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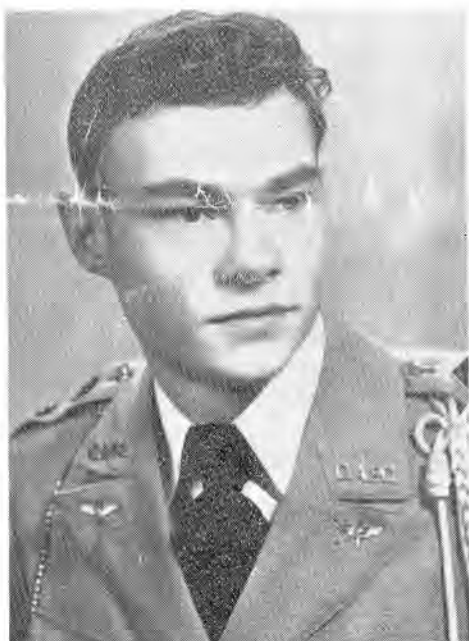
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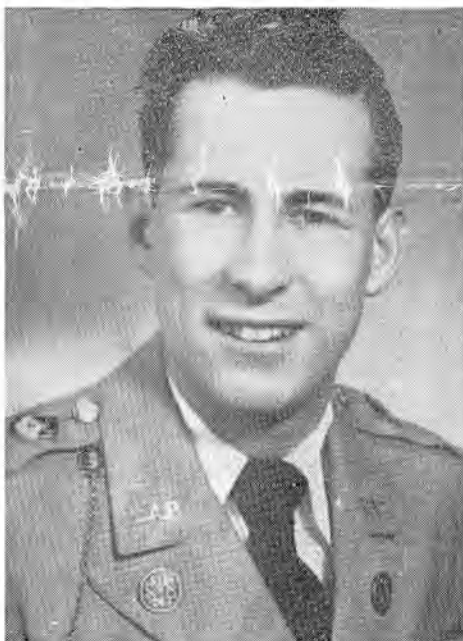
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Dr. T. Hill Commencement Speaker

Dr. Howard T. Hill, well known public speaker and Head of the Department of Speech at Kansas State College, Manhattan, will address the graduating seniors at Commencement, 20 May, Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, announced this week.

A graduate of Iowa State College in Ames, Dr. Hill has his doctor's degree in jurisprudence from the University of Chicago.

He is a member of Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensic fraternity; Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic fraternity; Phi Alpha Delta, professional law fraternity, the Nations Association of Teachers of Speech, Kiwanis, and Acacia social fraternity.

Many outstanding public speakers credit Hill's training for their success. Among them is Milton S. Eisenhower, former president of K-State and one of Hill's first students at the college. Eisenhower, as a student, won national oratorical honors under Hill's teaching.

By Whitcomb

Honor Roll

A record number of cadets made the Rector's Honor Roll for the seventh grading period. Twenty-one boys got top honors as several made it for the first time in their stay at St. John's.

Kottwitz, Cleo	97.3
O'Hanlon, Jerry	97
Bigler, Eddie	96.4
Bellows, Kenneth	95.5
Keene, Jack	94
Wyman, Lou	94
Chccano, Fred	93.8
Chocano, Sam	93.2
Greathouse, Larry	92.3
Retallack, Bill	91.7
Balzerick, Bob	91.6

HONORABLE MENTION

Collins, Dave	89.5
Collier, Cliff	89.4
Lamphere, Jack	88.8
Carson, Bruce	88.4
Jones, Ray	88
Maser, Jerry	87.5
Fowler, Joe	87
Robison, Fred	87
Hanna, Gary	86
Smith, Doug	85

By Lewis

Special Orders Number: 19

The following promotions are announced as effective this date:

To be Cadet Major. Cadet Captain Louis Wyman.

To be Cadet Captain. Cadet 1st Lt. Clifford Collier.

To be Cadet 1st Lt. Cadet Lt. Jack Lamphere, Cadet Lt.

De Alton Lewis, Cadet Lt. Johnny Whitcomb.

To be Cadet First Sgt. Cadet Sgt. Roger Evans, Cadet Sgt. James Cole.

To be cadet Cpl. Cadet Jerry O'Hanlon, Cadet William Retallack.

