

## Baccalaureate Speaker



The Very Rev. John Warren Day, Dean of Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. Dean Day will be Celebrant of the Holy Communion Sunday morning, deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at Christ Cathedral at Eleven.

## Quakers Topple Before Cavalier Onslaught

### Prep School Cadets Whip Collegiate Varsity

ST. JOHN'S fencers evened an old score when on April 11 they administered a 5-4 defeat to Friends University on the collegians' home ground. The Cavaliers had lost their first match of the season to Friends by the wide margin of 8 bouts to 1. Needless to say, the cadets had improved their technique immensely since then.

Bout scores:

St. John's	Friends U.
I. Moore	4 Ferris
II. Hickman	3 (?)
III. Hicks	5 Whitesell
IV. Hicks	5 Ferris
V. Hickman	5 Ferris
VI. Hicks	5 Rae (!)
VII. Henderson	2 Whitesell
VIII. Moore	5 Whitesell
IX. Moore	3 Rae
Total Touches	37 39

At this point in the season the Cavaliers' record stood at three wins and two defeats.

Lt. Long acting as substitute coach during Fr. Moore's stay in the hospital, chauffeured the team on this trip.

It is interesting to note that although Friends U. made a greater total of touches than St. John's, the cadets won on bouts.

## Attention! Attention!

FELLOWS, whether you have or have not paid strict attention to Captain Brown in his English classes may have a direct bearing on your life away from St. John's. The Headmaster's twenty three year old niece, Miss Helen Norris, has written the novel, "Something More Than Earth," a story whose setting is in Alabama.

The book has received much favorable comment from some of the leading magazines in the United States.

Durrell Crippen (now deceased) once head of the Bon Ami Company, was an old boy of St. John's.

## Commencement Program Includes Talk by Luther, Honors to Seniors

### Sham Battle to be Entertainment Feature

### Dean Day is Baccalaureate Speaker

TWELVE Seniors will reap the fruits of their labors Sunday, May 26th, at eight o'clock, when they are awarded their diplomas on occasion of the school's fifty-second annual commencement. Graduates include Floyd Lotker, Oberlin; Robert Davis, Center, Colorado; Cyrus Bradford, Eureka, Kansas; Ralph Stevens, McCook, Nebraska; Hugh Irelan, Goodland; George Stone, Topeka; Earl Bruce, Quincy, Illinois; Ernest Moore, Wichita; Clyde Carroll, Russell; William Lucas, Wichita; Sherman Hicks, Winton, Wyoming.

Initial event of the three day series of activities will come at nine thirty on Saturday morning, when the Army and Navy track teams will compete to determine the winner of this year's competition. Upholding tradition, captain of the winning team will be awarded a medal by commander of the less fortunate club. Points have been garnered throughout the year in various sports, but as in previous years neither club has gained sufficient of these to defeat the other without making a good showing in the meet.

New on the schedule is the sham battle to be staged by the Cadet Corps for entertainment of visitors. In preparation for this event Cadet Sgt. Paul Riley and his assistants have burned much midnight oil loading blanks; likewise the Corps has spent many a weary hour at attack and defense problems to make possible the performance. Exact location of the battle, scheduled for two o'clock, has not yet been revealed.

Honoring visiting parents, a special retreat parade will be held on the drill field at five in the afternoon.

"Tunes of the day styled by Mel Royce" will be heard at the Senior dance Saturday night at nine. This popular band which first made its appearance at the lettermen's spring formal, delighted the Corps with its music, and is returning by popular request. Though the dance will be formal for cadets, dress is optional for guests, since they may not find it convenient considering the long drives some must make. All parents are invited to attend regardless of dress.

Celebration of the Holy Communion by The Very Rev. John Warren Day, Dean of Grace Cathedral, Topeka, will start Sunday's activities.

At eleven o'clock, Dean Day will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at that service in Christ Cathedral.

Following this, old boys will gather at the Hotel Lamer for the annual Alumni luncheon, directed by Captain Paul Simpson, who has expressed a desire to promote a general reunion of all boys who attended school during the year of nineteen nineteen and twenty, but his plans are not yet complete.

As customary in previous years, in order to facilitate seating, the Military Field Day will be held in Agricultural Hall, Kenwood Park. Contests here include the junior and upper school manual of arms drill-down; winner in each division will receive a medal. Following, the Corporal's

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## Commencement Speaker



The Honorable Lester Luther, Assistant U. S. District Attorney, Wichita. He will give Commencement Address in the School Gymn at Eight, Sunday evening.

## Cadet Songsters Win

IN the recent high school district music festival held at Salina, cadet songsters won four places in as many entries. One of the few entries to receive the high rating was Jim Cook, Tarkio, Mo., judged "highly superior" in boys low voice. He sang "Bells of St. Mary's."

Second laurel winner was George Stone of Topeka, who sang "Roses of Picardy" and was awarded the "excellent" rating.

Last soloist to perform was Ralph Stevens of McCook, Neb., boys high voice, who was judged "good." His song: "In the Garden of Tomorrow."

The men's glee club won third place in class D. The group was directed by Charles Shedden, instructor in vocal and instrumental music. Mr. Shedden directs the school drum and bugle corps.

## Prophecy of Senior Class

### Time—Year 1950 A. D. Setting—The Earth

I hurriedly finished packing my complete wardrobe, (made of scientifically compounded fabrics) in a small suit case and placed it in my combination plane and automobile, the LaLa Bo. The Potato business had been good for several years, and I am able to buy enough food for two meals a day, believe it or not. But since these synthetic foods have caused me to lose the enjoyment I got out of eating while at St. John's, more leisure came unto me at mealtime. By using these free moments in the pleasurable task of learning the whereabouts of my former classmates, I had a complete list of their addresses.

I took off and was soon in Flagstaff, Arizona, where I expected to find Jack Tissaw a successful business man. But grief overtook me as I learned that he had joined the Foreign Legion a week before in order to escape the wrath of his former girl friends.

Next stop—Hollywood, California, where I found Bill Lucas displaying his tiger's instincts while directing a new version of the picture, "Life Began in '40." He went running and screaming about the stage, still his "Old St. John's Spirit."

