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Successful Thanksgiving Day Celebration Held

Many Parents Here for Dinner and Dance
Mom and Pop Take Over School

IT doesn't take a vacation to make a successful Thanksgiving! This was proved conclusively on November 28th when the Cadets of St. John's had a true and old fashioned Thanksgiving with all the trimmings. Parents of the cadets were invited by authorities of the school to be guests of the cadets and the school for the week-end beginning November 28, the official Thanksgiving Day of Kansas, presidential decree to the contrary notwithstanding. Elaborate plans had been made to provide entertainment for all, including the annual football game between St. John's and Barnard, turkey dinner and all of the other good things to make a perfect dinner and a formal dance in the evening held in the gymnasium.

Festivities began with the annual football game between Barnard and St. John's held at Kenwood Park. To allow the players to participate in the dinner the game was held in the morning and was the only part of the celebration not enjoyed by St. John's fans as the Barnard team left the St. John's cadets nothing to be thankful for as far as the game was concerned. After all players had been dug from the mud and mire it was found that Barnard had walked off the field with the scoring honors. The defeat did not dampen the ardor or the spirit of either the team or fans and everyone reported for the remaining portion of the holiday ceremonies and especially for dinner.

Because of the unusually large number of persons to be served, the dinner was held in the gymnasium. 160 persons crowded into the "dining hall" with a faculty officer or Cadet officer carving at each table with sixteen large turkeys being carved simultaneously in a very impressive sight. The dropping of a very knivess and forks was held to a minimum despite nervous hands. The tables were decorated in a very attractive manner by Mrs. Prince with a large center piece of fruits and nuts upon fern leaves, with candles at each end of the table. After dinner the "Cornflakes" under the direction of Lieut. Baldwin entertained with musical selections. Members of this outstanding musical organization are Eastham at the piano, Mock on the piano accordion, with Rush and Lieut. Baldwin on the trumpets.

One of the features of the annual Thanksgiving party is the formal dance held in the evening and this year the dance proved to be one of the most successful ever held. Guests entering the gymnasium were greeted and welcomed with

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Cadet Officers Attend K-State Military Ball

Guests of College at 16th Annual Ball

THE privilege of attending the 16th annual Military Ball of Kansas State College at Manhattan was extended to the Cadet Officers of St. John's Military School on Saturday December 7th and four Officers accompanied by Lt. and Mrs. Long and Captain Simpson made the trip.

Leaving immediately after evening mess, at which the young ladies were guests of the Officers, the party arrived at Manhattan in time for the opening of the Ball which began at 9:00 o'clock p. m. The Ball was held in the school gymnasium which was decorated for the occasion with red, white and blue streamers with a false ceiling of white making a very patriotic and attractive scene.

The music for the dancing was furnished by Matt Benton and his orchestra which is extremely popular with the college set around Manhattan. One of the features of the Ball was the presentation of the Honorary Colonel of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of Kansas State College. The identity of the fortunate young lady was not known until she stepped from the hexagonal shaped revolving drum with her attendants. It was then revealed that the new Honorary Colonel was Miss Shirley Karns of Coffeyville, Kansas, and it was at this time that the Grand March and the Arch of Sabers was held.

Cadet Officers and their guests were Captain James Cook and Miss Jeanne Nelson, Lieutenant Sellens and Miss Agnes Quinn, Lieutenant King and Miss Carolyn Noels, Lieutenant Riley and Miss Jane Beardsley, in addition to Lieutenant Long and Mrs. Long and Captain Simpson. The group reported that they enjoyed the evening very much and appreciate the courtesy of the R. O. T. C. regiment in extending the invitation. The group returned Saturday evening after the close of the Ball.

Christmas comes but once a year
And its time is drawing near
Bringing with it lots of cheer
Never with a single tear.

Christmas brings the Christmas tree
To help celebrate this jubilee,
Christmas with its fun and joys
Bringing with it foods and toys.

