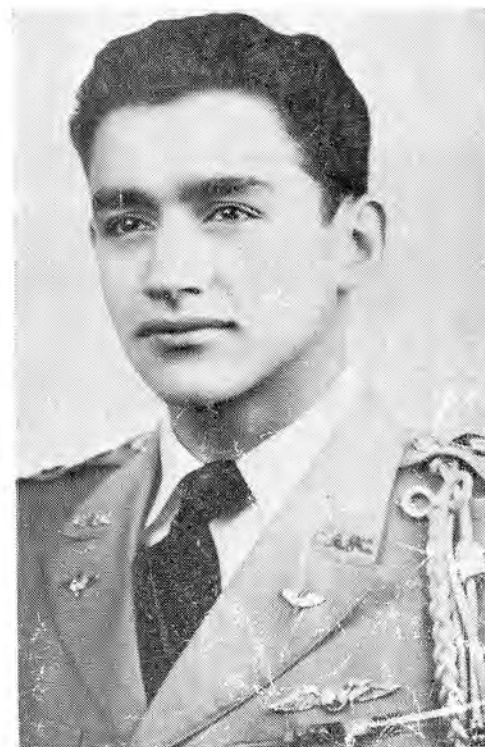
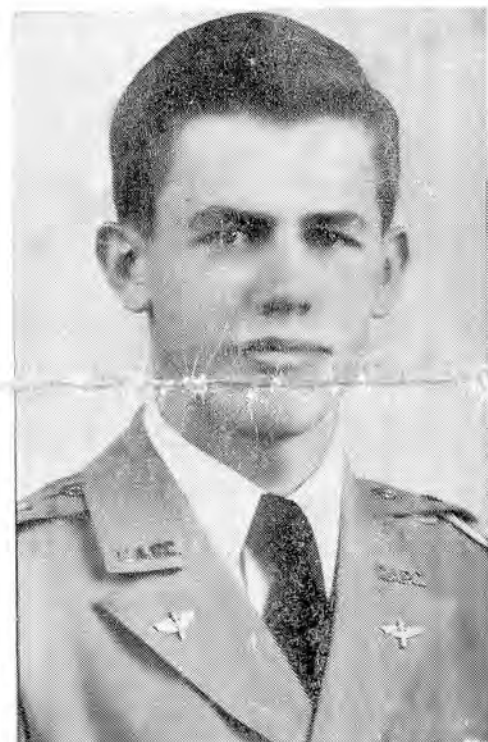


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President of N.H.S.—1951-52  
Vice President "S" Club—1951-52  
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Crack Squad—1951-52  
Treasurer Aero Club—1951-52  
Three year Letterman—1950-52

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2nd Platoon Leader—1951-52  
Sec. of N.H.S.—1951-52  
Aero Club—1951-52  
Crack Squad—1951-52  
"S" Club—1950-52  
Cadet Court—1951-52  
Three year Letterman—1950-52



**LT. ED BIGLER**  
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Secretary of "S" Club—1951-52  
Athletic Board of Control—1951-52  
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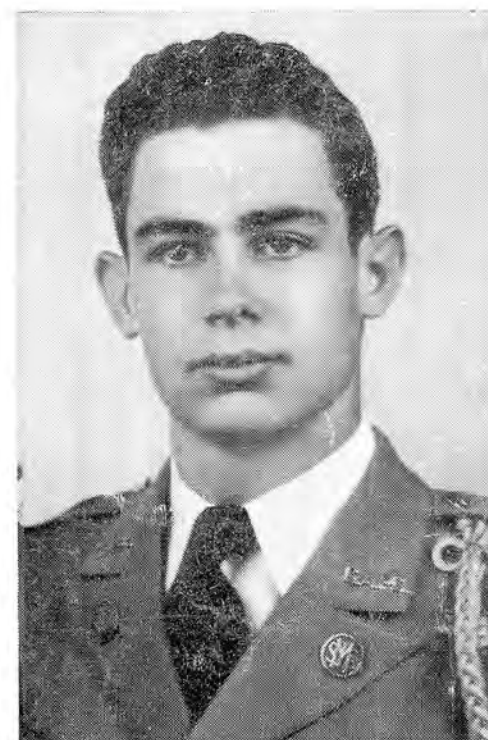
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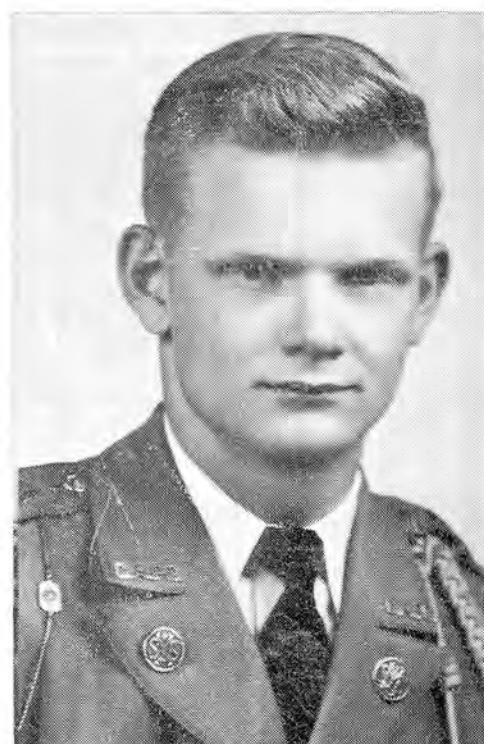
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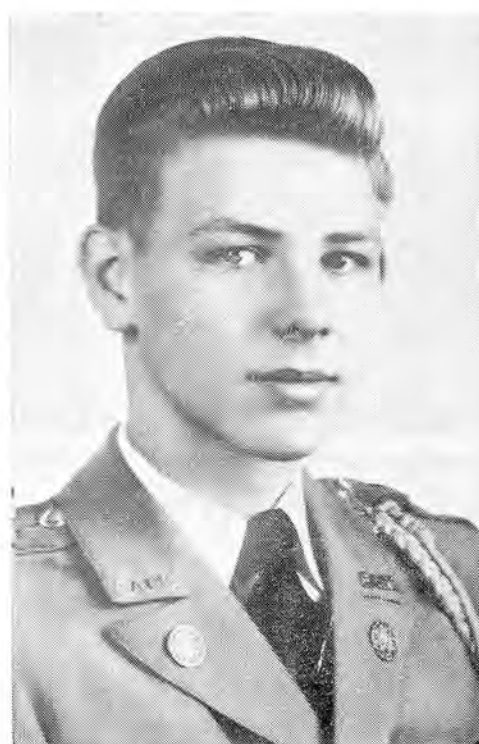
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Athletic Board of Control—1948-52  
Four Year Letterman—1948-52  
Crack Squad—1948-52  
Skirmisher—1951-52



