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- - 1953 Commencement Draws Near - -

IT'S A BOY!

"Mike" Joins Family Tree Of Guernsey's

The name of another prospective cadet popped into the conversation at St. John's on April 21, when Michael Royce Guernsey, came to live with Maj. and Mrs. Russell L. Guernsey, Jeff and Boo-Boo.

Mike weighed seven pounds, eight ounces, when he arrived at St. John's Hospital at 9:57 p.m.

Mike's big brother, Jeff, celebrated his sixth birthday two days after Mike arrived. Jeff thinks he's quite a "kid brother", but at present prefers to talk about his new bike which was a birthday present.

Mike's "ol' Man", the Commandant, was so jubilant over the arrival of his second son that he cancelled all squad and passed out cigars to the staff officers.

Lettermen's Party Held In Mess Hall

In the exotic atmosphere of South Sea Islands, with green spot lights reflecting off the white fences surrounding the dance floor, the St. John's lettermen and their dates danced to the flowing notes of Sunny Slater and his band at the annual Lettermen's Dinner-Dance on April 11.

Athletic awards in football and basketball were given out following the dinner by Capt. James Elmborg, Director of Athletics. This was followed by an imitation stunt by Lt. Stanley G. Sheridan in the form of, "Put Some Money in the Pot, Boys!"

The decorations were handled by Mrs. Elmborg and Mrs. Todd who devoted their time and efforts to make this a memorable occasion.

All lettermen were in attendance with the exception of those who were on a trip with the firing team to Manhattan.

Corps Of 150 Cadets Expected Next Year, According To Rector

"Back in 1944, we started building for a corps of 200 cadets. We are hoping for 150 next year. If we can enroll more than 121 cadets, it will be a record."

These words were spoken by the Rector, Col. R. L. Clem, recently as he discussed the expected enrollment for next year. He said that the most important help in getting new cadets, comes from the parents and cadets now attending St. John's.

The Colonel feels that a corps of 200 is the desired maximum because it will give more opportunities to more cadets to participate in the activities.

To accommodate the expected increase in size of the corps, the second floor of the new barracks will be completed by September.

ATKISSON PROMOTED

Cadet Earl Atkisson has been promoted to the rank of Private First Class effective April 9.

19 Eighth Grade Grads Named

Diplomas Will Qualify Them for High School

Names of 19 St. John's eighth grade cadets were announced as candidates for diplomas this week by Capt. John Todd, Director of the Junior School.

Captain Todd said that as far as he knew, this was the largest class of eighth graders ever to graduate here. He also pointed out that St. John's would have a "bumper crop" of eighth graders next year with most of the 20 seventh graders now in school indicating their intentions of returning next year.

Instructing the eighth grade students this year have been Lt. Hugh Livingston and Lt. Stanley Sheridan.

Names of the candidates for graduation as announced by Captain Todd are:

Raymond Atkisson, Mission; Robert Barton, Denver, Colo.; William Beech, Wichita; Philip Bibb, Cubero, N. M.; Charles Doll, Liberal; Kenneth Gehlbach, Denver, Colo.; Lewis Humbert, Corpus Christi, Texas; Edward Jackson, Lawrence; Colby Johnson, Rawlins, Wyo.; Karl Kins, Ekalaka, Mont.; Billy Kirk, Junction City; Richard McBean, Wichita; Charles Masten, Denver, Colo.; Frank Ricks, Wichita; Dennis Schartz, Wichita; Charles Seaverson, Rawlins, Wyo.; Hurlbut Sender, Jr., Marysville; Robert Swan, Albuquerque, N. M.; and Larry Turner, Macksville.

Larger Enrollment To Increase Opportunities, Commandant Says

With approximately eighty old cadets returning next September, the Commandant, Maj. R. L. Guernsey, has expressed his feelings by saying, "The increased enrollment will increase the opportunities for leaders. The larger corps will require more officers and non-commissioned officers."

He did say, however, that the cadets will receive only what they earn and there will be a lot of competition for the positions.

Athletic Director Names 12 Basketball Lettermen

Twelve cadets of St. John's received varsity letters for participation in basketball, Capt. Jim Elmborg, Director of Athletics, has announced.

Those receiving letters were: Ken Bellows, Larry Bray, Jim L. Cole, Gary Conard, Al Drummond, Frank Gomez, Bill McDermith, John McMurray, Bill Bill Meidell, Leo Perkins, Herb Perkins, Herb Soukup and Al Tindle.

Ronnie Fifiield received a letter for serving as manager.

14 Junior School Cadets Earn Basketball Letters

Capt. John Todd, Director of the St. John's Junior School, has announced the names of 14 cadets in the grade school that received letters for basketball participation.

They were Bob Ezzell, Ron Spence, Louis West, Bob Swan, Louis Humbert, Dick McBean, David Groves, Dean Radcliffe, John Benne, Ron Turner, Charles Doll, Philip Bibb, Bob Bogart and Hugh Sender.

Large Crowd Expected Here Over Week End

Athletic Field Day Will Start Activities On Saturday Morning

May 17th will mark the close of the 66th year of operation for St. John's Military School in Salina.

Field and Military activities, plus the annual Commencement Dance on Saturday, will precede the Baccalaureate Service and graduation exercises on Sunday.

