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## Former Rector Of St. John's Dies in Arizona

**Bishop R. H. Mize Associated With School For Many Years**

The Rt. Rev. Robert Herbert Mize, 86, retired Bishop of the Episcopal District of Salina and former Rector of St. John's Military School, died at 9:00 p.m. Easter Day in a hospital at Yuma, Ariz., where he made



Bishop R. H. Mize, Sr.

his home with his daughter, Mrs. Forrest Braden.

Bishop Mize spent 25 years of his ministry in Salina, eight as Rector of St. John's and 17 as Bishop for the Episcopal Church for central and western Kansas.

The funeral was at Christ Cathedral, Salina, with burial in a Salina cemetery. District clergy participated in the Requiem Eucharist and 30 Cadets formed a guard of honor.

Bishop Mize was born in Chicago Feb. 10, 1870. He attended public schools and high school in Atchison, Kas., and St. Stephen's College, New York City, in 1897. Both institutions later gave him honorary doctor's degrees.

He was ordained deacon and priest in 1897 when he became Rector of the parish at Hiawatha, Kans. He came to Salina in 1898 to be Rector of St. John's Military School. In 1906 he was called to Emporia to become Rector of St. Andrew's parish, and served there until 1912 when he became Rector of St. Paul's parish, Kansas City, Kans.

He was consecrated the third Bishop of Salina Jan. 19, 1921, and was the chief pastor of the missionary district until his retirement Jan. 1, 1939. Mrs. Mize died in 1923.

Bishop Mize is survived by two sons, the Rev. R. H. Mize, Jr., Director of St. Francis Boys' Homes, Ellsworth and Bavaria; Lt. Col. The Rev. Edward Mize, executive director of the Armed Forces Chaplains' Board, Washington, D. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Forrest Braden, Yuma, Ariz., and three grandchildren.

## Several Prospects Are Guests Here

Several boys who are considering attending St. John's next year have visited the school during the past few weeks.

Visitors include Peter DeGraff, Manhattan, Kans.; Gary Brandon, Pueblo, Colo.; James Ray, Chase, Kans.; Gary Peyton, Karval, Colo.; Albert Becker, Kansas City, Kans.; Bob Rapp, Kansas City, Kans.; Edward "Chip" Brann, Darryl Brann, Durward Brann, all of Wichita, and Ronald Hardin, Pueblo.

## Rector Predicts Record Classes

**Colonel Clem Expects School's Largest Corps**

"More Cadets are already enrolled for next school year than at this time in many years", Col. R. L. Clem told a Skirmisher reporter this week.

"We are anticipating the largest enrollment in the history of St. John's next year", the Rector said. "An enrollment of at least 135 Cadets is being planned".

Colonel Clem pointed out that all parents should complete reenrollment procedures for their boys while they are here over Commencement weekend if at all possible.

"Cadets who have been attending St. John's for the past year naturally take preference over prospective students", he said, "but it is necessary for school officials to know how many 'old boys' will be returning so that we will know the number of vacancies available in the various classes".

Colonel Clem said that representatives who will be traveling for the school this summer besides himself include Lt. Col. A.Y. Hardy, Capt. Keith G. Duckers and the Rev. C. W. F. Pratt.

These officers will be available commencement weekend for conferences with parents concerning reenrollments.

# 69th Year Ends May 20th



Dr. R. A. Gantt

## Former Cadet Will Address S. J. Graduates

Speaker at the 69th annual Commencement exercises at St. John's Military School will be Dr. R. A. Gantt, vice-president of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Dr. Gantt graduated from St. John's in the class of 1898. He has had 46 years of continuous service in the communications business.

Besides being vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph, Dr. Gantt is first vice-president and Director of the Cuban American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Director of the General Telephone Corporation; the General Telephone Directory Company; the General Telephone Service Corporation and the International Standard Electrical Corporation.

Prior to joining the I.T. & T., Dr. Gantt was with the Bell System for nineteen years. As General Manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Dr. Gantt was in charge of the introduction of automatic telephone service in the San Francisco Bay region in 1926, and the installation of the first toll cable between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

With I.T. & T. as Operating Head of Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Dr. Gantt organized and directed the conversion of the telegraph system from Morse Telegraph to Printer Telegraph. In 1938 until 1942 he was located in Bucharest, Rumania, in charge of I.T. & T. properties in the Balkans.

At the outbreak of World War II, in 1940, he entered the U.S. Government Service and served as Vice President of the U.S. Commercial Company in charge of the Communications Division until the termination of hostilities. He returned to I. T. & T. in 1944 as Vice President in Charge of Telephone Operations.

