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## Lt. Ron Hardin Named Group Commander

### Veteran Cadet To key Post; Other Top Assignments Made

Cadet Lt. Ronald Hardin, senior from Colorado Springs, has been named Group Commander for the 1958-59 school year, Maj. R. L. Guernsey, commandant, has announced.

Lt. Hardin is a three year veteran of St. John's. He is president of the St. John's chapter of National Honor Society and chairman of the Cadet Court.

Election of Lt. Hardin and other key Cadet officers was made by Cadet and Faculty vote.

#### Swartzendruber Exec

Named as Group Executive Officers and Lt. Hardin's first

#### TOO LATE!!

Announcement of appointments and assignments to positions as flight leaders and squad leaders were made too late to be included in this issue of the Skirmisher. They'll appear in the November Skirmisher.

assistant is Cadet Lt. Leon Swartzendruber, senior from Laramie, Wyo.

Lt. Swartzendruber is also a three year veteran at SJMS. He edited the 1958 Sound Off, is a member of N.H.S. and is active in other Cadet organizations.

#### Commanders Named

Three other senior officers were named squadron commanders. Cadet Lt. Tom Harries, Odessa, Tex., will command "A" squadron, "B" squadron commander will be Cadet Lt. Mike Ekiss, Pueblo, Colo., and "C" squadron commander will be Cadet Lt. Steve Pettee, Arvada, Colo.

Lt. Harries is president of the "S" Club, varsity lettermen's club, and other Cadet organizations. Lt. Ekiss is Key Club president and commander of the school's famous Crack Drill Squad. Lt. Pettee is active in several Cadet organizations.

#### Crews P.I.O.

Named Cadet Public Information Officer is Cadet Lt. Bill Crews, Denver. Lt. Crews has attended St. John's four years and has been the photography officer for the past three years.

#### Pester Adjutant

Group Adjutant named by Major Guernsey is Cadet Lt.



Lt. Ron Hardin

Bob Pester, senior from Rapid City, S. Dak. Lt. Pester has been at St. John's four years.

Both Lt. Crews and Lt. Pester are active in Cadet extracurricular activities and organizations.

#### Palmer Armory

Armory Officer will be Cadet Lt. Al Palmer, Yeadon, Penn. Lt. Palmer is the oldest Cadet at St. John's in point of service. He entered St. John's in January of 1952. He served as student editor of the Skirmisher last year, Co-editor of the 1958 Sound Off, and is active in several Cadet clubs and organizations.

## Court Members Are Elected

### Hardin Named Presiding Officer

Seven "old boys" have been named to positions on the Cadet Court. They include three seniors, two juniors and one each from the sophomore and freshmen classes.

Lt. Ron Hardin, senior from Colorado Springs, was appointed presiding officer.

Other seniors on the Court are Lt. Steve Pettee, Arvada, Colo., and Lt. Leon Swartzendruber, Laramie, Wyo.

Juniors elected to the student governing body are Tech. Sgt. Francis Bowers, Wichita, and Tech. Sgt. Bill Wright, Hebron, Nebr.

Cadet 2/C Ted Bryant, Albuquerque, will be the sophomore representative and Cadet Art O'Donnell, Junction City, Kans., represents the freshman class.

The Court conducts "old boy" examinations and hears cases concerning serious violations of school regulations.

## Promotions

The following promotions in rank have been made since the opening of the fall term:

**To Cadet 2nd Lieutenant** — Mike Ekiss, Ronald Hardin, Tom Harries, Robert Pester, Al Palmer, Steve Pettee and Leon Swartzendruber.

**To Cadet Technical Sergeant** — Francis Bowers, John Hawkins, David Musgrave and Bill Wright.

**To Cadet First Class** — Douglas Dillenberger and Jim Gresty.

**To Cadet Second Class** — Phil Ivaldy, Ron Powell, Scott Tip-ton and Dick Walters.

**To Cadet Third Class** — Whit Patterson.

## READING PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

The developmental reading program which was begun at St. John's last year will again be put into effect in early November, according to Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master. The program will continue into the second semester.

