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Service Uniform Change Announced

Cadets To Wear Air Force Blues

No Change In Dress; Khakis Replace Fatigues

A change in the Cadet service uniform to become effective Sept. 10, 1955 has been announced by Col. R. L. Clem, Rector.

Reason for the change, Colonel Clem said, is "because staff officers and a Cadet committee felt that there was a real need for a more durable and attractive uniform for every day wear." "We definitely feel that the proposed uniform will be the most practical ever used at St. John's," he said.

Cost About Same

Cost of the service uniform will be almost exactly the same, although the quality is much better. The new service outfit is similar to the uniform of U. S. Air Force enlisted personnel with these exceptions:

1. Black stripes 1½ inches wide will be worn on the trouser at the outside seams to signify the wearer is a Cadet.
2. Shoulder straps and the service cap will have black piping.
3. The service shirts to be used for every day wear will be blue (similar to those now worn by faculty officers.)

No Change in Dress Uniform

Colonel Clem pointed out that the new dress uniform will be the same color and style, but of different material, as the present uniform. Cadets having useable dress uniforms may wear the same next year.

"We are not sure now as to overcoat specifications but we expect material to be better, color different and the price the same as this year's," the rector said. He said that old Cadets would not be required to buy the new overcoat.

Khakis Standard Issue

As part of the uniform issue to new cadets next fall two pair of khaki trousers and two khaki shirts will replace the fatigues that have been required in the past. No fatigues will be required.

The rector stated that in the future all trade-ins will be made through the R. S. Military Store in Salina and not through the St. John's quarter-

master. The R.&S. will not accept in trade any of our present service uniforms.

Colonel Clem emphasized that it will not be necessary for Cadets returning to St. John's next year to purchase a complete set of new uniforms. Only required items will be the new service blouse, cap, trousers and shirts. Present dress uniforms that still fit the owner will be acceptable at least through next school year.

Free Alterations

Tailors at the R.&S. Military Store, in announcing the handling of uniforms for St. John's, said that they would alter free of charge, as long as such can be altered, uniforms of the original purchaser.

New Cadets who have entered school recently are now wearing the new service uniforms. General opinion of the Cadet Corps is that the new outfits are not only better looking, but will be much more durable.

"S" Club Opens New Game Room

Electric Games Furnish Entertainment for Cadets

The "S" Club has turned the unused 'B' Floor dormitory into a game room for Cadet use. The room went into business officially Saturday, Jan. 22, when Cadets Jerry Lutton and Fred Schram, managers of the room, opened the doors to let in the Cadet traffic.

The room now holds two electrically operated pin-ball machines, one electric bowling game, two soft-drink dispensing machines, one candy dispenser, tables and chairs for card playing, and will have a juke box, and an electric shuffleboard will be installed soon.

The "S" Club is financing the project with the school's help, and has taken over the management of the room. Mr. John W. Clark of the Salina Music and Amusement Co., is the distributor of all the electrical games in the room. Mr. Clark gave the 'S' Club its juke box at the first of the year, and has been helpful throughout.

The success of the game room rests primarily upon Lutton and Schram, who have taken over the management of the room for the time being, as they handle all the money and have the responsibility of watching the equipment. The room has already established itself as worthwhile, as it is giving the Cadets more recreation during their free time.

Hand-Carved Rood Acquired For Chapel

A hand-carved rood has been acquired for the chapel and will hang between the Chancel and Nave. The rood is a Crucifix with the figures of Our Lord, Mary on the right side, and St. John, the Evangelist, on the left side standing at the foot of the cross. Most of the Episcopal churches of America have this beautiful architecture which symbolizes the Gate of Death leading from earth to Heaven by the cross.

CADET OPINIONS VARY ON CHANGE

By Bill Preston

Opinions varied at St. John's this week following the Rector's announcement of a uniform change for next year.

The majority of the cadets planning to return next year favored the change.

Sophomore Neil Murphy said, "I like the color and the zipper on the jacket".

A new boy and one of the first to get the new uniforms, Russel Beames junior from Rolla, Mo., said, "I think they're all right but I don't like the stripe down the leg".

Freshman Ed Stone said, "I think it will look nice and will wear a lot longer".

