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## NEWBOY IMPRESSIONS

Confusion, Bugle Blues, and Schedule Jitters Among First Impressions of Mr. "R A T".

St. John's Oct. 16—Judging from the impressions by various newcomers to the campus, Angelo Patri, who figures among the leading psychologists, would find it worthwhile and profitable to transfer his scene of study to the locality of the barracks at dear old S. J. M. S.

This reporter who set out on a selfappointed task of interviewing the cadet candidates discovered some amazing reactions. Little Danny Turpit had one express comment: "I like the school, but can't seem to eat enough to maintain this tidy figure." This tidy figure involves some 225 pounds of "Mama's" cooking.

Roger Evans, a junior from Montezuma, applied a new angle to an old and familiar complaint. Said Evans, "I wish my roommate weren't a bugler. When he is on duty, the N.C.O. awakens him around 0600. This, of course, arouses me, and gee, how I could use that extra half hour of sleep!"

On the other hand there is a Cadet Nutting who certainly is, and must be part bird if there is any anooogy between an interest in worms and early rising. For complete details about quiet games in the night, an inquiry directed to Lt. Cleavenger will receive immediate and generous response.

From Ravens corner in the mess hall comes the gummy chum's lament, "You starve to death while waiting for the first serving. It's like going to a banquet. There are the serving dishes heaped with food, but what happens? The table head gives out with some Digger O'Dell brand of dry humor while slowly filling the plates. At last everyone is served and just as you are ready with forks, and spoons all ready to battle the vitamins, some joker shouts "Battalion, Attention, rise!" You just can't win no matter what.

—By Huggins

## CADET OFFICERS ARE ANNOUNCED

Cooze to Head Battalion

St. Johns, Nov. 4—Cadet officers and non-commissioned officers at St. John's Military School were announced Tuesday by Major Guernsey, commandant.

New officers are: Captain, Wilford Cooze, Pueblo, Colo.; First Lieutenants, Perce Harvey, Topeka; and Richard Nelson, Wichita. Second Lieutenants, James Haralson, Denver; Charles Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; and William Shakespeare, Alamosa, Colo.

Non-commissioned officers are: Master Sergeant, Louis Wyman, Craig, Colo.; Sergeant first Class, Michael Owens, Whittier, Cal.; and Clifford Collier, Anchorage, Alaska. Sergeants: Larry Marsh, Tulsa, Okla.; Charles Carman, Phoenix, Ariz.; Edward Bigler, Cortez, Colo.; John White, Hahon, Neb.; Leeland Lively, Alamosa, Colo.; and H. B. Whight, Walnut, Kansas.

Corpals: John Lamphere, Lincoln, Neb.; DeAlton Lewis, Lincoln, Neb.; Gary Hanna, Springfield, Colo.; and David Caldwell, Independence, Mo.

—By Brown

## Clergy and Faculty Confer

Missionary District of Salina Holds Conference at St. John's

St. John's Oct. 20—The faculty and the Episcopal clergy, missionary district of Salina, met today to discuss how they might better aid the work of the school concerning the religious aspect.

Bishop Nichols, Bishop of the Salina district, as well as the clergy, was very much pleased with the spiritual guidance provided by the school for the cadets. This is evidenced by the numerous cadets that are confirmed into the Episcopal Church during the time they are at St. John's. The school usually has one or two confirmation classes a year with as many as four or more boys being confirmed in each class.

After pictures were taken they adjourned to the History Department where the conference was held.

—By Huggins

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

St. John's, Oct. 22—The St. John's Chapter of the National Honor Society, will again this year be the sponsors of the Jr. Red Cross drive which will start about the first of November. The Society Committee, with Mrs. Guernsey, will work on the drive. Mrs. Guernsey is the school representative for work in the Red Cross. The drive will consist of filling boxes for over-seas, and contributions for general Red Cross work throughout the year. Members of the committee are: Richard Nelson, President; James Haralson, vice-president; Bill Huggins, and Jack Lamphere.

by Nelson

## VISUAL AID REVIEW

Let's Take a Look at What The Cadets Are Se

St. John's, Oct. 18—By this time most all Cadets have been indoctrinated in the school's use of the V. E. room. So far the projector has been grinding out entertainment for some 780 odd minutes of trigger squeeze, first aid, boby traps, silverplating, and even a little parachuting.

Our visual education room is in use by some group almost daily. It is estimated that since the projector has been in use, only nine school months, we have shown approximately 40,500 feet of film, or for the mathematically minded, 1,620,000 frames of film. Over 2700 people have seen film in the last nine months in our miniature hollywood.

by Huggins.

## FIRST FIRE DRILL OF SEASON

Short Pants and Quick Steps Upset Calm of Third Period

St. John's, Oct. 19—The first fire drill session of the year figured as a surprise feature of the day, and aside from complete demoralization of the fourth period classes everything went off fairly well.

The siren sounded at the close of third period classes, alert stations were immediately assumed and all personnel filed from the respective floors in fair order.

In the event the fire had been actuality, there would have been no more than a half dozen or so fried cadets. Dan Turpit, became wedged between the wall and banister on one of the stairways, and of the seven or eight fellows who struggled to free the Nebraskan Behemoth only five were hopelessly pinned when young Dan crashed to the floor.

Cadet Hanna was found wandering aimlessly about with his arms full of model tractors, trucks and cars, while Ray Jones was routed from his solitary chair and corner, reading Economic-Geography of all things.

At the formation area Major Guernsey announced that the exit from the building was accomplished in 1½ minutes and urged that a better record be established on the next occasion.

by Brown

## Model Club

St. Johns, Oct. 18—St. Johns has absorbed the Salina model plane club which folded up during the last year while under the sponsorship of the American Legion. The motivating forces are: Captain Moffat, who attempted to organize a similar activity here at St. John's a year ago, and Ed Shipe and Don Seusy, who are both avid model plane fans.

The latter have volunteered their services in directing model building and flying. The first organized class was held Wednesday, October 19, from 1930 to 2100. Supervised shop periods are scheduled every Wednesday night at the same time.

An organized flying program is held Monday through Saturday from 1500 to 1700 and on Sundays from 1400 to 1700. Leveling for a runway has been started on the new football field, with the work to be done by the City Maintenance Dept.