"This program will help increase each Cadet's reading rate, comprehension and help build a larger vocabulary in all the various areas of learning," Lt. Nuss said.

It will also help each Cadet to learn how to read for a pur-

## Small World

The fact that the world is a small place can be verified by two St. John's "old boys" who recently met in the middle of the desert in southern California.

Al Ransom, '56, and Jon Morrison, who attended St. John's in 1953-54 and 1955-56, are both in Marine training in San Diego. Neither knew that the other was there. One of the "problems" in their training is to march with full pack across a desolate desert area alone.

Morrison was relieved to know he was not alone on the desert when he saw a Marine coming from the other direction. You guessed it! It was Ransom.

The story was related to Col. R. L. Clem recently by Morrison's father, Frank Morrison, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator from Nebraska.

pose, how to learn to read for main ideas, how to evaluate what was read, how to do study-type reading, how to balance reading and how to keep on reading better, Lt. Nuss pointed out.

## 141 Cadets Start Year

The 1958-59 fall term opened on Sept. 7, with an enrollment of 141 Cadets.

The Junior School has 30 boys enrolled in grades four through eight. Upper School enrollment is 111.

Cadets enrolled come from 17 states, Canada, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Colorado has the largest representation with 35 Cadets at St. John's. Kansas is in second place with 32. Denver is the city with the largest representation with 17.

The total enrollment of 141 Cadets includes 71 new boys and 70 old Cadets.

## Gridders To See KU - K-State Game

The Cadet football team and coaches will attend the Kansas University - Kansas State football game in Manhattan on Nov. 1, as guests of Taft Woody, father of Cadet John Woody.

The K.U.-K-State game is traditionally a tossup and should provide an interesting afternoon for the Cadet gridgers.

## Three New Faces On SJMS Staff

Three new teachers joined the faculty of St. John's with the opening of the 1958 fall term.

Mrs. Carol McCandless, wife of Lt. Robert S. McCandless, is teaching the eighth grade. Mrs. McCandless attended Colorado State College, Greeley, and majored in elementary education.

Lt. W. F. Thoman is the new mathematics and shop teacher at St. John's. He comes to SJMS from Barnes (Kans.) High

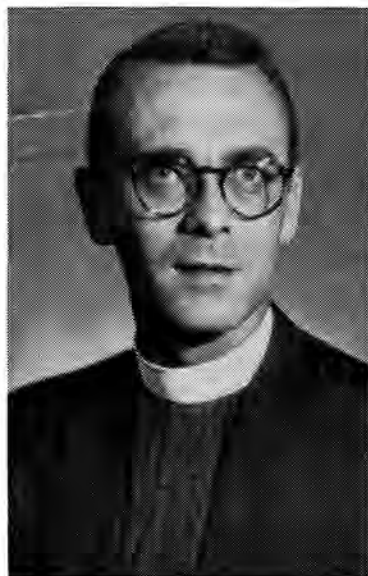
School where he was principal. Lt. Thoman received his BS degree from Ft. Hays Kansas State Teachers College in 1928, and his MS from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, in 1942. He has 31½ years teaching experience.

Lt. Thoman is married and has a married daughter and two married sons. The Thomans occupy quarters on the third floor of Vail Hall.

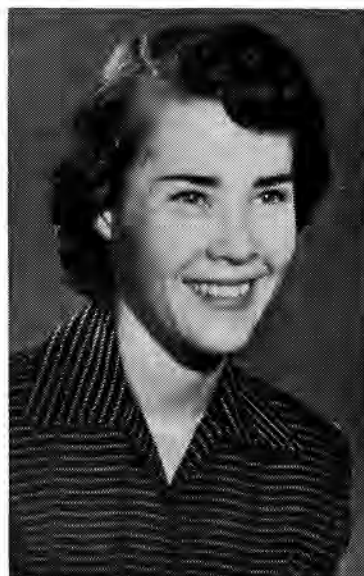
New St. John's Chaplain is

the Rev. M. Lester Harn Jr. Fr. Harn comes to St. John's from Florida where he had been in Parish work. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Father Harn also has served on the staff of Florida Military Academy.

