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Col. Clem to Remain at St. John's

St. John's, Feb. 9—Rev. Remy L. Clem, rector of St. John's Military School the past 12 years, Friday entered into a new 10 year contract with the school's board of trustees to continue that capacity. Bishop H. Nichols announced the contract signing today.

Colonel Clem, as he is best known here will complete his twelfth year when the present school year ends. "He came to SJMS at a time when the private, unendowed institution was experiencing rough going from depression and drouth years," the statement says. "He remained through world war two and was present to help iron out difficulties that followed those years. School officials took upon his intangible contributions as his greatest, but also during his 12 years with the school, enrollment has increased, a new mess hall and chapel have been added to the school equipment, and now nearing completion is a new building for gymnasium and other uses.

—by Staff



COL. R. L. CLEM

Honor Roll for 4th Grading Period Ending 17 January 1948

Feb. 7 — Those "Brainbusters" whose names appear on the Academic honor roll at the end of the 4th grading period are:

- 4 Marsh—96.25
- 4 Lewis—94.5
- 4 Jackson—93.4
- 2 Estep—92.25
- 3 Holm—91.25
- 1 Martin—90.8
- 2 Carson—90.25
- 4 Clarke—90.25
- 2 Huggins—90.25
- 4 Anderson—90

Honorable Mention

- 1 Osborne—89.5
- 3 Nemser—89.25

Cadet Officers Win Scholarship Honors

Lts. Holm and Martin Among Top Scorers in Pepsi Cola Scholarship Tests

St. John's, Feb. 5—Word received from the advertising Administrative offices of the Pepsi Cola company indicates that Lts. Wayne Holm and John Martin won recognition for placing in the upper six percent of all test entrants in the Pepsi Cola Competitive Scholarship examination for this area.

This testing program being of na-

dollars prize money and a four year scholarship, tuition free, to the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The contest is open to all high school and private school students registered in the Atlantic classroom lists as regular subscribers to the Atlantic during the 1947-1948 school year.

Essays or stories must not exceed 3000 words while poems must contain no more than sixty lines. No one student may submit more than three poems.

The prize winning papers will be

ment of a vociferous pep talk.

The object of these operations is to afford the class personnel the opportunity of winning merit pins of which there are two. One of silver for an achievement of forty words per minute, and a bronze award for an achievement of thirty words per minute.

Winners of the bronze pins thus far include:

- Ford—January 23.
- Huffman—January 30.
- Mueller I—January 31.
- Jamison—February 2.
- Osborne—February 4.

Roll of Honor of The Colonial Daughters National Society

Annual Composition contest announced by the Colonial Daughters

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9—The National Society of Colonial Daughters with headquarters in the District of Columbia, has announced the annual thesis contest event for 1948 as well as last year's competition ending July 1947.

In last year's competition, seventy-nine Essay composition contests were conducted throughout the country, the territory covered including forty-four states and the District of Columbia.

Under the supervision of the respective local school authorities, seventy-nine society medals and three hundred certificates of superior merit were duly awarded. In several instances all the schools of the the Community entered the local contest thus making the number of schools taking part somewhat in excess of seventy-nine, the number of medals awarded.

Popular interest in the competition was manifested with some two hundred thousand students participating. In the 1947 contest, Cadet John Martin gained distinction for himself and for St. John's through the winning of one of the seventy-nine medals, no easy trick in a contest involving two hundred thousand contestants.

More power to you John Martin and your pen.

—by Carson

"S" Club Conducts Second Dance of Year

"Come as you dare" a new feature in the line of dance entertainment.

Feb. 7—A second of those famous dance attractions sponsored by the "S" Club proved to be quite the event of the day. The "Come as you dare" feature was a tantalizing temptation to some for the time being, but in the last analysis almost everyone dared to appear in civilian clothes although where the latter came from, one guess is as good as another.

The dance was marked by an assortment of entertainment with Cowboy songs by Pierce Poterfield (Burl Ives) Harvey III, and a radio program by the "S" Club station

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Firemen Battle Flames at Vail Hall



Here Salina firement are shown fighting the blaze which destroyed the upper part of Vail hall, main building at St. John's Military school, Tuesday afternoon. Salina's big new fire-truck is in front of the building, with the firemen directing a stream of water from the aerial ladder, while others are pouring water on the fire from hose on the ground. While fire damage was limited to the upper part of the building, water and smoke damage was extensive all over the building which housed class rooms, offices and faculty quarters.

tional scope was of the difficult and elimination classification There were two hundred and fifty-six schools represented in the program and seven hundred and twenty-eight individual competitors.

