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## Ike Praises Precision Drill Of Platoon

### President Views St. John's Cadets In Abilene Parade

The St. John's Crack Drill Platoon was singled out by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for praise during his Veteran's Day address in Abilene after he had viewed the Cadets in the huge parade.

The President, in part, said that he had "never seen such precision drilling as was executed by the Cadets here today."

#### Rice Commanded Platoon

Cadet Lt. Larry Rice moved his Crack Platoon through various spectacular formations as they passed the presidential reviewing stand on the marquee of the Sunflower Hotel in Abilene.

Following the parade the St. John's group functioned as part of the Honor Guard for the President and his party as they approached the Eisenhower Museum which was dedicated that day. As the President passed in front of the St. John's Cadets, his brother, Milton, Chancellor of Pennsylvania State University, was heard to remark to the President, "These are Colonel Clem's boys."

Members of the Corps of Cadets who did not see the President in Abilene saw him as he motored through Salina at noon in his open car.

Col. R. L. Clem, rector of St. John's, was one of ten Salina citizens, who were chosen to be at Smoky Hill Air Force Base to greet the President on his arrival from Washington. Colonel Clem chatted briefly with him prior to his departure for Abilene.

Participating in the Abilene parade with the Cadets were 600 airmen from Smoky Hill Air Force Base, the Pershing Rifles Drill Team from Kansas State College, Kansas State College's band, an infantry company from Fort Riley, the Naval R.O.T.C. unit from Kansas University, the Kansas University Band, and the Canine Corps from Fort Riley.

#### Governor Arn Speaks

First speaker on the program was the Honorable Edward F. Arn, governor of Kansas, who expressed a formal welcome home to the President from his fellow Kansans. The governor then introduced Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower. Dr. Eisenhower gave a brief address before introducing the President who completed the dedication ceremonies. In his address the President dedicated the building housing his trophies to "the future citizens of a great and glorious America."

An Associated Press news picture showed the Cadets as they passed in front of the President and various newsreel and television newscasts showed the Cadets. TV Newscaster John Cameron Swayzee pointed out the Cadets in his program.

#### WON'T BE LONG NOW

Just think fella's! A week and a half from now you'll be waking up in the morning (or afternoon) to the smell of coffee and rattle of dishes instead of the bingy beat of the bugle.

## Worm Turned! Atibis Cause Long March

The worm turned!

Cadets in service uniform, whose dress uniform was dirty from the Thanksgiving holidays, had a shock Sunday morning, Nov. 28.

Too many Cadets with excuses instead of the proper uniform turned up for the morning formation when the Cadet Corp was scheduled to parade to town for Church of Choice.

When the commandant saw this he decided that the formation wouldn't look right with some in dress and some not, so he let those that had neglected their uniform (the boys in service) march downtown in a platoon all their own.

The Cadets in dress went to town via bus.

## Five Officers, Two Non-Coms Are Promoted

The promotion of five officers and two cadets to non-commissioned officers was announced by Maj. R. L. Guernsey Commandant, to the Cadet Corps Friday, Nov. 26.

Cadet 1st. Lt. Roger Bigler, Cortez, was promoted to Cadet Captain, and Lt. Dean Hargrove, Wichita, Lt. Rod Ellison, Syracuse, Kansas, Lt. John McMurray, Des Moines, Iowa, and Lt. Grant Torbit were promoted to Cadet First Lieutenants. Cadet Pfc. Tom Mathers and Cadet Pfc. Roger Bacon were awarded promotions to Corporal.

Cadet Tom Garrett was assigned to duty as Assistant Adjutant.

## Crack Drill Squad Scheduled To Appear At K-State Fieldhouse

Among the several future appearances for the Crack Drill Squad which are already scheduled is an appearance at half-time of the Kansas State College-University of Colorado basketball game in Manhattan on Feb. 26.

This will be the squad's second such performance. Two years ago a capacity crowd of more than 13,000 basketball fans gave the Cadets a standing ovation following their drill in the huge basketball arena.

Arrangements will be made for special shoe soles for the drillers so as not to mar the \$10,000 portable floor in the Fieldhouse.

## Former S.J.M.S. Cadet Wins Photo Awards

Bill Huggins, Salina Journal photographer and St. John's graduate, won two of the five first place awards in the Class B division of the annual Kansas-Missouri newsphoto contest among Associated Press newspapers.

Huggins, S.J.M.S. graduate in 1952, first became interested in photography while at school here. After graduating with the rank of second lieutenant he worked briefly on the Denver Post and a Manhattan, Kans., newspaper before joining the Journal staff.

## Christmas Furlough Starts Next Saturday

### Cadets Leave For 14-Day Furlough

St. John's Cadets will spread like wild-fire on Dec. 18, as the 14-day Christmas furlough gets underway.

Nearly every state in the union will be either visited, flown over, or driven through by at least one representative from the Corps of Cadets.

#### Pickett to Hawaii

At least one Cadet will be leaving the continental limits of the United States. Jimmy Pickett, 7th grader from Wichita, will spend the holidays in Honolulu, Hawaii. Pickett and

his parents will fly to the Islands and return by ship.

Pickett will account for nearly 8,000 of the estimated 132,014.7 miles that members of the Cadet Corps are planning to cover during the two-week furlough. All in all, cadets will be traveling an average of 1,211 miles each to and from their destinations.

