



68th Year To End On May 22nd

Message

from The Rector

Recently an "Old Boy" returned to St. John's for a long, comfortable visit. He brought his wife and two fine children with him and they all seemed to enjoy their visit. This man, now in his early thirties, entered St. John's as a freshman in September of 1936 only a month after I came from McCook, Nebraska, to become superintendent. In those days I never dreamed I would become an Episcopalian, much less a priest. Anyway, as we sat or walked and talked, many forgotten memories were stirred up in my mind of the almost twenty years I have worked in St. John's; years of troubles, frustrations, and even sorrow. But through them runs the broad, even if sometimes obscured, thread of achievement, and I have tried to assess the time spent here and to form some conclusions.

First and foremost the good that has been done at St. John's—and there has been a lot of it—came from people, not from buildings or equipment. True, we are bettering ourselves in these respects, but what our "Old Boys" remember is how the character, training and personality of faculty members stayed with them and made them conscious that they were becoming better men and better able to face up effectively to life. Another thing I have concluded is that the disciplines inherent in our kind of program, while they may be unwelcome and unpleasant to live with, especially when young men elsewhere are enjoying more freedom, have a way of strengthening character. In a dozen things this "Old Boy" said and did during his visit I knew he was mighty glad to have spent four years at St. John's. He has not been a spectacular success in a newsworthy way but he is very successful in my book. He is God-fearing and is a practicing Christian; he has a good wife and two promising children; he has a modern, comfortable house to live in; he can look back to an honorable war-time record and above all he can look in the mirror and not be ashamed of what he sees. St. John's is proud of him.

There are a lot of boys in our graduating class this month who will do as well and some may do better. If that is true, it is true, in part at least, because we here in St. John's have taken

Handy Appointed Photo Lab Head

The photography shop has been turned over to Cadet Fritz Handy for the school year 1955-56. Handy will head the laboratory and a new staff will be assigned to him next fall.

The photography shop handles all pictures for publicity, the yearbook, the SKIRMISHER, and prints pictures for the individual needs of Cadets.

Todd Names 12 8th Graders

Capt. John Todd, Director of the Junior School, has announced the names of 12 Junior School Cadets who are candidates for graduation from that division of the School on May 22.

Scheduled to graduate are: Clarence Arens, Stanley Baldwin, Mike Bird, James Garner, David Hane, John Hawkins, Phil Ivaldy, Jerry Moore, Jim Miller, Al Palmer, Robert Pester, Rick Rutherford.

SOUND-OFFS ARRIVE: BEING AUTOGRAPHED

"The Sound-Off", new St. John's yearbook which arrived at the school two weeks ago, has been the cause of many of the "huddles" you have been seeing in the hallways recently. Cadets have been carrying the annual with them getting the autographs of all their friends.

in good seed and made it grow. I am sure the Senior Class of 1955 is one that St. John's will, in time, be proud of in terms of their contribution to the world. They have written their own letters of recommendation while in St. John's and they are ready now to live a new kind of life, but no matter what it is like it will be affected by what they learned and did here.

All of us wish them a useful success and offer the prayer that they may have the grace and wit to know what God wants them to do and have the will and means to do the same.

R. L. CLEM
Rector

Nuss Announces 19 As Candidates

Names of 19 candidates for graduation from the Upper School have been announced by Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance.

Seniors who are slated to receive their diplomas on May 22 from the Rt. Rev. Shirley R. Nichols, Bishop of Salina and President of the Board of Trustees, are:

Roger Bigler, Dale Browning, Jim Claycomb, Rod Ellison, Earle Fox, Dean Hargrove, John McMurray, Tom Mathers, George Merritt, Stu Miller, Don Pelkey, Bill Preston, George Race, Larry Rice, Carl Rylander, Darryl Seybert, Herb Soukup, Grant Torbit, Bub Weber.

NEW SCHOOL CATALOG AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTS

New school catalogs and circulars of information came off the press last month. The attractive orange and black catalog gives an accurate picture of life at St. John's. It is used to send to persons seeking information about the school.

"Old Boys" Receive This Special Issue

This special Commencement Edition of the Skirmisher is being mailed to several hundred "Old Boys" whose current addresses are on file in the office.

"Old Boys" receiving this edition are urged to contact the school whenever they change address.

Commencement Schedule Set; Large Crowd Expected Here

The last formation of the battalion at 4:00 p.m. on May 22, will bring to a close the 68th year of operation of St. John's Military School.

A jam-packed two-day Commencement weekend will precede the last formation.

Bulls-Eye Causes Stu To Jump Around

Some people just can't stay still when they shoot a bulls-eye from the sitting position. Take, for example, the case of Stu Miller the other day on the 30 calibre range at Smoky Hill A.F.B.

Stu jumped around a lot after scoring a bulls-eye. The excitement wasn't caused by his direct hit, though.

When Miller ejected the red hot shell from the chamber of his rifle it flew into his fatigues and he sat down on it. He got right up, too!

Stu sported a blister in an embarrassing spot.

RUSSELL GLEE CLUB SINGS AT ASSEMBLY

A 65 voice Glee Club from Russell High School entertained the Corps at an all-school assembly on April 27. This is the second straight year that the Russell school has entertained the Cadets.

"S" CLUB PAINTS, REPAIRS CAMPUS BENCHES

As part of a plan to improve the campus for commencement the "S" Club has painted and repaired the benches on the campus. The benches have been painted white.