To be Cadet Pfc. Cadet Leo Perkins, Cadet Joseph Fowler, Cadet David Harris, Cadet Robert Herbert, Cadet Carol Hiatt, Cadet John Forster, Cadet Norman Marshall.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL CLEM:

R. L. Guernsey
Major, CAP
Commandant

By Lewis

Commencement Schedule '51 Saturday, May Nineteenth

Saturday, May Nineteenth

9:30	A.M.	Athletic Field Day (Cadet Service Clubs)
2:30	P.M.	Military Field Day
6:00	P.M.	Old Boy Reunion Dinner
9:00	P.M.	Senior Dance

Sunday, May Twentieth

7:30	A.M.	Holy Communion, Chapel
11:00	A.M.	Baccalaureate Service—Christ Cathedral
		Sermon: The Rev. Alan W. Stansfeld St. Francis Boy's Homes, Salina, Kansas
12:30	P.M.	Buffet Luncheon for Cadets, Alumni, and Guests
2:30	P.M.	Commencement Exercises—The Gymnasium

Address: Dr. Howard T. Hill, Head Department, of Speech, Kansas State College
Presentation of A-

wards and Diplomas
4:00 P.M. Last Formation
Presentation of Commissions and Warrants
Lowering of Colors
Final Dismissal of Battalion

Betrothal Announced

The Betrothal of Delores Ann Prater, Salina, to Cadet Captain Cliff Collier of St. John's Military School is announced by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Prater who live at 935 Hancock, Salina.

The Wedding Date is tentative and to be announced later.

Miss Prater attends school at Salina High and will be a Senior next year. She is active in a cappella chorus and is an honor Student.

Collier is Captain of the Crack Drill squad, member of the National Honor Society, and belongs to the "S" club lettermans organization.

Collier's parents recently moved from Anchorage, Alaska to Colorado Springs, Colorado.



MUSIC CLASS — From L. to R. Front Row: Joe Fowler, Allen Soukup, Mrs. Niles Moffat, (Instructor) Captain Moffat, (Instructor) Bobby Herbert, John Forrester.
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ALUMNI NOTES

H. B. Wright, Leiland Lively, and William Shakespeare, all of the class of 1950, are in the Navy, and all are stationed in San Diego.

James Hipp, '48 has been in the Air Force since 1949. After basic training at San Antonio, Texas, Hipp was sent to Biloxi, Mississippi, for more training. He is now back at San Antonio, at Randolph field.

James Barinon, '44, is with the 1st Marine Corp Division in Korea.

Romer Lee Stafford, Class of '46, is in the service also. He is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Jack Lamkin, of Wichita, is another former cadet stationed with the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas.

Charles Shenkel, class of '45, visited school this month for the first time since his departure six years ago. Charles is in the Navy Air Force and has seen several month's service in Korea where his contingent was particularly active in aiding those historic Marine and Infantry withdrawal tactics.

Robt. Donnell, class of '48, made a second visit to St. John's, since

his graduation, Sunday, May 6th. Bob was in the service for a short time, then took some advanced schooling, after which he has been in and out of various business enterprises.

Paul Holland, class of '26 writes from Sun Valley, California, that he will not be able to attend the alumni dinner this year. Regrettable as this news may be, Paul did forward some most interesting information to the effect that the present Mrs. Holland was the young lady whom Paul escorted to the Commencement dance in 1926. This, incidentally, was the Hollands' first date.

Thank you, Paul, for your generosity, and let's try to plan on next year.

The engagement of Daryl M. Pierson, Class of '47, to Mary Maynard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parkinson Maynard of Topeka, has been announced by her parents. Daryl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pierson of Wichita. They plan to be wed in mid-summer.

Miss Maynard will be graduated from Washburn university in June. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and served as her chapter's president and secretary. She also belongs to Kappa Mu Epsilon, mathematics fraternity, and Phi Sigma Chi, pep organization. She is employed in the state civil service department.

Mr. Pierson, also a Washburn university student, is a member of Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity. He is employed by Cunningham-Shields.

