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National Honor Society Established In Crane

Darrell Warren, Joel Williams, and Principal Prady Nix have been working hard on the organization of a local Chapter of The National Honor Society in our school. The constitution is completed and has been accepted by the National Honor Society. Plans are now in progress for the selecting of its members and the Chapter's initiation for membership into the Society.

The National Honor Society, as its name indicates is a nationally recognized club in both high schools and colleges whose chief purpose is to honor the hard-working pupils who represent their schools with their grade-points. It is truly an honorary club in that the academic requirements along with service, leadership, and character are required as basis of membership.

The National Honor Society was established through the National Association of School Principals. Its original constitution was adopted in 1921.

The Chapter is composed of only juniors and seniors that are of the top twenty-five percent of their respective classes. There is, however, plans of a National Junior Honor Society Chapter being established in the near future. Its chapters are in the junior high schools and in the lower classes of the senior and four year high schools.

Plans are now that Wink High School will initiate Crane High into the Society at which time each member will receive a badge of the Society's National emblem.

Under Article II of the constitution of the Crane Chapter of the National Honor Society the organization is given the method of choosing its members.

Article II
MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Membership shall be known as Active and Honorary.

CHS Student Council Representatives Go To State Convention

The Crane High Student Council left Wednesday noon, March 23, to attend the state convention of student council representatives in Corpus Christi.

The delegates, Dwain Warren, Charline Ellison, Charles Lively, Rose Ann Vickers, and Billy Gregory, left Wednesday afternoon and arrived in San Antonio, where they did some sightseeing—the Alamo in particular. They spent Wednesday night in San Antonio.

They arrived in Corpus Christi Thursday afternoon in time to register. All attended a get-acquainted party Thursday night. Making the most of the night, they all attended the midnight preview, "Song In My Heart."

March 24, Friday morning, there was a general assembly presided over by the president of the student body at Marshall High School, elected president for this convention. The group then formed different discussion groups.

Some 1,000 persons attended, representing different student bodies in Texas. The sponsor, Mrs. Inez Elmore, attended a sponsor committee meeting while the Crane group broke up and attended different committee meetings.

The next day, Saturday, March 25, the group went to the naval base, toured Tabernash Field, and were served their lunch by the naval base. They were then entertained by an air show presented by the navy. Saturday night the delegates were guests at a dance.

The representatives left Corpus Christi and came home by way of Houston, sight-seeing at San Jacinto Battlefield, by Austin to visit the capitol, and then by the University of Texas.

The delegates arrived in Crane Sunday night, weary, but very much the better representatives to represent the Crane High School student body.

The next State Student Council meeting will be held in Lubbock with Sonora presiding as president of the next convention.

Western Day Plans For April 25 Ready By Student Council

Plans for the Student Council's annual Western Day were drawn up in a meeting of the Student Council April 10. A day of fun and entertainment is scheduled, and our Student Council is responsible for it all.

Western Day is Friday, April 25. The students and faculty must be in Western garb, that is, at least three articles that are Western. If caught by any of the sheriffs with less, you will be fined 25c. This includes both at school and at the dance that night.

Girls may wear jeans during the day, but they MUST wear square dance dresses to the dance. This does not mean long dresses, but street length.

The speech class will present an old time Western melodrama in the auditorium that day. The cast for the play is: Peggy McCasland, Wanda Sharrock, Leona Maxwell, Gene Hester, and Donnie Homlinson. The play is taken from the last act of "Lily, The Felon's Daughter."

That night, a floor show will be given for entertainment, but as yet no specific program is arranged. No one will be permitted to dance unless he appears like a real Westerner.

Refreshments will be served at the dance, all free of charge. Best of all, there will be no admission charge for the dance.

Sheriffs for the day and night will be Blackie Russell, Jerry Caskey, Kenneth Terrell, Darrell Vines, Bill Gregory, Rex Woods, Dwain Warren and Bill Clark. Although it is near election time, these sheriffs will take no pity.



CAROLYN VAN METER

Van Meter Elected Band Sweetheart

Miss Carolyn Van Meter was elected Band Sweetheart for 1952 in a special election held on Tuesday, April 8.

Since moving to Crane from Seminole, Carolyn has been majorette for three years, and is vice president of the band and secretary of the Student Council this year. She was also chosen Most Beautiful this year.

In Seminole, Carolyn was a majorette, class favorite, and shop sweetheart in her freshman year.

Other nominees for the honor were: Wanda LeClaire, Eugenia Mills, Sylvia Partin, and Dorothy Crittenden.

Two First Divisions For Crane High Band In Regional Contest

The Crane High School Band, under the direction of J. R. Dickason, brought home two first divisions and a second from the regional contest held in Kermit Saturday, April 5.

In all, 21 bands were rated at the Region 2 band festival, their place listed as follows in concert, sight reading and marching, in order:

Class B: Alpine, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd; Sanderson, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd; Marathon, 4th, 3rd; Rankin, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd; Reagan of Big Lake, 1st, 1st 1st and sweepstakes trophy; Iraan, 1st, 1st, 1st; McCamey, 1st, 1st 1st; Denver City, 1st, 1st, 2nd.