You have, no doubt, heard of the "Bruce and Hicks Prairie Wool Factory" located at Winton, Wyoming. A most pleasing sight met my eye upon arriving

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## Seniors Disclose Plans For Future

MOST of this year's seniors have plans of attending institutions of higher education, according to the questionnaire received by the Skirmisher.

Cy Bradford will take up banking and insurance at Midland College, Fremont, Neb., and will work on a farm near Eureka this summer.

Jack Tissaw has chosen coaching as his profession and will study Physical Education at Midland College. Visiting with his mother in Flagstaff, Arizona will occupy most of the summer.

Bob Davis will take a general course at some college next fall; work on his parents potato ranch will keep him busy this summer.

Ernest Moore will study music at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Most of the summer he plans to spend in travel.

Geo. Stone will likewise attend Bethany College, but will study art; plans to work in Topeka this summer.

Ralph Stevens has chosen McCook Jr. College. He will work for his father in their bottling plant this summer.

Floyd Lotker is going to study chemical engineering at Kansas State—will work at the Lamer Hotel in Salina this summer.

Clyde Carroll will take over the management of his farm at Russell. Has no plans for college.

Sherman Hicks will spend the summer visiting with relatives and friends in California. Has no plans for college.

Earl Bruce plans to attend Virginia Military Institute and will attend St. John's summer camp.

Bill Lucas will enroll in Wichita U. He plans to work with a construction company this summer.

Hugh Irelan will study Forestry at Kansas State—Moore and Irelan will travel together during the vacation period.

## Jellies Meet Waterloo

TO circle the drive late at night, waken everyone in the barracks by shouting "rats" and make a hasty exit has been favorite outdoor sport of several town boys (Jellies) during the school year. Witness the tale of May 10th, 1940.

The Jellies came. The Jellies saw that all were asleep. The Jellies would conquer! Ah, they thought, now to drive in, shout, laugh and get away. But . . . the little rats were not asleep. Just as they had been taught so carefully in extended order, they were carefully concealed behind trees and shrubs, biding their time till the two cars had rounded the drive, till retreat could be cut off. And when that moment came they charged from their positions with a rebel yell, rousing all persons in the vicinity. A neighbor was heard to comment that he thought "All hell had broken loose." Faculty members in Vail Hall heard terrific impacts, thought Hitler's troops were bombing the town. But the impacts they heard were the results of improper timing. A detail had been set to pile rocks in the road, thereby creating a barrier that would make impossible any retreat. For some unknown reason the rocks collided in mid-air with windshield, fenders, doors. Knocked off balance by the stone bombardment, the cars careened from one side of the drive to the other, uprooted a sapling, blew out a tire, tore out four steel posts, missed the gate by inches. Half way down the block the invaders paused to inspect damages, but spectacle of the Cadet Corps in full pursuit resulted in their disappearance down Santa Fe.

We're sure about this . . . the fracas was an unparalleled victory for the what did they call us? oh yes! the Rats!



## The Skirmisher Advocates

Cultivation of the ideal that honesty, reverence, courtesy, scholarship, sportsmanship and friendliness are traits of the true Cadets of St. John's.

Continuation of the high spirit of morale of the corps.

Intensification of loyalty and school spirit.

Closer Cooperation between the old boys and school of today.

Reorganization of the "old boys" and alumni set-up.  
Completion of records.

A Happy and prosperous summer to each cadet, faculty member, and old boy.

ONE THING is becoming increasingly clear in a confused age; nations are taking care of their futures by drilling their youth. Throughout Europe, youth movements are more than the fashion; they are the necessity.

Call it what you will—propaganda, impenetration, regimentation, indoctrinal, education—the purpose is the same. The oncoming generation is to be bent to the will of the rulers. The youth are to be tailored to order, the secular order. Night and day the totalitarian states are at it.

For as the twig is bent, so will the tree incline.

Major R. L. Clem has to say:

"Everyone knows that boys will grow and most will agree that unless growth is directed by older and wiser heads, lives may be totally or partially ruined."

The instructor who offers to you constructive criticism is, while conforming with the policy of this institution, aiding you to realize the full development of your potentialities.

Did you ever stop to consider that—the military discipline as maintained is calculated to promote a prompt and cheerful obedience to the command of your instructor; that by your compliance with order you are helping yourself?

Your instructor is "bending the twig." "As the twig is bent . . ."

## Bar I L Bugle

### — Ad Department —

Lost—opportunity to fry and sizzle in summer heat. By all boys who would have stayed in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, etc.

Lost—fishing tackle for one. When last seen was being pulled down trout stream at rapid pace. Owner will play G man for several days to discover guilty fish.

Found—Clear bracing air; cool nights; "shady-rest" spots for cat naps and snoozes. If interested, see Lt. Long, St. John's.

Trade—your seat in an automobile for a saddle. See Axel, Bar I L Ranch Corral, for all details. Real knee action; floating power; four hoof brakes. No oil waste, Genuine oat burner.

Special showing—of wild flowers and shrubs. Bar I L, on display till end of camp.

### — Society —

Recent visitors who stopped on their way to the southland were Moe Mallard and Mae Teal.

Quite a number of the guests will see "Oinkers with dirty faces" at the sty theatre.

Ferdinand and Isabella Whiteface are expecting a blessed event ere many moons. Many other little visitors will join the bovine clan during the summer.

Covers will be spread for several at the "end of trail" dinner. Several acceptances for this and other luncheons have been received by the camp treasurer.

### — Feature News —

"Der Sorrel" will launch a new offensive attack in an attempt to unseat the allies from a strategic seat. See the camp rodeo sometime in August.

The election will hold new interest as each lodge captain tosses his hat in the ring. All expect to win office of "president of cleanest lodge."

### — Financial Section —

Steers—Market for these is unusually good, due to bulldogging event in camp rodeo.

Lambs—most in demand as chops, garnished with stewed apricots and prunes.

Spring Chicken—favorite on the table, fried to a golden brown. Happy to report that though a great demand is anticipated, provision for ample supply has been made.

