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Eight Day Furlough Starts

Leaves Granted To All Cadets

The last break in the school year comes Saturday, March 10, as the seven day spring furlough for all Cadets gets underway.

With the end of the Saturday class schedule, Cadets are on furlough until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 18.

Most Cadets plan to either spend the furlough at home or, in cases where travel distance is too great, with relatives or parents of other Cadets nearer Salina.

Nine weeks of school will remain following furlough with Commencement festivities scheduled for the weekend of May 19-20.

Week Long Trip to Washington Is Set for 25 Cadets March 23-30

Another highlight of the 1955-56 school year is due to occur for at least 25 St. John's Cadets on May 23, when the group will entrain for a seven-day trip to Washington, D. C., and other points of interest in the east.

All juniors and seniors are eligible to make the trip which is being sponsored by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Among the highlights of the trip are:

Palm Sunday services in National Cathedral; A tour of the White House; Lunch in the senate dining room with Senator Carlson of Kansas; an

overnight steamship trip to Norfolk down the Patomac and Chesapeake Bay; a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base; sightseeing in historical and restored Williamsburg; tour of Yorktown and Jamestown; return overnight trip to Washington via steamship; a tour of the Capital building and many other federal buildings in Washington with personal guide; a trip to Annapolis and a tour of the U. S. Naval Academy; at the Academy a visit to John Paul Jones' tomb and sightseeing in the famous museum there; and dozens of other interesting

places such as the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

Cost for the entire trip, including all necessities, is \$146.65 per person.

The Cadets will be accompanied by John Hammar, B. & O. railroad representative, and Captain Duckers from the school.

Rector to Preach In Texas Sunday

St. John's will be featured at the 11:00 o'clock service at St. James Episcopal Church in Texarkana, Tex., on Sunday, March 12.

The Rector of St. James, The Rev. Thomas Carson, father of Cadet John Carson, has invited Col. R. L. Clem to preach and Cadet John Scott will sing. Scott will be accompanied by the Rev. C. W. F. Pratt, St. John's chaplain.

13 Promoted; Two to Captain

Special Orders Nos. 39 and 40 on Feb. 19, and March 2, announced the promotions of thirteen Cadets. Three of the promotions involved officers.

Advanced to the rank of Cadet Captain were 1st Lts. Fred Handy and Robert Schuler. Kirk Maslin was promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant.

Advanced to Sergeant were corporals Frank Pyle and Robert Schmitz.

Raymond Bloxsom and Ronald Neely were promoted to corporals.

Among the six privates advanced to the grade of private first class were Robert Baker, Bill Bobb, Ben Brown, Charles Hanks, Richard Stout and James Pickett.

Ransom Chosen By Wing Officers For Exchange

St. John's Cadet One of 3 Picked To Go Abroad

Cadet Maj. Al Ransom, St. John's, senior from Pueblo, Colo., has been selected as one of three Civil Air Patrol Cadets to represent the Kansas Wing in the C.A.P. International Exchange this summer, Col. J. J. O'Connor, Wing Commander, has announced.

The three Cadets were chosen from a field of eight candidates representing various squadrons in the Kansas Wing.

Fourth Cadet Chosen

Ransom will be the fourth St. John's Cadet to participate in the exchange in the past five years. Previously, Grant Torbit, 55, and Ed Bigler, 52, were sent to Canada. Larry Greathouse, 53, was the exchange cadet to Holland.

All expenses on the trip are paid either by the Air Force or C.A.P. Ransom and other exchange cadets will spend several days at National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., prior to being flown to the various countries participating in the program.

Two Weeks Abroad

Cadets on the exchange will spend about two weeks in the foreign country to which they are assigned. This does not include travel time and the time spent in Washington.

Ransom has been at Lowry A.F.B., Denver, for the past week taking entrance examinations for the Air Force Academy. He is a nominee of Representative Chenoweth of Colorado.

HARDYS TO SPEND FURLOUGH IN COLORADO

Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Y. Hardy will spend spring furlough in Pueblo and Denver. Colonel Hardy plans to contact several people in Pueblo who have contacted the school since the drill team appeared there recently.

