



Nine Day Vacation

SPRING FURLOUGH STARTS FRIDAY

A break in the regular school routine will come with the beginning of spring furlough at 10:30 am, Friday, March 11.

At that time Cadets from St. John's Military School will leave Salina by almost every means of transportation available to spend the time with relatives and friends.

Cadets will have nine days in which they won't have to open a book, get up early or do any of the many things connected with school life.

School will resume again at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 20. Cadets must return to St. John's by that time. Classes will begin again at 8:15 a.m., Monday, March 21.

This is the last vacation until the summer vacation following the close of school.

Cadets will not be excused to leave before 10:30 a.m. on March 11, said Col. R. L. Clem, rector. Any Cadet leaving early must take a failing grade for work missed in the classes he was to attend.

Elmborg Names Cage Lettermen

Capt. J. D. Elmborg, basketball coach, has named thirteen Cadets to receive basketball letters for the 1959-60 season.

They are Tom Banes, Henry Brandes, Dave Cook, Skip Cunningham, Jim Howden, Herb Jacob, Steve Lobaugh, Richard Mattix, Al Short, Chuck Twenhofel, John Wilson, Bill Wright, and Max Rutherford, manager.

McCandless Names Mat Letter Winners

Nine Cadets have been named to receive wrestling letters according to Lt. R. S. McCandless, wrestling coach, and Capt. J. D. Elmborg, director of athletics.

They are John Atkins, Ray Daugherty, Richard Harper, Skipper Libby, Jim O'Fallon, Tim Shy, Bill Straub, Scott Tipton and Doug White.

Pre-Furlough Schedule

The following schedule will prevail Friday, March 11:

First Call0620
Morning Mess0700
First Period0750
Second Period0822
Third Period0854
(no break)	
Fourth Period0925
Fifth Period1000
Furlough Begins1030

NHS Officers Are Elected

New officers have been elected for the St. John's Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Cadet Capt. Francis Bowers was elected president at the close of the last school term. New officers are Ted Jones, vice president; Ed "Corky" Brann, secretary, and Steve Lobaugh, treasurer.

Twelve new members were inducted at an initiation ceremony in the school chapel at 7:30 pm, Thursday, Feb. 18. Conducting the ceremony were Mrs. A. Y. Hardy, club sponsor; Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, senior master, and Capt. Bowers. Assisting were two former members of the St. John's NHS chapter, Lt. Dale Browning and Jim Stevens, counselor.

Following the initiation, Mrs. Hardy entertained the members with a social hour at her home.

The group intends to sponsor movies on Sundays when the schedule permits. The members also plan to add some new furniture to the activities room and are planning a dinner in April.

Stone Joins Court

Cadet Third Class Allen Stone, freshman, has been assigned to the Cadet Court to fill a vacancy.

College Test To Be Given

Six St. John's senior Cadets will take the College Board Examinations Saturday, March 12.

Capt. William Wright, Lt. John Wilson and Charles Fletcher will take the exams at Salina High School. Lt. Corky Brann and Maj. Francis Bowers will take the test in Wichita and Cadet 2-c Steven Smith will take the test in Boulder, Colo.

Fletcher Considered For Appointment To Naval Academy

Charles Fletcher, senior from Parkesburg, W. Va., has successfully passed the preliminary screening test and preliminary physical examination to be considered for an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He is one of 17 boys still being considered for appointment by Representative Heckler from West Virginia.

Fletcher will take the College Board examinations March 12 and a physical examination March 17 at Olathe. Appointments will be based on information from these tests.

31 Cadets Succeed On "Old Boy" Exams

A number of Cadets successfully passed the Old Boy examination given March 6 and have been authorized to wear the Old Boy Shield.

Yearbook To Printer

The last half of the 1959-60 "Sound-Off" will go to the printer this week.

The yearbooks will be received for distribution sometime during the week before Commencement in May.

Board Approves New Rectory; Duplex Also Will Be Constructed

For the first time in its history, St. John's Military School will have a rectory.

O'Fallon Cops Second Place In Tourney

Jim O'Fallon, St. John's grappler in the 95-pound division, placed second in the Kansas State Wrestling tournament at Oakley. He ended the season with a record of 17 wins and only two defeats.