Large Crowd Expected

Commencement weekend of 1952-53 is planned to be the biggest at St. John's in many years. With the largest Cadet Corps in the last six years, the plans are set to take care of the many parents that will be attending the annual affair.

More than 350 relatives and friends of cadets and faculty plus many alumni, are expected to return for the big weekend.

First event of the 1952-53 Commencement weekend will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday the 16th of May, when the Cadet Service Clubs sponsor the Athletic Field Day. Many different field events, such as 100 yard dash, pole vault, and high jump, will be run, with winners receiving awards.

Exhibition by Platoon

The Military Field Day, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, will consist of diversified military activities, varying from individual drill competition to company competition, along with an exhibition by the Parade Platoon.

A medal is given to the winner of the individual drill down, and a medal is also awarded to the platoon leader of the winning platoon. The Company Commander of the winning company will receive a medal, also.

Senior Dance

The Senior Dance, which will be in the School Gymnasium, is scheduled to start at 8:30 Saturday evening.

An exhibition by the famed Crack Drill Squad, and the presenting of the 1953-54 Commander to the Cadets, Faculty, and visitors, will start the evening's activities. At the intermission of the dance the "S" Club will present a formal ceremony in which the ideals and aims of the Club will be shown.

Baccalaureate at Cathedral

The Rev. Charles V. Young, Rector, Trinity Episcopal church of Greeley, Colo., will deliver the sermon at the Baccalaureate Service in Christ Cathedral at 11:00 A. M. Sunday.

The speaker for the Commencement exercises in the Gymnasium will be Mr. W. M. Ostenberg, Superintendent of Schools, Salina, Kansas. Following the Commencement, Exercises will be the awarding of various citations. These will be presented by The Rt. Rev. Shirley Nichols, Bishop of Salina, and Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's.

Final dismissal of the Battalion will occur immediately after Commencement exercises Sunday afternoon. Cadets will probably be able to start on their ways home by about 1700.

Ten Seniors Set For Graduation

Senior Master Names Candidates for Diplomas

Ten seniors have been announced as candidates for graduation by Capt. R. N. Moffat, Senior Master.

This is the same number that graduated a year ago.

Lt. Kenneth Bellows, Battalion Adjutant from Sheridan, Wyo., and F/S Donald Wendler, Valentine, Neb., have the most years in the St. John's Cadet Corps. They both entered the school in September of 1949.

Named by Captain Moffat as candidates for graduation from high school are:

Pvt. Charles Bates, Denver, Colo.; Lt. Kenneth Bellows, Battalion Adjutant, Sheridan, Wyo. Maj. Davidson Collins, Battalion Commander, Pueblo, Colo.; Lt. William Crumrine, Platoon Leader, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Sgt. Robert Eakin, Squad Leader Kansas City, Mo.; Lt. Larry Greathouse, "B" Co. Commander, Hutchinson; Capt. Jim Horney, "C" Co. Commander, Norton; Capt. William Salmon, "A" Co. Commander, Pueblo, Colo.; F/S Allen Joe Soukup, Battalion Staff, Ellsworth; and F/S Donald Wendler, Armory Officer, Valentine, Neb.

Baseball Letters To 11 Cadets

Names of eleven lettermen have been announced by Lt. Virgil "Lefty" Loy, head baseball coach at St. John's.

Pitcher Larry Greathouse, Hutchinson, is the only senior among the, monogram winners.

Others all underclassmen, to win the SJMS award are Tom Sweigart, catcher, Kansas City, Mo.; Jim Knight, 1b, Grand Junction, Colo.; Leo Perkins, 2b, Wichita; Bill Meidell, ss, Wichita; Jim McClintock, 3b; Pueblo, Colo.; Gene Ely, rf, Wichita; Frank Martin, cf, Liberal; John McMurray lf, Des Moines, Ia.; Don Lyday, lf, Denver; and Al Drummond, cf, Pueblo, Colo.

SECOND FLOOR OF NEW BARRACKS TO BE FINISHED

"The second floor of the new barracks will be completed by next September in order to accommodate the expected increase in enrollment," Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, told a Skirmisher reporter this week.

Full scale work will not begin until early in the summer, the Rector said. Installation of heaters and bath fixtures is now being finished.

To help clear up the controversy over the style of the second floor, Colonel Clem stated that "there will positively be modifications." However, the Rector was unable to say exactly what the differences between the now completed first floor and the second floor would be.

The second floor will make room for more than 30 more cadets.

N.H.S. PRACTICE

The National Honor Society practiced for the coming presentation of pins and cards for the new members on the night of the 5th of May.

More Than 800 SJMS Old Boys To Receive This Skirmisher Edition

More than 800 St. John's Old Boys (men who formerly attended school here) are receiving this Commencement Edition of The Skirmisher. The main office has the current address of slightly more than 800 Old Boys and Skirmisher Staff members decided to send this issue to all of them to bring them up to date on SJMS happenings.

Along with the 800 extra copies of the paper to be sent to the Old Boys, an additional 200 issues will be printed and placed on sale in the Mess Hall on Commencement Day.

Persons wishing extra souvenir copies of this edition are urged to get them on that day.

The total number of Skirmishers printed exceeded the 1500 mark.

