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School to Operate Summer Camp

Bar I L Ranch in Valley of Rockies Leased to St. John's

Staff is Being Completed; Lt. Long Appointed Director

AFTER a two year departure from the custom St. John's will once more operate a summer camp for boys, according to Major R. L. Clem, administrator of the school. The school previously sponsored a camp in connection with the late Ted Page, nationally famous "boy worker."

The Bar I L ranch camp was leased only after many other possibilities were investigated and a strict comparison made.

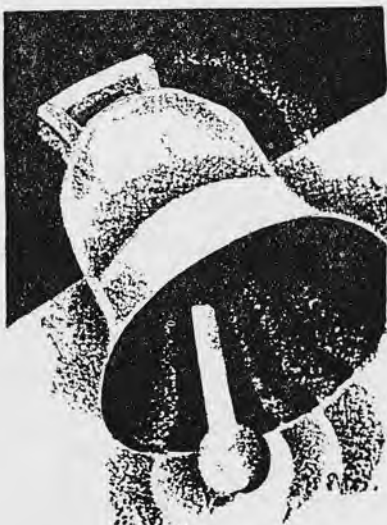
"We feel that in choosing the Bar I L we have selected the type of camp which will appeal most to the boys," said Major Clem, "one can find any number of lake camps, seaside resorts and mountain camps, but it is our belief that we have something unusual in this fine ranch camp, so reminiscent of the old West."

Located in a great valley of the Rockies known as middle park . . . and more than rich in history and legend is the Bar I L for fifty nine years a successful cattle ranch. The valley was a favorite hunting ground of the Ute Indians and is the scene of many tribal wars over territory.

Work of selecting staff personnel is rapidly being completed. Lt. Rex Long has been appointed camp director.

Team is Lauded by Sports Writer

"BEST Cadet team in a decade" . . . that is how Stuart Dunbar, veteran sports writer and sports commentator for station KSAL described the St. John's Military School football team of 1939. The team played a ten game schedule, each game against a school of larger enrollment. Victories were turned in over Little River High School, Lucas High School, Longford High School, Tescott High School, Barnard High School. Three feature losses of one touchdown were to the powerful Haskell Indians, Wentworth Military Academy, Solomon High School. The team dropped a contest to Marquette Hi, and also bowed to the much touted Delphos aggregation, unbeaten in four and one half years of play. Thriller of the year was the win from Little River which came in the last 45 seconds. Heartbreaker was the loss to Wentworth which closed with the club bogging down on the ten yard stripe after a 70 yard drive.



Merry Christmas



KNIVES flashed and steel smote on steel . . . not in battlefields of Finland or China, but at the school on Nov. 30th when faculty members carved to serve guests. In the above picture, not a ball has been pitched, but the gobble already has two strikes as Major Clem prepares to slice one right over the plate.

Faculty Members Tell Christmas Customs Have Odd Origins

MAJOR CLEM and family will move out to Bar I L ranch, camp which the school has leased for the coming year, and will have as their guest Coach Sanders. Colorado also will claim Lt. and Mrs. Rex Long and their infant daughter who will spend the holiday period at Denver as will Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert. Dr. Hannen will return to his home at Allen's Park in Colorado, and Captain Paul Simpson plans to join the Colorado migration and spend the two weeks at his cabin in the mountains. Captain and Mrs. Mahoney will remain in Salina. Lt. Evans will stay in Salina only long enough to complete his work with the National Guard on their manœuvres program, then will drive to his home in Illinois. Captain Brown will journey to Florida and spend Christmas with his parents in their home.

Most members of the Cadet Corps will have departed for their homes by Saturday afternoon, but faculty members will not leave the school till Saturday evening or later, will assist boys with baggage and see that they leave on proper schedule. Next furlough will not come till the annual spring vacation makes its appearance in March.

THE word Christmas is derived from the medieval word "Christes Masse" the mass of Christ, a feast commemorating the birth of Jesus observed on the 25th of December. In the first centuries of the Christian Church, the birth of Jesus was not observed because they believed in celebrating the death of remarkable persons rather than the birth. In the 4th century a feast was established recognizing his birth. However in the 5th century the Western Church ordered it to be forever celebrated on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed. As told in the Gospel of Saint Luke, Christ was born during the night, and therefore divine service is performed in the night of 24-25 Dec. Most Christian Churches celebrate this great festival in some way and practically the entire community in Christian Countries. Non-Churchgoing people join in its social observance. The sending of Christmas cards by way of friendly greeting has grown up since about 1860. This custom of making presents at Christmas is derived from ancient usage and contribute much in

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Topeka Theatrical Appearance Is Triumph for Cracksquad

Second Performance Is a "Sellout," More than 200 Turned Away

Group is Feted at Guild Hall of Grace Cathedral; Mr. Gibbs is Sponsor of Party.

THE Jayhawk Theatre was forced to hang out the Standing Room Only shingle . . . and then even withdraw that, as crowds thronged the showhouse in Topeka last week end to view the Cadet Cracksquad in action. After their initial appearance at the theater in the afternoon, word of mouth advertising brought a full house . . . and more than 150 patrons who were unable to secure seats. It was estimated that twice that many were turned away at a following performance.

Saturday the men visited at the State Capitol, visited in the absence of Governor Ratner with representatives of the Governor. The men spoke with General MacClean, Adjutant General of Kansas, inspected points of interest in the state house.

Add Gossip . . . It should be added that Jim Manard, the Nebraska Cornhusker had rather an interesting audience with an elderly lady of Italian descent. The meeting resolved itself into a one way conversation. (Turn to Page 3, Col. 3)

Editor-in-Chief Weeps of Difficulties

FINDING the well known needle in the haystack, making a silk purse out of ye sow's ear, going AWOL and getting away with it, and making an "A" grade in Cap Simpson's math class are all to be thought as mere child's play compared with getting out the pre-Christmas issue of THE SKIRMISHER, says Bob Davis, editor of the publication.

