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St. John's Precision Drill Teams To Appear In Colorado Cities

Precision drill teams from St. John's will leave on a five day trip to Colorado on Feb. 22, with appearances in Pueblo and Colorado Springs scheduled. Members of both the Crack Squad and Crack Platoon will make the trip.

Transportation to Pueblo will be by a United States Air Force plane from Smoky Hill Air Force Base, Salina.

Fly in C-119

Cadets will report to SHAFB at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 22, with take off in the C-119 aircraft scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Estimated time of arrival in Pueblo is 3:00 p.m. (M.T.) (Two hour flight.)

Thirty-five Cadets are expected to make the trip in which the Crack Squad will appear on television shows in both cities and the Platoon will appear at two different basketball games in Pueblo.

Mothers Arrange Housing

The trip was arranged by Jack Lacy, manager of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce. Housing for the Cadets while in Pueblo is being handled by Mrs. Dale Ekiss with assistance from Mrs. Ethyl Ransom and Mrs. Jim Neely. These ladies are mothers of Cadets who will make the trip.

The Episcopal Church in Pueblo will feed the Cadets prior to departure from Pueblo for the return trip to Salina on Sunday. The Cadets will attend services in a group at the Episcopal church before the dinner.

Tours Arranged

Among other highlights on the Colorado trip will be tours of the C.F. & I. steel mill and the Ordnance Depot in Pueblo. The drill teams will also have a chance to visit points of interest around Colorado Springs but this schedule is not yet arranged.

Centennial High School in Pueblo, one of the schools at which the Platoon will perform, is arranging a dance with dates for the Cadets on Friday night.

Accompanying the drill teams will be Capt. Keith G. Duckers, P.I.O., and Mr. Dale Browning, counsellor.

Seven Cadets Enter St. John's

Seven new cadets have entered St. John's since the last issue of the Skirmisher.

Two of the cadets are in the Junior School.

The other five have enrolled in Upper School classes. The additions to Junior School are Cadet Jerry Collins, an eighth grader from Newton, Kans., and Phil Percy of Hutchinson, Kans. Phil is a 7th grader.

In the Upper School Everett Wall is a late enrollment in the sophomore class from Yuma, Colo. Dean Radcliffe of Lawrence, Kans., is also a sophomore. Wayne and Roger Billingsley come from Casper, Wyo. Wayne is a junior and Roger is a freshman. Turo Curtis is the latest enrollee. He is a freshman from Dallas, Tex.

Cadet Patrol Is Reorganized Police Chief Helps Direct Operation

An old organization that has been out of existence for several years has been reorganized recently with cooperation of the Salina Police Department.

The Cadet Patrol, comparable to Air Police, has been organized to help keep Cadets "on the ball" while they are downtown on pass, according to Cadet Lt. Jerry Lutton, commander of the CP.

Chief Hank Salmans of the Salina P. D. is cooperating wholeheartedly with the project and has briefed CP members on law enforcement procedures.

The Cadet Patrol was first organized by Chief Salmans and Cadet Maj. Dave Collins in 1953. The St. John's CP will aid the Police Department in cases of emergency and also may be called on to help handle large crowds on occasions.

A large number of Cadets have enlisted in the CP and are taking regular tours of duty on pass days.

Moore Takes Post On Cadet Court

Cadet Gary Moore has been named to membership on the Cadet Court, Maj. Al Ransom, Chairman of the Court, has announced.

Moore, a junior from Topeka, was elected to the Court to fill a vacancy.

Other members of the Cadet Court besides Major Ransom and Cadet Moore are Lt. Fritz Handy, PFC Jim Jeppesen and Sgt. Fred Schram.

Two Cadets Are Advanced

One Cadet received a commission and another was advanced to First Sergeant according to a recent special order released by the Commandant.

Cadet First Sergeant Bill Keith was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Lt. Keith, second platoon leader of "C" Company, is a senior from Casper, Wyo.

Cadet Sgt. Roger Bacon, junior from El Dorado, Kans., was advanced to First Sergeant. Sgt. Bacon is Battalion Adjutant.

JUKE BOX ADDED

A new addition to the game room operated by the "S" Club is a juke box containing a wide assortment of popular records.