Colorado Trip A Huge Success



GETTING STRAPPED in parachute for the trip to Pueblo are St. John's Cadets Park Learned (left, back to camera) and Ronnie Neely (extreme right.) Giving assistance are A/1c Michael Dougherty, crew chief, and Capt. Melvin Horstman, co-pilot of the C-119 on which the Cadets flew to Colorado. Before each trip the Cadets are given a strict briefing on flying procedures, use of parachutes and other pertinent information. (Photo courtesy of Salina Journal.)

A five-day trip in which the St. John's precision drill teams made eleven public appearances ended late Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, when the wheels of two U. S. Air Force C-47's touched the runway of Smoky Hill A.F.B.

Leaving S.H.A.F.B. Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 22, the 38 Cadets on the combined Crack Squad-Platoon headquartered in private homes in Pueblo, Colo.

First Appear Wednesday

First appearance in Colorado was made at the Pueblo Minnequa Club on Wednesday evening by the Crack Squad at a Reserve Officer's Association dinner-dance.

Dates were arranged for the Cadets and they were invited to stay for the formal dance which

followed their performance.

On Thursday morning three appearances were made by the Crack Platoon at high schools in Pueblo County. In the afternoon the Crack Squad made a 30 minute television appearance.

Entertain at Game

Thursday evening the Platoon returned to action doing a show at halftime of Centennial high school's basketball game.

Friday morning was spent touring the Pueblo Ordnance Depot. The Cadets were given the VIP treatment including a view at the Nike guided missile, thanks to Colonel Henderson, commander of the depot.

Following lunch at the depot, the Crack Squad drilled at a

Catholic high school assembly.

Go to Colorado Springs

As a driving snowstorm came down out of the mountains, the entire group boarded a bus for Colorado Springs where the Crack Squad did another half hour TV show. Returning to Pueblo for Friday evening dinner, the Cadets had free time for the remainder of the day.

Another tour was on tap for Saturday morning. The large C. F. & I. steel mill was visited by the St. John's group and this was followed by luncheon at the Minnequa Club given by J. J. Martin, president of C. F. & I.

Free Time

Saturday afternoon was devoted to "free time," the Cadets assembled again for evening dinner at Pueblo College as

guests of the Air Force Reserve officers group. Following dinner the Platoon drilled at the half of the Pueblo Junior College basketball game.

The group returned to the Episcopal Church parish house following the basketball game for a party given by women of the Church.

Attend Church

Sunday services at the Episcopal church were attended by the Cadets in a body. Luncheon was served following church by the Rector's Guild.

The platoon made their final appearance just before take-off from Pueblo Municipal airport Sunday afternoon. About 100 people were there to see the Cadets off on their return flight to Salina.

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Colonel Ganssle

Not only the entire city of Salina, but also the Corps of Cadets at St. John's Military School, mourn the death of Col. W. L. Ganssle who passed away on Feb. 22.

Colonel Ganssle served for many years as Headmaster of St. John's. Later, after going into business in Salina, he was a member of the Board of Trustees. His devotion to the high ideals upon which St. John's was founded played an important role in the development of the school.

Although Colonel Ganssle had not been officially connected with St. John's for many years, he maintained a high degree of interest in the activities of the school until the time of his death.

To Mrs. Ganssle and the Ganssle children we wish to offer our deepest sympathy.

Thanks Pueblo

So many nice people were responsible for the big success of the trip to Pueblo by the combined drill teams that we hesitate to mention any names for fear of missing someone. But, on the other hand, it would be unfair if we didn't mention:

MRS. DALE EKISS — for the hundreds of things she did in coordinating the entire trip so that it was the success we had hoped it would be. And, to Mr. Ekiss, too, for the publicity that he helped get and

MRS. ETHEL RANSOM — for arranging the visit to P.O.D. and all the other nice things she did; and **COLONEL HENDERSON** — for his part.