Fresh Strawberries—priceless with shortcake and whipped cream; 'nuff sed!

Produce—milk and cream, fresh eggs. Increased production. See Cowbarn and sheds for exact figures.

Grain Market—view that of Colorado's from horseback, and draw your own conclusion.

### — Editorial —

If, after reading the rest of this page, you still think you can possibly go wrong for a summer the "Bar I L way" nothing that we might write here could possibly convince you. Finis.

## Eyes Right!



### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Well, fellas, here we go again. If someone a year ago had told my mother's son that he would be spending camp time maneuvering all over these hills and firing that big rifle, he would have told him he was "screwed." Now that the time for maneuvers has arrived, I confess I don't mind it a bit. All I want is a crack at that sergeant just a little distance from me. So, when the time comes, I'll be ready.

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Speaking of scores, let me tell you of some of the better ones. Last Sunday Bruce and Watson were tied with 48's out of possible 50's. Bruce asked Lt. Evans if he might fire again. Well sir, Bruce lay down and cracked out a 49 out of 50. Brother, that is firing—in any man's language.

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Maybe WOMEN DO influence the Corps. The other night when we held that parade for Mrs. Prince, Major Clem and the faculty said it was the best parade of the year. But our point is that maybe there were some OTHER women responsible also!!!

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

What do you think of those changed rifle regulations? Maybe the War Department and Lt. Evans are getting ready for somethin'. Why do you suppose they make us run that extra 25 yards from a prone position, then flop down and fire "10 well aimed rounds in 70 seconds?"

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Right now what worries me is who is going to win those military medals on Sunday afternoon. From what I have observed, and remember I am a new boy, there are several good medals going to waste in the manual of arms. And let me remind you again that the "old manual" is going to be used—other than the new "Parade Rest."

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Did you hear of the recent escapade in the park? Brother, this is the payoff. When the town boys "threatened" the cadets the other night, who should rise to the heights of accepting their challenge but old Tiger Lucas—and six others. They took advantage of all natural cover, slunk from one tree to another, planned a frontal attack, held their flanks, and had a strong reserve. When they did find the enemy, he was all of five feet—and alone. Yessir, they marched right on, natural cover, strong frontal attack, and all. Well sir, when they surrounded him and closed in, he had about as much chance of escaping as Moore in English. To hear the local cops' description of his being surrounded and his subsequent capture, is one of the highlights of the year. He said they just came from everywhere. They came out of the ground right at his feet. One flew in on the back of an owl. Another grew out of the big rock at his side. And he didn't know how many "just came out of nowhere." Yep, all six of them!!!

### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Yours truly saw one of the medals the other day. The Commander of the Salina VFW came out to School, met most of the faculty and some of the boys. Then he pulled out a great big shiny new medal and said that he wanted to leave it for someone. He wanted to leave it for the best shot, but since marksmanship is awarded, he left it for a different purpose. He preferred calling it the citizenship medal. Boy, is it a honey?

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## The Chaplain's Column



### Whitsuntide

"THE coward dies a thousand deaths, the hero dies but one." All the world loves a hero, just as it does a lover, perhaps because the two go together. Men have risen to greater heights of heroism and daring through love than through hate. And it was love of Jesus, inspired and inflamed by the power of the Holy Ghost, that sent those early Christians all over the ancient world with Christ's message of hope and joy in the face of a hostile government and an indifferent, pleasure—worshiping society.

They had been afraid of that government and of that society. They had been cowards, cravenly hiding behind locked doors, dying a thousand deaths by anticipation of what would happen to them if they were caught. But suddenly ten days after Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven they burst forth from their concealment and set the city of Jerusalem in an uproar. How did they do it? What was the secret of their new-found power? Did they come out with swords and spears and battering rams? No they came out with the praises of God upon their lips, and a message which went straight to the hearts of all that heard it. The Holy Ghost, whom Christ had promised to them, had come down and filled their hearts with zeal and courage and an exhilaration which burst like a bomb-shell upon the ancient world, and the world of today still feels the impetus of that spiritual explosion above the din of man-made bombs and bullets.

They come and they go, these blitz-kriegs, and newer civilizations build up upon the ruins of the old, but the vital power of the Holy Spirit remains. For two thousand years He has been awakening the hearts of millions to the love and service of the Prince of Peace, and it is not likely that a few tanks and airplanes are going to silence His Voice now. The Church has ever showed herself to be strongest when men thought she was weakest, indicating thereby that her destiny is in the Hands of a Higher Power than human nature and political matchmakers. Just as those first disciples showed themselves bravest when men thought they were cravenest, illustrating that "God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the strong, that no flesh should glory in His sight."

For what credit is it to God to make heroes out of men who are already heroes, to build strong men out of men who are already strong? But if He can make heroes out of cowards and strong men out of weaklings, then His power is something the world of today sadly needs. Not that the Power isn't here already. God the Holy Spirit hovers in and above every nook and cranny and mountain peak of our civilization. He will not however, force Himself upon us against our will. He rather puts the desire in a man's heart to become a closer friend of God and then allows the kingdom of heaven to be taken by storm (by its friends not its enemies). He then sends him forth to take the world by storm and to make it part of the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Joins C. M. T. C. in Colorado

JOHN Pearson, the St. John's and La Junta flash, expects to join the C.M.T.C. in his district this summer. The camp in his district is Fort Logan, located just about thirty five miles south of Denver. The camp starts on July 6, and closes on August 6th. The requirements for entering are that the applicant must be 17 years of age, and he must be able to pass a rigid physical examination which is set down by the government. Pearson told your reporter that this will help him on a military stand point, and your reporter believes that he will hold some rank next year.



## With The Old Boys

GREETINGS, old boys! here's a salutation . . . a hail and farewell from your columnist. This is my first effort in this field, and yet the last this school year, since this is our last edition. But if you want to receive the mimeographed form we print during the summer just send your name to the office, your copy will be forwarded.

