



On November 21-22

Thanksgiving Recess Next On Agenda

Several hundred parents, friends and guests are expected at St. John's Military School for Thanksgiving festivities on November 21-22.

Cadets will be granted an all-school holiday on Wednesday, November 21, so that they may spend the day with their parents in Salina.

The annual Lettermen's Dance honoring varsity lettermen is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Don Best and his orchestra will play for the dance.

Squad To Perform

The evening's entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. with a performance by the school's Crack Drill Squad, commanded by Cadet Lt. Fred Schram.

The schedule on Thanksgiving Day calls for a service of Holy Communion in the Armstrong Chapel at 7:30 a.m., the St. John's Association breakfast at the Holiday Inn Hotel at 8:30 a.m., the service of Thanksgiving in the chapel at 11:00 a.m., and the turkey dinner in the mess hall at 1 p.m.

Optional Service

Attendance at the communion service is optional for Cadets. The Association breakfast is for parents and friends of the school.

All Cadets are required to be present for the dance on Wednesday and the Thanksgiving service and dinner on Thursday.

The recess will end for all Cadets at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, with the regular schedule resuming Friday morning at 6:30.

S.J.M.S. Association To Hold Meeting

The St. John's Association will hold their second meeting since being formed last commencement at the Holiday Inn Motel at an 8:30 breakfast on Thanksgiving morning.

The Association was formed last spring by a group of parents interested in planning for the future of St. John's.

The meeting Thanksgiving morning will be primarily concerned with electing officers for the school year and deciding what work, if any, the Association wishes to undertake now for the school.

Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, will preside at the meeting until the officers are elected.

Thanksgiving Theme For Letterman's Dance

Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social chairman, has announced decoration plans for the Letterman's Dance which will be held on Wednesday evening preceding Thanksgiving.

Decorations will carry out the Thanksgiving theme, Mrs. Guernsey said.

The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. The Crack Drill Squad will perform 50 minutes before the dance begins at 8 p.m.

Don Best and his orchestra will play for the dance. Cadets and their ladies will dress formally, but dress for guests is optional (i.e., either formal or street dress).

No Passes

The Commandant has asked the Skirmisher to announce that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES will overnight passes be granted during the Thanksgiving recess. Maj. R. L. Guernsey pointed out that this is in keeping with the policy established several years ago.

School Choir To Atchison

The St. John's Choir will make their first public appearance of the year next Sunday, Nov. 11, when they sing at Veteran's Day services at Trinity Episcopal Church in Atchison, Kansas.

Thirty Cadets will make the 200-mile trip to Atchison by bus on Saturday. They will spend the night in various homes of Trinity parish members.

The Rev. C. W. F. Pratt, chaplain, will accompany the Choir.

The Choir will also present a 15-minute radio program over an Atchison station Sunday afternoon before returning to Salina.

INTEREST SHOWN IN EASTERN TRIP

Post cards have been mailed to parents of juniors and seniors seeking permission for members of those classes to make the trip to New York and Washington next spring.

Several cards have already been returned indicating that a large number of these Cadets will be able to make the trip.

The B. & O. Railroad, sponsor of the trip, must know by early in January how many will be making the trip. Those Cadets whose parents are undecided at this time should urge them to make a decision during Christmas Furlough.

Salina High Madrigal Presents Assembly

One of the outstanding assembly programs of the year was presented in the Armstrong Chapel on Thursday, October 25.

The Salina High Madrigal, a mixed group of singers, presented a 30 minute program. The group is under the direction of Paul Ryberg.

The 21 singers were guests of the Corps of Cadets at breakfast before the program.

Arrangements will be made to have the Madrigal singers return later in the school year for another program.

Cadet Court Is Appointed

Lt. Roger Bacon
To Be Chairman

Seven St. John's Cadets were honored at services on October 31, when they were elected to membership on the Cadet Court and took the oath of office which they will hold through the current school year.

In keeping with tradition, three seniors, two juniors and one Cadet each from the sophomore and freshmen classes were appointed to the high positions.

