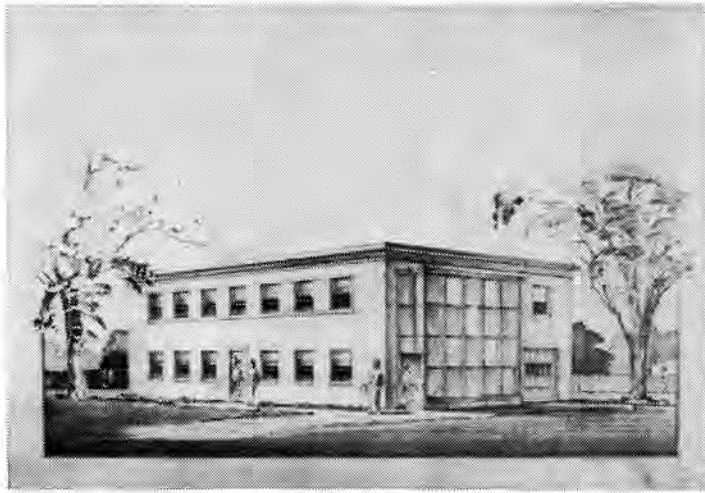


Fund Drive Starts



ARCHITECT'S DRAWINGS of the proposed new science hall at St. John's. The new science facilities will be constructed as a second story on the existing Ferris Mechanical Arts Building. Proposed plans call for a large laboratory and two class rooms.

Campaign Underway to Raise \$35 Thousand for Science Hall

A capital fund raising campaign is underway at St. John's Military School to obtain \$35,000 to build and equip a science hall.

Plans are for the science facilities to be added as a second story on the existing Ferris Mechanical Arts Building.

Tom Lillard, Salina attorney and former member of the Board of Trustees has been named general chairman of the drive. Ten team captains have also been appointed. They are all either members of the Board or former members.

They include Norm Holke, C. L. Coe, Mel Jarvis, G. N. Waddell, Harvey Hoover, Bill Chaffee, Nick Hoffman, Jack Vanier, Ken Wright and Leonard Wood.

The drive officially got underway on Dec. 7, with a kickoff breakfast at the Lamer hotel attended by 50 workers. Lillard gave the kickoff address.

Lillard reported following a meeting of team captains on Dec. 11, that the drive was receiving good support in Salina.

Out-of-town friends and alumni of St. John's are also being contacted by mail for donations.

This is the first fund campaign in six years at the school which has operated within its budget since 1948. The school's budget for this year is over \$191,000 with 95 per cent of it spent in Salina.

Reading Clinic Being Started

Diagnostic Tests To Be Given

Both Upper School and Junior School Cadets will have an opportunity to improve their reading through a developmental reading program being started at St. John's, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, has announced.

Diagnostic reading tests will be administered to all Cadets on December 16-17.

The results of these examinations will give each Cadet individually a picture of his reading rate, rate of comprehension and vocabulary.

The results of the tests will also be used to determine the present reading levels of the Cadet so that he may begin improvement in his reading abilities.

The development reading pro-

Rector's Grandson Hurt In Wreck

Park Bliss, five year old grandson of Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem, was seriously injured in a car-truck accident five miles south of Salina on Dec. 13.

Park was riding with his mother Mrs. Ralph Bliss (the former Connie Clem) and his two year old sister.

Mrs. Bliss received lacerations and bruises and Park's jaw was broken in two places. The little girl was not injured.

Park was evacuated by air from Schilling AFB to Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver where surgery on his jaw was performed Dec. 16. Colonel Clem accompanied the boy to Denver.

The father, Capt. Ralph Bliss, was at advanced armoured school in Kentucky. He received an emergency furlough and has joined his son in Denver.

PESTER PROMOTED

Bob Pester has been promoted to the rank of sergeant since the last issue of the Skirmisher.

gram will begin after Christmas furlough.

The Cadet will be able to improve his reading rate, rate of comprehension and vocabulary through systematic use of specialized reading books. A progress folder will show each Cadet how well he is progressing from reading period to reading period.

It's A Boy !

Capt. and Mrs. Keith G. Duckers announce the birth of a son on Nov. 18. He has been named Edward Charles after his grandfathers.

Mrs. Duckers and Eddie returned from St. John's Hospital in Salina to their home on the campus on Nov. 24.