Two other Cadets from outside the borders of the United States will be staying in Kansas during the vacation. Darryl Seybert, senior from Venetie, Alaska, will visit his grandparents here in Salina, and Bill Brock, newly enrolled eighth grade Cadet from Prince Edward's Island, Canada, will visit with relatives in Wichita.

Other Cadets will leave for points between New York and Los Angeles and Miami and Big Piney, Wyo., on Dec. 18, when classes break for the vacation.

Bud Webber, senior from Lincoln, Nebraska, will be traveling the shortest distance. He will be leaving for Van Jockers, Kansas, distance 4.7 miles.

Cadets will report back at 7:00 pm Sunday, Jan. 2, 1955.

## Christmas Dinner Will Be Next Thursday

On Thursday evening, the 16th of December, the Cadets will be served the annual Christmas dinner prepared for them by Mr. Bill Samuelson, chef at St. John's. Featured will be Tom Turkey and all the trimmings. Cadets are looking forward to the event.

## Message

from The Rector

Unless we choose to consider Christmas only by its usual outward symbols such as Santa Claus, reindeer and tinsel, we Christians should by now be thinking of its real meaning. The real Christmas is the time of the liturgical year when our thoughts are directed to the human birth of Jesus upon whom God focused all His might and majesty as well as His mercy and goodness. God sent Jesus to be the "propitiation for our sins" and to teach us what is our duty toward God and our fellow-men. None of us can fully comprehend I am sure the full meaning of Christmas but we can approach more closely to it if we compare it to the Christian home.

Here is a man and woman, both humanly self-centered, but both willing to subordinate their selfish desires to the happiness and welfare of their children. Each of us can see a bit of divinity in that kind of home. Mother and dad plan for and hope for a son's welfare and happiness and do a lot of praying along the way, too. As our Lord did for all humanity, good parents suffer for their children, make sacrifices for them and sometimes, because they love their youngsters, they will punish them as well. That is why the Christmas furlough means so much to our cadets. It is good to go home and especially so if mother and dad can be proud of what has been accomplished at St. John's.

I hope you all will have a blessed Christmas and profitable New Year.

Faithfully yours  
R. L. CLEM,  
Rector



HELPING OUT in the Salina Muscular Dystrophy Drive was the St. John's Physical Education Class. Pictured above are Cadets Jim Claycomb (background) and C. E. Arens. They are accompanied by Capt. Ray Hower, instructor of the class. A Salina fireman is shown putting on the Volunteer armbands.



## SKIRMISHER

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## WANTED! MORE STUDY TIME

What has happened to the 20-minute study period Cadets are supposed to be granted during each academic class to start preparing their assignments for the next day?

Each instructor probably has good intentions and no doubt the idea is a good one with the study hall at night shortened, but it seems to us that nearly every faculty member is inclined to forgetfulness. Because of this, the cadets are left to get their lessons in whatever free time they can find.

Due to the class arrangement this year, each cadet has four one hour academic classes in the morning and one in the afternoon. He gets a study hall period during these five hours plus another hour in the evening. Therefore, if he doesn't get his 20-minute class study time, he gets an average of only a half hour a day to prepare each of his academic subjects.

The trouble comes when, on a given day, this cadet may be handed long assignments in all four of his classes. When he asks why, he gets the reply, "You didn't have an assignment yesterday", or "This is the first big assignment you've had all week," which is probably true, but that doesn't help him to get his lessons ready by the next day. The only time left then, that he can prepare his lessons is during his free time.

Life here at St. John's is somewhat different than at a public school. The only measurable amount of free time that the Cadets get during the day is in the evening between mess and study hall and in the case of the Crack Squad not even that. Or the cadet may seek permission to study after taps, but F.O.D.'s frown upon such procedure. So when you come right down to it the only time to study is during pass time.

But, there again cadets are likely to be "off the ball" at times and they get hooked. This is not so bad for the Officers and Non-Coms who only get confined, but woe to the poor private who spends his pass time working off squad. This leaves only the cadet who didn't get hooked. He can now stay and do his lessons!!! If a cadet has goofed off during the week and not kept up in his studies it is his own responsibility to give up his pass time but is it fair to ask a cadet to stay here because his teacher forgot to give him his 20-minute study period?

On the other hand, the cadet may go to his classes on this day and not get one long assignment. Therefore he can do all his work in the morning study hall. When he does lounge around enjoying the breather a teacher will undoubtedly come up and ask him why he is always griping about the assignments and then spending his free time loafing.

We can offer two suggestions; that the teachers either get together and plan their assignments so that the big ones won't all fall on one day or else give the cadets their allotted time to study.—L. R.

## IN SYMPATHY

From the entire Cadet Corps and Faculty: Our sincerest regrets to Cadet Tom Mathers whose father, Dr. E. L. Mathers, passed away late Monday evening, Dec. 6, in Denver.

## CHRISTMAS FURLOUGH

Christmas Furlough gets under way the 18th, when Cadets will leave for the holidays to visit many parts of the country.

When you step out of the front gates you will be on your own for two weeks. Remember that you are a representative of St. John's. Try to be as courteous as you can. People look at you and judge St. John's accordingly. You are judged on what you do, say, and the way you act. Let's all be "on the ball" while on furlough.

Biology Class  
Makes Calorie Check

The Biology class recently made a check on the amount of calories consumed in one day by the members of the class. Danny Keating consumed the most calories during the day. He ate a top high record of 21,986 calories. This tops last year's record high which was 17,000 calories.