THE JACK LACYS — for the aid given by the Chamber of Commerce; and

J. J. MARTIN — for the tour of C. F. & I. and the luncheon and also for the use of his garage to stow our gear in on Sunday; and

FRED TANQUARY — for the nice reception at the R.O.A. Dinner and for arranging for the swell dates; and

THE REV. EDWARD TURNER — of the Pueblo Episcopal Church for his nice words and reception to the Cadets; and **THE REV. JEFFERY ASHWORTH** for the same; and

THE RECTOR'S GUILD — for the luncheon Sunday; and

BOB TORBIT — and his group for the dinner Saturday evening; and

THE PATRONS OF ST. JOHN'S — both past and present, **THE HARRY TORBITS, THE HAROLD COLLINS, THE W. M. COOZES, THE FOXES, THE JIM NEELYS, THE E. L. ELLIFRITTS,** and **THE JIM PAUGHS** and any others we may have missed for being so nice to us; and

THE HOSTS — THE HAROLD BURCHS, THE CHARLES BERENS, THE A. B. DEGRAWS, THE R. C. STEWARTS, THE JOHN WEAVERS, THE ADOLPH OTTERSTEINS, THE JOHN ZADRAS, THE G. E. LUSTS, THE R. R. HANKINS, THE OTIS HUNTERS, and THE KENNETH McCABES; and

THE DENVER PARENTS — who took time to come down to Pueblo and cheer us on.

Yes, to all of you we will be eternally grateful. We think you're great hosts and we want to do it again.

Next year, maybe????

St. John's Service Clubs Busy

"S" Club

The "S" Club is on the way again, Cadets! It is helping sponsor the Tri-Club dance to be announced later at a future date.

The members of the "S" Club who are on the social committee are Roger Bacon, Bill Beech and Gail Eilebrecht. They are now settling the details on the dance.

The "S" Club, the sponsor of many social functions, along with the other clubs, has more events yet to come.

Warm weather is in sight so watch for Hayrack rides, steak fries and a few dances which are coming your way.

The "S" Club still is open for questions by the Cadets about anything they want to know.

Key Club

The Key Club is now in action. The club is under the direction of the Kiwanis Club of Salina, and now is in full swing.

The Tri-Club Dance is now being planned with sponsorship by Key Club, "S" Club and N.H.S. It is going to be a gala occasion. The three Clubs of the School are pitching in together to give the Cadets a good time.

The Key Club social committee appointed by Fritz Handy, President, includes Whit Masten, Chairman; Chuck Sebrell and Jim Yeargain.

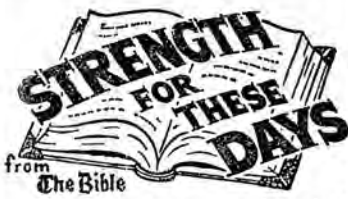
Also the Salina pancake feed sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Salina is coming along fine. The Key Club members are selling tickets vigorously.

FRATERNITY INITIATION HELD IN REC HALL

One evening last week the campus was invaded by boys from Kansas Wesleyan University. The occasion was a fraternity initiation which was being held in our Rec Hall. Dale Browning is a member of the fraternity which met here.

FLORIDA KING SNAKE ADDED TO COLLECTION

Bill Bobb has been fascinating (?) the Cadets this week with a Florida King snake which he has purchased to add to his collection. He will take the snake to his home in Rapid City, S. D., during furlough and leave it there when he returns.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy holy presence. — (Psalm 51, 10-11.)

It is only when we have gained, through devout prayer, Our Father's everlasting mercy, that we can gain also a clear heart and a right spirit. Then we will know His presence, enveloping and filling us, and find therein a strength superhuman, a peace beyond description.

Idle Talk

By Rajah

Our boy Dean H. won a number of friends (or at least tried to) at 2:00 a.m. the other morning . . . Hello Pledge . . . Wonder how the faculty used their special pass? . . . no further comment about the out-of-shape faculty . . . Someone yelled fall in, and the Wichita squadron panicked.

The vocational tests will soon be back and we will know for sure about R.N. who says he is interested in being a professional idiot.

From the Skirmisher of '37: "Major Clem is the proud owner of a new Buick." Was it metallic gray and white, sir?

Tomorrow (the 10th) is the day fellas, then only one short week and the Washington trip. Extra magnanimous type dance coming up about the seventh of April, so you had better start looking for a date now. This could be the last civilian dance of the year.