Class A: Seminole, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd; Crane, 2nd, 1st, 1st; Ft. Stockton, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd; Pecos, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd; Monahans, 3rd, 1st, 1st; Wink, 1st, 1st, 1st.

Crane's two firsts were for marching and sight reading and the second was for concert playing.

Dorothy Crittenden rated a second division in a twirling solo. Bobby Robinson took first with a tenor saxophone solo.

Lawrence LeBoeuf received a second for his oboe solo, while Bill Mathis rated a third for his cornet solo.

The saxophone quartet received

Bulletin Board Brilliant With Easter Bonnets

As usual, the main subject for the library news is the unusual bulletin board Mrs. Elmore has come up with. The current one is right in season with Easter.

On a gold background Mrs. Elmore has the theme—"Easter Bonnets of America." Starting in 1942 with "Romona" and two feathers for a bonnet, the idea is carried down through the years with books to the present day with "Nancy Gets a Job."

Other books and their dates are: "Country Cousins," 1776; "The Edge of Time," 1836; "Yankee Stranger," 1860; and "Ever After," 1890.

A new set of World Book Encyclopedias have been ordered for the library. The books will be the latest edition. They will not be on the shelves until next September.

April Fool's Day Mrs. Elmore filled the bulletin board with Grade A comic books.

Come to "DRUMS OF DEATH," April 18.

Most Of Teachers Went 'Visiting' For Easter Holidays

After much mad rushing around, and the asking of many questions, we were able to find out what most of the teachers planned to do during the Easter holidays.

So here goes:

Mrs. Elmore went to Dallas to visit her daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Del Rio where they used to teach, to visit friends.

Mr. Warren went to Ft. Worth to pick up his school books and to buy furniture.

Miss Featherstone went home to Goldthwaite.

Mr. Irvine went to Denton.

Ditto for Mr. Harrison.

Miss Davis went home to Enid, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson went to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nix went to Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby were going by Menard to attend the funeral of her grandmother, and then on to Goldthwaite.

Mr. Strickland planned to go to Coleman, that is if the new boss of the family allowed.

Mr. Schermbeck planned to go to Ft. Worth.

Mr. Martin was going to stay home, and take real advantage of the vacation.

Mrs. Ross also planned to stay in Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were going to her home near Denton.

After many suggestions by members of his class, and much evading of the issue, Mr. Crane finally confessed that he was going to Lake Buchanan. (Of course, it is needless to say what for).

Mr. Nevins planned to go to Abilene to have his eyes checked.

Mr. Carroll went fishing with Mr. Crane.

Mrs. Ross went to Ft. Worth. (Ft. Worth is really a popular place about this time, it looks as if).

Of course, many of the students will be going places, but the number was too many, and the time too short, to contact any students.

West, Loftin Delegates For Journalism Meet

Bowlus West and Willa Dee Loftin will represent the Crane High School Journalism department in the regional contest that will be held in Lubbock, April 19.

An elimination contest was held to determine which of the nine Crane journalists would go. This contest was held in news writing, feature writing, headline writing, editorial writing, and copyreading. The material used in the contest was sent by the state representative and is similar to the material that will be used in Lubbock.

All students in the journalism class competed in the contest. The stories were judged on content, style, consistency, spelling, grammar, and punctuation. The five best stories were given the five highest places with the first place receiving the most points, etc.

When all the stories had been judged, the two who had the highest number of points, all together, were automatically chosen as the ones who would represent Crane.

Following is an idea of how the points stood at the end of the contest:

Rowlus West—920.
Willa Dee Loftin—580.
Louise Tomlinson—570.
Carolyn Van Meter—560.
Wanda Sharrock—490.
Wanda LeClaire—350.
Juanell Maxwell—340.
Doyle Ray Lakin—340.
Billy Den Ingram—280.

In news writing, Carolyn Van Meter won first place; in feature writing, first place winner was Bowlus West; Doyle Ray Lakin and Bowlus West tied for first in the headline writing; Wanda Sharrock

CHS Choir Wins First Division At Contest

Performing in true Crane fashion, the Crane High School A Capella Choir won first in performance in Class A in the University Interscholastic League Vocal Competition Festival held in Odessa on Saturday, March 29.

The group of approximately 65 students, directed by Jack Almaack, also participated in sight reading, as was required. They managed to make a fourth even though they were not accustomed to sight-reading.

The three numbers sung by the choir unaccompanied were "Break Forth, Oh, Beateous, Heavenly Light," "Adoramus," and "Sing Ye To The Lord."

Mr. Almaack stated that the competition was stiff and he was very proud of the group in spite of the fourth division rating in sight-reading.

Other schools in Class A division taking part in the contest were Kermit, Pecos, Alpine and Andrews.

One-Act Melodrama Given To Study Club

A one-act melodrama was presented to the Woman's Study Club last Tuesday night by the speech department.