Here are the totals for the rest of the class: Robert Bleth-

en, 6,420; Billy Kirk, 8,070; Tom Simms, 6,055; George Merritt, 8934; Tom Garrett, 7,291; Kirk Maslin, 11,654; Don Noble, 8,245; Jerry Lutton, 4,733 (two meals only); Joe Stanberry, 3,379; Marc Leach, 5,720; Kenneth Cummings, 8,268; Steve James, 9,242; Danny Keating, 21,986; James Heacock, 11,711; Lee Hales, 9,560; Colby Johnson, 7,958; John Wilson, 6,891.

The average per Cadet was 8,837. The number of calories needed for a man doing hard physical labor is 5,000.

Interview With English Instructor  
Shows Teachers, Human, After All

By Darryl Seybert

Even teachers have hobbies, pet peeves, points of view on their profession, and childhood memories.

This information came out recently in an interview with one of the faculty members, Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, English teacher.

## Loves Teaching

When asked if she would still teach if given her career to start over again she replied: "Yes, I love teaching". But, like most people she has a secret desire. She has always wanted to act. The stage has been an attraction to her since childhood and she did do some acting in community theaters.

She has been teaching since she was twenty years old and her pet peeve is, "The student who can, but won't."

Also, in her career some good excuses have been offered, and not only by students. She recalls the time one of her student's mothers phoned that he

wouldn't be at school because "he was going through that convalescent stage!"

## Father Headed School

Mrs. Hardy had her grade school experience much the same as youths today, but probably to a lesser extent due to the fact that her father was president of the school. She did cut school once and in the second grade she belonged to a secret society which kept a record of the less liked students and gave them a rough time, until the teacher confiscated all of their record books.

An avid reader, Mrs. Hardy feels that the three greatest books ever written are the Bible, Shakespeare's works, and the Story of Philosophy by Will Durant.

Her hobbies are animals, reading, cooking, and the theater. Her cat, "Mr. Pim", and her Boston Terrier, "Topper" are popular campus mascots.

Sullivan, Eilebrecht Team  
To Operate St. John's Radio Station

By Dean Hargrove

One of the seldom mentioned places around school that deserves some credit is two rooms above 'C' floor in Vail Hall. This "birds-nest" is the site of the Civil Air Patrol network radio station.

"Jay-Hawk Post 39" is operated this year by Cadets Jim Sullivan and Gail Eilebrecht. Sullivan has the responsibility of keeping up the contacts and the equipment although both boys work at it and split the responsibilities.

Every Friday the S.J.M.S. team makes its contacts over the air waves to their "net" meeting where all the C.A.P. stations report in. Sullivan and Eilebrecht are able to boast over 50 contacts in Kansas.

They would have more and cover a large area of states but the Civil Air Patrol regulations allow them to transmit only in Kansas.

Both Sullivan and Eilebrecht are in their second year of radio at St. John's and run the shop strictly on their own. Both boys hope to take up radio as a career.

The Radio Shop is equipped with a public address system, sometimes used at school occasions, a "pogo-stick" walkie talkie system, and a field phone system which connects the Study Hall, Guard Room, and Office. They plan on putting phones in the Rec Hall and Photo Shop in the near future.

The Radio Shop also has equipment to repair Cadet radios and phonographs.

Disciplinary Records Show  
How Often Cadet Is Hooked

By Darryl Seybert

With the school year nearly half over it is interesting to look back on the disciplinary records of the individual cadets.

There are no cadets who have not been "hooked" at least once. However, three are tied for the best records with only one "hook" each of five demerits. They are Dean Hargrove, Wichita; Albert Ransom, Pueblo; and David Smith, Colorado Springs.

## Good Record By Smith

This is Smith's first year at St. John's and he should be congratulated on his exceptional record for a new boy.

Dale Browning, Pueblo, and Roger Bigler, Cortez, Colo., also have near-perfect records. Browning has had one "hook" of fifteen demerits and Bigler has had one twenty-five demerit "hook".

To illustrate the records of these cadets, there have been approximately eighteen hundred "hooks" turned in so far this year on the 83 upper school cadets. This averages out to about twenty-two "hooks" per cadet, ranging from three to fifty demerits for each "hook".

## Eight Classifications

A "hook" consists of eight main classifications which contain the principle specifications. The main divisions are manners, health, property, study,

punctuality, military, sports, and laws.

Under these headings are such specifications as improper manners, neglect of health, loss of personal property, wasting own time, absence, and quite a few others, thirty-five in all.

The most common violations are under punctuality and military: Late to formation, and neglect of duty, each of which brings from three to ten demerits.

The more serious violations are specified under laws. They consist of desertion, stealing, lying, offense against decency, and brutality. These violations usually bring around fifty demerits and can result in a dishonorable discharge. However, it is rarely necessary to give one of these "hooks".

Three demerits give the violator one hour of squad duty, if he is a private or a Pfc., or one confinement to territory if he is a non-commissioned officer or an officer.

YEARBOOK STAFF  
TO HAVE PARTY

Wednesday evening, the 15th of December, the Journalism and Yearbook staffs will be taken out to Al Hart's for dinner by Capt. K. G. Duckers, advisor for the groups. The Cadets will be celebrating the completion of the first half of the Yearbook. Deadline for the first half of the annual is Dec. 15.

## Idle Talk

By I. Ben Hadd

School talks of putting out new catalogues . . . it's about time. They might run some mottoes under faculty pictures . . . something like this:

RLG: I'm hard boys, darned hard.