Songs most played include "Autum Leaves," "Chain Gang," and "Poor Me."

John Scott Selected for New Boy Honor

John Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Scott, Calgary, Canada, has been chosen New Boy of the Month by the Skirmisher staff. John is in the seventh and hopes to graduate from St. John's in 1961.

John is interested in baseball and played on a midget team in Calgary. Since he came to St. John's he has become very interested in basketball and likes to practice in what free time he has.

Father Pratt and John came to St. John's at the same time from Calgary. Father Pratt has known John for two years. Last summer John went on an 8,000 mile "C" Scout trip which is like our Boy Scouts, to the world Jamboree. Father Pratt was the chaperon of John's group.



Cadet John Scott

In preparing for the trip John had to take some swimming lessons and since then he has become very fond of swimming.

John has an outstanding record here at St. John's with only two hooks and he made the first honor roll after he enrolled. John is a member of the Junior School Cadet Court and has his old boy shields. His rank is private first class.

John has a good singing voice and has been using it quite a bit at St. John's. Locally he has appeared before the Lions and the Kiwanis clubs. John sang on WIBW-TV in Topeka and is booked to sing on Helen Gard's TV show at Hutchinson on the 29th of March.

Father Pratt has requested an audition for John on Ed Sullivan's TV show and is waiting for an answer.

Besides taking a full course in school John is also taking French from Father Pratt and German from Cadet Scott Peddie.

IT'S A BOY!

Third Grandchild For St. John's Rector

A third grandchild was welcomed into the family of the Rector on Dec. 18, when a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Clem, Washington, D. C.

The eight pound boy was named Andrew Gregory. His father, Alan L. "Cub" Clem, was Gordon Prize winner in 1946. He served as battalion commander his senior year.

(Editor's Note: An oversight resulted in the above birth announcement being left out of the January issue of the Skirmisher. A stern protest was filed in the form of a resolution by the father of the youngest Clem requesting that suitable action be taken. The Commandant has announced that action will soon be taken and that the Cadet Corps will be given an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of Andrew Gregory Clem, '74.)

New Members Admitted to NHS

Seven new members have been admitted to the St. John's chapter of the National Honor Society.

New members are permitted to join if they keep a high scholastic average during each semester.

The chapter is sponsored by Mrs. A. Y. Hardy.

New members of the society are Bill Crews, Whit Masten, Dave McClanahan, Jerry Moore, Al Palmer, Jerry Paugh and Jim Yeargain.

Old members are Kirk Maslin, Al Ransom, Roger Bacon, Tom Garrett and Paul Stappenbeck.

The N. H. S. this year plans to take a more active part and have a greater influence in the activities of the school.

"S" Club is Busy Organization Planning Parties, Bettering School

In an endeavor to acquaint Skirmisher readers with organizations at St. John's, the "S" Club will be featured in this issue.

Most non-"S" Club members understand that this is an organization for Cadets who have won a letter in a varsity sport. But, few really realize just what makes the organization "tick."

Promotes Sportsmanship

Chartered several decades ago, the "S" Club's prime purpose is to promote good sportsmanship. But, this is just one of the many things that it carries out.

The many committees in the lettermen's organization keep active with projects for the betterment of the school. The proceeds from money-making activities are pooled into one fund which is used to purchase a lasting gift for the school.

The project being considered most seriously by this year's "S" Club is a new sound movie projector for visual education.

Gave Inter-Com System

Among outstanding gifts to

20,000 Fans See Crack Drill Squad Team Appears at Half Of K-State, K. U. Games

More than 20,000 basketball fans witnessed exhibitions by the St. John's Crack Drill Squad at Kansas State College and Kansas University on February 4 and 11.

Appearing for the third consecutive year in Kansas State's Ahearn Fieldhouse, 11,000 spectators gave the drill team a rousing applause at the conclusion of the eight-minute demonstration. Members of the Squad saw a good basketball game as Big Seven conference leaders Kansas State downed Colorado University.

"Wilt," Squad Steal Show

Although a basketball game between Kansas University and Nebraska University was supposed to be the highlight of the evening in Lawrence on Feb. 11, the St. John's Crack Squad and Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain, 7 foot 2 inch freshman center at K.U. stole the show.