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Spring Trip Plans Set

Cadets Will Visit Nation's Capitol

The itinerary for the proposed spring trip to Washington, D. C., has been received, according to Capt. Keith Duckers, P.I.O.

Dates for the trip are set as Mar. 28 to Apr. 4. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will again sponsor the trip this year. Three previous trips similar to the one being planned were made in 1955, 56 and 57.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will be eligible to make the trip providing they are doing satisfactory scholastic work according to a faculty committee.

Copies of the proposed itinerary have been sent to the parents of all upper class Cadets. Postal cards were also sent and a letter requesting parents to return the card indicating if they were interested in the trip for their Cadet.

If the size of the group making the trip has to be limited those making the earliest reservations will be given preference.

Among highlights of the trip will be tours of government buildings including the capitol and the white house in Washington, lunch in the senate dining room with a U. S. senator from Kansas, an overnight steamship trip to Norfolk, Va., tours of Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg in Virginia and the return steamship trip overnight to Washington, and a tour of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Interested persons can obtain complete information on the trip from Captain Duckers.

COLONEL CLEM ATTENDS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's, represented the Kansas Wing of Civil Air Patrol at an education workshop in Washington, D. C. Dec. 8-12.

The workshop was to improve plans of education by the Civil Air Patrol at the summer CAP sponsored seminars.

Teachers from across the country attend these summer seminars and are taught better methods for teaching aeronautics.

Colonel Clem served on the workshop committee with other key educators from throughout the United States.

Cagers Break Jinx; Blast Gypsum, 43-40

The St. John's Cadets broke a 24 game losing streak on their home boards Friday, Dec. 13, as they won a close one from the Gyp Pirates by a 43-40 count.

Lanky Ed Stone poured through 16 points to pace the varsity. Ross Wedemeyer chipped in 10 points to aid the Cadets, Bill McDaniel hit for eight points, Jim Butler netted five and Phil Hendren dropped in four.

The Cadet "B" team also pulled out a tight one over the junior Pirates, 37-34. Bill Wright led the hit parade for the Bees with 13 points, while Bill McDaniel and Bill Griffith tossed in six apiece. Dick Wilson got five, John Wilson hit four and Joe Jennings contributed three points to the Cadet win.

Furlough Starts December 20, Ends January 5

Christmas furlough will officially get underway at 11:15 a.m., Friday, Dec. 20.

Sixteen days of travel, fun and relaxation will lie ahead for the Corps of 150 Cadets before classes resume at 8:15 a.m. on Monday morning, Jan. 6.

However, the furlough will end on Sunday evening at 7 p.m., Jan. 5. An evening study hall is planned for that evening to enable Cadets to prepare for classes the next day.

Planes, railways and bus lines serving Salina will all be carrying Cadets home for the furlough to some 15 states and Canada. Several Cadets from Kansas have indicated that their parents will pick them up at the school and they travel home by automobile.

Following the Christmas break, ten weeks of school lies ahead for the Corps before the eight day spring furlough begins on Mar. 15.

LT. BEAVER ELECTED HONORARY CLUB MEMBER

Cadet Capt. Larry Spencer, president of the "S" Club, has announced that the lettermen's society has voted to make Lt. Gene Beaver an honorary member of the club and Mrs. Beaver official hostess.



BEING HONORED at ceremonies in the Mess Hall are members of the Cadet Court, highest ranking student organization at St. John's. Court members were presented medals by Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy. Shown here receiving the awards are, from left, Leon Swartzendruber, Colonel Hardy (back to camera), Francis Bowers, Karl Sprague, Al Palmer and Park Learned. Court members not shown in this picture include John Carson and Ed Stone.

E-D-I-T-O-R-I-A-L SAVING BY GIVING

(Editor's Note: Although the SKIRMISHER is basically a newspaper for the Cadets of St. John's a large percentage of the readers are adults and it is to this group that this editorial is directed.)

This is the time of year when many people finalize their plans for philanthropic activities with respect to tax deductibility.

Through its tax laws, your government actually encourages you to support deserving programs; contributions to such programs as those of St. John's Foundation and the St. John's Science Building Fund come off the top of your income tax bracket. And giving in order to qualify for tax deductions doesn't cost you a thing; your only cost of making contributions is what you would still have if you had not made the contribution.

But donors to the Foundation or the Science Building Fund are permitted to deduct for contributions up to 20 per cent of their adjusted gross income. That limit is increased to 30 per cent if the gift represents at least 10 per cent of the donor's adjusted gross income.

