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J. C.'s Plan for Their Buddies in Service

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Salina has appointed a committee to help their friends get going on a stable adjustment to civilian life.

There are several committee heads who will counsel with veterans on the various subjects of jobs, benefits, real estate arrangements, spiritual relationships and problems that need professional help. Part of the committee is a contact man who will have charge of letting every returning veteran know of the service that the J. C.'s can render.

The J. C.'s are a group of young business men in Salina, all between the ages of 18 and 35 years. They feel a particular obligation to the soldiers, because they are their intimate friends and contemporaries. The J. C.'s are the ones who have been doing the jobs for those who left and will be best qualified to bring together the veteran and the post-war civilian population. The J. C.'s have asked St. John's Chaplain to take on whatever spiritual counselling that might seem necessary when the committee gets to work.

Tiny Departs

Richard Costock left school February 4th to join the United States Navy. He went to Topeka to take his physical and had high hopes. This was his 2nd year. He lettered in Football both years and basketball last year. He was made a Master Sergeant at the first of the year and served as adjutant. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. shortly before he left. The whole corps hated to see Tiny leave, and we all hope that he will return soon. Good luck, Tiny!

School Joins the Red Cross

Mrs. Thompson, who is ordinarily the instructor of the Remedial Classes in reading and mathematics, introduced the Red Cross Drive to the school by a brief talk during Chapel on Feb. 27th. During the day the cadets and faculty decided on their donations and these were collected at mess.

The cadets were permitted to make out cashier's vouchers against their parents' accounts with the proviso that they should add a smaller amount from their own allowances. Mrs. Thompson listed the donations and the total came to \$163.00.

The "Uttmen"

The "Uttmen" are the new school dance band. They are led by Miss Utt at the piano, and are getting to be pretty good. They have Cadet Goodhart at the drums, Baer on the trumpet, Marriott on the trombone and Casey, Scott and Gray playing saxophones.

They made their first public appearance Sunday night, January 22, after mess. They had had a little more than a week's practice. They played three numbers—Halleluia, Don't Sweetheart Me, and S. J. M. S. Forever. Bunten sang "Accentuate the Positive," Howard III and McKie did a skit about a proposal and Pierson and Connie Clem did a little dancing for us. These three things were done as punishment for not knowing the School song.

Latin Monkeyshines

Captain Brown held a party for his Latin class, March 19th. They ate popcorn, doughnuts and drank pop. They played games and kept the barracks and Vail Hall awake until the early hours of the morning. When they broke up they left every light in the building on—almost. Everyone had a very good time.

SPANISH CLASSES GET RARE PRIVILEGE

The Spanish I and II classes have had a rare privilege during the week of February 13-17. Captain Jose Guzman Baldivieso has had the classes go down to Kansas Wesleyan University in order to use a machine which records one's voice on a tape. The machine will broadcast back what has been said as many times as needed. Captain Baldivieso says that these machines will revolutionize the teachings of foreign languages all over the world. The boys have all had a chance to use this machine. Some of them say that the voice that comes back sounds like some other member of their family. The cadets can attach a recorder to an outlet switch to get a permanent record of what has been said. The boys get a big "buzz" out of pretending they are sports announcers. They also sing and play the piano over this machine to find out just how corny they can be. One member says, "We have enjoyed having class at Wesleyan. We want to thank Capt. Baldivieso and the Smoky Hill Air Base for the use of this delicate instrument. The cadets have had great pleasure in working with and around 'Captain Joe'."

Manhattan Supper Attended by Five Cadets and Major Clem

Believing that marriage is a subject that high school students should start thinking about, Major Clem gave a series of fourteen sermonettes in chapel over a period of six weeks. A contest was then held and the writer of the best essay was to be presented with a gold Longine wrist watch by Major General Grimes, Commandant of the Cavalry School at Fort Riley. The contestants ranged in age from fourteen to eighteen.

The five cadets who went to Manhattan were the winner and the four next in line. The essay winner was Cadet Holm. The other four were Cadet Trimble, Cadet Snyder I, Cadet Burton and Cadet Oberhelman. The judges of the contest were Mrs. Milton Eisenhower, Father Davies and Mr. Ambrose Johnson.

A week later the five cadets were heard over KSAL and Cadet Holm read his essay.

Guild Elects Officers

After many stormy ballots, the officers for the St. Jeanne d'Arc Chapter of the Order of St. Vincent for Acolytes were elected on Sunday morning, March 4th. Clem was elected director on the first ballot. Schoeb was elected vice-director, also on the first ballot. It took Marchington nine ballots, however, to be elected Scribe and Siwan wasn't returned Almoner (Treasurer) until the fifth ballot. The Chapter of St. Jeanne d'Arc takes care of all the Chapel activities during the school year.