Athletic Field Day

First activity scheduled is the annual Athletic Field Day which will pit the four service clubs against each other in various track and field events. This is scheduled to get underway at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 21.

The athletic events will be followed Saturday afternoon by Military Field Day. Competition between platoons as well as individual competition in the manual-of-arms will be featured. A highlight of the afternoon will be an exhibition by the popular St. John's Crack Drill Platoon.

Chatfield To Judge

Chief reviewing officer at the Military Field Day will be Maj. Kenneth A. Chatfield, USAF, Kansas Wing Liaison officer of Civil Air Patrol.

The annual Senior Dance will be Saturday night with graduating seniors forming a receiving line from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. The final appearance of the Crack Drill Squad will be at 9:00 p.m., with the dance following until midnight. Hundreds of parents and friends of the school are expected to attend the dance.

ALL OVER AT 4:30

All activities at the School are expected to be ended by 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22. As soon as rooms have passed inspection Cadets will be free to sign out.



THE SOUND OFF gets a close check on the night it was issued by Cadets Larry Rice, Roger Bigler and Dean Hargrove. Hargrove was editor of the yearbook and Rice served on the staff. The Sound Off, first yearbook put out at St. John's in several years, has been well received by the Cadet Corps. Plans are to continue with another similar book next year.

tend the dance. Don West and his Orchestra will play for the dance.

Service at Cathedral

Sunday's schedule starts with the Baccalaureate service at Christ Cathedral in downtown Salina at 11:00 a.m. The sermon will be given by The Rev. A. Balfour Patterson, Episcopal chaplain of the University of Colorado. Mrs. R. L. Clem will be the soloist.

A buffet luncheon for Cadets, parents, alumni and guests will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the school dining hall.

Commencement exercises in the gymnasium will begin at 2:30 p.m. Speaker will be W. W. Waring, Director of Secondary Education, Salina City Schools.

Eighth grade diplomas will be presented by Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, following Mr. Waring's address. The Rt. Rev. Shirley H. Nichols, Bishop of Salina, will present diplomas to the graduating seniors, prior to the issuing of awards and prizes by various staff officers.

Immediately following graduation exercises will be a Retreat Parade on the drill field, to be followed by the presentation of commissions and warrants.

Lowering of the colors and taps will end the school year.

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MAY, 1955

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"SWAN SONG"

This is it!

Yes, this is the final issue of the SKIRMISHER and the last effort by the journalism class to bring you the news and happenings concerning people around St. John's.

We've made mistakes. In fact there are probably several in this issue. We hate to make them as much, if not more so, as you hate to read them. We hope you realize that it's pretty easy to mis-spell a Cadet's name and we hope that we will be forgiven for our inaccuracies.

But all in all we're pretty proud of the job we've done this year. In the first place, this year we had only one week a month to work on the paper. Secondly, we bit off a big job when we tackled the SOUND OFF. These publications took a lot of hard work and planning. But, if we have done a creditable job, it has been worth it.

Next September a new bunch will tie into the SKIRMISHER. They, too, will make mistakes. But, please be patient with them. We're sure they'll do their best.

—The Staff.

"IN THE BLACK"

Publishing the SKIRMISHER and the SOUND OFF this year were big jobs in more ways than one. Financially, nearly two thousand dollars were involved. The two student publications are going to come out in the "black" and with enough profit to pay for the new sign which has been hung over the main gate.

Maybe it isn't good business for a publisher to tell his subscribers about the financial condition of his publication, but we're proud and wanted you to know.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the entire school goes out to Don Pelkey and Bill Dedman and their families, due to the recent deaths of their fathers. Don's father passed away while Don was in Washington with the Cadets on the trip. Bill's father died in April.

Eastern Trip Successful For St. John's Group

By Dean Hargrove

Probably the most successful cadet trip in the history of St. John's occurred this year when 22 cadets spent a week in the East late in March. Washington, D. C. and points of interest in that vicinity were featured highlights of the trip.

Upon their arrival in Washington, early Monday morning, they were met at the Washington Union Station by their sight-seeing bus. After being assigned to rooms in the Lafayette Hotel the cadets toured the city, visiting Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument, the federal buildings, and seeing the embassies of the different nations of the world. After lunch at the hotel the afternoon was free for the group. Some cadets shopped in downtown Washington while others went to the Smithsonian Institute. The evening was spent watching Cincra at Warner's Theatre.

Visit White House

Tuesday morning the cadets and their baggage boarded their bus. The Cadets were in their dress uniforms. After standing in line for over an hour the group toured the White House. After the tour the Cadets formed into a platoon and Maj. Roger Bigler marched the cadets through traffic and wide-eyed spectators to the sight-seeing bus.

Following a tour of the Capitol building and a visit to the

House of Representatives and the Senate, the Cadets had lunch in the Vandenburg room with Sen. Frank Carlson (R., Kans.).

After a tour of Mt. Vernon Tuesday afternoon, the group boarded the Old Bay Line steamship, S.S. Washington, D. C., for an overnight trip to Norfolk, Va.

Land in Norfolk

Wednesday morning after the ship docked, the cadets went by bus to the Norfolk Navy Base where they had a guided tour through the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Valley Forge. They had lunch at an inn in Williamsburg, Va., after which they toured the old palace grounds and the governor's mansion. After visiting Jamestown and Newport News the group boarded the steamship again at Old Point Comfort for the return trip to Washington.