—By Caldwell

## Long List Marks Rector's Honor Roll For Second Month

St. John's Nov. 9, 1949—The following Cadets who have earned a coveted place on the Rector's honor roll for second grading period with a 90 or above average are as follows:

E. Bigler—96.2  
L. Marsh—92.75  
P. Marsh—92.5  
J. Haralson—92  
B. Balzerick—92  
C. Brown—91.3  
W. Huggins—91.25  
Bellows—90.5  
W. Cooze—90.

According to Colonel Clem, this is the longest list of Cadets who have qualified for this distinction in recent years. His congratulations go to those listed above, and he send with it his hope that even more will make this select group in subsequent months.

by Cooze



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## FIFTY YEARS AGO AT ST. JOHN'S

St. Johns, Oct. 27—Mr. H. F. Dyer class of 1902, of Louisville, Kentucky is an up and coming attorney in these parts.

Mr. I. F. Gudge, class of 1898, is a candy salesman in Wichita, Kansas, at the present time.

Mr. Ray Fitzpatrick, of Arkansas City, Kansas, is a Traveling Passenger Agent, for the Santa Fe Railroad. Mr. Fitzpatrick attended St. John's from 1900 until 1905.

Mr. Abe Giltner, of Wamego, Kansas, who graduated in the class of 1894, is President of the First National Bank in Wamego at the present time.

Mr. T. E. Comegys, class of 1903, is at the present time an active Col. in the United States Army, his address is the War Department, Washington D. C.

—By Harvey

## C. A. P. INSPECTORS VISIT ST. JOHN'S

St. Johns, Oct. 22—Capt Lawrence A. Oakley Jr. USAF Hq. and Hq. Sqd. CAP and USAF, Bolling Air Base, Washington, D. S., along with M/Sgt. Samuel R. Snyder Jr. USAF, Bolling Air Base, Washington, D. C., were special guests of St. John's on this date. Their visit to Kansas was for the purpose of inspecting, and finding ways to further develop CAP units in the Sunflower State.

## RECTOR MAKES FLYING TRIP WEST

St. Johns, Nov. 19—Colonel Clem, who frequently has a case of itchy feet, was off again recently, and his destination was Goodland, Kansas. The purpose of the visit was to address the Rotary Club of that city where local members were entertaining their wives with a banquet and program. The Colonel returned by plane that same evening in company with Major Abhams who piloted the C-45 employed for this trip.



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**DEAR PAT**

Dear Pat,  
It is with sad realization that almost a month has elapsed since my last epistle, but during that month things have been in somewhat of a buzz. There are juicy bits of information to impart to you. If you recall in the last letter there was quite some space devoted to Cadet Lively, and a proposed trip to Arabia motivated by homing instincts. Well, since then his mind has become confused over three points of destination throughout the world. He is now toying with the idea of going to Ft. Riley and playing half back, or Puerto Rico to enjoy a life of ease in a hammock, or simply settling on the original plan for a rendezvous with his Light of Love in Arabia.  
One night in the barracks while making a taps check, Cadet Wright was seen walking swiftly toward his room. Wanting to talk to him about Crack-Squad, I asked him to wait up, and as we conversed it was quite noticeable that he was trying to keep his mouth covered. This provoked some investigation and when Wright's hands were lowered, there from ear to ear was a solid line of nothing but "Temptation Lure." Ah me, dear old Wright sure lives up to his name.  
A few weeks ago while attending a Marymount dance, Cadet Lively was wandering around the reception room waiting for his date. One of the Sisters finally asked him if he would like for her to see if the expected charmer were almost ready. Lively, being the complete gentleman said no, that he would wait. However, the Sister insisted so off to the phone they went, and called the young lady over the address system, which it may be added, operates on a two-way principle. When asked if she were ready to meet her date, she said "Why no Sister, I'm still in my P-jays." Believe me, Cadet Lively was more than mildly embarrassed.  
At a recent party dance here on the campus, social pleasantries and relations waxed wonderously gay, and for verification just ask Harry and Chip, who undoubtedly can tell little or nothing which went on outside the smooch-room. Haralson and Brown must have fallen for the bug-eyed gals, because they lost no time in trying to date them for the Hallowe'en dance; however, Brown suffered bitter disappointment when he later found that his lady love couldn't or wouldn't go because of the "Rusty hinges on this Beau Brummel's gate."  
Now for a bit of low-down on that mutual friend, Bill "Mix 'em up" Cooze. You may recall the song about Bill. "Patty and Billy were sweethearts", in fact they were the sweetest of sweethearts, but old Heartbreaker Bill was doing a bit of corresponding down Texas way when somehow a message intended for the lone star destination wound up in Sister Patty's pos-



A REVIVED VERSION OF TIT-TAT-TOE.

sion in Pueblo. Needless-to-say there was something blowing that day besides Mild Zephyrs. A long distance call from the direction of Colorado for young Cooze nearly wrecked the local phone booth and sereing words to the effect—"we're through you louse", all but mutilated Bill's cute little ears beyond repair. This hero was moanin' mighty low for a few dark and dreary days, but then came sunshine, all was forgiven, and every cloud had a silver lining, as Pat joined Bill for the next "S" Club dance, and it was my privilege to double-date with them. Boy oh boy, if she was mad at him that night, it would surely be a treat to be on hand for her more amorous moments—Wooooo-oo!  
A few of "Siffered" Collier's little friends from Ft. Riley came to the dance Saturday night, and since there were two of them, he had to serraunch, erno, he had to give someone the unpleasant er no, the other beautiful girl, and sooooo, you know how it is when in trouble, it's always the room-mate you turn to. So, the poor, er no, so old Lippy, the Lively, went to the dance with one of the most famous halfbacks of all time. You should have been there to see it. Old Lively was a sight to behold, gliding in and out among the couples on the floor as his swivel-hipped half-back took out the interference.  
It seems as though Mrs. Moffat had better watch her husband, for the other day a letter from Pueblo Patty to friend Cooze bore the following message on the back which read, Hello Capt. Moffatt, and right where the most lip-stick smudges were. At that point Bill turned red.  
I sure wish the women around this campus would be just a bit more generous. Take for example, every time Crack-squad drill is announced in the mess hall, Miss Moffat gives me a dirty look as if to say, "Well my gosh, you mean that Eddie will be busy again tonight", sorry Petunia, but Crack-squad before pleasure . . . or Eddie . . . or something.  
What's this we hear about Cadet Moffitt GETTING KICKED OUT OF WORLD HISTORY, for telling Cadet Wright that if he went to the ball game it would probably do him more good than staying home and getting his History There must be