The play, being the third act of a melodrama, "Lilly, The Felon's Daughter," took place in a room of an old breakdown boarding house.

Just when everything seems hopeless and the poor, desolate family is about to be thrown out of their home, the hero appears on the scene and saves the show.

Characters for the play were as follows:

Lilly—Peggy McCasland.
Aunt Betsy—Wanda Sharrock.
Compsom—Dennie Tomlinson.
Uncle Jonas—Bill Clark.
Craven Sinclair—Gene Hester.
Mrs. Bloodgood—Leona Maxwell.

This play will also be presented to the student body on April 25, for Western Day.

I SMILE AT LAST MILE— TRIBULATIONS OF A BABY SITTER

OR: MY AFFAIR WITH THE CHAIR

Only Sixty Seconds.

Yes, only 60 seconds and I walk the last mile. I'm not an unusually bad person. People haven't found it too hard to get along with me. In fact, I might say that I have been a very good-natured fellow, BUT something changed all that.

It all started the day I agreed to keep little Butch and Iodine, the brats, eh—children of a wealthy neighbor of ours. Nobody had warned me! I walked into it in all innocence—"led as a lamb to the slaughter." Oh, the fate that made me accept the job! But that is all in the past and now I'm in this awful place, waiting my turn in the Chair!

As I think back over it, I realize I could have been wrong, but I'm not an exceptionally strong-willed person, and it would have taken a super-human to put up with that.

Forty-Five Seconds.

I was hired to keep the little monsters from 6 p. m. until the return of their parents, to do some light house cleaning, and feed them their supper which only needed warming.

It was while I tried to feed the "darlings" that it began. They wouldn't eat what was fixed. Nothing would please them. I asked them what they wanted and Iodine decided she'd like a bowl of cereal. I shouldn't have tried it, but I did, and it ended up with the bowl of cereal over Butch's head and him squawling like a baby rhino.

It still being light outside, I sent them out to play in their sandpile while I did the cleaning. I started with the living room and had worked back to the kitchen when Butch entered and declared that they were going to play in the living room. I could see nothing wrong with this so I said O. K.

I should have investigated when

it that I first was struck with the idea. But that would have been terribly bloody, so I waited.

The bath, or rather the baths—I couldn't forget that part. The bathroom was flooded. I was wetter than either of the kids, and Butch nearly drowned Iodine. Artificial respiration revived her. Then Butch climbed up on the commode to get the tooth paste, and, yep, he fell in.

While I bathed Butch the second time, Iodine squeezed the tooth-paste all over the floor because "it 'looks like a woiim!" I cleaned the bathroom.

Getting the hellions in their pajamas, I tossed them in bed, locked the door, and turned the radio in the living room up full blast so I couldn't hear them scream.

Fifteen Seconds.

I decided it was getting too quiet and I found them cutting up the mattress with razor blades. This time I couldn't control myself. I went completely mad. Wrapping a

Schol Census Taken; 76 Total Enrollment

The census for the school year of 1952-53 has been taken and 876 children between the ages of six and 18 have been accounted for.

The colored school has approximately 47 to be enrolled with four of them beginners.

The rest of the enrollment of the Crane Public Schools totaled 829.47 of these being six-year-olds.

There are always quite a few students to arrive later in the summer or early in the fall, and the overall enrollment will be at a slight increase.

Volleyball Lettermen Announced For 1952

Lettermen for both "A" and "B" volleyball teams have been announced. The "A" team letterman will receive a white sweater with a purple "C" on it. The "B" team letterman will receive a little gold sweater with a raised "C" on it. The awards have been ordered and should arrive before too long. "A" team lettermen are Peggy Ward (captain), Betty Sue Henderson, Kathryn Copen, Charlene Blair, Jill Russell, Peggy McCasland, Wahnelle Smith, and Edith Aaron. "B" team lettermen are Delores Jones, Juanell Heard, Cecelita Napier, Marena Don Robinson, Betty Field, and Charlene Ellison. Volleyball manager Donna Rayson will also receive a sweater. Peggy Ward has played five years and has lettered four years on the "A" team. Betty Sue Henderson has played five years and lettered five years on the "A" team. Kathryn Copen has played five years, and has lettered two years on the "A" team. Charlene Blair has

played three years in Crane and has lettered all three years here. Jill Russell has only played and lettered in Crane one year, but she lettered one year in Sundown, and one year at Monahans. Peggy McCasland has played for five years, but this is her first year to letter. Wahnelle Smith has played one year and lettered one year. Edith Aaron has played two years, but this is her first year to letter. Delores Jones has played two years. Juanell Heard has played one year. Cecelita Napier has played one year. Marena Don Robinson has played five years. Betty Field has played two years, and Charlene Ellison has played three years. Six of these girls are seniors and with the close of the district tournament, they played their last volleyball game for Crane High School. These girls are Peggy Ward, Betty Sue Henderson, Kathryn Copen, Jill Russell, Peggy McCasland, and Marena Don Robinson.

