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SOLOMON SUNK

After beating Canton the week before, St. John's continued its winning streak to two straight. The score was 13-0 over Solomon. The first touchdown was on an intercepted pass when Haythorn ran 70 yards to score standing up. This killed most of the Solomon spirit. Everybody on the team played the best of his life, especially Hays I in this, his second game. He was on the starting lineup and played well. Our little "Rock-of-Gibraltar," Teeny Comstock, didn't let many pass him. Dotson and Lindley, guards, did more than their share. Our three main tackles, Olsen, Hays and York played superbly. The ends, Krone and Jansen, drew a compliment from the referee on their fine defensive game. They got down under punts swiftly. There wasn't much passing on our part. All of our backs made at least one good gain. They were Martin, Pade, Pollard, Haythorn, Lindesmith, Bannon and Sperling. Even the assistant manager, Livingston did swell. The cadet corps supported the

team with Black leading lusty cheers.

After the game, Capt. Mahoney, Major Clem and Fr. Nale approached delirium. It was the first time we had beaten Solomon since A has been here as Chef.

The substitutes who also played a great game were Hames, Orr, Schoeb, Sperling and Vanier I. Capt. Mahoney did not use many players during the game.

The LINE-UP:

R. E. Jansen
R. T. Olsen
R. G. Lindly
C. Comstock
L. G. Dotson
L. T. Hays I
L. E. Krone (Capt.)
Q. B. Martin
R. H. Lindesmith
L. H. Pade
F. B. Bannon

The score by quarters was:

St. John's	0	7	6	0	—13
Solomon	0	0	0	0	0

PROMOTIONS

The 'new boy,' spending his first few weeks at St. John's, may well be puzzled about all the talk he hears concerning promotions. This subject is of concern not only to the cadets who may be in line for advancement in rank but also to the faculty members who decide as a group who shall be and who shall not be promoted. Some times it is hard for faculty member "A" to agree with faculty member "B" as to the merits of a cadet being considered for promotion. For this reason we can understand an important general rule of many years' standing at St. John's; i.e., no cadet is advanced in rank without a majority vote of the faculty. Any member of the faculty may recommend a cadet for promotion, but all members vote on the matter.

These are the factors which score most heavily in favor of a cadet:

1. High quality of leadership and character.

If the candidate's character is excellent and if he has the ability to lead others rightly, he possesses the most valuable attribute of an officer. A leader gets results by leading; he seldom has to bluster or threaten. He goes about his duties quietly and often lends a helping hand or gives a quiet word of advice. He turns in hooks, of course, when necessary, but he will not need to use any kind of punishment as often as will the officer who is not sure of himself or who does not have the respect of his fellow cadets.

2. Satisfactory degree of self-control and good behavior.

A cadet cannot expect to control others if he cannot control his own emotions. Those who give way to frequent rages, those who use improper language or those whose behavior patterns do not follow the high standards of the School should not expect to become officers.

3. Satisfactory grades.

The prospective officer is expected to make as good marks as his capabilities permit. We know there is a wide range of abilities in any student body. We expect the best but not the impossible.

4. Soldierly appearance.

Posture, neatness and soldierly bearing play an important part in the selection and election of a cadet officer.

5. Tenure.

Everything else being equal, the cadet who has had the longest service at the school takes precedence over others.

Most of us admire those who are ambitious and eager to get ahead. As for myself, I like to see a cadet set a goal for himself and try to reach it because I know that spirit of competition against himself and against others is splendid preparation for more mature years. Those of us who have been at St. John's for a period of years have watched enough cadets move from positions of responsibility at the school to places of leadership in adult life to know that the key to success here unlocks many other doors as well.

Personally, I should like to see every cadet here set his heart upon being a Cadet Major of the Battalion. You all won't succeed, but you will have a grand time trying.

R. L. CLEM, Rector

CADETS CRACK CANTON

1st WIN IN TWO YEARS

The St. John's cadets marched to the goal line three times to beat Canton, 19-2. From the first it appeared that St. John's had the better team. They scored early in the second quarter when Jansen took a pass from Martin and carried the ball to Canton's eight yard line. On the next play, Pade drove to the one foot line, from where Martin scored on the next play. Jansen made the extra point.

In the next half, the Canton team seemed to come to life, but their drive was suddenly stopped when Lindly intercepted a short pass. A play later, Pollard ran forty yards to the five yard line. Then Lindesmith staggered over for the score.