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Treasurer "S" Club—1951-52  
Crack Squad—1950-52  
Aero Club—1951-52  
Two year Letterman—1950-52



**1st SGT. BRUCE CARSON**  
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Battalion Staff Member—1951-52  
N.H.S. Member—1952  
"S" Club—1950-52  
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Skirmisher Staff Member—1950-52  
Two Year Letterman—1950-52



**SGT. FRED ROBISON**  
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Skirmisher—1951-52  
Aero Club—1951-52  
Member N.H.S.—1952  
Crack Squad—1950-52



**SGT. BILL GILLESPIE**  
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Commencement Program

St. John's Military School  
Salina, Kansas  
COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE  
1952

Saturday, May Seventeenth  
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  
8:30 P.M. Senior Dance  
Sunday, May Eighteenth  
7:30 A.M. Holy Communion  
Chapel  
11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Service  
—Christ Cathedral  
Sermon: The Rev. George Loring  
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Presently  
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Church, Kansas City, Kan-  
sas  
12:30 P.M. Buffet Luncheon for  
Cadets, Alumni, and Guests  
2:30 P.M. Commencement Exer-  
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zerick, Wichita, Kansas  
4:00 P.M. Last Formation  
Presentation of Commis-  
sions and Warrants  
Lowering of Colors  
Final Dismissal of Battalion

Salmon To Washington



Bill Salmon

A Colorado youth attending St. John's Military School here will represent the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol at the Congressional dinner in Washington on May 14.

CAP Cadet Bill Salmon, Pueblo, Colo., was selected from the cadet group of Kansas, Col. R. L. Clem, announced.

Normally, the President and members of the Senate and House attend the dinner, as well as high-ranking Air Force officers and Defense department personnel.

Cadet Salmon, a junior at St. John's this year, was chosen from more than 80 CAP cadets at the local military school and from several hundred other cadets in the Kansas Wing.

All cadets 14 years old or more at St. John's are junior CAP members. They are given pre-flight and flying training along with their academic studies. The Salina military institution was the first school of its kind in the nation to affiliate with the Civil Air Patrol.

Senior CAP officers from Kansas attending the Congressional dinner will be Col. Ted A. Chapman, wing commander; Maj. Fred Chapman, Maj. Emerson L. Armstrong, USAF, liaison officer; Lt. Col. O. A. Morard, and Lt. Col. Hank Zoller, all of Wichita.

Special Easter Services  
In Campus Chapel

Easter communion service was observed and conducted at St. John's Armstrong Chapel for the cadets, visiting parents, and guests with Chaplain Stephen Green as priest. For the occasion Brother Duns-

ton, of St. Francis Boys' Home and formerly organist at Christs Cathedral, Salina, presided at the organ console. The service was most impressive with the minister and acolytes fully attired in ceremonial vestments, the altar well-banked with the traditional Easter lillies, and the addition of communion tapers with, of course, a highly ornate Pascal candle, occupying a prominent place before the altar.

Among the guests attending the service were; Mr. Ralph Ely, Mrs. Warren Fifield, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hatfield, and Mrs. Cecil W. Johnson.

After the chapel service on the campus, the cadets were given the privilege of attending down town churches of their choice for the 11:00 o'clock Easter services.

—By Robison

Seniors To Hold Auction

As has been the custom upon past occasions, the Seniors have decided to relieve themselves of the arduous task of packing and instead hold a gigantic sale of all their worldly goods with the erstwhile intent of also relieving all prospective buyers of a sizeable amount of cash.

The poor Seniors, some with four or five years tenure to their credit, simply threw up their hands in utter defeat when they began to mentally invoice the rugs, lamps, pictures (their most prized possessions) uniforms and uniform equipment, drapes, table cloths, radios, chairs, and sport equipment including everything from checkers to goal posts.

The thought of having to cart, crate, and ship or lug all this plunder to their respective homes proved to be an intolerable aspect for even the most-vigorous, not to mention the less infirm of purpose.

And so from the innermost depths of some contriving mind came the happy thought of the auc-

tion which if sanctioned by Colonel Clem and Major Guernsey would solve another of life's burdensome little problems for members of the graduating class and at the same time provide them with a little additional "where-with-all" by means of which they might be able to add a bit more emphasis to the delight of that long looked-for hour of freedom.

So to all under classmen here is that golden opportunity to provide yourselves with those much cherished items for room-decoration, or personal belongings which are dear to the hearts of every red-blooded boy, and it will be simply impossible to go wrong in any choice since every article which goes on the block will have been tried, tested and found sufficient in every way.

—By Carson

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Greathouse Family  
Escapes Serious  
Injuries In Wreck

Mrs. Lillie Greathouse and sons, Larry and Jimmy, narrowly escaped death on March 26th, when the car which they were driving collided with a 1952 Dodge belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lyttle of Salina.

The Greathouse car was enroute to Salina with Larry at the wheel, while the Lyttles were driving to Gypsum and points east at about 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

As the two vehicles approached the intersection of highways 81 and 4, suddenly Mr. Lyttle made a left turn which placed the Dodge directly in the path of oncoming traffic from the South.

All this is alleged to have occurred without benefit of warning or signals, thus not giving Larry any opportunity to bring his car to a halt.

The only alternative left to Larry was to apply the brakes and attempt to turn in the same direction with the Lyttle's machine, and this was the action he took, thereby averting a head-on collision.

The two cars came together broad-side with an impact of sufficient force to hurl the Dodge some seventy-five yards to the north of intersection, while the Greathouse car spun in its tracks, landing on its right side on the inside shoulder of the turn.

Both machines were severely damaged with that driven by Larry being accounted as a total wreck. None of the occupants came through without injury, although by some miracle no one was killed. All persons involved were rushed to Asbury Hospital of Salina for treatment and observation.

It is only fair to state that one fatality did result from the wreck, and that involved "Slugger" a Fox Terrier which was the pet of the Greathouse family. "Slugger's" back was broken at the hips and though he was a game little "pooch" his fight for life was lost.

—By Hanna

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NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR at St. John's Military school is Virgil "Lefty" Loy, right, former Salina Bluejay pitcher and coach at Lindsborg high school the past three years.

Class Predictions ? ? ?  
Brilliant Future Predicted  
For Senior Classmen

There are times when it would be downright illogical to foretell what any individual might do or become. There are those moments when at the end of a rather trying day one would gladly consign certain disciples of academics to perdition rather than to foist such impish natures onto society.

But here at hand are ten candidates for high school graduation. How they got this far is quite a separate matter and is perhaps a question to leave strictly alone.