Words of Commendation For Man of Value---Hall

Let's give fifteen RAMS for Hall!

Jerry Hall is the man that has added the sparkle to the "Crane" even though he has been 300 miles away. His talent in our work combined with his extreme sense of humor, has produced the finest of cartoons for this year's Crane. The cartoons in this issue are examples of the Masetro's masterpieces.

Not only is his fine talent appreciated by the journalism staff and readers of "The Crane," but the annual staff realizes their indebtedness to Jerry for a perfect designed year book. Purchasers of the "Purple and Gold" will quickly realize the truthfulness in these words of commendation when they observe the artful work on the cover sheets and the many humorous and well-fitted spot designs.

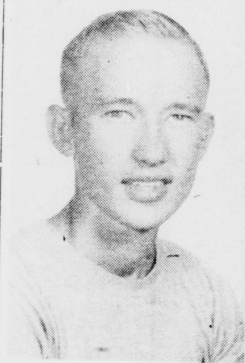
Jerry is the former editor of "The Crane" and artist for the annual. When the sad news came of his moving to Phillips, Texas, at the early part of December, the future of the year looked dark for both paper and annual. However, Jerry has been very faithful and patriotic to his old school by sending by mail these cartoons and numerous spot designs. Jerry has made good at Phillips, too. In the "Phillips Echo," paper of Phillips High School, can be found the touch of the maestro's hand, with his usual sparkle of humor.

His style of writing is a mixture between Robert Benchley and O. Henry, but set off with his own particular personality.

He has a very gifted habit of looking pessimistic at life and pulling a humorous story out of the darkest moments, as was the characteristic of Will Rogers. Jerry's stories about this awful school life would be Rogers' duplicate in the political and social world.

We predict the future bright for Jerry as either journalist or cartoonist. Writing and sketching is the star of talent under which he was born.

We are grateful that that star was made to shine on us, making our paper and our annual more enjoyable.



JERRY HALL



Fine Season For Volleyball Girls; Twenty-Three Won, Five Lost

At the end of the season, the Crane volleyball girls can look back on a successful year with some degree of pride. After playing 28 games, it sounds pretty good to be able to say that only five of these games were lost. The first game of the season was played with McCamey there. Crane won with the score winding up at 42-22. Charline Blair was high point player.

In the third game, with Big Lake as the opponent, the Cranettes maintained their high standing by taking the Owlettes 57-13. Betty Henderson led the scoring in this instance. Monahans then played the Crane Club, winning 24-19. This fourth game was the first loss.

Second place was the position attained in the district tournament by the Crane team. The first game was played against Seminole, Crane winning 45-12. Denver City was the next target, with 38-16 marking the Crane win. Andrews occupied the position of the third opponent, only to be beaten by Crane 34-14. Then Ft. Stockton beat Crane in the finals. 23-11 being the final score.

Old Man Gets Older But Birthday Happy

Senor Patterson celebrated his 21st birthday March 28 with a party given by his Spanish II class. Martha Cook furnished a chocolate cake topped with white frosting upon which was elaborately written the historical saying, "Too Old To Cut The Mustard." (The saying referred to the cake, not to Senor Patterson.) Since this was so soon after lunch, the Senor had a chunk of cake left to take home to his wife and nine starving children.

When the seventh game rolled around, Monahans handed Crane their third defeat. The final score was 34-23. The eighth game was Crane vs. Wink, with Crane winning 75-31. Russell was the leading scorer. Another win constituted the ninth game. This time against Grandfalls, Russell was the leading scorer again, with the final score being 34-16.

Then comes the fly in the ointment, so to speak; the one loss was rolled up in the fourth game with Monahans, the score being 25-21. Game number five sauntered by, bringing with it another victory. The losers this time were the McCamey team, 39-18. Fort Stockton rolled up 14 points in the next game, as compared to the 22 points of the Crane team.

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Dr. E. N. Foster, of Texas Western College, El Paso, was in Crane last week to speak to the seniors about attending Texas Western College. An ystudents interested in a scholarship were given forms to fill out in order to be able to try out for one.

P-TA Meets Thursday, Patterson In Charge

Thursday, April 17, is the date that has been set for the next P-TA meeting. The topic for the meeting will be "Our Resources and Our Destiny." Paul Patterson has charge of the program and will be the principle speaker.

Remember "Drums of Death," Senior Play, April 18.

Last Wednesday, we saw a few glad faces, several sad ones. The reason—report cards. No explanation needed.

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Last Monday, murmurs of "are you going to be a cowboy, artist, or ditch digger?" were going around through the seniors. They had just finished taking the Kuder-Preference Tests, and the results were really amazing.

Smith, Thompson, Hood Place First In District

At the Odessa Tennis tournament, March 28, 29, A. J. Smith and George Thompson, playing senior doubles, won first place by defeating Bowie of El Paso, Pyote, Andrews, and Austin of El Paso. Riley Hood, junior boys singles, won his first match over Austin of El Paso and lost his second match in Plainview.

