the moon.
And clipped all the bartenders' ears.
He'd then take the dive and float fish and thrive
On whiskies, Martinis and beers.

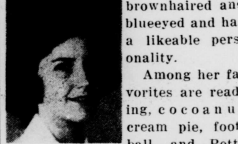
But to bad men, too, comes a Waterloo,
And Jake's came to him up in Nome.
Now, tired of the strife in a bar-room life,
He decided to make his way home.

He entered the door, and wheeled with a roar,
Then screaming he ran from the house,
For there in a chair, with fans sharp and bare,
Sat a beady-eyed, razor-clawed MOUSE!

Gene Pendleton was home for the Easter holidays visiting his family.

INTRODUCING THE SENIORS

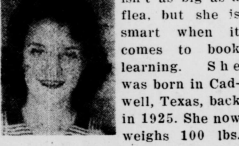
RUTH PICKERING
One of the few full-fledged Cranes (born in Crane) is Ruth Pickering, born on October 15, 1927. Ruth is brownhaired and blueeyed and has a likeable personality.



Among her favorites are reading, cocoa nut cream pie, football, and Betty Davis and Gary Cooper. She prefers tall, dark boys and hates sac-

castle people. She plans to attend Draughon's Business College. Her greatest ambition is to become a secretary.
During Ruth's nine years in Crane school, she has participated in the pep squad, Crane Little Theatre, volleyball, Glee Club, Library Club, and the string class.
Ruth is the youngest person that has ever graduated from CHS and she stands among the heads of her class as far as grades are concerned.

DOROTHY SHERWOOD
Speaking of little people, the seniors have their share of them this year. Take Dorothy Mae for example. She isn't as big as a flea, but she is smart when it comes to book learning. She was born in Cadwell, Texas, back in 1925. She now weighs 100 lbs. and is 5 ft. 1 in. tall. Her eyes are green and her hair black.



Dorothy's favorite foods are chocolate caramels and cokes. Her favorite movie stars are Dennis Morgan and Gene Tierney. Her favorite book is Deep Summer. Dorothy likes to dance to "Somebody Else Is Taking My Place." Her pet peeve is nosy people.
Long ago, when Dot was only a little girl, her father said, "Dorothy Mae, I'm sending you to school to get educated." Well, Dot gets out in May.



The Patio Prattle isn't filled so very much this time because of lack of romance. It is spring, too. Boys and girls, this is supposed to be spring, why don't you get busy and do something about it? Is it because Mr. Martin is more strict on the students? Well, people, there is such a thing as writing notes, but if you do write them, keep them and let me see them. . . . Talk about notes, Tommy Lou was writing a letter in Civics. Tommy Lou, how about letting us know what is in it, or is it too personal? . . . Beverly, it has been very quiet in your direction, how about some action, or have I been missing something? The boys are very disappointed because they can't talk or whistle at girls in the hall; good! . . . Well, I'm sorry I have to stop because that is as far as my knowledge of gossip goes this time. If you have any gossip that needs to be in the gossip column, please tell me for next time. In other words, since a certain mysterious meeting of profs after school last Wednesday, Patio Prattle has nearly ceased.

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SPORTS



Dan Cupid Launches All-Out Offense On Crane High People

Crane High is to Dan Cupid as the Isle of Malta is to the Nazis, or as Corregidor is to the Japs.

In other words, the little bow and arrow has bombarded C. H. S. with different weapons but with the same intensity as have our enemies, the Axis. In still other words, perhaps plainer, Crane High couples have been marrying right and left (until there's no one left) since the current school year began.

No less than twelve couples, representing the faculty and student body, have fallen beneath the relentless fire of the rosy-cheeked little character with the bow. The casualty list reads like this:

J. L. Alderdice and Dorothy Taylor fell in the fall, as the first victims (the Colin Kellys of love instead of war).

Then along about Christmas the field became littered with victims such as Marcelle Shultz, Edna Taylor, Vernay Boynton, and Inez Sellers.

Then, about the time the sound of Santa's sleigh bells had faded away, three high school girls, Faye Griffin, Dot McAlpin, and Sue Alexander, fell, pierced squarely through the heart.