Dale Browning, a senior from Pueblo, Colo., said, "I like them, period."

Sophomore Roger Bacon, El Dorado, said, "I like the idea of better material because it will wear longer".

Ron Neely from Pueblo, Colo., put it this way, "I like them because they look more like the Air Force uniforms."

Comments heard criticizing the change:

Hugh Parkinson, a junior from Craig, Colo., said, "I don't care for the black piping and think it should be a brighter color to make the uniforms look less dull".

Freshman George Bristow said, "I don't like it because of the stripes".

Hargrove Heads Honor Roll

Six Upper School Cadets have been named to the Rector's Honor Roll and twelve others have received Honorable Mention for their scholastic achievements during the past grading period.

Heading the list is 1st. Lt. Dean Hargrove with a 93 average for this grading period.

Others on the Honor Roll with an above ninety average were Paul Stappenback, Edward Stone, Roger Bacon, Darryl Seybert, and Whit Masten.

Receiving Honorable Men-

tion with a monthly average of between 85 and 90 were Roger Bigler, Bill Preston, Al Ransom, Robert Blethen, Hugh Parkinson, Charles Moore, Fred Ferris, Larry Rice, Dale Browning, Tom Garrett, Kirk Maslin, and Colby Johnson.

Faculty Personnel Shed Titles To Take On Variety Of Nicknames

By Earle Fox

Nicknames are commonplace among the Cadets and a recent survey showed the formal titles now carried by faculty members are not always worn.

For example when the Commandant, Maj. R. L. Guernsey, takes off his gold oak leaves he usually "puts on" the name "Russ".

Both coaches, Captains Elmborg and Loy, wear nicknames almost continually. Elmborg is known as "Fat" for some unknown reason, and "Lefty" is Loy's informal title because he throws from the port-side.

Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy shortens

Trip Plans Progressing, But Parent Permission Slips Needed By Office

Plans for the Senior trip to Washington, D. C. in late March are in progress while the big hold up is waiting for the parents permission for the individual cadets to go on the tour.

Parents of those going on the trip should send a note immediately to the office granting permission. Cost of the trip is slightly less than \$150.00. The boys will be gone for a week.

Bigler Advanced To Cadet Major

McMurray Promoted To Cadet Captain

The promotions in rank of two officers was announced by Maj. R. L. Guernsey to the Cadet Corps Saturday, Jan. 22.

Cadet Capt. Roger Bigler, Cortez, Colo., was promoted to the rank of major and Cadet 1st. Lt. John McMurray was promoted to captain.

Cadet major is the highest rank which can be achieved by a Cadet, and only one Cadet from the senior class each year is awarded this rank.

This is Maj. Bigler's fourth year at St. John's and in his four years here he has attained Battalion Commander, Crack Squad Captain, and a squad leader on the Crack Platoon. He has also received various medals for firing both large bore and small bore rifles and other scholastic achievements.

ATTEND MOVIE

St. John's Latin and Spanish classes attended the movie "Sign of the Pagen" on January 19. The movie was presented at the Watson theater and the Cadets were admitted at reduced rates.

John's until graduation in 1959. Congratulations to Stan Baldwin for his progress this year.

PICK BALDWIN FOR NEW BOY OF JANUARY

An eighth grade cadet from Hebron, Neb., steps forward this month for the Skirmisher's "New Boy" honor.

Pfc. Stanley Baldwin has been chosen for his "honesty, popularity, manners, appearance and attitude in general", according to the Skirmisher's "New Boy" committee.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Baldwin, Stanley was ac-



Stanley Baldwin

quainted with St. John's through the parents of Cadet John Morrison, McCook, Nebr. Both Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Morrison are attorneys and have been friends for years. Capt. John Todd, Junior School director, pointed out to the committee that Stan has an excellent hook record and is consistently on the J. S. honor roll.

As far as Stan's likes are concerned, he likes Doris Day, Bing Crosby, French fried shrimp, St. John's and life in general.

He plans to remain at St. John's until graduation in 1959.

Congratulations to Stan Baldwin for his progress this year.

Commandant Announces Several Promotions

The promotion of three non-coms and ten cadets was announced to the Cadet Corp by Maj. R. L. Guernsey, commandant, last week.