Miller Takes First In District Meet

Clarence Miller, Crane's high jumper, won first place in the district meet by the flip of a coin after tying with a boy from Denver City at 5 feet 9 inches. The meet was held in Odessa on Tuesday, April 8.

No Peace and Quiet Is Found Near Typing Room

A period so spent in the presence of Nancy Ross, in one of her classes, gives one just cause to wonder how anyone could stand it. Five periods a day she listens to the peck, peck, peck of dizzy typists. The other period is spent in teaching a business class.

You would think considering the necessity of a grade, and the fit students throw when their grades are not what they had expected, that they would be more careful about being sure that all their papers were in. Unfortunately, however, that's not the case. Typing students are prone to hesitate about taking a timed writing, or finishing one after they start, or handing one in after they finish, until finally Friday rolls around.

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GRADE SCHOOL NEWS . . .

Wheat Photo Service Conducts Camera Clinic Here April 9

Mrs. Martin's Third Grade:
The room mothers have planned a nice Easter picnic for us.

C. J. Ellison, who was severely burned in a gasoline fire, came back to school Monday.

We are working on a play entitled "Johnny Did Try."

One day last week, we enjoyed a film entitled Animals Related To The Cow.

We enjoyed the Stephen Foster program by Mrs. Pearce's third grade.

Miss Kent's Fourth Grade:

We have a new girl in our room. Her name is Kay Brazell.

In arithmetic, we are almost on our nines, and in English we are on a new unit. We will get our report cards Wednesday.

We have several plant boxes in our room. We have beans, cabbage, onions, radishes and flowers.

JEFFERY HENDERSON
and
SANDY WARD.
Reporters.

Mrs. Lively's Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Lively gave us a party at her home Saturday afternoon. We hunted eggs, played games and had a nice time.

In our room we are making Easter cards, and decorating the room with Easter rabbits and chickens. We are also raising money to buy flowers to plant around the school. We have \$2.12 already. Some children brought candy to school and sold it. Our club has \$4.75, too, which we are planning to use at the end of the year for our picnic.

There are four new boys in our room and we lost one this week. Gary Smith moved to Odessa.

CAROL ANN TOMLINSON.
Reporter.

Mrs. Etz' Fourth Grade:
THE ESKIMOS

The Eskimo's winter home is made of stones, earth, driftwood, and skins. The Eskimos kill seals and whales with a harpoon and gun. They have two kinds of boats, called umiak and kayak. Big blocks of ice are called icebergs.

Penguins are birds but can't fly. The summer home of the Eskimo is made of ice and snow.

In the water are big icebergs, and they are so big you can't see around them. The Eskimo eats on a little fire.

The Eskimos have two seasons, the dark season and the light season. These seasons last six months each.

The Eskimos trail by dog sled. The dogs are called huskies, they can stand the cold weather. It is warmer to sleep in the house. The Eskimo's clothing is made of skins and is strong and warm. He really wears two suits at one time. The clothes of the Eskimos are water proof. They use fish bones for needles.

The women chew the skins to make them easier to sew. Their thread is called sinews. The Eskimos make their own clothing.

The means of travel of the Eskimo is the boat and dog sled.

Mrs. Beyer's Fifth Grade:

In arithmetic we have been having races in multiplication and long division. In spelling we have been racing, too.

In geography, we are studying about Mexico, and have drawn pictures of the map, products and scenes of Mexico.

Suellen Davis went to Goldthwaite and Killeen the other day. Friday, Monday and the weekend some of the students in our room are going visiting.

Mr. E. R. Pettis came the other day to show some films of Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. Mr. E. N. Bean came the next day to show us some films of Mt. Rushmore, Colo., Glacier and Yellowstone Parks, flowers and animals in the parks, and the geyser basins, with good views of Old Faithful.

Friday we saw a film on the Atomic Bomb and how to survive it.

Mr. Williams from high school visited our room with Mr. Nevins and we enjoyed showing them our work. We are always glad to have visitors.

PATRICIA HOFFMAN
and
GLORIA LOONEY

Mrs. Henderson's 5th Grade:

In geography, we are studying Brazil. We have compared it with the United States and found it much larger. In reading we are studying about Hawaii. We had a six weeks spelling test Thursday. In Health, and for Art, too, we drew pictures of teeth. Also we

drew pictures of the body in science and art.

We are studying figures in writing.

We had a Student Council meeting not long ago. We are now voting on whether or not to plant different kinds of plants around the building.

We are going to have a Student Council meeting Tuesday.

We have two new girls in our room. Their names are Evelyn Harris and Shirley Warden.

ELAINE PLATE.
Reporter.

Mrs. Nix's Sixth Grade:

We have a new boy in our room. His name is Jimmy Bassant. He is from Pleasanton.

School is nearly over and some of the students are glad. We just like one more six weeks.

Louise Crawford, Sue Townsend, and Bill Stell have been absent and we hope they will be back soon.