Persons wishing to receive the eight issues of the Skirmisher next school year should send their subscription to the Skirmisher business manager before Sept. 15, 1953. Rates are \$2.50 per year. Parents will receive a complimentary subscription, hence they need not subscribe.

Alumni Dinner To Be At Lamer Hope for Large Attendance At Annual Reunion

Alumni will be welcomed back again through the stone gates and to the ivy covered walls of St. John's on May 16, to attend the "Old Boy" Dinner. Sponsored by the St. John's Chapter of National Honor Society, the dinner is an annual affair.

Four hundred alumni from the four corners of the United States have been invited to the function.

From the 400 ex-cadets invited, approximately 100 are expected to attend. The attendance last year was 68.

As in years past, the dinner will be held in the Dining Room at the Hotel Lamer.

For those alumni planning to attend, the Skirmisher wishes to extend a hearty welcome.

If for some reason an "Old Boy" did not receive an invitation from N. H. S., he is urged not to hesitate to attend the dinner if at all possible.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

1953
Saturday, May Sixteenth
9:30 A.M. Athletic Field Day
(Cadet Service Clubs)
2:30 P.M. Military Field Day
8:30 P.M. Senior Dance
Sunday, May Seventeenth
11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Service Christ Cathedral
12:30 P.M. Buffet Luncheon for Cadets, Alumni and Guests.
2:30 P.M. Commencement Exercises The Gymnasium
4:00 P.M. Last Formation Presentation of Commissions and Warrants Lowering of Colors Final Dismissal of Battalion

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OUR "SWAN SONG"

This is our "Swan Song"! With Commencement just a few days away, this issue brings to a close volume XXXVII of the Skirmisher. Since the trying days of September when we struggled with the task of learning to get the 5 W's and the H in the lead of a news story; to the days in December and the problems brought about by trying to write interview stories; (and with each issue the always present question of whether we would have enough copy or not;) and finally down to the late days in April and the first few days of this month and the pressure of getting out a large edition, we have tried to present the news that occurs around St. John's to you without bias, without prejudice, and above all, without "stepping on anyone's toes".

We have not always been successful. Some stories have been over-played; others have been cut too short. But, always we were trying. It's not an easy task to say which story rates more space than another.

For the past several editions three staff writers, a photographer and the faculty adviser have produced the paper. That meant that all pictures (other than those given us by the Salina Journal) had to be "shot", developed and printed by our Dick Barbour. It also meant that Bob Eakin, Dave Collins and Bill Salmon were spending a lot of time over the typewriter, knocking out stories. It further meant that these guys were using their free time scouting around for news stories. And when each edition finally did roll off the press, the staff still had work to do. More than 400 copies had to be distributed or mailed. We handled this work, too, and with very few complaints from subscribers.

But, by golly, it's been worth it. We feel that we've learned a lot in producing this monthly sheet. And so, with a final "-30-" on the 'ol typin' machine, we say goodbye. Next September, be patient with the new staff members' mistakes, because we're certain that they'll be trying as hard as we did to produce for you a bigger and better St. John's Military School Skirmisher. — The Staff.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

The school year 1952-53, which is rapidly moving to an end, must be set down as one of the most important in St. John's long and honorable history. First, we have enjoyed a substantial growth in enrollment, increasing to 118 from a maximum of 79 last year. Second, we are finishing the construction of our fine new barracks which provides convenience, attractiveness and safety to a degree unknown before on our campus. Third, we have been blessed with a capable and loyal faculty whose mark is made on the many young lives. Fourth, we seem to have an unusual number of cadets who have consistently and faithfully worked hard on their lessons and in addition, given time to sports, Crack Squad and other school activities. Since they gave a lot, they have found abundant satisfaction in their life here and have learned to live contentedly with the irritations of the "daily round, the common task".

We have good reason to believe that we will have from twenty to thirty more cadets next year. This increase will make competition a bit keener all down the line and may make possible additional school activities such as band and/or glee club. I can say with assurance that we will have a larger and more useable library and laboratory.

We plan on growth in size and in service and we plan for 1953-54 to be the best year, all things considered, St. John's has ever had. — R. L. Clem.

THANKS! FROM CRACK SQUAD

The St. John's 1952-53 Crack Drill Squad wishes to publicly express appreciation for the co-operation 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 Wing of Civil Air Patrol and the faculty of St. John's Military School, without whose help the record breaking performances would not have been possible.

There have been many outstanding trips with more appearances by the Crack Squad during the 1952-53 school year than in several years.

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.

Correction

The Commencement Schedule, included in the invitations sent to parents, had the wrong time printed for the Baccalaureate Service in Christ Cathedral. The service will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at the school dining hall at 12:30.

Third Place Award Won By Skirmisher

The Skirmisher won a third place award among secondary private schools of this size in a contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Columbia University, New York.

Five issues of the St. John's paper were entered. A Certificate was received from the C.S.P.A. by the staff along with a constructive criticism of the paper.



DRESSING DOWN THE PLATOONS at Retreat Parade practice in preparation for Commencement, May 17. The front platoon had completed a flanking movement and was headed toward the reviewing stand when this photo was snapped. (Journal Photo).