Promoted to Cadet Sergeants were Cpl. Fred Handy, Cpl. Kirk Maslin, and Cpl. Robert Schuler.

Cadet Pfc. Larry Menegay, Pfc. Hugh Parkinson, and Pfc. Fred Schram, were promoted to corporals and Guy Benitez, Kenneth Cummings, Tom Garrett, Charles Moore, Robert Schmitz, Mike Wherritt, and George Race were awarded promotions to private, first class.

J. Moore Tops J. S. Honor Roll

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

Cadet Jerry Moore heads the list with an average of 96.5 for the month. Other cadets with above ninety averages were Douglas Foote, Stanley Baldwin, Robert Pester, and Al Palmer.

Receiving Honorable Mention for an average of between eighty five and ninety were Allen Bass, Tommy Clark, Gary Metzger, Ellwood Brockman, and Jimmy Miller.

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DOWNTOWN MANNERS

Right now is the time for something to be said about the conduct of some Cadets downtown. Everyone that attends St. John's is supposed to know how to act in public as well as in private. However, the conduct of some of the Cadets is a disgrace. They seem to think that when they are downtown they are not under the critical eyes of faculty or Cadet officers. That's no excuse!

If a boy has any self respect, much less esprit de corps, he'll be even more careful on pass than during the routine day on the campus.

The people of Salina . . . The merchants, the man that runs the drug store, the ushers in the theaters . . . are our toughest critics. Downtown Salinans see a bunch of civilian kids having a good time, but being pretty loud at the same time, it's "just some kids letting off steam." But if a Cadet from St. John's doesn't look twice before he crosses the street it's a cardinal sin. But don't get me wrong. I've seen a lot of misconduct that would make anybody mad, and it was done by Cadets.

Watch yourself on the small things. When you sit in a restaurant or go into a drug store use best manners. The average person who sees just one poorly dressed, ill-mannered Cadet, automatically judges the school from that observation. There are not too many guys that act that way but remember it only takes one. When you see someone downtown acting up, tell him to "get on the ball."

Remember, the entire Cadet Corps is often judged by the actions of one or two Cadets.

SHORTER VS. LONGER STUDY HALLS

"By golly, if I was the teacher I'd do so and so," is a common statement around St. John's. It's so common in fact that we decided to conduct a brief survey this month to show some of the answers to this question.

Larry Menegay, junior from Iola, Kans., would have less talking in class by the cadets, more study time, and wouldn't have so much home work.

Allen Oliver, sophomore from Tulsa, Okla., wants more field trips, circular seating so to see better and most of all more study time.

Bruce Cuddeback, sophomore from Casper, Wyo., thinks the teachers should let the cadets eat candy and gum, be like "Fat", let them talk, less home work, shorter study halls.

Bill Beech, sophomore from Wichita, wants longer class time, "so everyone can get their home work in class." He also would like to get up later so he could stay awake in class.

Eleven JS Cadets
Receive Merit Awards

Forming a line in the Upper School Guard Room Thursday, Jan. 20, were 11 Cadets from the Junior School who had come to pick up their merit bars and ribbons. This was the merit issue for the last half of the first semester.

The Cadets who received their ribbons and stars Thursday were Allan Bass, Mike Bird, Tom Clark, John Hawkins, Phillip Ivaldy, John Maulsby, Jim Miller, Jerry Moore, Al Palmer, Bob Pester, and Jerry Scott.

Merits are given out according to room inspections, classroom grades, leadership ability, and the Cadet's hook record.

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BASS PROMOTED

Cadet Allan Bass from Oklahoma City was promoted to the rank of Pfc. on Friday, Jan. 21.

APTITUDE TESTS GIVEN

Aptitude tests on Cadets interests in different fields were given recently to the Senior class by Lt. H. E. Nuss. The results of the tests indicate which fields the Cadets seem to be best suited for and interested in going into after graduation.

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The
Sporting
Thing

By Bill Preston

Looking into the future in this month's column, I'd like to bring up the subject of baseball.

On a recent Sunday, nearly a dozen cadets were seen out playing on the baseball diamond west of the school. While these boys seemed to be rushing the season a little, they were all out there hustling, which shows that interest should be at a peak when the season arrives.