Named to membership were Lt. Roger Bacon, chairman, Lt. George Akers, and Lt. Fred Schram from the senior class; Sgt. Larry Spencer and Pvt. Phil Hendren from the junior class; and Pfc. Al Palmer, sophomore, and Pfc. John Maultsby, freshman.

The Cadet Court functions similarly to that of a student council in a public school. Other duties include making recommendations to the Commandant in disciplinary cases and conducting "Old Boy" tests.

BLUE UNIFORMS FOR ENTIRE CORPS

The blue service uniform became the official "uniform of the day" on Friday, October 6.

All Cadets, with the exception of late enrollees, now have their complete issue of uniforms. A new addition to the official set of uniforms this year is a black button-down-the-front sweater. The sweater is to be worn when service jackets are either at the dry cleaners or in the tailor shop for repairs.

SENIOR PICTURES BEING TAKEN

Senior individual pictures will be taken again this year by Magerkurth Studios. Arrangements have been made for the photos to be taken on November 8, 9 and 12. Dress uniforms will be worn for the pictures. Seniors may order any number of their pictures that they want. Each senior's picture will be placed in a composite panel which will be displayed in Cadet Headquarters following graduation of the class.

Pratt Gets Confined!

"The following are on academic restriction and confined to their rooms until incomplete work is made up . . ."

That's a typical statement made by a typical St. John's faculty officer on a typical day. However, when Lt. Ted Carlquest read off his restriction list recently among the names was that of "Pratt."

Further investigation showed that there was no "Cadet Pratt" enrolled at St. John's.

Among the long faced students who trudged slowly to their rooms to make up back work in Spanish was a red-faced Chaplain. It seems that the Rev. C. W. F. Pratt is auditing the course in Spanish and has asked for the same treatment as that accorded the Cadets.

He got it!

Wing C.A.P. Confab Here

A state-wide communications meeting for the Kansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol will be held at St. John's Military School on Sunday, November 11, Col. J. J. O'Connor, Wing Commander, has announced.

More than 50 CAP communications officers and Cadets from throughout Kansas are expected to attend the meeting.

Various communications problems will be discussed by panel groups headed by officers from different parts of the state.

The St. John's Crack Drill Platoon will give an exhibition performance in the afternoon.

Lt. Eugene Beaver is in charge of the radio department at St. John's.

THREE NEW CADETS

Three new Cadets have enrolled in St. John's in recent weeks. They are Dean Dowson, an eighth grader from Denver; Adrian "Butch" Moore, a junior from Wichita; and Roy Cox, a freshman from Denver.

Crack Squad In First Drill

To Appear At W.U.
Fieldhouse In January

The St. John's Crack Drill Squad will make their initial public appearance of the year on November 14, when they will appear at a community meeting at the high school in Kipp, Kansas, Cadet Lt. Fred Schram, Crack Squad commander, has announced.

Arrangements for the Squad's appearance at Kipp were made by former St. John's Junior School Director, John Todd, now a member of the faculty at Kipp.

Tentative arrangements have also been made for the Crack Squad to appear in the three largest athletic arenas in Kansas according to Capt. Keith G. Duckers, public information officer.

The Squad is booked to appear between halves of a basketball game in the Wichita University fieldhouse on Saturday night, January 26. W. W. Anderson, father of Cadet Steve Anderson has arranged the appearance of the squad at Wichita U., and is also attempting to make arrangements for the Cadets to spend Saturday night in Wichita.

Appearances between halves of basketball games at the University of Kansas and Kansas State College are also being scheduled.

The W. U. fieldhouse seats nearly 11,000; the Allen Fieldhouse at K.U. holds 17,000 and the K-State arena seats 12,500.

S Club Elects New Officers

New officers of the "S" Club, St. John's varsity lettermen's organization, have been elected.

President for the year will be Lt. Fred Schram, senior from Denver. Other officers are Bill Beech, vice-president; Jim Miller, secretary; Lt. Roger Bacon, treasurer; and Larry Spencer, sergeant-at-arms.

Capt. J. D. Elmborg, Director of Athletics, is faculty sponsor of the group.

The "S" Club has purchased two new pop machines which have been placed in the smokers.