The cadets met this renewed life with determination, and when faced with Canton on their own eight yard line, first down and goal to go, they dug in and held. Canton scored only when they lost the ball to the Cadets on downs, and the S. J. M. S. team attempted to kick out of

danger. The pass from center was fumbled but St. John's recovered behind their own goal giving Canton a safety. The game ended with Canton missing a desperate pass from the Cadets' forty yard stripe.

There were no individual stars. Everybody played for the glory of the team. In stopping the last drives Canton made, the Cadets showed the stuff of which champions are made.

The starting lineup and score by quarters was as follows:

R. E. Jansen
R. T. Olsen
R. G. Lindly
C. Comstock
L. G. Dotson
L. T. Christensen
L. E. Krone
Q. B. Martin
R. H. B. Lindesmith
L. H. B. Pade
F. B. Pollard

S. J. M. S.	0	13	6	0	—19
Canton	0	0	0	2	—2

Other players were: Bannon, Foster, Hames, Hays I, Hays II, Haythorne, Moore, Orr, Russell I, Schoeb, Sperling and Vanier I.

LETTERMEN SPONSOR

FIRST JUKE DANCE

The "S" club started off our social year with a dance October 9th; the night after our first football game. The juke box furnished the music from some of the latest records that Wessendorff's jive collection boasts.

They soaked the boys with dates 15c, and the wolves, 50c. This was because the wolves weren't wanted and the club's treasury was just about empty.

Many new faces were seen among the old ones. The faculty was well represented, and Capt. Barker played his usual role of "genial host." The dance started at 7:30 and was over at 10:30, giving the cadets an hour to take the girls home and get back to school.



Major Clem

Lieutenant and Mrs. Holm and Family

As head of all teachers of the Junior School this year, Lt. Holm, comes to the school from Ruskin, Nebraska, where he was superintendent of schools.

Lt. Holm was born at Wakefield, Nebraska, on Feb. 17, 1897. He attended Wayne State Teachers' College and took his B. S. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1926.

While he was attending U. of N. he met Miss Mary Neary and they were married January 30, 1925 in Omaha. Mrs. Holm also attended the University of Nebraska and has been teaching in Nebraska schools, both elementary and secondary, for many years.

Lt. Holm has taught in various Nebraska Schools for the last seventeen years.

The Holms have three children, Patricia and Pauline, who are attending Salina High School and Frank, who is a freshman in St. John's. Patricia is helping out in the school office doing secretarial work. The contribution of two sewing machines to the life of St. John's has been a great boon in the shortage of that commodity here.

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HELLO

New faces, new friends, a new beginning! That is the best thing about the start of a school year. Of course we bring with us the memory and the record of past exploits and events. Like the poor, they are always with us. But everybody has the same desire, to make THIS year the best so far. So we go on the assumption that our friends want to forget as much as we do. That is, forget the past failures. It is good to recall the successes. Let's make that effort, all together, and then look forward to what we hope to accomplish this year.

As far as the SKIRMISHER is concerned, this is what we hope to do:

First, we hope to put this paper out every month, on the first of the month, come hail or high water. Your copy, if you want it even considered, must be in Cadet Editor Lindesmith's hands, on the FIFTEENTH.

Second, we are making the paper a KAYDET'S paper. Your thoughts, your hopes, your ideas are the warp and woof of School life. Give out, then, brethren, and give us the privilege of printing your ideas. The Faculty Advisor has no intention of blue-pencilling anything except flagrant blasphemy or obscenity, and bad spelling.

Third, we also shall bend every effort to make the pen triumph over the sword in the matter of welding the corps into a solid body of good, Christian gentlemen. We shall have eyes and ears everywhere, and, in return for your honesty and free access to our columns, we shall claim the right to bombast anything that seems to us destructive of true Christian living.

And, because you may think this is just a flabby promise, here is our first kick-off.

A Christian gentleman should be marked by the fact that he acts the same both when he is seen and when he is on his own. Pranks, an occasional AWOL, if you can get away with it, are expected. But when cadets act like something the cat was ashamed to bring in—that is something that not even the Skirmisher can tolerate. We refer, gentlemen, to disregard of personal property. A man's house is his castle. So is his good name. So is his locker and the stuff therein. Hoodlums are known by their tendency to destroy. It takes courage to insult another man to his face and to have it out with him. It is cowardly to take advantage of a man's absence, or good nature and to use his stuff. Hitler moves into countries, using force to gain control over their resources. Our brothers and friends are being blown to gory bits just because we disagree with that way of doing things. Let us then have no more pilfering, destroying of cars, taking of clothes, abuse of others' rooms, or carelessness about our "appropriation" of others' property. You know very well what belongs to you. Can you imagine our Lord borrowing St. Peter's sandals and forgetting to return them? Do unto others, gentlemen, as you would have them do unto you.