He received his BA degree from the University of the South, Sewanne, Tenn., and attended Seminary at Nashotah House in Wisconsin. He has done graduate work at the University of Tennessee.



Fr. Harn



Mrs. McCandless



Lt. Thoman

## SOUND OFF STAFF ATTENDS CONFAB

Two "Sound Off" staff members and the advisor attended a yearbook conference in the Student Union on the campus at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Oct. 9.

Making the trip were Cadet Lt. Al Palmer, senior from Yeadon, Penna., Cadet Lt. Bill Crews, senior from Denver, and Capt. Keith G. Duckers, advisor.



# St. John's Employs Large Staff

How many people are actively employed to keep the wheels turning at St. John's. A lot more than you might guess.

There are 43 employees including the 17 faculty members. It takes nine full time employees to man the kitchen under the direction of Chef Bill Samuelson. The building and grounds crew numbers seven men.

Here's a breakdown of the SJMS employees:

**FACULTY**—Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, assistant to the Rector, Maj. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, Capt. Keith G. Duckers, Public Information Officer, Capt. James Elmborg, Director of Athletics, Capt. Virgil B. Loy, Director of Physical Education, Lt. Eugene Beaver, mathematics, Lt. W. F. Thoman, mathematics and shop, Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, English, Mrs. Ernest Harvey, English, Mrs. H. R. Heywood, languages, Mrs. H. E. Nuss, librarian, Capt. Jack McCandless, Junior School Direc-

tor, Lt. Robert S. McCandless, history and science, Lt. David Irwin, Junior School instructor, Mrs. R. S. McCandless, Junior School instructor.

**CHAPLAIN**—The Rev. Lester Harn Jr.

**OFFICE**—Mrs. Hazel Fonck, Bursar, Mrs. Laverna Kirn, secretary, Mrs. Irma Smith, secretary, Mrs. Mary Andersen, secretary.

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## Senior Cadets Eligible For SQT Exams

Six senior Cadets have registered to take the scholarship qualifying test to be administered on Oct. 21, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, has announced.

Other senior Cadets who would like to take the test should make arrangements with Lt. Nuss by Oct. 18.

The scholarship qualifying test is a two-hour College Entrance Examination Board test designed as a preliminary selection of secondary school candidates for a large number of local, regional and national college scholarships.

Lt. Nuss pointed out that seniors will want to take the SQT because:

1. He will have a convenient means to compete for scholarships;
  2. He will secure an inexpensive prediction of his SAT and other college aptitude test scores while gaining experience in taking tests of this nature.
  3. He will have test scores available which St. John's may forward to any interested colleges and scholarship sponsors.
- This test will be given only during the academic year 1958-59, Lt. Nuss said. The candidate fee is one dollar for each student who takes the test.

## ENGLISH CLASSES WILL OBSERVE DICTIONARY WEEK

English classes at St. John's will observe the week of Oct. 16, as "Dictionary Week," according to Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, English department head.

"It is the Bicentennial of Noah Webster that gives us impetus to stress the necessity of having a good dictionary at one's finger tips," Mrs. Hardy said. The Q. M. has an ample stock of dictionaries, and Cadets are urged to write home for permission to purchase them.

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**HARRY STEVENS** steps into the Skirmisher spotlight as the October New Boy of the Month. Stevens, a senior, is from River-ton, Wyo. "Steve" accepted the disappointment of being declared ineligible for football at St. John's (because of the transfer rule) in stride. St. John's coaches were as disappointed as "Steve" was because of the ruling. Like many another Cadet, Stevens is a record fan.

## Production Started On 1959 Sound Off

Work is beginning on the first half of the 1959 Sound Off, school yearbook. The first half, containing Cadet class pictures, will be due at the printers Nov. 1.

Individual pictures were taken on Sept. 25. These pictures will be used in the yearbook and all Cadets will also have an opportunity to purchase a package containing 24 billfold size portraits plus one enlargement.

Senior pictures for the yearbook and senior panel were made by a Salina photographer. Faculty portraits will be used in the book this year in place of the informal staff pictures used in previous years.

The 62 page Sound Off will be distributed around May 19. A full-color picture will again be used this year as end sheets.