A BIG DAY AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL occurred recently when Capt. Richard King arranged for a 105 MM Howitzer on an M-7 tank carriage from the Salina "B" Battery, 130th AFA Battalion, to be brought to the school. Junior School Cadets witnessed a demonstration during drill period and then had a chance to "inspect" the cannon. (Skirmisher Photo by Crews.)

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Armory Notes

By Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy
With the beginning of the shooting of the regular qualification course by the Cadets, practice for the team has been somewhat curtailed. However, most of these se-

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lected to start firing on the team are getting a little practice several times during the week. The first of the regular postal matches will be fired before the last of November.

The following Cadets, so far, have been selected to start team firing as regulars: Lt. Schram, Lt. Masten, Sgt. McClanahan, Sgt. Swan, Cadet Pfc. Striegel, Cadets Crawford, McNaul, and Kyle. Two more Cadets will be selected during the month.

Among those that have started to fire the regular qualification course are Lt. Schram, Lt. Masten, Sgt. McClanahan, Pfc. Striegel, all making Expert, and Sgt. Swan and Cadet Crawford, who made Sharpshooter.

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ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

Certainly one of the most encouraging signs of progress around St. John's in many years was the step taken last Commencement by a group of interested patrons towards the establishment of the St. John's Association.

Most of the readers of the SKIRMISHER have had at least some inkling, that this organization was created in order to work hand in hand with administration of the School toward the end of improving our services and facilities in any of many ways.

There are so many things a group of loyal patrons can do for a private school that I have often envied other similar schools who have had the benefit through the years of a parents' organization of one kind or another.

Our parents who have been thinking about the organization and making some plans are waiting for Thanksgiving because at the breakfast meeting officers for this school year will be chosen and the scope of operations will be decided upon. Any patron who has been around the School and knows how needful we are in some respects will have his own pet ideas about what is the most important thing to be done. I hope many such ideas will be forthcoming and that an agreement can be reached between parents and the school as to what should come first and how that project should be worked out.

Please be sure the school wants to act only in an advisory capacity because we have complete faith that the parents will want to do only those things which are completely acceptable to St. John's.

So if you have suggestions to make or if you would like to listen to the discussion, please plan to be at the Association breakfast at the Holiday Inn Hotel Thursday morning, 22 November, at 8:30.

—R. L. Clem, Rector

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Library Notes

By Park Learned
Library Club Reporter

On November 2, the Library Club went to the famous old Brookville Hotel for its semi-annual party. After a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings, they returned to Salina and the Watson Theater where they saw Walt Disney's "Fantasia," which everyone enjoyed. They were accompanied by Lt. and Mrs. H. E. Nuss, and Melaine and Laughton. There were 14 in all, enjoying the excursion. The club hopes to be able to have a similar party in the Spring.

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Chapel Notes

Thanksgiving Day, like Christmas, has, for many people these days, lost its original meaning. There is no doubt as to what the day stands for from its title. We have all learned about its origin in grade school and through our own home church Sunday Schools. But to many it only means an extra day holiday with a chance to over-indulge ourselves on good food.

It means another day to get out on the highways and, for

some, help to raise the death toll of the City, State and Nation. Or maybe for a days fishing or hunting or golfing. Sports in themselves are fine and worth doing, and this extra holiday spent in those activities are well spent, PROVIDING—

Yes, providing we have not lost sight of the reason for it all. The reason we do have the holiday. It can rightly be called the special day of the farmers and those who work in the fields