After this assault, Crane High came up out of its bomb shelter, so to speak, thinking the siege was over, but Crane High was sadly disillusioned. No sooner had it popped its head out until that treacherous little ally to romance had scored again. This time it was on the persons (and hearts) of Mary Eva Corley, Wanda Hooper, Doris Hayter, and June Armstrong (an ex-student).

It is funny, but 11 of the victims have been women! What's the matter with C. H. S. men? Do they wear arrow-proof vests?

USELESS INFORMATION

Two of the journalism students will go to Austin May 8-9.

It's only five weeks until school is out. (Boy, oh, boy!)

Since Mr. Lenser joined the navy, Mr. Nix and Mr. Yarbro are teaching his civics classes.

There have been several cases of measles and mumps in and around Crane.

The Junior-Senior Banquet is to be Friday, April 24. This is not so useless.

Floy slept from 1 o'clock till 4 o'clock Sunday, April 12.

Cliff Goble sat on the gym steps singing "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Earl Teague ain't got nobody no more.

Joy Lou Grimes likes to read books.

Mr. Yarbro stated that he also got sleepy during classes.

Miss Herring likes cokes.

Some one is forever getting all the chalk in the English room, and the seniors are accused.

W. H. Lovelace is getting taller.

The days are beginning to get longer and warmer.

Not only the weather, but the teachers are making it hot for us these days.

Ira Gail Crownover spent several days in Crane visiting par-

Irene Raybon spent the Easter holidays in Wink visiting with friends.

Yarbro Sponsors Quiz Program

The assembly program for Wednesday, April 8, was a quiz program sponsored by J. W. Yarbro. The program opened with a typing speed contest between the Bingham brothers, whose average was about 81 words per minute.

Next came the quiz part of the program. The four men and women on the high school faculty

were called to the stage. They were asked questions on comic strips, animals and people, fictitious characters, historical and geography questions. The ladies won with a score of 64 to 62 1-2 points.

Miss Gressett, accompanied by Mrs. G. E. McCorkle, visited in Westbrook, Texas, during the Easter holidays. Mr. Yarbro accompanied them as far as Big Spring to visit his family in For-

Crane Champs Play Tennis In Midland

Last week end the boys and girls went to Midland for the tennis tournament. Although they did not win anything, they put up a stiff fight.

Boys' doubles were Billy Ray Wright and J. L. Hutchinson, with scores of 6 to 1 and 6 to 3. Boys' singles was Ray Roper with scores of 6 to 4 and 6 to 3.

Girls' singles were Rosanne Pendleton with scores of 6 to 4,

6 to 4, and 6 to 3. Girls' doubles were Pat Pendleton and Florene Cagle with scores of 6 to 4 and 6 to 4.

Girls' flattery is nothing but soft soap, and soap is 90 per cent lye.—The Panther.

Billie Ruth Bryant, Dorothy Mae Sherwood, Lorea McCorkle, and Doris Coker, spent this past week end in Monahan visiting relatives.

Johnson, Jones Edit This Issue of Crane

Vera Mae Johnson and Mary Eva Jones edited this issue of The Crane, thus completing the experimenting of letting two students per issue act as co-editors until every one on the staff had acted in this capacity.

Editors for the next issue have not been chosen.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Seniors Defeat Fighting Frosh In Cage Game

After losing a game to the faculty, the seniors challenged the freshmen to a basketball bout which took place Wednesday, April 8. Although the freshmen have a small team and few players, they put up a grand battle and lost the game by only three points. The final tally in this bout was, Seniors 33, Freshmen 20.

The seniors were beaten on the preceding Tuesday by the fighting faculty. They are now looking forward to another match. A game between the seniors and the sophomores is next in line. The sophomores are believed to have the best team in high school.

TAKE-OFFS from THE TRACK

Crane sent their star tennis players to Midland to compete in the district tennis tournament. They all played gallantly but you can't always win. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Crane will play next year, and they don't intend to return empty-handed.

Spring training ended Wednesday and a training group of boys and girls will be ready to beat the Sox off their opponents this fall when the football season opens.

Now that spring training is over Coaches Brady Nix and A. V. Patterson plan to organize an inter-class basketball tournament. The game will be played every afternoon and sometimes at night. The winner will be chosen on percentage basis.