something to that old adage—It's the truth that hurts. Also, what is this about one of our teachers who has a new way of grading? It seems as though this party throws out all fact and study, and seems to grade on personal opinion. As the bug-eyed boy, he alone knows the answers.  
In the barracks, room B-7 has been a sort of dispensary for shine where many fellows have received a liberal application of "goo" which may not be entirely comprehensible, but never-the-less Cadets Caldwell or Longside can give a most detailed account of these ablutions.  
Well Baby, it's getting cold outside, was the consensus of opinion, expression of which "S" Club pledges were overheard saying on the night of Oct. 30 as they crawled into the barracks, being unable to walk as the result of frozen molasses. The next night marked the occasion of the Hallowe'en dance, and here are just a few of the many incidents which took place.  
Cadets Lively, Brown, Shakespeare, and Cooze had a most enjoyable evening with four charming young ladies from Marymount. However, two did not even begin when Cooze began thinking about Texas, and Pueblo; Brown about the bug-eyed Gal; "and old Shake" about his American History the gals became somewhat bored with dancing and more interested in trying to discover what was wrong with their gallant escorts. There was a conference on the matter and soon everything was Kopasetti. Pureto fixed

old "Monk" Lively while sauntering forth under star lit skys; Brown became much happier when his date told him he had the biggest mouth she ever saw; Cooze felt "real gone" upon learning that he was a whole three-tenths of an inch taller than his lady fair; and "old Shake" was in heaven when he and his date retired to the equipment room, and together counted footballs.  
Cadets Caldwell and Hanna seemed to be having a fine time, but there is one question we would like to ask brother Caldwell, and that is how can your grandmother get around the dance floor so well? Eichenberger was on hand with dear "Ginny", and they double-dated with the Madden duo after which Ronnie has indicated that "Ike" is strictly the technician. However any further disclosure would be telling stories out of school and unlike certain "Grandma" boys from Denver, we'll leave the rest to that happy faculty, the imagination.  
I guess that P. S. Lou Wyman has really found a pot o' gold in that Pansy Package. In fact the only way to get him to move in football was for the quarterback to say "get set, Pansy, one, two, etc. While passing his room the other morning, I heard him say to Wright, "Room-mate, Pansy hugged me so tight last night, my body is black and blue from the beating of her heart."  
That certain Salina High Oldsmobile which has been appearing around the campus about five times a day for the past two months now seems to hold a special attraction for our boy "Siffered Collier". The other night the charming Chauffeur and "Budday, Buddy, C" were extremely close together looking as

contented as a Newly Wooded Heifer. Later Cliff explained that he was showing her how to work his new slide rule, but judging from the sounds, they must have been testing the vacuum resistance of "tu-lips."  
Brother Cohen had advised this member of the staff against including anything in this column about his love life since he and his heart-throb have just settled for separate maintenance. Geo. M. professes not to have liked her personality anyway. It seems as though some fellow cadets have been receiving gate receipts when they take their sweet young things to the bus after study hall each night. It would further appear that said girls use red ink which still isn't dry after (Continued on page 3)

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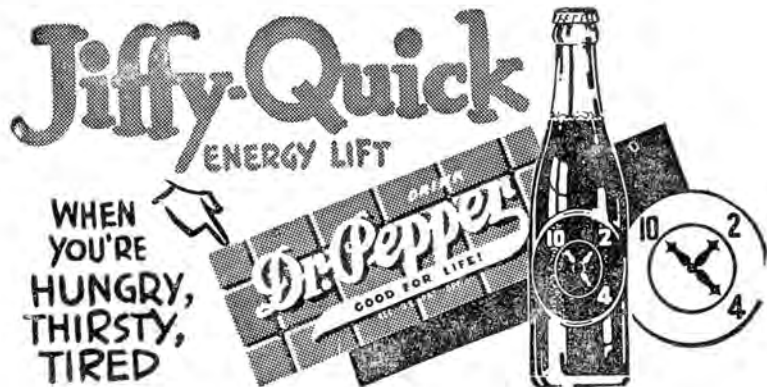
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**DEAR PAT**  
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these Romeos have run all the way to the barracks. This commodity comes in different shades, as for instance that which Collier boasts being a rather dark shade, and quite messy, judging from the way it is spread all over his face. On the other hand Mr. Carman just gets a very light speck or peck, of a definite red rose color, which he at least manages to remove before morning mess the next day, in contrast to Cadet Owens, who many times this year has eaten through a rather thick coat of "Evening on the Campus," No. 3.

We understand that Brother Bigler would like to make a public issue of a question to Miss Moffat, and Cadet Lamphere as to all this noise about going to Oklahoma together over the week-end.

During "S" Club Hell week there was some excellent entertainment in the mess hall, if I do say so myself. The Bloody Four; Cadets Nelson, Shakespeare, Brown, and Cohen harmonized several popular music hits, the first being Cigarettes and Whiskey, and a dedication to Capt. Moffat included the stirring melody "Heep Big Smoke But No Fire." However on Monday morning outside the fact of having flu as the result of the night before, a sickening feeling in the stomach, and various tender posteriors from the week's labor, the cadets felt fit as a fiddle and ready for the Geom. Test which they were to start the next day.

Apparently there is among those in the Cadet Corp one individual of the canine inheritance type who would not be too popular if his identity were ever found out. According to all reports this "Punk" has been writing to the girl friends of other fellows telling them a lot of stuff which would be better left unsaid. This same "piece of perforated offal" becomes known, fond parents better invest in a basket or seive for their lately lamented beloved.

Sorry dear, that's all for this time, but remember, as Mother Owens says, "She was such a hot mamma, when they clinched she turned the Fatimas in his pocket to Lucky Strikes."