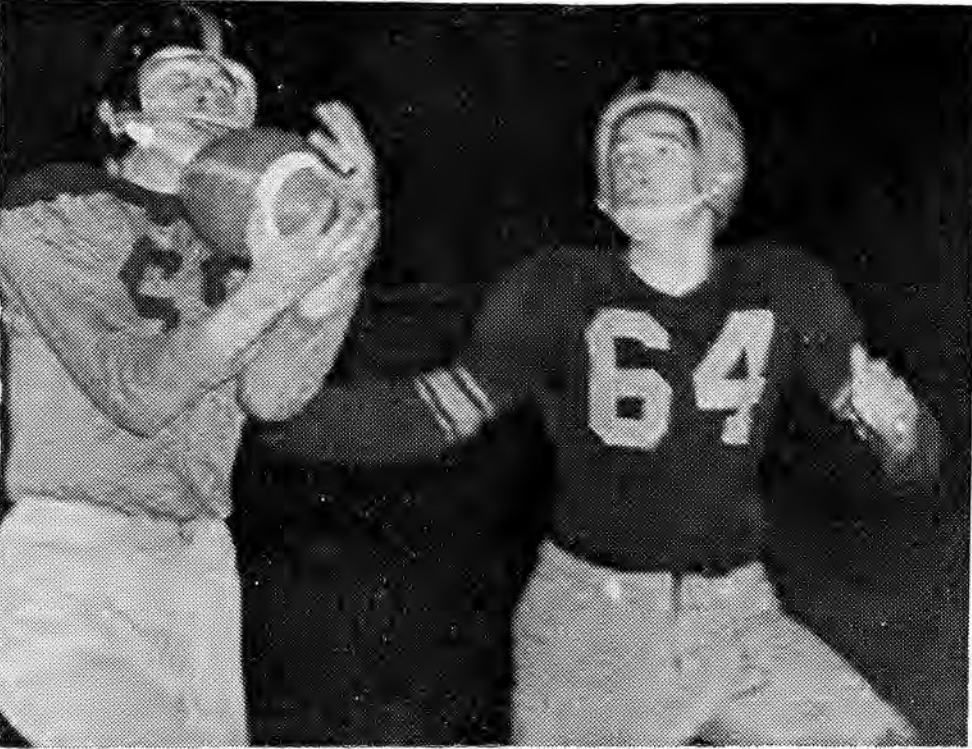
and orchards and groves of the nation, to give thanks for God's blessing on the harvest. In this modern day and age this day of thanksgiving has been extended to include those who work in the shops, mines, offices, schools and all the other forms of labor which offers man a living, for by the labor of our hands and our heads we support ourselves and our families, just as much as the farmers work in the fields supports his family with the food that he grows, and the rancher with the meat that he raises for our bodies. So really, we all

have much to thank God for. Here at St. John's we can and should give thanks for the love and labor of our parents who are supporting us by seeing that we get the education we need to make a success of our lives whereby we, in our time, can support and provide for ourselves and the families we will be having.

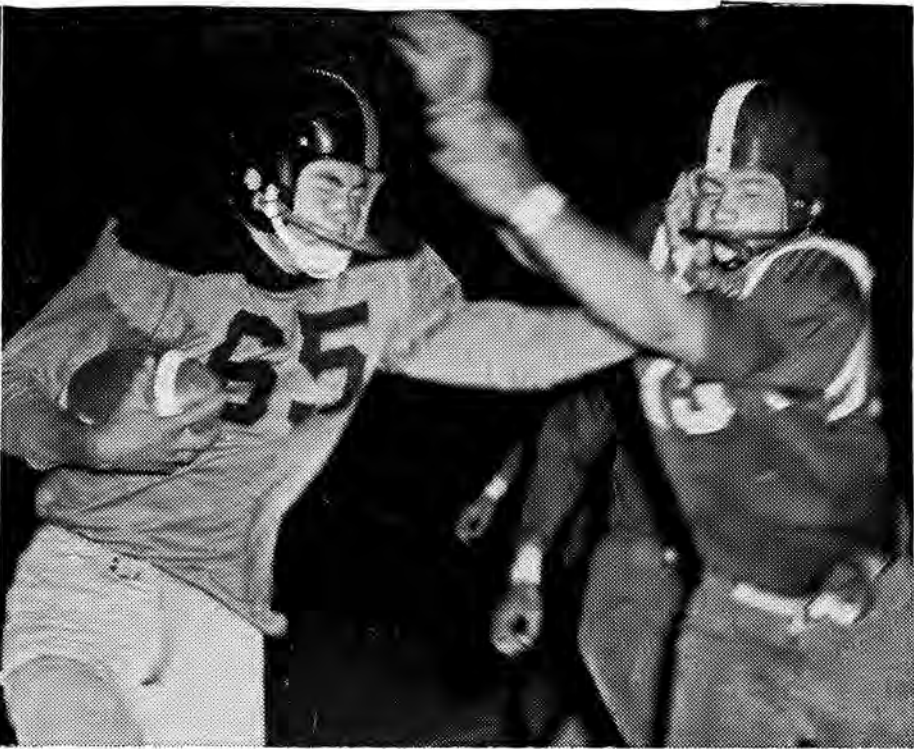
Although our forefathers set aside one special day for a corporate thanksgiving to God, it is our duty to thank Him each day, just as we say "thank you" when something is done for us. May