Such contributions may be in the form of cash, property, land, insurance and securities. For detailed information of the most advantageous ways, taxwise, of giving write to the Rector, St. John's Military School.—KGD

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Rifle Coach Picks 'Top Ten'

Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy has been working with his rifle team for two months and has established a temporary "top ten."

Firing the November postal matches were John Striegel, Jim McNaul, John Crawford, "Corky" Brann, Gerry Brown, Bill Crews, Mike Ekiss, John Benne, Wally Flutcher and Dick Churchill.

Colonel Hardy says that there are still many possibilities and he is trying several Cadets out for permanent positions on the team.



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Cadets Will Scatter On Christmas Trips

by Al Palmer

Just think of the mileage covered by St. John's Military School Cadets during the 16-day Christmas furlough coming up?

Furlough starts on December 20 and ends January 5.

For instance, about 20 or 25 Cadets will travel from Salina to Denver and points further such as Wyoming, New Mexico and Canada.

Gary Marrou, who resides in Venezuela will be spending the vacation period with his grandparents in Gothenburg, Neb.

Chuck Hanks and David Todd will probably be seen in New Jersey.

Al Palmer will spend his time near Philadelphia.

Jim and Ronnie Butler will spend their vacations in Kansas City with relatives, although they live in Ceylon.

John Boyd, Tom Baner, Chuck Bunch, Charles George, Kenny Halama, Ted Bryant, Phil Hendren, Charles Lee, Rex Tynes and Mike Shelton live in points in New Mexico and will most likely be returning there.

Alan Thiessen, who is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, will visit some long lost relatives in Lincoln Nebraska. John Scott will travel to his home in Winnipeg, Canada. John Marlor, a Junior School Counselor will go to Calgary for the holidays.

Joe Jennings, Andy Anderson and Johnny Moore will go to their homes in Iowa.

John Sears, John Carson and Tom Harries are slated for travel to Texas for Christmas with their folks.

John Crawford will spend his furlough in Excelsior Springs Missouri.

Gary Peyton will visit relatives in Lafayette, Indiana.

So, when you think of mileage, think of the total to be covered by St. John's Cadets when they go home on leave. The above named Cadets are only a few of many, and when you add a couple hundred miles for the Cadets living in Kansas you really have a figure on your hands.

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"New Boy"



BUBB PICKED AS "NEW BOY"

Hailing from Topeka is Stephen Bubb, the December "New Boy of the Month." Steve is a fourth grader and has shown remarkable progress in the Junior School.

A Junior School faculty committee reports that as far as military and conduct, "Blondie" is tops.

"If I were commandant for a day," says Steve, "I would have a terrific breakfast followed by a school holiday for all Cadets." "Although it would be spoiled by a regular schedule after evening mess in order to prepare for the next school day.

Currently Steve is working on a scientific gadget which will operate the light switch, ring a bell and also pick up tacks.

Congratulations Steve Bubb for this high honor.

Scholarship Exams

Senior Cadets interested in applying for the 400 four-year General Motors scholarships which will be awarded this year have only a short time to make applications, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, announced this week.

Applicants should complete registration for the Jan. 11, tests by Dec. 14, Nuss said. In order to be able to do so they should take steps very soon to comply with the College Entrance Examination Board requirements.

Lt. Nuss pointed out that winners of the scholarships may use the scholarships for any field of study they wish.

Senior Cadets who want further information on these scholarships should contact Lt. Nuss soon.

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NHS Notes

By Allen Satterfield

The big project for this year in the National Honor Society is the providing of movies for the Cadet Corps in the V. E. room on Sunday afternoons. The attendance for all the movies given so far has been excellent and the entertainment has included such outstanding shows as "The Long Gray Line," starring Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara.

The N.H.S. has inaugurated a new schedule for the club meetings this year. Every other Monday the officers meet with the sponsor of the society, Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, to plan the business and activities of the club. Then they present their findings to the whole club assembled the next Monday. This alternated meeting plan has helped the N.H.S. accomplish more business without spending as much time and has proved highly satisfactory.

On Sunday, December 15, the club is going to Brookville for its traditional mid-term chicken dinner followed by a movie back in Salina. This event is repeated once again toward the end of the school year for the benefit of the new members taken in at semester time when the whole club eats an enjoyable dinner away from the campus.