Who you thought wrote this does, me. Wonder where the Pvts get in their smoking now, B-2 new? The infirmary has been doing a booming business lately, even the nurse got it . . . this for L. D., J. D. E, missed class completely twice this month . . . Has everyone got their term papers in?

The C. P. is now an A. P. auxiliary . . . what a ball the guys had at Pueblo . . . But no one was seen complaining about fighting off la wemons.

54 Cadets Receive Orientation Flights; 39 Yet to Fly

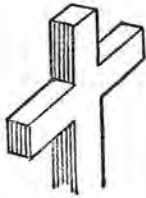
More than half of the 93 Cadets in the Civil Air Patrol program at St. John's have received their orientation flights.

Maj. Kenneth A. Chatfield, Kansas Wing liaison officer, has flown 54 Cadets in his C-45 and has 39 yet to fly. Four or five Cadets go on each 30 minute flight. Each Cadet gets to spend about 5 minutes in the co-pilots seat, taking the controls and actually flying the plane under Major Chatfield's direction.

The 54 Cadets who have received their orientation flights were flown in a 20 mile area around Salina. The remaining 39 Cadets will receive their flights shortly after furlough.

CARQUEST TO IOWA

Lt. Theodore Carquest will spend part of spring furlough in Iowa where he will visit his mother.



Chapel Notes

By Father Pratt

This season in the church year known as Lent means different things to different people. To some it means a time to give up something, but why they don't really know. To others it means more meatless days. Again, to some it is just something to put up with. All these people would quite readily say, if asked, that they were Christians. Most are members of the church of their choice. But far too many of us know too few of the answers to questions that might be asked of us by others.

Most, if not all of our questions can be answered in the Bible. We have been reading the Bible lately in some of our Chapel Services, to become more familiar with the stories that we should know. We started right from the beginning of the Old Testament. In time we will get right through both the Old and the New Testament, and somewhere in between it would be a good idea to take one particular Gospel, read it and then ask questions about it. More about that at a later date. The questions that we may ask could be most important ones if it helps us to understand Our Lord and each other better.

The Bible is a book which includes, as the Rector told us recently in chapel, the writings on many men, known and unknown, over a period of several thousands of years. Christians believe that these men were inspired by God to write about Him and His love and concern for mankind. To know the writings of these men, as contained in the Bible, will help us to live a better and more useful life. I hope that many cadets will give some of their time during the rest of this Lent to reading the Bible.

From the time of the very early church, as we can read in St. Paul's Epistles, it has been the custom of church (that is, all Baptized people) to help support the work of spreading the Gospel by sending men, dedicated and consecrated to serving any and all the Children of God, to places where help is needed. For many years now, this has had a special emphasis during Lent and Lenten Boxes have been given to those who wanted them.

Other boxes have been put on the tables in the Mess Hall for those who wanted to make an offering. They put money that they would normally have

used for some pleasure for themselves, into the box as an offering which is a real sacrifice. As in past years, these boxes have been available here at St. John's and as our Spring Furlough comes so near the latter part of Lent, we are having the presentation of the boxes at the Chapel Service on Friday, March 9.

As announced at the beginning of Lent, our offering will go to a missionary of our Church who is working now in Japan, to be used by him in the work for Christ our Saviour in that place. With this offering will go our prayers, that God will bless the work there and those who are serving Him.

We here at St. John's, Faculty, Cadets, and Staff, are living, working, and playing together as a family. We meet in the Chapel to worship together as a family. As a family we should pray for each other and, no doubt, many do. To help us to make our worship and prayers more personal, we are, in the future, going to mention each member of our family by name on different days and pray for each one personally. To simplify this we will take our 'family' alphabetically.

As in all families, from time to time we lose patience with one another and sometimes feel that one or another has not been too friendly. That is the time we should pray for that particular person — that our Lord will bless him, guide him, and help him. We must do that on our own. If we pray for those who treat us meanly or are unfriendly, we can't stay at odds with that person very long.