God richly bless each and every one of you and your families this coming year.

He gives nothing but worthless gold
Who gives from a sense of duty;
But he who gives a slender mite,
And gives to that which is out of sight . . .
The hand cannot clasp the whole of his alms,
The heart outstretches its eager palms,
For a God goes with it and makes it store
To the soul that was starving in darkness before. —Lowell



GATHERING IT IN—Roger Bacon, Cadet end, snags a long aerial before being nailed by Tom Hinkle, 64, Hope. Hope dumped St. John's, 19-2. Details elsewhere on this page. (Skirmisher Photos by Bill Crews.)



JAW-BREAKER—St. John's quarterback Phil Hendren rams an arm into face of Gary Bossing, Holyrood linebacker, as he goes for an eight yard gain. The military eleven whacked the Cardinals, 20-0. Details elsewhere on this page.

Cadets Win Two

Dump S.H.S. 19-13

SOLOMON, KANS., Oct. 20—The St. John's Cadets broke a three-game losing streak and extended Solomon's losing string to five straight here Saturday afternoon with a 19-13 verdict before a Fall Festival crowd.

The Cadets and Gorillas battled to a scoreless first period. The Cadets countered twice in the second quarter and Solomon scored once.

What proved to be the winning touchdown for the Cadets was scored in the third quarter and Solomon scored their final TD in the final frame.

Dick Thompson, sophomore halfback from Nowata, Okla., took a pitchout from quarterback Phil Hendren on the Gorilla eight-yard line mid-way in the second quarter and drove over for the Cadets' first six-pointer.

Then Hendren fired a 15-yard scoring pass to senior end Gary King for the second Cadet touchdown. Hendren ran the conversion.

Solomon's second period score came on a line buck from one yard out.

In the third quarter Hendren again teamed with King on a touchdown pass, this one good for 35 yards.

The Gorillas drove across from five yards out for their final score in the fourth quarter.

STATISTICS			
	S.J.	Solomon	
First Downs	12	10	
Yards rushing	164	131	
Passes attempted	10	14	
Passes completed	6	7	
Yards passing	87	41	
Passes intercepted	0	0	
Fumbles lost	1	2	
Punting average	27	27	
Penalties	65	50	
SCORE BY QUARTERS			
St. John's Cadets	13	6	0-19
Solomon Gorillas	0	6	0-13

Skunk Cards 20-0

HOLYROOD, KANS., (October 26)—Tackle Larry Spencer and guard Dave McClanahan combined to block a punt and recover a fumble to set up touchdown marches as the St. John's Cadets rolled over the Holyrood Cardinal's 20-0, here Friday night for their second straight win.

The Cadets started the season with only four experienced players on the squad. Eight starters had never played varsity football before.

But by the end of the first month the Cadets were able to notch their first win of the year against Solomon and gave indication Friday night things are improving fast.

Coach Jim Elmbor's Cadets tallied in the first quarter. The touchdown drive was set up when McClanahan blocked a Holyrood punt on the Holyrood 15. End Jim Carson grabbed the loose ball and carried to the seven-yard line. Three plays later quarterback Phil Hendren rammed over on a sneak.

In the third quarter Spencer jumped on a loose Cardinal fumble on the Holyrood 25. Fullback Fred Schram plunged across and Hendren ran the conversion.

In the fourth quarter Hendren climaxed a long drive with an eight yard aerial to end Roger Bacon for another six points. Halfback Bruce Forrester bucked over for the conversion.