BALZERICK

Let us take, for example, young Robert Balzerick. Bob calls himself the old man, having been at St. John's five years. Well, there must be a reason, but we just can't think of it now. Bob is quite a promoter of sports, although he is not always careful about the kind of goods he is selling, and it would not be at all surprising in the next twenty years to find our friend in Central Park standing atop the traditional soap box from which height he will be extolling an audience of neer-dowells to cast off the shackles of traditional politics and society in a gigantic anti-something or other movement to which this youthful "Rob-Roy" will remain loyal until the going becomes rough at which time he will politely but conveniently disappear.

BIGLER

Next is that indomitable soul Edward Bigler. This young man's craving to be known as "Dirty Ed" received its crowning glory this year when by virtue of his position as cartoonist and illustrator on the Skirmisher staff, he was able to

sign the so-called humor strips with that illustrious monicker. Ed's other penchant is his choice of vocation which happens to be medicine; hence it will come as no great surprise if in the next thirty years, the name of Dr. Bigler will be rated along with the Mayos, the Hopkins, and other leading medics throughout the world, and ten to one on every plaster cast, as well as tattooed over the face of all scar-tissue resulting from surgical operations will be found that time-honored signature—Dirty Ed.

CARSON

A third member of the class, Bruce Carson, presents quite an enigma where forecasting of human affairs and predilections is concerned. An appropriate theme song for Bruce might be found in the phrase, "Where He Leadeth, I will follow," or perhaps if that smacks of the sacrilegious, no doubt the phraseology, "You be the engine and I will be the caboose," would be more fitting and proper.

Anyway it is possible to envision Carson in the not too distant future busily occupied as the personnel manager for some Love-Lorn agency where he will serve as mediator for those who experience trial and tribulation in their love life. All of this will have been made possible by long years of painful experience.

S. CHOCANO

Sergio Chocano adds a bit of Latin American culture to the 1952 graduating class, but oddly enough Sam, as he is otherwise known, offers no problem wherein ascertaining his future is concerned. He is one of those fortunate few whose life work is already cut out for him. Thus he will spend the rest of his balmy life smoking a pipe in imitation of his adopted proto-type as he indifferently counts the wealth of "hard cash" which will overflow his coffers from a world-wide sale of coffee.

F. CHOCANO

Federico Chocano, more generally known as Freddie will join with Sam in the expansion of the coffee enterprise, but Freddie will put his engaging personality to work in engineering profitable contacts

which in turn will lead to his fame as a one man South American coffee brokerage agent.

GILLESPIE

Included among these proteges is that really great genius, William (Ogelthorpe) Gillespie who in a relatively short time (if only he lives that long) will become one of the greatest aviators and radio men the world has ever known.

"Gilderlip's" amazing accomplishments will include flying anything from umbrellas to windmills, and his equally famous accomplishment will be to make practical the self-illumination of incandescent tubes through contact with the human body and atmospheric current.

HANNA

Next is Gary Hanna whose home spun wit and native complacency makes him a natural for "down on the farm" around Springfield, Colorado. Ten years hence it will be no uncommon sight to see Gary going about the evening chores singing a native folk song which will go something like this. "Pass the other udder, brother, while I pull the 'tother udder."

QUINLAN

Michael (O'Toole) Quinlan the Pueblo lad with the Irish brogue, will have "the devil's own time" making up his mind what career to follow.

For the interim this son of Erin has considered the vocation of law, but no true Irishman could ever get along without his brickbats, and the years to come will see Mike the sole owner and manager of the best equipped brickyard in the country.

O'HANLON

Jerry O'Hanlon, that Irishman from Columbia, is destined for big things. No lad who has ever kissed the Blarney stone and then suffered the ignoble fate of having to live in South America could ever have

A Note Of Appreciation

The St. John's 1951-52 Crack Drill Squad wishes to publicly express appreciation for the cooperation and support of the different organizations which have sponsored appearances by the cadet unit.

In particular, a vote of thanks is extended to the Kansas C.A.P. Command and the faculty of S.J.M.S. without whose help the record breaking performances would not have been possible.

There have been many outstanding trips with as many and more appearances by the Crack Squad in over 1000 miles of travel-time during the 1951-52 school year.

And so, all members of the Drill Team wish to join in this "thank you" note to the many friends who have helped make this year a success.

anything else but a bright future.

Jerry's quick wit, self-control, and industriousness will carry him to the top of the heap in the industrial world where he will one day be known as a chief executive in extensive Oil enterprise.

ROBISON

Fred Robison spends his days and nights pondering that eternal question—"what am I going to be, and what am I going to do?". So persistent has this inquisitive urge become in the make up of friend Robison, that it has flavored his whole attitude in all matters and causes him to view everything with an air of questioning.

This characteristic combined with a tendency toward analytics produces in Fred that natural quality which constitutes the professional tabulator. One, by no means, need feel shocked at the prospect that at some future time Mr. Robison, Jr., Esquire, will be conducting his own political poll as well as national and international surveys on business and industrial trends.

—By Staff

- Honor Roll -

The Brain-storm squad for the 7th grading period was again headed by Eugene Ely, with runner-up, Orin Seybert, holding down second place. The grade returns for the period just completed ranged from 85 as an honorable mention low to 98.4 or 1.6 points away from a perfect mark for Ely. There was an increase of three names on the present list.

The Honor Roll cadets include:

Eugene Ely	98.4
Orin Seybert	96.6
Biff Morrison	95.7
Ed Bigler	94.6
Larry Rice	94.
Roger Bigler	93.2
Jerry Q'Hanlon	93.
Bruce Carson	92.5
Kenneth Bellows	92.4
Lee Woodard	90.3
Bill Salmon	90.
The Honorable Mention	
Fred Chocano	89.5
Sam Chocano	88.
Joe Osborne	85.7
Bill Retallack	85.1
John Keso	85.

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The season being what it is does not exactly go hand in hand with the urge to do any "creative writing" so to speak. Right about now the most inviting prospect would be the opportunity to spend some time on the old creek bank with rod and reel, there to forget a wearisome world and the still more wearisome people who infest it.

All this may sound like the rantings of an ingrate, but with eyes turned to distant horizons and indifferent ears tuned to the immediate scene, we will attempt to revoice those pearls of wit and experience which have found the way into the department via the twitterings of many a "twirp".

A chance comment of a few days ago might hit the funny bone of the little less sophisticate. Tindle was overheard reprimanding Bergerhoff for not having his trousers well-pressed. "I can't have my pants pressed," whined Bergerhoff.

"Why can't you?" asked Tindle.

"Because every place I go to have any pressing done, they have a sign in the window that says—'Pants Pressed On The Inside'—and I want mine pressed on the out side!"

Bill Crumine had everyone on the fence this past week with the juicy bit of news that a well-know landlady in his neighborhood had run away with her star boarder. After a long session of cross-questioning as to the sensational details, Bill casually remarked that it was only a roomer!