The second night on board ship was by far the most interesting for the cadets. Major Roger Bigler led eight of the Crack Squad members in a unique demonstration of the crack squad drill. It was unique inasmuch as the cadets had no rifles to use and had to substitute discarded window slats.

Tour Annapolis

Thursday morning the cadets arrived again in Washington. This day was spent touring the F.B.I. building, the Washington Cathedral, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the



WITH THE NATION'S CAPITOL as a backdrop. Cadets from St. John's Military School posed for a picture when they were in Washington recently. Shortly after this picture was taken the St. John's group moved to the Senate Dining room to have lunch with Sen. Frank Carlson. (R., Kans.)

'Twas A Long Time Ago . . .

Many Cadets Through Vail Hall Since First Graduation In 1887

Horses and buggies surrounded Vail Hall, mud from recent Kansas rains had left Santa Fe Avenue a literal ocean of mud, Cadets with high military collars stood ram-rod straight before the inspecting officer—the stage was set for the first commencement exercises at St. John's Military School 68 years ago this month.

Since 1887 many things have changed.

Buildings have been added to the north Salina campus. Nearly once a decade St. John's cadets have appeared in a new type uniform as they will next September. But, with all the changes and modifications, one thing has held fast—the policy set forth by the founders of the school, to provide for boys a sound disciplined education in a Christian environment.

On Sunday, May 22, once again young men—many of them with lumps in their throats—will hear the Battalion Commander dismiss the St. John's Corps—forever. For about 20 of these Cadets the order will ring with finality, for they are graduating seniors and they will be leaving St.

John's and the life they have been leading as Cadets, not for just three short summer months, but forever.

Of course, they will return many times in the future, but only as visitors.

For the remainder of the Corps there will be another year, another Battalion Commander, other company and platoon officers, but never the same bunch of guys as have led them this school year. So, they too will find it a little hard to swallow, the tears difficult to keep back.

The men of St. John's who stood in the formation area those 68 years ago, had that feeling, too. Maybe not quite such a strong feeling, though, because such traditions as the "old boys" shield, the rat speech, the "S" Club, and the Crack Squad, had not yet been established.

All that stood on the campus in those by-gone days was Vail Hall. Not yet erected was the Gymnasium, the New Barracks (nor the old barracks, either), the Armstrong Chapel, the Junior School, the Mechanical

Arts Building or the Dining Hall.

The grass was just barely beginning to wear off the "Bull Ring". Little was it realized that thousands of feet were to stomp around that circle in the next seven decades because someone was being punished.

Many of the men who walked that "Bull Ring" have gone off to one of the four wars that St. John's has sent her sons to fight. Little did these men know that some of the hardships they were enduring here at St. John's were molding them into the type of men who could go to war with confidence that they were able to take care of themselves.

Nor did they realize that through these "lessons" they were being better prepared to take their place in a world sometimes at peace.

When the last strains of taps echo across the campus next Sunday, St. John's will stand quietly in the background as 20 more seniors—with a snap to their step—go forward to face the world. They will be confident. They are the men of St. John's.

United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Thursday evening the cadets left Washington on the return trip to St. John's. According to the cadets the trip was as much, if not more, than they could have hoped for. Already, the cadets who will be seniors next year are making preparations for the same trip.

CANNON ON EXHIBIT

Capt. Richard King, Junior School instructor, who is a member of the Salina National Guard unit, arranged for a 105 cannon to be on exhibit for the drill period on May 9. Captain King explained firing procedure for the weapon.

Fried - Chicken Meal Monday For "S" Club At Hilltop Farm

The "S" Club will hold the second of its two annual banquets on Monday, May 16, at the Hilltop Farm, east of Salina. Featured will be Country Fried Spring Chicken with all the trimmings.

The spring banquet will honor the graduating seniors of the lettermen's organization.

The twelve members of the "S" Club who will graduate this year are: Larry Rice, Roger Bigler, Dean Hargrove, John McMurray, Herb Soukup, George Race, Tom Mathers, Dale Browning, Grant Torbit, Darryl Seybert, and Stuart Miller.

Five Junior School Cadets Named On Honor Roll

Five Junior School Cadets have been named to the Rector's Honor Roll and six others have received Honorable Mention for their scholastic achievements during the last grading period.

Heading the list is Cadet Jerry Moore with an average of 97 for the past month. Other cadets with above 90 averages are Stanley Baldwin, Robert Pester, Michael Bird, and Douglas Foote.

Receiving Honorable Mention for averages above 85 were Al Palmer, Jimmy Miller, John Maultsby, Allen Bass, Jim Garner, and Phil Ivaldy.



REMEMBER WHEN? This is a picture of the championship Junior School basketball team of 1950-51. Do you recognize number 55 at the right end of the back row. Or how about number 25 in the same row. See if you can guess who number 35, second from left in the front row is? If you give up, here are the answers. Number 55 is Larry Rice, 25 is Dave Harris and Rod Ellison. John Keso and J. L. Cole, graduates last year are among the others pictured.

Crack Platoon Performs Saturday At Regionals

The 40-man Crack Drill Platoon from St. John's Military School will defend their regional title in Omaha Saturday.

Winner over drill teams from

Idle Talk

School buys new plaque for the Gordon Prize winner which will be placed in the entrance way to the office in Vail Hall . . . the Gordon prize hasn't been given in three years. Colonel hints this may be the year for the award.