Nearly 10,000 people were on hand in the Allen Fieldhouse for the game. However, in the preliminary game "The Stilt" did everything but swallow the basketball and the fans went wild.

The Squad used the same eight-minute routine at half-time that was used at K-State.

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Maslin, Ransom Attend Rush Weekend at K. U.

Two seniors attended a fraternity "Rush Weekend" at Kansas University, Lawrence, Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Kirk Maslin and Al Ransom were guests of Larry Rice, '55, at Acacia Fraternity.

Both Maslin and Ransom took time off from weekend activities at the university to perform with the Crack Squad at the half of the K.U.-Nebraska basketball game.

the school by "S" Club in previous years are the inter-com system in Vail Hall and the barracks, and the basketball scoreboard and clock in the gymnasium.

The lettermen's club is strongly for social events and promotes many parties during the year. Informal dances, steak fries and hayrack rides held throughout the year are usually sponsored by this group.

Faculty sponsors of the "S" Club are Capt. J. D. Elmborg, athletic director, Capt. V. B. Loy, coach, and Capt. Keith G. Duckers, P.I.O.

Lt. Jack McCandless is a member of the club having been initiated when he was a St. John's Cadet. Mr. John Fonck was made an honorary member last year.

Cadet Lt. Tom Sweigart, "S" Club president, asks that questions and comments about "S" Club activities be made to any member of the club. "We welcome any suggestions or criticisms that will improve our organization," Sweigart said.

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL

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Colonel Hardy Presents Poem
About St. John's Life at Assembly

One of the most enjoyable assemblies of the year was conducted recently by Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy and a group of Cadets. The program was built around a poem written by Colonel Hardy.

Colonel Hardy narrated the poem with "punch lines" given by various Cadets.

The poem is being printed in this issue of the Skirmisher by request of many who saw the assembly.

A DREAM

By Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy

As I sat in my chair on a cold wintry night,
I was wafted away in a dream of delight.
I tried to stay down, keep my feet on the ground,
But found I was floating around and around.
I flew toward a building — large, gray, and tall.
I wondered at first — then saw 'twas Vail Hall!

I floated inside and down the first hall,
And there in a room against a north wall
Sat a man with a stern and forlorn-looking face,
Like one who was making a desperate race.
He was shouting commands and tearing his hair
With five little men standing 'round in despair.
I got down some closer when I heard the man shout,
"Get busy! This paper will never get out."
I realized then, and I had to laugh,
It was good Captain Duckers and the Skirmisher staff.

This scene fades away and there in its place
Two ladies stood, each with a smile on her face.
They looked out a window at a long line of boys
Waiting in line like kids getting toys.
"Come and get it," they said through pretty red lips.
"Extra allowance today without any pink slips."
I couldn't believe it, but it seemed to be true;
Every guy in the school, getting a free buck — no, two!

Then down a long hall to a room on the right,
And the thing I saw there was surely a sight —
A bulletin board so full and so high
It seemed to reach right up into the sky.
And there was a boy alone on a ladder
Reading and reading, his face growing sadder.
"Read everything here is the job I must do;
I've been here a week and only half through."
Then a voice came so loud through a door,
"You don't like it? O.K. Take twenty D's more,
And don't ever again let me hear you gripe.
Confound it, what's happened! I can't find a pipe."

Then it seemed I was in a wash room.
A lot of boys there were starting to groom.
Some were doing nothing but just standing there —
No washing, no shaving, no combing hair.
I asked one of them, "Son, what do you do?"
"Just wait. We can't wash 'till the old boys get through."

This fades away and I'm in a big hall.
Many tables around, loaded down, and all
That goes with a good meal was there;
And I saw myself sitting down in a chair.
I was serving and eating at the head of a table.
Each boy seemed to eat as long as he was able.
Then a touch on my shoulder, and I saw two pairs of legs.
I looked up — "Sir, have you got extra eggs?"