The students of Crane schools have developed a self-made baseball squad. They have a hot game every day at noon. The score varies from time to time but it doesn't really make any difference. More and more students are gradually being drawn into this field of sports.

NOTES FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

Howdy, folks, this is Lazy Lem, plaguarizin' stuff from other schools' papers. I know a joke about crude oil but it ain't refined. Here come a few hot ones—I hope:

Hollywood shoots too many films and not enough actors.—Suttonian, England.

Dark street; Banan peel; Fat man; Virginia reel. —WESTERNER.

Won't your wife hit the ceiling when you come in so late? Probably will. She's an awful shot.—College Star.

On the serious side of life, those boys on Bataan were fighting for something more than to put an extra lump of sugar in our coffee. That lump of sugar leaves a taste in your mouth that lasts about a minute. Bataan is a memory that should linger in your heart forever.

This is 913 signing off. Thirty.

ECHOES OF "GAY NINETY REVIEW"AND TINTYPES OF ALL TYPES



FIRST ROW:

1. Bill (Mulberry Foxhall) Wallace. We begin with the villain but we ain't finished with him.
2. Dorothy Mae (Little Nell) Sherwood, who ain't as dumb as she here appears.
3. Vera Mae (Vera Carlton) Johnson loved the cursed villain who, in turn, loved her cash.
4. Harold (Burkett Carlton) Pettit, a good man to be so darn rich.
5. Irene (Lizzie Leapin) Raybon, whose tongue was longer than her name.

SECOND ROW:

6. Daniel (Osgood Smithers) Morgan. Just under the villain, but he'll be on top directly.
7. Lila Lee (Granny Perkins) Earp. With more experience but with less knowledge than Little Nell.
8. Mrs. (Gay Ninety) Cook and Doris (Lily White) Coker.—Nuff Said.
9. Norman (Coy Blade) Brunette, all dressed up and no way to go—Tire Shortage.
10. Barber Shop Quartette. There to sing and not to shave, as can be seen; Pettit, Brunette, Stokes and Hawthorne.

THIRD ROW:

11. Elmer (Wild Bill Hiccup) Kelton. The star also serves as a bullet-proof vest.
12. Lovelace and Virdell—the kind of men Dan McGrew dreaded.
13. Gay Blades and Ladies: Murtishaw, Peek, McCorkle, Barton, Allman, Pickering, cutting the pigeon-wing.
14. Can-Can Dancers that can dance: Hutchison, Stokes, Wallis, Brunette, Morgan, Pettit.
15. Hostesses at Simon Slade's Tavern: Jones, Wallis, Whitwell, Earp.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Miss Gressett's first grade room received their writing certificates. The children are studying about birds. April 3, the children had an Easter egg hunt and Jackie White found the prize egg. Bobbie Robinson and Billie Marie Gooch have the mumps.

Mrs. Crabtree's first grade room is studying about birds. All the children are back in school after the mumps and measles. They are working on an assembly program for April 30. April 3 the children had a picnic lunch and Easter egg hunt at the Community Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs, Jones, and Hines hid the eggs. Lawrence Willis won the prize. They are progressing nicely in spelling and subtraction.

Mrs. Robert's second grade is studying about April showers. This room also had an Easter egg hunt. Betty Sue Henderson is on her vacation.

Miss Key's second grade has started reading about children of other lands from books in their library. Pola Anne Sherrill and Venita Harper have withdrawn. All the students are back in school.

Mrs. Goodman's third grade had an Easter egg hunt at Mrs. Presley's home in the Gulf Camp. After eating their lunches, the chil-

dren were served Dixie Cups by the room mothers. They are studying about trees and drawing pictures of them. Last Thursday all the children were back for the first time this fall. They are starting on the study of birds. A little girl from New London visited the room. She was visiting Ella Mae McElveen.

Mrs. Carroll's third grade room had an egg hunt behind Mrs. Davidson's house. The children all took their lunches. John E. Clark Jr. found the most eggs. Frances Shockley is a new pupil from Levelland. J. U. Justiss is away on a three weeks vacation. The children are making bird books. Houston Branam is moving to Stephenville to live on the farm.