The Guernseys give informal supper for the Cadet officers . . . dinner consisted of Pizza pie and lots of small talk. Journalism class winds up the year with this paper, the last edition . . . a successful year . . . we hope??

Building and grounds staff preparing for Commencement . . . the floor in the office has been resealed already. Dale Browning has the ball going on the Commencement Dance . . . we don't know what it'll look like yet but you can bet if Dale's in charge it'll be good.

Salina Kiwanis Club will start an S.J.M.S. Key Club next year. The club will organize next September . . . members are to be chosen by their academic standing and character. Already the barracks are busy with Cadets beginning to pack up their clothes, room decorations, and personal items . . . I expect to see a few trailers at school as well as cars.

In the Thesis contest, the essays have been narrowed down to four . . . the winner will get the medal and the other three get certificates of merit. Crack Platoon is anxious to get on with it . . . the Regional drill, that is. The faculty brass are buzzing around making the last minute preparations . . . wonder what they'll forget?

Parents should be looking forward to seeing the school at Commencement . . . what with the grass, leaves, and teachers turning green.

Bye now . . . it's been fun!

seven central states in the Civil Air Patrol sponsored competition last May, the St. John's cadets will again be representing the Kansas Wing of C.A.P. in the meet Saturday.

The Salina Cadets will compete against teams representing Civil Air Patrol Wings from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Missouri.

The competition consists of six minutes of regulation close order drill and six minutes of "monkey" drill. Winner of the regional championship will qualify to enter the national drill competition which will be held in July at Dayton, Ohio.

The St. John's platoon participated in last year's national competition at Minneapolis, Minn. This meet was won by a team from Puerto Rico while Hawaii's team was runner-up.

The St. John's drill unit is commanded by Cadet 1st Lt. Larry Rice, Hoisington. Teams will be judged on military bearing and appearance, response to commands, smartness in execution of drill movements, marching deportment, steadiness on parade and dressing-covering off. Drill commanders will be judged on word of command, deportment, ability to control team, appearance and bearing, manner of reporting to review officer, and confidence-leadership qualities. The cadets will fly from Smoky Hill Air Force Base to Offutt AFB, Saturday morning. The competition will be held at the Omaha base.

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CHAMPION ENTERS — Don White, the 1954 IMCA National Stock Car Champion, has filed an entry for the late model stock car race to be held Sunday afternoon, May 29, on the Kansas Free Fair half-mile track. White, who hails from Keokuk, Iowa, will be at the wheel of a 1955 Oldsmobile. A strong field of contenders for White's title are expected to be on deck for the Topeka event.

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Skirmisher Picks George Akers As "New Boy Of Month"

A Cadet who just entered St. John's in January steps forward this month as the SKIRMISHER staff's selection as New Boy of the Month.

George started the second semester at St. John's after attending high school the first half year at his home town, Holly, Colo.

A pleasant attitude and a will to work hard to accomplish his goal have been George's strong points in the few months he has

chosen the college which he hopes to attend.

George hopes to finish his next two years at St. John's, one of his chief ambitions being to make the basketball team.

Congratulations George, and keep up the good work.

16 Advanced In Grade, Rank

Pelkey And Seybert Receive Commissions

Promotions of three officers, four non-coms, and nine privates have been announced by the Commandant's office.

Promoted to Cadet Captain was Cadet 1st Lt. Dean Hargrove, cadet public information officer.

Receiving advancements to 1st lieutenant were Cadet 2nd Lts. Larry Rice and Earle Fox. Cadet 1st Sgt. Don Pelkey and Cadet Sgt. Darryl Seybert were commissioned as second lieutenants.

Other non-coms promoted were Cpl. George Race, and Col. Herb Soukup, each receiving the rank of sergeant.

Cadets Bruce Cuddeback and Bill Preston were promoted from Private First Class to Corporal. Promoted to Private First Class were Cadets George Bristow, George Akers, Steve James, Larry Menegay, Carl Rylander, Tom Sweigart, and Larry Spencer.



GEORGE AKERS Wins "New Boy" Honor

been here. A sophomore, Akers' favorite subject is typing.

He is proud of his father's large wheat farm and elevator in eastern Colorado, but favors a career in aviation following graduation. He has not yet

Senior Picture Policy Changed This Year

For many years it has been traditional in the Commencement Edition of the SKIRMISHER to run individual pictures of the senior graduation class and a group picture of the graduating eighth grade Cadets.

This policy was eliminated this year because each Cadet has already received THE SOUND OFF with pictures of the graduates.

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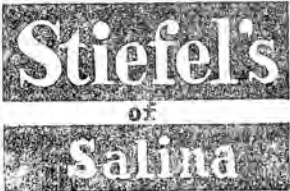
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Honors And Prizes To Be Awarded

Many Honors and Prizes will be awarded at Commencement exercises to Cadets who have shown themselves to be outstanding throughout the school year. These will be presented at the Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 22.

Here is a listing of the awards to be presented:

The Gordon Prize: Given to the Cadet who combines the qualities of school spirit and excellence in studies and athletics.

Sage Memorial Medal: To the Cadet who has shown the greatest development during the school year.

Amlens Scholarship Medal: To the Cadet who wins his letter in athletics and has the highest scholastic standing.

Effort Medal: Presented to the Cadet who has made the greatest progress.