"It wouldn't have been so bad," quoth brother Davis, "had we not decided to produce a six page issue instead of the usual four. Then after proof was returned we found we had enough copy for five sheets, but not six. So we racked our brains as to what to use to fill that vacant space. First we thought to use a comic strip . . . then to say "Watch this space" and leave it vacant . . . but finally hit on the real solution. We printed the rogue's gallery which you will find if you just turn a couple more pages . . . so . . ."



Happy New Year

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.

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Return to the athletic prestige we once held.



The Skirmisher Staff
Conveys to
it's Readers
The Season's Greetings



EDITORIAL

The long awaited day has finally arrived—and within a few short hours by train, bus and auto the corps will be scattering in all directions homeward bound. And it is with a great deal of pleasure that we here take time to make a comparison of the spirit which prevails as the men depart this year as against that of 1938. Without fear of successful contradiction it can be stated that the morale of the school, the spirit, 'Esprit 'de Corps' has improved eighty per cent since last year at this same time. Is this profound change the result of a new policy of the school? Is it due to work of the faculty or administration? Not at all. Here at St. John's as it will be found true elsewhere in life the amount of harvest you reap is directly proportional to your labours. You have tried hard and worked cheerfully, and the results are to be seen in the gradebook, the record left by the football team. St. John's is a more pleasant place in which to live this year because you have determined to make it so and were successful in your attempt. Perhaps the truth of the above statements will be easier to understand when after the leisure of vacation begins to pall, you find that you look forward to taking up where you left off with your friends of the school, with social activities, with athletics, with your academic work. The editorial hat is doffed to you, members of the cadet corps, for creation of a school spirit and morale second to none!

Our Christmas wish right now is for a speedy recovery of Father John Moore, the school chaplain who has been convalescing after an appendectomy performed Nov. 6th. Father Moore has been removed from the hospital to his home in Minneapolis, will return to the school after the Holiday season. Chapel services have been taken over in his absence by Major Clem, who holds a lay readers license.

The entire school has missed the cheery chaplain, in every phase of activity, and particularly has the editor missed his column which appears in each issue of the paper. For many reasons we look forward eagerly to his return to school. Merry Xmas Padre!

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Butcher	87.2
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Eyes Right!



PARADES have put the school in the limelight more than usual this year. Drum and Bugle Corps marched several times in the Salina Community Chest drive. The Corps marched as a body in observance of Armistice day. And again a unit appearance was made prior to the Wentworth Football game. Serving as a means of comparison, the retreat parade for guests on Thanksgiving day showed a decided improvement in military this year.

THIS column wishes to go on record as advocating a purely military spring camp . . . roughing it ala US infantry style, with some lengthy marches. Do we hear any comment either pro or con on this?

EQUIPPED with newly arrived boots and sabers, observe the dash and flash, but not the bearing of ye cadet officers . . . excuse us for saying that some of the postures smell.

MUCH military time has been allotted to extended order and cracksquad practice, but following Xmas vacation work will seriously start on rifle marksmanship with caliber 22 on the school's indoor range.

STILL in the military is last year's Corps Captain, Harry Maker, who is enrolled at Claremore, Oklahoma.

UNCLE SAM'S latest maneuver's have been requiring Lt. George L. Evans, commandant of the school to turn in some long hours in the past month. The commandant is Junior officer of Battery A, 161st Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard.

The Battery completed its pre-Christmas training here on the campus last Sunday when the entire strength of the organization bivouaced on the campus. A mechanized unit, two station wagons and six trucks transport the company in its operations. With Captain Peck in command, "A" Battery consists of four officers and approximately 85 enlisted men. Interest in the cadet corps was high and they were courteously guided through the camp on a tour of inspection.

A gun crew set up and explained the operation of one of the "French 75's" while another group laid a smoke screen. The new automatic rifle drew much interests and many comments.

BY way of close . . . last formation of 1939 this afternoon! And remember that when you go home people will be watching you, especially your posture . . . keep your chin up, your chest-out and stand up!



Kadet Kapers



Hickman said when he visited Hollywood last summer he stayed at a hotel so ritzy the bedbugs had place cards.

Capt. Simpson: "Dr. Hannen my hair is coming out, can you give me something to keep it in."

Dr. Hannen: "Well here is an old pill box you are welcome to use."

Betty had a little lamp

It was well trained, no doubt,
For every time that Lucas called
The little lamp went out.

Mrs. Long: (holding crying baby): "Well, Uncle George, isn't she just the sweetest little cherub in the world?"

Uncle George: "I'm not much up on cherubs, but as a specimen of plain human baby, she's certainly a howling success."

Lt. Long: "You surely have a wonderful voice."

Mrs. Prince: "Do you really think so?"

Lt. Long: "Yes, indeed. If not it would have worn out long ago."

John West was walking down the street in his home town, when he bumped into a girl named Marie.

John: "By the looks of you there must of been a famine."

Marie: "Yes, and by your looks, you caused it."

Capt. Brown: "What is all that racket in the hall?"

Rush: "Sir, one of the junior school boys fell down the stairs."

Capt. Brown: "Well tell them if they can't be quiet, they will have to stop it."

Tissaw: "I'm going to steal a kiss."

Bonnie: "It's wicked to steal, I'll lend you a few."

Kristmus Pome

T'was the nite before Xmas,
And all through the house,
Not a person was stirring . . .
Not even a mouse.

And all of a sudden . . .

Bugler! Bugler!