BANG! BANG!

Firing for certificates has started. Lt. Howard II is in charge of the Armory and his assistants are Lt. Bliss, Marchington, Macauley I, Ford and Thompson. These men have given up their free time to make it possible for the cadet corps to get in their qualifying rounds.

It is unfortunate that there are no medals available for those who earn them, but interest still runs high in this, the most characteristic of military activities.

Bugle Corps Changes Key

There has been quite a change in the Bugle Corps since the first of school. A new leader was appointed and some of the original members have dropped out. Also new players have joined. The Corps now has six buglers who are as follows: Baer, Campbell I, Capps, Guthrie, Marriott, and Nelson. The snare-drummers are: Binford I, Evenson, Goodhart, Baer, and Oberhelman, and of course our proud base-drummer Gray.

The boys are taking weekly lessons on Saturday from Mr. Dale, and they have shown great improvement.

Happy Birthday to the Holms

The Junior School cadets had a party in honor of Lt. and Mrs. Holm on the occasion of Mrs. Holm's birthday on Saturday, February 24th.

There was a little difficulty in finding ice cream, but Lt. Holm scoured the town and brought home the needed item, which, with some of Al Hart's cake, was served with joyful shouts and songs.

Confirmation Class Entertained by Bishop

Bishop Nichols and Mrs. Nichols entertained Sperling, Holm, Campbell, Pierson and Bowlby on Tuesday afternoon, March 6th, at the Bishop's House in honor of their recent Confirmation.

After being shown all of the collection of Japanese curios which the Bishop and his wife had brought from Japan, the fivesome and Fr. Nale and his wife were given refreshments.

Among some of the interesting articles were the tiny carved dolls used for the Japanese Doll Festival, a Samurai sword and several sword guards, finely carved of precious metals and an incense burner that remains upright no matter in what position it is held. The Bishop brought the cadets home too late for evening mess, so the group rounded out the afternoon with hamburgers from the Cozy.

The Fourth Estate Expands

It seems as though the Skirmisher has some competition in the newspaper business, but it won't be the cause of much worry to the Skirmisher Staff.

The name of the paper is "The Spectator." It is prepared and printed by the Cadets and for the Cadets. Its staff consists of Cub Clem and Lt. Fritz Schoeb, Editors; and their reporter, Pvt. Don Lightenburger. Their first issue came out during noon mess on March 5, 1945.

It will not be sent to the parents unless the Cadets send their own copy home. The Skirmisher will continue with its regular issues and will still be sent home.

Johnson II Joins Birdmen

Johnson II made his first solo flight at the Dawson Airfield on Wednesday, January 31. He described it as follows:

"I had been making take-offs and landings all afternoon and had taxed up to the end of the runway to make another. My instructor told me to stop. I thought he was going to give me some pointers on my take-off, but instead he opened the door and climbed out! This gave me a hint, but I still wasn't sure what was going to happen. Then he told me I was going to make my first solo flight. It scared me at first, but I got my nerves calmed down before I started the take-off. Everything was going along fine until I started to bring my tail up. My instructor's weight being gone made it come up easy. It went up higher than it should, but I got it back down just in time to notice I was going across the runway at an angle. I kicked my left rudder to straighten it out. Finally I felt the wheels leave the ground. I went up and thru my traffic pattern and then began to worry how I was to get down. At 600 ft. I cut my motor and started down. As I approached the ground I started to pull my nose up. I pulled it up too soon and stalled out. The plane hit with a bang. I thought I had broken everything, but I hadn't. I had only been up ten minutes, but those had been the longest I had experienced anywhere. I taxied up and got my instructor, and then we went back to the hangar. I had nine hours and thirty-five minutes of dual instruction before my solo flight."

Firebugs Foiled Again

Fire in C-14 Brought Under Control by "Heroic Cadets."

The school was temporarily in an uproar on Monday afternoon, March 19th. A small fire had broken out in C-14 because of faulty, unchecked wiring. Just before recall, Holm noticed a lot of smoke emitting from C-14 across the hall. He let out a yelp and ran down the hall screaming, "Fire!" Someone pulled the siren switch for fire drill. Clem dashed into the bathroom, got a mouthful of water and tore down the hall toward C-14. He entered the smoky room and saw Holm trying to put out the fire with a wet mop. He tore the blanket from the table and he and Holm finally put the fire out. Clem then took the blanket and soaked it in the shower. In the meantime, quite a few cadets and a few faculty members had congregated in the rain to conduct fire drill formation. Howard II and Campbell were out of uniform, but entirely—clad only in bath towels! The school still goes on.