STATISTICS			
	S.J.	Holyrood	
First Downs	10	5	
Yards rushing	151	57	
Passes attempted	7	2	
Passes completed	2	1	
Passing yardage	18	13	
Passes intercepted	2	0	
Punting average	30	23	
Fumbles lost	1	3	
Penalties	75	35	
SCORE BY QUARTERS			
St. John's Cadets	6	0	7-20
Holyrood Cardinals	0	0	0-0

Hope Wins 19-2

MARTIN STADIUM, Oct. 31—Hope High's Lions snapped the St. John's Cadets' victory string at two straight games Wednesday night by scoring a 19-2 victory at Martin Stadium.

The defeat was the fourth in six games for the Cadets this season.

The Cadets took the lead only four plays after the kickoff by scoring a safety to go in front, 2-0.

But later in the quarter Allen Wuthnow, Hope fullback, raced eight yards around left end to score standing up.

In the second quarter Gordon Rhodes drilled 22-yards through the middle of the line and then converted to make it 13-2 at the half.

In the third period left halfback Tom Hinkle of Hope rammed 23-yards through the middle of the line for another touchdown to make it 19-2.

Hope picked up 12 first downs to four for the Cadets and made 151 yards rushing to 34.

STATISTICS			
	S.J.	Hope	
First Downs	4	12	
Yards rushing	24	151	
Passes attempted	10	11	
Passes completed	1	4	
Passing yardage	10	30	
Passes intercepted	1	0	
Punting average	30	28	
Fumbles lost	0	2	
Penalties	20	20	
SCORE BY QUARTERS			
St. John's	2	0	0-2
Hope	6	7	6-19

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J-S Notes

By Lee Hales

The Junior School color guard participated in flag raising ceremonies before the football game with Hope. They did a good job, as usual.

Two J.S. Cadets have been advanced in rate. John Scott got another stripe on October 24, and is now a corporal. On the same day Johnnie Boyd got his first stripe and is now a private first class.

The Junior School section of the Cadet Choir were the first group from St. John's to make a television appearance this year. They presented a 30-minute program on Helen Gard's show at KTVH, Hutchinson, recently. John Scott was the featured soloist. The choir sang several selections and Scott teamed with Junior School counsellor John Marlor to sing two numbers.

Reason for the long faces over at the Junior School is caused by the rumor that Elvis Presley may soon be drafted.

Cadets from the Junior School participated in a community-wide Halloween party in Memorial Hall. The event was sponsored by the Salina Junior C. of C.

A new addition to the ranks in the Junior School is Dean Dowson, an eighth grader from Denver.

Program Presented On Fire Prevention

An interesting and informative all-school assembly was presented on Friday, November 2, emphasizing the importance of fire prevention.

The program was under the direction of Lt. H. E. Nuss.

Cadets Ed Stone, Clyde Stiteler and Dave McClanahan gave brief talks on different phases of fire prevention.

CARLQUEST HEADS LANGUAGE PANEL

Lt. Theodore O. Carlquest, foreign language instructor at St. John's, was chairman of the Latin and Modern Language panel at the state teachers' meeting held recently in Salina.

The program directed by Lt. Carlquest included a round table discussion of "The Status-quo of Latin Today." The Rev. C. W. F. Pratt, chaplain at St. John's, lectured on the experiment in Junior School French which is being conducted here.

Lt. Carlquest lectured on "The Fallen Eagle," the Peron regime of Argentina. Two groups of musical selections were presented. Marymount College girls presented Spanish songs and dances, and Cadet Cpl. John Scott of St. John's sang songs in Latin, German and French.

Work Underway On 1957 Sound-Off

Work has begun on the 1957 Sound-Off. First half of the yearbook is due at the printers before Christmas furlough.

The yearbook will again feature the Crack Drill Squad on the cover. The first half of the Sound-Off will be devoted mainly to individual Cadet pictures.

N.H.S. Notes

By Bill Crews

Officers for the St. John's chapter of National Honor Society have been named for this year.

Lt. Whit Masten, senior from Denver, Colo., has been elected president.