## Nuss, King Announce Candidates For Grade, High School Diplomas

Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance and Curriculum, has announced the names of eighteen senior Cadets as candidates for graduation on May 20.

Seniors will receive their diplomas on commencement day from the Rt. Rev. Arnold W. Lewis, Bishop of Salina and President of the St. John's Board of trustees.

Candidates are Dave Connell, Gail Eilebrecht, Fred Handy, Dave Harris, Jim Jeppesen, Dan Keating, Bill Keith, Jim Ledgerwood, Jerry Lutton, Kirk Masline, Jerry Paugh, Frank Pyle, Al Ransom, Russell Schmidt, Robert Schmitz, Bob Schuler,

Chuck Sebrell and Tom Sweigart.

Names of ten candidates for graduation from the eighth grade into high school have been announced by Capt. Richard King, Junior School Director.

These Cadets, subject to passing final examinations, will be awarded their diplomas on commencement day by Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's.

Candidates for graduation are Steve Anderson, R. A. Bloxson, Dwight Chastain, Dave Hauck, Bib Hillard, John Maultsby, Jim Pickett, Jerry Scott, Burris Smith and Jerry Collins.

# Many Honors, Prizes To Be Awarded At Commencement

By Bill Keith

St. John's Cadets will be awarded numerous honors and prizes at commencement exercises on Sunday, May 20.

Top honor to be awarded is the GORDON PRIZE which goes to the Cadet who best combines the qualities of school spirit and excellence in studies and athletics.

The Gordon Prize was won last year by Cadet Capt. Larry Rice of Hoisington, Kans. The Gordon Prize is presented by John J. Vanier, Salina.

Among other awards and prizes are:

**Sage Memorial Medal**—presented in memory of the Rt. Rev. John C. Sage, late Bishop of Salina. It is awarded to the cadet who has shown the greatest development in the school year. It is traditionally awarded to a senior who is not a new boy.

**Athletic Scholarship Medal**—Given by the Salina Journal to the cadet who wins his letter in athletics and has the highest academic standing.

**Effort Medal**—Presented by one of the interested citizens of Salina and awarded to the cadet who has made the greatest

effort throughout the school year.

**Tinsley C. Frey Athletic Medal**—Given by A. W. Stedham, Salina, to the cadet who has rendered the greatest service in the promotion of athletics at the school.

**Commandant's Medals**—Given by Ed Morgenstern, Salina, to the cadets ranking highest in competitive manual of arms in the Upper School and in the Junior School.

**Bugler's Cup**—Presented by North-McArthur to the bugler most proficient in the calls.

**Rose Cup**—Given by Phil

Rose, Salina, to the new boy who has made the most satisfactory record throughout the year.

**Leadership Medal**—Offered by the National Bank of America of Salina to the cadet who by distinct leadership has promoted interest in some activity or existing organization that concerns the welfare of the school.

**Wilson Loyalty Cup**—Given by Murray Wilson, Salina, to the cadet who has shown a distinctively loyal spirit in supporting the ideals for which the

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ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL

THE SKIRMISHER

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Managing Editor ..... Fritz Handy, Fort Collins, Colo.  
Reporter ..... Bill Keith, Casper, Wyo.  
Reporter ..... Jim Jeppesen, Denver, Colo.  
Reporter ..... Wayne Billingsley, Casper, Wyo.  
Faculty Advisor ..... Capt. Keith G. Duckers

Colonel, The Reverend R. L. Clem  
1936 - 1956

By Father Pratt

It falls on the newest member of the faculty of St. John's Military School this pleasant task, of paying tribute to our Rector, Colonel, The Reverend R. L. Clem, as he finishes twenty years as Rector of this school.

St. John's, as it stands and functions for the boy today as compared with twenty years ago, is truly the tribute to "The Colonel". The regard and esteem in which he is held my many all over the country, was made evident to me shortly after I had my first meeting with him last September. For when I mentioned to clergy and others whom I met as I made my way back to Canada with the boys of my choir who had been on tour with me, that I was planning on joining the staff of St. John's I was told—"A fine man, The Colonel". Needless to say, that is the same I hear almost every time I go 'to town' in Salina.

But before these few words give you the impression of finality, may I say that these first twenty years "the Colonel" has lived and worked for St. John's are only the beginning. The future of St. John's, under his leadership, gives promise of greater things for The Boy, in education, leadership, Religion, citizenship and character building.

So to "The Colonel" we say—May your next twenty years as Rector be even happier than the last and may they produce all the advancement you hope and strive for, for The Boy, who is, after all, The School—C.W.F.P.