DANCING IN THE MESS HALL

On Saturday night, February 3rd, the cadets had a juke box dance. Nobody in particular sponsored it. It just happened out of the cloudy black skies. Not many cadets had dates but it was still a good dance. The dance was well populated with stags who, as usual, caused a little confusion. The dance started at 8:30 P. M. and ended at 11:00. It was our next to the last dance before Len, and therefore was a real fling.

SKIRMISHER STAFF

	CLEM	Editor	
Clem	Sports	Holm	Military
Schoeb	Social	Lichtenburger, Logan	Reporters
Binford	Religion	Fr. Nale	Faculty Advisor
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CHAPLAIN MAKES APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The following letter is being sent to all alumni and friends of St. John's:

Dear Patron—

Last year your son and his buddies here at St. John's showed that they really desired to raise a new chapel to the glory of God. The cadets, under their own steam and by several ingenious methods, raised about \$300. This year they have not yet resumed their efforts.

The cost of a new chapel with proper activities rooms large enough and soundly built to withstand the use of time was determined to be \$25,000. The boys naturally lost a little hope when they saw this figure. But they would like to keep at it if they were to find a little support from others.

The present chapel is too small, too dingy, too uninspiring for your son properly to find full expression for his worship of God.

\$25,000 looks like a lot of money. It is a lot of money. But if we break it down into smaller items, perhaps groups of parents or even individuals can see their way to pledging amounts sufficient to encourage us to push on to the full realization of our dream.

Here, then, are some unit costs which you and your friends might undertake as memorials to loved ones, both living and departed:

Cost of architects' plans and contracts	\$ 400.00
Foundation	3,000.00
Walls	3,500.00
Roof and finishing	2,500.00
Pews and furniture	5,000.00
Sanctuary desks, sedilia and furnishing	1,000.00
Organ	1,500.00
Choir room and meeting room	1,000.00
Heating unit for chapel	3,000.00
Plumbing and heating unit for activity rooms	1,000.00
High altar and reredos	800.00
Sacristy furnishings	500.00
Flooring	300.00
Memorial altar for those killed in war	500.00
Altar railing	200.00
Baptismal font	100.00
Individual pews	100.00
Memorial windows	100.00-200.00
Sanctuary lamp	75.00
Vestment case	50.00

I shall be glad to talk over with you any plans or suggestions you might have which could further this great work.

As you know, a boy's relations to his parents depends a great deal upon his relationship to his heavenly Father, and the building up of that love for God would be infinitely helped by an enriched and dignified setting.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD K. NALE, Chaplain.

EDITORIAL

There has been carelessness in the game room. Equipment has been spoiled and rules broken. At the last meeting of the A.B.C. this matter was discussed and a new system was adopted. Fifteen cadets were picked to help enforce it. One of them will be on guard at all times after March 13th and he will have full authority.

In our opinion this is a great improvement. There have been many unfavorable reports toward the way in which the players conduct themselves. The use of foul language has increased and more equipment has been destroyed. Broken pockets, detipped cues, and cigarette burns on the woodwork have been the worst. A sand pot was broken by one of the officers. Now, the rules set forth at the beginning of the year by the A.B.C. will be strictly enforced, including the Major's order against leaning or sitting on the radiator. Therefore don't gripe too much and don't think the guard is a dirty guy if he hooks you. Just play pool and take it easy on the equipment.

SHOULD THERE BE LESS EXPENSIVE MILITARY SCHOOLING?

By L. SIWAN

If you have ever been to a military school, you will know that when you came out you were a new and different person from the old self that went in. If you have never been to one, you have surely seen or heard of the great military men that have come out of them, like General MacArthur, General Eisenhower, General Marshall. All of these great men have come from military schools.

Military schooling teaches you so many of the things that a man should know. It teaches you to be tactful and to get along with other people better. It gives you good social background, which you need. It teaches you discipline and posture and good health habits. The training which it gives you develops the ability to command and to take commands. It develops your body and mind to be alert. It develops punctuality. In your scholastic work you receive the best of attention, and your abilities are looked into and brought out for you to use. These and many others are the advantages of military schooling.