RKN.

Squad

One of the most popular pastimes this year at St. John's seems to be walking. Our "bull ring" is enjoying an unprecedented popularity. Prominent in the "bull ring" are a number of old boys who know better, and a good many new boys who should. The remarkable thing is that if all the hooks were turned in there

would be four times as many out there walking.

To many here, the bull ring is just a picnic standing up. Some eat candy—some chew—some sing, and everybody talks. Enterprising squad sergeants give out with jive cadence and boogie counts.

Squad is a necessary evil. Squad such as we are having now is an unnecessary evil.

Smith Comes to St. John's

This year Lt. Smith has joined the faculty of St. John's. He teaches in the Junior School.

Lt. Smith was born in Lucas, Kansas, September 24, 1914. He attended the Lucas grade and high school. He was graduated in 1933, from Southwest State Teachers College at Weatherford, Oklahoma.

He then began teaching and went to school at the Kansas State Teachers College at Hays, Kansas, during the summer for four years.

Lt. Smith next moved to Hill City, Kansas, where he taught the seventh grade and was in charge of the playground, for five years. While in Hill City he met Miss Mona Margaret Law and they were married at Russell, Kansas, on August 21, 1940.

In 1941 they moved to Lenora, where he was principal of the grade school. He taught there for a year and a half until he enlisted in the Army Nov. 27, 1942. On August 26, 1943 he received an honorable discharge because of his eyes.

GRADES

A new "S club" is being formed. This time it is a matter of brains instead of mere brawn. The reports came out this quarter, and instead of the usual 55 or 82.6 (sic) that we are used to seeing on our records, we find an S, S—, or U. There are some who find an S plus. What mean these symbols, brethren?

It means that the faculty have adopted a very fine method of grading, one that takes into account a man's true academic ability. It makes it possible for all men to know that they are or are not doing their work up to snuff. By means of the various tests which St. John's Cadets have taken for three years, the faculty now are well informed of what a man is capable of doing. The results have jibed so closely with all other ratings, that every cadet can know with confidence that the faculty has a pretty exact picture of his abilities in all phases of his academic life. This picture is painted by pigments from the tests and shadings from the faculty members who have had that cadet in class. It shows both the general ability and particular penchants as well as areas where the cadet may have missed proper training in former schools, or through some unavoidable difficulty. It gives the faculty a chance to build up where training is lacking, and relieves the cadet from having to blunder along with work that he is not ready to do. It also will offer chances for cadets with special bents to do more advanced work, challenging those men who might otherwise be bored with work already well in their ken.

The S marks, of course, stand for satisfactory work, or otherwise. If a man is doing right up to his top power, he will receive an S. If he falls under the grade that he should be getting, he will receive an "S minus" or a "U." The usual rewards and punishments go right along with this way of marking. *There still remains in the office the actual numerical grade that he earned in the classroom*, but this is kept merely for the cadet's protection when he asks for a transcript of his grade to take to another school. Those whose grades fall below 85, the college prep requirements, will be informed through their parents, as well as those who are below the actual St. John's passing grade of 70. But the cadet will receive only one of the four marks: S plus; S; S minus or U.

The faculty now breathes a huge sigh of relief, as will the cadets. Gone are the days of boosting grades. Now we shall get just what we earn, and that will be matched up to what we OUGHT to be earning and we shall know where we stand.

It is possible and it has been shown to be very practicable, for a cadet, by taking some of the remedial work, for which Mrs. Thompson is so well equipped, to raise his achievement level so that he becomes capable of better and better work. This means that more will be expected of him. But lest you think that gold-bricking will work, be it said that the tests are based MOSTLY on one's natural ability. But we like the idea! It is good to know that we can do more than was ever suspected. It is also a comfort to know that we really do have a good reason for not quite understanding some of the finer points of higher math, for instance, or whatever it is that consistently knocks down our academic average.

It is also good to know that the school is in the lead in educational circles in putting into practice what will be, undoubtedly, the usual practice in all schools.

(Voice off stage) "Thanks, dear sirs, and how about a little plus after that S? Do you want your shoes shined, or your car washed? Oh! excuse me, I didn't quite understand that it was entirely OBJECTIVE."