RLC: I'm old but wise.

RKH: How am I supposed to run my study hall with all my Cadet officers runnin' and tarryshootin' around.

HEN: I am up on all the latest methods of education.

VBL: My boy is smart.

AH: I am a crack shot.

MRS. AYH: I am the flower of the English world.

JDE: I coach a good team. My boy is smart. And big too!

ERN: Darned fool kids, anyway. Let 'em learn the hard way like I did.

MRS. BT: I run a stern class. I speak many tongues.

RAB: What I need is a little cooperation.

LLR: What we need is a new word for cooperation.

JP Mc: I was a fine athlete in my day. I have a letter sweater.

JHF: I have school spirit. Rah! Huzzah!

MDH: I didn't want to graduate anyway.

Bigler needs someone to go with him after the show. Benetiz is still carrying quite a bit of weight around here.

Miss P. T. is getting thrown around more than a basketball . . . anyone for a free throw?

BLACKLIST: The Building and Grounds staff for tearing down our Thanksgiving dance decorations . . . it's not the money involved it's the labor.

The Photography boys got mentioned for their hard work on the yearbook in the last SKIRMISHER . . . how about a little applause for the editorial staff?

Mad Man Masten's little group is changing players faster than a pro football team . . . their noise is loud and long but it still hasn't been made public . . . we'll wait.

After the Crack Platoon's drill for the Salina Kiwanis Club they may just take up mountain climbing . . . Torbit sure is clumsy!

Rice and Hargrove's floor show at the Thanksgiving dance . . . about as funny as a defeated football season. Too bad G. M. had to leave . . . but then we all can't write poetry.

The senior pictures are back . . . at least you can tell who they are. We are all waiting for another Salina civic group to come and eat lunch with us . . . we get more to eat. Bill Burke, (Salina Journal) is a nice guy . . . thanks a lot, Bill.

Colonel and Capt. Duckers took a week long trip . . . the Chapel services were fast and furious. Loys little offspring may not have his teeth in yet but his lungs are doing just fine.

Preston's sports column is still going strong . . . Pretty good but Bill Stern has nothing to worry about . . . for a while anyway.

Christmas furlough starts the 18th . . . everyone is looking forward to Christmas presents? We don't necessarily need New Years resolutions, but a New Years revolution might help.

Not much humor but a lot of PUNCH.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

&amp;

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

from The Skirmisher Staff



## Armory, Though Seldom Heard Of, Is Important Part Of Program

By Larry Rice

The school Armory, located in the basement of the gymnasium is one of the most under-rated departments of St. John's. Parents seldom hear about it, visitors rarely see it, and yet members of the Corps take it for granted.

It is amazing how much firepower is located in this small room. More than 100 .30 calibre rifles are in the racks there. Some 15,000 rounds of .22 ammunition is available in the Armory for firing practice on the 50-foot small-bore range. Soon a large shipment of .30 calibre ammo is due to arrive. This will be used this spring when all cadets who are 14-years old or over will fire the 200-yard course at Smoky Hill Air Force Base.

Cadets firing the .22 and .30 calibre courses at St. John's may qualify for firing medals. These medals are issued through the National Rifleman's Association and come from Washington, D. C. The three branches of qualifications are marksman, sharpshooter, and expert.

This year on the .22 range the qualifying scores are marksman-160, sharpshooter-180, and expert-200. Possible score is 250. On the .30 calibre course they are marksman-125, sharpshooter-148, and expert-169. Possible score is 210.

The school Armory is under the direction of Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, who also coaches the St. John's rifle team. Each year St. John's produces some of the state's top shooters under the guidance of Colonel Hardy.

Colonel Hardy is assisted in the Armory by Cadet Sgt. Don Pelkey, senior from Clayton, who acts as the Cadet Armory officer.

Sergeant Pelkey is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all equipment housed in the Armory.

### NINE NEW MEMBERS FOR CRACK DRILL PLATOON

Nine new members have joined the Ranks of the Crack Platoon recently, Cadet Lt. Larry Rice, has announced.

New members are Jerry Luton, Fred Schram, Fritz Handy, Hugh Parkinson, Laird Mooneyham, James Ledgerwood, Bill Preston, Joseph Keating, Carl Rylander.

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### CHAPEL NOTES

By George Merritt

The Thanksgiving service in the chapel was conducted a bit differently this year. Under the direction of the rector, Col. the Rev. R. L. Clem, two Cadets were guest preachers. They were Bill Preston and Whit Masten. Both spoke of the Thanksgiving tradition.

The Rosary Society, organized by George Merritt, shows by its attendance record that the idea has been carried out

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

from The Corps of Cadets

very well. The society has regular meetings during the week.

A small boys choir has been formed to sing the mass and morning prayer services by George Merritt. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Clem, music teacher at St. John's.

### From the World of HELEN KELLER

DEAF AND BLIND SINCE INFANCY, HELEN KELLER HAS FIVE TIMES CIRCLED THE WORLD AS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COUNSELLOR, AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR OVERSEAS BLIND. NOW 74, SHE WILL TRAVEL TO INDIA, PAKISTAN AND JAPAN NEXT YEAR.



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HELEN KELLER ONCE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE FRUSTRATION OF BEING BLIND. "IT'S BETTER TO BE BLIND THAN TO HAVE TWO EYES AND SEE NOTHING," SHE REPLIED.