If on Christmas you're forlorn
Just remember—that's when Christ was born.
Stanley Johnson.

Cadet Corps Receives Instruction in Boxing and Wrestling

Former Dempsey Trainer in Charge—
Much Interest Shown

WITH the installation of new gymnasium equipment including a new boxing and wrestling ring, punching bags, new mats and a trainer of a former heavyweight world's champion for an instructor, interest in both sports is at a high pitch with all members of the corps not on basketball squads reporting for training each evening.

The trainer of Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, Mr. Emanuel Aronis, has been engaged by the school as instructor in boxing and wrestling and the boys are learning the fundamentals of the manly art of self-defense. Prospects for a successful boxing and wrestling team are exceptionally bright as a number of last year's team are reporting in addition to new boys who are showing promise. As an added feature of the course, Mr. Aronis recently brought Joe Travis, who is now fire chief of Salina, and who spent many years as a professional wrestler, to the school for an exhibition before the cadets.

The manner in which Mr. Travis threw John West around, through and over the ring made a great impression, not only on Johnny but on the entire corps. Johnny is no midget, weighing in the neighborhood of 280 pounds. The cadets are looking forward to when Travis will again perform before the cadets. The school is very fortunate in having a trainer of the caliber of Mr. Aronis and feel that much can be gained by the experience under such a trainer.

LOCAL NEWS

THE sympathies of the entire cadet corps, the faculty and the staff of St. John's Military School are extended to two members of the corps who are out of school because of illness. "Cub" Clem, son of Major R. L. Clem, Superintendent of St. John's, is in St. John's Hospital with a severe stomach ailment. "Cub" is reported to be showing rapid improvement after entering the hospital a few weeks ago.

Fred Platt, Denver, Colorado, was forced to withdraw from school for the remainder of the year because of an ear infection from which he has been suffering for the past several years. Fred left on Saturday night for Denver where he will undergo medical treatment and then retire to the family's ranch in Colorado for an extended rest. We sincerely hope that "Cub" and Fred will have a joyous Christmas in spite of the misfortune they have suffered, and needless to say, everyone is pulling for a speedy recovery for both.

Foot-Ball Squad Attends Banquet

THE football squad members of St. John's were guests of the Salina Chamber of Commerce at a banquet at the Lamer Hotel on December 5th. Other teams of the city were also entertained including Salina high school and Kansas Wesleyan University. Twenty-six boys attended from St. John's and spent an enjoyable evening in dining and listening to speakers engaged for the occasion.

Coaches introduced the members of their teams and made comments about the season's play. Speakers for the evening were Stewart Dunbar, Sports Editor of the Salina Journal, Dean King, Director of Athletics, Kansas Wesleyan University, and Hobbs Adams, head football coach, Kansas State College of Manhattan. Main topic of interest was the recent statement of Dr. "Phog" Allen, basketball coach of the University of Kansas who declared that football was dying and within ten years would be completely dead. Most of the speakers did not agree with the good Doctor and cited proof as to why football would not die but would increase in popularity. Adams also related his personal experiences while on the coaching staff of the University of Southern California which were entertaining to all.

Members of the St. John's squad were Burg, Eastham, Pearson, McCarter, Pade, McCandless, West, Sellens, Riley, Litz, Manard, Leichter, Yeager, Gibbs, Schreiber, Hickman, Manley, Guibert, Pate, Cook, Frederick, Dennett, Marshall, Wortman, Jordan, Dr. Hannen and Coach Paul. The decorations were arranged by Burg and Wortman and the banners of St. John's were prominently displayed throughout the banquet room. The entire squad wishes to express its appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for the invitation and a very enjoyable and entertaining evening.

