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Colorado Trip Plans Incomplete

Crack Squad Set To Drill At Game

Plans are still incomplete on the Crack Squad-Platoon trip to Colorado, March 7-10.

However, tentative arrangements have been made for the following:

Basketball Drill

Thursday evening, March 7—Drill between halves of the basketball game between the Denver-Chicago Truckers and the Wichita Vickers.

Friday morning, March 8—Tour of United Airlines with lunch at Stapleton field.

Friday evening, March 8—Dinner-Dance.

Tour A.F. Academy

Saturday morning, March 9—Tour of temporary site of U.S. Air Force Academy at Lowry Field, Denver. Lunch at the Academy.

The Cadets may move on to Pueblo for Saturday night and Sunday providing appearances can be arranged in Pueblo. They will return to Salina late Sunday.

May Stay In Denver

If arrangements cannot be made for appearances in Pueblo, the drill units will make additional perforances in Denver and remain there Saturday night.

There is a possibility that "Air Lift" may be secured for the trip. If the trip is made by air the drill units will arrive in Denver by mid-afternoon of March 7. If the school bus is used to make the trip a later arrival will be scheduled.

Senior Cadets Take Achievement Tests

Lt. H. E. Nuss has announced that 21 Cadet seniors participated in the annual senior high school comprehensive tests given by Emporia State College.

The tests were given on February 13. Seniors from most Kansas high schools took the tests.

"Results from these achievement tests will give each individual who took them an opportunity to compare his grades, not only with members of his graduating class, but with other high school seniors from throughout the state," Lt. Nuss said.

Four Cadets Receive Promotions

The promotions of four Cadets was announced on Feb. 13, by the reading of Special Order No. 38.

Battalion Commander Cadet Capt. Roger Bacon was promoted to the rank of Cadet Major.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Fred Schram was promoted to first lieutenant and Cadet Sgt. Wayne Billingsley was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Phil Hendren was advanced to the grade of private first class.

Wichita Trip Was A Success

Crack Squad Spent Pleasant Weekend

The first over-night drill team trip this year was a huge success as 24 members of the Crack Squad spent Saturday night, Jan. 26, in Wichita.

The Squad performed between halves of the Wichita - Drake basketball game.

The bulk of the arrangements for the trip were made by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anderson and Miss Maud Beech. Anderson is president of the St. John's Foundation and Miss Beech is a member of the Board of Trustees.

The Cadets were entertained at a dinner Saturday evening preceding the drill at Bobby's restaurant by a large group of Wichitans.

Sunday noon the drill team members were guests of Mrs. O. A. Beech, president of Beech Aircraft Corp., at a dinner at Wichita Country Club.

They were houseguests Saturday night in the following homes: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burns, Mrs. Jack Spines, Mr. and Mrs. Park Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Galloup, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anderson.

The Crack Squad attended worship services Sunday at St. James Episcopal Church. They returned to Salina late that afternoon.

Vocational Tests For High School Cadets

Cadets in the upper four grades at St. John's will participate in vocational tests sometime before spring furlough, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance and Curriculum, has announced.

Junior and Seniors will be given vocational interest tests. Results will aid greatly in helping make definite college plans.

Kuder Preference (vocational) tests will be administered to Cadets in the freshmen and sophomore classes. "These are basic exploritory tests relative to vocational plans," Lt. Nuss explained.

Work Nearly Done On New Quartermaster

Work is half completed on the new quartermaster-tailorshop in the basement of the barracks, according to Ed Kliem, buildings and grounds superintendent.

As soon as the QM can be relocated in the room, work will begin on the parent lounge, Kliem said.

Both projects are expected to be completed before commencement, Kliem said.

New Members Into N. H. S.

10 Cadets Initiated At Assembly

By Bill Crews and Al Palmer

St. John's Chapter of National Honor Society held a formal induction ceremony February 5 in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel for all of the Cadets who had acquired the academic standard of the club during the first semester of this school year.

These Cadets have been elected to one of the highest honors which can be offered them in their preparatory school career. They have obtained a high degree of scholarship and have shown a willingness to sacrifice their individual interests for the good of the school. They have shown the courage to be leaders toward the highest of interests.

Those seniors who are graduating in the Spring will have the seal of the National Honor Society placed on their St. John's diploma. The purpose of the National Honor Society is "to create an enthusiasm for Scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, and to develop Character among yourselves and your fellow students."

New members are Francis Bowers, Edward Brann, Jerry Collins, Philip Hendren, Coors Kugeler, John Maultsby, Allen Satterfield, Leon Swartzendruber and Allen Thiessen.

Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, the faculty sponsor, presided over the ceremony and Whit Masten, the president of the club, examined the prospective members after which the recited the oath of the National Honor Society and were congratulated by the active members.

Former Cadet Speaks At Assembly

Capt. and Mrs. Ralph Bliss and children, Park and Kristen, were house guests of Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem for a few days early this month. Mrs. Bliss is the former Connie Clem.

Captain Bliss is stationed at Fort Polk, La. He is a graduate of St. John's and was Battalion Commander his senior year.

Captain Bliss spoke at an all-school assembly while here. He told of his duties as a company commander in an armored division.

Key Club Sponsors Informal Dance

The St. John's Key Club sponsored a dance in the Rec Hall on Saturday evening, February 2.

More than 30 couples attended. Entertainment was dancing to records.

Highlight of the party was a "bop" contest which was won by Clyde Stiteler and his date. They were awarded a $2.00 prize.

Colonel Hardy Home From Hospital

Add to the red-letter days in February the date of February 2.

That's the day Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy returned to his home on the St. John's campus after seven weeks in the hospital at Smoky Hill A.F.B., Salina.

Although Colonel Hardy has not yet resumed his many duties at S.J.M.S., he has recovered sufficiently from a heart attack to be up and around the house. He is eagerly looking forward to getting back to work with his "boys."

He has asked the Skirmisher to give his thanks to the many parents and friends who remembered him with cards and letters while he was confined to the hospital.

29 CADETS FIRE QUALIFYING SCORES

Twenty-nine Upper School Cadets have qualified on the .22 calibre course, Maj. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant, has announced.

Seven boys fired scores qualifying them as Experts, eight others shot Sharpshooter scores and 11 qualified as Marksman.

John Striegel was top Expert shooter with a score of 224. Others who fired 200 or above to qualify as Experts were Bryan—200, Hanks—205, McClanahan—217, McNaul—205, Masten—210, and Schram—218.

Cadets firing 180 to 199 to qualify as Sharpshooters were Crawford — 193, Crews — 181, Ekiss—188, King—198, Neely—182, Oliver—197, Spencer—180, and Ziatz—185.

Qualifying as Marksmen with scores of 160 to 179 were Ayers—162, Brann—160, Brown—177, Carson—162, Ellifritt—167, Garrett—164, Simms—160, Stappenbeck—161, Stiteler—177, Swartzendruber — 169, and Trevino — 175.

A.F. Officer Speaks Here

Colonel Low Tells Corps About S.A.C.

Col. Andrew S. Low, Director of the 802nd Air Division at Smoky Hill Air Force Base, gave an interesting and informative talk at an all-school assembly on Monday, February 11.

Colonel Low used slides to demonstrate points he made about the function of the Strategic Air Command.

Following his talk, Colonel Low answered questions of Cadets. He

Col. Andrew S. Low

has been in the Air Force since his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1942. He was in the West Point class behind Col. Joseph S. Peddie, Air Base Group Commander at McConnell A.F.B., Wichita, and father of former Cadet Scott Peddie.

Don McPhail of the Military Affairs Committee of the Salina Chamber of Commerce arranged for Colonel Low to speak at St. John's.

VIENNA CHOIR BOYS sing out at a brief concert in the Armstrong Chapel at St. John's. The were dinner guests of the Cadet Corps and following the meal favored the Cadets with one of the selections for which they are famed. Later that evening the Vienna Choir presented a concert in Salina attended by a large delegation from the St. John's.—Photo by Bill Crews.

Chapel Notes

Chapel Notes in this issue and possibly the next, will be devoted to an article read in Chapel last year which appeared to be of great interest to many of the Cadets. Its length may make it necessary to print only half this issue and the rest in the next issue of The Skirmisher. Save your two issues and have the complete article for future reference.

GIVING YOURSELF AWAY

"Like most people, I was brought up to look upon life as a process of getting. The idea of giving myself away came somewhat by accident. One night, lying awake in my berth on the 20th Century Limited en route to New York, I fell to wondering just where the Centuries passed each other in the night. 'That would make a good subject for one of the New York Central's advertisements,' I thought to myself—'Where the Centuries Pass.' Next morning I wrote the New York Central Lines, outlining the idea and adding, 'no strings attached.' I received a courteous acknowledgement, and the information that the Centuries passed near Athol Springs, N.Y., nine miles west of Buffalo.

"Some months later I received a second letter informing me that my idea was to be the subject of the New York Central calendar for the New Year. You may recall it: A night picture of the oncoming locomotive of one century and the observation platform of the other, a scene rich in color and railroad romance.