—By Nelson

**CADET COURT MEMBERS CHOSEN**

St. John's, Nov. 12— Each year at this time the Cadet Corp elects new members to the Cadet Court. This student governing-body or Council, consists of two Cadet Officers, one Cadet Non-Com, Two old boys, and one new boy. The first duty of the court this year, will concern the administration of examinations, which enables new-boys to achieve the old boy status.

Throughout the rest of the school year it is the function of the court to determine penalties.

Members of last year's Cadet Court are:

Wesley Capps ..... Aurora, Colo.  
Bill Cooze ..... Pueblo, Colo.  
J. C. Wall ..... Wichita, Kans.  
William Osborn ..... Alamosa, Colo.  
Clifford Collier Anchorage, Alaska

This year's Cadet Court includes:  
Perce Harvey ..... Topeka, Kansas  
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**THE BOWERY BARBER OF BARNABAS**

St. Johns, Oct. 21—A new service in the form of a tonsorial parlour has been added to the long line of conveniences offered by the school.

Mr. Helman, a long time resident of Salina, is The Chief and only operator of this wool-gathering emporium, and according to all reports, he wields a mean pair of snips.

Cadet Caldwell, he of the curly locks, was the first victim to apply for a "trim" but has since been disturbed over the true meaning of the word "clip". Mr. Helman states that he has been barbering for 45 years and should know better by this time.

He further blames a brother for having gotten him started in "such a bizness." —By Shakespeare

**ART CLASS NOTES**

St. John's Art Class Folds After Desperate Struggle

St. John's, Oct. 12—The bitter news was handed down to two unhappy cadets in startling statements which went like so: Boys, a dear Friend of ours has decided that owing to the presence of F's and U's appearing on the grade reports of certain members of the class it is apparent that they are losing too much study time, and therefore should drop the course entirely, so friends you'll get your money back and stop taking Art.

The cadets attempted to protest but were temporarily argued down by a more loquacious gentleman; however, all is well now for the two happy cadets have been permitted to resume their art courses.

by Haralson

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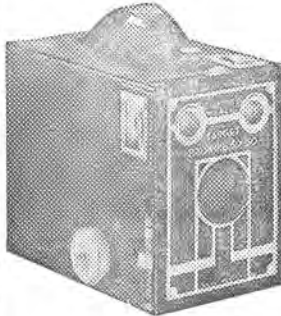
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St. John's Drill Squad  
Prepares For Demonstration

St. John's, Oct. 17—Members of the crack drill squad at St. John's Military school are polishing brass and shining equipment in preparation for their first public appearance October 31. The 22 members, making up drill squad, color guard and buglers, will perform at the annual Hallowe'en dance.

Membership to the honor squad is elective, Lt. Remy, senior school principal, said. After about four weeks of competitive drill, squad members were chosen Friday from the 43 cadets out for membership.

The squad, using the "Zouave Drill," will appear in several sections of the U.S. this year, Lt. Remy, Senior master said. Various formations are executed without commands in rapid cadence.

Richard Nelson, Wichita, is squad captain. Members are:

Squad—  
Clifford Collier, Anchorage, Alaska  
H. B. Wright, Walnut, Kansas  
Harvey Cohen, Erie, Pennsylvania  
Edward Bigler, Cortez, Colorado  
Louis Wyman, Craig, Colorado  
Mike Owens, Whittier, California  
Leland Lively, Alamosa, Colorado  
Philip Marsh, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
James Haralson, Denver, Colorado  
Robert Balzerick, Wichita, Kansas  
John Whitcomb, Hebron, Nebraska  
Rollo Braman, Manhattan, Kansas

Color Guard:  
Bill Cooze, Pueblo, Colorado  
Steve Jevons, Wichita, Kansas  
William Shakespeare, Alamosa, Col.  
Larry March, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
DeAlton Lewis, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Jack Lamphere, Lincoln, Nebraska

Buglers:  
Eugene Eichenburger, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.  
Ronny Madden, Kansas City, Kans.  
Charles Brown, Kansas City, Mo.  
by Cooze

Oasis Oscillations

St. John's, Oct. 19—The "Rec" Hall under the supervision of Mr. Walter York with the (un) able assistance of Louis "Jug" Wyman is again operating in full swing offering the sweet tooth addicts a wide variety of candy, soft drinks, and ice cream.

This S.J.M.S. version of "Pop" Warner's Sugar Bowl is also furnished with Ping-pong, and Pool tables, confection bar and booths to which the Cadets hope that pin-ball machines and a juke box will be added to replace those formerly operated by "Gorilla" Mueller.

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THE DRILL TEAM ON EXHIBITION

Cadets Lewis Sustains  
Serious Injuries

St. John's, Oct. 27—Yesterday, owing to an unfortunate accident during regular football practice, Cadet Lewis, a prominent junior, was seriously hurt. Cadet Lewis was taken to St. John's community hospital for observation to determine the extent of his injuries.

Captain Cole stated to day that Lewis sustained a dislocation, and minor fracture of the right hip. An operation was performed on the morning of Oct. 26, at 9:00 a.m. by Dr's. Martin, Brown and Nelson.

by Lively

UNUSUAL HOBBIES

'Second Childhood'  
St. John's, Oct. 27—Do you collect models? And do you need pointers on some hobby? Gary Hanna's quarters on 'B' floor presents a small scale version of the National Museum thereby qualifying this young genius as just the man for you.

He has collected everything from trucks to toy tractors. There is a whole table fairly groaning with models which are labeled untouchable under the penalty of being shot at sunrise, or sooner if possible. Gary has appropriated B-15 for his modelroom, extending an open invitation to sight-seers at all times.

by Carman

Chapel Notes

St. Johns, Oct. 16—The first complete Chapel service of the year was conducted on this date by Colonel Clem, who gave as his text "The Complete Man." Organ accompaniment for the Hymns was contributed by Mrs. Moffat, which was a definite aid and encouragement to the group singing. The flag bearers were Cadets Balzerick, Eichenberger, and Quinlan, while servers for the occasion were Cadets Evans, O'Neal, and McKnight.