LOCAL NEWS

RECENT visitors at St. John's include Mr. Floyd G. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wortman, Mrs. Georgia Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gammon, all of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. E. J. Marchington, Idaho Springs, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sudholt, Denver, Colo.; Miss Edith York and Mr. J. J. Vanier of Salina, Kansas; Rev. Robert Mize and Richard Williams, Hays, Kansas; Mrs. Anne G. Wessendorff and Mrs. Garrow, Houston, Texas; Mr. Robert Davis, Center, Colo.; Mr. Floyd Lotker, Manhattan, Kansas; Mr. Hugh Irelan, Fort Leavenworth; Dean Vinnedge, Salina, Kansas.

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The Meaning of Christmas

CHRISTMAS is one of the great holidays (holy days) in the Christian year, and really means the Christ Mass, because at this time we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Many people have forgotten the religious side of the day and think of it chiefly as an occasion of getting together for a good time. But the Christian realizes that we do get together and celebrate because it is the birthday of our blessed Lord. For that reason whenever possible in our churches we have a midnight service Christmas eve so that we can greet him and make our communions and receive Him again in our hearts at the very stroke of the clock on Christmas morn. Christmastide is a season of love and of doing deeds of love, of sending out thoughts of good-will to all the world, especially to those who need it most, the sick, the lonely, and those who have forgotten God. It is also a time to give thanks to the Giver of all good things, for our homes, our parents, for friends, good health, food, raiment, and all the comforts and conveniences of life with which God has so richly blessed us. Let us think upon these things and remember that at this time the Word first "became flesh and dwelt among us" and that He has promised to be with us to the end of the world in the holy Sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of His faithful people. Kingdoms rise and fall, generations live and die but the Great Light of the living Savior will shine on to the end of time to gladden the hearts of His followers and to show the Way for those who have the eyes to see and the courage to do His will.

—Father Klose.

A Christmas Prayer

The Christmas bells are ringing,
The angels still their songs are singing,
Lord Jesus take our hearts today,
Show us again the chosen Way!
Every strong and willful passion,
Thine to rule, and thine to fashion,
'Till the soul can soar and sing,
Born anew on Spirit's wing.
There new beauties ever spring
Where before the soul was blind,
'Till at last each man can see
From the hand of sense set free,
The quest of all mankind!
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
Heaven on earth has come to reign,
If our hearts be right, and our lamps be
bright,
And our wills be Thine again!
The Christmas bells again are ringing,
The angels still their songs are singing,
Lord Jesus take our hearts today,
Show us again the chosen Way.—Amen.

Father Klose.

**A Very Merry Christmas
to You All and the Happiest
of All New Years!**



Steel Clashed and Knives Flashed as the Turkeys are Carved—the Preliminary Step in Serving the Thanksgiving Dinner.

SEVERAL members of the cadet corps have been permitted to attend leading football games of the past season. On November 2nd Captain Simpson accompanied by Cadets West, Hickman, Walpole, Sudholt and Wessendorff drove to Norman, Oklahoma, to see Nebraska trounce the Oklahoma Sooners to the tune of 13 to 0. The only eventful happening on the trip was the sudden illness which seized Jim Sudholt after his arrival in Norman. Fortunately for Jim, a physician was present. Jim made the return trip with the group and was immediately sent to the infirmary where he completed his recovery.

Another group consisting of Cadet, Burg, Sellens, Black, Boehnke, and Marshall accompanied Lt. Paul to Lincoln, Nebraska to witness the Nebraska-Iowa game on November 9th. The trip was made in fog and rain which increased as they neared Lincoln. A tour of the University campus was made upon reaching Lincoln and after assigning a detail to watch over Boehnke, the group arrived at the stadium and saw Nebraska lick Iowa 14 to 6 in a driving rain. Both groups returned on Saturday after the games.

FATHER Klose's chapel services on Wednesday mornings are interesting as well as instructive. Father Klose has put in the rear of the chapel a question box and has invited all who have any questions to write them upon a slip of paper and drop them into this box and he will answer them in chapel every Wednesday morning. In connection with his question and answer service he also gives interesting lectures upon the various meaning of church symbols, equipment and ornaments. Judging by the number of questions he has been called upon to answer the idea has been a great success.