The peal of wedding bells rings in my first comments—they rang on April 8th at Belleville, Kansas, when David Jones, was married to Miss Marjorie Urban of Belleville. Belated, but most sincere congratulations! Jones visited school twice since Xmas, says he can remember the bull ring, Al's food. . . .

The post card before me now traveled a long way. It's from Jack Finder, who is storekeeper aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, now at Honolulu Hawaii. Jack writes to say he has a son seven months old. Kaydet Finder, class of about '57, is that right?

Another card from John Murphy, who is a student at Kemper Military College, Boonville, Mo. Glad to note that you'll be with us on commencement.

From Mac Abbott, '26, a fine letter including some changes in addresses that are here listed:

C. C. (Frenchy) Gilbert is with the U. S. Army Medical Corps, Hospital Annex No. 2, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Melvin Morrow, '28, is not practicing dentistry due to a hip ailment. He is at his home in Leavenworth, Kansas. Our best wishes for your speedy recovery!

Kenneth Jones, '29, is with a construction company in Denver, and is living in that city at 3050 West 36th Street.

Thanks for the letter, Mac!

From Oklahoma City, Earl Voorhis writes to thank us for the Alumni issue of the paper. By way of reply to your question we shall devote one issue of the Skirmisher each year to the Alumni, as well as all the news for this column that is available. Earl is in advertising, his address the Perrine Bldg., Oklahoma City.

Sec. of the Lions Club at Eastings is R. R. Shideler, former Bursar of the school whose business there is with the Neb. Natural Gas Company. And we'll be glad to see you at commencement! the latch is out for all old boys on this occasion, hope you can be with us then.

Now some odds and ends about your friends:

Harold Becker, '21, is practicing dentistry in California. His address is 1661 Grand Ave., Piedmont, California.

Harold Becker, '28, at Anthony, Kansas, is with the Anthony Wholesale Grocery Co.

Dr. Charles M. Jenny, is practicing medicine in Salina.

Mr. Charles L. Schwartz, is president of the Lee Hardware Company in Salina.

Rudolph Wise, is owner and manufacturer of the El Santo Cigar Co., in St. Louis, Mo.

Fred Palmer, in Denver Colorado, is employed in the Street Car Service Department.

Pliny Berks is practicing dentistry in Boston, Mass.; exact address not available at this writing. He holds the Doctor's degree in dentistry.

J. Mac Abbott—Entered fall '22. Box 125, Belleville, Kansas. Kansas Wesleyan University. Ten years . . . four as Cadet and six as Quartermaster. Jewelry Store. Unmarried. From the editor . . . Orchids to you, Mac! for that list of activities of approximately 25 old boys. The school appreciates your loyalty.

## Wed in School Chapel



Setting a romantic precedent was the marriage of Cadet-Lieutenant Clyde Melvin Carroll, senior student of St. John's Military school, and Miss Cynthia Juene Leighton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Leighton, of Salina, which was performed Sunday in the chapel of the military school. This is said to be the first marriage ever performed in the chapel for a student. They were married by the Rev. Major R. L. Clem.

### Leighton-Carroll

IN a ceremony solemnized at eight-thirty o'clock Sunday morning in the chapel, Miss Cynthia Juene Leighton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Leighton, of this city, became the bride of Cadet-Lieutenant Clyde Melvin Carroll, son of Mrs. Carrie Carroll, of Russell. The pretty ceremony, solemnized before an altar lovely with white and purple iris and peonies, was the first wedding performed in the school chapel for a student and his bride. The bride wore a street length dress in dusty rose shade with a white leghorn hat and a corsage of gardenias. Her only attendant was Mrs. Glenn Carroll, of Russell, and Mr. Carroll was his brother's best man. The bride was given in marriage by Captain Donald J. Mahoney and The Rev. R. L. Clem read the marriage vows. Playing the organ for the bridal processional and

recessional was Captain Paul M. Simpson.

The faculty was host at a breakfast for the wedding party and guests following the service, those present including Mrs. Carrie Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Welch, all of Russell; Miss LaRene Miller of Quinter, Miss Mae Hutchins, Lieutenant L. Rex Long, Mrs. M. Ellen Prince, Captain and Mrs. Don Mahoney, Lieutenant Wilfred N. Sanders, Captain William M. Brown Jr., Rev. John F. Moore, Captain and Mrs. Howard Tolbert, Lieutenant George L. Evans, Captain Paul M. Simpson, Miss Hazel Hughes and Cadets James Cook, Robert Davis, Hugh Irelan and William Lucas. The bride is a graduate of Pittsburg high school. Following Cadet-Lieutenant Carroll's graduation Sunday he will take his bride to a farm near Russell.

Dale Trueblood, 1938, Colorado U.  
Nelson Prather, 1938, farming at Elm-dale.

Charles A. Miller—1903-04-05-06-07-08. Hays, Kansas. University of Missouri. Real Estate, Loans and Insurance. Married, two daughters, one a graduate of Stephens, the other now in attendance.  
F. S. Crane—1889-90. 110 East 8th, Topeka, Kansas. President, Crane & Co., Stationery and Office Supplies. 33rd degree Mason. Married, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Edward J. Sudendorf—1917-18-19-20-21. Concordia, Kansas. Kansas State; Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Owner, Wright-Sudendorf Insurance Agency. B. P. O. E.; Married, one daughter. Member various civic organizations.

## Junior School Dance



By Cowan Eastham

ON the evening of Friday, May 10, an "all junior school" dance was held. The girls, all from Salina, who attended were: Misses Ellouise Barbee, Peggy Witt, Sally Woodward, Helen Maduros, Kathleen Beggs; Louise Jackson, Jo Ann Siler, Lenore Vinnedge, Harriet Waddell, Dorothy Dale Lamer and Luana Girton. Those of the junior school who spent the evening at the dance being: Guibert, Marshall, York, Pade, Baer, Lotker II, Shelly, Goldberg, Wessendorff, and Leichter I.

The frolic began at 7:30 p. m. and ended exactly two hours later, but there is a saying which goes something like this. "Much can be accomplished in a very short time." This was the case with Lotker II, who at least learned to dance; and Guibert who had to be dragged from his locker where he had made a hasty retreat to be free from "women."