Ivory Johnson has been feeling mighty low of late and when finally questioned about his trouble by Mr. Samuelson, Ivory said, "I've got to go to a doctor, 'cause I've got a floating kidney!"

"You don't need a doctor!" assured Mr. Samuelson.

"No?" asked Ivory hopefully.

"What will I do with a floating kidney?"

"Put an outboard motor on it!" advised Mr. S.

Mr. Bill Samuelson devised a unique method by which to get around those meatless Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. On Wednesday the dinner menu was calves' brains and on Friday the main course was oxtail. Well, that's one way to make both ends meet!

Bill Higgins will long be remembered as the author of the one classic expression to ever come out of St. John's. Bill was having a considerable amount of trouble taking a portrait of some would-be charmer, but after the third sitting and some sixteen negatives turned out to be flops, Bill gave up in disgust with the exclamation, "You women are all like poorly made photographs—underdeveloped and over-exposed!"

At a recent review drill staged for the benefit of some visiting brass, Balzerick, somewhat unintentionally, made quite a name for himself. Bob has long been known as the gabbiest and grouchiest guy in the cadet corp, and when one of the colonels approached to inspect his outfit, the lieutenant started putting his platoon through the customary paces, shouting commands in the following manner:

"Right shoulder arms!"—the same to you!—Forward March!—the same to you!—Halt!—the same to you!"

"Just a minute, Lieutenant," questioned the colonel. "What's going on here? Every time you give an order you add 'the same to you!' What's that all about?"

"Listen Colonel," Balzerick explained. "I'm no dope. Every time I give them an order I know what they are saying to me under their breath!"

Hanna was plenty burned up last week, and this time his problem did not concern his plane, car, or red hair.

Gary burst into the office waving

a letter in a most irritating fashion and directed a point-blank question at Mr. Duckers.

"Hey, Mr. Duckers," he shouted. "What is a polar bear?"

"Oh, a polar bear," the other informed, "he sits on ice all day and eats a fish."

"I won't do it!" grated Hanna "I just won't do it!"

"You won't do what?" asked friend Duckers.

"Aw, a friend of the family has died and Mother wants me to be a 'polar bear'!"

This one is really a Lu Lu and it originated at a General Motors meeting several years ago. We're only sorry not to have recalled it sooner. It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Balzerick, parents of cadet Bob, were staying at a certain Eastern hotel during which time another married couple checked into a room on the floor above and directly overhead.

Well, there were the usual freshening up proceedings, but one or the other of the newcomers failed to turn off the faucets in the bathroom. About a half-hour later Mr. Balzerick stuck his head out the window and hollered upstairs to attract their attention.

"Hey, you up there!" he yelled.

The fellow upstairs opened his window and stuck out his head.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"Turn off those faucets in your bathroom!" demanded Mr. B. "It's pouring down here! What's the matter with you?" and he climaxed his bitter denunciation with a wild outburst of emphasis that to say the least was most emphatic.

"Wait a minute! Hey, wait a minute!" advised the voice from above. "Cut the profanity—I've got a lady up here!"

"What do you think I've got down here," yowled Mr. Balzerick, "a duck?"

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hower were entertaining some friends at their home one weekend and due to womanly instincts Mrs. H. was trying to do up the job in grand style. A feature item among their entertainment plans was a buffet supper at which the Madame was serving each plate with meticulous care and attention when an accident occurred—she dropped a deviled egg.

"Oh, Ray," she called, "I just dropped an egg. What shall I do?"

To which the lieutenant casually replied, "Cackle, toots, cackle!"

Schmidty worked up quite an appetite between meals recently and so went snooping around the kitchen to see what he could find. Bill sensing Schmidty's predicament asked if he could fix him something to which the latter replied, "Yeah, two soft-boiled eggs."

"O.K.," said Bill and started to work.

"Are they fresh eggs?" asked our hungry friend.

"You bet," returned Bill, "They're country eggs."

In due time the dish was set before Schmidty who promptly opened the eggs and then let out a scream.

"These are terrible!" he complained. "I thought you said they were from the country?"

"They are," replied Bill, "the old country!"

Cadet Assel a somewhat recent arrival to the cadet corps, wandered into the Q.M. of late where he expressed interest in the jewelry display in general and a diamond ring in particular. "How much?" he asked.

"One hundred dollars," informed Roger Bigler.

"Would you take anything off for cash?" inquired young Assel.

"Listen Bonzo, this is the Q.M., not a burlesque show!"

Lieutenant Elmborg made an observation during the current grading period which has caused more than mere mild speculation. Said the Lieutenant, "If you carry a white stick, a tiger won't touch you." To which young Seybert immediately replied, "Oh Yeah?" How fast must you carry it?"

When Jackie Todd was still quite small, poppa Todd became quite concerned owing to her apparent lack of recognition of him. Said the Lieutenant one day to Mrs. T., "Don't you think it's about time that baby called me daddy?"

"No," replied Mrs. Todd. "I've decided not to let her know who you are until she gets a little stronger!"

Top billing on the list of famous sayings goes to the Guernseys who on the occasion of a social tea were trying the Gillet Razor slogan in service etiquet when a horrible thought struck Mrs. G who hurriedly advised the Major that in offering seconds on the brew he must be oh so sure to inquire if the guests desired another cup!

Mike Quinlan attended a cinema attraction of current date and finding the show somewhat dull was having a rather drowsy time of it when he was suddenly struck with an electrifying idea.

Getting to his feet, Mike surveyed

the theater audience and then suddenly shouted, "Is there a doctor in the house?" To which a man seated on the aisle row of the farthestmost section immediately arose and announced I'm a doctor!"

"Hy'yah Doc!" replied Mike. "How do you like the show?"


John Howard and Freddie Noll were bragging about some rare moments which they had experienced over the Spring furlough. Said Freddie, "Boy, I hit all the soda fountains in town, and did I give them a rough time!" To which Howard sneeringly replied; "Aw, that wasn't anything! Now me, I went out with a bunch of Indians, and we did all the night stops in Pueblo."

"How do you know they were Indians?" asked Fred.

"Well, you Dope!" returned the other, "they all had reservations!"