"That summer I travelled a good deal, and in almost every railroad station and hotel lobby and travel office I entered, even in Europe, hung MY calender. It never failed to give me a glow of pleasure.

"It was then that I made the important discovery that anything that makes one glow with pleasure is beyond money calculation in this world where there is altogether too much grubbing and too little glowing.

"I began to experiment with giving away and discovered it to be a lot of fun. If an idea of improvement to the window display of a neighborhood store flashes to me, I step in and make the suggestion to the proprietor. If an incident occurs, the story of which I think the local Roman Catholic priest could use, I call him up and tell him about it, though I am not a Roman Catholic myself. If I run across an article some Senator might want to read, I mail it to him. Sometimes I even send books to virtual strangers, when I feel they would be interested in a 'find' I have made. Several fine friendships have been started in that way.

"Successful 'giving-away' has to be cultivated, just as does successful getting. Opportunities are as fleeting as opportunities for earning quick profits. But you will find that ideas in giving are like some varieties of flowers—the more you pick them, the more they bloom. And giving-away makes life so much more exciting that I strongly recommend it as a hobby. You need not worry if you lack money. Of all things a person may give away, money is the least permanant in the pleasure it produces and the most likely to backfire on the giver. Emerson was wise and practical when he wrote, 'The only gift is a portion of thyself.' "

(To be continued in the next issue.)

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Rector's Honor Roll

Steve Erb Heads Junior School

Steve Erb again topped the Junior School Honor Roll for January with an over-all average of 96.7 as 14 of 32 Cadets in that division of St. John's received academic honors.

Named to the honor roll with Erb were John Scott with a 93.8 average and Stanley Billingsley, 91.0.

Receiving Honorable Mention were John Fisher, 89.5; Karl Sprague, 89.3; Frank Graham, 89.2; Tweed Ross, 87.7; Bob Williams, 87.7; Jim DeGraw, 87.5; Bill Tack, 87.3; John Swartz, 87.0; Don Kirk, 85.7; Gill Griffith, 85.5; and Clifford Pettee, 85.0.

Whit Masten Heads Upper School

Six Upper School Cadets were named to the Rector's Honor Roll in January and 18 others received Honorable Mention for their academic work.

Whit Masten had the highest average with 95.8.

Others on the Honor Roll were Phil Hendren, 93.8; Leon Swartzendruber, 92.8; Allen Satterfield, 92.6; Clyde Stiteler, 91.2; and Roger Bacon, 90.0.

Cadets receiving Honorable Mention were Eddie Stone, 89.8; Lee Hales, 89.6; Bill Crews, 88.8; Coors Kugeler, 88.5;; Dave McClanahan, 88.5; Allen Thiessen, 88.5; Al Palmer, 87.5; John Crawfor, 87.3; Jim McNaul, 87.0; John Maultsby, 86.5; Francis Bowers, 86.3; Charles Hanks, 85.8; Bill Keith, 85.8; Edward Brann, 85.3; Wayne Billingsley, 85.0; Mike O'Brien, 85.0; Bob Swan, 85.0; and Tom Simms, 85.0.

Key Club To Meet On Thursday Nights

A new meeting time has been scheduled for the St. John's chapter of Key Club International, Bill Beech, president, announced this week.

The club will meet each Thursday evening immediately following dinner. Adjournment time will be 7:30 p.m. Bob Hansmann, Key Club chairman from the Salina Kiwanis Club, will meet each week with the St. John's club.

Mr. Hansmann said that he plans to bring several local business men to meetings during the spring to speak to the club about the opportunities in various professional fields.

MOVIE TO OMAHA

The school movie has been booked for showing in Omaha on March 17. John Wilson's parents have arranged for "This is St. John's to be shown to a youth group at their church while John is home on furlough.

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What's Goin' On . . .

Around The Bull Ring

The "Idle Talk" columnist is short of time (and gossip) so here goes with some campus chatter 'bout stuff and things and people . . . .

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Whit Masten and Rog Bacon are the latest two seniors to spend a rush weekend at K. U. Larry Rice, '55, and Acacia fraternity were the hosts. Fred Schram and Bill Beech previously visited the campus of Wilt Chamberlain U . . . .

Speaking of "Wilt the Stilt", Crack Squad members are getting anxious for February 23, to roll around. That's the night they'll share the spotlight with the Jayhawk basketballers in 17,500 seat Allen Fieldhouse. They (the Crack Squad, that is,) have already presented commendable performances at K-State and Wichita University's roundhouse.