This is top performance in any man's language for which these Cadet Officers deserve generous credit and commendation.

—by Forbes

The Atlantic Monthly Magazine Offers Scholarship Award for Best Composition

Twenty-five Dollars Cash Prize and Four Years of College Training to be Received for the Best Essay or Poem

Boston, Mass. Feb. 6—The Atlantic Monthly Magazine has just announced the opening of their annual composition contest for 1947-1948. The authors of the best essay, story,

announced in the June or July 1948 issue of the Atlantic The contest closes April 10, 1948. Any cadet interested in such competition should see Capt. Moffat for further details.

—by Martin

Typing Tidbits or The Finger Brigade

St. John's, Feb. 10,—Just as every community has its own particular version of boiler factory, so St. John's has its Typing Department from "whence cometh" such a volley of clattering and clanging that a chance visitor might be inclined to think a convention for the society of elevator operators was in session.

Each Friday is test day during which time the classes indulge in speed testing of the customary graded nature. A look in on one of the sessions would give one the idea that some form of manual therapy

While Nemser—January 23 is the only candidate or the Silver pin. The month and day indicate the dates of achievement.

Congratulations to these future typists of America.

—by Forbes



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"S" CLUB CONDUCTS SECOND DANCE OF YEAR

(continued from page 1, col. 5)

S-T-I-N-K-O advertising the new improved Roitstoifols which to everyone's surprise comes in the handy cadet size, the economy size, and the jumbo size.

During intermission, the Brookville dinner drawing was held with five lucky cadets each winning a fried chicken "feed" to be served them Monday, February 16.

Such accommodations as well secluded hide-a-ways were available to those Cadets and their dates who found the noise and "gags" a bit of bother. Music for the occasion was supplied by "Heap" Big Jim Mueller's "gyp" jute box.

This dance was the last officially school-sponsored affair until the close of Lenten Season.

—by Carson

Social Behavior As It Appears Today

Some Effects of Growing Disrespect for Social and Moral Values

During the last decade the pattern of social behaviour concerning child-to-adult attitudes of respect has declined alarmingly causing much speculation as to whether an overly stressed democratic educational program or more social freedom were to blame.

In an evasive fashion, much of the cause of lax behaviour of today is attributed to war-time conditions, but this is largely making use of a lame excuse. It is true that during the emergency of war, men and women shared equal social and industrial status which was responsible for the displacement of courtesy and respect between the sexes by a rather intense feeling of competition and resentment on the part of men in particular. This change of attitude was just as effective among families in which the children could not help but observe, resulting in turn in a cleavage of loyalty and confidence. Where this state of affairs existed family authority and supervision became almost nil and non-family authority became more, and more impossible. The development of a feeling of juvenile cynicism toward adults has been the result of parental relations influencing general social attitudes which grew to include not only professional jealousy and competition but impertinent independence as well.

Hat-tipping and courteous considerations were the marks of the gentleman in the early 20's, and this behaviour was a part of normal living among confident and prosperous people.

The living room protocol was in itself a ritual which if not observed was subject to the penalty of being ostricized as uncouth and vulgar. Men offered seats to ladies and were responsible for numerous other menialities, all of which were an integral part of of the social pattern of conduct.

At present courteousness is branded as "boy-scoutism" indicating that those who observe the practice are childishly inclined. There was a time when children were seen and not heard; when it was a serious offense to interrupt the conversation of elders; and this behaviour was mainly the result of a respectful attitude of understanding and not an unsympthetically enforced pattern. Today a wide gulf separates father and son in respect to their mutual social attitude, which becomes one of defiance on the part of the son.

We of this present generation label courtesy old fashioned, but maybe this old-fashionedness formed a firm foundation of our social code. Maybe it was not perfect in every respect, nothing is, but that is the essential difference between a society that has acceptable standards and one that has not. As the older generation says, "those were the

good old days", implying that damage or loss to the foundation threatens the house or structure above and that a firm foundation is one of the essentials of a clean society. Call etiquette or courtesy custom, if you wish, but custom is nearly always stronger than law.

In the past when young ladies of respectable families required a chaperone, all was punctiliously correct in the parlor. Lack of custom and loss of morals, may and will wreck a stable family as evidenced by the increasing divorce rate. A return to that conduct based on courtesy and respect which of necessity must be based on confidence and security, is the one factor that will restore the family institution and society in general.