On the way to a basketball game the other night I was talking to Capt. V. B. Loy, Cadet baseball coach, and he said that if he can come up with a shortstop, third baseman, and a pair of outfielders, we should be able to field an excellent team this year.

The interest is here and the potential players are too. Here's hoping for a good season.

While the final basketball scores haven't been too impressive—to say the least—from the SJMS point of view, I think that all observers will agree that we've given every team that we faced a good run for their money.

It seemed that our late start and few replacements have held the team back considerably. I've noticed that the teams that really look sharp are the ones that don't play football and practice on basketball all year around and seem to have a good number of boys of about equal ability.

Right now I'd like to bring up a subject I haven't mentioned before this year. It is sportsmanship.

On the whole I think it has been excellent up to this time but there is one point I would like to bring out, and that is the common courtesy of relative silence on the part of the fans when the opposing team is attempting free throws. The player is usually nervous enough without any added distractions and since the other schools have given us very little trouble on this point, I think it is the least we could do to return the favor.

In winding up I want to wish the basketball team luck in the closing half of their season and hope that the early bird diamond men keep at it. I also want to congratulate the four boys that were ineligible at the first of the season, on their perseverance, and hope that they are able to play in a lot of the games from here on out.

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Cadets Win Two,
Drop 6 BB GamesVarsity Grabs Wins
From Bavaria, Brookville

St. John's has played eight basketball games since Christmas vacation. The Cadets have won two and lost six. The Cadets won from Bavaria, 54-51, and from Brookville, 38-31.

We dropped the other six to Enterprise 53-45 and 52-57; Kipp 53-37, Gypsum 64-47, Solomon 32-31, Assaria 54-45.

Solomon and Enterprise were both very close games right up to the last few seconds of play.

The "B" squad since Christmas has had seven losses and one win to put their seasonal record at seven losses and two wins. They were victorious against Bavaria 34-29, while they lost games to Enterprise, Kipp, Gypsum, Solomon, Assaria, Brookville and Enterprise.

The big three scoring threat for the St. John's "A" string are Browning with 98 McMurray with 81 and Ransom with 70. For the "B" string high point man is Bristow with 65 points and Leet is second with 50.

Junior School
Cadets Chosen
For Kiwanis Honor

A Junior School Cadet will serve as Junior Kiwanian at downtown Kiwanis meetings in the future. His duties will be to pick up attendance slips and run errands. He will sit at the speaker's table.

The Cadet will be chosen by a vote among the lower school Cadets themselves. A new Cadet will be chosen each week. The first Cadet to receive the honor was Cadet John Hawkins, an eighth grader from Newton, Kansas.

Capt. Keith Duckers, P.I.O., is a member of the Salina Kiwanis Club.

FIRE .22 COURSE

Junior School Cadets have started firing the .22 calibre on the small bore range here at school. With eight more Cadets yet to fire, A. Palmer has the highest score with 163 points.

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Crack Squad Appears
At Hoisington Dinner

Braving a snowfall of more than three inches and near blizzard conditions, the St. John's Crack Drill Squad traveled to Hoisington, Kansas, on Tuesday, Jan. 18, where they performed after dinner for the Hoisington Chamber of Commerce banquet honoring past presidents.

Traveling slowly on the icy roads, the Squad arrived at about 6 o'clock in the evening and were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rice for cokes and sodas prior to the banquet which began at 7 o'clock.

Guest speaker at the event was the president of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce.

The Squad drilled after dinner and then returned to school at midnight.

School Nurse
Keeps Busy
With Flu Cases

Mrs. Brundage, school nurse, has been kept quite busy the last week or so with an influenza epidemic which hit more than half of the Junior School Cadets and about two-thirds of the Upper School Cadets.

With all of the beds in the infirmary full and several cadets confined to their rooms, Mrs. Brundage had her hands full. To top this, one Cadet came down with the chicken pox and another received a gash on his hand.

The epidemic started about a week after Christmas furlough and most of them were over by the middle of the week. The ill Cadets were kept on a liquid diet and by the time of the dance on the fifteenth and the school holiday the seventeenth, there was a near one hundred per cent recovery.

SQUAD DRILLS AT GYPSUM

The Crack Drill Squad went to the Gypsum High School Auditorium Saturday, Jan. 22, to perform at the half-time of a professional girls basketball game.