MacCreary (at riding academy): Hoot, mon, I wish to hire a horse.

Groom—How long?

Mac—The longest you've got, laddie. There be five of us going.

Of course it is too late now, but Dr. Hannen says if nature had put the lightning bug's light on the mosquito, we could see him coming and govern ourselves accordingly.

P-NEW-MONIA

A petunia is a begonia,
Begonia's sausage,
Sausage an' battery's crime,
Monkeys crime trees,
Tree's a crowd,
Crowd's the noise roosters make in the morning,
Noise is sumpin' on your face like an eye,
Eye is the opposite of nay,
Nay's what horses say,
Horses has colts,
And wake up with double petunia.
—The Sugar Beet.

School Plays Host To Parents at Annual Patron's Day Event

Football Game, Dinner and Dance were Program Features

Largest Group Attended Since the Custom was Inaugurated By Major Clem

MORE than 150 parents and guests came, saw, and were feted at the annual two day Thanksgiving recess Thursday, November 30th. Inaugural event of the festivities was an early morning religious service held in the school chapel.

Even the weather man cooperated to make it one of the best days the school has known . . . for though clouds floated ominously in early morning and some rain fell, skies cleared so that fans were able to watch the cadet grid team roll over Barnard High School in their last game of the season. Victory over Barnard started the ball rolling on a perfect day.

Parents, sons, guests of the school sat down to the annual traditional turkey dinner together at 2:30, and afterward rose to vote unanimously in testimonial of the culinary excellence of Al Hart and his kitchen crew.

Snap and military smartness were the order as the cadet corps paraded at retreat in honor of the school's guests. Highlite of activities was the formal dance at eight in the evening, and climax of this the grand march.

Entries in the guest book for the holiday period include Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg of Hutchinson, Dr. and Mrs. Stafford, Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers of Republican Nebraska, Mr. Donald McCoy of Topeka, Mr. Nelson Richards, Salina; Mrs. Jean Pade, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Seeley, and Miss Lois Sutton of McCook, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman and Miss Hickman of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. James I. Cook of Tarkio, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Connors of Quincy Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walpole of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearson, and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Manley of La Junta, Col.; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Watson of Denver Colo.; Mrs. Blanche Long, Miss Marie Buck, Kansas City Mo.; Mrs. Carol Guibert, Kansas City Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ware of Lincoln Nebr.; Mrs. Marcita Yarrow and Mr. Anne Wessendorff of Houston Texas; Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Verges of Norfolk Neb.; Mr. Ed C. Gibbs, Mr. Matt Tomlinson, Mr. Larry Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shelley of Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lotker of Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riley of Pratt; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Immell of Sharon Springs; Mrs. Grace Bradford and Mr. William Hart of Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Sellens, Mrs. Carrie Carroll and Mr. Warren Carroll of Russell; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. MacCreary of Arkansas City; Mrs. Elda West of Hominy Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wortman, Miss Ruth Ann Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter, Mrs. Georgia Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walton, Mrs. Nina Schoeb and Miss Jean Schoeb of Wichita.

Young ladies who attended the dance include Miss Williams, Miss Piper, Miss Marilyn Watkins, Miss Virginia Seeley, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Evelyn Lacey, Miss Gwendolyn Dorsey, Miss Connie Siler, Miss Juene Leighton, Miss Mary Louise McAdams, Miss Bonnie Woods, Miss Betty Huntington, Miss Virginia Huntington, Miss Polly Ganssle, Miss Connie Barritt.

Day In, Day Out

In case you're wondering who is driving that new Hudson which looks almost like Mr. Tolbert's but isn't, the owner is the chief custodian of janitorial appliances . . . our old friend John Hughes. And Ralph Koons is taking up where John left off, driving ye Plymouth formerly owned by Mr. Hughes.

Witness the sad tale of Jim Cook, the local boy from Missouri who made good. Brother Cook left his girl to make a thousand dollars and who should come along and steal said girl but that wolf in baby beef's clothing, Fred Pate. So now the Tarkio flash has neither the thousand nor the girl friend. We weep for you.

Glancing over yesteryear's copies of The Skirmisher we note with great interest that one of our distinguished cadet officers has the unique reputation of being the only cadet ever to beat a monkey in a banana-eating contest. We'll keep it a secret and see if you can find out who it was.

Add things I never noodle now . . . that Cadets Lotker 1 and 2 are cousins of Tom Mix of Western fame . . . that Cadet Fred Hopka's brother is in the movies, a talented child actor . . . that no one seems to know just where the school obtained the cannon which looks down Santa Fe Avenue . . . that the Junior School building was originally constructed for a hospital . . . that a huge black bear was at one time the school's mascot.

Latest fad of the Junior School . . . tops. And here the suggestion that before casting a top down the hall at top speed the unwary and less watchful be given the warning cry of "fore!"

Music is excellent entertainment, especially that of a men's choir. The entire cadet corps had the opportunity to listen to one of the finest of these organizations on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 7, when they attended a performance of the world-famous Dan Cossack Choir at Memorial Hall.

This Russian organization presented all songs in their tongue. Although none of the cadets understood this language, everyone enjoyed the program.

On the evening of Nov. 20, the entire corps attended the educational and entertaining picture "Drums Along the Mohawk."

Chief classroom interest of lower Junior School men is debating. Lt. Mahoney is training the midget cadets in speech work and has used the school's public address system to carry their remarks. Feature of the program thus far has been the debate in which Clem and Smith clashed with Johnson and Montgomery.