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# CADETS WIN 1, LOSE 2

## Geneseo, 13 Cadets, 0

## Solomon, 14 Cadets, 0

## Cadets, 25 Dist. 11, 7

A seasoned Geneseo eleven took advantage of an inexperienced St. John's Military Academy football team Sept. 19, 13-0, at Martin Stadium.

Geneseo first scored in the closing minutes of the first quarter when left halfback Bill Kindle scored from 13 yards out. Leon Beagley kicked the extra point.

James Wynn scored the second touchdown for Geneseo when he scooted over the goal line from five yards out. The extra point was missed by Beagley.

St. John's didn't have the same type of team that won a 7-0 victory over Geneseo last year.

In the first half both teams accounted for three first downs. On the ground Geneseo pounded out 62 yards to St. John's 32 yards.

In the second half Geneseo hit the St. John's line with tremendous power, but was unable to score.

Hard ground drives by Geneseo's quarterback Fred Williams, Kindle and Wynn accounted for 195 yards of rushing. Fullback Bing Davidson did most of the ground-gaining for St. John's which amounted to only 81 yards for the game.

This was the seventh win in a row for Geneseo. Its record last year was six wins, two losses.

In the final minutes of the game Geneseo drove to within the St. John's 30-yard line, but was held scoreless. The last two plays of the game Geneseo quarterback Williams carried the ball 54 yards in 28 and 26 yard runs.

St. John's only real scoring threat came in the third quarter when Davidson, Dave Musgrave, Bill Wright and Tom Harries pounded into the Geneseo line, but lost the ball on downs.

Only Wright, Harries and Steve Pettee are returnees from St. John's last year's squad which posted a 6-1 record.

"Inexperience was our downfall," commented St. John's Coach, Capt. James D. Elmborg.

St. John's lost 75 yards via the penalty route, compared to 40 yards for Geneseo.

### STATISTICS

St. John's Geneseo	
First Downs .....	7 12
Yards Rushing .....	81 195
Passes Attempted ..	8 2
Passes Completed ..	3 0
Yards Passing .....	28 0
Intercepted By .....	2 0
Fumbles Lost .....	2 0
Punts .....	2 3
Punt Average .....	24 34
Penalties .....	75 40
Score By Quarters	
St. John's .....	0 0 0 0—0
Geneseo .....	7 0 6 0—13

Solomon—Solomon's Gorillas posted their third straight football victory of the season Oct. 3 with a 14-0 victory over the St. John's Cadets.

The win was the first for Solomon in four seasons against the Cadets.

In the first two games this season Solomon blanked Glasco 13-0 and then topped Miltonvale, 14-6.

St. John's dropped its second game against one victory. The Cadets lost to Geneseo but came back to beat Joint District 11.

St. John's will travel to Delphos next Friday and Solomon will be at Alta Vista.

L. Einhaus scooted 15 yards for the Gorillas' first touchdown in the second period and Boyer ran over the extra point.

In the third quarter Riordan romped three yards to score and Boyers again added the extra point.

Solomon's mobile line limited St. John's to four first downs and only 36 yards rushing. Solomon picked up 19 first downs and rolled up 181 yards rushing.

### STATISTICS

St. John's Solomon	
First Downs .....	4 19
Yards Rushing .....	36 181
Passes Attempted ..	6 4
Passes Completed ..	3 2
Yards Passing .....	21 19
Intercepted By .....	0 0
Fumbles Lost .....	2 0
Punt Average .....	30 0
Penalties .....	55 30
Score By Quarters	
St. John's .....	0 0 0 0—0
Solomon .....	0 7 7 0—14

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**BULLDOGGING** a Solomon Gorilla ball carrier is Cadet Steve Pettee (62) as Bill Wright rushes in to give Pettee an assist. Pettee suffered a mild concussion in the Solomon game as the Cadets dropped their first start in four years to the Gorillas by a 14-0 count.

During the second half both teams fought desperately to retain the ball.

Cadet right halfback Dick Thompson took a pass from quarterback Musgrave in the third quarter which was good to the 15-yard line. The Cadets then lost the ball on a fumble.