SOME people like snow and cold weather but apparently not Major Clem, Captain Mahoney or Coach Paul. This great triumvirate appear to prefer balmy spring-like weather, and not without reason. They are the golfers (?) of the institution and when Saturday afternoon rolls around they can always be located on the golf course beating the air viciously with their war clubs. And anytime you think that golf is a sissy game ask Cadets Black and Morrison. We are inclined to think that the golfing fever is nothing more than "hoof and mouth" disease, for they hoof it all day and talk about it all night—what might have been or what they did that was wrong. With the weather what it has been these past few days it looks as if all three might have plenty of time to get in a little secret practice—indoors—before spring returns.

Albert Einstein is now a full fledged American. It's a comfort to know that one of us knows something about arithmetic.

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ESPIONAGE

WHY is our fair-haired Sergeant from LaJunta going around with such a sour puss the past few days? Could it be that the love in his life is slipping away, and why, during the other evening when she and said Sgt. entered Lieut. Paul's quarters, did he turn immediately around and with his lady love leave the Lieutenant's quarters for the school parlor? Could it be that Captain Cook's presence in the room had anything to do with it? What's the matter, John, is that famed LaJunta technique failing you? But rest assured as long as the famous J. A. ring is in sight you are safe. (WW)

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We are all wondering how Lt. Sellens got mixed up with Miss Amazon. We know who she is but what we do not know is where Lt. Sellens got a date with her. It started when some girls from Marymount came over to pay us a little visit. Amid that gorgeous group was a tall BLONDE. This same blonde happened to be from a town next to Russell. Enter innocent little Elwood, who was immediately attracted to the little blonde as a sliver of steel is attracted to a powerful magnet. The romance began and bloomed and the two lovers got off to a fine start. Then came the Military Ball at Manhattan. The blonde couldn't go—but she recommended very highly to Elwood a certain Miss Amazon. Well, Elwood (and I say this for the benefit of another officer, too) BLONDES IS PIZEN!! If she thinks enough of you to recommend Miss Amazon, Elwood, she really and truly must be in love with you. (WW)

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It is rumored that the cadets who are confined to quarters have organized an elaborate "spy" system. The purpose is to keep a close check on the girls who are (supposed to be) going steady with cadets. For information see Pearson.

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What is the reason that the handsome, blushing, dashing, blustering King doesn't go to the Rendezvous anymore? Gossip has it that he has adopted for his theme song "Oh, Dear, What Can the Matter Be?"

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Pate, who does not shave, is striving mightily to grow a beard. Since he has fallen for the one and only, 'way back in Tulsa, he declares that if he has a beard his old girl friends, (both of 'em) will not be so presumptuous as to seek a date. Donations of hair tonic, hair restorer or what have you will be appreciated by our hero, also any suggestions as to how to grow a beard. We suggest patience for a few years.

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Cadet Platt, it is said, is very much attracted to the—er—chapel at Marymount. Perchant, by arrangement with Major Clem, Mr. Platt may attend his chapel services at that institution.

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Poor Yeager!! After using the telephone for almost an hour for the express purpose of breaking a date, he finally wound up with two additional dates plus the one he originally had. We dunno, the guy must have something.

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What is the name of the illustrious cadet who recently purchased a radio and wished to pay for it from his "accidental account"?

Seems as though we have a "Tarzan" in our midst! Jim Dennett, in attempting to show his skill and agility in getting around from his upper bunk to the top of his locker, miscalculated slightly and landed on the floor, first making a beautiful three point landing on his shoe-shining box. The result is that poor "Tarzan" suffered two fractured ribs and had to go around school holding his breath—due to being tightly taped over the injured areas. 'Twas fortunate he landed on his ribs. We do hope he recovers quickly.