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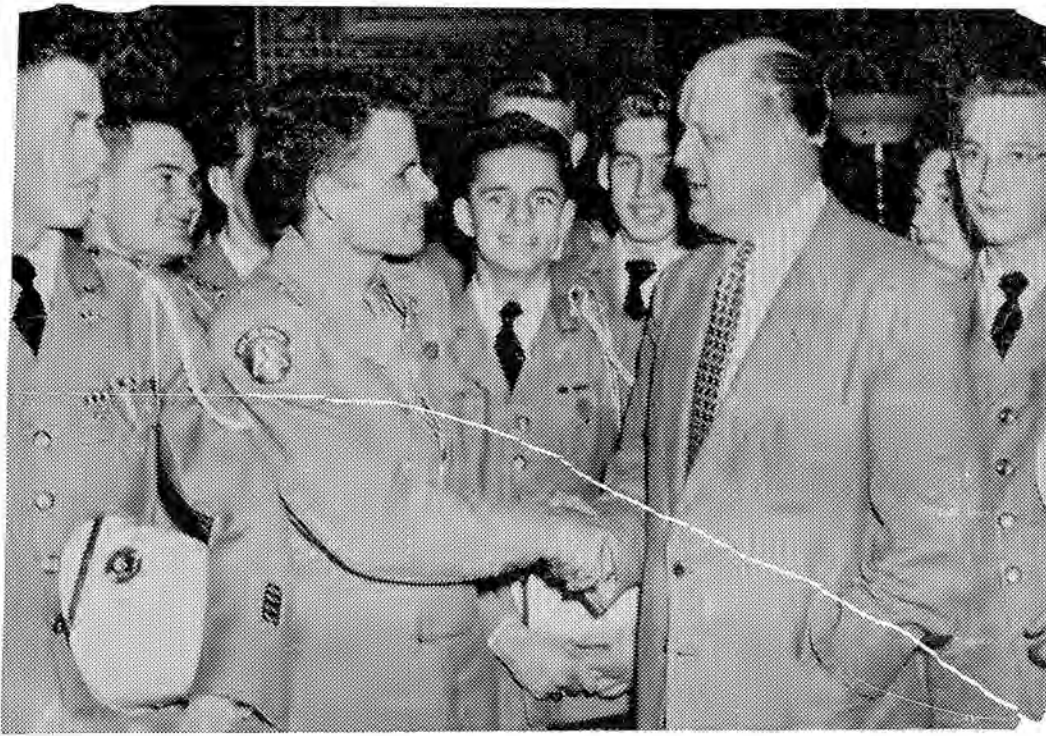
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**GOVERNOR GREET KANSAS STUDENTS** — Gov. Val Peterson welcomes cadets from St. John's Military School, at his office in the Nebraska state capital at Lincoln. Members of the drill squad team visited Governor Peterson while in Nebraska on an appearance tour.

## Food For Thought Cadets Express Opinions On Presidential Candidates

Along with the silly there must be the sublime, and so it is with the Skirmisher which for the most part carries the usual school line of chit-chat purely for whatever entertainment value the reader may find.

On occasion, however, there is a deviation from nonsense wherein a little light of intelligence creeps through. Such was the case in a recent survey where student opinion of the approaching presidential election was solicited.

A rather candid view of the general run of candidates might be revealing. In consideration of Taft, it was felt that he was too much the politician of which there already has been much too much of that sort of individual in the chief executive office. In other words there is the idea that Taft is not a vigorous enough man for the job and thus would become just another figurehead which is too dangerous a risk at all times and particularly under the stress of an emergency.

Of Kefauver it was expressed that he seemed to be too much the publicity hound, and in all events was too inexperienced in diplomatic affairs to be presidential timber. There was also common agreement that the services of a grade-A sleuth would be more valuable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There was much sympathy for General MacArthur because of the thoroughly rotten deal which he had received over the Korean affair, but the popular sentiment held that he was too old for the rigorous task which the president's office now involves.

The popular belief concerning Harold Stassen is that he has been in the political limelight to such an extent already that he may have lost some of his effectiveness as a power and therefore would not command sufficient respect and co-

operation that the office demands.

Earl Warren of California, in the light of the Western candidate, is considered to be too little known actually and in office would have much the same problem as Mr. Stassen.

There was almost unanimous agreement that in every respect General Eisenhower is the only logical choice for presidential candidate. Regard for the latter was based on the fact that he is not in any sense a politician but a hard-fisted businessman who views everything from the standpoint of the practical as opposed to the impractical. There isn't one person in the political whirl of the United States today for whom the Russians hold any respect, but they certainly do have a healthy regard for the General.

Most important of all, however, is the fact that this election must of necessity be based on the ideology of social and political preservation and security. There is no room for the paltry party planks of the past or the selfish device of the political machine. The chips are down on this occasion, and Mr. and Mrs. America it is the welfare of your family and home which will be decided on November, 1952 and not whether this or that party won or lost.

Consequently, are we to have a man at the head of the government or another puppet who can be pulled in whatever way big interest dictates. Decisions at this day and time are being measured in blood, not in litigation and policy which can be perverted to any convenience. So, are we to have a man who is not afraid to face a problem squarely? Are we to have a man who will not stoop to temporizing tactics where national and international affairs

are concerned? Are we to have a man who can lead on the basis of his own predilection and sound judgment? If so, these are the qualities which taken together are to be found in General Eisenhower whose sense of justice and brilliant leadership made it possible to direct millions of men on a campaign to victory.

—By Staff

## Seniors Attend KWU 'Career Day'

All members of the Senior class and a few of the Juniors were invited by Kansas Wesleyan University, to attend a Career Day program devised solely for the purpose of acquainting high school upper classmen in this area with college life and to provide counseling and guidance in matters of choosing a vocation.

The day was divided into three separate periods with lunch hour provided between the first and second. The visitors purchased meal tickets and ate in the recently completed Pfeffer Hall, the new women's dormitory.

### Hutch Man Speaks

Speakers from over the state were in attendance and presided at the different sessions. Most prominent among these was Lowell Small of Hutchinson who attended K.W.U. some twenty-five years ago and who is now Superintendent of Schools in Hutchinson.

Another Speaker was from the Bureau of Internal Revenue who supplied information to those interested in accounting.

The lectures covered the fields of teaching, Sciences, Music, Nursing which provided a tour of Asbury Hospital, Business, Secretarial opportunities, Civil Service, Building Trades, Home Economics, College Preparatory, Religious Vocations, Agricultural Occupations, Engineer-

ing, Accounting, Law, Medicine, Social Welfare, Art, and Dramatics.

### Talks Informal

The subjects were not presented in the manner of classes but rather in the form of clinics in which each speaker told of his experiences and the advantages and disadvantages of each. In the college preparatory, an informal meeting gave the visitors a look at the social and academic side of college life. Most of the talks were of an informal nature and all were characterized by an unstrained atmosphere.

After the talks were concluded a Coke-dance was held in the "Den" where all of the representatives of different schools assembled to become acquainted, and enjoy a session of fun.

All of the participants of the "Career Day" seemed to feel that it should be made a permanent feature of the college guidance activity.

—By Robinson

## Loy Joins Staff At St. John's Former Pitcher Will Coach, Teach

Virgil "Lefty" Loy, former Beverly high school and Bethany college athlete, will become director of the physical education program at St. John's Military School.