Congratulations "New Boys"

An unsung group on the St. John's campus who have contributed a great deal to making this school the success it has been are the "New Boys."

On the football field, the basketball court, the drill teams and in the barracks were always a representative group of outstanding "New Boys." From the group the Skirmisher each month has selected one as being most outstanding.

In October we chose David Hauck from the Junior School for honor. Jim Jeppesen from the Upper School was named in November. December's "New Boy" of the month was Bob Morrison from the Junior School and Gary Moore got the honor in January. John Scott was chosen in March. We close the year by selecting Larry Ellifritt for the award.

You'll look a long way to find a better all-around group than those which we have chosen. Great things in the future are being expected from these Cadets who in 1955-56 were known as "New Boys".

Tribute to Bishop Mize

By Colonel Clem

I know little of Bishop Mize's work as a parish priest or as a Bishop, but I know a great deal about his worth to St. John's School. No one man has had the care and love of our school so long in his heart as he.

During his Rectorship, which ended in 1906, his gifts of personality and leadership resulted in an earnestness of purpose in the lives of many lads. Our commencement speaker this year, Dr. R. A. Ganitt, is one whose character was most favorably affected by his association with the Rev. R. H. Mize.

Later as Bishop of Salina he was obliged to care for the school again and much of his strength, so rapidly declining by the middle thirties, to say nothing of his personal purse, was used to carry St. John's through troubled times. Private schools were having rough going then and in my opinion there would be no St. John's today had it not been for him.

How he would have enjoyed the battle if he had his youth again to use in solving the problems of the school as well as of the District of Salina.

I wish all of you could have known him.

Rector's Message

A school administrator cannot "look ahead" without "looking back".

At this moment when we are busy making plans to assume a successful 1956-57 school year we are also appraising what has been accomplished during the year just ending and we are, therefore, keenly conscious of what the class of 1956 has meant to St. John's.

The school owes most of the members of this class a great deal and we are grateful for their good work. Most of our seniors will be in college or with the armed forces at this time next year, but wherever they may be we wish them Godspeed.

Plans are underway for enlarging and strengthening our faculty and by every means possible to make St. John's a better school next year than it has been. The unusually large number of reenrollments we now have is very gratifying and certainly encouraging.

The junior class has already begun to make their plans to take over as cadet leaders next fall and I know we can expect fine leadership from them.

A happy and useful summer to you all.—RLC.

Erb, J. Moore  
Top Honor Roll

Steve Erb, 4th grader from Omaha, headed the Junior School Honor Roll with a 93.3, and Jerry Moore, freshman from Albuquerque, led the Upper School with a 97.5, for the seventh grading period, Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, has announced.

UPPER SCHOOL  
HONOR ROLL

Al Ransom ..... 91.8  
Bill Crews ..... 91.5  
Whit Masten ..... 90.5

HONORABLE MENTION

Dan Keating ..... 89.5  
David McClanahan ..... 89.3  
Jerry Paugh ..... 89.0  
Coors Kugeler ..... 88.3  
Roger Bacon ..... 88.0  
Clyde Stiteler ..... 86.8  
Eddie Stone ..... 86.8  
Paul Stappenbeck ..... 86.5  
Tom Garrett ..... 86.3  
Charles Sebrell ..... 86.0  
Park Learned ..... 85.3  
Kirk Maslin ..... 85.0  
Tom Sweigart ..... 85.0

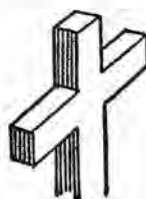
JUNIOR SCHOOL  
HONOR ROLL

John Scott ..... 93.5  
David Hauck ..... 90.5

HONORABLE MENTION

R. A. Bloxsom ..... 89.5  
John Fisher ..... 89.5  
Don Kirk ..... 89.2  
David Todd ..... 87.7  
Tweed Ross ..... 87.1  
Billy Pate ..... 86.7  
Gary Metzger ..... 86.6

Grades for the last grading period for the year were not available at SKIRMISHER press time. Final exams were scheduled for the 17th and 18th of May.



Chapel Notes

By Father Pratt

We have come to the end of another school year. For me it has been six months of wonderful experience, getting to know most of you cadets well, and being, I hope, of some help from time to time in one way or another. For me it is the end of my first school year with you and I hope that I will be here a great many more years to write the Chapel Notes.

In this short time of six months we have accomplished a great deal in many ways. Those who have served at the regular week day chapel services have made a most valuable contribution to the dignity and worship of our services. The many Episcopalian cadets who came out for the Order of St. Vincent for Acolytes, and have learned to serve at the Altar, have also made a very important contribution. You have not only been of great service to the officiating priest, but have made a very special offering to God in that service as a server at the Altar. Some have learned faster than others, some have had previous experience in their own parish churches. We hope that you will offer to serve for your Parish priest during the summer months when you are at home.