Our Lord tells us in the Gospel to "pray for those who despitefully use us." So as we mention the different members of our 'family' in our worship before God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, we must lift them up to HIM for HIS blessing. Remember, on one of these days you will be the one we are asking God's blessing on, especially on that day. If anyone wishes to have a member of their own family or friend remembered in prayer for an anniversary, on special occasions or in sickness, please give the Chaplain the name of that person and they will be mentioned in prayer.

Finally, may each and every one have a very happy Furlough and may God go with you 'til we meet again.



Bakers of Salina

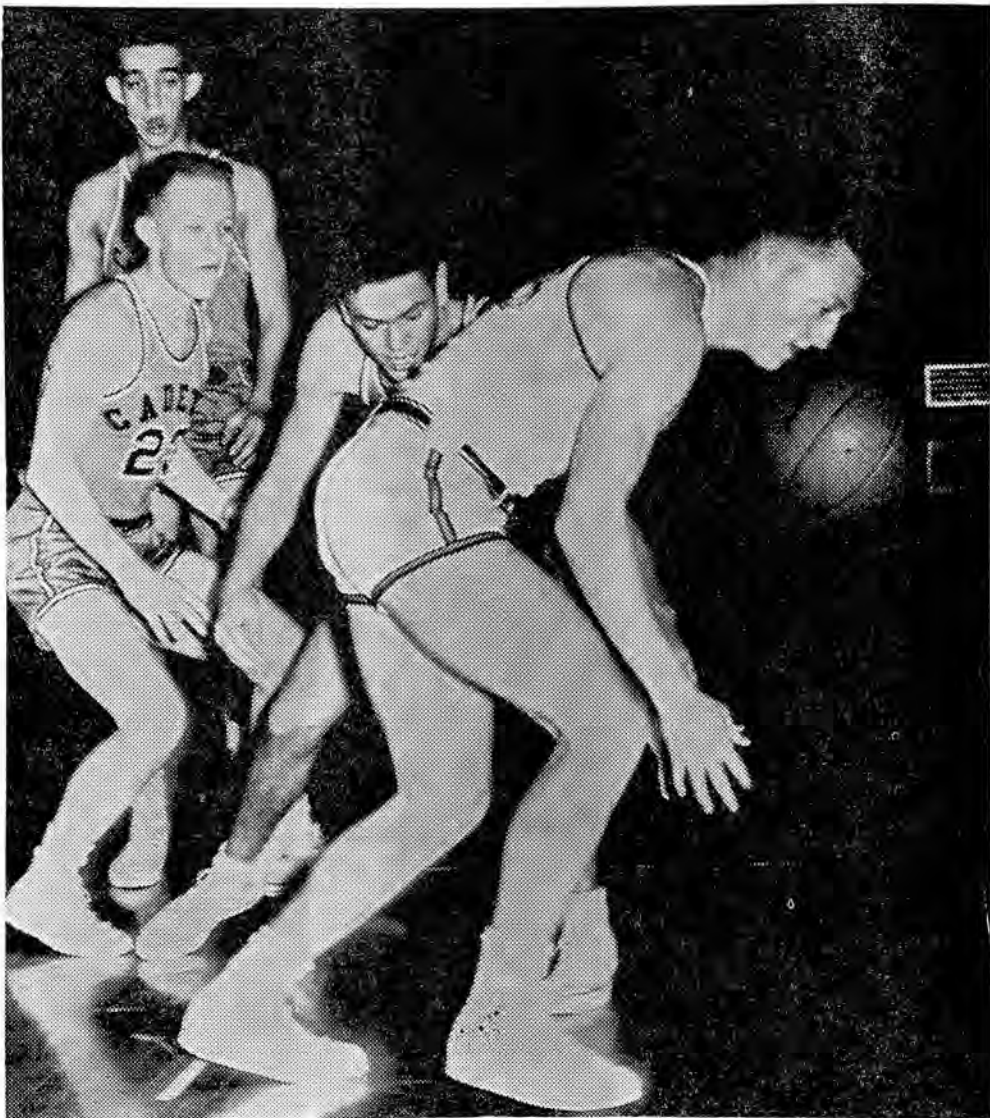


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CHIN DRIBBLER — Fred Jansen, Clay Center, appears to be dribbling ball with his chin against the Cadets in first round play in the Abilene class "A" regional basketball tournament. Cadet players are Al Ransom (behind Jensen); Jim Ledgerwood, 23, and Gary Moore (behind Ledgerwood). (Photo courtesy the Salina Journal.)