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Christmas Customs Have Odd Origin

making Xmas a pleasant event. The custom of giving presents has many origins. The Italian version is a figure, generally representing an old woman, which is exhibited in Italy on the day of Epiphany by children or in shops etc. where the things for children are sold. It symbolizes the ancient woman of Palestine who, saying she would see them on their return, would not leave her household to view the Three Kings of the Orient passing, on their way bearing rich gifts to the infant Jesus. Unknown to Befona, they returned in a different direction and she is still supposed to be fruitlessly waiting for them. Her influence watches over little children who, on the eve of Epiphany, hang their stockings before the hearth-fire, go to bed early and wait to hear the cry "Ecco la Befana" when they jump up to find the gifts awarded them for their 12 months good behaviour. If they have been bad they receive a stocking full of ashes. The parallel custom in the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Protestant communities generally is obviously the visit of Santa Claus on Xmas Eve. Corresponding to our Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas who is the giver of gifts in Holland and Belgium.

Cracksquad Triumphs at Topeka

versation with Manard doing all the listening. For the first time in his life the Omaha youth was at a loss for words, beat a swift retreat. The Tiger finally managed to coax one of those lovely usherettes into enjoying his company . . . thus giving him a clear title to the reputation "Casanova of the Cadet Corps."

Jack Tissaw firmly denies that he fell in love with the lovely little blonde which occupied most of his evening. Clem Gibbs at the wheel of his Father's automobile took some of his friends on a "Cooks' tour" of the city . . .

But according to the entire squad, that activity which they enjoyed most was the party given by the young people of Grace Cathedral. This entertainment was arranged for the boys by Mr. Ed C. Gibbs, parent of Cadet Gibbs. The Cracksquad attended church at Grace Cathedral Sunday morning.

Ten Veterans Cheer Prospects for Basketball Team

Five Letter Winners Report for Practice

Will Play Heavy Schedule, Says Coach Sanders

THE St. John's cage team, vintage of '39 and '40 will open the season by playing host to the powerful Lincoln Leopards here Friday. A ten game grid schedule has delayed practice more than usual, and the cadets will have approximately one week's drill under their belt when they square off against the invaders . . . a class A high school, and heavy favorites over the soldiers.

Prospects for a crack team are bright, what with the return of ten men who saw much action last year, five of them lettermen. Bradford, Lucas, Carroll, Stone, Lotker, Tissaw, Hicks, Hickman, Gibbs and Davis are the old men returning, while Sanders, Bruce, Eastham, Pearson and Manley are expected to look especially good among the new boys reporting.

"This is the first year and the first sport in which I can look forward to keen competition spurring the boys to a stiff pace," said Coach Sanders, "previously we haven't had enough men out to force any one to work real hard. But in the type of Basketball we shall play, much will depend on individual initiative and ability . . . moreso than last year . . . the boy who can get out and drive hard and hit moderately well will be able to win a place."

The schedule has not yet been completed for this year's games, but according to Coach Sanders the team will play a few more games than last year, and take two over nite trips; one to Lincoln Nebr. to meet Teacher's College High School, one to Lexington Missouri to clash with Wentworth Military Academy. An attempt is being made to arrange a game with St. Joseph's Military, of Hays.