NEW BOY OF MONTH

Barton Picked As Top Cadet To Finish Series

The last "New Boy" to be chosen for the 1952-53 school year is Robert Edward Barton. "Ed" Barton is now a Sergeant in the eighth grade. He has attended St. John's since the beginning of the school year. After talking to representative Cadet and Staff Officers, the Skirmisher found that Cadet Barton has made the most ad-



"Ed" Barton

vancement of any new cadet not already honored by the Skirmisher this year.

Sergeant Barton's hobbies are radio and shop.

He hopes to work in those fields more next year.

His extra-curricular interests include football. Judging from his size, his physical attributes will make him a good athlete. "Ed" is from Denver, Colorado. He seems to like Kansas.

The Skirmisher's congratulations are out to him, with best wishes for the years to come.

National Publicity For Cadet Who Collects Baseball Pictures

Cadet Will Attend Cathedral Choir School

Cadet Pfc. Charles Hixon of Lawrence, has received an invitation to attend the Cathedral Choir School, Cathedral Heights, New York City next year. This school is a branch of the St. John's Cathedral in the same city. He received a pamphlet about three months ago about the school and the appointment was made through his brother, Harold. He is the first boy to be chosen for this honor from Kansas.

The school was founded in 1901 and is made up of boys from the fourth to the ninth grade.

Cadet Hixon made a record in Topeka of his voice and sent it to the school prior to his acceptance. He will be one of approximately forty which are chosen throughout the United States every year.

Ens. Dick Bennett Returns For Visit

St. John's welcome back for a visit recently an alumni of the Class of '46, Dick Bennett, who has just graduated from the Naval Flight School "Annapolis of the Air", at Norfolk.

He was commissioned an Ensign at his graduation and received his wings.

Dick has returned to Norfolk to join a squadron in a radar course.

After graduation at St. John's he attended KWU, and at the same time was assistant to the Commandant. Later he transferred to Denver, for a year and a half at Denver University.

Dick was the Battalion Adjutant during his senior year at St. John's. He graduated as a second lieutenant.

The opening of the New Barracks this year, brought an appreciated amount of publicity to the school.

Wilbur Hess, Salina Journal Photographer, came out to St. John's one day to photograph portions of the new barracks for his publication. While walking through the old barracks he saw a room filled with pictures of various baseball players. There were so many of them that he thought it might make a fairly good feature picture for the paper.

He contacted Wally Gale who lived in the room and took a picture of him with part of his collection of more than 1000 pictures of baseball players.

Later that week the picture along with a story was printed in the Salina Journal. Hess sent the picture to United Press who in turn put it on their wire and it was sent across the country.

The school has received copies of the picture that appeared in newspapers in cities as far away as New York and Long Beach, Calif.

Wally has received letters about the picture from many sources. One source sent him a years subscription of a nationally known sports magazine free of charge. Another sent him the complete 1953 series of the baseball pictures which he collects.

HARDY MAKES TRIP

Col. A. Y. Hardy recently made a week-end trip to a Reserve Officers Association meeting in Hutchinson, and a visit to Dodge City to interview prospective new cadets for the term beginning September 6, 1953. The Colonel stated, "It looks like we will have 160 cadets next year."

RETREAT PARADE

For the last two weeks of the school session, the drill periods were devoted to practicing for the retreat parade at Commencement.

Nine Members of St. John's Senior Class



L.T. KENNETH BELLOWS
Battalion Staff Adjutant
National Honor Society
Basketball
Crack Squad Color Guard
"S" Club Secretary
Parade Platoon
Cadet Court
Attended SJMS 4 years



MAJ. DAVIDSON COLLINS
Battalion Commander
National Honor Society
Football
Basketball
Baseball
Crack Squad Commander
Cadet Patrol
"S" Club Vice-President
Skirmisher Publications
Parade Platoon Commander
Cadet Court
Athletic Board of Control
Attended SJMS 3 years



LT. WILLIAM CRUMRINE
2nd in Command of
Junior School
Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon,
"C" Company
Cadet Patrol
Parade Platoon
Attended SJMS 3 years



PVT. ROBERT EAKIN
National Honor Society
Football
Track
Cadet Patrol
"S" Club
Parade Platoon
Chapel Choir
Skirmisher Publications
Attended SJMS 2 years



PVT. LARRY GREATHOUSE
National Honor Society
Football
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Crack Squad
Cadet Patrol
"S" Club President
Parade Platoon
Cadet Court
Athletic Board of Control
Attended SJMS 4 years



CAPT. JIM HORNEY
"C" Company Commander
Football
"S" Club Chaplin
Radio Shop Senior Advisor
Attended SJMS 2 years



CAPT. WILLIAM SALMON
"A" Company Commander
National Honor Society
Football
Crack Squad
Cadet Patrol
"S" Club Treasurer
Skirmisher Publications
Parade Platoon
Cadet Court
Chapel Choir
Attended SJMS 2 years



F/S ALLEN JOE SOUKUP
Battalion Staff
"S" Club
Skirmisher Photographer
Football
Basketball (Mgr.)
Cadet Patrol
Chapel Choir
Attended SJMS 3 years



F/S DONALD WENDLER
Battalion Staff
Armory Officer
Football
Baseball (Mgr.)
"S" Club
Cadet Patrol
Student Pilot
Attended SJMS 4 years

19 Eighth Grade Cadets To Graduate



EIGHTH GRADE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION are (front row, left to right) Karl Kins, Phillip Bibb, Colby Johnson, Hugh Sender, Bill Beech, Bob Swan, Andy Atkisson, Bill Kirk and Charles Seaverson. (Back row) Louis Humbert, Dick McBean, Charles Doll, Ed Jackson, Charles Masten, Cappy Ricks, Dennis Schartz, Larry Turner and Ed Barton. (Kenneih Gehlbach not in picture.)