All Quiet on the Salina Front

Clem and Simpson Act

For a number of years a feud has been carried on between the cadets of St. John's and the students of Salina High School.

A short time before school opened this year, several cadets threw a brick through the windshield of a car in which some town boys were riding.

Certain Salina High students seized upon this incident, embroidered and elaborated it, and with "REVENGE" as their battle cry declared open season upon St. John's School and its cadets.

These people came out to the school several nights in a row, accompanied, it is said, by a number of the town's young people, who were neither involved in the original incident, nor members of the High School student body. Burning rationed gas, disturbing the neighborhood, they made the night hideous with vulgar shouts, obscene remarks and threats to the cadets. The cadets were kept to their quarters by the officers.

After three nights of increasing disturbance a cadet guard was posted with orders to take license numbers, if the cars boasted any, and to hold trespassers. This particular form of disturbance stopped.

There continued to be a number of clashes down town, none of which reached the proportions of a major riot, but the situation threatened to become serious.

It became evident that action of some sort was necessary. No one really wanted further property damage, and there was the danger of real harm coming to the younger, junior school lads of both groups. Action was taken by the heads of both schools involved.

Major Clem of St. John's, and Mr. Simpson of Washington High both arbitrarily ruled that any student, in either school, who in any way provoked a fight would be unconditionally expelled.

To date there has been no further trouble.

Editorial Comment

All hostilities having ceased between the rivals, it is hoped that there will be no more. St. John's faculty and corps assume that a war of defense only is justified. Cadets are under orders to refrain from any provocation. Actual trespass on the grounds of St. John's, however, constitutes breaking of the law; and a man's house is his castle. The school is the home of the faculty and cadet corps. It is private property under the direction of the Episcopal Church. The authorities expect all guests who enter the gates to behave as Christian gentlemen, no matter what time of day or night. This applies not only to cadets but to residents of Salina. If there is any complaint about personal or property damage, those who feel themselves wronged are invited cordially to present their complaints through the proper channels. We live in a world of law and order. We hope!—R. K. N.

Over There Somewhere

Class of "37"

C. McCoy, Army
J. Kerans, Marines
R. Patton, Marines
R. Max, Navy
J. McCarty, Marines
C. Breyfogle, Marines
L. Bigley, Marines
M. Golden, Army
W. Thompson, Army

Class of "38"

D. Moffat, Army
W. Trueblood, Army
W. Culp, Marines
J. Thornton, Army
W. Gordon, Army
H. Becker, Air Corps
J. Erickson, Air Corps

Class of "39"

G. Lutz, Signal Corps
C. Comin, Army

Class of "40"

S. Hicks, Marines
E. Bruce, Army
E. Moore, Army
W. Lucas, Air Corps
H. Ireland, Air Corps
F. Lotker, Merchant Marines
C. Bradford, Army

Class of "41"

J. Cook, Army
R. Hickman, Merchant Marines
H. Burg, Army
R. King, Army
P. Riley, Army
E. Sellins, Army
J. Wortman, Army
J. Pearson, Navy

Class of "42"

J. Pate, Marines
C. Eastham, Army
J. McCandless, Marines
A. McCarter, Army
Wm. McGarry, Air Corps

Class of "43"

G. Penny, Navy Air Corps
J. Dennett, Army Air Corps
D. Spear, Sebees
A. Marr, Navy
V. VanDoren, Marines
W. Mueller, Navy

Class of "44"

W. Coulter, Navy

The Skirmisher is planning to send a copy to every St. John's serviceman. If you know of others, or have a new address of any that we have, please send it in, even tho you may duplicate the "info" from some other alumnus.

We are also making up a supplement containing excerpts etc. from all your letters. You gobs and leathernecks and airmen, yes, even you devotees of the Queen of Battles and hoofers—send us a letter to share with the gang. God bless you.

Cadets Take I. Q. and Achievement Tests

As you probably know, school began as usual this year with what could be called a minimum of congestion and confusion, but unfortunately most of us don't classify it that way. Precedure was as always to the old boys and a trying adventure to the new, but all got over the hump and, I hope, are in the well known groove now.