Tinsley C. Frey Athletic Medal: to the Cadet who has rendered the greatest service in the promotion of athletics.

Commandant's Medals: to the Cadets ranking highest in competitive manual of arms in the Upper and Junior School.

Bugler's Cup: Given to the most proficient in the calls.

Rose Cup: To the new boy with the most satisfactory record.

Leadership Medal: Presented

to the Cadet who has promoted interest in some activity by showing leadership.

Wilson Loyalty Cup: To the Cadet who has shown a distinctly loyal spirit.

Thesis Medal: To the Cadet writing the best essay on a patriotic subject.

Citizenship Medal: To the non-commissioned officer most outstanding in citizenship.

American Legion Medal: Given to the commissioned officer with the highest academic standing for the year.

Rotary Cup: to the senior who has had the longest service at St. John's.

The Junior School Medal: To the Cadet making the most satisfactory record in the Junior School.

The Junior School Progress Medal: Given to the Junior School Cadet making the greatest progress during the school year.

The Shank Prizes: A book given to the head of each class in academic standing.

Army and Navy Medal: Given to the captain of the victorious intramural athletic club.

Athletic Medals: Given to the Cadets scoring the most points in the Upper School and in the Junior School on the annual Athletic Field Day.

Marksmanship Badge: To the Cadet making the highest score in competitive calibre .30 firing.

Moreland Medal: To the Cadet making the highest score in competitive calibre .22 firing.

The Bishop's Award: Presented to the Cadet who is of greatest service in work with the Chaplain.

A special faculty award will be presented for the first time this year to an outstanding Cadet in all phases of school life.

INDONESIAN STUDENT VISITS ST. JOHN'S

A recent visitor of the school was Kadir Ibrahim from Indonesia, who is a business administration student studying under the Saline County Council of the UNESCO Exchange. Mr. Ibrahim visited several classes.

Carlquest Named To Faculty Post As Language Instructor

Colonel R. L. Clem, Rector, has announced the appointment of a new foreign language instructor at St. John's Military School.

Theodore O. Carlquest, on the language staff at Cherokee high



THEODORE CARLQUEST . . . new language instructor

school, in Iowa, the past several years, will assume his duties at St. John's next September, Colonel Clem stated.

Carlquest will replace Mrs. Bula Tait, who has taught both Spanish and Latin as an interim teacher for the past three years.

Carlquest holds a B.A. degree from Iowa State Teachers college and has done graduate work in Mexico City college, the University of Mexico, and the University of Iowa. He has traveled extensively in Latin-American countries and frequently lectures on Latin-American culture and history.

Along with the academic classes, Carlquest will assume various military duties at St. John's. He is a World War II veteran of the United States Navy.

SIX CADETS ATTEND ACOLYTES FESTIVAL

Six Cadets attended an Acolytes Festival of the missionary district of Salina in Hays, Sunday, May 8. The Cadets attending were Allen Oliver, Jim Ledgerwood, Joe Stanberry, David Hane, Tommy Clark, and George Merritt.

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Record Set As Cadets Fire .30 Cal. Course

The Cadet Corps traveled to the Smoky Hill firing range by bus this week to fire the 30-06 course. A new school record was set this year by Lt. Larry Rice with a score of 198 out of a possible 210.

Qualifying as marksman with scores of between 125 and 148 were Akers, Anderson, Moore C., Blethen, Race, Calhoun, Bacon, Cummings, Dedman Fox, Garner, Stanberry, Hales, Hawkins, Garrett, Keating, Murphy, Nealy, Stone, Turner, and McMurray.

Sharpshooters, with scores of 148 to 169 were Beech, Benitez, Claycomb, B., Ferris, Handy, Hargrove, Leach, Merritt, Oliver, Parkinson, Preston, Ransom, Schram, Smith, D., Wilson, Beams, Masline, and Schuler.

Getting top scores and qualifying as Experts with scores above 169 were Benne, Bigler, Browning, Eilebrecht, Harris, Johnson, T., Mathers, Morrison, Pelkey, Schmitz, Seybert, Soukup, Sullivan, Sweigart, Weber, Cuddeback, Ellison, Masten, Miller, S., Rice, Torbit, and Keith.

Range officer was Major Guernsey. Line officers were Col. Hardy and Lt. Nuss; score keeper was Capt. Hower, and the Pit officers were Capt. Loy and Capt. Elmborg. During lunch time Captain King had a demonstration of the M-1 rifle, the carbine and the Sub-Machine gun. Cadets later were permitted to fire these weapons.

Nine Upper School Cadets Named On Honor Roll

Nine Upper School Cadets have been named to the Rector's Honor Roll and seven others have received Honorable Mention for the past grading period.

Tied for top honors were Cadet Capt. Dean Hargrove and Cadet Pfc. Whit Masten with an average of 93 the past month.

Others on the Honor Roll with an above 90 average were Eddie Stone, Roger Bacon, Roger Bigler, Darryl Seybert, Robert Blethen, Larry Rice, and Dale Browning.

Receiving Honorable Mention with an above 85 average were Bill Preston, Kirk Maslin, Paul Stappenbeck, Charles Moore, Hugh Parkinson, Tom Mathers, and Al Ransom.

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N.H.S. Elects Officers; To Give Honor Trophy

The National Honor Society resumed activities shortly after Spring Furlough with several informal meetings and two dinner meetings. The first dinner meeting was held at Hilltop Farm, in mid-April.