All this, however, costs a good deal of money, which not all people have. There are many boys in America today who have abilities and qualities that are good, but these things need to be brought out by proper training. They cannot afford, however, this proper training, and much of the ability they have is never brought to light. If good military schools of a fairly large number could be built and run cheaper for more boys, there would be many hidden qualities revealed from the minds of the youth of America. This is why I think that there should be military schools so that more families could send their boys to build a better generation to come.

HOBBIES

By Wesley ReHorn

The one hobby that the school furnishes is the wood-work shop and it is being used by a small but interested group. Other hobbies such as Stamp Collecting, games and carving have to be carried on privately between the cadets because the faculty are too busy. What the cadets ought to have is three or four rooms where they can "take it easy" in their spare time. They need especially a room where they can properly entertain their ladies, with opportunities for table games and dancing.

Gripes

Why don't we have a few pencil sharpeners that work in the classrooms and in the Study Halls and in the Barracks?

Why don't they put a light over the west door to the barracks, also a railing.

Why doesn't Yauney give somebody else a chance to use the only telephone that the cadets can use?

Why do those not in the Crack Squad wear the braid?

I think that St. John's greatest trouble is that there are two kinds of Cadets. First there is Cadet A, who has the attitude that he is going to do his best. He does rather well all through the year. Cadet B comes here with the attitude that he is going to be the center of "orneryness" and discontent. Then he goes to an officers' meeting or walks 25 hours squad and for some strange reason he turns over a new leaf. All the cadet and faculty officers give him a lot of undeserved honor for his "improvement." Then the first thing you know he's a Pfc.

The moral of my "gripe" is that the cadet who never gets into any serious trouble doesn't get the credit he deserves.

Salina, Your Opportunity!

It has been said that there are two means of transportation to Salina. One way is by train and the other by bus. The bus is from Wichita and the train is from Denver. As a Denverite said, "Wichita is not quite as far advanced as Denver." The cadet farthest away from home is Guthrie, whose home is in Fairbanks, Alaska, where his parents moved this summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1945, Executive Order number 5 was read to the cadet corps, dealing with the matter of "swatting." The order forbids any and all swatting or other corporal punishment except in the process of initiation into the S Club which is an elective organization and the candidate knows he will have to undergo that as part of his initiation.

What has happened to the cadet corps? Have they turned into a bunch of old women? Or is it the faculty? What do they think the cadets are? In years gone by, there has been what is commonly known as "swatting." Last year they modified it from the year before. At the first of this year they modified it even further. Now they cut it out altogether.

I think I speak for the whole cadet corps in saying that we should like the paddle returned to a certain extent. We would like also the squad returned to its last year's running.

I repeat again, what does the faculty think the cadet corps is?

Another thing. Why are the prices in the Q.M. so outrageously high. Evidently they don't run it for the cadets' pleasure, but for the making of money for the school. Downtown you can buy a flavored malt for 20 cents. But how much is it at St. John's? 25 cents! Downtown you can buy a milk-shake for 15 cents. But how much is it at St. John's? 20 cents! Just because they know they can get it is no sign that they should raise the prices to the sky. Remember, most of the cadets only get \$1.00 or \$1.50 a week to spend!

Yours truly,

NITE TAKES SECOND IN STATE WRESTLING MEET

Cadet Arden Nite was awarded the medal for second place in his class at the State Wrestling meet held in Salina on February 23rd and 24th at Memorial Hall. This is the first time any cadet has gone up this far in wrestling. Last year Lt. Olsen took a third. Miller also placed this year, earning a point for the team with a 4th place in his class. The Kaydet Muscle Men won 5 points altogether in the two days of wrestling.

The State Champs were the boys from East High in Wichita, four of them having worked to the top in their classes. The Salina High boys boast three State Champs and took second place. The rest of the schools were: North High from

Wichita who took third place; Norton, fourth place; Oberlin with fifth place; St. John's in the sixth place, and finally, Atwood.

By classes, the following contestants took championship honors: Winders, East High in the 103 pound class; Aronis, of North High in the 112 pound class; Sandburn of Salina in the 120 pounders; Daniels of East, 127 pounds; Franz of East, 133 pounds. In the 145 pound class, the winner was Pinkerton of East; 154 pound winner was Case of Salina; and Seely of North took the 165 pound honors. Getting up into the heavy-weight brackets there were Edmunson of Salina and Pomeroy of North, 175 and unlimited classes respectively.

East High Throws Cadets For a Loss

State Champs Out-wrestle Cadets 49-3

The last wrestling meet of the Cadets' schedule was held with East High, Wichita, against big odds. The cadets lost 15 points by forfeit because of lack of men in three classes. Nite alone won his match. Miller and Ensley lost on points and the others lost by being "pinned."