### THREE NEW CADETS ENTER ST. JOHN'S

Three new boys have recently joined the St. John's Cadet Corps. They are Bill Brock sixth grader from Prince Edward Island, Canada, Jim Garner, eighth grade Cadet from

Wichita, and Larry Spencer, Upper School cadet in the ninth grade from Mancos, Colo.

The boys are getting into the swing of the routine here at St. John's and we hope their stay here is a pleasant one.

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## Skirmisher Picks Fred Schram As "New Boy Of The Month"

By Earle Fox

Fred Schram, a sophomore from Denver, Colo., has been chosen by the Skirmisher staff as new boy of the month.

Fred recently became an "S" Club member for lettering in



Fred Schram

football where he plays end. He is also on the basketball squad, Crack Squad, and Crack Platoon.

His hobby is not an unusual one. He likes to dance and see adventure pictures.

His favorite food is his mother's "goolash", made of noodles, onions, tomatoes, hamburger and left-overs.

Schram's father is Flight Manager of Operations in Denver for United Airline. He has a sister 15 years old.

Fred hopes to go to West Point where he wants to major in math and science.

His favorite teachers are Capt. R. K. Hower and Lt. H. E. Nuss.

Schram is 5'8" tall and weighs 165 pounds. His hair is light brown and his eyes are brown. He has a medium complexion.

Schram is to be congratulated for his outstanding record at St. John's and for his being chosen "New Boy of the Month" of December.



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### 1954-'55 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 7 Brookville, 58, St. John's, 51.  
Dec. 10 Fri., Enterprise, here  
Dec. 14 Tues., Kipp, here  
Dec. 17 Fri., Bavaria, here  
Jan. 7 Fri., Gypsum, there  
Jan. 11 Tues., Solomon, here  
Jan. 14 Fri., Assaria, there  
Jan. 21 Fri., Brookville, here  
Jan. 25 Tues., Enterprise, there  
Jan. 28 Fri., Kipp, there  
Feb. 1 Tues., Assaria, here  
Feb. 4 Fri., Bavaria, there  
Feb. 8 Tues., Gypsum, here  
Feb. 11 Fri., Solomon, there  
February 15, 17, 19 league tournament, Memorial Hall.

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Ten Athletes Enter "S" Club

### Organization Now Has 22 Active Members

Initiated as members in full into the St. John's "S" Club the 21st of November were Jerry Lutton, Tom Mathers, Guy Benitez, Dale Browning, Neil Murphy, Larry Menegay, Robert Schuler, Darryl Seybert, Grant Torbit, and Fred Schram.

The "S" Club, the school's athletic organization, took ten pledges under their wing and kept them there from the Sunday of the 14th to the 21st, making sure they had the best of treatment that a prospective member could get.

The pledges used up 15 dozen eggs, and gave out 300 packs of gum to the 12 actives during the week long initiation. The pledges main duty during their probationary period was to entertain and wait on the actives.

The club now has a total membership of 22 members. To be in the club you must be awarded an athletic letter and then be admitted on the standard of your character.

## Statistics Show Amount Of Time Left Before Start Of Furlough

"Time Flies!"

That's an old saying, but about this time of year Cadets at St. John's doubt its truth. As a matter of fact, time seems to drag as Christmas furlough time draws near.

The top hit song right now with St. John's Cadets is "Seven more days and we'll be out".

### Bob Pester Tops J. S. Honor Roll

Four 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.

Cadet Robert Pester heads the list with an average of 96.7 for the month. Other cadets with above ninety averages were Jerry Moore, Stanley Baldwin, and Al Palmer.

Receiving Honorable Mention for an average of between eighty-five and ninety were Allen Bass, Douglas Foote, Gary Metzger, Jimmy Miller, Eliwood Brockman, and John Maultsby.

### 662,400 Seconds Left

Figuring from "O" hour, which is 1120 on the 18th of December, there are 184 hours to go, which when broken down makes, 11,040 minutes. Broken down still farther, there are 662,400 seconds left.

Now that sounds like a lot of time but when you take into consideration that at least 60 of those six hundred thousand seconds have ticked away while you were reading this article, it seems a little shorter.

### Not So Long As You Think

You'll spend 3480 more of those seconds in each class and from taps until first call you'll sleep off another 32,400 seconds.

Another fact that will no doubt delight every Cadet is that from 1120, sign out time on the 18th, until sign in time, which is 1900, Jan. 2, 1955, 14 days, 7 hours and 40 minutes will have elapsed.

In breaking these long minutes and hours down, we come up with 336 2/3 hours, which in turn gives us 20,000 minutes and finally 1,212,000 seconds of complete freedom, from school.

## The Sporting Thing

By Bill Preston

In this issue, the last of the calendar year, I want to ring out the old and ring in the new, but in a little different light. This being a sports column instead of a new year, I will ring in a new season.

The Cadet football team bows out with a 4-2-2 record and the basketball squad has good prospects for a bright season.

The football team wound up its season with a tie at Luray and a win from Sylvan Grove.

### Eight Seniors

As was publicized in our last issue, eight seniors saw their last football action for S.J.M.S., against Sylvan Grove.

We should have plenty of returning lettermen next year however.

To ring in the new, Capt. Elmborg said that over 40 cadets reported out for basketball during the first two weeks of practice. By the beginning of the third week the team had been cut to 22 players because of limited facilities.