One of those things you didn't actually appreciate, but took in stride, was the age old intelligence test. All were required to take this—well, engrossing ordeal, but few realized the well being of such a thing. Today, in time of war and sacrifice, the government is using every available man and woman in the capacity that he or she is best suited for, thus achieving the utmost efficiency in action. From this method has sprung the idea of the crystallization in a boy or man, of the trade, study, or duty that he is most proficient in, and thus helping his future advancement in said line of work. Our own intelligence tests, to gather the facts, is a step in this process.

New Boys of 1943

Baer, William Linton, Hutchinson, Kan.
Baum, Wm. Eldon, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Bennett, Richard Otto, Casper, Wyo.
Binford, Earle Dayton, Wichita, Kan.
Binford, Robert Kieth, Wichita, Kan.
Bliss, Ralph Parker, Wichita, Kan.
Brown, Gene C., Colorado Springs, Colo.
Brown, Max Kenyon, Enid, Okla.
Campbell, Harry A., Tulsa, Okla.
Capps, Wesley Davidson, Denver, Colo.
Christensen, Alfred Chas., Long Island, N. Y.
Comstock, Richard Lee, Topeka, Kan.
Dillenbeck, Robert Lee, El Dorado, Kan.
Ensley, George R., Olathe, Kan.
Etz, Chas. Fred, Independence, Kan.
Fleming, Earle Brisbane, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Fogg, James Frank, Little Rock, Ark.
Foster, Joseph A., Pratt, Kan.
Gardner, Chas. Harry, Wichita, Kan.
Gray, Gary Gene, Muswater Groves.
Gray, Robert, Wichita, Kan.
Hall, Jere Melton, Boise City, Oklahoma.
Hays, Joseph Anthony, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Haythorne, Howard C., Maxwell, Nebr.
Hillman, John M., Denver, Colo.
Holm, Frank, Salina, Kan.
Howard, John Richard, Vancouver, Wash.
James, Stephen Clayton, Columbus, Nebr.
Ladd, Robert, Wichita, Kan.
Leamer, Geo. D., Olathe, Kan.
Lee, L. George, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
Lightenburger, Henry Don, Newton, Kan.
Logan, Robert William, Hugo, Colo.
Moore, John T., Wichita, Kan.
Mueller, James Joe, Wichita, Kan.
Nelson, Richard M., Wichita, Kan.
Nichols, Geo. Lee, Sabetha, Kan.
Pearce, Bennett R., Wichita, Kan.
Piper, E. Ford, Idalia, Colo.
Porter, Robert M., Gunnison, Colo.
Prier, Cecil F., Wichita, Kan.
Rainey, John Allen, Wichita, Kan.
Rhoads, Lee E., Wichita, Kan.
Russell, Lawrence M., Canon City, Colo.
Santarelli, Ralph, Florence, Colo.
Santarelli, Robert, Florence, Colo.
Shumate, Donald, Great Bend, Kan.
Stafford, Romer Lee, Wichita, Kan.
Stigler, Conrad, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Trudgeon, James Robert, Purcell, Okla.
Tucker, Rea Ruth, Wichita, Kan.
Williams, John Edward, Denver, Colo.
Yaune, Floyd Roy, Ashby, Nebr.

William Coulter, U. S. Navy

William Coulter, a senior this year, was called by Uncle Sam. His draft board suddenly was faced with filling a higher quota than they had planned for. Coulter left the second week in October and was inducted at Fort Leavenworth.

He later received the usual five-day furlough and spent one day of it at St. John's, picking up loose ends.

Bill, known as "Tee Pee", was an officer's candidate, Captain of the "Navy", Captain of the Crack Squad, and treasurer of the S club.

Fr. Nale Back

Fr. Richard Kent Nale has returned as Chaplain again after serving the church at Detroit, Michigan, and spending four years at Holy Cross Monastery at West Park, New York. While at Holy Cross he acted for a time as Chaplain for the Episcopal men at Sing Sing prison. Could it be that he was getting in shape to come back here?

Upon returning as Chaplain and English instructor he has taken on various duties including assistant football coach.

Fr. Nale's quarters, located on the second floor, has been named the "Glory Hole," as many kaydets have found there delectable food before taps. He is also responsible for the reorganization of the religious activities. All the kaydets are pleased with the regularity and the localization of the religious duties. Four miles to and from church on Sunday morning was QUITE a chore.

AT EASE!

Among the various ditties sung to the tune of Yankee Doodle, the following wins the gold plated jews' harp:

Captain Barker, Captain Barker
When he makes his rounds,
He promises us a holiday; and
Then we police the grounds.

Come on, durn you, pick it up.
Don't you miss a paper.
Take it round back to the trash,
And don't you stop to caper.