My dream then changed and things grew quite dim.
I was floating around in the top of the gym.
Some boys were tossing a ball all about.
What they were doing I could hardly make out.
The ball didn't seem to go where they wanted it.
I think all the gremlins in the place just haunted it.
Then I saw on the side lines coaches Lefty and Fat.
One was biting his nails; one was tearing his hat,
And then a short prayer (I heard both of them ask it)
"Oh, Lord, let them make just one little basket."

And then to a place that was so nice and cool.
I was in the front office of the good junior school.
There sat a man with a stern and sad face;
Of a smile or enjoyment I could not find a trace.
His lips they were moving. I tilted my head
For I wanted to hear every word that was said:
"I came here to work with twenty-nine sweet youngsters.
I never expected twenty-nine monsters.
At times I feel I'm way over my head,
But I know that I love them (when they're quietly in bed.)"

And then I was wafted way high in the air.
As I looked down I could see everything there.
As over the campus through the air I was floating
There appeared by my side an old grad — he was gloating —
"You should have been here before. Things really were dead.
There are so many changes. The school has sure gone ahead —
New barracks, new mess hall, new chapel, shop, and gym.
I wish I were here now." Tears made his eyes dim.
"That man has done wonders during the past twenty years.
You'll keep on growing," he said through his tears.
He faded away like a vanishing specter.
I knew that **that man** meant our beloved Rector.

As I woke from my dream, to my surprise,
I found that I also had tears in my eyes.
My love for St. John's would never grow cold.
"St. John's, then, forever!" as we all said of old.

Idle Talk

By Rajah

C. S. really went over big at K. S. and K. U. Next drill it will probably be spats and spit-shined toes . . . J. Stan. has a steady . . . and what was found in D. H.'s drawer one Sunday inspection about three weeks ago? . . . Judge G. M. . . L. D. will be interested to know that J. D. E. got to class seven times last month, **EARLY** . . . then there is "lab techniques" day . . . while the cat's (B.C.) away, the mice (B.B.) will play. Capt. D. reports after every drill that the people are amazed at our shines. . . Nice to know that for eight hours no one was on indefinite squad . . . Any word on that school holiday, faculty?

Anyone seen a chiming clock I can borrow? . . . Plt. Ldr. Akers, what next? . . . Watch your step, the C. P. carries a big stick.

How about some comments, L. D. . . . Father P.'s waltzing waiters . . . Who wants to be C. O. April Fool's day?

Mrs. G. says that, or at least thinks that, Bermuda shorts and Kansas snow go together. . . . Lt. Sunshine says that "that — dinner music isn't loud enough," also that "Yes, I'm a rough teacher!" . . . He's still looking for those squirrels nuts, huh.

Who said, about chapel on the 5th, "Oh, they are going down to hear the new Bishop's first commercial." He was watching T.V. at the time . . . T. G. still contends that an idiot wrote the Alg. II book . . . Ok, take 25 D's more.

Finally, the Lord had mercy and gave us airlift!

D. K. says a number between 60 and 61 is 63 . . . About W. W. I, which the Col. almost won single handedly . . . There are at least two people in St. J. that would like to go to Topeka . . . It's too bad about four of the guys live in Pueblo, isn't it.

Honor Roll
Is Announced

The following Cadets were named to the Rector's Honor Roll for the last grading period, Col. R. L. Clem, has announced.

UPPER SCHOOL

Jerry Moore	97.3
David McClanahan	91.8
Bill Crews	90.8
Al Palmer	90.5

HONORABLE MENTION

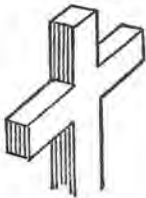
Whit Masten	89.5
Al Ransom	89.0
Kirk Maslin	88.8
Mike Gannaway	88.4
Roger Bacon	88.0
Bill Bobb	87.5
Bruce Cuddeback	86.5
Tom Simms	86.3
Clyde Stiteler	86.0
Coors Kugeler	85.8
Eddie Stone	85.8
Dan Keating	85.5
Jerry Paugh	85.5

JUNIOR SCHOOL

John Maultsby	94.8
John Scott	91.8
Steve Erb	90.7
R. A. Bloxson	90.3
David Hauck	90.3
Gary Metzger	90.3