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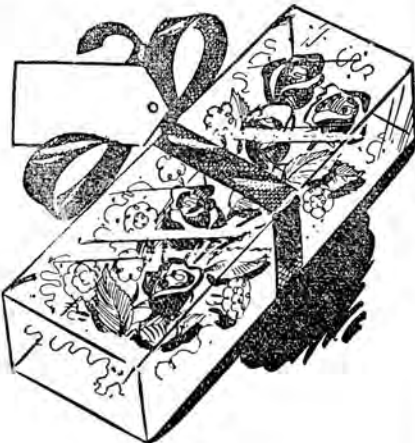
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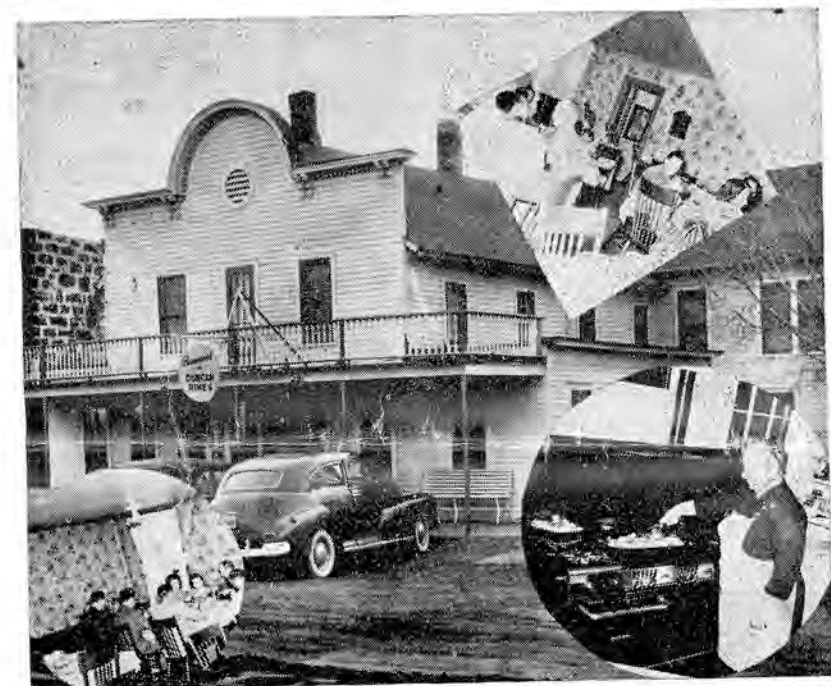
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The occasion for all this bustle was that annual day spent on the firing range at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and as soon as the last remaining crumb of breakfast had been disposed of, the St. John's caravan left territory enroute to the historic mil-

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All eager-beavers dived into the job of changing the flat, then it was discovered that the spare was also down.

This had to be carted into Junction, inflated, and returned to the stalled truck. So, after an hour's delay, the group moved ahead making contact with a somewhat exasperated guide detail of regulars from the fort who led the way to the

range.

Preconceived ideas of the latter were many and varied including anything from a picture of an old wood-burning stove by certain of the junior school representatives to a wide-open prairie stretch by some of the more "farmerish" friends.

What actually met all eyes was a long, flat stretch of sod-field, divided into distances varying from one hundred to five hundred yards with firing position mounds stationed to the south, while to the north were the target pits backed by high safety bunkers.

There was just time for this much observation before the cadets were hustled into formation and assigned to three firing orders one of

which went to the mounds, one to the pits, and one to serve as coaches. This was the procedure for the day, and most cadets felt the pit detail had the best of the deal.

For this chore the fellows were issued regulation helmets, and instructed in the manipulation of the targets. From this point on a sort of hand over hand steeple-chase ensued as targets were raised and lowered according to the directives from the firing line.

At noon the cease-fire order was issued whereupon all hands tore into a field lunch of sandwiches, fruit candy bars, and cold drinks. Then at 1315 it was back to work, and the last firing order expanded its final rounds at 1530.

High scorers for the day were Maj. Lou Wyman, Capt. Cliff Collier, and Pvt. Fred Robison. Of the fifty cadets reporting to the range, thirty qualified in the thirty calibre rifle fire.

By Carson

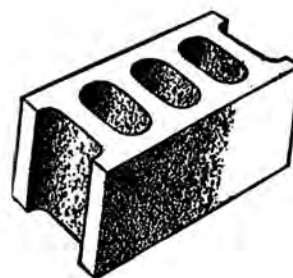
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Broadcasts will begin immediately with Tuesday nights as the regularly scheduled time for C. A. P. transmitting. Broadcasts will be limited to C. A. P. stations throughout the country and are designed for use in civilian defense and emergencies.

Construction on the 197-foot structure began more than a month ago under the supervision of Cadet Captain Clifford Collier, Anchorage, Alaska.

The St. John's group is separate from the Salina C. A. P. in that it will be used primarily in the training of operators and used for transmitting of messages.

Collier will be in charge of the station with Jack Keene, Gordon, Nebr., and William Retallack, Denver, assisting him with broadcasts. All the boys are holders of transmitting licenses.