District 11 couldn't get out of the hole, and was forced to kick.

The Cadets' Musgrave took the kick on the 25-yard line and scored behind excellent team blocking. John Woody's placekick was off to the side.

In the fourth quarter with only five minutes remaining in the game District 11's 200-pound fullback Bert Rehder plunged over from the 4-yard line after a 35 yard drive.

Rehder, who did 75 percent of the ball carrying for District 11, also plunged over for the extra point.

With only two minutes in the game Coach Elmborg's Cadets drove within 25 yards of the

goal line, but time ran out.

St. John's used the T-formation, while District 11 used the single-wing.

### STATISTICS

St. John's Dist. 11

First Downs .....	8 7
Yards Rushing .....	129 116
Passes Attempted ..	8 7
Passes Completed ..	3 2
Yards Passing .....	62 14
Intercepted By .....	1 1
Punts .....	1 5
Punt Average .....	35 23
Penalties .....	30 45
Fumbles Lost .....	2 1

### Score By Quarters

St. John's .....	13 6 6 0—25
District 11 .....	0 0 0 7—7

## 3 Librarians Are Elected

### Cadets Named To District Offices

Three St. John's Cadets were elected to top offices in the Fourth District association of school library assistants at their fall conference at Kansas State College in Manhattan on Sept. 27.

Cadet Tech. Sgt. Bill B. Wright, junior from Hebron, Nebr., was named President of the association, Cadet Tech. Sgt. Francis Bowers, Wichita junior, was elected Vice-President, and Cadet 3/c Corky Brann, junior from Wichita, was chosen Treasurer.

The fourth district is made up of schools from 18 central Kansas counties.

These Cadets attended the conference along with Mrs. H. E. Nuss, St. John's librarian, and five other Cadet librarians.

Purpose of the association is serve as an agency to foster and promote student library training and cooperation between students in the schools of the district.

Other St. John's Cadet librarians attending were Leon Swartzendruber, Dave Musgrave, Bob Pester, Steve Varner, and Jim Brown.

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## Drill Teams Prep For Initial Appearance At Garden City

The combined Crack Squad—Crack Platoon will make their first out-of-town appearances in Garden City, Kans., on Nov. 11, as part of Veterans' Day festivities there.

The Crack Platoon, commanded by Cadet Lt. Ron Hardin, senior from Colorado Springs, will lead the large parade which will include various military units, floats and western Kansas bands.

Following the parade the Crack Drill Squad will perform near the reviewing stand. The

Squad is commanded by Cadet Lt. Mike Ekiss, senior from Pueblo, Colo.

The trip to the western Kansas City, will be made by bus. Tentative plans are to remain in Garden City overnight. Members of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church there have offered to house the 35 Cadets making the trip in private homes.

Both units are busy preparing for their first appearances. There are many openings for new members on both drill teams and the commanders have indicated that several new boys and old boys who were not drillers last year are expected to make the grade this year.

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### "S" CLUB SPONSORS SQUARE DANCE

A successful square dance was held in the school gym on Saturday evening, Oct. 4. Approximately 50 couples attended the "S" Club sponsored event.

Arrangements for the square dance were made by Dale Browning, Upper School Counsellor. A professional "caller" was employed to instruct and call the dance.

Faculty chaperones at the dance were Lt. Col. and Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, Lt. and Mrs. Gene Beaver, and Lt. and Mrs. Bob McCandless.