This year's starting team will feature Dale Browning at center, Al Ransom and John McMurray as forwards and Herb Soukup, Stu Miller, and Hugh Parkinson will alternate as guards.

The squad has six returning lettermen. They are Al Ransom, Herb Soukup, John McMurray, Rod Ellison, Dale Browning and Stu Miller.

I'm sure that with our returning lettermen combined with a good number of sharp hopefuls, St. John's will have as good a chance as any team in the league of coming through in good shape.

Another recent development that I would like to mention is that St. John's has been moved up to an "A" class school this year, due to our increase in enrollment. This being strictly a boys school, our enrollment is doubled so as to compare with co-educational schools.

As my closing thought this time I thought it would be appropriate to give credit to four boys who have been out for basketball all along this year and won't be able to play until January 18th due to the fact that they lettered in athletics last year in other schools and are ineligible. These four are Dan Keating, Carl Rylander, Bill Keith and Jim Ledgerwood. I think that the four exemplify the all-around spirit

## Varsity Cagers Drop Opener

### First Loss to Brookville "B" Squad Victorious

By Bill Preston

The St. John's cagers started their '54-'55 basketball season last Tuesday night with a "B" string win, 32-30, over the Brookville Cardinals and an "A" team loss 49-58.

The combination of an unusually rough ball game and poor facilities was too much for the Cadets' "A" team, while good ball handling and the sharpshooting of Gary Leet gave the "B" string their first win of the year.

Leet was high score man in the first game with 14 points, while Kirk Masline followed with six. Other scorers were Bacon, 4; Cummings, 2; Benne, 2; Menegay, 2; and Bristow, 2.

In the varsity game Cadet forward John McMurray led the scoring attack with 23 points. Dale Browning was second with 12 counters and Hugh Parkinson ran a close third with a total of 11.

The score at the end of the first quarter stood 12-12. At the end of the half it was 19-26, Brookville in the lead, and at the 3/5 mark the score was 37-44.

The Cadets play their first home game Friday night against Enterprise. The "B" teams will play a curtain raiser at 7:15 pm.

### Seven Salina Girls Attend Sunday Service

St. John's was honored to have seven Salina girls at the chapel services Sunday, December 6th. Guests and escorts were Peggy Todd, Stewart Miller, Diane Van Nockers, Bud Webber, Sharon Doeber, Bill Beech, Jo Ellen Kean, Earle Fox, Karen Hammit, Al Ransom, Joline Walters, Colby Johnson, Donna West, Bill Kirk.

The girls stayed through the afternoon and ate dinner with the Cadets that night.

Also visiting St. John's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Messina, parents of Tom Sweigart, from Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pate and daughters, parents of Bill Pate, Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Garner, parents of Jim Garner, Wichita.

at St. John's this year and deserve a lot of credit for staying out for the team under these circumstances.



GETTING INSTRUCTIONS from Coach Jim Elmborg are six returning St. John's letterman. They are (l. to r.) Stu Miller, Al Ransom, John McMurray, Rod Ellison, Herb Soukup, and George Race. Not pictured are Larry Rice, Dean Hargrove, and Grant Torbit, lettermen from last season who did not report for basketball this year.



# Cadets Win One, Tie One To End Season

## St. John's Down's Sylvan, Ties Luray; Post 4-2-2 Mark

By Bill Preston

Coach Jim Elmborg's football Cadets wound up their most successful season in several years on Friday, Nov. 12, by downing the Sylvan Grove Greenies, 18-0, at Glenn Martin Stadium to post an over-all 1954 season record of 4 wins, 2 ties and 2 losses.

The previous Friday, St. John's was held to a 20-20 tie by Luray at Luray.

### Grab Early Lead

In the Luray game the Cadets jumped off to a 14-0 lead in the first three minutes of play, as Herb Soukup shot around right end for 60 yards and the first score on the initial play from scrimmage. Less than two minutes later, after recovering a Luray fumble on the kickoff, Al Ransom fired to Big John McMurray in the end-zone for the second counter. George Race kicked both conversions.

In the second quarter Luray came back with three touchdowns to lead at half time 20-14. The game turned again when Herb Soukup went over from the 4 yard line. Race's conversion failed and the score stood 20-20.

Scorers for the Panthers were Bill Cochran, Morris Prince, and Norris Herbel.

### Cadets Use Airlanes

Luray gained more than one and a half times as many yards on the ground as St. John's did but the Cadets racked up three times as much yardage through the air lanes.

In the Sylvan Grove game St. John's pulled something new and used their seldom seen ground attack to good advantage.

Southpaw passer Al Ransom attempted only four passes but completed three of them for 22 yards.

### Soukup Up Middle

Herb Soukup, Cadet left halfback, scored in the first quarter with only six minutes left, by running straight up the middle from the eight yard line.

George Race's conversion attempt failed and the score remained 6-0 until the fourth quarter.

With 7:10 left in the game, senior fullback, Jerry Lutton ran through the middle of the Sylvan Grove line from the nine and Race again failed to convert.

With two minutes and twenty seconds left in the game Al Ransom went around left end from the 12 and, assisted by a block from Herb Soukup, racked up another six points. Larry Rice failed to convert, in this, his only time of carrying the ball in four years. The final score was 18-0 in favor of the Cadets.

## Six Gridders Named To All-Opponent Team

The Glasco football team, one of St. John's keenest opponents, chose an all-opponent offensive and defensive team in their Thanksgiving edition of the Glasco school paper.