1952-53 St. John's Faculty



FACULTY MEMBERS who have served at St. John's for the past year (front row, left to right) Mrs. Niles Moffat, Mrs. John Fonck, Mrs. Virgil Loy, Capt. Ethelyn Cole, Mrs. Raymond Hower and Mrs. James Elmborg. Back row, Maj. Russell L. Guernsey, Capt. James D. Elmborg, Lt. Keith G. Duckers, Lt. Virgil Loy, Capt. John Todd, Col. R. L. Clem, Capt. Raymond K. Hower, Lt. Stanley G. Sheridan, Lt. Hugh Livingston, Capt. Niles Moffat and Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy.

See Ya' Next Year

Entire Faculty Invited To Return, Rector Says

SIZE OF STAFF TO BE INCREASED

The entire St. John's faculty has been invited to return for the 1953-54 school year, Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, has announced.

However, one Junior School instructor, Lt. Hugh Livingston, may not return next year, Colonel Clem said.

To Add New Members

In addition to the faculty that served at St. John's this year, new members are expected to be added to compensate for the expected increased enrollment next year. The Rector pointed out that the administration hopes to employ both a band and art instructor for next school term.

A ratio of one instructor per 10 or 12 cadets is hoped to be maintained, he said.

17th Year for Rector

Colonel Clem has served as Rector of the Salina military institution since 1937. A priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he also is the school's chaplain. He represents St. John's in Colorado and Wyoming each summer. The Colonel served in the U. S. Army in World War I.

Returning next year as Commandant of Cadets will be Maj. Russell L. Guernsey. The Major has served on the St. John's staff since 1947. The Commandant served as a combat infantryman during World War II.

Working with Major Guernsey in the Military Department and serving as Professor of Military Science and Tactics will be Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy. Colonel Hardy, who also represents the school on the road during the summer months, joined the staff here in December, 1951. He served in various capacities in the U. S. Army for nearly 30 years and is now retired.

Senior Master is "Old Boy"

Serving as Senior Master for the 1953-54 school year again will be Capt. R. Niles Moffat. A 1927 graduate of St. John's, Captain Moffat has been with the school since 1945. He instructs in music and English and acts as Boys' counselor. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Mrs. Moffat is in charge of the Quartermaster Department and also instructs in music. She will hold the same positions next year.

Returning for his fourth year

as football and track coach and his second year as Athletic Director and basketball coach is Capt. James D. Elmborg. Captain Elmborg's athletic career at Bethany College, Lindsborg, was interrupted during the last war for a hitch in the U. S. Navy.

Fourth Year for Hower

Mathematics instructor and Physical Education Director, Capt. Raymond K. Hower, will also return for his fourth year on the St. John's staff. Mrs. Hower taught in the Junior School this year and will again next year if the ratio of enrollments so demands.

Capt. John Todd, Director of the Junior School, will be back for his fourth year. A Marine veteran of various campaigns in the Southwest Pacific, Captain Todd teaches Military in the Junior School as well as coaching their athletic teams.

Next year will be Lt. Keith G. Duckers' fourth on the St. John's staff. He serves as public information officer as well as teaching the journalism class. He will represent the school on the road this summer in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Seventh Year for Nurse

Capt. Ethelyn M. Cole, R. N., will start her seventh year as school nurse when school opens in September.

Lt. Virgil E. Loy will return as social science instructor along with being assistant football and basketball coach and head baseball mentor. Lieutenant Loy is a Marine veteran of World War II. His wife is secretary to the Rector.

Fourteenth Year for "Hazel"

Almost as much a fixture at St. John's as the stone gates and the ivy covered walls, is Mrs. Hazel Fonck, Bursar, who will be starting her fourteenth year in the St. John's office next September. She has been around St. John's more years than that, though. She grew up at St. John's as her father was Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds here for many years. Very few "old boys" can walk into the office that Hazel cannot call by name.

Lt. Hugh Livingston, junior School instructor, is considering a teaching position in Wichita. Lt. Stanley G. Sheridan who joined the Junior School teaching staff in January will return next year to his same position.

Chef to Return

Bill Samuelson, Chef, will start his fourth year in the St. John's kitchen on September

Gene Ely Wins State Championship At Rifle Meet

What is your lucky day? Ask expert Gene Ely and he will tell you his is April 11.

Then ask him why, and he'll blush and say: "That's the day I won the state championship at the rifle meet in Manhattan."

Ely was entered in the "Individual" match, firing against the states best high school rifle-men.

In the prone position, Ely had a score of 97, while standing he bested the field with a high of 83.

There was a tie with another



Gene Ely

boy having a score of 100 prone and 80 standing. The award went to cadet Ely since he had highest score in the standing position.