Y' Hike, Y' Hike, Y' Hike

The cadets who could not get to the Canton game were greatly honored by Captain Barker by being allowed to go on a hike, a short one of not more than two or three hundred miles.

Pockets bulged with candy bars, water, and chewing gum. Everybody started off singing but soon began to wonder if they were going all the way to the border, or only half way. At long last they heard the sweetest words ever spoke, "Battalion Halt." Boundaries were set and would-be deserters and stragglers were warned to hover near.

Finally recall into ranks was the occasion for passing around some worm-filled apples. During this solemn process all were informed that it was meatless Friday, so the gentle little creatures were pulled out and saved for Saturday.

All trails have an end and so do hikes (shucks). The cadets crawled gleefully back to S. J. M. S. to greet the victors from Canton. Ho-hum.

CAPT. BROWN FIXES LIBRARY

Under the able and experienced hand of Captain Brown, the library got off to a flying start this year. The entire rearrangement and reclassification of the numerous volumes, preceded the choice, by our noteworthy headmaster, of the hourly, and all-time librarians for the year. Captain Brown's appointees are as follows:

Chief Librarian Marvin Ellis
Librarians:

for Period I Piper and Livingston
for period II Ladd I and Wessendorff
for period III Schoeb and Adams
for period IV Ellis and Woodruff
for period V Lindesmith and Black
for period VI Winslow and Moore
for period VII Ellis and Pearce
Evening study hall Olsen and Pearce

With this new set-up in effect let us hope that the cadets will respect the effort and time put into our library by Captain Brown and his assistants, and will cooperate in every way to enforce a strict obedience to the laws regarding it.

MILITARY GETS GOING

By Orr

Last year, as we all know, our present P. M. S. & T. Captain John F. Barker, had a short stay in our nation's armed forces, and with the knowledge he gained there, he has furthered the drilling on the parade ground.

Captain Barker has transformed drill from it's usual capacity as an irksome duty into a period thoroughly enjoyed by the cadets young and old.

His management of the morning reveille formation has also had telling effects as to it's popularity with the boys who enjoy it. An advocate of numerous health experts from all over the nation, Captain Barker has emphasized the belief that exercise before breakfast is good for the body and soul.

Continuing the summary of Captain Barker's achievements at St. John's, we come with great pride to the weekly Saturday inspection. At the beginning of this year, confusion and chaos reigned, but in the few short weeks we have been here, a development of unequalled scope has changed our rooms from the disorderly things we once admired to the neat orderly rooms others admire. Of course discipline had to be introduced to precede this change, causing a few ragged ends, but if the corps would, and could see the improvement brought about by this enforcement, they would all praise Captain Barker as does this article.

The goal is set, and the way to that goal is before us; dim, but getting clearer all the time. So let the entire corps get in the middle of that road to Godliness, and reach it by the perfection of cleanliness.

Chaplains Out-Bowl Schoolmen

Hey boy, set 'em up! WHAM!!! Lt. Thompson is the Captain of the School's bowling team, now setting them up and knocking them down as a member of a town league which bowls at the "Y" alleys. On Friday, the 15th, they lost to the Camp Phillips Chaplains.

High man was Cadet Orr. The tally for the three lines were: (1) 605—546, (2) 670—663, (3) 587—598. The school team took only the last line, losing the first two.

Several of the Cadets eke out the team and roll 'em when a faculty member can't get away for the fun.

Here is the schedule:

Nov. 4, Lions Club
Nov. 11, Rotary Club
Nov. 16, State Guard
Nov. 27, Post Office

Please observe the foul line! Yes, Sir.

Night Study Hall Superceded by Room Privilege.

Cadets Earn Right to Private Study

Study Hall has always been a sore spot both with the cadets and the faculty officer in charge of it. Inasmuch as the cadets have proved themselves generally able to conduct their own work better when not under the strain and confusion of a room packed full of movement and rustle, it has been granted that all shall study in their rooms.

In this way help may be given by the Study Supervisor to those in need, without disturbing the rest of the corps. The young gentlemen are more at ease in their own rooms and are getting more work done. These conditions are more like those they will meet after graduation than was the crowded and cowed study hall. The faculty O. D. is responsible for ALL permissions, and the Supervisor is now free to give emergency tutoring and explanations of assignments.