HONORABLE MENTION

Jerry Collins	86.5
Fred Hardman	86.3
Billy Pate	85.8



Chapel Notes

By Father Pratt

As the new Bishop of Salina, the Right Reverend Arnold Lewis, is now the President of the Board of St. John's Military School, it was most fitting that the major portion of the choir which sang at his consecration was a selected group of the newly formed School choir. A selected choir was made necessary due to the restricted space available in the chancel of the Cathedral. The full choir is ready and willing to accept invitations to sing at churches within a travelling radius of Salina and we hope that parents who feel the choir would be welcome at their churches at home will ask their Rector or minister to ask us. In the case of Episcopal churches we could do a complete evensong if desired. The cadets are most anxious and willing to travel. Our thanks to another member of St. John's who helped us by singing in the choir for the consecration, Mrs. R. L. Clem.

On February 3rd, 'Adventure in Music' featured Folks Songs and a March from the Sunny South — Mexico and Argentina. It was introduced in Spanish, to start with, by Lt. Carlquist, our Spanish teacher, and was enjoyed by all. The series 'Adventure in Music' continues with more types and forms of music which we hope the cadets will find interesting and possibly discover something new in music that they will like.

Frustration is a very serious thing, especially in a Cadet, so, as Valentine's Day approached, the Chaplain's services extended to the point where those cadets who found that — for one reason (or two or three) — they were unable to go to town to buy cards for their Valentine, they could chose from a small selection procured for their

convenience.

Coming to the more serious side of our life here at St. John's we are now entering the penitential season of Lent. The usual Traditional services were held in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday and the day previous, Shrove Tuesday, a short talk was given on the meaning of this season in the church's year as observed throughout the Christian world. These forty days give us the opportunity to do a bit of private and personal 'stock-taking.' We might well use, as our 'Check list' one of the Gospels where we will find the life of Christ who is our Guide and example. This preparation culminates in the great and wonderful promise of hope for a future life with Christ in the Resurrection and life everlasting. "For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only USE not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal. 5, 13) May God bless, guide, strengthen and support each and every one of you during the season of Lent and bring you closer to Him, His love and truth.

The consecration fell on the Feast of the Purification or Candlemass Day. Our chapel service that morning took the traditional form of the blessing and distribution of candles to all the congregation with procession and followed by Holy Communion. It was a most impressive sight and experience to see all the chapel lit by candlelight and also to have 13 members of the Servers Guild taking various parts in the service.

For Music Lovers . . .

Bop to Bugle Calls Float Thru Air
As Cadets Pick Favorite Recordings

Everything from Brahms to Bop intermingled with "reville" and "mess call" may be heard drifting from the windows of the barracks at St. John's during the day.

A recent survey shows that the Cadets in the Upper School have more than 13 hundred records.

Among the records at St. John's are the "A.B.C. Boogie" by Bill Haley and "The Rock and Roll" by Kay Starr, which Gavin Honnen likes.

Although Larry Ellifritt has no real favorite he likes and collects Progressive Jazz records.

Chuck Sebrell's favorite style is Rythmn and Blues. The song he picks for top honors is "At My Front Door."

Whit Masten who organized and directs a small band here likes classical pieces and his favorite composer is Bach.

John Striegel likes the classical and some popular music.

Two unusual choices are that of Harry Rehder and Coors Kugeler. Rehder likes the Mambo and Kugeler, a Cadet from the West, has an ear for Western music.

Cadets Appreciate Chance
To Air Gripes, Complaints

One of the best new developments at St. John's under the regime of Major Al Ransom are the routine meetings of the entire Corps of Cadets.