When anyone talks to Gene about his accomplishments in the shooting department, the Wichita sophomore's face turns red, and he says: "I just felt I was awful lucky. I think that was the best I ever shot."

Another cadet from St. John's, Bill McDermith, placed 4th in the state with a final score of 177.

NEW HAIR STYLE

A new fad at St. John's is the growing of "ducktail" hair styles. Most of the cadets, however, still are sticking to the conventional crew cut, thank goodness!!

first. His wife will also return. The Chef's first assistant, Ivory Johnson will be back next year, too. He has served at St. John's for many years.

Ed Kliem, one of the newcomers to St. John's will continue next year as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. His wife will continue in her position as school tailor.

NEW MEMBERS GET INVITATION TO JOIN HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society was given the "green light" by Capt. Niles Moffat, sponsor, to make plans for the entrance of new members made eligible by their academic achievements.

The first meeting was the organization of the Parliamentary Officers. Capt. Bill Salmon was named President. His staff consists of Lt. Larry Greathouse, Vice-President; Lt. Kenneth Bellows, Secretary; and Sgt. Gene Ely, Treasurer.

Plans were made for the official initiation of the members to be held on May 12. The dinner and show was held two weeks prior.

New members invited into the society were, Maj. Dave Collins, Sgt. Bob Eakin, Pfc. Mark Easton, Lt. Bill Crumrine, Capt. Jim Horney, Pfc. Phillip Helman, and F/S Don Wendler.

Activities that were taken up by the honorary organization were those of the annual Alumni Dinner and the Trophy, which is awarded to the cadet with the least hooks.

Fourteen Boys Visit St. John's During Visitation Weekend

The annual Visitation Weekend at St. John's took place from the 17th of April to the 19th. During this time a few of the boys who are interested in coming to St. John's next year visited the school and went right through a cadet's day with another cadet who was assigned as his host.

The boys who visited St. John's are Ned Richardson and Bob Shanan from Lawrence, with Cadets Radcliff and Barton as hosts; Jim Pickett and Bill Owston from Wichita, with Cadets Turner, R., and Bernard as hosts; Bob Pester, Mike and Kenney Munger from Lincoln, Nebr., with Cadets Ivaley, Ferris and Atkisson, E.; as hosts; Eugene House of Kansas City, Mo., with Cadet Easton; John Sender and Richard Johannes from Marysville, with Cadets Fifield, J., and Sender; Roger Bacon from El Dorado, with Cadet Bibbo; Lee Curtis from Cortez, Colo., with Cadet Soukup, A.; Wilbur Ames from Lyons, with Cadet Tindle; and R. A. Bloxson from Dodge City with Cadet Dalton.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

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Cadets Look On As Airmen Fire At Small Plane

On the 14th of April, cadets took a trip to the Smoky Hill Air Force Base OQ range where they witnessed an exhibition of the .50 calibre machine gun being used against aircraft in actual flight.

The machine guns used are duplicates of those on the B-29s. They can fire approximately 900 rounds per minute and are manned by gunners located in small houses directly behind the guns.

The plane fired upon was a small, radio-controlled aircraft which is valued from \$2,600 to \$3,200. The plane has a flight time of one and one-half hours and in level flight attains a speed of 240 mph. In a dive it reaches a speed of 350 mph.

The personnel which operated the guns were from Forbes Air Base, Topeka. They are one of the crews trained at SHAFB before being sent to Okinawa and Japan, where they will fly mission over Korea.

During the afternoon, the cadets watched in vain for a hit. Finally turret four hit one in the radio receiver mechanism, located in the balance of the fuselage. The plane's motor was immediately killed and the radio-controlled parachute opened to bring the plane safely to the ground.

The cadets were impressed by this demonstration and many of them managed to get empty .50 calibre shells for souvenirs.

The exhibition lasted about an hour and a half.

CLEM'S ENTERTAIN SENIORS AT DINNER

Seniors were entertained at an informal dinner by Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem in the Rector's quarters on the evening of May 30th.

The dinner consisted of home cooked spaghetti with sauce and garlic bread. Milk and coffee were served and there was a plate of entrees served in Buffet style. The cadets enjoyed delicious caramel and chocolate cake for dessert.

The ten seniors enjoyed Mrs. Clem's singing following the dinner.

Bruce Carson Returns To Visit St. John's

A/3c Bruce Carson, a 1952 graduate of St. John's, returned for a visit last week from Brooks Field, San Antonio, Tex., where he is stationed with the Air Force.

Carson said that the training he had received here at St. John's was of "tremendous" value to him, especially in basic training. His brother, Roger is also stationed at Brooks Field.

He graduated from St. John's in 1948.



THE CADET DIAMOND CREW who fashioned a respectable record this year under coach Lt. Virgil "Lefty" Loy are (front row, left to right) John Painter, manager, Al Drummond, Bill Meidell, Larry Rice, Tom Sweigart and Frank Martin. Back Row, Don Lyday, Jim Knight, Gene Ely, John McMurray, Leo Perkins, Larry Greathouse, Jim McClintock and Lieutenant Loy.