—By Shakespeare

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AT BETHANY GAME

St. John's, Nov. 19—The local leather pushers drew a big treat recently when they, as the especially invited guests of the Wesleyan Athletic Department, attended a conference tilt between the Coyotes and the Bethany Swedes.

This affair gave the Cadet group a liberal opportunity to observe how the big fellows play the game, and more than one lad returned to the barracks much enriched in the knowledge of new offensive and defensive tactics.

In this encounter the Swedes took the long end of a 24 to 0 score, having complete command of the game in all four quarters.

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"S" Club Holds First-  
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Election of Officers Marks  
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St. John's, Nov. 18—The "S" Club held its annual election of officers for the current school term in a meeting scheduled for this date.

The newly elected are:

Perce Harvey—President  
James Haralson—Vice-President  
Bill Cooze—Secretary  
Cliff Collier—Treasurer

by Harvey

"S" CLUB NEWS

New "S" Club Pledges

St. John's, Oct. 31—The portals of that mystery of mysteries, the inner sanctum of the "S" Club opened momentarily of recent date to admit four guests from among last year's lettermen who by special invitation were induced to take that precarious step of becoming pledges to St. John's only self-supporting club.

The noteworthy guests on this occasion and the activities in which they distinguished themselves include: Charles Brown, track; Harvey Cohen, baseball; Richard Nelson, track; and William Shakespeare, track manager.

The usual procedures of egg diets, entertainment, improvisations,

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paddling, sign wearing, ect., which have been the past customary devices, were dusted off and put into use for the current week's observances.

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### Nostalgia A-La Harvey

The year of 1946-47, remember Elmo? Our first year at S.J.M.S., and who were the cadet officers then? Oh, yes, Bob Miller was Major, while other officers included Pierson, Lasson, and Rood. Wasn't that the year when we got the Chapel? It must of been around the first of December when it finally got here. Say, and remember the baseball team that we had that spring? Yes sir, only lost one game, and that was to Kansas Wesleyan.

What happened the year after? Remember the fire, it's unfortunate that some of the Cadets here now never saw the barracks and Vail Hall before the fire.

In 1948, Bob Mcauley held down the Major's spot and his bunk-mate, Art Carpenter, was Captain.

How about the mile relay team! You can still hear Captain Moffat bragging about that new record yet. And what about last year's powerhouse football team. We lost only one game. Remember the new gym under construction? It was finished in the fall of '48, and how that new floor did shine. Remember the mile relay team that year? Even better than the one before.

Well, here it is '49, and about over at that. Wonder what will happen this term? Plans are under-way for the new barracks which everybody's been talking about.

In the last four years, this place has really changed, with the Chapel, the gym, and the prospects of the new barracks, the old school really should build.

If all those who were here in '46 or earlier would return in about 1952, it's a safe bet they would hardly recognize their alma mater.

by Harvey

### NEW CANDY CONCESSION

On a recent occasion during the ten-minute break between classes, a certain cadet who was enduring the agonized pangs of starvation, happened to wander into the guard room. While pondering the question of his living through another class period, this young valiant spotted a new candy vending machine which had been installed that same morning. News travels swiftly at St. Johns, and in no time the

whole cadet corp was swarming into the guardroom like ants.

The vender holds a variety of candy, seventy-four bars, nuts, etc, and in about ten minutes there stood the almost empty dispenser, barer than Gypsy Rose Lee at a bartenders bazaar.

By Carman

### Cadets Have Square Dance For Halloween Celebration

#### Cadets Don Boots and Levis For Annual Dance

St. Johns, Nov. 3—All the traditional spooks, cats, witches, goblins, and etc. were put to work on the campus Monday night, Oct. 31, as the cadets and their guests all turned out for a square dance and party staged in the school gym.

The evening's entertainment started at about 2000 with games such as the Apple Pull, the Candy Chew, Tooth Pick relay, and the Doughnut relay, which amounts to about the same thing as necking with your nose, or an Eskimo "How do you do", especially when the doughnuts are heavily loaded with sugar.

The decorations for the dance were provided by the farmers in and around Salina, both with and without their knowledge. Cadets Cooze, Nelson, and Harvey, were the willing volunteers who braved the risk of buck shot and salt dine while gathering the all important corn stocks and hay bundles.

During the evening, the St. John's Crack Squad put on their first performance of the year. The drill was complete with insignia braid presentation made by Capt. Richard Nelson. The following new members received citations:

Cadets, Sgt. Wright, P.F.C. Braman, Sgt. Bigler, Pvt. Gillespie, Sgt. Lively, Sgt. Whitcomb, Pvt. Young, P.F.C. Marsh P, Capt. Cooze, Lt. Sheakespeare, Sgt. Marsh L.,

Cpl. Lamphere, Pvt. Jevons, and Lt. Brown.

Members from last years squad include:

Captain—Nelson.  
Drillers—Sgt. Collier, Lt. Haralson, Sgt. Owens, Sgt. Wyman, Pvt. Cohen, P.F.C. Balzerick.

Buglers—Cadet Eichenberger and Cadet Madden.

Following the drill the party program was continued with the inclusion of several square dances, and Virginia Reels. The occasion was brought to a close with a number of popular straight dances.

—By Nelson

### VISITORS LIST

St. John's, Nov. 25—The visitor list includes many guests and parents of faculty and students, who have honored St. John's in the past month. Among the students there have been many of last year's Seniors.