BUCKETEERS WIN FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME

Brown, Thompson and Fulton Score 45 of St. John's 55 Points

St. John's played a beautiful brand of ball in the first game of the District Tournament to whip Bavaria decisively 55 to 26. The Bucketeteers got off to a fast start and were never headed. The whole team split the points about even for the first quarter and ended ahead 14 to 4. Thompson, Brown and Fulton scored point after point during the rest of the game, working together like never before. For Bavaria, high point man was Swenson, scoring 13 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Mention should be made of the sterling work of the two guards, Haythorn and Scott, who fed set-up after set-up to the rest of the team. After a bad third quarter, the Cadets came back to score 18 points and win.

A. B. C. Awards Letters

The Athletic Board of Control met on March 4th to award letters for basketball and wrestling. The following were given their approval to receive letters to be awarded at the Annual Lettermen's Dinner on April 3rd:

Basketball

Gene Brown	Richard Robb
Louis Fulton	Victor Road
Howard Haythorn	Robert Scott
Clarence March	Donald Thompson
ington	Ralph Young
George Marriott	LeRoy Wilcox

Wrestling

Harry Campbell	Jack Meyers
Philip Clark	Arden Nite
Richard Ensley	Frederick Schoeb
Charles Krenzel	Robert Sperling
Wilbert Ladd	Rea Tucker
Robert Miller	Wesley ReHorn

It Took the Best To Beat Us

Bucketeteers Lose Game in Bad Second Quarter

The Cadets were dropped from the District Tournament by Enterprise, the top ranking team competing. Though the Bulldogs had previously defeated St. John's twice, the Cadets gave them a couple of bad moments as some of their team told our players.

Brown led off with the first basket of the game and the rest of the first quarter was nip-and-tuck. Enterprise led 9 to 7.

In the second quarter, however, the Enterprise team raced way ahead to lead, at the half, 31 to 13.

In the second half, the Cadets stayed even, both teams scoring 20 points. The Bucketeteers did a much better job in the second half. Aside from the fatal second quarter, St. John's played even ball with Enterprise, the top seeded team in the tournament.

High scoring men were Peterson with 18 for Enterprise and Brown for St. John's with 12.

Enterprise Bulldogs Win District Tournament

The Enterprise Bulldogs defeated the Kipp Orioles on Saturday, March 3, 48 to 43 to win the district basketball tournament. Bever, Hencock, Rutz and Peterson did most of the Bull-dog scoring. In the consolation, Solomon defeated Bennington, 33 to 31.

Enterprise had previously defeated the cadets 51-33, after the Cadets had walloped Bavaria, 55 to 26. The Bucketeteers made the best score made against either Enterprise or Kipp in the whole tournament, except for the final game. The Bucketeteers had very bad luck in meeting Enterprise so early, for many believe that the Cadets could have defeated either Solomon or Bennington with ease.

"S" Club Initiates New Letter Men

Four out of a possible class of 13 wrestling and basketball lettermen were honored by being admitted into the "S" Club by a unanimous vote. Their initiations took place from March 23rd to April 1st. The pledges were:

Charles Krenzel	Wrestling
Philip Clark	Wrestling
Richard Ensley	Wrestling
Le Roy Wilcox	Basketball

ALUMNI NOTES

Jack Jansen, '44 Graduate, is now serving Uncle Sam in the Coast Guard.

Eugene Pade, '44 Graduate, visited the school during a visit home from the Merchant Marines.

James Bannon, '44, is out to sea on a Merchant Marine ship someplace in the big blue Pacific.

Swede Olsen, '44, is taking his Navy boot training at Sampson, New York.

Newell Orr and Richard Martin, '44 cadets, visited the school recently. They are going to college at C. U.

Walter York is still attending prep school for a try at West Point.

Floyd Lotker, '40, is now an officer in the Merchant Marine and was recently home on a visit with his wife.

Robert Rohr, '44, is now out of boot camp and has been placed in Nevada.

Buster Lassen, former Cadet, is now attending Goddard High School and writes that civilization is fine.

Richard Comstock recently left the School to become a sailor in the United States Navy.

Marvin Ellis, '44, visited the school late in November. He is a private in the Army and is stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia.

Pvt. Harold Dove, '37-'39, who is a mechanic in the B-29 Superfortress, shipped out from SHAAF February 6.

Grant Muse, '43, is in the Navy. He is in a V-12 unit at Parks College, Parkville, Mo.