Last week a second dinner meeting was held at the Salina Country Club as the guests of Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem. After the dinner and meeting the Cadets attended a show.

In a recent meeting members of the Society decided to present a trophy this Commencement. This is the first time in several years that the Society has sponsored such an award. It will be presented on the following merits: leadership, military bearing, sports, initiative, social activities, and scholastic standing.

In this meeting, the cadets also voted on the person who in their eyes met these standards. The winner is known only to Colonel Clem and will be announced at Commencement with all the other awards.

The cadets who make up the National Honor Society this year are; club officers, Dale Browning, president; Larry Rice, vice president; Darryl Seybert, secretary-treasurer; and regular members Roger Bigler, Roger Bacon, Eddie Stone, Paul Stappenbeck, Robert Blethen, Whit Masten, Dean Hargrove, Tom Garrett, Colby Johnson, Hugh Parkinson, Al Ransom, Charles Moore, Fred Schram, Kirk Maslin, and Bill Preston.

Art Display At Public Library

Art work of Salina high school artists is on display at the Salina Public Library. The display will continue until May 23.

Fifty pieces are included in the display located in the adult reading room and children's department of the library.

Mr. Carl W. Peterson, Salina high art instructor, says this year's exhibit has more categories represented than ever before. Categories include travel illustrations, scratch board, story illustrations, designs, home designing, charcoal, linoleum block print, water colors, casien, pencil drawing, plaster mask and store window unit display.

There are several gold key winners from last year's scholastic magazine contest. Also displayed is "Pioneer Home," second prize winner in this year's state contest. The display was prepared by Phillip Harper.

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The Sporting Thing

By Bill Preston

There's good news in the sporting world at St. John's. Several hundred dollars worth of new equipment has been purchased for the gym. It consists of some new wrestling mats, a punching bag and some new gymnastic equipment. I'm sure it will all help to round out the athletic program next year.

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Speaking of new athletic equipment, other equipment needed includes a set of hurdles. The lack of hurdles this year meant the track team had none to practice on and had a rough time competing with schools who had been practicing on them all season.

New hurdles could either be purchased or for less money, made in the mechanical arts building. If our boys are willing to work hard enough to compete with other schools in track meets, it seems the least we can do is to provide them equipment with which to train.

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I was sorry to note that the boys who were playing golf at the first of the track-baseball season, have quit going out. Maybe next year enough boys can be interested in going out to form a regular golf team.

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In winding up my last column of the year, I want to congratulate this year's athletic teams on doing the best job they could. We all wish they could have won a few more but we all know they did their best.

I also thank the coaches, Captains Elmborg, Loy and Hower, for working hard with the boys and giving as many tips and pointers as they could. I know I speak for every athlete and cadet in school when I say thanks a lot Lefty, Cap, and Fat. We appreciate it!

And last of all, I wish next year's teams all the luck in the world. I know they've got the spirit and talent, if they can just combine them to make winners.

Letters Awarded To Cheerleaders, Fonck At Banquet

A sidelight on the Lettermen's Dance was the presentation of awards to cheerleaders and the honorary letter given to Mr. John Fonck.

Following the basketball awards by Captain Elmborg, Captain Duckers gave letters to Miss Bonnie Cobb, Peggy Todd, and Jim Claycomb. Miss Jo Ellen Kean, another cheerleader, was not able to attend the dance and Miss Cobb received the letter for her.

Following the cheerleader awards, Captain Duckers presented John Fonck with an honorary St. John's letter because of the moral support he had given the S.J.M.S. athletic teams this year. Mr. Fonck will be made an honorary "S" Club member at the "S" Club's annual Spring Banquet.

Committees Working On Commencement Decorations
Preparations are underway on the decorations for the Commencement Dance. Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social chairman, and Cadets Dale Browning, Grant Torbit, Darryl Seybert and David Harris are heading various committees responsible for getting the gymnasium decorated for the Senior Dance and graduation exercises. Theme for the dance will be "Spring".

LETTERMEN'S DANCE

ST. JOHN'S LETTERMEN and their dates were entertained recently at the annual dance in honor of varsity lettermen. Pictured here is Cadet Herb Soukup dancing with his date. Darryl Seybert and his girl chose to "sit this one out" and found a cool place under the stars in front of Vail Hall. The dance was preceded by a dinner in the dining hall, featuring Sirloin Steaks.



Thinclads Post 1-2 Track Mark

St. John's thinclads closed their season last week with a one won, two lost record.

The Cadets opened the season with a loss to Marquette here.

The second meet was against Lindsborg and St. John's won 73-59.

St. John's 8 1sts, 9 2nds, 6 3rds, 73 total points.
Lindsborg 8 1sts, 5 2nds, 7 3rds, 59 total points.

Herb Soukup, George Bristow, Rod Ellison, Jerry Lutton, Al Ransom, Hugh Parkinson, Robert Blethen, Terry Johnson, Earle Fox, Gary Leet, Stu Miller, and George Race were those responsible for the eight 1st places.

In the final track meet, Miltonvale defeated the cadets 26½-104½ on a 330 yard track.

St. John's 2 1sts, 3 2nds, 8 3rds, 26½ total points.
Miltonville 14 1sts, 10 2nds, 5 3rds, 104½ total points.

St. John's firsts were won by Bristow, Ellison, Soukup, Lutton, and Ransom.