This list includes:

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Cooze and Pat Bowman, Pueblo, Colo.  
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### Hairless Harry Appears At St. John's

St. John's, Oct. 22—Last Tuesday night about 2000, the little lad known far and wide as little Jackie Nutting, crept or rather stormed into Vail Hall to make the fateful visit to that character well known to all who get haircuts, as The Scalper. Jack, turning his cute devilish face upward and kicking the poor man in the shins, said, "I want a crew-cut." The barber, with a fiendish glint in his eye thought to himself, as he rubbed his shin, "Now is the hour!" then gingerly scraped and gouged dirt out of friend Nutting's mop, and went to work. The locks flew, the barber swore, and Jackie kicked, screamed, and raised more comotion than a crew of snake-happy elevator girls. Only once did the barber stop, and that was to clean the cosmoline from his clippers since they were becoming slightly overheated. When grease, dirt, and hair

had finally settled, there sat our little pal Jackie, most sedately and looking for all the world like a sad-sack Mohawk. The barber thrust a voucher into "the Nut's" hand, bounced him out of the chair, and screamed for the guard to open all windows to avoid an immediate threat of asphyxiation. Then "Hairless" was escorted to the Junior School with inspiration and encouragement applied at the proper time and place to prevent any lag-

ging along the way.

by Brown

### EX-CADETS FATHER VISITS SCHOOL

St. John's, Oct. 24—Recently a large white Buick bearing a Colorado license rolled to a stop in front of the school. The driver who shortly appeared in the receiving office to visit Colonel Clem was none other than M. Leonard Woodruff, father of Cadet Woodruff who graduated from St. John's in 1948.

The purpose of Mr. Woodruff's call was to lay plans for him and the Colonel to visit a retired friend, Colonel Barton, living in Arkansas. This man is the head of one of the country's largest oil companies and the object of the visit is to interest Colonel Barton in philanthropic opportunities concerning the school.

Mr. Woodruff is a notionally known painter of still life, whose residence is Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### "S" Club Sponsors Bonfire

Turnout for First Home Game St. John's, Oct. 18—A one-time experience of all newcomers to these venerable halls is the traditional pep rally intended as a sort of moral booster and a gentle reminder that

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The brush was piled fifteen feet high or so and when the torch was applied at 2100 made quite a conflagration. The rats were requested to kneel in a circle around the fire wherever the sandburrs flourished the most, and to bow oh so slowly saying, "Allah, Allah, St. John's." If an Old Boy thought a Rat was shirking his duty, he gently pushed him tail-first into the burs. Whenever someone got a bit too close to the fire, certain Old Boys would throw a handful of fire crackers into the blaze to warn the erring one away and to liven things up.

After taps had blown and every-

one had just settled down, a fire truck roared through the campus gates with the squad aboard looking for something to drench beside a tree. Satisfied that St. John's was not on fire, they left feeling most frustrated and the rest of us sleepy.

by Caldwell

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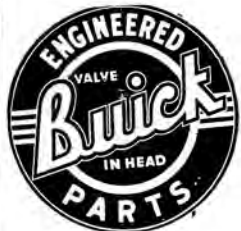
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"S" Club Pledge Activities

Mouldy Eggs and "Love" Work for Members Highlight Initiation Week

St. John's, Nov. 31—Four new "S" Club members had a busy week from the 23rd to the 30th of October. To start things off with a bang, the members took the pledges to the river, or in reality the sewage ditch in Thomas Park, for a nice "warm" swim. When thoroughly numbed, the pledges were restored to health and warmth by certain paddle-happy regulars. The next morning, the sounds of "pledge, my bed said it would like to be made," and many other similar remarks were heard. Monday during mess the four pledges, Nelson, Shakespeare Cohen, and Brown while expecting to be torn apart, rendered that old favorite "Cigaretts and Whisky." Other little pastimes such as giving up desserts, eating square meals and slap-stick comedy stunts were done by the "bloody four." On the final day of initiation these young hopefuls sang a request by the members for Capt. Moffat with Indians No-Sittem-Down Nelson, Big-Mouth Brown, Voice-Like-Dead-Lark Cohen, and Willow-Dancer Shakespeare, dancing and singing gleefully around "Big Squak" Moffat's table.

Sunday night the pledges with all members, were loaded into the school truck, and taken to points East. At the destination, wherever that was, they were ordered to alight and disrobe while the regulars, ever mindful of their Buddies' health, poured generous amounts of "fowl foliage" over the heads of these members to be. The staying quality of the feathers was aided somewhat slightly by a mixture of "stickem-goo" all of which offered questionable insulation against the chill of the night.

Then came a surprise treat—the regulars serenaded the dubious pledges, but while this was taking place, the coveralls belonging to the latter mysteriously disappeared, and with the closing chorus, the members boarded the truck and vanished into the night. The name of the song? Oh yes, "It's a Long, Long Way to St. John's."

Four little pledges all forlorn, quite without britches, even tattered and torn, searched the brush for something to be worn. And finding their clothing at length, these newly installed "S" Clubbers took an uncertain way home. These "sticky" kids had trudged but a short distance when, of all things, they were given a lift by Miss June



APPLYING THE BRAKES TO A BLUE JAY.

Anderson, a close friend of Nelson's. Some time later four suspicious characters were found splashing happily about in the showers by a detail of Club members who, being a bit more humane than others, had returned to the scene of the crime to affect the rescue of the pledges.

Football Team Guests At Salina-Abilene Game

Cadet Players See Salina Beat Abilene 20-7

St. John's, Act. 14—The St. John's football squad, after playing a close game with Culver, attended the Sa-

lina-Abilene contest at the Salina home field. Abilene showed plenty of fight but didn't have the drive to collect those touchdowns. The most unique feature that caught the attention of our players was their novel huddle, where the team forms two even lines facing the scrimmage line, with the quarterback facing them, calling the plays.

Those that attended were: Dick

Nelson, Bill Shakspeare, Charles Brown, Bob Balzerick, Chick Carman, Cliff Collier, Harvey Cohen, H. B. Wright, Jesse Young, Freddy Chocano, Sam Chocano, Roddney Miller, P. S. Yyman, Johnny Whitcomb, Mike Owens, Jim Sproul, Bob Moffat, Dean Longside, De Lewis, Don Wendler, Phil Marsh, Larry Marsh, Jim Haralson and Mike Quanlan.

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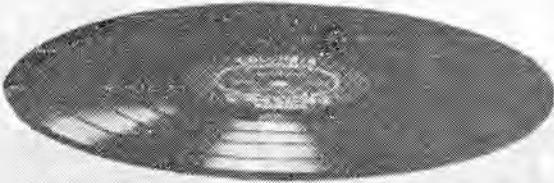
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Dick Nelson, Cadet Back, scored both of the Cadets' touchdowns. One came in the first period to pull St. John's within a point of the Hope team and the second came in the second period as Hope took an 18 to 12 halftime lead.