The Squad has had approximately ten drills this year.

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Cheerleader Receives Salina Journal Honor

One of the St. John's girl cheerleaders was featured as January's Calendar Girl by the Salina Journal.

She is Jo Ellen Kean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kean, 635 N. 10th, in Salina.

Jo Ellen was chosen for the honor by the 'S' Club. (See picture opposite this story.)

Inspection Group Visits St. John's

St. John's was over run with "visitors" on Jan. 11, the day that the school had set aside to be inspected for evaluation purposes. The committee that inspected, which was composed of 25 men and women, was headed by Dr. Finis Green, Kansas State College, head of the School of Education. They inspected everything from teaching methods to janitor service.

The group was entertained after mess by a Crack Squad drill, before they had to go back to their work of inspecting the school. The inspection took only one day because of St. John's smallness in comparison to most public schools, where an inspection of this type would have taken two to three days.

Howard Family Starts Memorial For Former Cadet

In memory of former Cadet Roger Howard, class of '47, who was killed in a typhoon while in Japan last year, donations have been received for a memorial section of the library, which is to be installed this year.

At Howard's funeral the family asked that no flowers be sent, but contributions be made toward installation of a memorial at St. John's.

The memorial will be a section of the library filled with books bought with the money given. A brass plate will separate the section from the others, and will be inscribed with his name, and all books bought with the donations will be marked designating the memorial.

Journalism Class Busy On Annual

Journalism Cadets are back in action working on the yearbook which is due to be off the presses on May 9.

Final copy deadline is March 15, according to Dean Hargrove, editor of the Sound Off. Hargrove said that Cadets who have good pictures of school activities should see him if they would like to have them screened for use in the annual.

Bill Preston, business manager of the yearbook, said that most of the money for advertising has been received. He pointed out that some space is still available if people desire to place their advertising message in the Sound Off. Cost for sponsoring a page in the book is \$10. Preston said.

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Four New Cadets Enter St. John's

Three new Upper School Cadets and one Junior School Cadet have enrolled since Christmas furlough for the second semester.

In the Junior School, Scotty Peddie, 12-year-old son of Col. and Mrs. Joseph S. Peddie, has enrolled for the second semester. Peddie is in the seventh grade and before coming here attended grade school at Offenburg, Germany where his father, a colonel in the Air Force, was stationed. Colonel and Mrs. Peddie are now living in Wichita where he is stationed at McConnell Air Force Base.

Enrolled for the second semester in the Upper School are George Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Akers, Hartman, Colo., who is 15 and is a sophomore, 16-year-old Russell Beames, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beames, who is a junior this year from Rolla, Mo., and Ted Anderson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Tucson, Ariz.

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MINISTER SPEAKS HERE
The Rev. W. Bryant Hall gave an inspirational talk for the program of the all-school assembly on Friday, Jan. 14. Rev. Hall is the pastor of the Sunrise Presbyterian Church, which is now under construction. The congregation meets at the Huesner School on Sundays, which is close to the site of the new church.

CADETS SEE SAFETY FILM
The Salina Police Department presented a film, "The Perfect Crime" for the Assembly feature on Friday, Jan. 21. The picture showed how dangerous the highways could be if they were allowed to become run down, and gave a few good rules on driving safety.

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RAW URANIUM ORE is exhibited by Larry Spencer, Mancos, Colo. The ore is being kept in the school science lab. It came from Larry's father's mine.



Cadet Brings Chunk of Uranium Ore From Mine on Navajo Reservation

Cadet Larry Spencer, recent enrollee from Mancos, Colo., has a chunk of valuable and potentially destructive stuff.

Treated with proper respect, however, it's probably harmless.

Raw Uranium Ore

It's a 5-pound chunk of petrified tree root shot through with raw uranium ore.

It came from his Dad's mine in Arizona's Monument Valley and will make a Geiger counter sing a pinging tune.

Larry got the uranium ore from his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sharon F. Spencer, Mancos, Colo., and brought it back with him at the end of Christmas furlow.

Larry's father is president of Spencer Uranium Corporations and his mother is the treasurer.