Named to the defensive team were four St. John's players. They were George Race, John McMurray, Kirk Maslin, Tom Sweigart. On the offensive team six S.J.M.S. players were picked. They were Bud Webber, Larry Rice, George Race, Kirk Maslin, Tom Sweigart, John McMurray.

St. John's players made up over half of their offensive team and had more players than any other team mentioned.

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LOWERING THE BOOM on Sylvan Grove's W. Naegle (96) is Cadet halfback Herb Soukup to stop the elusive ball carrier from going the distance. The tackle was completed in this picture and the Cadets kept their goal line un-crossed as they wound up the season with an 18-0 walloping of the Greenies from Sylvan. Soukup is one of eight seniors who played their final high school football game for St. John's against the Greenies.

## "S" Club Notes

By Dean Hargrove

The 'S' Club in its drive for remodeling of their club room has already received one divan. It was donated by Mr. M. D. Hargrove, of Wichita.

Any parents who have articles of furniture or decorations that they would like to either donate or sell to the club might drop a line to Larry Rice, president of the organization.

The 'S' Clubs juke box in the Rec Hall is fast being filled with new records. In the past two weeks more than half of the machine was stocked with some of the latest popular songs. Such hits as Papa Loves Mambo, Mambo Italiano, Hold My Hand, Mister Sandman, If I Give My Heart To You, and others. Dean Hargrove and Larry Rice, who manage the project announced that more new records will be added from time to time.

The 'S' Club with its new total of 22 letterman spent Saturday evening engaged in one of the organization's activities. The members went first to the Lakeside Inn at Bennington where they enjoyed a chicken dinner. The Cadets wound up the night with a movie downtown.

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The St. John's 'S' Club will have the privilege of picking the Calendar Girl for the month of January for the Salina Journal. The girl will be chosen on such points as beauty, personality, etc. Watch the SKIRMISHER next month for the name of the girl.

## Seniors Attend College Prep Confab At Salina High

The St. John's Senior class was invited to a college preparation study at Salina High School, Tuesday, December 7. Teachers from Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas University, Bethany, and the Colorado State College for Women were on hand to instruct.

Not all the Seniors were able to attend the conference because of obligations, but the report from those that did get to attend was that it was quite worthwhile.

We would like to extend our thanks to Salina High School for inviting our Seniors.

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## "LeRoy" Becomes Official Mascot Of "S" Club

The "S" Club has acquired a new and quite outstanding member in canine form by way of LeRoy Boliver Shagnasty, V. He was officially christened "S' Club mascot" and is planning on making public appearances at all of our games.

How he came into being is a mystery, but proving himself to be a dog with a personality and outstanding character he was quickly accepted. His personality has already brought him into a close friendship with

Bobo and other members of the campus menagerie.

LeRoy, more commonly known as "Arf", has made his home in B-7 Old Barracks, (he is housebroken), and is enjoying a perfect dogs life, even to the extent of a not too enjoyabel bath.

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## English III Class Gave Program In Assembly

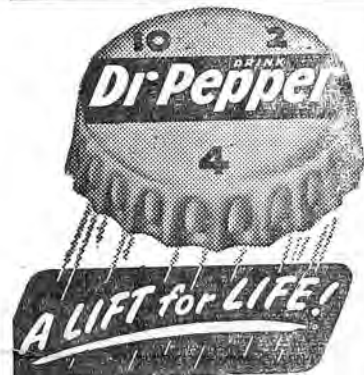
Mrs. Hardy's English III class gave a Veteran's Day program at morning assembly in the Chapel on Nov. 12. It was a well arranged skit entitled "Prayer For Peace" which lasted about thirty minutes.

The narration of the play was done by Richard Griffin, Jim Claycomb, Kirk Maslin, Jon Parkinson, Larry Menegay, and George Race.

Al Ransom took care of the musical directing and Stu Miller, and Rod Ellison formed the color guard while Don Pelkey bugled To The Colors. Tom Sweigart contributed the life-like stage effects.

Singing the chorus were Fred Handy, Dave Harris, Steve James, Dan Keating, Bill Keith, Robert Schmitz, Robert Schuler, and John Wilson. The narrators also sang with the chorus. They sang "America, The Beautiful," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Much was contributed to the program by Mrs. Clem who played the organ interludes and sang two solos, "I Heard A Forest Praying" and "Hear My Prayer, Oh God."



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## Ed Stone Heads Rectors Honor Roll For Upper School

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

Heading the list is Cadet Ed Stone with a 94 average for this grading period.

Others on the Honor Roll with an above ninety average were Paul Stappenback, Dean Hargrove, Roger Bigler, Darryl Seybert, Robert Biennen, Roger Bacon, and Hugh Parkinson.

Receiving Honorable Mention with an average of between 85 and 90 were James Preston, Fred Ferris, Tom Garrett, Al Ransom, Whit Masten, Dale Browning, and Colby Johnson.

## Have You Visited Curiosity Shop?

Dean Hargrove

St. John's gathers people and things from all over the United States, but there is one room in the school that might well earn the title of Curiosity Shop.

In this one room in Vail Hall you will find:

One metal bar, one ramrod, one Salina Blue Jays mounted baseball, one unsheathed sword, one bayonet, three American flags, one pickled frog, one biology experiment (failure), one ratigue top, one microscope, four grown pistol belts, one deflated football, one flag holder for parade, one sword, one field phone, 15 assorted pipes, one stuffed alligator (baby), one pair German mountain climbing pants, one adhesive taped baseball, one bronze horse, 1/2 pair bookends, two wooden bars, one confiscated package of chewing tobacco, assorted water pistols, one carton of hank pads (week's supply).