Cadets Humble Solomon, 10-2

Ely, Greathouse Homer To Lead SJMS Scoring

The St. John's Cadets made it two baseball victories in as many outings Monday afternoon April 6, when they downed the Solomon High Gorillas on Perkins Field at the military school by a 10 to 2 count.

Cadet hurler Larry Greathouse set the Solomon nine down with only three scratch singles while the Cadets banged out eight hits including round-trippers by Greathouse and Gene Ely. Both Cadet homers came with a runner on.

Early Cadet Lead

Ely got the Cadets out in front in the first inning when he smacked a John Wickersham pitch for a home run to score behind the lead-off man Al Drummond who had walked.

The Gorillas scored their only runs in the second frame by combining a pair of singles with two Cadet miscues.

The Cadets took over the lead in the bottom half of the second inning with a run and then broke the game wide open in the third stanza by scoring four runs, the last two coming as a result of Greathouse's four-master.

Cadet second baseman Leo Perkins had a field day off Solomon pitchers Wickersham and Lamer. Perkins slashed out three singles and drew a walk in four trips to the plate.

Lamer replaced Wickersham on the mound for Solomon in the fifth and held the St. John's crew to a single hit for the remainder of the seven-inning contest. The Cadets had previously knicked Wickersham for



SJMS THINCLADS take a break from the oval to pose for Skirmisher photographer Dick Barbour with their coach, Capt. Jim Elmborg, Director of Athletics. They are (front row, left to right) Chuck Parker, Jerry Henry, Bob Eakin, George Meade and Al Tindle. Back row, John Hatfield, trainer, Jim Appling, Larry Bray, Dick Woodford, George Race and Captain Elmborg.

seven hits and their ten runs. In going the route for the Cadets, Greathouse faced only 24 batters, fanning 13 of them, and issued only three free passes. Wickersham walked six and Lamer, three, for Solomon.

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Senior Sneak Met With Success

The Senior sneak met with success on March 4, as the ten members decided to take a three day extension on the Spring Furlough.

Leaving on the Wednesday night before the furlough started, the Senior cadets made their surprising move at evening mess. The Battalion was left under the direction of the Acting Officers. They were appointed from Junior class members.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL CADETS TOUR AIR BASE; TAXI IN LARGE PLANE

Thirty-four Junior School Cadets (grades four through seven) along with three faculty officers, were given the deluxe tour of Smoky Hill Air Force Base on Friday, April 10.

The Cadets investigated the wonders of modern aviation at close hand and got a look at Air Force living.

A KC-97, the two-story Boeing refueling ship used in operations at SHAFB, was thoroughly inspected and a taxi run thrilled the would-be flyers.

The boys went through a dormitory and ate ice cream and cookies in a dining hall.

The tour lasted most of the afternoon. Accompanying the young Cadets were faculty officers Capt. John Todd, Director of the Junior School, and instructors Lt. Stanley G. Sheridan and Lt. Hugh Livingston.

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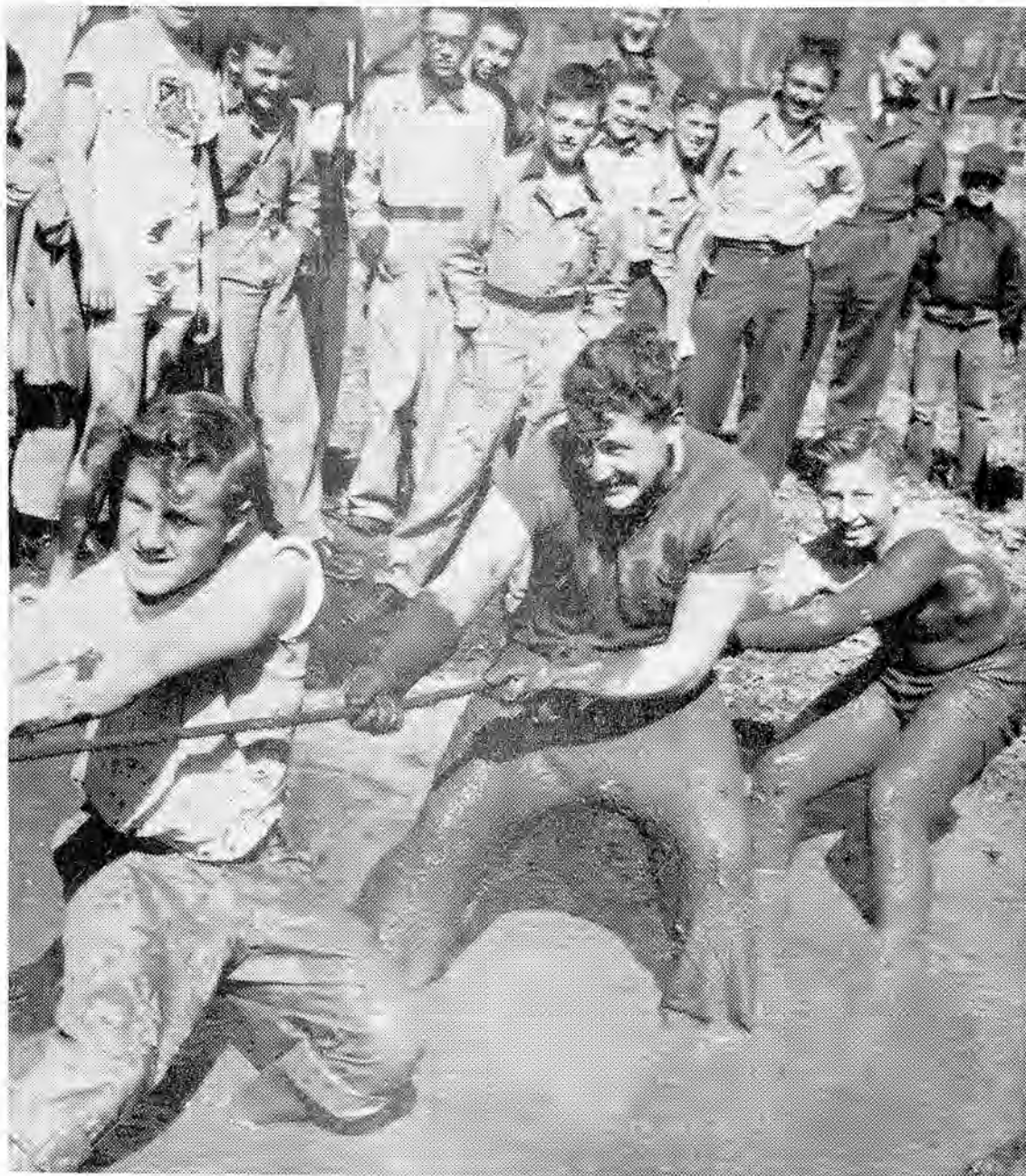
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T'WAS A CLEAN GAME as the "A" company losers were pulled through the mud hole in a tug-of-war bout between "A" and "B" companies. The last three cadets to be dunked were, from left, Jim Knight, Bob Eakin, and Truman Webber. In all 30, cadets were pulled through the slimey mud by the victors. (Journal Photo.)

