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## Announce Trip For Drill Team

### Crack Squad-Platoon To Perform In Colo.

Announcement of tentative plans for the Crack Drill Squad and Platoon to make a four-day trip to Colorado in March have been announced by Capt. Keith G. Duckers, P.I.O.

Parents of Cadets and friends of St. John's in Denver and Pueblo are making arrangements in those two cities.

#### Day of Aviation

A day of aviation education will be on tap for members of the drill teams when United Air Lines and the Air Force Academy combine to entertain and inform the Cadets.

Dates selected for the Colorado trip are March 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Efforts are being made to secure air-lift from the U. S. Air Force, but nothing definite had been arranged at Skirmisher press time.

#### May Go By Bus

Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's said that "the School will make every effort to send the Squad and Platoon to Colorado, even if air-lift cannot be secured."

He said that the Cadets would probably make the trip by school bus if no Air Force planes can be arranged for.

#### Help Needed

Persons who would like to help in either arranging housing or scheduling either or both of the drill units are asked to contact H. Coors Kugeler, 2365 Ash St., Phone Fremont 7-8529 or Acoma 2-8484, Denver; or Mrs. Dale Ekiss, 2511 7th Ave., Phone LI-2-9048, Pueblo.

Further information regarding places and times of appearances of the Squad and Platoon will appear in the February issue of the Skirmisher.

## McClanahan Passes N.R.O.T.C. Tests

Cadet Dave McClanahan, senior from Overland Park, Kans., has cleared the first hurdle toward a Naval R.O.T.C. scholarship, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance and Curriculum, announced this week.

Notification has been received that McClanahan satisfactorily passed the scholastic aptitude tests which he took recently.

A Naval R.O.T.C. scholarship guarantees the student a four year college education at one of 52 colleges and universities participating.

Candidates will be notified in March of their acceptance into the N.R.O.T.C. program.

A former St. John's Cadet, Roger Eigler, '55, is now a sophomore at the University of Colorado in the N.R.O.T.C. program.

## It's A Girl!

Capt. and Mrs. Virgil B. Loy, announce the birth of a daughter at St. John's Hospital, Salina, on January 2.

The young lady has been named Kirstine Louise.

Kirstine and Mrs. Loy were welcomed home from the hospital on January 9, by brother Larry and Captain "Lefty".

Captain Loy's mother stayed at the Loy home while Mrs. Loy was in the hospital and remained for a few days after her return home.

## Crack Squad Drills Often

### WU Appearance Next; To KU on Feb. 23

The Crack Drill Squad made their first of three rapid-fire appearances in Kansas on January 14, between halves of the Kansas State College-Missouri University basketball game in Manhattan.

Next on the agenda is a between halves drill at Wichita University on Saturday night, January 26, at the Wheatshocker-Drake University game. Members of the drill team will be overnight guests of Wichita parents.

The Wichita trip is being promoted and arranged by Wilbur W. Anderson, president of the St. John's Foundation, Inc.

Cadets will see 7-foot Wilt Chamberlain and the number one basketball team in the nation when they give a half-time performance at Kansas University for the Jayhawk Nebraska University game on February 23. Only a few of 17,500 tickets remain on sale and a complete sell-out crowd is expected.

## Colonel Hardy's Condition Improved

Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy continues to improve at Smoky Hill Air Force Base hospital where he is recovering from a heart attack.

Colonel Hardy became ill on December 17, and has been confined to a hospital bed since that time. He sends word to the school each day with Mrs. Hardy and is anxiously looking forward to returning to his duties.

The Colonel particularly misses the work with his rifle team and was proud to learn of their success in the December postal matches and at the Manhattan tournament.

He would appreciate receiving letters from all of his friends at the school and from the many parents with whom he is acquainted.

His address: Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, %Smoky Hill AFB Hospital, Ward No. 1, Room No. 2, Salina, Kansas.

## Sound-Color Movie Available For Showing

Parents and friends of St. John's are reminded of the school movie "This Is St. John's", a 28-minute sound-color show which is available for showing to civic clubs, church groups, and other organizations.

The movie is about a cadet and his year at St. John's.

Bookings for showings during the spring semester may be made by contacting the Public Information Officer.

## Four Advanced

Four Cadets were advanced in grade according to special order number 31 on December 18. Sgt. Wayne Billingsley promoted to Cadet First Sergeant, Pfc. Larry Ellifritt and Jim Yeargain were both advanced to Cadet Corporal and Hugh Sender made Private First Class.

## QM- Tailor Shop To Be Moved

### Lounge and Classroom In Former Cite

The basement under the barracks will be the new location of an enlarged and better equipped Quartermaster department at St. John's, Col. R. L. Clem announced this week.

The QM and tailor shop are being relocated to make room for a first floor classroom and a new parents lounge.