Chaperones for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Woodward, Mrs. Hewitt B. Vinnedge, Mrs. M. Ellen Prince, Miss Hazel Hughes, Major R. L. Clem, Capt. Wm. Brown; and Cadets, Lt. Carroll, Lt. Irelan and Capt. Lotker. Music was furnished by Cadet Sudholt and his excellent selection of popular records.

We know a very studious Algebra student who prefers to have telephone conversation in private!!

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### Identification

Miller (looking up from his school work) Sir, is "waterworks" all one word, or do you spell it with a hydrant in the middle?

**Capt. FLOYD LOTKER**  
Oberlin, Kansas

**1st Lt. ROBERT DAVIS**  
Center, Colorado

**2nd Lt. CLYDE CARROLL**  
Russell, Kansas

Capt. Mahoney (at dinner table):  
Walton, you've reached for everything in sight. Haven't you a tongue?  
Walton—Yes sir, but my arm's longer.

**2nd Lt. HUGH IRELAN**  
Goodland, Kansas

**2nd Lt. WM. LUCAS**  
Wichita, Kansas

**2nd Lt. ERNEST MOORE**  
Wichita, Kansas

Hickman—Does Betty have her own way?  
Lucas—Does she? Why she writes her own diary a week ahead.

**Sergt. GEORGE STONE**  
Topeka, Kansas

**2nd Lt. CYRUS BRADFORD**  
Eureka, Kansas

**Private EARL BRUCE**  
Quincy, Illinois

Dr. Hannen—What happens when a body is immersed in water?  
Bradford—The telephone rings.

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Capt. Brown (giving English exam.)  
Give three collective nouns.

Student—Fly paper, wastebasket, and vacuum cleaner.

**Corp. SEHRMAN HICKS**  
Winton, Wyoming

**Private RALPH STEVENS**  
McCook, Nebraska

**2nd Lt. JOHN TISSAW**  
Gilbert, Arizona

Lt. Evans—Why didn't you come and ask me first if you wanted to go to town?  
Bruce—Because I wanted to go to town sir.

### Commencement Program

contest, purpose of which is to determine the best instructed and most soldierly appearing squad. Though Uncle Sam changed his drill regulations September first of last year, the old manual will be used because it carries more snap.

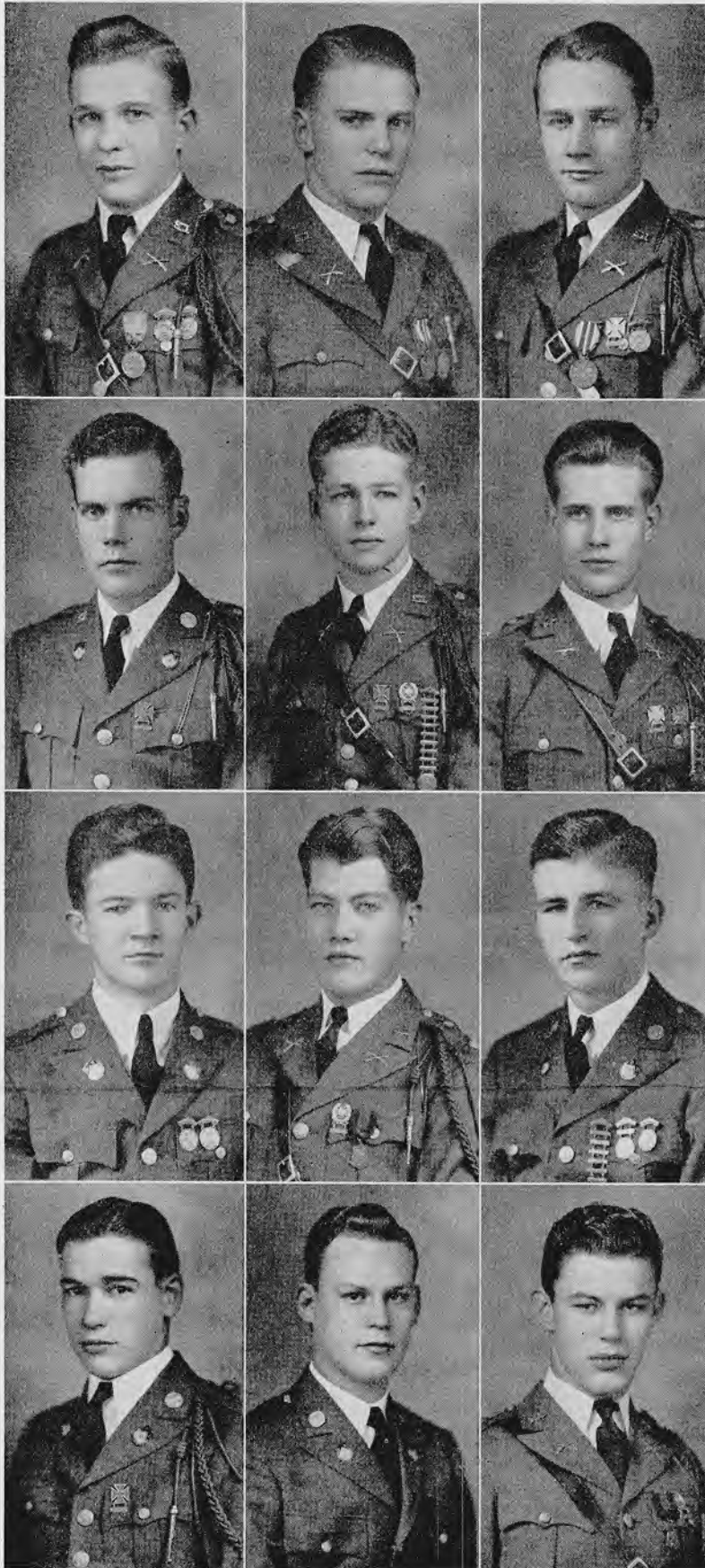
Buglers will exert their best efforts to win possession of the silver loving cup which is awarded to that cadet most proficient in sounding the calls.