Many details had to be settled in the minds of the faculty before the new method was inaugurated, and many kinks still have to be ironed out. One of these was the problem of the Q. M. for those who live in the Junior School. But the Junior School will have its own Q. M., to be opened after Drill for about 15 minutes. Lt. Holm has organized the quartermasters to run it.

Still another item was the problem of chairs, but new ones for the Mess Hall came, releasing enough steel ones for the rooms. And, just to show how complicated is any change in a long established custom, a safe place had to be found to mount the pencil-sharpeners in the barracks.

"Study Hall" is now, if not a joy, at least bearable and more conducive to a peaceful frame of mind. At times it IS good for a man to be alone.

CADETS GO TO CHURCH

The Chapel has been the center of quite a little activity. About twenty-six men have been chosen for the choir and glee club. They will sing in the Cathedral choir on Sundays and make occasional trips to out of town parishes.

October 31st was Youth Sunday, it being the Feast of Christ the King. The Cadet corps marched to the Cathedral to join with the parishioners in their worship. In former years this was done every Sunday, but more recently the School Chapel has become the normal center for the corporate worship of St. John's faculty and cadets.

There are 44 communicants of the Episcopal Church, 12 Methodists, 17 Presbyterians, 3 Lutherans, 4 Roman Catholics, and 27 others. Religious instruction is given in various ways. The faculty take turns speaking at Morning Prayers, the Junior School meets every evening at bed-time for stories and family prayers, and the rest of the corps receive instruction during the afternoon activities period.

There is planned a special course in Religion for the second semester for which those cadets who take it will receive one credit. Several of the colleges, e. g., Harvard, Yale and Princeton, allow a college credit for such a course. For those colleges who do not as yet admit Religion as part of the academic scope, the School will grant a credit in English. This course will be limited to Seniors and chosen Juniors.

Al Hart's Church Burns Mortgage

School and Town Join in Service

Many of the faculty attended the Jubilee Service held at St. John's Baptist Church in Salina, where Al Hart has recently been instrumental in a successful campaign to pay off a \$5,000.00 mortgage.

With the help of Rush Smith, Salina businessman, the colored parish raised enough money to get a substantial discount, and thus ended a 50-year old obligation.

Many citizens, both white and colored, joined in the service where the mortgage was dramatically burned. Major Clem was greeted by the congregation, and Dean Golder of the Cathedral spoke briefly on the power of prayer—especially in financial matters.

S Club Elects Leaders

On September 26th, the returning members of the S Club assembled in the School Tower, traditional meeting place of the club, to elect officers and to arrange for the coming year. John Vanier acted as chairman until election was over.

Cadet York was chosen as president; Cadet Dotson, vice-president; Cadet Coulter, treasurer; Cadet Jansen, sergeant-at-arms; and Cadet Lindly, chaplain. The rest of the meeting was conducted by the newly elected officers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After several items of business were discussed, the president brought the meeting to a close, and the chaplain said a closing prayer.

In the 3rd meeting of the club it became necessary to make a change in the officers because Cadet Coulter was inducted into the U. S. Navy. Lindley was advanced to the office of treasurer, and Bannon was elected to replace him as chaplain.

Calling All Horns

The school orchestra is having a hard time getting together. Four men handed in their names as interested in the idea. How about a little deflection of that barracks racket into the wood and brass and skins? The experts have lots of time to show the finer points to those timid souls who might not think they can keep up with James and Black in 8-to-the-bar. We'll need a band to celebrate that undefeated season dance!

Miller Chooses Singers 25 Cadets Learn Many Types of Music

Again this year we have the Glee Club under the expert guidance of Professor Miller from Kansas Wesleyan University, at the other end of Santa Fe Ave.

A group of 46 candidates were weeded out to 25 voices. These are: Cadets Allison, Black, Brown I, Christensen, Dillenbeck, Flanigan, Hames, James, Kline, Krone, Lassen, Leamer, Ladd I, Lindesmith, Lindly, Mauger, Miller, Moore I, Olsen, Peterson, Pollard, Porter, Wessendorff, Wigle, Yaune. The club's repertoire will include all types of music; light, classical, folk songs, some modern compositions, and liturgical cantatas and Masses.

The club looks forward to several trips and contests, and will furnish the backbone of the Cathedral Choir's male section.

Measles Catch Cadets

Three Escape Quarantine

FLASH. Infirmary lets two cadets out of its clutches. With the aid of Dr Porter Brown and some persistent heckling, and because of the influx of a few measly cadets—Pollard and two other G. B.s (quote) made a clean get-away.