We elected Jimmy Elders and John Webb for our Student Council representatives.

Miss Conger's 7th Grade:

Our class meeting was postponed as we were giving a tea for our parents.

The program for the tea is getting along fine. Gwen Besham was elected program chairman.

The program will be of songs, poems and dances. David Crittenden and Peggy Milam were appointed the refreshment committee.

Jimmy Preslar and Jimmy Adams are our room directors and are doing a fine job. Eddie Gray has charge of the refreshment table. The tea is at 3:30 to 4:15 p. m. Thursday, April 10.

DAVID CRITTENDEN.
Reporter.

Mrs. Browning's 7th Grade:

We of T-3 have finished all exams and hope that we have passed them all.

Alice Harrington and Muriel Lewis are decorating our bulletin board which will say "Happy Easter."

Jane Cantrell and Carolyn Bostwick are drawing an Easter picture on the board. They will write a poem on the board, too.

Mrs. Browning was absent a week ago Thursday through Wednesday.

Vernon Tooke was absent Monday, April 7.

We are all looking forward to the Easter holidays.

PATSY DENNIS.
Reporter.

Mrs. Patterson's 5th Grade:

Louise Boling has moved to Odessa, and Billy Irl Butler and Cecil Pace have been absent.

In geography, we have been studying South America. It is very interesting. Nancy Bower brought some vases that were made of shells.

We have decorated our bulletin boards with some pictures of birds. We saw four films on South America.

Gloria Rogers brought a big picture of Will Rogers for our room.

Mrs. Patterson is reading us the book "The Secret Garden."

NANCY BOWER
and
JIMMIE GRACE POSTER
Reporters.

Last Wednesday, April 9, Calvin Wheat of the Wheat Photo Service of Dallas, and two of his staff members, Allen Hammer and Jerry Prudhomme, conducted a camera clinic here for annual and journalism staff members of surrounding towns.

Allen Hammer is the West Texas representative of the Wheat Photo Service, and Jerry Prudhomme planned the clinic and led in the discussion of the clinic.

Booklets dealing with hints on photography were distributed to all who attended the clinic. Towns attending were Andrews, Odessa, Rankin, Grandfalls and Iraan.

Some of the problems considered at the clinic were:

1. Shutter speeds, diaphragm openings, and their relations one to the other.

2. Film speeds and their relation to shutter speeds and diaphragm openings.

3. Exposure meters and how to use them.

4. Flash bulbs and the intensity of carrying power of the various size bulbs and their relation to film speeds.

5. Film developing and its importance to the finished product.

6. Printing technique.

Next Year's Seniors Order Senior Rings

Last Wednesday, April 9, in a special junior class meeting, the "seniors of '53" ordered their senior rings.

They are similar to the rings of this year, in that they are oblong in shape. The whole stone is to be visible except for a little part right on top where the "C" is to be. The personal initials are to be on each side, and the year will be the same place as it is on this year's rings.

Everyone had a choice of pearl, onyx, ruby, sapphire or a plain mounting.

The juniors hope that the rings will be here by the time that the school is out, and now they are anxiously awaiting their arrival.

It's colossal, it's stupendous, it's magnificent, it's wonderful — in short it's GREAT!!! What, you say? Don't ask what! It's the senior play, of course, "DRUMS OF DEATH." Don't miss it, or you'll miss the thrill of a lifetime! Remember the date—April 18!

Can you realize it? Only 28 more days of school, only 210 more hours of slavery, only 12,600 more minutes of drudgery, only 756,000 more seconds of toil. Any way it's not long.

We're always glad to see the happy faces of Peggie Gene Sharp and Jessie Scott around the school now and then. Even though they're working girls now, they still find time to drop in at C.H.S. once in a while.

Crane came in second in every event but one, the high jump, in a meet held in Iraan recently. Clarence Miller won the high jump. (Note: Crane and Iraan were the only two teams entered.)

PRICE DANIEL LETTERS POURING IN



Price Daniel, Texas' fighting attorney general, is shown with some of the 45,039 letters and pledges of active support received thus far in his race for the United States Senate.

"With written pledges still pouring in at the rate of several hundred each day, Price Daniel will have the biggest group of active campaigners Texas has ever seen in a political race," Campaign Manager Everett Hutchinson said in Austin.