—by Martin

Who or What Makes the Institution

This question is prompted by a seeming attitude of a rather gener-



A HIGH HURDLER AT LARGE

al nature that we the people are the nation, the institution, and in fact are God's own chosen few. The idiocy of this kind of thinking is all the more marked when one considers how narrowly we missed being thoroughly beaten in the last war. There are those who glibly say, "Well, a miss is as good as a mile", but take it from us, mister, you're fortunate not to be living in servitude today. However let's get on with the question. Our forefathers came to this continent to find and to found a nation did they not? Quite naturally you say, but hold on a minute. Was that nation to be for them or were they to be the nation? Surprisingly enough the answer, popularly speaking, is—for them.

Break this philosophy down to smallest of units and you'll find the same general idea holds true. For instance a man builds a house for himself—he doesn't attempt to make of himself a house. By the same token, a man prepares himself for business—he does not prepare to be that business.

Similarly a man of employed status or enrolled at some institution is a representative of his connection and at that, in part only. With this in view how can any of us assume to administrative management of our places of enrollment and employment without such duties being specifically contracted. Such behavior is about as logical as entering the home of a friend and telling him how he should run his household.

No only do we violate our em-

ployment and enrollment positions, but there are those, who when they can't have their own way, begin immediately to tear down verbally what they themselves represent, even to the violation of their own personal contracts.

Too many of us have lost sight of the fact that just as this old country, was established for our benefit, our privilege of enjoying such a benefit depends entirely upon our complying with protective regulations involved.

Much employment today is governed by contract agreement, and the first item of agreement is—that the employee is bound to render service to his employer and the firm concerned. This holds true in all manner of work from teaching to city maintenance. There is no clause that expresses toleration of malicious criticism and unwhole-some conduct. How utterly foolish, then, is the man who, as a party to a contracted employment agreement will jeopardize his own standing, his chances for advancement, yes, even invalid his own credentials by unprincipled, vicious gossip with associates and by an unprincipled, un-cooperative additude.

—by Martin

St. John's vs. Kanopolis Sportsmanship May Not Have

Won the Game, But It Left a Satisfied Taste in the Mouths of Spectators and Players.

The starting play of this encounter was more like a track event than anything else. Both teams moved at a terrific pace, with Capps for St. John's sinking the first counter, and from this point to the close of the period the action was a series of rapid fire shots and counter shots. At the end of the first quarter the score stood at 10-7 in favor of Kanopolis.

With the start of the second period, both squads began to show a little wear and the odds on advantage was shifting in favor of the Kanopolis five, the members of which were more rangy than the Cadets.

By the third frame St. John's was trailing considerably and frayed tempers were evidenced by some questionable tactics which were not exactly appreciated by the soldiers who refused to play that brand of ball. The score at the final whistle was St. John's 26, Kanopolis 42.

The line up:

St. John's	vs	Kanopolis
Estep	G	Magua
Hahn	G	Sauders
Huffman	C	Myers
Capps	F	Rivero
Ishmael	F	Sauders

—by Forbes & Jones I

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St. John's vs. Enterprise

An Opening Thriller Becomes a Sad, Sad Story

The initial quarter of this contest was packed with action and excitement, plenty as the cadets took command of the situation and maintained a point lead advantage for the entire period.

The second frame had not gotten far underway when it became evident that Lady Luck had "taken ten" as far as St. John's was concerned. In fact this muse took the rest of the evening off giving Enterprise the go-ahead signal which those worthies proceeded to do.

At the half the score stood 31-11 with St. John's on the short change end. Then as the game moved into the final stages, it became unquestionably evident that the night belonged to Enterprise. The "Bulldogs" picked up 34 points in the third frame, and then for good measure added 17 more in the fourth. When the shouting was over, Enterprise was out in front by a score of 72-26.

The line up:

St. John's	Enterprise	
Estep	G	Gish
Hipp	G	Erickson
Harvey	C	Feigley
Capps	F	Housington
Ishmael	F	Jones

—by Forbes & Jones I

St. John's vs. Solomon

Solomon Shows Unexpected Power in Return Engagement

St. John's, Jan. 30—The Cadets entered this fracas with the full expectation of walking away with the honors for the evening, but Solomon evidently entertained the same idea and were able on the rebuttal to prove their points.

Contrary to the first engagement, Solomon maintained an almost air-



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tight defense against the "Kadet" quintette and at the close of the first quarter, the score stood 7 to 1 in favor of the visitors.

Throughout the second quarter the St. John's Five were still firing away at the Solomon "Stone wall" offense with little success except a gain of five points by virtue of charity tosses and in the meantime, Solomon, having gotten a line on cadet plays, took full command of the game and walked away with the long end of a 36-9 score.