G. Moore Paces Cadet Cage Squad With 325 Points During Season

Basketball team statistitian Bob Schmitz has compiled a scoring record for both varsity and "B" team players for the past season.

Gary Moore with 325 points and Al Ransom with 277, lead the scoring for the "A" team. The "A" team came up with a total of 845 points over the 19 game schedule. They hit 51% of their free throws connecting on 159 of 312 attempts.

Here are the complete statistics on the "A" team.

Name	Quarters Played	Field Goals	Free Throws	Fouls	Total Points
Jim Ledgerwood	43	6	2	9	14
George Akers	42	15	6	18	36
Dan Keating	72	28	8	42	64
Pete Calhoun	28	8	14	22	30
Roger Bacon	18	2	2	1	6
Al Ransom	75	101	75	44	277
Russell Schmidt	36	5	3	18	13
Gary Moore	76	121	73	35	325
Jim Yeargain	2	—	1	—	1
Frank Pyle	67	31	9	39	71
Bob Baker	23	2	4	7	8
Dan Chilcote	2	—	—	1	—
Bruce Forrester	2	—	—	—	—
Total Points					845

This is how the "B" team stands after completing seasonal play.

Name	Quarters Played	Field Goals	Free Throws	Fouls	Total Points
George Akers	24	20	3	14	43
C. E. Arens	9	—	—	2	—
Ed Stone	56	27	9	24	63
Jim Miller	45	20	18	45	57
Roger Bacon	53	33	32	39	98
Bob Baker	41	26	13	28	65
Dan Chilcote	49	17	16	49	43
Lyle Deal	10	1	2	6	4
Jerry Moore	20	5	4	8	14
Bruce Forrester	38	13	8	26	34
Jim Yeargain	18	4	3	7	11
Coors Kugeler	8	—	—	1	—
Gavin Honnen	1	—	—	—	—
Lee Hales	1	—	—	—	—
Bruce Cuddeback	1	—	—	1	—
Total Points					434

Free throws attempted — 314
Free throws made — 108
Accuracy percentage — 34%

Elmborg Names Thirteen Cagers For S. J. Letters

Names of 13 St. John's Cadets, five of them seniors, have been announced by Capt. Jim Elmborg, Director of Athletics, as winners of basketball monograms for the season just completed.

Seniors who were awarded SJMS letters were Al Ransom, Dan Keating, Frank Pyle, Jim Ledgerwood and Russell Schmidt.

Five juniors were awarded letters. They are Gary Moore, George Akers, Bob Baker, Dan Chilcote, and Roger Bacon.

Ed Stone was the only sophomore to letter for participation and sophomore Mike Gannaway was awarded a monogram as team manager.

Freshmen who lettered are Jim Miller and Bruce Forrester.

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Program Presented Before Wichita Group; Movie Shown, Scott Sings

A St. John's program was presented before 125 members of the Wichita Optimists Club at the Lassen Hotel on March 7.

Cadet John Scott, accompanied by Father Pratt, sang several numbers including The Lord's Prayer.

The school movie, "This is St. John's," was shown. Captain Keith Duckers introduced the program and spoke briefly about the school.

The same program will also be presented at Hoisington at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club on March 19.

W. W. Anderson, father of Cadet Steve Anderson, arranged for the program in Wichita. The Hoisington program is being arranged by Don Rice, father of Larry Rice, '55.