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Zounds!! What manner of cadets do we have here? In an altercation which took place recently, two of our most prominent cadets not only forsook their fists to settle the argument but actually resorted to the primitive habit of the ancient cave man of biting—yes, with their teeth. Reports have it that each took at least one healthy chaw of the other and that Dr. Stafford treated them for hydrophobia. Believe it or not, they were upper school boys, too.

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Highest Averages

Month Ending December 7, 1940

| Upper School | | Lower School | |
|--------------|------|--------------|------|
| Burg | 89.5 | Clem | 91 |
| Muse | 89.3 | Schoeb | 88.8 |
| Pate | 89.3 | Jordan | 88.3 |
| Mock | 88.3 | Smith | 88.2 |
| | | Vanier II | 87.5 |
| | | Pade | 86. |
| | | Guibert | 85.8 |

Basketball Schedule

1940-41

| | |
|---------|------------------|
| Dec. 10 | Longford—Here |
| 17 | Kanopolis—Here |
| Jan. 7 | Longford—There |
| 10 | Tescott—Here |
| 14 | Kipp—Here |
| 17 | Vesper—There |
| 24 | Lucas—Here |
| 28 | Assaria—Here |
| 31 | Kanopolis—There |
| Feb. 4 | Solomon—There |
| 11 | Wentworth—Here |
| 14 | Tescott—Here |
| 25 | Kipp—There |
| Mar. 1 | U. N. Tch.—There |

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Football Lettermen
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Seventeen Cadets Receive
School Insignia

THE Board of Athletic Control of St. John's Military School in its meeting held on December 3rd awarded the official school letter to seventeen boys for proficiency in football and for having met all of the requirements essential to winning the letter.

Boys who were awarded letters include Burg, Cook, Eastham, Frederick, Gibbs, Hickman, Leichter, Manard, Manley, McCandless, Pate, Pearson, Riley, Sellens, Schreiber, West and Yeager. Requirements for letters set by the Board of Athletic Control are: Spirit, regularity in attendance at practices, attitude, and a minimum of 16 quarters participation in games. Boys who did not fulfill the requirements and did not letter but attended all practices faithfully and had the proper attitude deserve much commendation and will ultimately become the players in later years.

The seniors who perhaps played the final game of their careers were Burg, Cook, Hickman, Manard, Pearson, Riley and Sellens. These boys are to be congratulated upon the fine athletic record they have made and the best wishes of the entire corps and St. John's goes with them. They will be missed not only in athletics but in all other activities as well.

Board of Athletic
Control Elected

First Meeting Spent in
Awarding Letters

THREE seniors, two juniors and one each from the Sophomore and Freshmen class were elected by their respective classes to serve on the Board of Athletic Control for the year 1940 and 1941. Members selected were Robert Hickman, James Manard and James Cook from the Senior Class, John Fred Pate and James Davis from the Juniors, John West from the Sophomores and Erwin Leichter from the Freshman Class.

The first meeting of the newly elected Board was held December 1st at which time the members acted upon the granting of football letters for the 1940 season. Major Clem and Lieutenant Paul also are members of the Board and attended the meeting with Coach Paul presiding. Also discussed was the types of sweaters awarded for a particular sport but no action was taken upon the subject.

The next meeting will be held in the near future and the events, rules and regulations concerning the annual Army-Navy intramural competition will come up for discussion. Captains have already been elected to lead the two groups and all new boys who were not members of one of the teams have been selected and competition will begin as soon as all plans have been completed.

A motorist was observing a farmer tilling a rocky farm in Vermont, and remarked, "Honest, my friend, I don't see how you make a living on this farm. Look at the rocks everywhere!"

"I ain't so poor as ye think I be," replied the Yankee; "I don't own this farm."

Enjoy Yourself at
Lamer Recreation Parlor

Fighting Cadets Down
Longford

St. John's Pulls a Surprise
and Wins 20-7

THE St. John's cadets pulled a surprise on November 1st when the goddess of luck for once turned her smiles upon the boys in orange and black and by dint of some hard blocking, heads-up play and stimulated by the will to win turned back Longford by a score of 20 to 7.