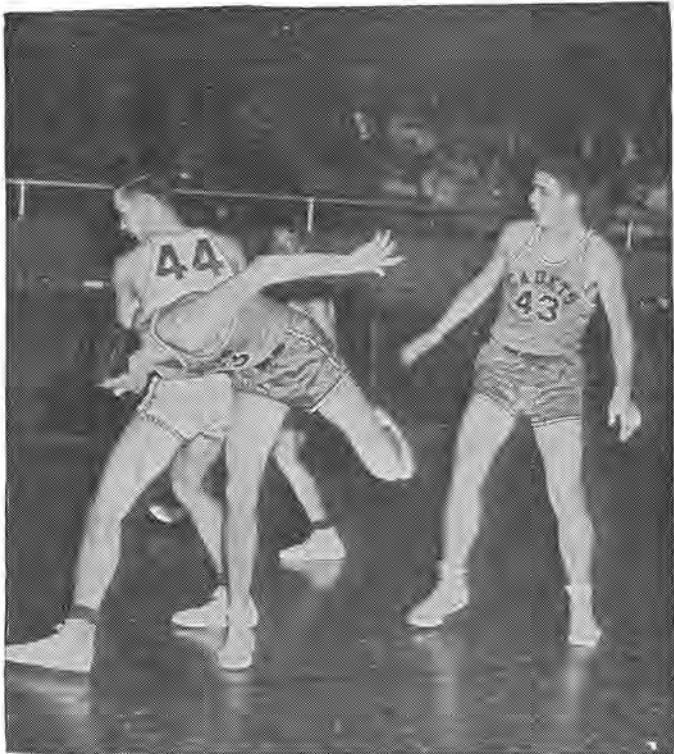
At these meetings no rank prevails and every Cadet has an opportunity to air his gripes. Many worthwhile suggestions have come from these meetings. Battalion staff officers and members of the faculty are considering every suggestion made and those that have merit are being acted upon.

Some of the things the Cadets are bringing up are:

(1) More late sleep is wanted when school activities run late the preceding night.

(2) The privates want a club-room of their own, like the officers and non-coms have.

(3) Church of choice is wanted more often. (In the past it has been the school's policy to have a church of choice about every month.) One reason why there hasn't been church of choice more often is that when it is granted most of the Cadets don't go to church.



AN ASSARIA TROJAN appears to be twisting Al Ransom's arm as Frank Pyle (43) looks on. Ransom hung on to the ball, though, and a jump ball was called. This action took place in the Saline County Tournament in Memorial Hall in Salina.

Basketball Season Nears End
As Cadets Enter Tournaments

The end of the 1955-56 basketball season neared an end this week as the St. John's Cadets swung into action in the Saline County Tournament being held in Salina's Memorial Hall.

In the opening round of the SCL tourney the Cadets went down to defeat at the hands of the Assaria Trojans by a 60 to 49 count.

The Cadets will finish out the tournament in the consolation bracket with other first round losers.

The St. John's team will go to the State District tournament at Abilene for Class "A" high schools later this month.

SEASON'S RECORD

"A"		
St. John's 34	Assaria	57
St. John's 40	Enterprise	44
St. John's 80	Brookville	60
St. John's 35	Gypsum	78
St. John's 44	Solomon	62
St. John's 24	Kipp	60
St. John's 42	Assaria	64
St. John's 41	Enterprise	45
St. John's 65	Brookville	44
St. John's 41	Gypsum	81
St. John's 50	Bavaria	56
St. John's 45	Bavaria	49
St. John's 39	Solomon	65
St. John's 40	Kipp	84
St. John's 60	Assaria	49

"B"		
St. John's 25	Assaria	47
St. John's 34	Enterprise	35
St. John's 33	Brookville	27
St. John's 22	Gypsum	73
St. John's 27	Solomon	40
St. John's 32	Kipp	40
St. John's 20	Assaria	60
St. John's 22	Enterprise	43
St. John's 36	Brookville	52
St. John's 34	Gypsum	60
St. John's 28	Bavaria	15
St. John's 29	Bavaria	41
St. John's 31	Solomon	46
St. John's 33	Kipp	44



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Kiwanis K-Club
Started Here

Fritz Handy Elected
President of Organization

A chapter of Key Club, an international high school service organization, has been established at St. John's with sponsorship by the Salina Kiwanis Club.

At an organization meeting on Feb. 15, Fritz Handy, senior from Fort Collins, Colo., was elected the first president of the club. Dan Keating was named vice-president and Jim Yeargain was elected treasurer. Keating, a senior is from Golden, Colo., and Yeargain is a junior from Pueblo, Colo.

More than 15 Cadets have joined the Key Club as charter members.