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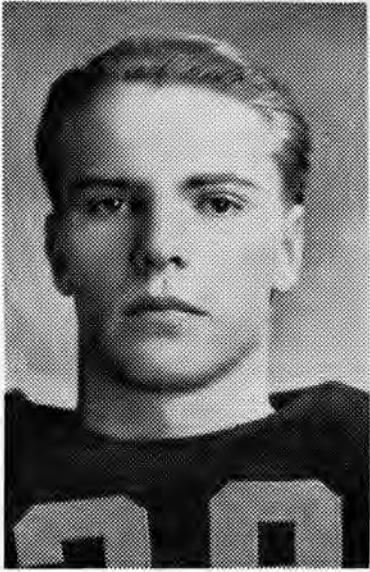
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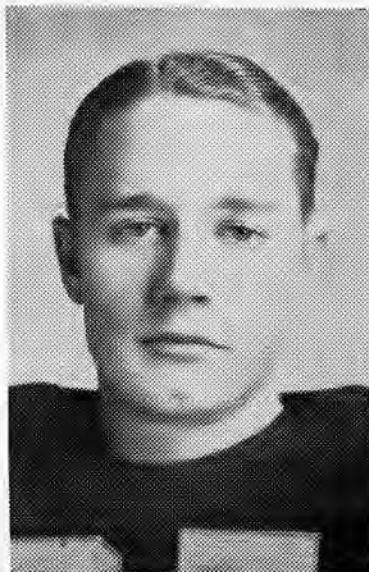
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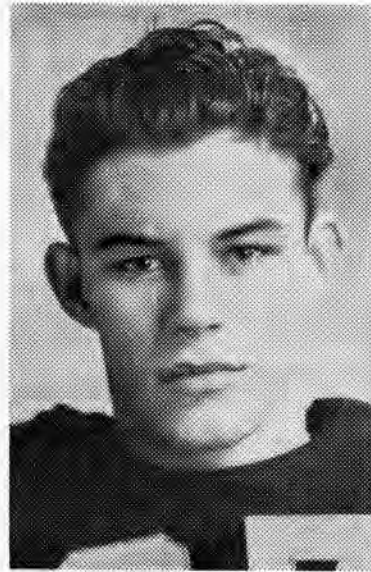
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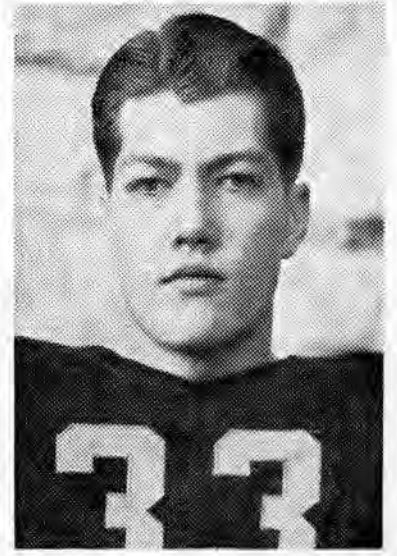
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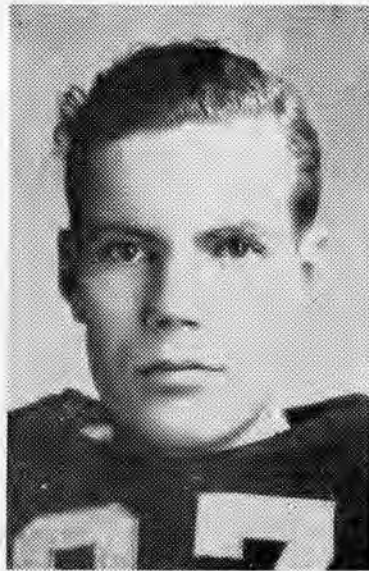
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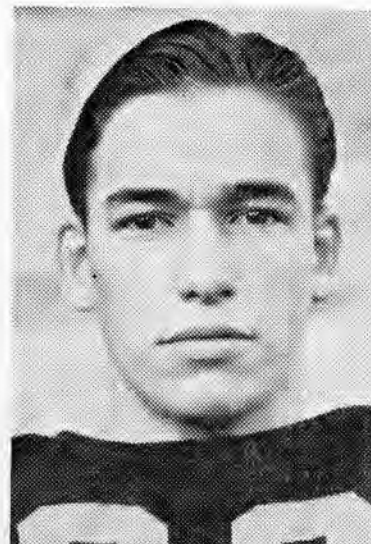
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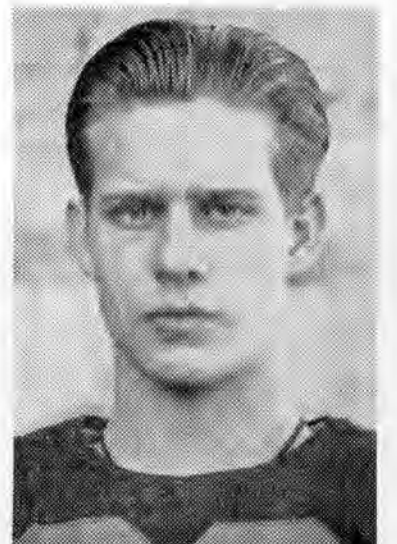
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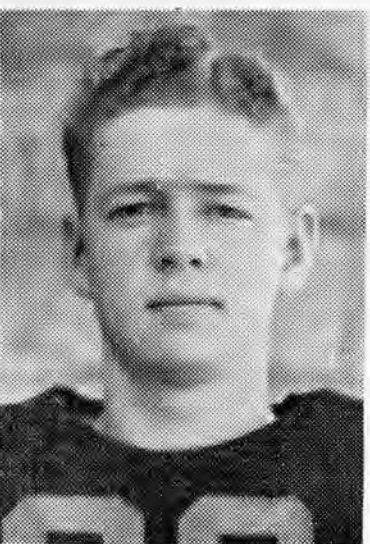
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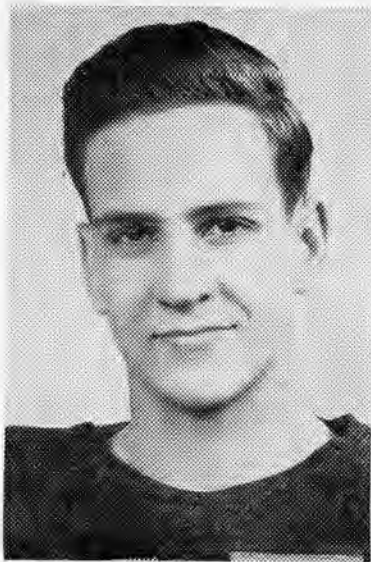
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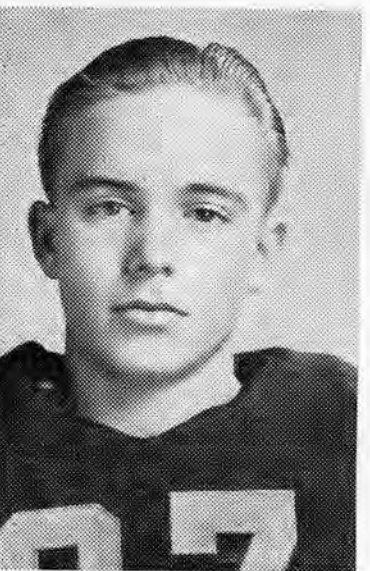
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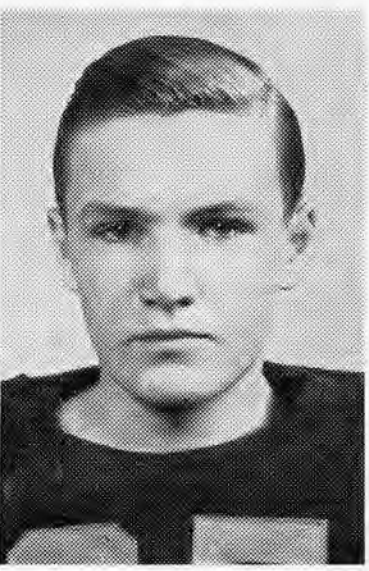
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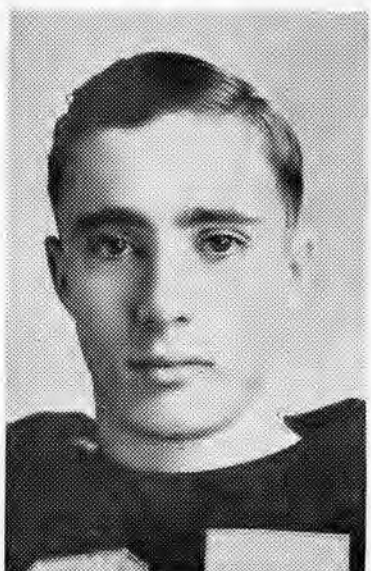
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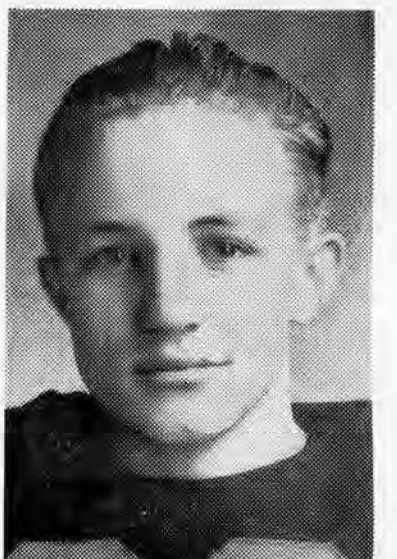
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The Sports Spotlight