Malony aided the Schelsener brothers in the final half in the touchdown department, as Hope exploded. Although outgained on the ground by St. John's, Hope took to the air and completed five passes for 101 yards to aid in the scoring.

The Statistics are as follows:

|                    | Hope | St. John's |
|--------------------|------|------------|
| First downs        | 13   | 7          |
| Yards rushing      | 109  | 164        |
| Passes attempted   | 8    | 11         |
| Passes completed   | 5    | 5          |
| Yards passing      | 101  | 76         |
| Passes intercepted | 1    | 0          |
| Penalties          | 20   | 15         |



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| Reiff      | LG | Carman     |
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| Dunlap     | RG | Wyman      |

|               |    |                         |
|---------------|----|-------------------------|
| Putz          | RT | L. Marsh                |
| Funk          | RE | Collier                 |
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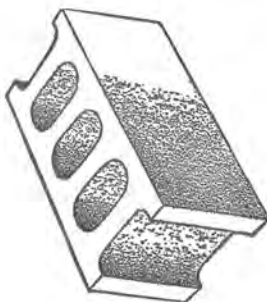
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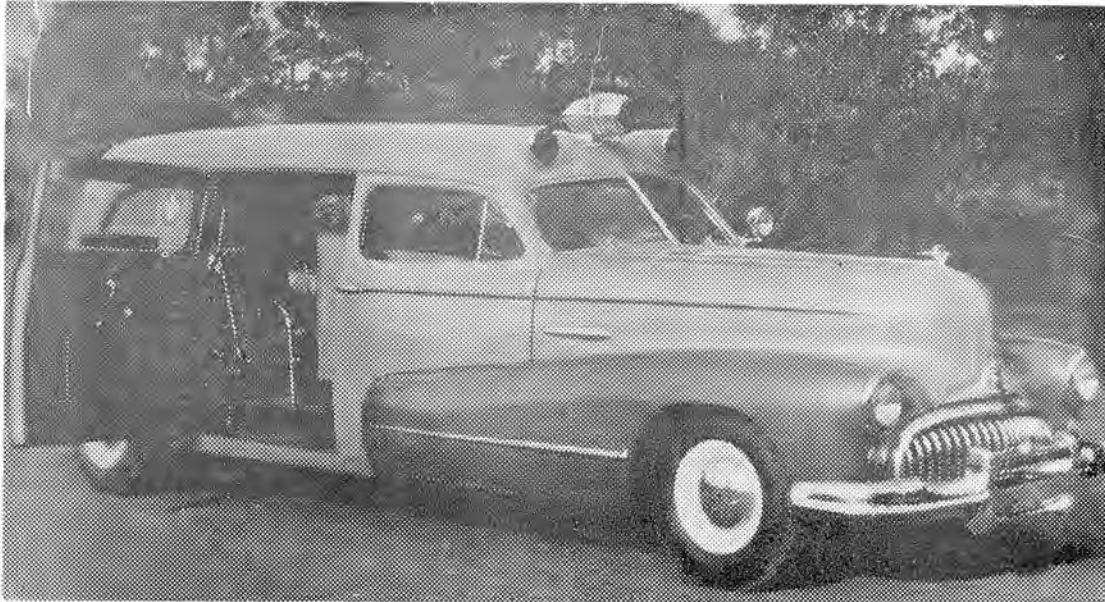
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Conversion Gives Culver 13 to 12 Win Over Cadets

St. John's, Oct. 27—With Wayne Spohn of Culver and Dick Nelson of St. John's putting on scoring shows, Culver defeated the Cadets 13 to 12 in a football clash here Friday afternoon.

The Jays scored first in the opening period when Spohn dashed over the 20 yard line. However, the conversion was missed and Culver held a 6 to 0 quarter lead.

In the second period, Nelson intercepted a pass and ran 22 yards to score for the Cadets.. The kick was missed and the clubs were tied 6 to 6 at half time.

Both teams scored touchdowns the third period to climax the scoring, but the Jays converted for the winning margin. St. John's took the lead when Nelson broke through for a 70 yard run.

However on a kick, St. John's fumbled and the Blue Jays recovered. They marched straight down the field to the Cadets goal line. After holding for two plays, Spohn crashed through the St. John's close knitted defense for the tying margin. The extra point was added that gave the Blue Jays Victory.

by Cooze

Chicken Pickin' A-La Wyman

St. Johns Oct. 24—Cadets Wright and Shakespeare had just gone to bed as all good little boys do following taps when Louie Wyman, who was supposed to be attending a n"S" club meeting, accompanied by meek and mdlild Balzerick entered the room of the forementioned sleeping beauties. Wyman envious of the resonant snores issuing from Wright's direction, seized a pillow and took a swing at the unsuspecting sleeper. At this point some unforeseen developments began to develop. The pillow parted company at the seams, and feathers flew everywhere, settling in abundance over the persons of

Wright and Shakespeare, Incorporated, upon which the former of these victims protested loud, long, and vigorously. Then as all grievous matter have a tendency to become increasingly obnoxious, the faculty O. D. entered the room. This suspicious person let out a roar which sounded like Lieutenant Remy making a fishing engagement by long distance over a network of country lines. "Who Tha' H— has been pickin' boids in this joint," Shouted the O. D. and looking about, there stood thoroughly frightened young Wyman trying to conceal all that remained of a leg of fried chicken.

—By Shakespeare

GLEANINGS FROM A GRAMMAR ASSIGNMENT

(Continued from Page 8.)

- 3) He wasn't warned before the accident.
- 4) The Staff hid his body beneath the table.
- 5) They stuck the corpse between the radiator and the wall.
- 6) They could do nothing but leave him there.
- 7) They put flowers on the radiator for him.
- 8) They had to remove the body from the room since the heat was turned on.
- 9) The body was placed in a box piece by piece.
- 10) The box and the body were deposited into a hole in the Chaplain's garden.
- 11) No one ever heard of him

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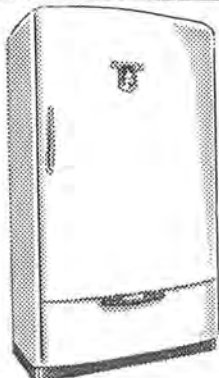
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again.