Although the day was better suited to flying kites than playing football, the game proved interesting all the way and served to prove to the cadets that luck cannot always be bad. Winning the toss, St. John's chose to take advantage of the strong south wind which at times reached the proportions of a gale. Kicking-off to Longford the cadets nailed the runner on the 23 yard line and forced them to punt into the teeth of the wind. The kick was short and St. John's took the ball on the Longford 35 yard stripe and set to work on a driving offense that soon had the ball on the goal line. From the six yard line the cadets swept around end for the first tally and made it 7 to 0 with a perfect placement. Longford again made the mistake of receiving and managed to reach their 29 yard line before they were forced to kick. Yeager and Pearson blocked the kick and recovered on the 29 yard line.

Here again was an opportunity to score and the cadets marched to the 4 where Hickman on a quarter back sneak went over for the second marker. The try for point was missed and the score remained at 13 to 0 at the half. After the intermission Longford drove deep into St. John's territory where the cadets stiffened and took the ball on downs to kick out of danger. During the last quarter St. John's again drove for another touchdown with Cook smashing over from the 6 yard line with a crack through the left side of his line and the kick was good making the score 20 to 0.

Taking advantage of a short punt, Longford worked the ball down the field and scored it's lone points with a smash from the 2 yard line on 4th down. The remainder of the game saw the cadets threatening to score again by driving to the 2 yard line where the game ended. The win was gratifying as it lifted the ebbing morale of the team. All members of the team played well and deserve a lot of credit for the victory and the manner in which it was accomplished.

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Marquette 13 to 6

Team Upsets Dope and Downs
Favored Marquette

GIVING the dope bucket a healthy kick the orange and black of St. John's surprised Marquette November 15th at Kansas Wesleyan Field by handing them a pasteing to the tune of 13 to 6 in one of the best played games of the season. Showing little respect for the highly favored Marquette team the cadets came from behind to take the lead in the third quarter and then to stave off the visitors last minute desperate drive to win their second game of the season.

After receiving the opening kick-off and running it back to the 37 yard line the cadets gave indications that they were in the ball game by reeling off three consecutive first downs and were headed for a fourth when an intercepted pass broke up the drive. On the first play Marquette completed a short forward pass which was good for a touchdown and 6 points. Although the cadets roamed up and down the field for the remainder of the half, they could not score and at the half were trailing by 6 to 0.

Coming back at the beginning of the second half the cadets displayed some of the best football they have played thus far and after see-sawing back and forth they finally took possession of the ball on their own 33 yard line. On the first play of the series Manley faked a pass and behind perfect blocking raced 67 yards to a touchdown and then place-kicked the ball which put the cadets in front for the first time.

Holding the big Marquette backs and forcing them to punt, St. John's took possession of the ball on their own 28 and a lateral pass, Cook to Hickman to Manley was good for 72 yards and another marker, bringing the score to 13 to 6 where it remained the rest of the game. St. John's was kept busy for the rest of the game to stave off Marquette's attempts to score. As the game ended the cadets were again driving down the field and trying to score before time expired. All boys played well in winning their second game of the year and especially outstanding were Pearson, Eastham, McCandless, Leichter, Hickman and Manley.

Modern Definitions
HONESTY—fear of getting caught.
GOOD SPORT—one who will always let you have your own way.
MORON—one who is content with a serene mind.
PESSIMIST—one who sees things as they really are.
COACH—one who will gladly lay down your life for his school.
CONSCIENCE—the voice that tells you not to do something after you have already done it.

Cadets Wind Up Season
With Loss

Lose to Barnard Thanksgiving
Day 38 to 0

WINDING up their season with Barnard on Thanksgiving morn the cadets found themselves on the receiving end of a 38 to 0 drubbing. Barnard broke loose in the second half of the battle to pile up the score after being fought to a standstill the first half.