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RETURNING CAGE LETTERMEN from last year's basketball squad, are, from left, Ronnie Hardin, John Carson, Phil Hendren and Ed Stone. The Cadets hit the hardwoods five times before furlough starts. They were unsuccessful in their first three outings. Two remain to be played before the break.

Rector's Honor Roll

Phil Hendren Tops In Upper School

Phil Hendren leads the Rector's Honor Roll this month with a 94 percent average in all his subjects. Eleven others made the Upper School Cadets honor roll. Eighteen Cadets got honorable mention for their high marks in scholastic work.

Cadets with an average of 90 or above are on the honor roll and those averaging from 85 to 90 get honorable mention.

Along with Hendren on the honor roll are John Scott, 93.3, Francis Bowers, 93.3, Allen Satterfield, 92.3, Richard Graves, 91.8, Ronald Hardin, 91.5, Ted Jones, 91.5, John Wilson, 91.5, Leon Swartzendruber, 90.4, Bill Crews, 90.3 and Clyde Stiteler, 90.0.

The following received honorable mention:

Steve Varner, Frank Graham, Andy Anderson, Coors Kugeler, Ted Bryant, John Maultsby, Jim Fraker, Robbie Cole, John Tammen, "Corky" Brann, Alan Thiesen, Al Palmer, W. B. Wright, Leslie Ray, Joe Jennings, Dean Radcliff, John Crawford and Edie Stone.

Bill Tack Leads Junior School Cadets

The Junior School had a new leader at the head of the honor roll when the grades were posted at the end of the last grading period. Bill Tack stepped into the top spot with an overall average of 95.8. Five other Junior School Cadets made the Rector's Honor Roll and three received honorable mention.

Ronnie Waller was second with a 95.8 average, followed by Steve Erb with 93.6, Larry Nettleton, 91.6, David Bee, 91.4, and Ronnie Butler, 90.8.

Cliff Pettee, Charles Evanhoe and Art O'Donnell received honorable mention for their scholastic work.

OUR ERROR

Through a clerical error, Dean Radcliffe's name was unavoidably left off last month's honor roll honorable mention. Dean had an 85.7 average.

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Court Awards Old Boy Shields

"Old Boy" shields are being worn by 13 more Cadets around St. John's after tests were administered on Dec. 9, by the Cadet Court.

They are Donald Rhodes, Ed Kester, Richard Wilson, Richard Graves, Richard Firth, Donald George, Gary Marrou, James Fraker, Ted Bryant, Clifford Pettee, Steve Coy, Charles Tammany and David Musgrave.

Twelve Additional Cadets Awarded Old Boy Shields
Twelve additional Cadets will wear "Old Boy" shields home for Christmas furlough as a result of an announcement by the Cadet Court on Nov. 13.

Attaining the rank of "Old Boy" are Frank Mau, Al Short, Dan Heusner, Rex Tynes, Marc Young, Gerald Crawford, David Bee, Charles Evanhoe, John Nigro, Charles Lee, Gary Wolfenbarger, and Brian Loreg.

Cadet Stanley Anderson was announced as an Old Boy as effective November 16.

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Captain Joe Says It Happened In the JUNIOR SCHOOL



That, since we are a very important part of SJMS, ye "old editor" Al Palmer, Capt. Duckers, Capt. McCandless and Capt. Joe, think that the JUNIOR SCHOOL OF ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL should have a permanent section in our school-paper. The forty-one cadets (a full-house) of the Junior school

will have more interest from now on in "our SKIRMISHER!!!"

The editor, the adviser and the director "tagged" Capt. Joe to advise the Juniors in their editorial adventures. Each grade will name a reporter and its hoped that "The Capt. and his Kids" will do a good job.

The seventh graders are "cooking-up" a pretty good deal for the decorations in front of the Junior School building! . . . The fourth and sixth graders are also eager to add their Christmas spirits all over the building . . . Mrs. B's idea of prizes for the best decorated doorway is doing wonders! Klensch is a real artist and Billy Hahn is handy with the art cut-ups! . . . George confused his service pants with a Christmas card and spilled silver paint all over them!