Final retreat at five fifteen will precede the buffet supper in the dining hall for parents and invited guests, and will close the afternoon activities.

For parents and sons, greatest personal significance of the day will come at eight o'clock in the evening when, prior to awarding of diplomas, General M. R. McLean, Adjutant General of Kansas will issue Commissions to Cadet Officers. Speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Lester Luther, Assistant U. S. Attorney, who will give the commencement address.

Significant of passing of the school year, Cadets will stand their last formation Monday morning at eight . . . at which time the colors will be lowered. Dismissal.

## SENIOR CLASS OF 1940



### Class Prophecy

there. They were standing near a water-hole and surrounded by hundreds of sheep—were talking of the class reunion of 1945.

I stopped for a while in Oberlin, Kansas. Floyd Lotker has set up a Chemistry laboratory here and has as his assistant Dr. Hannon. He hasn't changed a bit, still the happy go lucky spend thrift that he was back in '40.

My journey then takes me south to the hills of Eureka. Cy Bradford is a successful insurance man, spends his time trying to convince the farmers that insurance is one thing that man nor beast can't be without.

From Eureka I take a long jump to New York where we find Ernest Moore has become a great trumpet player in the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He is married and has two very cute red-headed boys.

In N. Y. I had to leave my car and take a boat to England. From there I motored to war torn France where I find Geo. Stone as the great European artist. After many efforts I finally succeeded in convincing him to show me his studio—all he had in it was easy chairs and beautiful blonds.

**Cy Bradford—Eureka, Kans. "Willie"**  
36-37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball Captain  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
Navy Captain  
Ass't. Editor Skirmisher  
Senior Member Athletic Board of Control  
Cracksquad  
'S' Club Vice-President  
2nd Lt.

**Jesse Robert Davis—Center, Colo. "Champ"**  
37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
Navy Club  
'S' Club Sec. & Treas.  
Boxing Captain  
Editor Skirmisher  
Cracksquad  
1st Lt.

**Ralph Stevens—McCook, Nebr. "Steve"**  
39-40  
Foot-ball  
Navy Club  
Glee Club  
New Boys Club  
Pvt.

**Floyd Lee Lotker—Oberlin, Kans. "Cap"**  
36-37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Cracksquad  
'S' Club  
Navy Club  
Glee Club  
Captain Cadet Corps

**Hugh Dean Irelan—Goodland, Kans. "Dutch"**  
38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Baseball  
Cracksquad  
'S' Club  
Army Club  
2nd Lt.

**Ernest Moore—Wichita, Kans. "Ernie"**  
37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Baseball  
Fencing—Captain  
'S' Club—President  
Senior Member Athletic Board of Control  
Army—Captain  
Rifle Team  
Cracksquad  
Glee Club  
2nd Lt.

There is an old saying, "The love bug will get you if you don't watch out." Well it sure got one cadet to extent that he would rather stay in Salina than to go home for summer vacation. Who?

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Your reporter heard that a certain boy by the name of Lester Thomas, of Denver, has been going around with some socialite in his home town. Your reporter thinks that this will be a more serious case during the summer months.

### Who's Who Among Seniors

**Clyde Carroll—Russell, Kans. "CC"**  
37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
Cracksquad  
Army Club  
'S' Club  
Rifle Team  
Business Manager Skirmisher  
2nd Lt.

**William Lucas—Wichita, Kans. "Tiger"**  
36-37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
Cracksquad  
Army Club  
2nd Lt.

**Sherman Hicks—Winton, Wyo. "Slick"**  
38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Navy Club  
Fencing  
'S' Club  
Cracksquad  
Cpl.

**George Stone—Topeka, Kans. "Red"**  
38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
'S' Club  
Army Club  
Glee Club  
Sergeant

**Earl Bruce—Quincy, Ill., "Bruce"**  
39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball  
Baseball  
Army Club  
New Boy's Club  
Pvt.

**Jack Tissaw—Chadron, Nebr. "Tony"**  
34-35-36-37-38-39-40  
Foot-ball  
Basket-ball Captain  
Baseball  
Cracksquad Captain  
Fencing Team  
Navy Club  
'S' Club  
Rifle Team  
2nd Lt.



## Fencers Take 2nd at Royal Sport Show

### Place 4th and 5th in Individual Competition

CLIMAXING a very successful season, the Cavaliers brought St. John's Military School into prominence among the sportsmen of Kansas City by placing second in the team competition and fourth and fifth in the individual elimination at the fencing tournament of the Sportsmen's Horse Show and Exposition, held at the American Royal Building.

The tournament took place on May 11 and 12 under the direction of Mr. James Raport, physical education director and fencing coach of Kansas University. Kansas won the team trophy, the first and second individual medals in foil, and the top three places in both epee and sabre. (The Epee is the French duelling sword). Richard Stern, Yale University fencing star in 1932, won third place in foil. Four teams were entered as well as a good number of individual contestants.

The squad which left Salina Friday enroute to Kansas City was composed of Moore, Hicks, Hickman, Henderson, Tissaw, Father Moore, coach, and Lt. Long, assistant coach. After settling themselves comfortably at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, they went to the American Royal Building where they took part in a number of exhibition bouts. High spots in this entertainment were victories by Cadet Lieutenant Moore over the Misses Cleo and Carmen Smith, 1939 and 1940 women's champions respectively of the state of Minnesota. It was remarked, in jest of course, that this made Erny the women's champion of Minnesota. Following are bout scores of the exhibition as far as concerns St. John's men:

Moore	4	Miss Cleo Smith (1939 Ch. Minn.)	2
Hickman	5	Rob. Johnson (Mattie Rhodes Fencing Club of K. C.)	3
Moore	5	Jack Derringer (Mattie Rhodes)	4
Hicks	5	Bob Johnson	3
Moore	4	Miss Carmen Smith (1940 Ch. Minn.)	3
Hicks	5	Devere Whitesell (Kansas City)	3

Total touches	28	18
Total bouts	5	0

The foil tournament began Saturday at two o'clock and ended Sunday night. Below are given the scores of the bouts in which St. John's cadets took part:

Tissaw	(Bye)	
Moore	5	J. O. Reilly (forfeit) 0
Hicks	5	D. Johnson (forfeit) 0
Hickman	2	DeJanon (K.U.) 5
Moore	5	Francisco (K.U.) 4
Tissaw	5	Belt (K.U.) 4
Henderson	5	D. Johnson (K.C.Y.M.C.A.) 2
Hickman	4	Derringer (Mattie Rhodes) 5
Henderson	3	Francisco (K.U.) 5
Tissaw	4	
Hicks	5	
Tissaw	3	Francisco (K.U.) 5
Moore	1	Cadden (K.U.) 5
Hickman	5	M. Whitesell (K.C.) 3
Moore	5	Cadden (K.U.) 4
Hicks	3	Glassmire (K.U.) 5
Moore	5	Belt (K.U.) 4
Hicks	5	Francisco (K.U.) 4
Moore	4	Stern (K. C.) 5
Hicks	5	Belt (K.U.) 4

Tot. touches	71	59
Tot. bouts w.	11	8

#### Foil Placings:

- (1) De Janon (K. U.)
- (2) Glassmire (K. U.)
- (3) Stern (K. C.)
- (4) Moore (S. J. M. S.)
- (5) Hicks (S. J. M. S.)

All five men received medal awards. St. John's men did not take part in the Epee and saber tournaments. De Janon of K. U., who won the foil tournament, Stern of K. C. (Epee), and Belt of K. U. (sabre) will be entitled to enter the Na-

## Faculty Routs Cadets; Easy Win for Teachers 14-9



Bob Davis

Removed Sunday last, was all question as to possession of softball supremacy in the school. Winner from the Navy in a previous contest, the Army club bowed to the faculty team, nine to fourteen. After a bad second inning in which they allowed the opposition to score seven runs, the champs tightened and had things their own way for the duration of the contest.

High spot of the game was the homer batted by Captain Mahoney. Klover hit a three bagger, and John (whataman) Hughes hit what should have been a homer but managed only to reach second. The lineups:

Faculty	Army
c. Sanders	c. Irelan
p. Mahoney	p. Moore
1b. Klover	1b. Eastham
2b. Hughes	2b. Bruce
ss. Clem	ss. Good
3b. Long	3b. Stone
rf. Tolbert	rf. Sellens
cf. Evans	cf. Sanders
lf. Henze	lf. Lucas

tional Tournament from which the next Olympic team will be picked.

Lt. Long was the director of the women's bouts. Various comments indicated he was considered the best director on the floor.

Saturday night several members of the Rapier Club, which won the women's foil trophy, invited the St. John's team complete with coaches to an informal party at the home of Miss Le Mogne, daughter of Dr. Le Mogne, prominent eye specialist. A very pleasant time was had by all. Most of these girls are members of the Notre Dame Academy, Roman Catholic Convent School.

A very interesting sidelight on the tournament is thrown by a remark made by one of the K. U. men when it seemed for a while as though St. John's might win. "We'd rather lose to St. John's than to any other team," he said. "You fellows are mighty good sports."

### EYES RIGHT

#### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

Brethren, have you heard how Major Clem killed the buffalo? First it was circulated that the straight-shooting Jack Tissaw killed it. (By the way, Jack comes from Arizona and Nebraska—you know, each says he is from the other place.) Then Lt. Evans modestly showed the prints that had been taken to prove that he killed it. Now we hear a story down Salina way to the effect that Major Clem shot the bull buffalo. Come to think of it, maybe he did, for in his earlier day—meaning when he fought the first World War on the University of Nebraska campus—he was credited with shooting lots of bull!!!

#### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

That's all, fellas. I'm goin' right to sleep, gettin' ready for maneuvers, rifle marksmanship—goin' to earn me one of Uncle Sam's medals, the Commencement Ball, then that sheepskin and THEN WHAT? Lots of god luck, fellas, and I'll see you back this fall—wishing I still were

## Fencing Team Drops Match to Kansas University, 6-3

### "Toughest Outfit We've Met This Year," Says Jayhawkers

APRIL 26th saw Lt. Rex Long and the Cavaliers on the way to Lawrence to do the impossible, beat Kansas University. That they did not come very far short of their intention is indicated by a remark made by one of the Kansas fencers. "You fellows are the toughest outfit we've met this year," he said.

#### Bout scores:

St. John's		Kansas U.	
I. Moore	4	Oravety	5
II. Hicks	2	Cadden	5
III. Hickman	2	Belt	5
IV. Moore	5	Cadden	4
V. Hicks	5	Francisco	2
VI. Hickman	3	Glassmire	5
VII. More	5	Cadden	4
VIII. Hicks	4	Oravetz	5
IX. Henderson	2	Oravetz	5
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Total touches	32		40

### Aeronautical Interest

By Joe Wortman

INTEREST in Aeronautics has always been great, but at no time since the founding of St. John's School, has there been as much as during the present year at the school.

Bill Davis has been taking instruction from Pat Peterson, well known local pilot. He has been practicing landing, take offs, and figure eights, and after a few more hours of practice on these, Bill will make his first solo flight.

Joe Wortman, another flying enthusiast of the school, has also done a bit of flying. His father frequently sends up his YKC-5 Waco, powered with a 225 H. P. Jacobs engine.

Major Clem, and Jim Sudholt, were guests of the Wortman's on a flight from Salina to Denver and return. The ship was piloted by Miss Jennie Tschape, aviatrix. They flew the southern route from Salina to Garden City, then to La Junta, stopping for fuel at Colorado Springs. After refueling they departed to Denver. It took them about six hours to make the trip as they were bucking heavy head winds. Miss Tschape said, "Major Clem proved to be a great help to me on the navigation part of the trip." Hearing this, your reporter thinks that Major Clem will be taking up aeronautics soon himself.

there complaining about too much drill, or Captain Brown's English, or Captain Simpson's geometry, or Lt. Long, or just complaining.