The Squad and Platoon are busy practicing and planning for their big four-day trip to Coloradoland . . . Denver and Pueblo Pop's and Mom's are laying the groundwork . . .

The sophomore class had something to be enthused about this week when it was announced that they could make the trip to New York and Washington with the juniors and seniors . . They can make the trip, that is, if their grades are up and the $$$ are available . . Cost per Cadet for the week long jaunt, including everything, is $156.63, payable on or before March 16. The trip begins on March 29, but the funds have to be sent to K.C. two weeks ahead . . .

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If Capt. V.B.L. has a sleepy look at his 0815 class it's because baby Kirstin has her nights and days mixed up . . . Seems she sleeps all day and wants to stay up all night.

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The Junior School cagers continue their winning ways, averaging a win or two a week . . . Griffith, Morrison, Tack, Williams, Odell and Company could put S.J.M.S. in the state tourney in 1960 if they all hang around that long . . They're a top flight grade school team with plenty of potential to make them a championship high school unit in the years to come . . If you haven't seen them play this year you're really missing a treat . .

Cadet music critics have had fun recently on a local afternoon radio show, KSAL's "Teen Time" . . The 55 minute show is built around pop records with the four-member panel discussing each record after it has been played . . First foursome to take to the air with their views were Lee Hales, Dave McClanahan, Joe Stanberry and Tom Simms . . . Stanberry was the most authoritative with the other three mostly agreeing with what Joe had to say . . . Didn't know Joe was such an ardent record fan, did you?

Bill Beech, Whit Masten, Ted Anderson and Jim Yeargain were also on the Teen Time show after the first four showed them how it was done . . . . Other Cadets are hoping to get on the show at a later date.

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. . . Flowers on the desk of secretary Mary Anderson signifies the sixth wedding anniversary . . . Six months, that is . . Jay sure is setting a rugged example for the married faculty . . . Hazel Fonck also had a rose on her desk . . from a "secret pal" . . .

Mentioning flowers, a huge bouquet to Dr. and Mrs. Harvey as the most loyal supporters of Cadet athletic teams this year . . . Hope the good Doctor and Mrs. H. will share the thanks of the athletes with the cheerleaders who have also been more than faithful.

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Capt. Ralph "Bill" Bliss, son-in-law of Colonel Clem, gave an interesting talk in assembly while visiting here recently. 'Twas about time someone got in a good word for the Army . . . Captain Bliss is a St. J.M.S. grad making a mark for himself as a career soldier . . . His wife is the former Connie Clem.

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The Junior School wrestlers continue to have frequent matches and make good showings . . . . That gang has about as much enthusiasm as the J.S. basketball squad, which is only slightly less than terrific . . Looks as if Captain King and his Lieutenants are really doing a good job in all respects in the lower division of St. Jon's . . You'll note by the J.S. Honor Roll reports that an amazing number of the Junior School Cadets are doing top scholastic work, too . . .

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Didja' notice Colonel Hardy's pet project while he was in the hospital? It's a real dignified looking mustache . . He claims he just "raised" it as a joke, but Mrs. H. and friends insist he leave it as is . . . .

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The Wichita trip was a big success, what with Saturday evening dinner at Bobby's and the dinner Sunday at Wichita Country Club, not to mention the royal treatment given by the people housing the members of Crack Squad . . Not often are people happy over a flat tire . . The Squad was 'cause it gave them an extra two hours at the country club . . Masten and Co. entertained with boogie-woogie by a quickly manufactured orchestra . . Instruments were improvised, and fairly successfully so . . .

Hope you've enjoyed these "smatterings" of what's goin' on at SJM & S . . We'll try to give yau another dose next month . . 'C ya' . .

"New Boy"

FRANK GRAHAM, eighth grade Cadet from Lakewood, Colo., has been named as New Boy of the Month for February by a faculty selection committee. An active Cadet in all phases of life at St. John's, Frank is also an honor roll student. Among his chief extra-curricular activities are basketball and choir. Frank hopes to graduate from St. John's with his class in 1961. At present he is a private first class and a squad leader in the first platoon of "C" Company. Movies are his favorite pass time activity. Frank likes to ice skate, but has had little opportunity to do so here in Salina. Congratulations to Frank Graham as the Skirmisher's selection as New Boy of the Month.—Photo by Bill Crews.

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J-S Notes

By Lee Hales

The Junior School has had a good basketball season, winning six and losing only one game. The only loss was by two points to Minneapolis, and later the Cadets avenged that one by winning from the same team 29-21.