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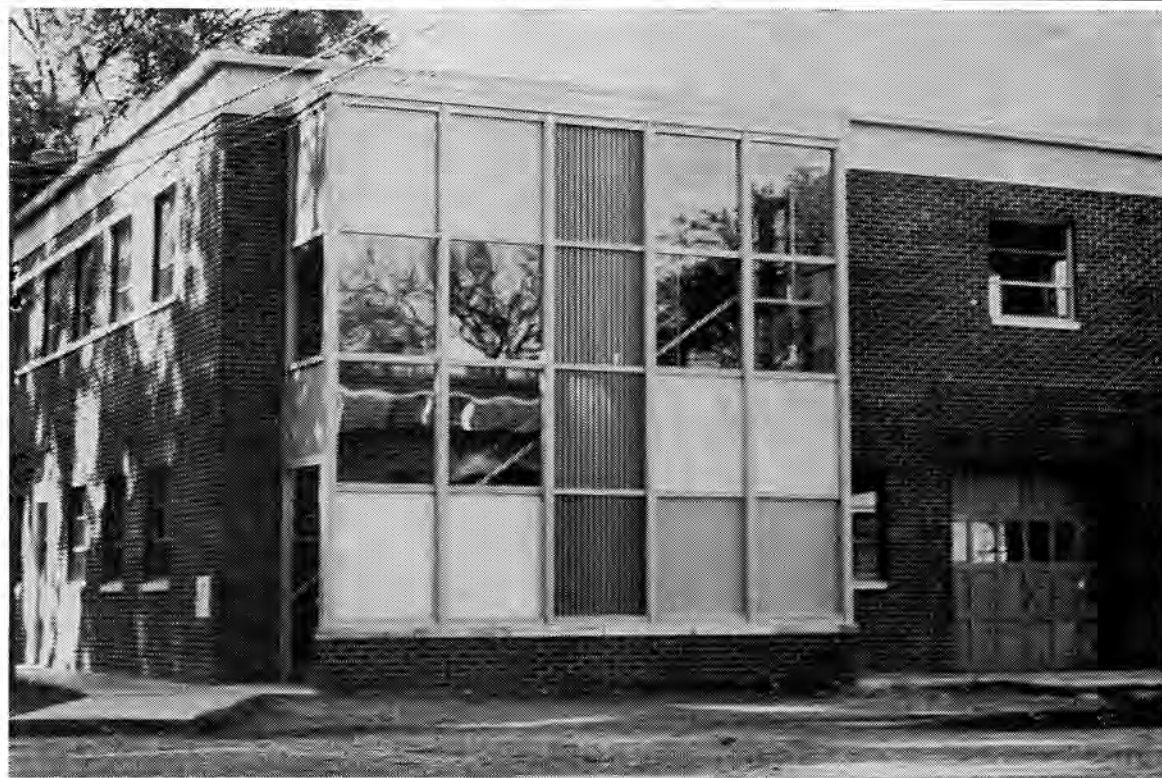
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## Spring Trip Plans Made

### Cadets Will Visit Nation's Capitol

Plans are being made for the spring Eastern trip to be sponsored again this year by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The week-long tour will include visits to federal buildings in Washington, D. C., two overnight steamship trips to and from Norfolk, Va., and a visit of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Cost of the trip will be approximately \$155 all-inclusive. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who are doing satisfactory scholastic work will be eligible to go.

The tour will leave Salina at 6:30 p.m., Mar. 27, returning at midnight on Apr. 3.

Parents of upper class Cadets will receive a complete itinerary with detailed information in the next month. Reservations for the trip must be made by 15 January.

## Rifle Match With St. Joe

### Cadets To Fire Against Hays Team

By Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy  
Rifle Team Coach

The St. John's rifle team will open the fall season with a shoulder to shoulder match with the Cadets from St. Joseph's Military Academy, Hays, Kans., on Oct. 18.

A return match will be fired on the Hays campus in November.

The rifle team will enter two postal matches this year. These matches are fired every month for November, December, January and February under the National Rifle Association direction and give competition with teams from all over the United States.

During the spring months the SJMS riflemen will compete in four or five matches with Eastern Kansas teams.

The rifle team lost its top two shots last year with the graduation of Lt. Jim McNaul, Denver, and M/S John Striegel, Wichita. Striegel holds several St. John's records.

Three experienced members from last year's team return. They are Gerald Brown, junior from Kansas City, Corky Brann, junior from Wichita, and John Dawson, Wichita junior. Other St. John's riflemen who fired in the postal matches last year are Al Palmer, Leon Swartzendruber, Mike Ekiss, and Don George.

Among the new Cadets who are showing promise are Ron Powers and Harry Stevens.

The squad has been working on the standing position. This position is the most difficult and the one in which they have had little training.

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