Playing at Kenwood Park which was muddy and slow after three days of heavy rain the heavy Barnard backs broke the resistance of the cadets in the second half to all but run wild. The Saints could do little in the way of running and the muddy ball was almost impossible to pass, the result being that the cadets never seriously threatened the goal line of the red-shirted lads from Barnard.


All of the Barnard scores came as a result of straight drives down the field, not one tally chalked up from a long run. After holding steadily the first half to trail by a 6 to 0 score, the cadets seemed to fall apart in the second half and that was the ball game.

Six seniors who have distinguished themselves throughout the past season brought to a close their football careers and will be sorely missed on future teams of St. John's. The six were Burg, Pearson, Sellens, Riley, Manard and Cook.

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The Grand March—Writing Finis to a Grand Time Scene at the Thanksgiving Eve Formal Ball.

Ware Attempts a Blitzkrieg on Darrigrand

BEFORE one of the largest crowds ever to witness an athletic event in the history of St. John's, Cadets Loring Ware, the "Colorado Springs Tiger" attempted to add to his already impressive list of quick knock-out victories by an unprecedented furious assault upon "Battling Charlie Knock 'em Stiff Mess 'em Up" Darrigrand, the towering Swede from Albert Lea, Minnesota. The battle (such as it was) took place with out previous advertising and upon the spur of the moment, although it was rumored that there was bad blood between the two husky gladiators for some time. The entire Junior School, gathered for the purpose of getting an eye full of blood and thunder, was not disappointed. The ring was the wide open spaces in front of the barracks and ring side seats were held at a premium, with the Vanier boys playing the role of ticket scalpers.

After Captain Mahoney had properly introduced the two battlers and gave them their last instructions, which both "fighters" apparently believed actually was their last minute, the signal was given to begin the massacre. Ware led off with a left which was wide by only a few feet, due perhaps to the fact that Darrigrand was going in the opposite direction. Darry then fainted and then fainted. He was however, soon revived, much to his chagrin and disgust, and the battle began in earnest. Ware, the "Tiger" stalking his prey, went into a modified crouch—on his hands and knees—while "Battling Charlie" beat a hasty retreat to the rear and landed three light blows to the body of Captain Mahoney. Ware executed a few neat rhumba steps to the rear while Darry went into a Brahms waltz. The "Tiger" charged with all the momentum of a snail and attempted to land a looping right which in some unexplained manner got tangled in his hair and drew blood from a scratch on his elbow. Darry retreated with all the speed he could muster while keeping up a rear guard action with both hands which seemed to confuse Ware not a little, who stepped upon a dragging knee and went down for a nine count. Darry, sensing a quick knock-out, poised himself for a desperate onslaught, but Ware recovered and Charley again retreated, this time attempting to make the barracks before Ware could sense the strategy of the move, but he failed when Ware had the same idea and before each could figure out who was chasing whom they were in a clinch trying hard to let the other go, panting and all but exhausted from the strenuous exertion. Ware broke loose first and tried another sweeping punch but Charlie was off-side and on the verge of hysterics and the blow landed on top of the towering Swede's rear ankle. By this time both the Tiger and the Swede were near complete annihilation due, no doubt to the total warfare waged by the battlers and the bell saved them from committing further punishment.

After a few minutes rest time was called for the second round. Ware advanced with a languid expression in his eyes while

"Battling Charlie" merely regarded his opponent suspiciously, and let loose with a yowl and two ponderous swings at the "Tiger's" head but missed as Ware was still ten yards off. Ware tried a hefty right cross which landed in the back of Darry's lap with telling effect. Darry, feeling sorry for Ware, again made a fast break, this time for the Main Stairs but realizing he could not out-run his pursuing foe, immediately made an about-face, in double time and made for the nearest tree. Failing to get aboard he decided to stay and face his opponent who was giving a good imitation of a windmill and went into a clinch and held on until both fighters were unable to do anything except moan, groan and send out feeble calls for aid. Captain Mahoney was also growing tired and called a halt in the proceedings in order to save both bruisers from further wear and tear, calling the gory battle a draw, much to the satisfaction of all concerned and especially "Tiger" Ware and "Battling Charlie Knock 'em Stiff Mess 'em up" Darrigrand.