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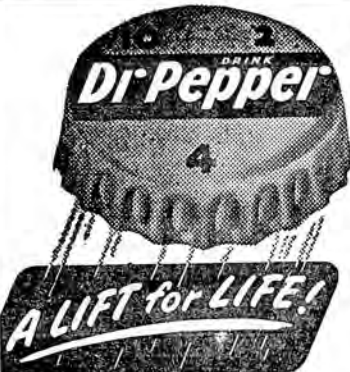
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COLONEL HARDY'S RIFLE TEAM will be in action this spring. They are (L to R) first row, Bob Schuler, John Striegel, Bill Beech, Bob Schmitz, Dan Keating and Fred Schram. Back row, Allen Oliver, Gail Eilebrecht, Chuck Sebrell, Whit Masten, Bill Keith, Dave McClanahan and Colonel Hardy.
(Skirmisher Photo)

Skirmisher Staff Picks Bob Baker For the March "New Boy" Honor

Bob Baker of Wichita has been chosen New Boy of the Month by the Skirmisher Staff. Bob, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker, is a Junior and plans to graduate from St. John's next year.

Bob likes the schedule at St. John's and thinks it is a pretty good school. He says the faculty are really nice and very good teachers. Bob likes all his classes and doesn't think he can name a favorite.

Bob likes the food at St. John's and one of his favorite meals is bacon and eggs.

Since coming to St. John's in December, Bob has been making up for lost time by holding down the job of Crack Squad bugler. Bob is out for the Crack Platoon and just lately received

his letter in basketball. He was promoted to Private First Class on Mar. 2. Bob likes all sports but never had a chance to see what he could do before coming to St. John's. He plans on going out for baseball.

Bob says the schedule at St. John's is a pretty busy one, but whenever he gets some free time he likes to go down town and see a movie or to the school recreation hall and pass the time.

"The Cadet Officers are a swell bunch of guys," Baker says, "and you really have to respect their rank."

Bob said the two hardest things to get used to at St. John's was taking orders from someone his own age and wearing a hat.

Regional Drill To Be in Omaha C.A.P. Competition Set for May 12

Regional Civil Air Patrol drill competition will be held at Offut Air Force Base in Omaha on May 12, Maj. Kenneth A. Chatfield, Kansas Wing liason officer, has notified St. John's officials.

The St. John's Crack Drill Platoon will again represent the Kansas Wing, defending their central states title they have held for the past two years.

The central states region includes Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. The St. John's Cadets will be competing with teams representing these Wings. However, in past years, not all of the Wings have entered teams.

Major Chatfield has indicated that the Kansas team will again be flown by U. S. Air Force planes to Offut for the competition. In past years the team has gone to Omaha and returned the same day.

3 Cadets to Spend Spring Furlough On Texas Dude Ranch

The Chaplain has made arrangements to take three cadets to a Dude Ranch in Texas for the Spring Furlough.

Those accompanying Father Pratt are cadets Dave Harris,

John Scott and David Todd. There they will bask in the Texas sun, swim in the pool at the ranch, fish in the stream if they so desire, ride the range (if they can take it) and probably the most important of all, sleep late and loaf as much as they like.

CORRECTION PLEASE

The Skirmisher wishes to correct two slight errors in last issue's "New Boy of the Month" story. The "C" scouts—(Baden-Powell would have shuddered) should read SEA SCOUTS. Secondly Cadet John Scott's rank was Pvt. not P.F.C. as reported.

Junior School Choir Sings at St. Francis

Nine boys of the Junior School choir, accompanied by Father Pratt, were the guests of Father Bob Mize and the St. Andrew Brotherhood members of St. Francis Boys Home, Bavaria, Sunday evening, February 26. The Cadets were entertained at supper before the Evensong Service in the New Chapel, recently dedicated to St. Onesimus. After the Service the Cadets were invited to Father Bob's home for cokes and cookies.

Cadet John Scott was asked to sing to the guests there, as well. The Cadets sang the Magnificat to an Anglican chant, the Nunc Dimittis to plain song, and as an anthem they sang "Ave Verum" by Mozart. Cadet Scott sang "O

Saviour Hear Me" after the third collect.

Plans Underway For Lettermen's Party; Balzerick to Speak

Plans are already underway for the annual Lettermen's Dinner - Dance on Saturday evening, April 21, Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social directress has announced.

More elaborate decorations are being planned than in recent years, Mrs. Guernsey said.

Lettermen and their dates will attend the dinner at which Bob Balzerick, '52, now a senior at Kansas State College, has been invited to speak. All Cadets are invited to the dance which will follow. Freddy Welch and his orchestra from Hays will play.

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