High Scores By Collins, Drummond, As Cadets Fire .30 Cal. Course

"Ready on the right! Ready on the left! Commence firing!" These words spoken by Major Guernsey resulted in sore shoulders and puffed lips as 78 cadets fired for record score on the .30 calibre range at Camp Phillips, April 23-24.

Three Positions

Procedure for firing was Slow Fire with four shots in three positions, kneeling, sitting, and standing, followed by Rapid Fire in three positions, sitting, kneeling and prone.

Anticipation rose as Maj. Dave Collins and Pfc. Albert Drummond, both of Pueblo, Colo., neared the 175 mark which corresponds to the Expert level.

Collins Tops Shooters

Collins was high man on the range with 182 points out of a possible 195 while Drummond followed close with a 175.

Cadets qualifying for Sharpshooter were, Appling, Bates, Bigler, Cupps, Eakin, Ely, Gomez, House, Keso, McDermith, Martin, Mathers, Miller S., Miller P., Parker, Race, Salmon, Seybert, Sweigart, and Webber.

Twenty six cadets qualified for Marksman.

The number of cadets that fired was 78. Each cadet fired 40 rounds with approximately five practice rounds. This would equal 3,510 rounds fired in the two day period.

Crack Squad Makes Last Two Performances

The St. John's Crack Drill Squad made two performances on May 8, at McPherson and in Salina.

The drill held at a street in-

tersection in McPherson, was witnessed by a large crowd.

A number of other organizations performed in both the large parade and other entertainment.

The cadets had free time from about 1330 until 1600 for the purpose of doing anything they wanted.

Then at 2030 that evening they drilled at Salina High School's senior prom. When the Cadets got home that night they were pretty tired.

Former C. O. Of Cadets Now In Washington

Alan "Cub" Clem, Battalion Commander of the St. John's Cadet Corps in 1946, is serving as press secretary for Rep. Carl Curtis, (R. Nebr.) in Washington, D. C.

Clem is the son of Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's.

Cub, a 1950 graduate of Nebraska University, was Director of Public Relations for Ayres Advertising Agency in Lincoln, Nebr., from the time of his graduation until last January when he accepted the position in Washington.

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Corps Observes Problem At Fort

Tank-Infantry Show Viewed By 120 Cadets

Fort Riley Military Reservation played host to the Corps of Cadets from St. John's Military School on Wednesday April 15, 1953.

The Corps of 120 Cadets left on the 70 mile trip to the Fort at 0700 on chartered busses. After arriving on the Reservation they were picked up by a number of Army busses which took them to the sight of the demonstration.

Close Combat Problems

The first instruction was given concerning close combat problems, and was centered around individual combat. The cadets went along with the soldiers as they attacked a bunker from five different positions. The bunker was finally taken by rifle and hand grenade assault.

At about 1000 the cadets moved back to Camp Forsyth for classroom instruction on the Tank-Infantry team. A movie in two parts was shown. Oral instruction was also given on the same problem. Men taking the classroom work are attending the Fort Riley AOC School. AOC stands for Army Officers Candidate).

Lunch In Mess Hall

Following the instruction the cadets were taken to an Army mess hall for lunch. Most of the cadets voiced the opinion that if Army food is like that all the time, they would not mind joining.

After the meal the cadets were taken to the range for the actual running of the Tank-Infantry demonstration. The demonstration lasted for about four hours.

Although the weather was windy and cold the St. John's group enjoyed the experience very much.

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