The Bishop's Prize this year will take the form of a silver Cross which the recipient will wear while serving in the future in the Chapel, or in the case of a graduating Senior, to wear when he can while serving at any time. It has been difficult to pick three cadets who have been outstanding in their work in the Chapel, for all of the servers have done well and been most faithful. However, I have had the problem presented me and have selected one Senior and two Junior School cadets.

To the Seniors leaving us this year I would say this. Whatever your faith or religious preference, remember that without a belief in God, a trust in God, and an ever increasing knowledge of your dependence on God, you can never be as happy and strong spiritually and morally as you should be. You will find that wherever you go—to college or in the business world—there is a greater knowledge of the need of Divine help in all that we do. Look out the church of your choice, join it and support it as best you can.

An active Christian is a Militant Christian and as you give yourself, so you will receive an hundredfold. May God go with you and be your guide always.

To those cadets who will be returning to carry on their studies here at St. John's, may God go with you this summer. Do remember that God does not

take a holiday from His care of us. So whenever and wherever you can, get to church on Sunday to offer your thanks to Him for His love and care and protection during the past week. Wherever possible, go with your family as a family, just as the Holy Family used to go up to Jerusalem to worship together. Just as the Holy Family used to go to the Synagogue each Sabbath to hear the Word of God read to them and to hear the Teachers tell of the wonders of God in His universe. By your example you may help others to find help in receiving God's Love.

In closing I can find no better words than those of the psalmist in the 26th verse of Psalm 118—"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord".

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St. John's Military School Cadet Choir has done a remarkably fine job in the short time they have been singing together. Last December the Junior School choir of Trebles was formed and, by hard work, they were able to prepare a short broadcast over station KSAL, Salina, of Christmas Carols and other Christmas music. The Upper School choir was formed after auditions in the early part of January after the Christmas Furlough. Since that time the full Choir has sung almost all the 11 o'clock services at Christ Cathedral in Salina as well as a Radio broadcast and finally a service and a half-hour Telecast in Lincoln, Nebraska, over KOLN-TV and a service in Beatrice, Nebraska. Suffice it to say that the choir has been asked to return, both to Lincoln and Beatrice.

The first big job that the choir practiced for was the service of Consecration of the new Bishop of Salina, The Rt. Rev. Arnold Lewis. They have also sung services in the school chapel. Next year we hope to have regular Sunday services in the school Chapel at which the public will be invited. As for singing outside the school—the plan is to have a 10 days tour once a year, visiting different parts of the United States, according to the time required for travel from one place to another. We expect that a great deal will be heard from the members of the choir in the future. I would like to personally thank each and every member of the choir for all the hard work they have put in over these past few months, and say, that I hope I will be seeing many of them back in the ranks of the choir next year.

—The Chaplain.

Plans Started For Eastern Trip For Upper 3 Classes Next Year

Plans are underway for next year's trip to the East, according to Capt. Keith G. Duckers, public information officer.

The trip will be different from those held the past two years, Duckers said. Instead of going from Washington to Norfolk, Va., the Cadets making the trip next year will spend three days in New York City and two days in Washington,

D. C.

Three Classes Eligible

Cadets in the sophomore, junior and senior classes will be eligible to make the trip.

The tour will leave Salina on Friday evening, Apr. 29. (That is the Friday following spring furlough as in the past two years.)

A proposed itinerary has been received from John Ham-

mar of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

See Statue of Liberty

While in New York the Cadets will have a complete Sunday tour of NBC radio and television studios, including a visit to the roof of Rockefeller Center. The following day there will be a complete guided tour of Upper and Lower Manhattan, including a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty, a guided tour

of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and a tour of the United Nations Building. Tuesday will be spent at West Point Military Academy.

The Cadets will also tour Washington, D.C., and cover the following points of interest: Arlington National Cemetery, George Washington National Masonic Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Capitol Building. The

remainder of the day will be spent at the Smithsonian Institute, and Cadets who prefer may visit the F.B.I. headquarters or the Archives Building which is nearby.

Cost of the tour will be \$156.84. This will cover all expenses of the trip. Applications for those wanting to make the trip will be taken next September.



# Crack Drill Teams Appear In Final Shows



THE CRACK DRILL SQUAD will make their final appearance of the year at about 8:15 p.m. Saturday, just prior to the senior dance. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. During the final performance by the Crack Drill Squad, Maj. Al Ransom, Cadet commander of the precision team, will announce the name of the commander for next year. At that time Major Ransom will present his sabre to the new commander for the completion of the drill.