The line up:

St. John's	Enterprise	
Estep	G	Mathison
Hipp	G	Greenough
Huffman	C	Haddock
Capps	F	Ventner
Ishmael	F	Smith

—by Forbes & Jones I

St. John's vs. Wichita East

Wichita Maimen Prove Too Many for Cadet Battlers

St. John's, Feb. 5—Wichita East Wrestlers descended upon St. John's for a return engagment with the local "groan and grunt" boys and walked off with the long end of the score but not without benefit of some rough and tumble engagements that bordered on blood matches judging from the number of times different contestants threw their opponents clear of the mat.

Results were: In the 95 pound weight class, Wolf of Wichita pinned Lewis in 1 min. 34 sec.; at 104 pounds, Jackson, St. John's decisioned Gorman; Cessna, Wichita, decisioned Martin; Duvall, St. John's decisioned Pechin, Wichita; Mueller, Wichita, decisioned Ford, St. John's; Hernandy, Wichita, pinned Gardner, time 1 min. 42 sec.; Leonare, Wichita, decisioned Campbell; Smith, Wichita, decisioned Holm; Williamson, Wichita, decisioned Fike Parks, (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

ST. JOHN'S VS. WICHITA EAST
(Continued from page 2, col. 5)
Wichita, cecisioned Mueller, St. John's; and Green Wichita pinned May in the second period.
St. John's next match will be with Hutchinson High School in a home match.

—by Carson

St. John's vs. Abilene

St. John's, Feb. 2—The clash with the Abilene B Squad was fast and furious, in fact just a bit too much of both for the soldiers who went into the game a little draggy from scheduled contests that were placed somewhat close together.

From the starting whistle the "Braves" took the lead and forged ahead constantly with the first period ending 17-7 in Abilene's favor. In the second episode the cadet quintette put up the same stubborn fight for which they are known, but Abilene had established too great a lead advantage for the fellows to tie or to overcome.

Wes Capps sparked the home squad all the way, picking up 11 points to his credit, while Thompson, Hahn, and Hipp together doubled Capps score.

The final tally was Abilene 60, St. John's 22.

The line up:
St. John's

the cadet squad for with the re-sumption of play, the fellows flew about the court with the alacrity of a bunch of pups that had come into contact with a short circuited fire-plug. Capps was again the high point man for St. John's with Nemser and Harvey falling next in line, and at the end of the 3rd quarter the "Kadets" had netted 12 points to their opponent's 9.

In the last stanza, Capps was largely responsible for cadet scores, being able to grab off 7 additional points for the St. John's side of the ledger. But all the while the maroons were doing a bit of grabbing of their own which was somewhat out of the soldier's reach and the score at the end of the game was St. John's 26—Salina 56.

The line up:

St. John's		Salina B's
Estep	G	Johnson
Ishmael	G	Butcher
Huffman	C	Brandt
Capps	F	Reinhold
Hipp	F	Lewis

—by Jones I & Forbes

Funorama

Sgt. Carson: "Here's a penny, you poor man. How did you become so destitute?"

Tramp: "I was like you, always giving away vast sums to the needy."

Wolf: A man who takes out a sweater girl and tries to pull the wool over her eyes.

Mrs. Thompson: "Dean's teacher says he needs an encyclopedia."

Capt. Thompson: "Encyclopedia, my eye. Let him walk to school like I did."

Cadet Nemser: (leaving skating rink) "I've been trying to master a fancy figure for two hours."

Cadet Huffman: "What happened?"

Cadet Nemser: "She slapped my face."

Jim Mueller: (to manicurist in barber shop) "Say cutie, how about a date?"

Manicurist: "I'm married."

Jim Mueller: "Well ask your husband, he won't mind."

Manicurist: "Ask him yourself, he's shaving you."

Officer: "It's no use trying your key on that lamp-post. There's no one home anyway."

Bob Shultz: "Mus' be. Mus' be. Thersh a light up stairs."

Jones, I.: "Zeke's gal looks as though she was poured into her dress."

Forbes: "Yes, and forgot to say when."

A kiss is a noun because it is common and proper.

A kiss is a pronoun because she stands for it.

A kiss is a verb because it is either active or passive.

A kiss is an adverb because it modifies the art.

A kiss is a conjunction because it connects.

I think that I shall never see,
a boy that quite appeals to me,
A boy that wears his shirt-tails in

and doesn't have a stupid grin.
But boys are loved by girls like me,
For who on earth would date a tree?