Miss McKenzie's fourth grade room is studying the parts of speech. In reading the children are divided into four groups. They are keeping account of all their mistakes and the one with the less mistakes in each group wins a prize at the end of school. In arithmetic they are taking up fractions. Barbara Jean Evans has gone to Memphis, Tenn., for a vacation. Charles Harper has withdrawn.

Mrs. Patterson's fifth grade had to put off their play they had planned because the teacher had the mumps. The children made

Crane Boys Go Bats Over Junkpile Hats

Jack Ellison, better known as Crane High's Woman Hater, has recently proven himself to be far from a woman hater. You have heard that girls often receive attraction from their ornaments—well, that must be Jack's object. We refer to the bizarre ornaments which he has added to an old hat.

Whether this will create more interest with the girls is just a little questionable but perhaps Jack is contemplating making other improvements. Only time will tell which girl will win the young Romeo's heart. Now, don't let Jack kid you because that is really his only possible reason for his new creation.

George Grounds has also accumulated a nice collection of gewgaws, and his hat looks like a mobile pawnshop or a drive for saving scraps to beat the Japs.

Joe Grounds and one or two more of the boys are sporting lids that resemble waste baskets turned wrong-side-out.

Women's hats are crazy but women are not; men's hats are not crazy, BUT—

Willie stood on the railroad track; He did not hear the bell. The train went on to Halifax, But Willie didn't go any place—he was on the other track.

A stranger arrived in a little Western town and approached the first native he saw.

"I am looking for a criminal lawyer. Have you one here?"

"Yep, but we ain't been able to prove it."—Gusher.

Easter lilies for Easter. Lula Anne Justiss and Billy Henderson have gone on a vacation.

Mrs. Cunningham's fourth grade just has three out this week. The children are to begin on a circus unit soon. They have shown quite a bit of interest in their "Weekly Reader" lately because of the current events. They have a test every day in geography.

Miss Smith's fifth grade room has just finished a unit on Holland. They made a collection of books while working on this unit. The three best citizens are June Crowover, Jacqueline Mathis and Christine Wynn.

We are all very happy that Miss Voss is back. Brownie Teer is absent from school since she had something wrong with her side. We seem to be having quite a bit of trouble with our arithmetic. It causes the detention hall to be full every afternoon.—GWEN WEED, Reporter.

We are studying about checks in math. The girls of the seventh grade have been having quite a few parties in the last two or three weeks, inviting those eighth and ninth grade guys.—LEE ETTA JUSTISS, Reporter.

ASSEMBLY: Miss Key's second grade room presented a program last week for the grade school. The class sang a song, "April Weather." A fire prevention play, "Careless and Careful," was also given. Mary Lou Wilson played a piano solo. Wallace Bott and Jetta Payne Worley gave readings. The "Virginia Reel" and "Put Your Little Foot" were danced by five couples out of the class.

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LITERARY ANGLES

This is the last installment of the serial, "A Slight Case of Cowboy," written by Elmer Kelton, a member of the senior class.

We left Bill last week riding in a snowstorm, where he is on his way to get a doctor for his sick pal, Lank.

PART 3
Rough Rider—Rough Elements
His horse did not pitch any more, but soon began to falter. He was tired of bucking drifts and facing the blinding snow. Bill spurred him, and with a grunt, the horse started on as fast as possible.

Another cold, hard-riding hour passed. Two—three—and then Bill saw a fence in front of him. He should be close to the gate, but he didn't know which direction it was in. He started up the fence toward the south. He traveled for at least a half mile, but did not find the gate. He stared back, and soon came to it.

"Town ort a be just about; to the north," he muttered to himself.

Town At Last
He rode for about a half hour in the general direction of town. His horse snorted at the sight of a snow plow going down main street. Bill dismounted and went into a drug store, asking where the doctor could be found. The druggist pointed upstairs, placing a well-aimed cud of tobacco in the spittoon.

As Bill entered the door marked "Doctor," a rather plump young man looked up from a book.

"What can I do for you?" the doctor asked.

"Well, doc," Bill said, "there's a case of pneumonia just a-ways outa town, an' you're badly needed."

"Can we drive there?"

"No, it's off the public road, and the snow plow don't go out there."

"All right," said the doctor, "get some horses and I'll get my bag."

Bill went to the stables with his own horse, rented two more, and returned to the doctor's office.

"Docnapping!"