Work is expected to start soon on the new QM. This project will have to be completed first to make the present QM-tailor shop space available for the lounge and classroom.

Colonel Clem said that it was hoped that the lounge would be completed and furnished for use by parents at commencement time.

## Striegel Fires 198 To Tie For First Place

St. John's leading rifleman John Striegel tied for first place in the eastern Kansas rifle gallery tournament at Kansas State College, Manhattan, on January 13.

Striegel fired a 198 in the individual junior prone match. He will receive a bronze medal. In this same match team mate Jim McNaul tied for seventh place with a score of 193.

Striegel also won third place in the individual junior sitting match with a score of 189. McNaul fired a 166 but did not place.

National Rifle Association rules prevailed in the matches. The riflemen taken to Manhattan by John Howard who is substituting for rifle coach Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy during his illness.



THE CRACK DRILL SQUAD is set for a busy schedule of appearances in the next few weeks. They performed at Kansas State College on January 14, and are engaged at Wichita University on January 26, and Kansas University on February 23. Also scheduled for the Crack Squad is a four-day trip to Denver and Pueblo on March 7-10. The Crack Squad, as spectacular as ever this year, is commanded by Cadet Lt. Fred Schram.



# McCandless To Replace King Next Year As J. S. Head

Lt. Jack McCandless has been appointed Director of the junior division of St. John's Military School for the 1957-58 academic year, Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, has announced.

McCandless will replace Capt. Richard King who is resigning at the end of the spring semester, to enter the University of Kan-

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sas medical center where he will study physical therapy.

McCandless is in this third year as an instructor in the Junior School of St. John's. He graduated from St. John's in 1942 and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Colorado A & M in 1950. While a student at A & M McCandless was a member of the varsity wrestling team.

King joined the St. John's staff in September of 1951. With the exception of a 22 month period spent in the Army, he has been at the military school since that time. The Kings have two children, Mike 3, and Marcia, 6 months. Mrs. King is the former Dorothy Henning of Glasco.

McCandless is married to the former Gloria Fay of Salina and they have two children, Douglas 10, and Patricia 7.

Captain King will continue to direct the St. John's Junior School until June 1.

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# Two Seniors Do Well In National Tests

Two senior St. John's Cadets "did well" in the National Scholarship Qualifying tests given in October, according to Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance and Curriculum. Results of the tests were received at the school early in January.

The upper five per cent of the St. John's senior class took these tests.

"The Cadets did very well considering that 166,581 high school students representing 12,500 secondary school participated," Lt. Nuss said.

Sponsors of the program use results of these tests in setting up scholarships. Lt. Nuss pointed out that a growing list of colleges and universities plan to use these test results in awarding their own scholarship grants.

The procedure in the past has been for most colleges and universities to establish and administer most of their own tests and awards.

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# Chapel Notes

We have come now to the half-way mark in our school year. For many of us it has been a time of finding ourselves, settling in and becoming a part, a real part of the Corps. This is the usual thing for cadets who are at St. John's for the first time. Most of you new cadets do find your way and make a real offering to the life and welfare of the whole school. For others it has not been quite as easy as we thought it might have been, but, by our mistakes we learn. The important thing is that we make use of the things we learn, not only to better ourselves, but that we may make a better offering on our part, to the life of all the Cadets.

Now, with the beginning of the new semester, we should all be working together for the good of ourselves and for the good of the school. It is never too late to put that extra effort into our school work, into our sports and into the community life we live together here. For, as I have said before, we are like a large family. And like a family, we try to help each other as well as ourselves. Now, none of us can do this by ourselves alone. Each one of us needs help. We can receive help in our academic work from our teachers. We can get the help and instruction in our sports from the coaches. We all know that the Commandant is always ready to help if you need it on your life here as it concerns what we know as citizenship, as well as in the military. The chaplain is available at any time to help in any way possible and above all, as many know, the Rector of the school is always willing to lend a sympathetic ear to problems of any sort and to assist with them if possible. Finally, and this source is available to all at any time, we have our faith in God the Father, who has never been

known to turn a deaf ear to anyone in trouble. If you need any of these helps—you must seek them. I will finish with a few verses from the fifth chapter of St. John's Gospel.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, accept it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, accept ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. - - If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you".

# Rifle Team Averages High Striegel Fires Perfect Nov. and Dec. Scores

Results of the November and December National Rifle Association matches have been received at the school.

John Striegel, junior from Wichita, fired perfect scores of 100 in both matches.

Those firing the December match and their scores:

John Striegel	100
Jim McNaul	98
Bob Swan	97
Fred Schram	96
Dave McClanahan	96
Gerald Brown	95
John Crawford	95
Bob Kyle	95
Russell Bryan	94
Corky Brann	81

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“New Boy”



Named for the honor of New Boy of the Month for January is a 16-year old junior from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Allen Thiessen was the unanimous choice as the outstanding “New Boy” by a faculty selection committee.