Al Hart: "They say women are the weaker sex."

Mr Schmidt: "Oh yeah? How come they can twist the cap of a fruit jar so that it takes the huskiest man 15 minutes to get the thing off."

Donnell: "Every time I drink a cup of coffee I get a stabbing pain in my right eye."

Capps: "Take the spoon out of the cup, you dope."

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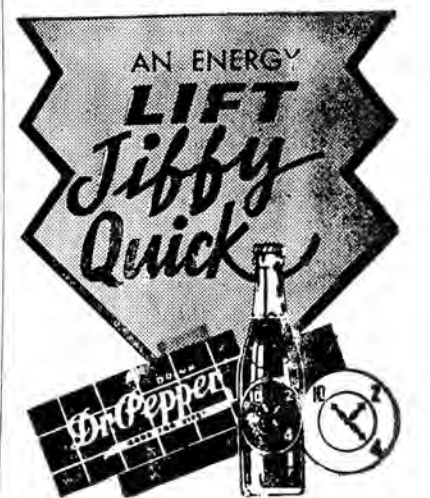
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—by Forbes—Jones, I

St. John's vs. Salina B's

St John's, Feb. 3—Another top flight game of the season saw the return match with the Salina B cagesters in which both teams fairly played their hearts out in a "nip and tuck" affair the outcome of which was never decisive until the final quarter.

In the first quarter of play, Capps Ishmael, and Huffman took care of the cadet scoring chores effectively enough to allow the Maroons only a three point advantage, but during the second quarter, a cold wave moved in as far as the cadets were concerned, and at the close of the period Salina, was in the lead 23-7.

At the half-time rest period, Coach Stuck made use of some verbal "Hokey pokey" that had a magic effect upon the fagged spirits of

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Canoe: Floating conveyance which should be treated like a mischievous boy: It behaves better when paddled from the rear.

Consultant: A man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid for telling you how to run it.

Forger: A man who makes a name for himself.

Male quartette: An animal that has eight legs and flies.

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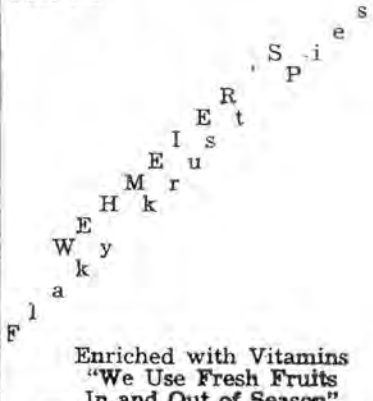
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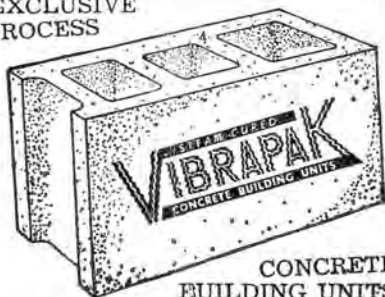
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Mr. Schmidt: "Are you the one who's doing all that singing?"
Hipp: "Yes, why?"

Mr. Schmidt: "Well, don't hold that high note so long. The men have knocked off work three times now thinking it was the dinner whistle."

Lt. Martin overheard rehearsing a speech: "Ladies and Gentlemen—I come before you this Thursday night which is Good Friday—to talk on Mother's Day for fathers only. Admission is free, pay as you leave. When you enter pull out a chair and sit on the floor, or whatever you customarily sit on."

Sharon: "I'll buy the peanuts for us, Jack."

Lamphere: "Nothing makes me madder than to have a woman pay my way."
Sharon: "Well, are you going to

buy the peanuts then?"
Lamphere: "No, I'm going to be awfully mad."

—by Forbes

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Driver: "Didn't I hear the young lady holler stop?"

Cadet: "Aw, Drive on; she wasn't talking to you?"

Echoes from A-2—"If you knew Bubbles, Like I Know Bubbles, Oh, Oh, Oh mmmmmmm. (As wailed by Forbes).

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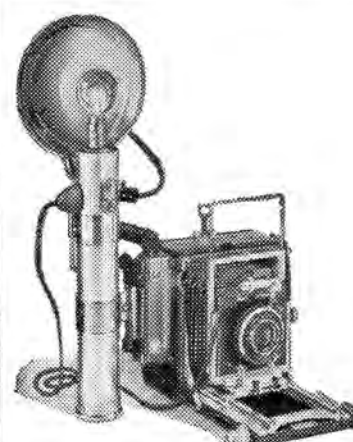
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