## Bill Keith Posts High Score On SHAFB .30 Calibre Range

By Jim Jeppesen

A highlight of the school year for Cadets 14 year old and over came on April 24 and 25, when the Corps fired the .30 calibre course at Smoky Hill Air Force Base.

Cadet Lt. Bill Keith, senior from Casper, Wyo., fired the highest score during the two day period posting a score of 193 out of a possible 210.

In all, 86 Cadets fired the 200-yard .30 calibre course.

Cadets qualified in three categories. Those firing scores of 125 to 14 will be awarded the marksman medals; sharpshooter medals go to those with scores of 148 to 168; and Cadets posting scores of 169 and above will be awarded the expert medal.

Qualifying as marksmen are: George Akers, Bob Baker, Everett Beck, Jim Yeargain, Wayne Billingsley, Bill Bobb, Ben Brown, Bill Claycomb, Jerry Collins, Bruce Cuddeback, John Carson, Larry Ellifritt, Mike Gannaway, Fritz Handy, Roy Hovey, Jim Jeppesen, Park Learned, Mike Ekiss, Dave McClanahan, Gary Moore, Jerry Paugh, Jim Pickett, Frank Pyle, Bob Pave, Harry Rehder, Clyde Stitler, and Bernard Wall.

Those in the Sharpshooter rank are Guy Benitez, Dan Chilcote, Bill Crews, Gail Eilebrecht, Jim Garner, Tom Garrett, Dave Harris, Al Ransom,



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Those who fired the Expert qualifications are Roger Bacon, Lee Hales, Bill Keith, Bill Hurst, Russell Schmidt, Bob Schmitz, Fred Schram, and Tom Sweigart.

### Masten, Yeargain Win At Key Club Show

Cadets Whit Masten and Jim Yeargain won first place in the talent show at the Kiwanis Key Club convention in Hutchinson April 7th by playing a piano duet.

Other cadets attending the convention were Fritz Handy, Bill Beech, Ben Brown, Jim Jeppesen, and Ed Stone.

The officers elected for next year are Bill Beech, president; Jim Yeargain, vice-president; Ed Stone, secretary, and Ben Brown, treasurer.

Bill Beech, Jim Yeargain and Ben Brown are planning to attend the national convention in Dallas, Texas, this summer.

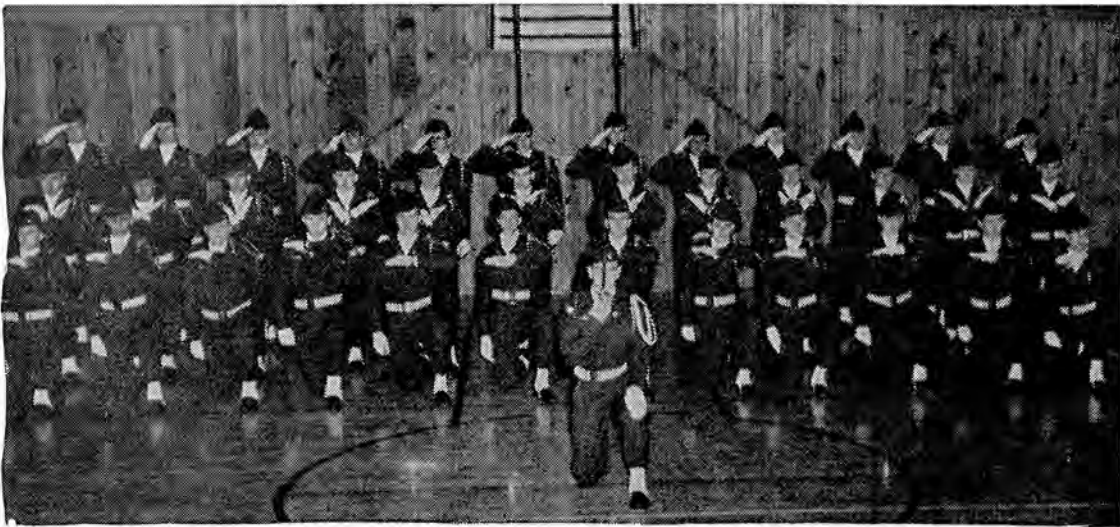
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THE CRACK DRILL PLATOON will make their final appearance of the year Saturday afternoon during the military field competition. Appearance of the Platoon is scheduled for about 3:15 p.m. The Platoon defended their Regional title in Omaha for the third consecutive year on Saturday, May 12. Several members of this year's Crack Platoon were on the St. John's team which represented the Kansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol in the National Drill Competition last summer in Wilmington, Ohio. Cadet Ronnie Neely, junior from Pueblo, Colo., was on the United States drill team in the International Competition in Toronto, Canada, in August.