When interviewed by the press, both Ware and Darrigrand were demanding a rematch. "I am certain that, if given another opportunity to do battle with the "Battler," that I most assuredly will knock him out within a very short time," Ware stated. Darrigrand also was very quiet in demanding a rematch. "Why, Ware is a bum and I can lick him anytime, anywhere. Just let me at him," was the statement made by the "Battling" Swede. Plans have already been made to rematch the fighters at some future date tentatively set for 1960.

ALUMNI NOTES

ATTENDING the Thanksgiving Day dance were Floyd Lotker, Robert Davis, Jack Tissaw and George Stone all of the class of '40.

Jerry McCarty '37 is serving in the Canadian Army as Master Sergeant at St. John's, Quebec.

Al McClure '32 is manager of the Fox Theatres in El Dorado, Kansas.

LOCAL NEWS

Lt. Baldwin continues to prove his versatility along musical lines. On Sunday, December 29th, "Bill" presented his Junior School Chorus which rendered several old Christmas Carols of the type that are seldom heard. The group did exceedingly well and we hope that we can have more of the Chorus from time to time. We understand that Lt. Baldwin is working up a group to appear before the corps just before Christmas furlough.

JUDGING by the anxious faces and the nervous attitude of the cadets, Christmas cannot be far off. Everywhere the topic of Christmas furlough (vacation spelled another way) is mentioned. Of all the plans they have in mind! We know they can hardly wait until December 21st, but we will wager a tidy sum that they will all be raring to get back! Anyway, we wish them all A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!

SUCCESSFUL THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION HELD

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Major Clem, Mrs. Prince, Captain Brown and Lieut. and Mrs. Long in the receiving line. Dancing began with Mal Royce and his orchestra furnishing the music and the parents, faculty officers and their wives, cadets and their lady friends and old boys who had returned to the old school for the occasion and other friends made up a colorful and joyous crowd. During the intermission the Cracksquad, under the command of its Captain, James Manard of Omaha, Nebraska, made its initial appearance of the season and performed in excellent fashion, giving a well drilled exhibition which delighted the audience and reflected the long hours spent by the squad in practice.

After the close of the dance which closed the official festivities, many parents remained over the week-end in order to visit with their boys and a holiday was declared for this occasion, but whether it was to allow time for recuperation or for visiting could not be ascertained. Never-the-less every one had a good time, lots to eat and perhaps a slight case of indigestion.

Guests of the school at dinner and the dance included Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Darrigrand, Wichita, Mr. Walter L. Black of Denver, Colo., Mrs. C. J. Verges of Norfolk, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burk of Wichita, Mrs. C. R. Butler of Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gammon of Wichita, Mrs. Blanche Long of Kansas City, Mr. F. C. Gibbs of Topeka, Mr. L. Smith of Topeka, Mr. D. D. Gregg of Crete, Nebraska, Mrs. Carol Guibert of Kansas City, Mrs. J. F. Jordan and Mrs. Landon, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mrs. Ruth Kella of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Amos King, Center, Colorado, Miss Paula Stutz and Miss Ivonne Kamen of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Mock of Arkansas City, Mrs. Orrin Penny and Miss Eileen Penny, Burlington, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walpole, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ware, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wortman, Wichita, Miss Ruth Wortman of Wichita, Miss Phyllis Boyle, Wichita, Mr. Rolland Marshall of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. James I. Cook and Jean of Tarkio, Mo., Mrs. F. R. Hickman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Folmer, Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. N. L. Manley, LaJunta, Colorado, Mrs. George Miller, Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. MacCreary, Arkansas City, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McCandless, LaJunta, Colorado, Miss Jean McCarter, Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Pearson, LaJunta, Colorado, Mrs.

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