Chapel Notes

Visiting Priest Talks in Chapel

The school was honored on February 20th by the Rev. Fr. Joseph, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Coffeyville, Kansas. He preached a very nice sermon about man being on earth to glorify God. He visited for several days in Salina.

Baptisms

Richard Lee Bowlby, Harry A. Campbell, Daryl M. Pierson and Robert R. Sperling were baptized on February 21st at the early morning prayer service in the presence of the cadet corps.

Confirmation Class

Bishop Nichols was here on March 2nd to confirm the class that has been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays of this school year. The cadets confirmed in the regular service were: Sperling, Campbell, Holm and Bowlby. Pierson, who was sick that day, was confirmed in the Infirmary. The next morning they all received their first Holy Communion.

ASH WEDNESDAY WAS HOLIDAY

February 15th, a church holiday, was also a holiday for the cadets. The cadets all like holidays but prefer them to be spread out more so that they wouldn't be running out of money all the time!

Guard Roster for April 6, 1963.
Little-Tack-13-Late Chapl.
Little-Tack-20-A.W.O.L.
(My! How those Nales expand!)

RUMINATIONS BY THE SPONSOR

Kansas weather is always a safe topic to start on. We've really had an amazing display this winter. It has never been truer that "if you don't like Kansas weather, wait 15 minutes and it will change." But now we come into the phase of the Paschall moon, that glorious time of the year when Spring seems to come leaping at us from all sides—up from the ground in the form of crocuses, and the winter wheat which begins to swell and sprout; from all sides in the form of bird calls and bursting buds on the bushes; even from above, where the sky gets a new depth in its blue and the man-in-the-moon seems to have come down to sit on the tops of the telephone poles and to puff at the windmills.

Oh yes—and the thoughts of the young gentlemen are turning in the usual direction. The Big Event is here! There is nothing quite like a Formal Dance. It is sort of like the last step in a chemistry experiment—when that last reagent is added and the precipitate settles out. So the cadets, like catalyzed molecules, have been moving energetically about in solution all year—but at THE DANCE they choose, once and for all their one and only (at least until next Fall when a new experiment starts). But this is it. This is the Letterman's Dinner and Dance.

There are the seniors being very serious; there, the juniors, hopeful of a commission; there, the sophomores who are glad it's almost over; and there the freshmen, who sort of wonder how they stood it all year and are a little mystified to discover that commencement is just around the corner. Oh yes, and over there are the faculty looking very smug and satisfied that they have managed to get through another year without actually murdering somebody. But the Lettermen, it's their Dance; and suddenly we see that what was a clumsy boy 2 years ago is now a graceful coordinated man with good, strong muscles around his heart and the look of the athlete in his eyes. God bless 'em!

Cadets Fill Mite Boxes

At the beginning of Lent the Acolytes took on the task of placing, collecting and counting the Mite Boxes for the usual Lenten Offering. Binford I was originally appointed to organize the effort, and placed Mite Boxes on all the tables in the Mess Hall. Pierson has made a running graph showing the amounts collected from each table by weeks.

So far, table 14 has topped all others, having dropped in loose change to the amount of \$4.60 the first week. Table 6 is second with \$1.95 for the first week.

In the week following the furlough, \$21 was collected. Sgt. Siwan has since been elected as Treasurer of the St. Joan of Arc Guild and is now in charge of all Church collections. The Mite Box offering goes for mission work all over the world, and this year it is especially slated to take care of many of the hard pressed groups of Indians and Mexicans here in this country.

Captain Barker Inspects on Sunday

By R. Logan

Captain Barker has inspected on Sunday instead of Saturday a few times because the wrestlers have been having important meets with Wichita and Salina. All who wished to go to the meets did so, and this hindered the Saturday inspections. Once when this happened, Major Clem let all who wished go to a church of their own choice and we had no weekly inspection at all that week.

G. O.

Headquarters
ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas
March 7, 1945
GENERAL ORDER No. 7

The following appointments of commissioned and non-commissioned officers are announced in this organization, effective immediately, as follows:

To be Cadet Captain:
Howard Haythorn
To be Cadet 2nd Lieutenants:
Ralph Bliss
Alan Clem
Frederick Schoeb
Robert Sperling
To be Cadet Sergeants:
Jere Hall
Wilbert Ladd
Bennett Pearce
To be Cadet Corporals:
William Burton
Charles Krenzel
Richard Peterson

They will be respected and obeyed accordingly; by order of the Superintendent.

Permanent assignment of rank and duty within the group of commissioned officers will be announced April 1st, 1945.