Senior Play

"DRUMS OF DEATH"

Friday, April 18

— Admission —

Adults	60c
High School Students	35c
Grade School Students	25c

THE CRANE

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THE CRANE'S CREED THE CRANE PROMISES

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

"IF I HAD THE YEAR TO DO OVER AGAIN"

Every year, along about this time, people start saying, "If I just had the year to do over again," followed by "I'd do this or I'd do that."
But really, what would you do? Would you study more, study less, get along with your teacher better, go more places, go fewer places, or a variety of other things that people wish they had done in the past.
Well, we have the answer to your future worries. It's too late now to remedy this year's mistakes, but at the beginning of next year, think back over all the things you said this year you would do, and then do them next year.
Undoubtedly, this will save you a lot of worry at the end of next year and you will probably get along a lot better through the whole year.
Just in case you are one of the few who say, "If I had the year to do over again, I'd do just what I did," we say "Fah, Rah, Rah" for you, and may be you could pass on a little advice to

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but he stands up straight and

Forty-seven out of the forty-nine like him.
He is pleasant toward his own sister and toward the sisters of other fellows.
He is not sorry for himself.
He works as hard as he plays.
Everybody is glad to see him.
Do you have that kind of a boy at your house? If not, don't complain, there are not enough of them to go round.
(Editor's Note: The above was given to The Crane by Mr. Martin, and we thought it worthy of printing it in the paper as all may have the opportunity of reading it.)

A MINUTE MESSAGE

Many a man thinks he has an open mind when it's merely vacant.
All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself.
If you can't make light of your troubles, keep them in the dark.
The fellow who gets on a high horse is riding to a fall.
When she lost fifty pounds, it was certainly a load off her mind.
What you think may change your way of living, but it won't change the facts of life.



Goodness! I hope we didn't interrupt someone's phone-call!

"CREED FOR TOMORROW'S CITIZENS"

Just recently "A Creed For Tomorrow's Citizens" was put into the hands of this reporter. It was from an address, "Warming Up For Citizenship," by Secretary of State John Ben Sheppard.

Since we are to be the citizens of tomorrow, it really gives us something to think about, and we should prepare ourselves today for the responsibilities we will have later on in life.

The creed starts off, "Although I am not yet old enough to vote, the duty to prepare for citizenship is really mine, because of these things that I know to be true."

I know that it takes strong families to make strong nations, and that broken homes cause broken lives, broken character and broken citizenship.

I know that Democracy has sprung from the fountain of religious ideals, and that it is impossible to enslave a church-going, Bible-reading people.

I know that the principles of freedom must be implanted in the minds of my generation.

I know that Democracy cannot live on paper, but must be put into action.

I know that my first and greatest privilege as an adult citizen will be the exercise of the right to vote, and that voting cannot be done wisely without preparation.

I know that the political party is an essential part of the Democratic process, and that my interest in public officers and affairs is the key to efficiency and morality in government.

I know that Democracy works on the brain power of all the people, and cannot live on ignorance and indifference.

I know that the institutions of free government cannot long endure without the attention and participation of every one.

I know that a healthy Democracy cannot live with a sick economy, and that economic ruin means slavery.

(Editor's Note: Anyone desiring a copy of this creed should contact Mr. Patterson.)



All the boys and girls are gradually changing to the cool clothing. Everyone looks so comfortable.

The boys seem to have dug into their storage facilities and raked out their tee shirts and other summer wear.

The girls always consider style above everything, and are making no exception of this spring. One sees a number of new spring fashioned dresses and shoes these days.

One needs but to listen to the echoes of the hallways to know that spring has arrived. They are considerably quieter since sandals and moccasins are taking the place of boots.

Donnie Tomlinson is one of the first to start the season off in tee shirts. This is something new, Donnie, nice going.

Wanda LeClare looks pretty in her rainbow colored shirt. Bowlos said he certainly thought so.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Schernbeck are sporting some very neat looking checkered sport shirts. They evidently still have their college clothes.

I wonder if anyone has noticed how neat Diane Horn dresses—cute.

Charles Lively is sporting a very bright sport shirt. How much did it cost, Charles?

Doesn't Kathryn Coplen look right lady-like in her purple-tinted dress.

Bowlus has a lovely bright green sport shirt and a pair of green shoe strings to match. Can't truthfully say that the color matches his character, but goes well with his complexion.

Geneva Johnson is very clever with her flowers. Her bright red flower looks lovely with her black hair.

R. E. Mason has a bright green and blue sport shirt. An unusual combination, but very clever.

Wanda and Mary Ted Sharrock have two very pretty dresses between them. You never know which is whose.

This is all of the fashion round-up and we could tell but little compared to the fashion parade last Sunday. If you were at church, we are sure you observed.

Decorating Staff Is Chosen For Prom

The junior class had a meeting April 8. Several bits of old business and some new business were discussed. The class elected a chairman for the decorating committee for the prom and banquet, and she in turn appointed a committee.
The chairman is Judy Mathis and the committee is as follows: Lacy Pittman, Mary Lou Sneed, Billie Gooch, Martha Hopson, Sammie Davis, Kenneth Terrell, Dolores White.
It was decided that the prophecies concerning the seniors would be written, one by each junior, and Mr. Patterson would judge them, awarding the best one a prize. The class prophecy was written also.

EXCHANGES

She's a new girl with us and just fresh from the country so we'll have to show her what's wrong' said the office manager to his assistant.

"Very good sir," replied the assistant. "You show her what's right."

Spending the night in an Amarillo hotel a young woman tourist engaged the desk clerk in conversation.

"What have you that is of unusual interest in your city?"

"Well, we have the only helium plant in the world for one thing."