He will also be head baseball coach and assistant coach in all other sports, Col. R. L. Clem, school commander, said Thursday.

### Replaces Hower

Loy replaces Lt. Ray Hower, baseball and basketball coach, on the St. John's athletic staff.

Hower's basketball coaching duties will be taken over by Lt. James Elmborg, who will also become the school's Athletic Director next fall and will be head coach in all sports except baseball.

Loy will assume his new duties next fall.

### Pitched For Salina

The new 28-year-old physical edu-

cation director has been head coach of all sports at Lindsborg high for the past three years. In 1948, he was a pitcher for the Salina Blue-jays.

Loy lettered in all sports at Beverly. He lettered in football at Bethany and has done graduate work under Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen at the University of Kansas.

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The telephone operators in the Salina area are all blue ribbon winners where understanding and courtesy are concerned. Not long ago Lyday was taken suddenly ill, and Miss Cole, not wishing to lose any time, grabbed the phone and shouted, "Hurry get me a doctor! One of the cadets has appendicitis!"

"I'll get you the chief operator," cooed the girl at the switchboard.

Colonel Clem and Keith Duckers were discussing golf, and the conversation finally got around to the excellence of the former's game. "Oh," said Keith, you are a civil war golfer."

"How is that?" asked the Colonel. "Well," replied friend K, "you went out in sixty-one and came back in sixty-five!"

Balzerick: "Did you hear what happened to the girl who wore cotton stockings?"

Hanna: "No, what happened?" Balzerick: "Nothing, dear boy, absolutely nothing!"

An incident which shows the calm and courageous quality of the St. John's faculty and staff was brought to light not many nights ago when upon the suspicion of a burglarly attempt at the Junior School, Lieutenants Todd and King took their trusty pneumatic rifles and went about the business of trying to apprehend the culprit.

\* In the discussion of the affair which took place the next day between Madames Todd and King, the latter inquired "Was your husband cool when he was looking for the burglar?"

"Was he cool?" echoed Mrs. T. "Why he was so cool, he was shivering!"

A new cadet on the campus spotted Sharon Moffat and began to pour on the personality. "Hello, Beautiful! May I walk with you?"

"Which direction are you going?" asked 'Poodle', building him up.

"North!" he informed hopefully.

"Fine!" she exclaimed. "Give my regards to the Eskimos!"

And this one coming from the American History class will have to be the curtain ringer for this last and final edition of the Skirmisher.

It seems that a discussion of Lincoln's boyhood was in progress when O'Hanlon made the comment, "I don't believe Lincoln was born in a log cabin, because he'd have been full of syrup if he was!"

"Oh, Lincoln was born in a log cabin, all right," returned Lieutenant Hower. "In fact, he helped his father build it!"

And that friends winds up the season. If we never see you again, in or out of print, we've had a lot of fun first and last throughout these past seven years developing this little sheet and trying to make it of some interest to you, the reader. We thank you for your help and interest this year as always, and we hope you will be equally kind to those who follow after us.

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Class Will ? ? ?

Seniors Bequeath Many Gifts To Underclassmen

There comes a time in the life of every high school graduate when he must look back upon his school-day experiences in search of something worthwhile to bequeath to posterity. And so it is with ten young men of the St. John's 1952 Graduation class.

In observance of the rites of Last Will and Testament Robert Balzerick leaves to William Salmon his nobility of nature and purity of thought.

Edward Bigler confers upon young Biff Morrison the worthy quality of academic ambition and achievement and the sterling character of Christian manhood.

Jerry O'Hanlon wills to Freddie Noll his fighting, Irish nature and resolution for success.

To Bill McDermith, Fred Chocano bestows his sunny disposition and ever present smile.

Sam Chocano regretfully relinquishes the baton of Cadet Major to young Birgerhoff, that whirlwind in a teacup.

Bill Gillespie leaves his radio know-how to "Little" Joe Fowler in hopes that the latter may enhance his receiving and sending ability, particularly the sending ability where affairs of the heart are concerned.

Bruce Carson consigns to cadet Jackson "the cup that runneth over" and the firm belief and ideals of the true man.

Mike Quinlan endows upon Cadet Assell his one and famous response, the inevitable "Duh" which was Mike's own contribution to the Ro language.

Hanna, the Springfield kid, willingly leaves his armory chores to anyone with a strong back and a weak mind. Gary, although usually generous, wants it thoroughly understood that he will maintain a rigid reserve on all messhall rights.

Fred Robison has this to announce to all the world that he will freely and without qualification relinquish to any and all his part in a \$100,000.00 law suit. Freddie contends that such engagement should be most gratifying to the popularity conscious and the publicity hounds.

—By Staff

Crack Drill Squad In Drill At Hays

The Crack Squad returned to home territory Saturday afternoon, April 5th, after completing a successful drill exhibition for the Sixth District American Legion convention in Hays, Kansas.

Besides the feature drill by the team, the performances also included a double column movement and unusual marine maneuvers. Cadence calling was executed by the detail and seemed to register more impression on the audience, or at least as much so as any other phase of the drill.

Also in the parade were the Hays Cadets of St. Joseph Military Academy under the supervision of their superintendent, President Terrence Moffat. The Hays Detail performed a drill quite similar to that of the St. John's group, excluding, however, some of the more original and intricate movements.

The Atwood American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps was present and appeared in a special drill before Governor Arn who was complimentary of all the groups, and of the St. John's unit in particular.

Lunch was provided by the Hays American Legion unit and was served in the Lamar Hotel of that city.

After some free time in which to get better acquainted with the neighbor to the west via the little black book route, the local cadets boarded their own private car, namely "joltin' Joe" of school bus fame, and limped the weary way home.

- Guest List -

This is perhaps, the toughest column to write in the entire paper, for, in spite of the best intentions, some scribe always overlooks the name of a guest, or a table-head fails to record the names of visitors whom he may have at his table, and so when the story gets into print it is only natural that someone feels slighted. But to all friends and guests, we want you to know that you are sincerely appreciated, and your friendship and interest in St. John's is valued highly.

These friends who have visited the campus since the last issue include:

Mr. Warren Fifield, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ricks, Wichita; Mrs. Clifford Ellison, Syracuse; Mr. Ralph A. Ely, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hatfield, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Balzerick, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Chain Robison, Wichita; Miss Alice Gileo, Salina; Miss Jane Kassin, Salina, Mrs. Harriet Mahoney and

grandchildren, Minneapolis; Mr. Lee M. Horney, Norton; Mrs. J. B. Deck, Winfield; Mrs. Reva Appling, Winfield; Mr. and Mrs. Wally Balzerick, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Prchal, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Schroeder, Kansas City; Mrs. Cecil Johnson, St. John; Mr. A. L. Moffat, Kinsley; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voshell, Bucklin; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Garrison, Emporia; and Colonel and Mrs. M. B. Cather, Salina.