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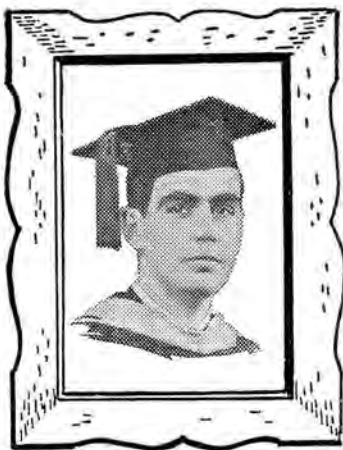
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With 1930 as departure time, all seniors were "raring" to go in great anticipation as to what was in store for them. The first stop was Memorial Hall, the scene of the annual Salina High Variety Show, where for an hour and forty-five minutes the audience witnessed a musical re-view such as is rarely seen outside professional productions.

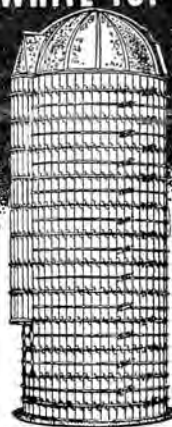
After the performance, the seniors and their hosts returned to the Moffat residence, where the re-mainder of the evening was given over to an impromptu song-fest or what might improperly be called group singing in St. John's own version of a music "revue." Even a generous snack of cake and cokes failed to moderate or discourage the "bird-like" tones which issued from am-bitious if not judicious throats.

Finally at the mid-night hour and after some fifty or more threats of mayhem received via the telephone with countless other "compliments" in thought, if not in actuality, the social affair was grudgingly brought to an end, and those party-goers who included cadets Collier, Evans, Hug-gins, Jones, R., Lamphere, Lewis, Whitcomb, and Wyman wound their weary but happy ways to those ever-welcome cots and sweet, sweet slumber.

By Lamphere

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ance.

The gyrations and involuntary
deploying, which takes place with
fair consistency the first three
months of training are something to
amaze even the most hardened so-
phisticate.

The first stunning blow falls when
the boys are introduced to facing
movements. Right face generally
goes along with a fair degree of
accuracy; left face takes on the
complexion of more serious prob-
lem; but with about face, things
start happening with alarming rap-
idity.

Imagine, if you can, a clothesline
full of flapping clothes which is
suddenly caught up in a whirlwind,
and there is a fair picture of the ac-
robatics which takes place. No cam-
era in the world could record the
weird and wonderful motions which
the would-be yardbirds manage to
execute. Watching a squad of "Raw
Material" going through such a
round of spasms is like observing a
group of whirling dervishes who are
possessed of the devil and infested
with a virulent specie of ants in
their pantaloons.

And this ain't all, friends, not by
a long shot! The first attempts at
flanking and reverse order move-
ments result in a pandemonium
which Joe even in his worst hallu-
cinations could not picture. By the
right flank, starting with an origi-
nal platoon, soon emerges as some
dozen or more columns all going a
hundred different directions; the
same only more so is true of any
left flanking movement, but the
show-stopper is the maneuver, to the
rear, march! Here indeed is a case
where profit is not the consideration
of the Middle-Man for his is a lost
cause in any event. A file, company,
or platoon will be moving smoothly
across the drill field when without
warning comes that fateful order
and what follows could only be en-
visioned by an opium eater.

The fellows at the front of the
columns jam together like sardines
without benefit of "Juice" while
the middle section buckles much the
manner of a perforated accordion,
then the whole formation collapses
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Seniors To Hays For Guidance Program

Mixing business with pleasure seemed to be the keynote of the annual senior guidance program, held recently at Hays State College, Hays, Kansas. This, at least, was the opinion of the senior class members from St. John's, who along with those from thirty-seven other schools attended the High School Guidance Conference. Upon arrival the group was assigned a very attractive guide, and was es-

corted on a tour of the campus. The first session at mid-morning, proved to be most entertaining. The opening numbers on the program were contributed by the Hays College Band, followed by the feature performance of Henry L. Scott, the foremost pianist humorist of modern time. Scott, although recognized as a top-notch interpreter of Liszt and Chopin and an authority on popular styles and rhythms as well, got the most applause for his brilliant performance as a clown. Following the program and lunch

hour, a mixer was held in the coliseum where all those who so desired could enjoy a bit of dancing and make acquaintance of other visiting seniors. Although a bit bashful at first, some of the St. John's detail in spite of a slow start where the mixer was concerned did all right for themselves and by the start of the afternoon sessions had collected a surprising number of names for their little black books. The afternoon lectures treated of subjects ranging from "The Armed Service" and its effect upon educa-

tional training to counseling on occupational preparedness. Some of the more interest panels were those involving the discussion of engineering, journalism, agriculture, and medicine. The late afternoon and evening sessions were again on the entertainment side with such features as a track meet, the college museum, the city parks, and a theatre or two making up the social attractions. By 11:00 o'clock the St. John's group, though not at all ready, thought it prudent to start the return trip home and needless-to-say most of that jaunt was made in the blissful state of sweet sleep by those least concerned with road-ways and fence posts.