"Really and is it in bloom now?"

Charles—Which is more important a man's wife or his trousers?

Joe—His trousers, because there are lots of places he can go without his wife.

Girls are like newspapers because

They are healthier and stronger than they used to be.

They have many types of faces. They are worth looking at.

Back numbers are not in demand.

They try hard to be up-to-date. They aren't afraid to spread what they think.

They make or break a man. They have much influence. A little color helps their looks. They carry news wherever they go.

If they know anything, they tell it.

Everyone should have one, and let his neighbor's alone.

Mrs. Ross—"A fool can ask questions a wise man cannot answer."

Bill Clark—"No wonder so many of us flunked our bookkeeping exam."

Mr. Harrison—"Did you write this poem yourself?"

Iwain Warren—"Yes, every line of it."

Mr. Harrison—"Then I'm glad to meet you Edgar Allen Poe. I thought you were dead long ago."

Poem Of The Week

BY MARTHA COOK
Why is it that most boys
Treat girls like plastic toys?
They hit on your arms all night,
They hit hard with all their might.
They give you several real quick jabs.
So hard you can almost see stars.
They chase you over school all day,
They wonder why you don't want to stay.
They borrow everything, your pencils and pens.
When you stop to talk to girls they call you笨.
They say they'll see you at seven.
We often wonder if they said eleven.
They gripe about dresses, hats and slacks.
They all gripe, the George's, Joe's, and Jack's.
What do you call this terrible mixture
That treats a girl like a boxing fixture?
I guess you'd call them a thing
Always dishing out the slang.
But being girls, we'll have to admit
Even tho a boy is a half wit,
That mean or nice, shy or bold,
We'll always like boys, young or old.

INTRODUCING



S. G. TARBET

Pictured here you see S. G. Tarbet, a new addition to the Crane High School senior class this year.

S. G. made his debut to the big world in Snyder, Texas, Sept. 29, 1932.

After seven years of living in Texas S. G. decided to try his luck in Oklahoma, so in 1940 he moved to Dundee where he lettered two years of high school football at center. He was also interested in track, boxing and basketball.

Nine years later S. G. was again ready for his home state so he moved back to Snyder in 1949.

S. G. moved to Odessa June 5, 1951, and came to Crane two weeks after school started this year.

When asked what his favorite sport was he said football, and if you don't believe it, you should have seen the good job he did with the seniors in the Exes and Regulars game.

S. G. Supports a 160 pound, six feet two inches, in frame very nicely. He has brown hair and dark eyes.

He says his favorite actors are Gregory Peck and Elizabeth Scott, and when he is not working at Hinman's Humble Service Station, his favorite pastime is simply driving up and down the street with Betty Knell, no doubt. He also likes mathematics and similar subjects the most.

Upon graduation, S. G. Plans to get a good job and stay with it for a while.

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INTRODUCING



BETTY LOU BUGG

3 years ago—P. E. Classes sponsored a May Pageant, in which both grade school and high school participated. If you'll remember, it was quite an event.

4 years ago—The Crane won national and state journalistic honors. Marilyn Lowe and Kristin Cantrell represented the Crane at the State Convention, but the whole staff went along with the two girls.

5 years ago—The seniors had "Senior Day" and journeyed to Ft. Stockton for an all day picnic.

10 years ago—Kurt Lensen, assistant coach left for the navy. (Is history repeating itself?)

11 years ago—The seniors were about ready for California, after canning 154 cans of beef, which was donated to the senior class by George Teague.

12 years ago—A skeleton was found in the sandhills and was sent to the Smithsonian Institute, to see if the bones could be identified as to race, age, etc. The report was that they were the bones of a middle-aged woman, probably white. At least, they were sure she was not an Indian.

15 years ago—The Crane High 40-piece band attended the band contest in Lubbock.

19 years ago—The chemistry class made some soap (among other concoctions) and at the same time 12 new fire extinguishers were purchased by the school. (Coincidence, eh?)

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The flashing black eyes of every little woman about town denotes mischief, but a new thing, Betty Lou Bugg, who is about five feet tall, weighs about 96 pounds, has dark brown hair and blue eyes, which constantly dance with mischief.

Betty Lou was born in Ft. Stockton on July 21, 1932. Most of her exuberant life was spent on the river fishing or getting some general mischief at the B near Sonora, Texas. Betty attended school in Sonora where had to ride some 110 miles and from school. Some preparation. She moved to San Angelo and then back to Sonora, Texas, Angelo, and finally in the year, Betty came to Crane by the portals of CHS.

As to Betty's favorite actor, actress, Jeanne Craine and Wayne or Randolph Scott, been her favorites of long ago. When asked what her favorite or was, Betty stated that she be obvious since she wears a yellow. Betty likes to see a fried steak, pork and rolls, tea and banana pudding. Placed before her she could eat her 96 pounds worth, more or most of us. Betty's favorite time is writing and receiving letters from a certain blue eyed haired boy. Otherwise, anything will do for a hobby.

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