Four Faculty Officers Will Spend Summer Recruiting For School

Four St. John's staff officers will be traveling for the School this summer in several states.

Colonel R. L. Clem, Rector, will headquarter in Denver and be interviewing prospective patrons there, and in other parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy will also headquarter in Denver and be traveling in southern Colorado, New Mexico and other points in the southwest.

Capt. K. G. Duckers and Lt. H. E. Nuss will share duties in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Crack Squad To Give Final Show At Dance; Name New Commander

By Larry Rice

Final appearance of the Crack Drill Squad will be just

Athletes Get Letters At Meal Honoring Them

The annual Lettermen's dinner-dance was held this year on Wednesday, April 27. The dinner began at 6:00 in the Mess Hall. Following the dinner was a short program emceed by Cadet Capt. Dale Browning.

The dance began at 8:00 and ended at 11:00.

The program started with presentation of letter awards to basketball and football lettermen by Capt. J. D. Elmborg, Director of Athletics. After the awards were given, Capt. V. B. Loy, Assistant Coach, made a short talk on the importance of baseball.

Capt. K. G. Duckers followed with the presentation of honorary awards. These went to cheerleaders Peggy Todd, Bonnie Cobb, Jo Ellen Kean, and Cadet Jim Claycomb. A special letter award was made to Mr. John Fonck for his loyal support of the St. John's athletic teams.

Colonel Clem spoke briefly on his athletic recollections of St. John's and complimented this year's teams. A floor show was then presented by Marshall Silver, head of the Seymour-Silver school of dancing. Mr. Silver brought along several of his pupils who performed a variety of exhibition dances.

The dance began at 8:00 with the music of Freddie Welch's Orchestra. The decorations for the dance were supervised by Capt. Dale Browning and Capt. Grant Torbit.

prior to the Senior Dance on Saturday night.

At this time Cadet Maj. Roger Bigler, commander of the team, will turn over his sabre to a junior cadet whom he will select as next year's commander.

The Crack Squad this year has had one of the busiest years ever as far as public appearances are concerned. Since the last issue of the SKIRMISHER the following appearances have been made:

On Monday, April 11, the Squad journeyed to Topeka for a television appearance over WIBW-TV at 6:45 in the evening. They stayed all night at the Y.M.C.A. The next morning they toured the State Capitol Building, Historical Museum, and the Capper Publications. The Capitol tour included an audience with Gov. Fred Hall. The Squad returned to school in the evening.

Friday morning, April 15, the drill unit left for Hutchinson for an exhibition over K.T.V.H. television which was featured on the Helen Gard Show.

The Crack Squad and Parade Platoon joined forces April 23, for an appearance in Marysville, Kans., celebrating the American Legion convention there. The platoon marched in the parade in the afternoon and both units performed in the night show at the Stadium.

Panel Group Completes Series of Appearances With Nebraska Trip

The school Panel group, consisting of three Cadets, Lt. Darryl Seybert, Pfc. Allen Bass, and Capt. Dean Hargrove, wound up their series of program presentations, Tuesday, May 10. On this date the group presented a program for the McCook, Neb., Rotary Club.

Cadets Post 1-2 Baseball Record

St. John's Cadets opened their 1955 baseball season with a loss to Bavaria 4-0. The Cadets were able to get four hits but could not make any of them count. Bavaria scored four runs on four hits.

In their second game St. John's fell under a powerful Solomon team 14-1.

George Bristow and Bud Webber were the only Cadets to get hits, and Bristow the only one to cross the plate.

The Cadets finally got hot in their third and final game and whipped the Brookville Cardinals 11-8.

Cadets who scored two runs were Fred Schram, Stu Miller, and John McMurray, while those who crossed the plate once were Al Ransom, Tom Sweigart, George Bristow, and Hugh Parkinson. St. John's got 11 runs from seven hits while Brookville received eight runs from five hits.

The season ended last Tuesday with the Cadets posting a one and two record.

St. John's crowded schedule seemed to leave little time for baseball practice, which was one of the main factors that kept the Cadets from playing more ball games.

Colonel Clem accompanied the Panel.

The Panel has made nine appearances this year, appearing before the Russell Kiwanis Club, Arkansas City Kiwanis Club, Downtown Topeka Kiwanis, Salina Rotary, Salina Kiwanis, Pueblo, Colo., Rotary, Abilene Kiwanis, and the McCook, Neb., Rotary.

The Panel's longest trip of the year was made to Pueblo, Colo., on March 30. The group was accompanied by Capt. K. G. Duckers and Cadet Capt. Grant Torbit, who acted as moderator for the program. The Cadets stayed at the Torbit's home while in Pueblo.