### School Children Visit St. John's

Students from two Kansas schools visited St. John's on May 7 and 8.

Fifty-eight grade students from South Riverside school in Wichita visited on May 7, and 35 students from the seventh and eighth grades of Dawson school in Topeka visited on May 8.

Both groups saw the movie "This is St. John's", and were entertained by the Crack Drill Platoon. They were given an ice cream treat before leaving.

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### Tokyo Student Paper Added To Exchange

Another student newspaper has been added to the Skirmisher exchange, The Rikkyo Echo, an English language newspaper published by St. Paul's University in Tokyo, Japan.

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# Cadet Choral Group



THE CADET CHOIR formed this year by the Rev. C. W. F. Pratt, Chaplain, made their first television appearance at Lincoln, Nebr., Sunday, May 6, when they presented a half-hour musical program.

Members of the Choir are, back row from left Gail Eilebrecht, Bob Pave, Clyde Stiteler, John Maulsby, Jerry Moore, John Carson, Allen Oliver, Whit Masten, Lee Hales and Jim Ledgerwood. Second row from left, Steve Anderson, Charles Lee, Jim Pickett, Dudley Henderson, Fred Hardman, Bob Morrison, C. E. Arens, Tweed Ross and Bill Crews. Front row from left, Ken Siebert, Steve Erb, John Scott, Jim Kugeler and Darwin Shilling.

## Commencement Schedule

Friday, 18 May

All Day Arrival of Guests

Saturday, 19 May

9:30 A.M. Athletic Field Day

2:30 P.M. Military Field Day

8:00 P.M. Senior Receiving Line

8:15 P.M. Crack Squad Performance

9:00-Midnight Senior Dance

Sunday, May Twentieth

11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Service, Christ Cathedral

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, Bishop of Salina

12:30 P.M. Buffet Luncheon for Cadets, Alumni and Guests

2:30 P.M. Commencement Exercises, the Gymnasium

Address: Mr. Robert A. Gantt, Vice-President International

Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York City

4:00 P.M. Last Formation, Presentation of Commissions and

Warrants, Lowering of Colors, and Final Dismissal of Battalion.

(Editor's note: The following two poems, both anonymous, are printed herewith because we feel they are appropriate, particularly at this time of the year. The first, "A Soldier's Prayer," was written by an unknown Confederate soldier. The other, "The Old Man and The Boy," is respectfully dedicated to the St. John's faculty by members of the Skirmisher staff who feel that in many ways the St. John's officers are comparable to the old man in this poem.)

### A Soldiers Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . .  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things . . .  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty that I might be wise . . .  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God . . .  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things . . .  
I got nothing that I asked for—but everything I had hoped for,  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am among all men, most richly blessed.

### The Old Man And The Boy

An old man going a lone highway, Came at the evening cold and gray.  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim, The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to stem the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow-pilgrim near, "You are wasting your strength by building here;  
Your journey will end with the closing day; You never again will pass this way.  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide. Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head "Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that's been naught to me To that fair youth may be a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim. Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

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IN FRONT OF THE U. S. CAPITAL are the 22 St. John's Cadets who visited Washington and other points of interest in the East late in March. The Cadets toured the Capital building and saw both the Senate and House of Representatives in session shortly after this picture was taken. Cadets pictured here are (back row, from left) Fritz Handy, Bob Schuler, Bob Schmitz, Ben Brown, Frank Pyle, Russell Schmidt, Bill Keith, Kirk Maslin, Al Ransom, Bill Bobb, Glenn Hayes, Charles Sebrell, Gary Moore, Kemper Wilcox and Dan Keating. (Front row, from left) Capt. Keith Duckers, sponsor, Jim Jeppersen, Bob Pave, Jerry Lutton, Jim Ledgerwood, Lee Hales, Bill Claycomb, Jerry Paugh and John Hammar, Baltimore and Ohio railroad representative who promoted the trip.

MANY HONORS

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School stands.

**Thesis Medal** — Presented by the National Society Colonial Daughters, Washington, D. C., to the cadet writing the best essay on a patriotic subject.

**Citizenship Medal** — Presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1432, Salina, to the non-commissioned officer most outstanding in citizenship.

**American Legion Medal**—Given by the Leslie Kreps Post, Salina, to the commissioned officer with the highest academic standing for the year.