FRIDAY'S game with the strong Lincoln club is the opener of what should be a very good Basketball Season. The dopesters pick Lincoln, a larger school, to win this one. This corner tells you that the Cadet cage five will hit their stride about the last of January. This year's team will feature a completely changed offense.

ORCHIDS to a hard fighting football team for turning in the best season in years. RETURNING LETTERMEN: let's get Solomon next year! let's break the four and a half year winning streak of the highly touted Delphos. Let's get revenge on Marquette!

AND while snooping through the files of The Salina Journal of the year 1904 we learned that on Thanksgiving day of that year St. John's played Wesleyan on the Wesleyan field . . . and that the Union Pacific Railroad ran an excursion train from town to the game, round trip 15c. St. John's had played KWU once previously in the year and beat them 22 to 0 . . . But they lost the Thanksgiving game. In the morning of that same day St. John's second team was beaten by the High School first team 6 to 0.

AND in that same file of the Journal we read that St. John's, according to the paper, "slaughtered the young innocents from Hutchinson High School 25 to 0."

FACES that will be missed in Basketball this year: Harry Maker, last year's captain; rangy George Lutz, center; "Cap" Pushon.

AND if they gave a medal for faithfulness to practice and trying, the unanimous choice for No. 1 would be Ralph Stevens. This McCook lad is anything but a quitter, whittled a lot of respect from his fellows by his attitude on the practice field.

THIS column doffs its hat to Captain Tolbert for battling the cool breezes and various difficulties incurred in making movies of several football games. The pictures were of inestimable value in improving team play." One picture is worth ten thousand words." . . . after seeing themselves in action the cadets were more willing to listen to criticisms and comments by the coaching staff.

AND let us point out that Captain Mahoney served as assistant coach of Football from a purely unselfish viewpoint . . . not from duty. The backs will testify to the fact that his aid was valuable, his advice good. Thanks from the team to the Junior School Head are in order. A good job well done, Captain!

POSTPONED till after Xmas vacation is the Soldier-Friends University of Wichita, fencing match to have been held Dec. 12. First letters and sweaters for the fencing team will make their appearance at about that same time . . . Bob Hickman and Ernest Moore who earned their awards last year will wear them.

DESERVING of praise is "Dutch" Irelan, for the fortitude he showed in play this year in spite of that bad knee. In both years at St. John's "Dutch" was placed under handicap because of that injury, didn't have a real chance to show what he could have done.

Fighting Cadets Roll Over Barnard High in Final Game

12 Seniors Play Last Game for St. John's

Last Quarter Pass Brings Victory, Closes Most Successful Season in Years

THE black and orange gridders of St. John's brought their batting average to five hundred and closed the most successful season in years by rolling over Barnard Hi, 12 to 6 at Kenwood field Thanksgiving morning.

Early in the first quarter a cadet fumble on their own 27 set the stage for a Barnard score, for from that stripe Stover and Blanding alternated on bucking plays to rack up the counter. Blanding's try for point was blocked and the score stood Barnard 6, St. John's 0.

The soldiers took the kickoff and drove 37 yards but there the attack bogged down. Barnard tried three plays, failed to gain yardage. The Barnard punt was partially blocked and Carroll ran the ball to the Barnard 23 yard line.

Tissaw picked up seven at left end, started on left end again, faded, passed to Manley for 10. Tissaw hit center for three, and Moore drove over tackle for three and a touchdown. Tissaw failed to convert. Score: Barnard 6, St. John's 6.

Rain had been falling steadily since the start of the game and hindered both offenses. There was no further scoring till in the last quarter when the soldier attack got under way on the St. John's 26. The orange and black drove 74 yards without losing the ball, longest gain being a 25 yard gain on a sweep, Tissaw packing the ball.

The final and winning score came on a 10 yard pass, Tissaw to Manley, who took the pass over his shoulder and stepped in to pay dirt.

The game was the final one for twelve seniors . . . Captain Bradford, Tissaw, Moore, Irelan, Carroll, Davis, Bruce, Stone, Lotker, Lucas, Hicks, Stevens.