Several preliminary meetings were necessary in establishing the Key Club at St. John's. District officers from Hutchinson attended one meeting and explained the operation of a club to the Cadets.

The Salina Kiwanis Club has voted \$40 from its funds to help the St. John's club get started.

Key Club chairman from the downtown club is Allison Chandler. He and a member of his committee will attend each weekly meeting. Tentative plans are for Key Club to meet on Tuesday evenings immediately following mess.

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Phillis Gorrell
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Valentine's Dance

Phillis Gorrell of Salina was named Queen at the St. John's all-school pre-Lenten Valentine's Dance on Feb. 13.

Miss Gorrell, one of the cheerleaders for the Cadet athletic teams, was crowned Queen at intermission by Cadet Lt. Jerry Lutton.

The dance was held in the dining hall with decorations following a Valentine theme.

Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social chairman, headed the decoration committee with assistance from Dan Keating, Fritz Handy, Kirk Maslin, Whit Masten, Chuck Sebrill, Bill Beech, Bruce Cuddeback and Bill Keith.

A juke box with popular tunes provided music for dancing.

Prior to the crowning of the Queen, Cadet Lt. Bob Schuler appeared dressed as a "sweater girl" and those attending tried to guess his identity.

A large number of Cadets, dates and faculty enjoyed the party. This will be the last social event until after Easter.

Chaplain Plans
Dude Ranch Furlough
For Small Group

If the distance home seems too great or if you like the life on a Ranch, you will have the opportunity to spend your Spring furlough on a Dude Ranch in Texas.

The Chaplain is arranging for a small group of Cadets who are interested, and have their parents' permission, to drive to Texas and enjoy all the fun of a Dude Ranch near Dallas and Fort Worth. There is a swimming pool on the grounds of the Ranch, fishing for those who like that sport, and of course riding.

Parents of Cadets or the Cadets themselves may contact the Chaplain for details. If this venture is successful, others of a similar nature will be offered at least for the Spring furlough each year.

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New Cadet Mascot
Assumes Quarters
In Officers' Club

Newest mascot at St. John's is a dog named Ginger which has taken quarters in the Officer's Club.

"Ginger" was originally tagged with the name "Butch," but the name was changed when it was noted that the canine was a "she," not a "he."

Ginger has been sleeping with Dan Keating and Fritz Handy who have been assigned as the "dog custodians." Ginger is about six months old and about a foot high. She is a rusty color and is at the age where she really likes to tear things up.

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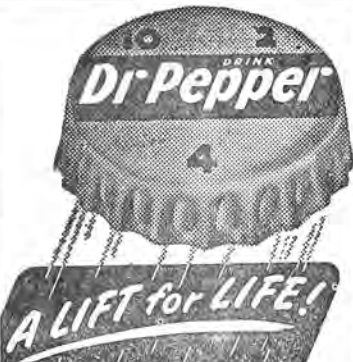
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1890 SJMS Newspaper Describes Actions of Cadets at Commencement

"The Cadets were under arms for several hours and acquitted them to the satisfaction of the visiting officers and with a precision and nicety that elicited many encomiums. . ."

That's a description of the military exercises at St. John's in 1890 according to **THE ST. JOHN'S CADET**, the school newspaper that preceeded the **SKIRMISHER**.

Corps Was "Sharp"

We're not quite sure what the reporter meant by "elicted many encomiums," but we presume that the Corps looked pretty sharp and the visiting officers got an eyeful.

The 1890 issue of the paper was given to the school recently by the Salina Chamber of Commerce. It was found in some old files in the local C. of C. office.

Vivid descriptions of a school picnic, the graduates, organizations, the S.J.M.S. Literary Society, the quartette, the "We, Us & Co. Tennis Club," the last baseball game, the Commandant, and many others paint a remarkably clear picture of St. John's more than 65 years ago.

Amusing Ads

Advertisements in this issue are amusing, to say the least.

Rothchild Brothers advertised "the greatest stock in Salina"; and wagons, carts, buggies and harness were for sale at the H. C. Green and Son store.

M. Sands, a dealer in furniture, carpets and wall paper advertised that he also did a pretty fair job at undertaking. At the bottom of his ad in **THE CADET** was, in flowery type, "Undertaking a Specialty."