The "L" Club, Junior School lettermen's organization continues to take an active part in that division of St. John's. Their major projects have been selling popcorn at all home basketball games and operating a game room in the Junior School.

Two newly enrolled Junior School Cadets are Donald George and Ronald Waller. George is from Wichita and Waller is from Fairfax, Okla.

Birthdays celebrated this month were Bill Tack, Ronnie Simmons, and Karl Sprague.

Two Junior School Cadets have qualified on the .22 calibre course. Bob Morris fired a 177 and Don George shot a 170. Both will receive Marksman badges.

JUNIOR CADET CAGERS take a break from the hardwoods to pose for the Skirmisher photographer. The Junior School varsity basketball team has an impressive record of six wins against only one loss. They avenged an early season two-point loss to Minneapolis with a 29 to 21 win over the same club last week. Pictured here, front row, "A" team—Jim DeGraw, Bob Williams, Bob Morrison, Bill Griffith, Bill Tack and Bob Odell. Second row, "B" team—John Fisher, Jim Boyd, Stanley Billingsley, John Scott, Stephen Crocker, Raymond McDaniels, Jim Staudacher, John Swartz, Frank Graham, Karl Sprague and Ronnie Simmons. Not pictured here are Coach Ivan Pangrac and Manager Chipps Becker.—Photo by Bill Crews.

Vienna Choir Visits SJMS

The Corps of Cadets had the honor of having as their guests for dinner on February 8, members of the Vienna Boys Choir.

The Vienna Choir was in Salina to present a concert that evening.

The St. John's Cadet Choir sang one number for the guests and were favored with one number by the Vienna lads. A large group of Cadets and faculty attended the concert.

The Rev. C. W. F. Pratt arranged for the Vienna Choir to visit St. John's and have dinner here.

WORK CONTINUES ON NEW ROOMS

Work continues on the remodeling of several rooms in the barracks. Latest room to be completed is occupied by John Maultsby and Jerry Collins. Jim McNaul and a Cadet yet to be assigned will occupy a room nearly completed.

A charge of $100 per room is made for remodeling ($50 per Cadet). The school pays the remainder of the estimated $300 cost for remodeling.

VALENTINE'S PARTY IN REC HALL FEB. 16

An all-school Valentine's Dance was held in the Rec Hall on Saturday evening, February 16. Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social chairman, was in charge of plans for the party.

Decorations followed the Valentine's Day theme.

The "S"' Club conducted a "raffle" in connection with the dance. Tickets were sold on a pen and pencil set and a pair of cuff links which were given away at intermission.

All persons attending the party were also given a chance on a large door prize which was presented at intermission.

McClanahan Passes N.R.O.T.C. Phpsical

Word has been received that Dave McClanahan has satisfactorily passed the physical examination toward a Naval R.O.T.C. scholarship.

McClanahan took the physical in Kansas City on February 5. He earlier had passed the scholastic aptitude tests. His record will now go before a Naval review board and notification will be sent in March if he is accepted into the N.R.O.T.C. program.

Three Officers Promoted

Special order number 30 announced on December 13, the promotions of three St. John's Cadet officers.

Battalion commander Roger Bacon was advanced to the rank of Cadet Captain. George Akers and Whit Masten were both promoted to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant.

"Seems to me that dieting is a thing of mind over platter!"

Concert Tour Set For Choir

Cadets Will Sing In Southern States

The Cadet Concert Choir will leave March 30th on the First Annual Spring Concert Tour.

This year the tour will take the Choir through several of the southern states including Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Up to the time of going to press, bookings have been made in Tulsa, Okla., where the Choir will sing at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 31st.

On April 1st the Choir is booked to sing a concert in Texarkana, Texas, for St. James Church. The next tentative stop is either Alexandria or Leesberg, La., followed by Biloxi, Miss., on the Gulf coast.

The high spot for the Cadets will be the visit to New Orleans where they will sing a concert for Trinity Church. Baton Rouge is the next definite stop for a concert and from there the choir goes to Houston, Fort Worth and home. At each stop there will also be radio or TV appearances.

The cadets, who will travel in two station-wagons, will be Crocker, Erb, Graham, Ross, Scott, Pettee, C., Sprague, Dowson, West, Becker, Degraw, O'Dell, R., Staudacher, and Story.

Allen Thiessen is manager and librarian and Mr. John Marlor will be second in command.

ANNUAL DEADLINE NEAR

Deadline for final shipment of copy on the 1957 edition of "The Sound Off" is March 9, according to Roger Bacon, editor. The finished books will be returned from the printers in Topeka and ready for distribution around May 15, Bacon said.

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