Thiessen’s extra-curricular interests at St. John’s include wrestling, Crack Platoon and the Cadet Choir of which he is the librarian and manager. He particularly likes woodworking and is also interested in agriculture and forestry which he may take up as a vocation.

Allen has made no definite college plans at this time. His brother, Neil, hopes to come to St. John’s next year, entering the freshmen class.

Back home in Canada, Thiessen is active in Sea Scouting. He likes to swim and ice skate.

Congratulations to Allen Thiessen as the Skirmisher’s New Boy of January!

BASKETBALL SCORES	
Brookville “B”—45	St. John’s “A”—26
St. John’s “B”—22	Cadet high scorer:
Cadet high scorer:	Ed Stone, 11 pts.
Ron Ziatz, 8 pts.	Enterprise “B”—65
Brookville “A”—64	St. John’s “B”—25
St. John’s “A”—30	Cadet high scorer:
Cadet high scorer:	Gavin Honen, 8 pts.
John Carson, 9 pts.	Enterprise “A”—55
Gypsum “B”—59	St. John’s “A”—26
St. John’s “B”—32	Cadet high scorer:
Cadet high scorer:	Phil Hendren, 14 pts.
Bruce Forrester, 14 pts.	Brookville “B”—36
Gypsum “A”—46	St. John’s “B”—29
St. John’s “A”—37	Cadet high scorer:
Cadet high scorer:	Bruce Forrester, 9 pts.
Carson and Hendren, 9 pts. ea.	Brookville “A”—72
Bavaria “B”—34	St. John’s “A”—40
St. John’s “B”—25	Cadet high scorer:
Cadet high scorer:	Phil Hendren, 18 pts.
Bruce Forrester, 8 pts.	
Bavaria “A”—52	
St. John’s “A”—28	
Cadet high scorer:	
Ed Stone, 11 pts.	
Kipp “B”—35	
St. John’s “B”—20	
Cadet high scorer:	
Ken Trenberth, 6 pts.	
Kipp “A”—47	
St. John’s “A”—33	
Cadet high scorer:	
Phil Hendren, 10 pts.	
Assaria “B”—73	
St. John’s “B”—18	
Cadet high scorer:	
Forrester and Kugeler, 6 pts. ea.	
Assaria “A”—65	



J-S Notes

By Lee Hales

The Junior School recently has been gleeming with cleanliness. The reason? Boys living on the cleanest floor receives a reward such as a chicken dinner each month. The reward is based upon the least amount of demerits, scholastic averages of the Cadets living on the floor, and all around cooperation of the Cadets. First Platoon, “C” Company, lives on the second floor of the Junior School, while the second platoon lives on the third floor.

Popcorn sales at home basketball games by members of the “L” Club, Junior School lettermen’s society, have produced more than half enough money to pay for the new basketball suits. This organization has already been instrumental in raising funds to buy a new television set.

The J.S. mat men have wrestled the Salina Junior High School twice, dropping both matches, but making a good showing in this, their first year of competition.

Junior School Cadets enjoyed a party in the Rec Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 19. A group of Junior High girls from Salina High were guests. Mrs. Guernsey and Mrs. Harvey were hostesses.

Celebrating birthdays recently were Bob Odell and Steve Erb. Cadets helping them celebrate enjoyed cake and pop.

Nine Cadets Get Promotions

Promotion of nine Cadets was announced on Jan. 18, by the reading of special order number 36.

Advanced to the rank of sergeant were corporals Clyde Stiteler and Coors Kugeler.

Privates first class Charles Hanks and Allen Satterfield were promoted to Corporal.

Gary Brandon, John Carson, John Davis, Michael Ekiss and Steve Pettee were advanced to the grade of private first class.

**GRIFFITH PROMOTED**

Cadet Pfc. Bill Griffith was promoted to the grade of Cadet Corporal according to special order number 34 announced on January 11.

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Rector’s Honor Roll

Masten Leads Upper School

Eight Cadets were named to the Upper School Rector’s Honor Roll at the end of the December grading period and 15 others received honorable mention. Honor Roll Cadets have averages of 90% or better, while those receiving honorable mention must average between 85% and 90%.

Whit Masten topped the Upper School with 95.8 academic average. Others on the Honor Roll were Leon Swartzendruber, 94, Phil Hendren, 93.5, Allen Satterfield, 93, Roger Bacon, 92.8, Al Palmer, 90.5, Ben Brown, 90, and Ronald Ziatz, 90.