The following young ladies all of Salina were special guests at the Lettermen's Dinner and Dance. Those present were Misses: Doty Biles, Mary Baier, Betty Cobb, Lorna Cunningham, Connie Chandler, Carole Crough, Bonnie Cobb, Olga Chocano, Norma Denny, Margaret Gotberg, Shirley Hack, Ruth Hetzel, Pearl Hawk, June Gasson, Sally Lemon, Salley Levin, Darlene Main, Rita Miller, Shirley Mallon, Sharon Moffat, Regis Marcotte, Sharon Mallon, Pat McKinney, Helen Nixon, Rosalie Ogden, Rosemary Shelly, Dona Samuelson, Sandra Thomas, Jennie Tounsey, Barbara Vignery, Barbara Winterstien, Donna White, and Wanda Whittcar.

—By Hanna

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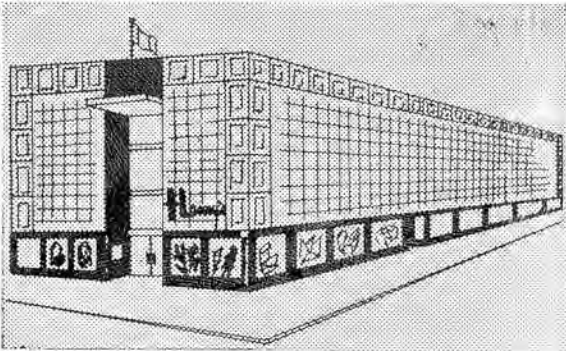


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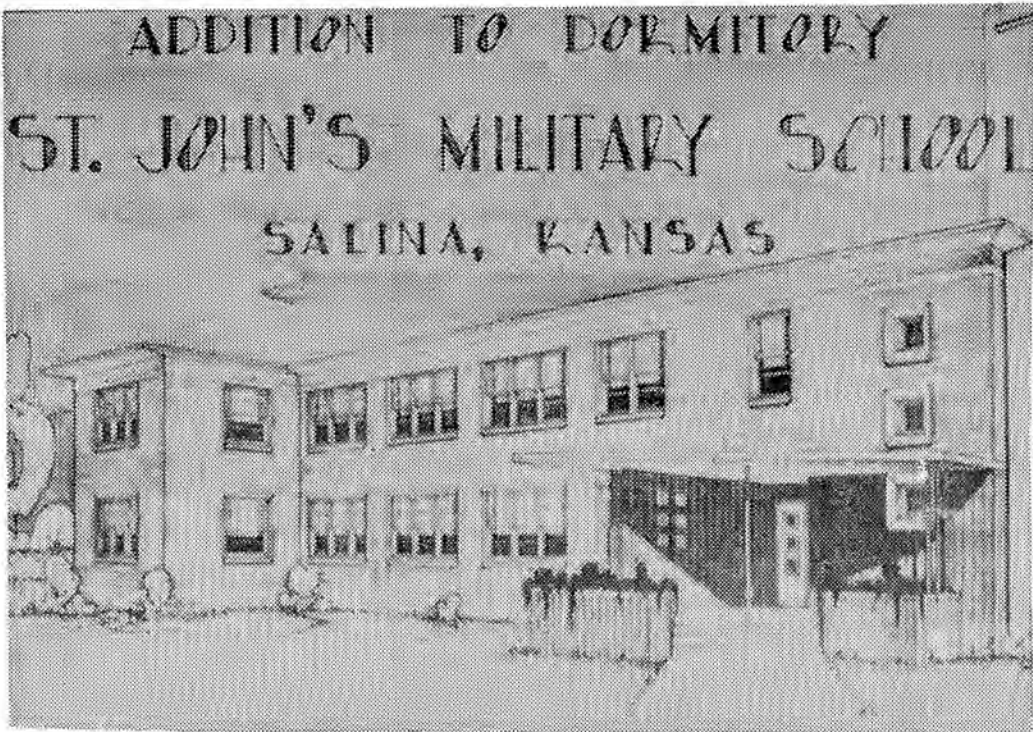
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PICTURED ABOVE is an artist's conception of new barracks at St. John's Military School. The building will be built on the present barracks and will house 64 cadets. It is planned to have the new structure completed by next fall.

**New Barracks  
Planned At School**

St. John's Military school is going to expand.

Monday night, the school board of trustees okayed the construction of a new school barracks.

The building, which will be connected with the present barracks, will house 64 cadets. The present barracks is the 1904 addition to Vail hall and is located on the west of the hall. Vail hall is the school's central building.

The new barracks, on which construction is expected to begin this week, will have 16 day rooms, each with room enough for four cadets. The day rooms will have dressing and closet facilities and study space. The students will sleep in the dormitory part of the building.

The 2-story structure will be built by Busbeam and Roub. The designer is Wilson and company. The structure will have a brick facade. Col. R. L. Clem, head of the school, says it will be "attractive and fireproof."

"The money available now will not permit the furnishing and finishing of the second floor interior and even some deletions to the ultimate first floor plan will be made," Col. Clem said.

"But we think it wise to begin construction now, even if part of the building will have to be completed at a later day.

Clem said donations for the building came from Alumni throughout the United States and from many Kansas Episcopalians, but principally from Salina friends of the school.

G. N. Waddell, 106 Overhill Road is chairman of the Building committee.

Present enrollment of the school is 79 cadets. The new barracks,

which will be used for upper class cadets will make possible an enrollment of 150 cadets, although until the second floor is completed, there will only be facilities for about 100 students, Clem said.

Clem pointed out that the school has been given all the government priorities it needed for cooper and steel. He expects the addition to be completed by the start of school next Sept. 9.

**Happy Birthday  
Sung Four Times  
At One Meal**

Noon mess on April 8th, started off in much the usual manner with all ceremony being directed at the job of stowing away food.

But the serenity of this popular pastime was destined for an abrupt change. With the first appearance of the dessert trays there arose from a score of throats the discordant, yet somehow unmistakable strains of "Happy Birthday."

This rendition of musical congratulations was for the benefit of Jerry O'Hanlon who was observing his seventeenth birthday. With the closing strains of this first spasm, eager hands began scooping up more food only to pause in mid-air as the lyrics and melody began to clash and reverberate along the walls of the dinning-emporium for a second time.

Outburst number two was dedicated to Butch Lanam, and after a minute or two of shocked silence, all members joined in lustily and with increasing tempo in order to

return to their own gustatory delight as quickly as possible.

With the second fit out of the way, knives and forks were grabbed up in a hurried rush of stabs at the various serving plates, when lo, upon incredulous ears there fell the now almost ominous words "Happy Birthday" and etc.