**Rotary Cup** — Presented by the Salina Rotary Club to the senior who has had the longest service at St. John's.

**Junior School Medal** — Given by Dr. Porter Brown, Salina, to the cadet making the most satisfactory record in the Junior School.

**Junior School Progress Medal** — Given by Col. Ambrose Deatrick, National Sons of the American Revolution, to the Junior School cadet who has made the greatest progress during the school year.

**The Shank Prizes** — A book given to the head of each class in academic standing. Given by Lee Roy Shank, Salina.

**Army and Navy Medal**—Given to the captain of the victorious intramural athletic club. Presented by the Planter's State Bank.

**Athletic Medals** — Given by Paul Berger, Salina, to the cadets scoring the most points in the Upper School and in the Junior School on the annual Athletic Field Day.

**Marksmanship Badge** — Given by Dr. Ned Cheney, Salina, to the cadet making the highest score in competitive caliber .30 firing.

**Moreland Medal** — Given by Larry Moreland, 49, Wichita, to the cadet making the highest score in competitive caliber .22 firing.

**Letters and Emblems** — Awarded to cadets representing the School in athletic contests with other institutions.

**The Bishop's Award** — Presented to the cadet who is of greatest service in work with the Chaplain.

Capt. R. K. Hower  
Announces Resignation

The resignation of Capt. Raymond K. Hower, mathematics in-



Capt. R. K. Hower

structor for the past six years at St. John's, has been announced. Captain Hower will enter the appliance and furniture business here in Salina.

Captain Hower came to St. John's from Chase (Kans.) High School in September of 1950.

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# Crack Platoon In Competition

## St. John's Team Seeks Third Champion

The St. John's Crack Drill Platoon represented the Kansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol in the Regional Drill Competition in Omaha, Nebr., May 12, for the third straight year.

Result of the competition were not available at Skirmisher press time, but the St. John's team was favored to win as it has the past two years.

The winning team will qualify to represent the seven-state central region of C.A.P. in National Competition in Amarillo, Tex., the last week in August.

If the St. John's team wins, members will be picked up at their homes about the middle of July and flown by U.S. Air Force plane to a point (yet to be selected) for two weeks of concentrated training in preparation for the National Competition.

Cadet Maj. Al Ransom commanded the St. John's Platoon in the Regional. However, a new commander will take over should the team win the trip to the National, as Major Ransom will be out of the United States this summer on the C.A.P. Foreign Exchange.

Maj. R. L. Guernsey and Capt. Keith G. Duckers accompanied the Platoon to Omaha for the Regionals.

## "S" Club Officers Believe Organization Had Successful Year

The "S" Club officers are satisfied that their organization has had a successful and active year, according to Cadet Capt. Tom Sweigart, president.

Sweigart pointed out that among the club's many projects this year were informal dances, hay rack rides, picnics, Sunday movies and other entertainment.

The "S" Club donated money to the school this year to help purchase a new Bell and Howe sound 16 MM movie projector.

## Faculty Participates In Salina B-E Day

St. John's Faculty officers participated in Business-Education Day in Salina on May 2.

Sponsored by the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, school teachers from all of the Salina Schools were guests of various business firms for lunch at noon and a tour of the business during the afternoon.

### PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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## Librarian's Club Enjoys Outing At Coronado Heights

The Librarian's Club enjoyed an outing to Coronado Heights near Lindsborg on April 25. Mrs. H. E. Nuss is sponsor of the club.

Librarians and their dates who attended the picnic are Gail Eilebrecht, Pat Robertson, Bruce Cuddeback, Betty Rooney, Ralph LeHew, Ellen Hamilton, Bill Owen, Judy Delaney, Lee Hales, Marion Mills, Paul Stapenbeck, Sandy Johnson, Bill Beech, Dorith Sullivan, Guy Benitez, Ann Oslauger, Park Learned, Margaret Morlock, Kemper Wilcox and Dona Norris.

### BABY GIRL

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hanna, Springfield, Colo., on May 1. Mrs. Hanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Samuelson of the St. John's staff. Mr. Hanna graduated from St. John's as a lieutenant with the class of 1952. Mrs. Samuelson visited the new granddaughter last week. Mr. Samuelson plans to go to Springfield for a visit early in June.

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## Charter Given To Key Club

The charter of St. John's Kiwanis Key Club International was presented to the club in ceremonies in the chapel on May 10.

Kiwanis District Lt. Governor Orval Ebberts of Manhattan addressed the Corps of Cadets and presented the charter to Cadet Capt. Fritz Handy, first president of the St. John's Key Club. Capt. Handy accepted the charter in behalf of the club.

Among the members of the Salina Kiwanis Club present for the charter presentation were Gaylord Spangler, president, and Allison Chandler, Key Club chairman.