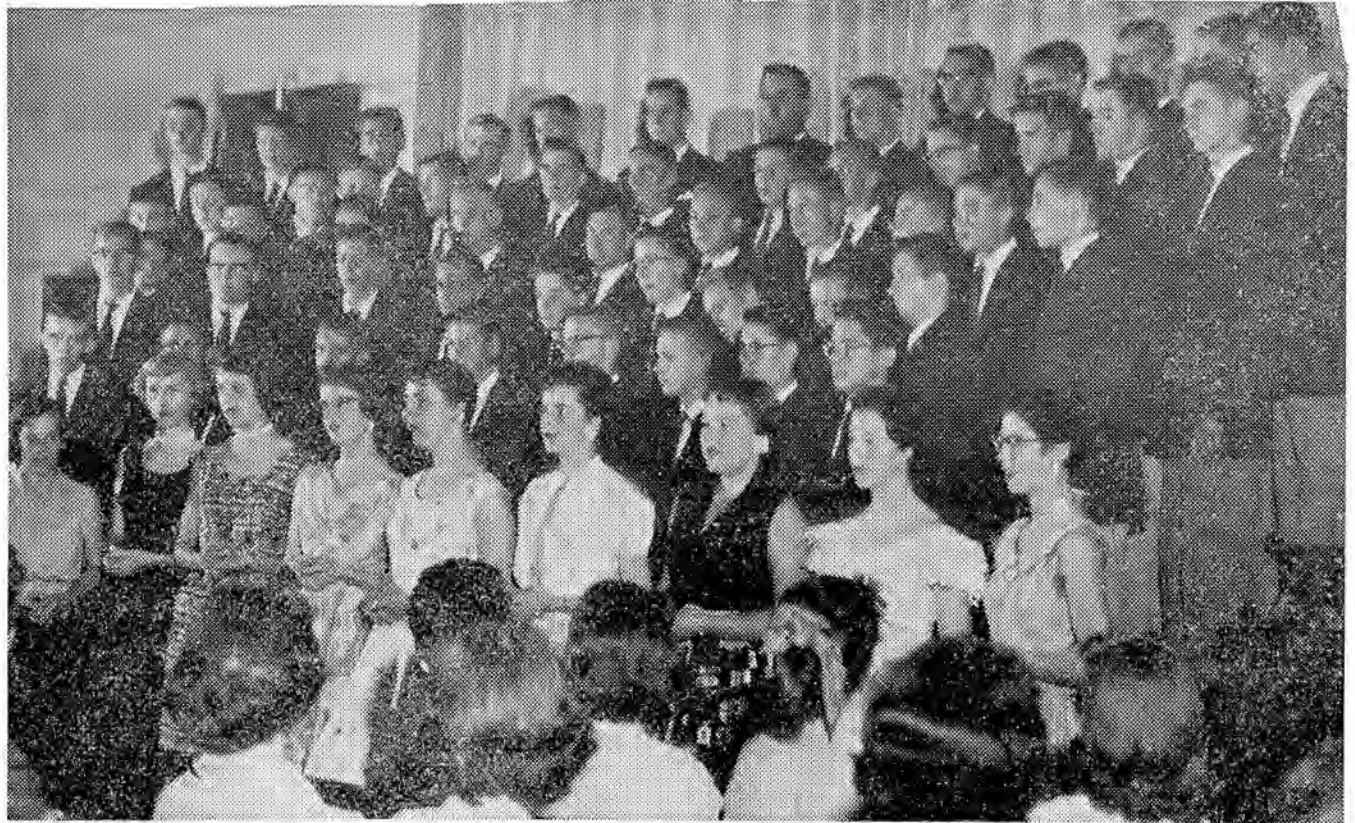
Enrollment Campaign Features Wichita Trip

An enrollment campaign has been in progress at St. John's for the past two weeks under the direction of Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy.

Chief aim of the campaign is to get as many applications as possible before school is out so that school officials will have a better idea of the size Corps of Cadets to plan for next year.

Each team in the campaign is headed by a staff officer and two seniors. The winning team will receive an all-expense trip to Wichita on May 15, at which time they will have dinner and take in a movie.

Winning team members who return next September, will also receive an expense free trip to Kansas City to see the Athletics play next September. The Kansas City trip will be overnight.



"NAUGHTY LADY OF SHADY LANE" is being sung at an all-school assembly in the Armstrong Chapel by the Glee Club from Russell High School. The Russell group, under the direction of Freddy Welch, also entertained at St. John's last year. The group made a special trip to Salina to sing for the Cadets. Following the program, Cadets took members of the Glee Club on a tour of campus buildings.

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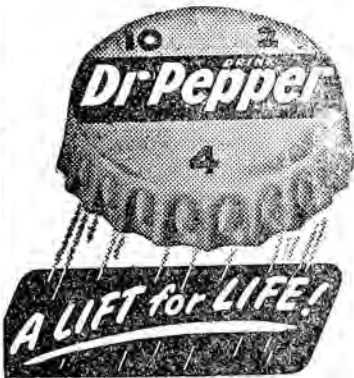
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FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Cadets are hitting the books this week in preparation for final exams next Thursday and Friday. Periods one, three and five will meet Thursday for two-hour exam sessions. On Friday periods two and four will take their finals.

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Salina High Groups Entertain Cadets At Assemblies

The sophomore girls ensemble from Salina High entertained at an all-school assembly on May 6. On May 13, the Salina High Madrigal presented a program at St. John's. Both groups ate breakfast with the Cadets prior to the programs.

Winners of many top state honors in music, the groups from Salina High are under the direction of Paul Ryberg.

The Madrigal group had entertained at St. John's previously this year and returned by popular demand of the Cadets.

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This will eliminate the necessity of buglers blowing the same call several times.

It will be possible to make announcements to all cadets during evening study hall over the inter-com system.

For the final week of school a test plan to play background music during evening study hall will be tried out. If this plan proves successful and not distracting, it will become standard procedure next September.

At SKIRMISHER press time the system has not yet been completed, but it is expected to be in full operation for the final week of school.

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