"Oh no!" moaned many a hunger-laden soul, but the song moved forward relentlessly, and this time it was Truman Webber's turn to blush and squirm as evidence of general self-consciousness.

Upon the concluding "to you" of the final stanza, there was another flurry of return to the business at hand, but by no measure of imagination could the disbelief which was registered from table to table be estimated as that familiar chorus

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rang forth once again.

This time the lucky celebrant was Sonny Hiatt who found more amusement in the boredom of monotony by his fellow cadets than embarrassment in his own spotlight situation.

And so to the world was born "The Birthday Roundeley" and so it died!

Long Live the Roundeley!  
—By Robison

**Lt. Todd Announces  
Jr. School Promotions**

Six cadets in the junior division of St. John's Military school have received promotions, Lt. John Todd, director, has announced.

Advanced to sergeant first class from sergeant was Albert Tindle, Pueblo, Colo.

Pfc. John Fifield, Malta, Colo., Tom Sweigart, Kansas City; and Carroll Hiatt, Bartley, Nebr.; were promoted to corporals.

Two cadets were advanced from

privates to privates first class. They are Bob Bogart, Wichita; and Rockie Bernard, Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas Sweigart, Kansas City, Mo.; and Carrol Hiatt, Bartley, Neb.

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The Queen Anne's Lull is executed by St. John's crack drill squad, commanded by Cadet Lt. Ed Bigler, Cortez, Colo.

## 'Twas Long Day At Ft. Riley, But Cadets Enjoyed It All

The Cadets have spent many long and weary months, toiling and slaving over "hot" rifle, all awaiting that one glorious day when for a few hours they could experience those "shootin'" irons in action on the 30 Cal. Rifle Range at Fort Riley.

For the privilege of "banging at a bunker," hundreds of feet of film showing correct positions and firing technique, days and days of squatting in cramped positions through the tedious process of assimilated firing, and hour upon hour of instruction in "load and lock" have had to be endured just to determine in one gruelling day who can qualify as an expert, a sharpshooter, a marksman, or a "Bolo" rifleman.

The big day in the current school calendar arrived on April 16th for which occasion first call was sounded at the ghastly hour 0430 or what might be more aptly termed the middle of the night in the layman's language.

In the matter of a few agonizing minutes the upper school detail of "sleep walkers" made their uncertain way to the mess hall where a breakfast of bacon and eggs took up where the bugle had left off.

Between the hours of 0530 and 0600, the cavalcade lurched out the main gates and on the road to Fort Riley at which place the firing for record was destined to be held.

At the rifle range the fun really began. There was the mad-scramble of getting the rifles on position and zeroed in, seeing that the firing orders were properly manned, and ordering a now-thoroughly reluctant

pit detail to their positions. The latter soon lost all taste for their work owing to the vicious little snap and whine which the 30-30 slug has a nasty little habit of making as it splats through a target. Then, too, a few of the boys voiced resentment upon receiving a liberal quantity of dirt down their necks whenever some would-be expert on the line got farming on his mind instead and smacked into the forward bunker in place of the target.

In spite of all preceding events, the results were better than what might have been anticipated.

Possible for the course was 195. Bob Balzerick established the highest scoring record with 175 while Larry Greathouse was second with 171. Don Cofield shooting 168 was third high scorer.

Those cadets who fired qualifying rounds include:

Balzerick, 175, Expert  
Greathouse, 171, Sharpshooter  
Cofield, 168, Sharpshooter  
Hanna, 167, Sharpshooter  
Rice, 161, Sharpshooter  
Bellows, 159, Sharpshooter  
Barnett, 157, Sharpshooter  
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By Balzerick

## FURLOUGH NOTES

Judging from visual, auditory, and grapevine evidence everyone seemed to enjoy the Spring Furlough and all resultant events which according to report must have been brash to no little degree and more than just at little bit—shall we say daring.

It has been ascertained that the "Wichita Kid" is more hopelessly lost to the wiles of certain "fair Sex" than ever before in his short but stubborn life. The device to which friend Bob has fallen victim would no doubt make interesting reading, being much in the manner of a minor edition of "Antony and Cleopatra."

St. John's one and only hardluck kid, Larry Greathouse, had a most desultory experience and suffered the most tragic of ill-fate. It is reported that his dearly beloved, that "Sally of our Alley," visited "Hair-breath" Larry in Hutchinson and while there became snowbound.

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## Cadets Chat With Governor While On Nebraska Tour

"There is no graft or 'fixing' in the Nebraska state government."

Anyway that is what Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska told a delegation from St. John's School last month.

The Crack drill squad from the Salina Military Institution visited the governor in his office while in Lincoln on an appearance tour.

### Some Units Clean

The former Nebraska newspaperman told the cadets that "there are some units of government that are as clean as a hound's tooth, and I am proud that Nebraska's is that way."

The Cadets were introduced to the governor and toured the capitol building after their appearance at the Rotary club meeting at the Cornhusker Hotel. The squad performed its 18-minute Zouave drill for the Rotarians.

Governor Peterson visited for about 15 minutes with the St. John's group.

### Alaska Statehood Questioned

When introduced to Cadet Orin Seybert, Pilot Point, Alaska, the governor of the Cornhusker state asked if Alaska was ready for statehood.

Cadet Seybert answered, "yes sir, we certainly are."

Governor Peterson said that he

Imagine the irony of such affair! Our sympathies are strictly with the young lady, or any charmer for that matter, who has the misfortune of a snowbound experience, but at the same time being stuck with a starry-eyed, fog-bound, escort is certainly the acme of all travesty.

A short and sweet romance is credited to "McGoo" Cofield who was carried away with the allure of a certain Wichita Lass whom he immediately proceeded to date. Everything was simply "love-dovey" until "Gorgeous" Don suggested a dance where-upon he learned this his "dreamboat" turned out to be a Seven-Day-Adventist which quite devastated the dashing, young hero.

was not well enough acquainted with the Alaskan situation to have a definite opinion but that his friend, Governor Langley of Washington, had informed him that Alaska was ready to be made a state any time.

The visit with the governor was arranged by Alan Clem, former cadet commanding officer at St. John's and son of the rector, Col. R. L. Clem.

### Bigler Heads Squad

Originated shortly after the school was founded in 1887, tradition is the keynote of the St. John's crack squad. Drill maneuvers are handed down from graduation members to the replacements. The captain of the squad chooses his own successor. Cadet Lt. Ed Bigler, Cortez, Colo., is the present squad captain.

The drill team was accompanied by Maj. R. L. Guernsey, commandant of cadets, and Keith G. Duckers, public information officer.

Besides the drill before the Rotary club of Lincoln, the squad performed at the Irving junior high school there.

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