Among the 1890 graduates from St. John's was Henry Buel Ober, Mr. Ober is the grandfather of Dean Radcliffe, sophomore now attending St. John's from Lawrence.

Accurate Prediction

THE CADET reporter wrote: "Mr. Ober will, of course, go into business and will, true to his natural tendencies, become successful." This prediction later became true as Mr. Ober founded a leading clothing store in Lawrence which is still in operation.

A brief item in the "Personal Mention" column tells that Bishop Thomas had made "a thorough inspection of the building." The reference is made to the Rt. Rev. Elisa Scott Thomas, founder of St. John's.

Officers

Officers of St. John's at the close of the 1890 term were the Rev. E. P. Crittenden, A.M., Rector; Charles W. Clinton, A.M., Head Master, Lieut. W. H. Miller, U.S.A., Commandant of Cadets, the Rev. H. H. Morrill, A.B., Chaplain, Lieut. W. H. Miller, Secretary of Faculty, Mrs. Carrie E. Morrill, Matron, and George O. Thomas, Commissary. The Rev. E. P. Crittenden also handled the Bursar duties.

"The Corps of Instructors," according to the paper, included teachers in "Greek and Latin, Mental Science, Logic and German, English History and Literature, Stenography and Penmanship as well as others."

Author on Staff

A long article, set in small type, gives a glowing report of a review of the Rev. E. P. Crittenden's poem, "The Pleroma" which the author had reviewed before a "good sized audience of Salina citizens." The book length poem, "The Pleroma" was described as "a poem of the Christ."

Commencement of 1890 was

being planned to be held in Bond's Opera House for June 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Editorializing on the rapid progress made by **THE CADET**, the editor pointed out that the publication had only been going for five months. More than 3,000 copies of the 24 page commencement edition were being printed and 2,500 of these copies were being sold. "For the last two months we have daily received subscriptions for our paper, and we firmly believe that one year from today the **ST. JOHN'S CADET** will be the leading school paper of the west," said the editor.

Two Cadets to Start

Progress was rapid during the first two years of existence of St. John's. A story pointed out that "on the 12th day of September, 1888, the school opened its doors with but two boarders." During the first year the number of Cadets gradually increased, and 38 were enrolled by the end of the first year.

The increase in enrollment continued through the second year and two companies, consisting of 80 Cadets, were on hand for the second Commencement.

Although times have changed, and with these changes enrollment has fluctuated, Cadets attending St. John's in 1956 can look back on nearly seven decades of glorious history and feel proud to be attending such an institution.

(Editor's note: The 1890 issue of **THE CADET** is on file in Captain Duckers' office and may be seen there by interested persons.)

Bill Owen Finds Lost Class Ring

While on a detail policing the campus recently Cadet Bill Owen spotted something suspicious in a snow bank. Upon investigation he found a St. John's class ring.

He reported to Lt. Tom Sweigart who was in charge of the detail and turned the ring over to Sweigart. It turned out that the ring belonged to Jim Miller and it was returned to him. This incident is a fine example of honesty on Bill Owen's part.

Cadet Corps Hears Bishop's First Sermon

The St. John's Corps of Cadets attended services in a group at Christ Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 5.

The Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, newly consecrated Bishop of Salina, preached. The Cadet choir sang and Cadet John Scott sang The Lord's Prayer for the offeratory.

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Five Cadets Pass "Old Boy" Examination

Several Cadets appeared before the Cadet Court for "old boy" examinations on Feb. 10, and five passed the tests.

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THREE NEW ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN BY COMMANDANT

The Commandant announced three new assignments on Feb. 7. Sgt. George Akers was assigned as first platoon leader of "C" company, Cadet Ronald Neely was appointed as platoon sergeant of first platoon, "A" company, and Cadet Jim Jeppesen was named first platoon squad leader in "A" company.

MUSIC BEING PLAYED DURING EVENING MEALS

Another new idea of the Chaplain's is proving popular to the Cadets. Father Pratt has introduced music at dinner. Records are loaned to the Chaplain by Cadets and he plays them on his record player during evening meals.

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