CAPT. JOHN F. BARKER,

Approved: P.M.S.&T.
R. L. CLEM,
Major and Superintendent.

Baer, Capps, Ladd and Campbell I Receive Bars

Baer, Campbell I, Capps, and Ladd were awarded the black and gold bar by the Rector, Major Clem, in a full dress parade.

Other bars will be given as soon as weather permits another parade.

Squad Has Returned!

Much to the disgust of some and much to the joy of others, "squad" has returned. I might say many things for and against squad; however, I won't as there are many viewpoints on the matter. Some think it fine and others don't think so well of it. The new system of merits has worked quite nicely. This year many of the boys thought there would be no squad as there was last year. Well, it has come back in full force.

Haythorn says, "Squad has returned because too many of the cadets were getting away with too much. Getting hooked meant nothing. There is not enough discipline in the Cadet Corps!"

It is worse this year than last as the boys on squad have to carry 9½ pound rifles. Father Nale says, "Squad never has been suspended. It always existed as a possible, and occasionally a useful punishment for infraction of the rules and laws." It is now being assigned to those who have shown complete indifference to any other treatment. The existing system of hooks seeks to employ remedial measures to cadets who consistently fail in one or more areas of behavior. Isolated errors are considered by the Commandant as matters for rebuke only and punishment is reserved for cases where a cadet is stubborn in correcting his own mistakes. The authorities have recommended squad for these cadets.

Capt. Barker: "Where did you get the idea that that is the way to make a bed at St. John's?"

Howard I: "Who said I made it? I just got out of it carefully."

INTRAMURALS OPEN AT ST. JOHN'S

Coast Guard Leads

The intramural competition for 1944-45 opened on Oct. 1, with the four clubs playing against each other in six-man football. Medals will be awarded at Commencement for the best club, and highest scores in high school and junior school.

In Class "A," the Coast Guard appears superior, followed closely by Olsen's Army team. Haythorn's Coast Guard is also near the top in Class B. In the Junior School, the Army and Navy, captained by Bob Sperling, appears to be the best. Contests are held every Sunday morning, weather permitting. Competition may include football, basketball, track, bridge, ping pong, pool, chess, and swimming.

Welcome Back "Willie"

Cadet Sgt. Williams was feeling pretty down and out after Christmas. So he went over and joined the indolents in the infirmary. The next day Doctor Brown came out to diagnose his case and found out that he was coming down with scarlet fever. "Willie" was then quarantined for two weeks.

Activities went on without him for a while, but when discharged he had turned a ghastly white. But after a few weeks he started to come back to normal, and we're glad to have him back in ranks again.

First, Catch the Rabbit!

Nite and Moore got a rabbit Sunday after quite a fight. When they saw it they scrambled for it. Nite shot and hit him but he kept on running. The two then chased the rabbit and it stopped five feet from them. Nite raised his gun, aimed, but did not shoot. He lowered the gun and exclaimed, "I can't shoot!" Moore tried to talk him into shooting but Nite after aiming once again still exclaimed that he could not shoot. The rabbit then started to run. They chased it again but this time Nite shot again and hit him. Moore ran and picked the rabbit up. He wasn't dead as yet. Moore dropped the rabbit down and Nite hit him on the head. Then they took it back to school.

CHANGES

There have been many changes made here since last year. First, the Old Gymnasium has been torn down, and how we did hate to see it go, and the new mess-hall was erected in place of the old gym. The construction of the new mess-hall began last summer, after school was out. We all miss the old gymnasium, where we used to have a frolickingly good time, but the new mess-hall was needed.

The old office has been turned into a recreation room, which now contains a billiard table and other facilities. The old mess-hall is being used for the new office and a reception room.

The A-Floor Barracks has been completely changed and redecorated. Last year, this floor of the whole barracks was the worst. This year the barracks on A floor and on B & C floors are the best that they have ever been. The old Q. M. is being turned into a new linen room, and as yet is not completed. The old kitchen which was adjacent to the old mess-hall is the new Q. M. They sell candy and other things, and have a soda fountain with the necessary facilities, and the purchasing department where you can buy whatever you need.

Q. M. Alters Routine

The Q. M. under the watchful eye of Mrs. Hughes has again changed its hours and the way it does things.

Mrs. Hughes and the Major decided that the Q. M. should be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the afternoon after drill in addition to its regular times, after noon and eve mess, after evening study hall and in the middle of the morning. The latter is for the Junior School only.

The laundry and dry cleaning are now being handled in bundles, and the dry cleaning company puts it on paper hangers when they return it. That way the cadets don't lose any of their hangers in the dry cleaning as formerly when they sent hangers along with their soiled clothes.