These exercises were obviously a drill on prepositions but the content has left the Skirmisher staff with a prospect of a proposition which may have criminal implications.

By Cooze

Alumni Notes

Ralph, better known as "Zeke" Estep was a visitor at St. Johns. Estep who is attending Friends University in Wichita, was known for his ability in both art and football. Ralph was one of the first to draw Thanksgiving and Xmas Murals which were displayed in the Mess Hall and atop the roof of the main building.

A familiar face appearing on the Campus, was that of Charles Wohl class of "48", which does resemble one. Woll who was here to visit the school and his heart-throb, Shirley Weigel is employed at the Boeing Aviation Corporation of Wichita.

Another familiar face at St. Johns was that of Arthur Carpenter, class of "47". Carpenter who is now living in Salina, is working at the Hotel Lamer.

Edmund "Woodie" Woodruff, who was a recent visitor on the grounds, has been in the Air Force since he graduated in "48". Woodie was that Stupendous lad who gave out with that Kruppa style of tom-tom rhythm and original Cab Callaway piano styling. He graduated from St. Johns with a honorary degree as Music Maestro. He plans to spend the winter in Arizona.

ALL SAINTS DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

"Cadets Want More Holiday and Less Inspection"

St. John's, November 3 — On October 31st, a notice went up on the Bulletin Board, and soon the barracks rang with the news that All-Saints Day was to be a holiday. Everyone had high expectations of getting up at 0930, eating mess and then going on pass. When the great day finally adwned, it was found that Major Guernsey had other plans.

In the first place, the hour to rise and shine was set at 0900, then twenty minutes later the cadet corp

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was on it's way to the chapel for a bit of spiritual purification. (No remarks, please.)

Arousing from this immoderate catnap, one and all adjourned to the dining hall for a midmorning breakfast. This chore out of the way, there was a general supposition that passes would soon be in order, but the call to quarters and inspection blasted that hope into a cocked hat.

Inspection lasted from 1100 to 1430 or 2:30 P.M. Civilian time, after which the Major and the O. D., being no longer able to find excuses, broke down and granted two hours leave to all but the freshmen who had to remain on hand to support their team in a matched football game with the Junior School squad. All hands were back in the saddle for recall and an early dinner. A picture on outdoor sports took up the time between 6:30 and study hall, which in turn took up the remaining two hours of the day. Well, this idea may vary some-

what from the customary plan of holiday, but at least it beat sticking around in classrooms all hollow . . . goodnight now.

by Carman

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**Squad List For The Month of October**

Squad, squad, everybody's got squad. I've got squad, you've got squad; all God's children 'round here got squad.

Yes, school is really underway when the special duty details begin to appear and gripes become the favorite pastime. "I wish I could be confined instead of having to walk squad", or "I wish I could walk instead of having to be confined, you get it off so much quicker."

Some of the "Bull Ring Kings" for this year include: Dean "can I take guard for squad credit," Longside; and Daniel "can I walk in the side; and Daniel "can I work in the photography room "Turpit; or Robert "can I clean up the Chapel", Moffat.

But we haven't mentioned anything about the "Confines" yet. At the top of the list is Eugene "I wish I was a junior," Eikenberger. Some of the others included Bill and Perce "We forgot to sign out" Cooze and Harvey, and Richard "but sir I got a date Sat", Nelson.

by Harvey

**THE LAME, HALT AND BLIND ROSTER**

St. John's, Oct. 28—The pill addicts on the campus continue to thrive quite well, thank you. In fact the popularity of Miss Cole's department is at-times mildly alarming.

The following have done business at the infirmary on at least one or more occasions:

Kenneth Bellows, Sheridan, Wyo.  
J. Burton, Wichita, Kansas  
Dave Caldwell, Independence, Mo.  
Harvey Cohen, Junction City, Kans.  
Cliff Collier, Anchorage, Alaska  
Bobby Long, Junction City, Kans.  
L. Miller, Dodge City, Kansas  
Richard Nelson, Wichita, Kansas  
Mike Owens, El Monte, Calif.  
William Shakespeare, Alamosa, Col.  
B McKnight, Tucson, Arizona  
Gale Miller, Wakine, Kansas  
(Shouldn't peek through the key hole)  
D. McBean, Wichita, Kansas.

by Lively

**New Automatic Dishwasher**  
Labor Saving Device is Boon to Kitchen Force

St. John's, Oct. 18—Faculty, visitors and Cadets have been wondering why the mess hall tableware and utensils can be so spotlessly cleaned in the minimum of time allotted to that chore.

The explanation is attributed to the New Hobart Automatic Dishwasher, which was installed during the summer to replace an old type machine which has been in service the past twelve years.

The new appliance is some five feet in height, and three feet square, accommodates one complete tray of dishes at a time, and is equipped with a special heating unit which maintains the temperature of the water at 175 degrees.

The only manual labor required in the operation is placing the trays within the washing compartment, closing the door, and setting the automatic clock-control.

The sterilization and cleaning of the tableware requires approximately five minutes which over a period of eight hours amounts to better than eighty minutes in time saved.

by Brown

**Salina High Class Officers Are Guests at S-Club Flag Dance**

known as the "S" club, sponsored a man's club of St. John's, better to those listed above, and he sends dance held in the Rec. hall, Saturday night, Oct. 15. The affair lasted from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., with coffee and doughnuts being served by Mrs. Guernsey at intermission time.

The purpose of the occasion was to raise money in order to buy goal-line flags for the football field, for which there has been a dire need over quite a period of time.

The guests from Salina included: Bud Grant, Bill Creur, Phill Rose, Rich Young, Gene Shanffer.

by Nelson

**Colonel Clem's New Car**  
"Something New Has Been Added"

St. John's Oct. 18—Last week the campus was graced by the appearance of a new 1950 'Commander' Studebaker, the prized possession of Colonel Clem, who is quite proud of this new toy, using it often except when he forsakes it for an

airplane trip. Some of the Cadets were wondering if he would loan it out upon occasion but the Colonel made it quite clear that the chances were nill and the keys were to be kept in the school safe.

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