After about an hour of riding, the doctor halted Bill.

"Cowboy, I thought you said this case was just out of town."

"It's just about ten miles out."

"Ten miles! Why didn't you tell me?"

"Cause I knowed you wouldn't come if I did."

"But this is kidnapping."

"Not exactly. You can go back if you want to."

The doctor turned around. The snow was falling again, and their tracks were covered up. The snow prevented one from seeing well. The doctor's frown shortly transformed into smile.

"You win. Lead on."

In about two hours, the two had reached the North Pasture gate. They headed for the big house.

A Slight Case of Cowboy

They finally reached the ranch. The doctor went inside the bunkhouse while Bill put up the horses. When Bill reached the bunkhouse door, he was met by Pete.

"The doctor's workin' on Lank. Lank's been gettin' worse, but I'm glad you brought the doctor."

Bill went to bed. About two hours later, he was awakened by Pete.

"Bill, Lank's gonna live."

"He is? Doc!"

The doctor grinned.

"Yes, he'll live. He had a bad case of pneumonia, but that was

Entire Cast Stars In Ready-Made Family

Many Crane people forgot their worries when they saw "A Ready-Made Family," a comedy directed by Miss Maysel Moore. The presented in two performances and was sponsored by the members of the junior class.

Joe Pearce seemed to be the favorite with the greater part of the audience as he apparently kept them in an uproar when he appeared on the stage. His convulsions showed his dramatic as well as comic ability.

Zane Crowover particularly characterized her part as a middle-aged widow well. This was a very difficult part but was handled successfully.

Joe Veda Henderson received many laughs despite the tragedy of the part she played.

Other members of the cast who received many compliments regarding their roles are:

- Joy Lou Grimes
- Beverly Thomas
- Andy Cook
- Gilvie Whitwell
- Delwyn Webb
- Ann Boyd

Doing a fine piece of prompting was Joyce Stone, and special credit should go to Gilmon Gray for his sound effects. The eighth grade speech class entertained between acts with several numbers.

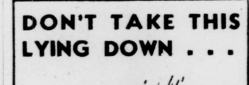
Allen: Are you sure your arm is in the right place?
W. H.: Why-er-it's not even touching you.
Allen: I know it.

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counteracted by—a slight case of cowboy.

(THE END)

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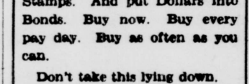
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The author, Agnes Worley Cleveland, tells the story of her brother, Ray Worley, who became a cattle king. She tells of western chivalry, and of the endless jokes cowboys pulled on one another and on lungers, dudes who came west for their health and went back for the same reason.

This story will hold your attention if you are interested in the REAL West as it was. Don't miss No Life for a Lady
ELMER KELTON.

Miss Stroud's science notebook display in the library is very becoming. Each of her students had to make a science notebook and a few of them are on display in the library. Those notebooks are:

- In the Field of Explosives—W. H. Lovelace.
- Synthetic Rubber—Doris Spieler.
- Chemistry of Cosmetics—Joy L. Grimes.
- The Chemistry Rainbow—Lucille McCorkle.
- The Story of Glass—Elmer Kelton.
- The Chemistry of Birthstones—Ruth Pickering.
- Fertilizers—Gail Roy Melton.
- Chemistry in the Kitchen, Pottery and the Wares, Chemistry in the Soap Industry and Chemistry in Cleaning in the House are a few other notebooks which are on display.

Crane High's Girls Of The Week

Beautiful brown eyes and hair are the outstanding features of Patricia Pendleton, who was born in Miami, Okla., Sept. 14, 1925.



"Pat" is now 5 ft. and 4 in. tall and weighs 112 pounds.

One thing that must be admitted—Pat is an exception to most rules because she does not have a pet peev. Tennis, coconut pie, and physical education seem to please her very much.

During the eight years she has been in Crane, Pat has played

volleyball, been in the Glee Club, Home Economics Club, and the Little Theatre Club. She is classified as a sophomore.

Song of The Week

MISS YOU

I miss you, since you went away, dear,
Miss you more than I can say, dear.

Daytime, nighttime, nothing I do,
Can make me forget that I still love you.

Kiss you, in my dreams I kiss you,
Whispering, "Darling, how I miss you."

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