Cadets receiving honorable mention were Alan Thiessen, Jim Yeargain, Jerry Collins, Bill Crews, Tom Garrett, Corky Brann, John Maultsby, Dave McClanahan, Coors Kugeler, Bob Pave, Jim McNaul, Fred Schram, Francis Bowers, Hugh Sender and Ronald Hardin.

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ERB Tops Junior School

Steven Erb headed the list of Honor Roll Cadets in the Junior School for the December grading period with an average of 93%.

Others on the Honor Roll were Don Kirk, 91.8, John Scott, 91.3, and Stanley Billingsley, 90.3.

Six Junior School boys made honorable mention. They were Bob Williams, Frank Graham, Clifford Pettee, Karl Sprague, Bill Tack and John Fisher.

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ADMIRING EISENHOWER MUSEUM and the huge collection of interesting items on display in Abilene are (from left) Cadets Striegel, Davis, Billingsley, R. Martin, and Carson. The Upper School Cadets toured the museum and boyhood home of the President recently.

Impressed, Surprised - - -

# CADETS FIND MUSEUM INTERESTING PLACE

Mrs. Annabell Hardy, English instructor, had members of her English classes write comments on the trip to the Eisenhower Museum and Home in Abilene. Comments of some of the Cadets are recorded below:

MARION SLOAN—"I think the museum is a memorial worthy of a great man like Eisenhower".

JOHN DAWSON—"It was the first museum that I have visited that I really enjoyed. I plan to go back again."

JOHN CRAWFORD—"I found the murals and the story behind them the most interesting part of the museum."

CLYDE STITELER—"I could write a book on it!"

ALAN THIESSEN—"The west wing holds a collection of articles he received or owned before he became President: an electric car; a machine gun; precious, rare Russian and German medals and flags; and African lion-hunting kit; his map case; and his letters and uniforms from West Point."

DOORS KUGELER—"The uniforms, which he wore when he got out of West Point until he made the rank of colonel, were really something to see. They were probably the last uniforms worn with shoulder boards or straps which indicated the rank of an officer."

CHARLES HANKS—"I was most impressed by the murals, and I don't agree with the Time magazine critics at all! The map on the far west wall, with lights to show the important battles that led to the capture of Germany in the Second World War, was impressive not because of the military strategy but because of the mechanics of the map. When the guide turned his head, I went behind the map and found myself in a maze of wire and relays."

GLENN HAYES—"Just to think that one man could have so many gifts from so many different countries and places."

ADRIAN MOORE—"Well, to tell the truth, I was surprised when I first saw it. In my mind I've always thought that museums would be old and dark, but the Eisenhower Museum was anything but that! It is very light and cheerful, and even though it has been open for such a short time, it contains a wonderful collection."

PHIL HENDREN—"I was more impressed by the immensity of the entire museum than by any one individual item."

BRUCE FORRESTER—"In my opinion his boyhood home is the best part of the museum. Then it hit me as I walked into his home—there it was—what I was looking for—something that was old and something that when you looked at it gave you feeling and atmosphere!"

TOMMY HARRIES—"The most exciting piece was the big ivory tusk that had elephants carved on it."

LARRY SPENCER—"When I found out that we were going down to the Eisenhower Museum, I thought that it would be a dreary, uninteresting trip; but I found some very interesting things: the little Bible, the machine gun, the very old car, and the portraits. Someone put a lot of very fine work in the portraits."

BOB NELSON—"I got a thrill out of the pictures that Eisenhower himself painted and the golf clubs used in some of the first golf tournaments."

JERRY COLLINS—"One of the outstanding things about the museum is the fact that all of the things in it belong to one man. What people will do for other people they like!"

DEAN RADCLIFFE—"The Asian countries seem to have given many more things to 'Ike' than the European countries."

BILL WRIGHT—"I couldn't help wondering, when I was in Eisenhower's home, what was going on in that home fifty-one years ago. Did he know that one day he would hold the highest office in the United States of America and that this quaint home would become a national shrine? As he walked through the garden, did he think that some day there would be a great building erected in his honor?"

RODGER BILLINGSLEY—"In my opinion one of the most interesting artifacts was a knife made from a fifty-five gallon oil drum by Chinese P.O.W.'s."

JOHN SEARS—"The thing that impressed me most was the beautiful star given to General Eisenhower by Russia. It had ninety-one diamonds and five rubies worth \$1,000 apiece."

CORKY BRANN—"As most boys I liked the firearms best. There were a .30 caliber, Browning water-cooled machine gun and a 4-inch mortar on display in the middle of the floor. In one of the glass cases was a pistol made in China that shot a 16-gauge shotgun shell."

MICHAEL O'BRIEN—"The truth is that when we started the trip I didn't want to go, but after we were there for a few seconds, I changed my mind about the whole matter."

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