The Lineups	
ST. JOHN'S—12	BARNARD—6
Hicks LE	Griffeth
Davis LT	Blair
Pate LG	Hodges
Lotker C	Keeler
Pearson RG	Myers
Gibbs RT	Hood
Bradford RE	Loy
Tissaw Q	Blanding
Manley LH	Wallace
Carroll RH	Corneilson
Moore F	Stover

Score by Quarters	
St. John's	6 0 0 6—12
Barnard	6 0 0 0—6
Summary	
	St. J. Barnard
First downs	13 9
Yards rushing	195 118
Gained by passing	75 20

Gridmen Outdown, Outgain Wentworth, But Bow, 6 to 0

Line Makes Spirited Goal Stand to Twice Repel Invaders

Good Sportsmanship Feature of Play

ST. JOHN'S bowed to the Wentworth men of Lexington Mo. on Nov. 24th, when the two teams met on Kenwood field to open athletic relations. The game deciding score came after three St. John's linemen attempted to catch the ball on the second kick off, fumbled, and the Red Dragons recovered. Pate and Barbour picked up small yardage and Hender, Wentworth fullback, spun, cut inside the Cadet right side and then reversed his field to scamper 16 yards for the game's only score.

The Cadets offense clicked best late in the game, when Tissaw, quarterback, led a running attack which drove 70 yards before bogging down at the ten yard stripe with only seconds remaining.

Fading to pass on fourth down, Tissaw fumbled, and the visitors recovered as the game ended.

Twice by the aid of fumbles recovered and once by means of a short Cadet punt the Wentworth troupe moved deep into Cadet territory . . . twice within the five yard stripe, but each time the seven mules met the challenge. Pearson and Davis, Gibbs, were outstanding in the line, while Tissaw and Moore looked best in the backfield.

The Lineups	
ST. JOHN'S—0	WENTWORTH—6
Hicks LE	Sponseler
Davis LT	Hupfer
Pate LG	Todd
Lotker C	Thornton
Lucas RG	Ferrara
Gibbs RT	Davidson
Bradford RE	Ramsdell
Tissaw Q	Barnett
Manley LH	Pate
Carroll RH	Barbour
Moore F	Hender

Summary	
	SJMS WMS
First Downs	10 6
Yards rushing	213 207
Passes complete	1 for 5 0

Grid Squad Banqueted by Salina Chamber of Commerce

Bill Hargiss Speaker of Evening. Tells Cadets "Grades Come First"

Squad is Praised for Good Record; Last Banquet for 12 Seniors

MEMBERS of the football squad were guests of the Salina Chamber of Commerce Monday December 4th at Hotel Lamer. Bill Hargiss, member of the University of Kansas coaching staff and a famous name in athletics for 30 years was speaker of the evening. Hargiss flayed the faculty representatives in colleges who set up a standard of eligibility that no one can be expected to abide by. He pointed out that in his opinion there is no harm in giving an athlete an easy job, or in some one's sending an athlete through school provided the boy does a good job of his school work. He added that violations of the code in the east were disgraceful, that many a major university's football lineup is "filled with names you can't sneeze, let alone pronounce," and that often those young men are from the coal mining districts and never have gone to any one's schools—let alone qualified for college. "But," said the speaker, "they're good and tough; they don't know any better."

The entire squad attended the dinner, as did the squads of Kansas Wesleyan and Salina Hi.

Lettermen of this year's team are as follows:

Ends—Sherman Hicks, George Stone, Cy Bradford.
Tackles—Paul Reilly, Clem Gibbs, Bob Davis.
Guards—Fred Pate, Bill Lucas, John Pearson.
Center—Floyd Lotker.
Backs—Jack Tissaw, Ernest Moore, Norman Manley, Clyde Carroll, Hugh Irelan and Bob Sanders.

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LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa:

Since I have just received my new boots and saber will you please bring me a big full length mirror so that I can admire myself?

Your friend,
Cy Bradford

Dear Santa:

I have tried to work these cadets into buying me a radio for my car as a Xmas present but I guess they don't appreciate my detention classes.—my second wish for Xmas is a radio.

Hopefully,
"Cap" Simpson

Dear Santa:

Sir, please bring me some vanishing cream so I can hide from these boys when they come to get me for formation. I would rather play in the sandpile.

Your happy little friend
Chas. Darrigrand

Dead Santa:

As I have a new pair of boots and several pairs of shoes to shine, I would greatly appreciate your bringing me a new shoe-box. Also, while Capt. Brown is visiting me this Xmas, you might help him find a beautiful girl who is willing to marry for love alone. This would save me the energy of cleaning his quarters so often.

Yours requestingly,
Angel Lucas

Dear Santa:

I have been such a good boy this year. The only thing I have spent my money for is cab fare, and I come back to school ten minutes early on pass nights just because she asks me to do it for her.

Now, Santa, would you, please, bring me a book of bus tickets, and an automobile speedometer with a built-in clock. I could use the latter to keep me from driving too far out into the country after the dances are over.

Will you please bring these for your most deserving Captain?

Floyd Lee
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Dear Santa:

You've probably heard about my paying my tuition, and I thought you could help me out a little bit in my "love making" by sending me a fresh supply of "NO DOZE."

Your Love-lorn Cadet,
Pretty Boy Pate

Dear Santa:

Will you try to do something about the school dances for me? The orchestra never plays a "hot" number, and my jitter-bugging is suffering.

A true "Jitter,"
"Hot Lips" Hickman

Survey Shows Cadets Have Illustrious Ancestors

Royal Blood Flows in Cadet Veins According to Men

Warriors & Statesmen are Most Common "Great" Ancestors

IF the truth must be known, this all started as an innocent (and probably not too interesting) survey of the ancestry of various cadets of this military institute. But the amazing collection of facts disclosed really blew the lid off the kettle, and after the steam had rolled away, visions of royalty, adventurers, statesman, pioneers and warlords leered at me from the dim fog yet remaining.