By Lewis

Dreams Can Come True

Three years ago two faculty members of St. John's in private session discussed the possibility of a radio station at the school. It little matters now as to the names of those men or how one was skeptical as the other was ambitious but of prime importance is the fact that today St. John's is the home base of radio station KPNS, which went into

operation during October of this year. KPNS installations are primarily intended for the transmission and reception of Civil Air Patrol directives, news releases, and emergency communications. The station is under the direction of Captain Clifford Collier with the assistance of student operators: Jack Keene, Gerdon, Nebraska; and William Retallack, Denver, Colo. While most contact will be maintained with mid-west CAP relay station, under emergency conditions the transmitter is keyed to reach from coast to coast.

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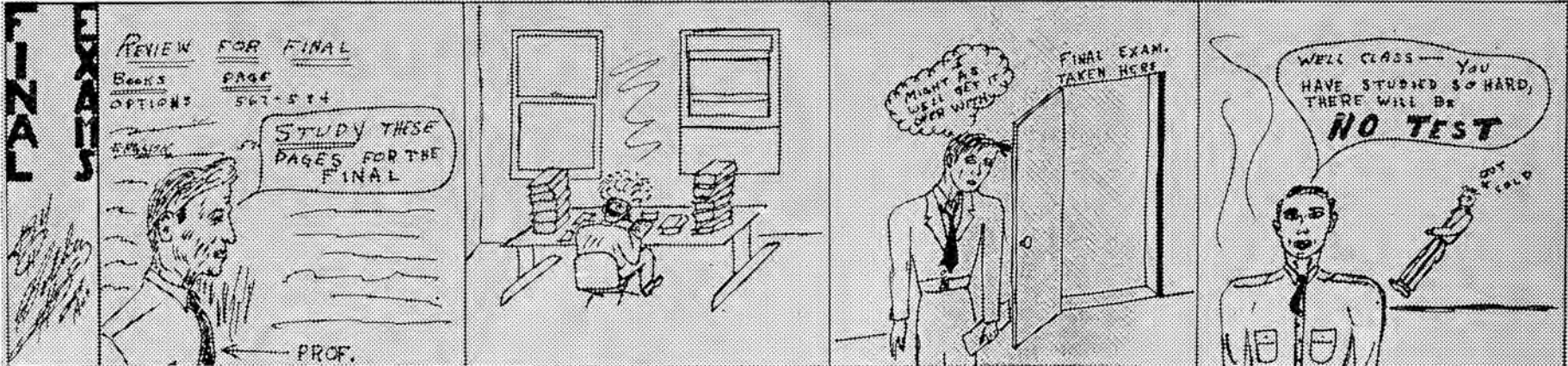
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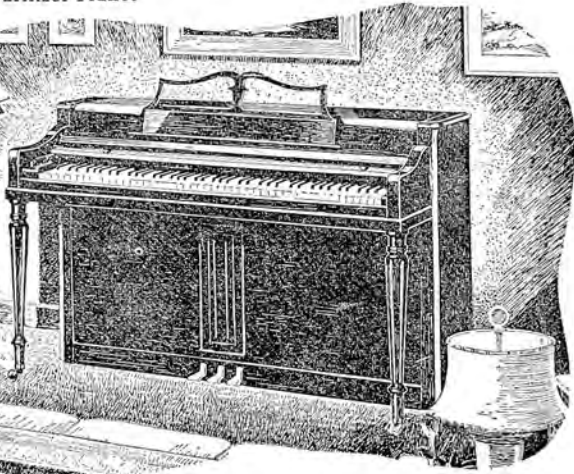
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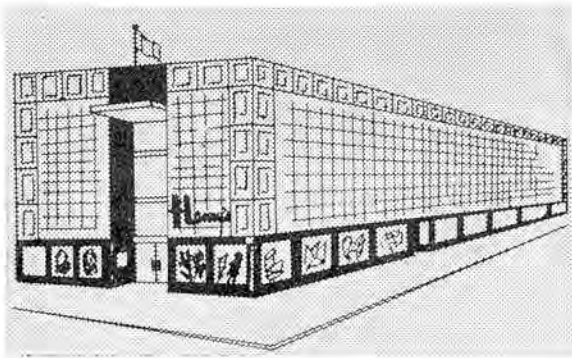
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