Christensen, Johnson II, Yaune, and Russell I are still there, blooming like roses. Logan started with the first case of measles the first week of school. The infirmary is strictly off-bounds, but the sick-line continues to form to the right outside the door at the usual times after morning chapel, noon and evening mess. Mrs. Shelton keeps everybody happy with her pleasant ways and firm hand.

Krone is now in the hospital suffering from a deep-seated cold. The epidemic of broken bones seems to have stopped with Van Druff's and Ladd's injured wrists. Charley-horses are a dime a dozen, but that's football for you.

SCHOOL HAS BLACKOUT

October 12th we had a surprise blackout. No planes zoomed over-head, no sirens blew and no air-raid wardens stumbled in the dark. The officers came through with emergency *savoir faire* and appropriated candles from the chapel and dresser drawers. The cadets were studying in their rooms enjoying the pursuit of higher learning, and the Study Hall was waiting for something interesting to happen anyway.

GYM MADE INTO MESS HALL

With the great increase in the number of cadets enrolled this year, various necessities arose in the housing and caring for them. Previously, Major Clem has thought and spoken of additions to, and furtherance of, the fabric of the school, but up until this year no immediate action was taken or no date was set. Then, like a gift from heaven, all dreams were seen to be realized and thus the new plan is:

The creation of a recreation hall on and in the site of the present dining hall.

The building of a new kitchen near to the present gym.

The rebuilding of the gym, with a planned excellent redecorating job, into a new mess hall.

The new mess facility is to have two entrances, one facing south and one east, from a retreat ground where mess and flag-lowering exercises will be held.

A new infirmary is to be built over the new kitchen.

This new plan, for Al Hart, is the dream of eighteen years come true. The Major promises to have a kitchen worthy-of-a-king built for him.

It is recognized that this plan deprives the basketball team of a playing court, but arrangements have been made for the use of a suitable one downtown, thus making ends meet, except for transportation. To relieve this situation, even though it is a small worry, the Major has already made preparations for the development of a new gym.

HEP!!

The Crack Squad was started into full swing this year by Cadet Coulter who was elected Captain of the group. Try-outs were carried on in the earlier meetings, and the drill itself was gradually worked in. A large number turned out.

After the second week in October, Coulter was suddenly inducted into the U. S. Navy. Lindly, next in line, took over the duties as Captain and continued the drill.

The Squad was molded until about 18 candidates remained for the coveted privilege of being chosen.

The following are the ones that were not eliminated: Lindly, Olsen, Black, Clem, Jansen, Vanier I, Orr, Martin, Wessendorff, Allison, Pollard, Hames, Livingston, Krone, Morrison and Ellis as drillers. Schoeb and York are the buglers.

They will try to be in shape for their first appearance, which is scheduled for the formal dance on Thanksgiving Day.

Intra-Murals

Recently, the elections were completed as to the new officers in the various school intra-mural teams. As most of the new boys know, these groups comprise a four team league with rabid competition in all the sports provided. Meets and games are held in both the upper and lower schools.

Last year, for the first time, the Marines and the Coast Guard were organized due to the greater number of boys enrolled. Made up entirely of new boys, the two teams made comparatively weak showings against the older teams, but this year, with equal distribution of the cadets among the units, a close, fast season is expected.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

Captain of the Army	Jansen
Captain of the Navy	Lindly
Captain of the Marines	Bannon
Captain of the Coast Guard	Martin

Mrs. William E. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson needs no introduction to the Cadets who have been at St. John's as she lived here last year. She taught in the public schools of Nebraska for several years. Last year she was Grade principal and taught the seventh and eighth grades at Assaria, Kansas. She is Remedial teacher at St. John's in both the upper and lower schools and also conducts classes in the Junior.

St. John's students are fortunate in having the advantages of a full remedial program this year. This service is available in many of the larger cities, to a limited extent, but has not been carried on extensively in the smaller cities because of the limited teaching personnel. It is a means of making the work easier and more interesting to the student and aids him to develop his skills so he may be able to work up to his full capacity. Mrs. Thompson has done research and has had much practical experience in this field.

Junior School Lads Form New Club

Over in the Junior School a new club has sprung into being. Its purpose appears to be the promotion of a number of entertainments. A Hallowe'en party

is to be the first. Prominent in the club are: Cadets Moore II, president; Mueller I, vice-president; Gardner, secretary; Lightenburger, treasurer; and Lee, Sgt-at-arms.