### BABY BOY

A baby boy was born on April 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wyman, Craig, Colo. Gordon Prize winner in 1951, Wyman graduated as Cadet Major after attending St. John's for six years. The Wyman's also have a two year old daughter.

### FORMER CADET'S MOTHER DIES IN COLORADO

Friends of Cadet Capt. Grant Torbit, '55, were sorry to learn of the death of his mother, Mrs. Harry Torbitt in Pueblo, Colo., on April 26. An honor guard of Cadets headed by Cadet Maj. Al Ransom, attended the funeral in Pueblo.

# Senior Will

In order that the senior class of St. John's will not be soon forgotten, certain members of the class desire to "will" some of their more precious talents and possessions to underclassmen. The seniors feel that their glory will, in this way, be perpetuated through the years to come.

Al Ransom, an athletic great at St. John's for four years, wants Everett Beck to have his ability on the gridiron, gym floor, baseball diamond and track.

Bill Keith wills his "way with women" to Steve Erb.

Jim Jeppesen wants Fred Schram to have his gullible talents.

Fritz Handy leaves the camera and dark room to any darn fool that will take it.

Dave Connell wills his friendly smile to the Pepsodent Company.

Gail Eilbrecht wants Colonel Clem to have the radio shop and equipment so that St. John's can go into competition with KSAL.

Kirk Maslin wills his civilian clothes to the Salvation Army

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Dan Keating leaves his room in the local hospital to the entire Cadet Corps.

Jim Ledgerwood wills his ability to run a record 880 yard dash to R. A. Bloxson.

Jerry Lutton wants Bob Morrison to have his quiet, reserved personality.

Tom Sweigart leaves his company of Junior School cadets to anyone who will have them.

Frank Pyle wills his Elvis Presley records to Bill Beech.

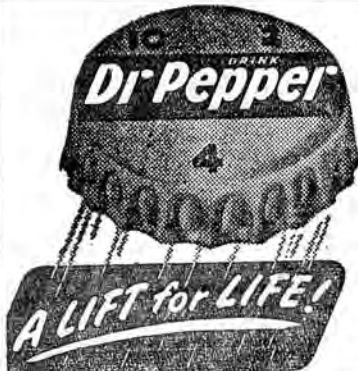
Jerry Paugh leaves his ability for taking pictures to next year's Photographer.

Bob Schuler gives his Davy Crockett rifle and armory to Gavin Honnen.

Russell Schmidt wills his ability to get along with officers to Bill Crews.

Robert Schmitz leaves his key to the adjutant's office to Roger Bacon.

Chuck Sebrell wills his hair to the Cadet Barbers.



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## Skirmisher Staff Picks Ellifritt For "New Boy of Month" Honor



Cadet Larry Ellifritt

A freshman from Pueblo, Colo., steps forward this month as New Boy of the Month.

Larry Ellifritt, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Ellifritt has established a good record during his first year at St. John's.

He is holding down positions on both the Crack Squad and the Crack Platoon, and is out for track. Larry plans to go out for all sports next year.

Larry thinks St. John's is a wonderful place and plans to graduate in '59. He likes all the faculty and says "they are a great help in giving you sound advice." "They also are always willing to help you in your assignments whenever you need their help," Larry said.

Larry doesn't have any real hobbies but he likes to listen to progressive jazz. He thinks the food at St. John's wonderful and well balanced. Steak is his favorite food.

Larry has two roommates, John Striegel and Bill Bobb. Bobb collects snakes and Larry says they are okay when they are in their cages.

Larry isn't sure what he is going to do when he graduates, but he hopes to go on to college.

Larry is the last New Boy for this year at St. John's.

## Chaplain Announces Cadets Eligible For Choir Emblem

Thirty Cadets have been authorized to wear the Choir emblem on their dress uniforms, the Rev. C.W.F. Pratt, Chaplain, has announced.

Junior School Cadets who were awarded the patch are Steve Anderson, Steve Erb, Fred Hardman, Jim Kugeler, Charles Lee, John Maultsby, Bob Morrison, Jim Pickett, Tweed Ross, John Scott, Darwin Shilling, Ken Siebert and Burris Smith.

Authorized to wear the Choir emblem in the Upper School are C. E. Arens, John Carson, Bill Crews, Gail Eilebrecht, Bob Baker, Dudley Henderson, Roy Hovey, Lee Hales, Jim Ledgerwood, Jim Miller, Jerry Moore, Whit Masten, Allen Oliver, Russell Schmidt, Clyde Stiteler, Joe Stanberry and Jim Yeargain.

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