Books: Five ROTC manuals, one Last Days of Hitler, one Joy of Cooking, one Marine manual, one Insects in Kansas, and others.

If you probably haven't already guessed, this accumulation of oddities is in the office of none other than Major Guernsey. I wouldn't advise, Cadets, that you go to look for yourself for he frowns upon people entering his office.

Enough said!!

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## English III Class Visits Burial Ground

Mrs. Hardy's English III class took a trip to the old Indian burial grounds, a few miles east of Salina Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16th.

It all came about as they were discussing Indians and their burial habits one day. The students, being normal, took this as a chance of getting out of some work. They brought the question of a short trip up and Mrs. Hardy agreed. The students spent the Tuesday afternoon viewing the remains of ancient Indians. Their ego was somewhat deflated though, upon return. They learned about the essay they had to write on the trip.

## Several Former Cadets Are Visitors Here

Four graduates from the Class of '54 have visited the school in the last month.

They are Bob Poe, Kansas City, who is now attending Kansas State College, John Painter, Manhattan, who is also attending K-State, Bill Meidell, Wichita, who is attending Wichita University, and Jim Apppling, Winfield, Kans., who is in the U. S. Air Force stationed at Lowry field in Denver.

Also a visitor was Bill McDermith, Monte Vista, Colo., who stopped in with his mother. Bill was a senior last year but dropped out of school prior to graduation. Next semester he hopes to come back and finish his senior year.

## Large Crowd Visits St. John's Over Thanksgiving Holidays

By Larry Rice

One of the largest crowds ever to participate in Thanksgiving festivities at St. John's was here over the two-day holiday to visit their Cadets.

Capacity crowds attended the Lettermen's Dance, the Thanksgiving Service in the Armstrong Chapel, and the Turkey Dinner in the Dining Hall. More than 350 persons were served the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Festivities began on Wednesday night at the Lettermen's Dance when the Crack Squad put on its famous zouave precision drill before the holiday crowd.

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## 3000 Mile Trip Being Planned By Senior Class In Place Of "Sneak"

By Dean Hargrove

The traditional senior "sneak" has been modernized by this year's senior class. The St. John's Cadets will travel via Baltimore and Ohio railroad to the Washington, D. C., Mt. Vernon, Annapolis, M. D., Williamsburg and Jamestown.

The seniors will start on their week long tour of the east coast after spring furlough. They leave Salina on the Union Pacific Streamliner, "City of St. Louis". After they arrive in St.

## Heacock's Cousin Named "Miss Arizona"; Will Visit St. John's

A surprise was in store for Cadet J. E. Heacock recently, when he received notice that he had a long distance short wave call awaiting him at Smoky Hill Air Force Base from Phoenix, Arizona.

Heacock was taken back when he heard the voice of his pretty 18-year old cousin, Miss Bethel Kay Andre, a student in Phoenix, telling him that she had just been crowned Miss Arizona for 1955.

Miss Andre placed the call from the Avenue of Flags, at the Arizona State Fair. She plans on stopping at St. John's on her way to the Miss America contest to be held in Atlantic City, next September.

Louis they leave immediately for Washington on the Baltimore and Ohio Diesel-Electric powered "Diplomat". The "Diplomat" features stewardess-nurse service and coach lounge car facilities.

## Stay at Lafayette Hotel

While in Washington the Cadets will stay at the Lafayette Hotel which is within walking distance of the Washington Monument, the White House and is close to the famous Lafayette Square. During their stay, special motor coaches will be assigned to the group for the sight-seeing tour of Washington, which will include the White House, National Zoo, Pentagon, the Smithsonian Institution, and many others.

On the afternoon of the third day the Cadets will see the famous Mt. Vernon and will be able to visit George Washington's birthplace. In the same day they visit Robert E. Lee's home and the Francis Scott Key Bridge, and tour the Arlington National Cemetery where they will be afforded the chance to see the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## Overnight Trip By Ship

That evening the seniors leave for an overnight boat ride on the Washington-Norfolk steamship, down the Potomac River to Norfolk. The following morning they will be taken to see the Norfolk Navy Base, shipbuilding plants, and Archer M. Huntington's Mariner's Museum.

The seniors then move on to Jamestown, the oldest permanent settlement of white men in the country. After Jamestown the Cadets will go to restored Colonial Williamsburg. The seniors go back by way of the steamship back to Washington, where more sight-seeing will be done the next morning. In the next afternoon they depart for Annapolis, M. D., where they will tour the city and the United States Naval Academy.

The Group leaves Washington on the Baltimore and Ohio "National Limited". The Cadets will arrive in Salina after a day and a night's travel. The tour itself will include much more sight-seeing but limited space keeps us from publishing the full itinerary here.

The cost of the tour outlined will be \$146.65. This price includes all transportation charges, hotel and steamer accommodations, all meals, all transfers of passengers and baggage, sight-seeing as outlined, all tips, Federal taxes and admission fees. In fact, there will be no other expense except as participants choose to buy souvenirs and other personal items.

The tour will be personally conducted by a railroad representative and Capt. Keith G. Duckers who will be with the group as the St. John's faculty representative.

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