Santa's special reporter from the North Pole flying a '58 Sput-

nik reports that, Waller wants a good pen and a High-Fi . . . Tack, a Vesper scooter and a "baby-doll" . . . Bee, a motor-boat . . . Bubb, a new bike . . . Boyd, a Western ranch . . . Benedict a "permanent wave for his beautiful hair and a pair of boxing gloves . . . Butler, a rice plantation in Ceylon and a harem! . . . Cornelius, an electric train and a 22! . . . Coy, a good basketball . . . Crawford, a golden bugle and lungs to blow it! . . . Crosby, a speed boat! . . . Ehrsam, a pair of extra tonsils . . . Erb, a Sputnik model and oodles of airplane models . . . Evanhoe, an electric train and a whole box of candy bars . . . Fisher, a beautiful baby-doll and an electric train! . . . George, drum sticks and a bugle . . . Hahn, R. more beautiful dancing partners . . . Hahn, W. a chemistry set and electric train . . . Hemala, a man size pool table . . . Kleiner, a frogman's suit . . . Klensch, an electric train and a 22. . . Kugeler, a golden trumpet. . . Lee, a ranch in the South! . . . Loreg, a scooter . . . Staudacher, same as Loreg's plus a pretty baby-doll . . . Myers, more "dates" not stuffed! . . . Nettleton, same as Myers! . . . Nigro, more trips to Brookville and a scooter . . . O'Dell, more dates too! . . . O'Donnell, a microscope and a car! . . . Pettee, a 22 will do . . . Robinson, a 22 and a basketball . . . Scoby, a good basket will do! . . . Taylor, a 22! . . . Todd, the best gun collection in the world! . . . Turner, a microscope and science models . . . West, a bugle and a pair of skates! . . . Wolfenbarger, a red-headed baby doll and a complete Elvis' record collection! . . . Zastrow, a Hi-Fi player! . . . All Junior School Cadets want Santa to bring a Science Hall for the Upper School . . .

Next edition we shall let you know how good Santa was to all Junior School Cadets, and here is hoping from all of us a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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Sport Spurs

by John Maultsby

The Cadets started off their basketball season the third of December by playing Assaria, the league champions.

The "B" team lost their game by a heartbreaking score of 45-47. The "B" cagers were sparked by their freshman forward, Bill Griffith, who dunked in 30 of the Cadets 45 points. Other players to see action in the "B" game were Joe Jennings, John Wilson, John Maultsby, Bill McDaniell, Richard Wilson, and Bill B. Wright.

The "A" team did not do as well, in their respective class, as the "B" team did. They dropped their game by a score of 29-60. Players to see action in the "A" contest are John Carson, Phil Hendren, Ed Stone, Ronnie Har-

din, Frank Sparks, Ross Wedemeyer, Jim Fraker, Jim Butler, Bill Griffith and Bill McDaniell.

In the second game of the season the Cadets were dealt a double defeat by Enterprise, the leagues second place team. The "B" team score was 33-42. The same players saw action as in the game before except for Don Sprinkle who made his debut.

The "A" team was dealt a heavy blow when Enterprise defeated them 62-15. The same players saw action as in the previous contest plus Joe Jennings, who played his first varsity game.

An interesting fact to note is that the teams were made up of 11 underclassmen. Two are juniors, eight are sophomores and the other a freshman.

Key Club Notes

During the intermission of the Thanksgiving Dance nearly 450 people looked on as Chuck Stiteler, president of the Key Club, announced names of the Cadets who had been chosen new members of the Key Club.

He presented them with printed invitations as permanent souvenirs of their acceptance into the Club.

Cadets Alan Thiessem, Leon Swartzendruber, Ronnie Hardin, John J. Dawson, Robert Pester,

Mike Ekiss, John Sears and James Brown were honored. These Cadets were elected to the club from a roster signed by all the Cadets who wanted to be admitted to the club.

The Key Club is pleased with its new members and wishes to congratulate them on becoming future leaders of the club.

MERIT AWARDS TO 24 CADETS

At the end of every second grading period, merits earned during that time are awarded. Awards in the following order are awarded, ribbon, silver star, gold star, blue star. When three blue stars are received for a single bar, the second ribbon is started upon.

Cadet Larry Spencer received his second ribbon on Nov. 14.

Cadets receiving silver stars were Tom Harries, Park Learned, Allen Satterfield and Chuck Stiteler.

Cadets awarded gold stars were Francis Bowers, Mike Ekiss, Ronnie Hardin, Joe Jennings, Coors Kugeler, Al Palmer, Steve Pettee and John Wilson.

Cadets receiving blue stars were John Carson, John Crawford, Bill Crews, John Davis, Phil Hendren, Jim McNaull, John Maultsby, John Scott, Eddie Stone, Leon Swartzendruber and Alan Thiessem.

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