His Dad who brought him back also brought a Geiger Counter, give a demonstration of the ore's radio-activity.

Golden Color

Uranium—at least, this uranium—is a light golden, pasty stuff. It'll smear your fingers and is difficult to get off.

The uranium ore is found in petrified wood and in some sandstones. The Spencers made their strike between 30 to 40 feet below the surface. This ore-bearing rock runs in veins similar to coal and is blasted and hauled to mills.

The Spencer strike, a rich one, came about three months ago after a search since December, 1953. Larry, himself worked as a powder monkey at the mine before enrolling at St. John's. The prospecting has

been done in Arizona and Utah. On Navajo Reservation

The present strike is on a Navajo Indian reservation and the lease was obtained through the federal government.

Larry says that his chunk of ore is quite harmless "unless you sleep with it under the bed."

"It doesn't seem to bother anyone working with it," "but there have been cases of men becoming very sick. It was found they all had a chunk of ore under their bed."

"Radio-activity breaks down the white corpuscles," Larry said. Just to make certain that his ore doesn't send deadly rays at his schoolmates, Larry is keeping it in the school's laboratory.

Bleachers Fall, But None Injured

"And that crowd goes wild!"

This was true when the bleachers in the gym fell during the 'B' game with Brookville Friday, Jan. 21. The wooden supports in the back of the bleachers broke. The bleachers which contained approximately 60 people, collapsed.

Luckily, there were no injuries except for John Wilson, junior from Wichita, who suffered from a cut on the finger.

The school has not yet announced when the bleachers would be replaced.

The Rector Likes Dixieland . . .

Music Survey Reveals Interesting Facts About Listening Habits

Did someone say that the Cadets at S.J.M.S. don't appreciate the fine music of the symphonies, or aren't up on all the latest Jazz and Popular Songs? If they did they are wrong.

In an effort to answer a question like that, the SKIRMISHER made a survey of 'B' Floor, old and new barracks. He came up with these results:

(1) There are approximately 350 records, 45, 78, and 33 1/3 R.P.M., on these two floors alone.

(2) The most popular type of music is just that, popular.

(3) Tied for second place was Classical and Western music.

(4) Following up next is the Jazz and Dixieland type.

(5) Semi-Classical came in last.

After finishing the barracks survey faculty and staff personnel were checked on their off-hour listening.

Mrs. Fonck's type was Popular, and then she likes some Semi-Classical. Mr. John Fonck's choice was Popular first and then Band Marches. Capt. J. D. Elmborg, the school coach, prefers Western music with the accent on 'hill-billy'. Capt. K. G. Duckers, P.I.O., prefers Popular music and his second choice is Dixieland. Capt. V. B. Loy, assistant coach, likes the Popular style of music and then Band Marches. Last, but far from least, the superintendent of the school, Col. R. L. Clem, is an avid Dixieland fan.

First Snowfall Brings Many Snowball Fights

The first snowfall of the year came on Jan. 18, when over three inches of snow turned the lawns around the barracks into a huge battleground, with snowballs coming from all directions.

A favorite sport of the Cadets is to catch an unaware passerby, and either snowball him or practically bury him with snow.

CADET SOLOISTS

The newly formed choir at St. John's presented three soloists in the recessional hymn on Thursday, January 20th, in the chapel service. The soloists, who were Bill Clacomb, Whit Masten, and George Meritt, each took a verse in the hymn "We Three Kings".



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Second Semester Gets Underway

The second semester began with a smile of relief on the faces of the Cadets as the school year passed the half-way mark, on Jan. 17. The school year moves on with the changing of some classes and the dropping of others, with everyone looking forward to the end of the school term.

Lt. H. E. Nuss, Guidance Director, said that the curriculum is expanding more and more so that Cadets are able to have more choices of electives in their course of study.

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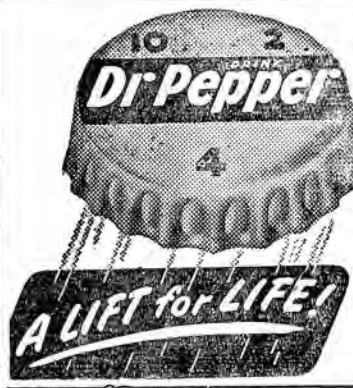
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