Without exception all men interviewed by the snooping reporter showed a certain reticence in disclosing the fact that they were in some way or other related to "Greats" but by dint of much persuasion and coaxing finally submitted the desired information.

That General Green, "Swamp Hawk" and terror of British Armies during the Revolution is a branch on his family tree is the proud boast of Jim Manard. While still in the military realm we pause to let you know that Bob and William Davis are descendants of Robert E. Lee, Commander in Chief of the Confederate forces during the civil war. A great grandfather of Bill Lucas was Colonel in the union armies during the same struggle . . . then later Governor of Arkansas. Earl Bruce insists that Robert Bruce, King of Scotland was one of his ancestors. Jim Cook, the Tarkio flash remarks that altho it might be a little difficult to trace, he and the distinguished author of "Cook's Tours" are fruit of the same family tree.

You'll laugh when you learn that one of Elwood Sellens great-great-great-great-grandfather's left England rather suddenly after knocking an English noble off his horse with a fence post, and understand Stanley Johnson's oratorical ability when you know that his great grandfather held a seat in the English house of Parliament. Moving back to royalty again, it's from Sherman Hicks that we learn one of his aunt's can trace lineage to Charles the second.

Back to the land of wooden shoes and windmills to learn that Garrow Wessendorf says he doesn't know just how, but that he is related to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. Jim Long can point with pride to the fact that his great uncle was Governor of Wisconsin. And across the channel again . . . John Pearson's ancestry includes a Bishop of England.

We tried rather unsuccessfully to link Cadet Shelley with the great English poet, and Deems Marshall with the great chief justice of the United States . . .

All of this makes your inquiring reporter curious enough about the ancestry of his own family to do some tracing . . . and it would be done were it not for recalling the story about the newly rich family who hired a genealogist to investigate the family tree only to discover that a some four hundred years previous grandfather had been the main actor in a public hanging for the crime of stealing a pig. Ever wonder who your ancestors were?

Cracksquad Makes Debut at Topeka Theatre

Trip Celebrates 23rd Anniversary of Zouave Drill Unit

1904 Group Won 1st Award at St. Louis World's Fair

THIS year's edition of the Cracksquad which made its first theatrical appearance of the school year at Topeka last week end is by direct apostolic descent number twenty three from the original body organized by Colonel Ganssle, former commandant of the school.

Unique is the fact that the crack squad routine in all those years has never been coached by a faculty member or outsider . . . the drill technique is handed down by old boys to new boys, one of the traditions of the school. In 23 years the group has made over 500 public appearances, traveled more than twenty-thousand miles. Appearances include drill at inaugural ceremony of the state governor, movie premiers, guard of honor for various celebrities, various public appearances and each year performances in the better theaters of Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

History reveals that in 1904 a drill team doing regulation and fancy manual of arms, all military movements, though not in those days labeled a "Cracksquad" traveled to St. Louis to the World's fair. There they competed with similar organizations from other schools and colleges . . . and won first place. Mounted in the entrance way of Vail Hall the flag presented to the drill team of that year bears evidence as to the excellence of that organization.

The squad of today features perfect cadence of foot steps, body movements, rifle carriage, and elaborate manual of arms. The Zouave drill as presented is unusual in that through its entirety of one quarter of an hour no commands are given, yet all movements are in double quick time.

Captain of this year's organization is Jack Tissaw, Chadron Nebraska. Personnel includes: Color guard, Bill Smythe, Sharon Springs, Kansas; Bill Montgomery, Blair Watson, Denver Colorado; Shelley, Topeka Kansas.

Buglers: Jim Cook, Tarkio Missouri, and John Rush, Denver Colorado. Squad: Hugh Irelan, Goodland Kansas; Cy Bradford, Eureka; Clyde Carroll, Russell; Floyd Lotker, Oberlin; Ernest Moore, Wichita; Clem Gibbs, Topeka; Robert Hickman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Jim Manard, Omaha, Nebraska; Fred Pate, Denver, Colorado; Bob Davis, Center Colorado; Sherman Hicks, Winton Wyoming; Bill Lucas, Wichita Kansas.

News Briefs

MR. and Mrs. Clarence Marchington and Mrs. Ethel White were injured in an automobile accident five miles west of Salina on highway 40, while enroute to Salina to see Cadet Marchington.

Fortunately, all injuries were minor ones.

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Debaters Cook and King met Lucas and Bruce in a discussion of the question "Resolved that Hitler is justified in his policy of expansion for Nazi Germany." The debate was staged for the Constitution class, affirmative upheld by Cook and King, the negative by Bruce and Lucas.

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During the absence and convalescence of Father Moore, chapel services are conducted by Major Clem, who has a lay readers license.

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Addition of Rocks to the school drive is the work of Bruce, Davis and Riley. And it would not do not to mention the new rock incinerator erected in the rear of the barracks. The school grows little by little!

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New equipment has been added to the science laboratory, according to Dr. Hansen. Most progressive student—Ralph Stevens, who has learned in a short time what mercury will do to his new ring. And who also wins the rubber crutches for being first stude to drop and break some of said new equipment. Shame, shame!

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WE quote the following statistics from a letter sent to this paper by the State Safety Division. Be sure you have a merry Xmas . . . drive safely!

The Safety Division of the State Highway Commission finds that of the 310 drivers involved in fatal accidents in the State of Kansas for the first nine months of 1939, 141 of these drivers were in violation of two or more traffic laws. The greatest violation of traffic laws that was registered was that of speed. The second violation was that of failure to have the right of way and the third highest violation was driving on the wrong side of the road, which in most cases was passing at the crest of hills or on curves or with visibility and sight distance limited. Reports show that 39 drivers were intoxicated and that eight drivers had physical defects and 15 drivers went to sleep at the wheel.

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