Other officers include Lt. Roger Bacon, El Dorado, Kans., vice president, and Jim Yeargain, Pueblo, Colo., secretary-treasurer.

Returning members are Dave McClanahan, Overland Park, Kans., Tom Garrett, Denver, Bill Crews, Denver, Al Palmer, Yeaton, Penna., Ed Stone, Topeka, Kans., and Paul Stappenbeck.

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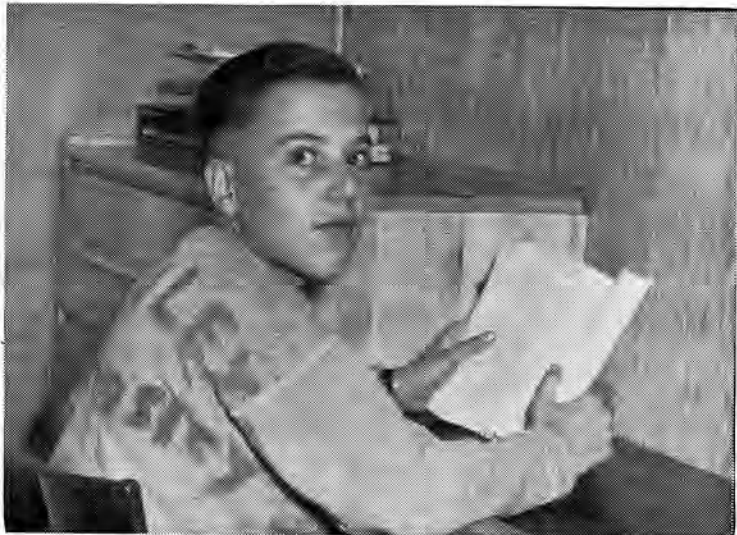
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"New Boy"



Stanley Billingsley, eighth grade Cadet from Casper, Wyoming, steps into the limelight as the Skirmisher's "New Boy of the Month" for November.

One of three Billingsley brothers attending St. John's, Stanley was well "briefed" on life at a military school by brothers Wayne, a senior, and Roger, a sophomore, before he became a Cadet in September.

Stanley lost no time in distinguishing himself in the Junior School as an outstanding Cadet. The committee of Junior School officers selected to pick the "New Boy" for this month were unanimous in choosing Stanley for the honor.

Congratulations to Stanley Billingsley, the Skirmisher's selection as the most outstanding "New Boy" during the past month.

(Editor's Note: Bill Crews, Skirmisher photographer, apologizes to Stanley Billingsley for taking this picture while Stan was not in uniform. Crews had to take the picture without explaining to Stan what it was to be used for, so rather than arouse suspicion Crews shot the picture during free time when Junior School Cadets are permitted to be out of uniform.)

Idle Talk

By Rajah

Seems I missed the first issue and practically let this one get by also....Lt. Sunshine is still in demand. He almost got promoted to Captain....Heard something about having a fire drill, or was that a hike?....How many of you think you can pass the Old Boy tests?

T. S. has some extra-curricular interests as of late..P. H. thinks he has his football letter won..pledge!..not very long you know..Where are you coming by the cornshocks Mrs. G?..J. M. (and a number of post-grads wants to enjoy his rights as an "S" club member.

Anyone want to lay odds on

the C. U.-O. U. game next year? ..B. B. was on the spot for a quarter or so, wasn't he..say, does L. H. have a girl?..wonder ..One morning not so long ago the P. O. G. put up the flag and it was there for four straight days...good boy...any prospects for basketball manager?

Mr. Hanks is really going places although he still hasn't figured out how he got the transmitter to work..Guess W. M. has formed his own organization called the N. H. S...at least he is president....I hear that the General Education I class will meet in the classroom next week ..Nothing better than short hair ..Is R. Z. about due for another haircut?..For his sake I hope B. P. won't have another accident like last year..Pizza and Sympathy.

MUSIC LESSONS

Several Cadets have started music lessons with the Chaplain taken during their free time. Those now taking voice lessons are Wright, Sender, J., Sprague, Murray and Scott. Those taking piano are Williams and West.

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