Davenport Dean Enrolls Son

The Very Rev. Rowland F. Philbrook, Dean of the Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa, came to Salina when his son Robert enrolled as a junior in the upper school.

He spoke to the cadets in chapel at the morning service and gave a straightforward talk. The cadets enjoyed meeting him, and welcome Bob to the school. Another son is in the Navy.

THE INFIRMARY

Again the infirmary of 1944 is in the good hands of our well known and well liked housemother, Mrs. Shelton.

She is a very happy woman this year with a brand new infirmary and her own living quarters in the upstairs part of the new mess hall.

Mrs. Shelton has tried to make everybody who is sick very happy and comfortable in the new place. Here are the names of the boys who have been sick for some reason or other:

The entire cadet corps of 114 young gentlemen.

VISITORS

Visitors at the school during the current period were Father MacLaury, Homer Reed, Marvin Straby and a St. Joseph's Cadet from Hays, Kansas; Knute Okelburg and Norman Smally from Newton; Jack Jansen, Wayne Krone, Carolyn Coleman, Roma Jean Sparks, Ginny Coleman, Mr. and Miss Lightenburger, Mrs. Rainey, Marjorie Mosbacher, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ladd, and Mrs. Morris from Wichita; Dean Philbrook of Davenport, Iowa; Jerry Dalph from S.H.A.A.F.; Paul Whiteby from Nevada and Mrs. Sperling from Topeka.

ROTARY CLUB HAS DINNER

The Rotary Club had a dinner here March 14th. There were about 16 waiters. The dinner went off very well. Major Clem, the President, spoke after dinner, and later in the evening the group played cards. The dinner consisted of baked ham, rolls, salad, potatoes and gravy and apple pie for dessert.

SWIMMING

Swimming has been a popular sport with some of the cadets. It even has a way of getting boys that are out for a sport and should not go. They have been going down with Capt. Brown on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays they go to the bakery after swimming and spend their money. Then they have a cold ride home.

BARRACKS CHATTER

"ROOM CHANGES"

Now that the changes in rooms have been made all of the cadets are either very happy or very sad. They were delayed several times because of the new boys that came at the beginning of the 2nd semester. Captain Barker has made many good comments (and a few bad ones) on the inspections since the change. On the whole there has been less griping and discontent since the changes.

Shake Up in Officers' Posts

Since Uncle Sam has taken almost all of our officers and two more of them are on the waiting list, there has been quite a shake up. The ranking officer, Capt. Haythorn, is in command of the Battalion; Howard II, A Company; Brown, B Company; Yauney, Adjutant. The Platoons are now headed by 2nd Lieutenants: 1st platoon, Lt. Bliss; 2nd platoon, Lt. Schoeb; 3rd platoon, Lt. Clem; 4th platoon, Lt. Sperling. The Bugle Corps is still led by Sgt. Siwan.

Capt. Barker Reads Ernie Pyle to Cadets

In place of Drill on cold and rainy days, Capt. Barker reads to the cadets from *Brave Men* by Ernie Pyle. He says it does the cadets good to hear what our boys have to go through.

While he was reading one account he said that the man concerned was the father of Cadet Oberhelman. Few believed it until they turned to ask Obie. Sure enough, he was sitting by the post blushing and nodding his head.

The cadets like to listen to these readings as few have time or interest to read it for themselves. It is hoped that more of the cadets will be inspired to use the library for good reading.

Capt. Thompson Keeps Shop Busy

The wood-work shop has been open all year and some wonderful things have been coming from there: What-not shelves, ash trays for the Red Cross, lamp tables and also sore fingers.

Capt. Thompson is taking good care of the boys who work there. A special room for airplane models is set up with tables and plenty of light and room.

RUMORS

There is a rumor that St. John's is going to be an R. O. T. C. school. Don't get your hopes built up too high and don't let them down too low. It still may be hoped for.

We have also heard quite a bit about the rifles. Some boys are arguing they belong to the government and others say they belong to the school. Some of the boys asked why Capt. Barker was hurrying things up on cleaning the rifles. The main reason is there was an inspecting officer coming around to look them over. Another reason was because we were going home in a few days and he wanted them clean by the time we left. Captain Barker and Howard II have asked the boys to be very careful while cleaning their rifles so as not to lose any pieces, but some of the boys just don't get orders through their heads.

Everyone is carrying the regular rifles except three or four of the Jr. School boys, who are too small and have to carry wooden rifles. They'll grow up all too soon.