#### Keep your head up and your shoulders back

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## Grid Prospects Good

Cy Bradford

GRID prospects for 1940 look promising. Although ten lettermen from last year's team will be lost through graduation, football prospects look brights for this coming season. Gibbs, West, Manley, Sanders, Pearson, Riley, Manard, Pate, Henderson, and Sellens return. St. John's will not only have a heavy team, but also one which has already had experience.

"The will to win" was developed by last year's team, and indications show that it will be evident to an even greater degree by the gridmen of future years. Ten men who are leaving the school, via graduation, and whose only wish is that they could play one more year of football as cadets, are: Stevens, Irelan, Tissaw, Carrol, Lucas, Moore, Davis R., Bradford, Stone, Hicks, Lotker F., and Bruce.

#### Football Schedule, 1940

September 24	Open
October 4	Delphos here
11	Little River there
18	Lucas here
25	Solomon there
November 1	Longford there
8	Open
15	Marquette here
22	Wentworth there
28	Barnard there

RATING for St. John's during the past basketball season—as compiled and published by the Kansas High School Activities Journal:

Court and playing facilities	Satisfactory
Attitude of crowd	Excellent
Attitude of players	Excellent
Attitude of coach	Excellent
Attitude of school officials	Excellent
Dressing room and showers	Satisfactory

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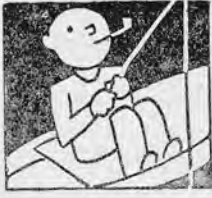
Dear Mother and Dad:

I'm not all settled here at camp yet, but as I promised am writing this letter to let you know that I arrived here yesterday and everything is O. K. Axel, the camp foreman, and two other boys met the train at Tabernash, drove out to the camp . . . it's only two miles from the station. I have been assigned to the east dormitory, and really have some fine room-mates. I know that I'm going to like these fellows. We will live in the dormitories all the summer, but will pitch tents when we go on over night horseback trips and hikes. The buildings are nice; Lt. Long says that the camp has been given highest rating by the Colorado State Board of Health on account of its good water, sanitary works, nice buildings.

After leaving my things in the dorm, went down to the dining room, and boy, the food is really good. The colored chef, Al Hart, can really cook. Met the young camp doctor at breakfast, he told me I would have to take my physical exam tomorrow. Walked out to the corral with some of the fellows to see the horses; they're swell! guess I'll get to do all the riding I want to, and that reminds me that we can go to



the Cheyenne Frontier Days and see all the trick riding there if we like. Toward the close of camp we are going to have a rodeo of our own right here, in which we can all take part. And say . . .



I forgot my swimming trunks

and fishing tackle, left them in my dresser drawer . . . will you please send them to me right away? One of the counselors is a Red Cross swimming instructor, gives lessons here at the camp pool. The trout stream is just a mile and a half away; one of the fellows brought in some nice fish today. I'm going out soon as you send my equipment, so please hurry.

I am on the "Yanks" softball team, tomorrow we play the "Giants." Have to show these boys what a good fielder can really do!

They have a craft shop here where the boys make things out of leather, wood and metal. One of the fellows is making a pair of moccasins now. Going to get the instructor to help me. I'd like to do that sort of thing.



Tonite we have a special "get-acquainted" camp fire, and tomorrow nite the west dormitory boys are going to put on a stunt. Looks as if I'd be pretty busy here, and I'll bet I'm ready to go to bed every nite when the time comes! Axel says that the coyote chorus has been practicing every nite for the last six months just to welcome us.

Well, I must close this now, as I am soon going to take my first horseback trip. Axel says that the horses are all gentle, and that we can



trust them. We're going to ride over to a place where you can find fossils . . . maybe I'll keep a couple for souvenirs. Tell my pal Jimmie that he surely missed something by not coming out here, will you? It's really nice and cool here . . . warm and sunny, but still cool. Lots of fun to watch the shadows of

the clouds on the mountains, see the grass bend in waves with the breeze. Maybe you and Dad can come up for me at the close of camp, and see how nice the place really is. Well, so long. . . I'll write again real soon and let you know how I'm getting along.

Love to you both,

Your son,  
Harold.

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## ESPIONAGE

By John Pearson

I wonder who the certain young teacher is that has been upholstering a "love seat." Surely he couldn't be doing all this hard work for only the cadets parents to sit on. Your reporter believes it to be a sure case of L-Love.

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We are wondering who the certain Colorado boy is that has been carrying on a heavy correspondence with a certain girl in Wichita. Could his name be George?

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Why—

Why was Lt. Evan's face so red the other day when he came up to the Rendezvous?

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Wondering

We are trying to find out who Joe Wortman has been trying to get a date with. Could it be love, Joe?

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Where!

The big Spud has a girl, we have found out. If I am not mistaken Manard also has one in the same town. I wonder if this town is Lakin Kansas.

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Too Many.

There is a boy who has a good start on having too many dates for the same occasion. We wonder if he is a tall chap.

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Hark, the love bug has been going out with a certain beautiful blond. Your reporter was over to her house a while back and found the two to be getting along just fine. Beautiful Miss Hunnington expects to go to a nurses training school this summer in K. C.

## A Service of Love

DURING her four busy years at St. John's serving in the double capacity of school nurse and housemother, Mrs. M. Ellen Prince has found time to perform very capably the multitude of duties usually cared for by an Altar Guild. At her former home she was a member of "The Daughters of the King" and St. John's now is benefiting from her years of service to the church. The meticulous condition of sacred linens and fresh flowers on the altar are constant reminder of her loyalty. Her faithfulness in the detail of these duties, which she voluntarily and graciously assumed, is very much appreciated by the cadets and faculty members.

Cousins

There is a certain fellow who has been telling about his good looking girl named Maxine. We have heard that she is his cousin.

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Orchids

To the two boys who have been going steady. And have quite a record. Nice going Tissaw and Pate.

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Onions

To the boys who have been going A. W. O. L. to see their girls. We wonder who they are?

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We Wonder:

There is a furious battle going on over a certain blond. She is a freshman in high school and lives on Beloit. If you care to find out who is winning, ask Hot lips Hickman or Romeo Fredrick.

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There is an old saying, "That war never decides who is right, only who is left." Who could the shoes fit?

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