O'Fallon placed first at the Kinsley district tourney and second in the Western Regionals at Hoxie in his climb toward the state meet.

In the state meet O'Fallon won a 9-7 decision over Sears from Douglass. Sears was third place winner in the Eastern Regional. In the second round, O'Fallon took a 5-0 decision from Johnson from Wichita East. Johnson was first place winner in the Eastern Regional and was undefeated until he tangled with O'Fallon.

O'Fallon lost by a 9-2 decision in the final round to Hawks from Goodland. Hawks is the only wrestler to pin or win by decision from O'Fallon. He pinned O'Fallon in the Western Regionals and won in the state finals by the decision.

The SJMS board of trustees approved construction of the new home for the rector as well as a duplex for housing upper school faculty at its quarterly meeting Friday, Feb. 9.

Both buildings will be on the campus at points to be decided later by the executive committee of the Board.

Col. R. L. Clem, rector, has occupied quarters on the second floor of Vail Hall for the past 23 years. The rectory will be a three-bedroom home with basement and floor space of approximately 1400 square feet.

The apartments in the duplex also will have three bedrooms with basement. The new duplex will house Maj. R. L. Guernsey and Capt. V. B. Loy and their families.

The new housing arrangements will make a capacity enrollment of 169 cadets possible compared with 152 enrolled last fall.

The existing duplex will be occupied by the Robert McCandless family and the E. R. Beaver family. The Guernsey house will be occupied by the Donald Gilberts.

Lt. and Mrs. Phil Edwards will move into the McCandless quarters in the Junior School. The Edwards are currently living off campus. The Ed Kliems will move to the Beaver quarters.

Richard Taylor, Thomas Bell, Stephen Mericle, Gerald Gillan, Leigh Gamble, Walter Baker, Barrett Hamilton, Deacon Parsons and Richard McClain.

Key Clubbers Help With Pancake Day

Members of the St. John's Key Club assisted the downtown Kiwanians with their Pancake Day, Saturday, March 5.

Key Clubbers helped cook the cakes, install equipment and clean.

Lt. Jim Brown has resigned as Key Club president and Capt. William Wright, vice president, will conduct club business for the remainder of the year.

LCDR. Nuss Attends Course in California

Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, is attending a Special Anti-Submarine Warfare School at North Island, San Diego, Calif. The two-week ground school is a refresher course for flyers.

Cmdr. Nuss is a member of the Coast Guard Reserve. He left Friday, March 4 and will return Sunday, March 20.

New Schedule Following Furlough

A ten-minute advisor's period will be inserted in the academic schedule following spring furlough, Lt. Cdr. H. E. Nuss, senior master, has announced.

Cadets will meet with their individual advisors daily following second period. The groups have been broken down into squads, with various staff personnel being assigned with specific squads.

Purpose of the new system is to give daily counselling to every Cadet and to provide for a "follow-up" the next day. Among the areas that will receive special attention from the

advisors is a daily evaluation of hooks and a recommendation to the Commandant for demerits.

Academic records will also be more closely checked by the advisors under the new system.

Personal appearance of Cadets will also be checked daily.

Advisors assigned to specific groups are:

Major Guernsey — staff

officers and unit commanders;

Lt. Colonel Hardy — second and third squads, second flight, A squadron;

Lt. Browning — first squad, second flight, A squadron, plus flight guides;

Lt. McCandless — first squad, first flight, A squadron;

Major Duckers — third squad, first flight, B squadron, plus ISO;

Capt. Elmborg — first

squad, second flight, B squadron plus adj.;

Fr. Harn — second squad, second flight, B squadron;

Lt. Gilbert — third squad, second flight, B squadron;

Lt. DeRousseau — second squad, first flight, A squadron;

Capt. Loy — third squad, first flight, A squadron;

Capt. Beaver — first squad, first flight, B squadron plus training officers;

LCDR Nuss — second squad, first flight, B squadron plus buglers.

Lenten Thoughts

The entire Christian life may be briefly summed up in the Commandments of the Church. There are three Commandments — prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If we stress these during Lent, it is simply because during Lent we attempt to live the Christian life to a higher degree.

Most of us have a fairly clear idea of what is meant by prayer and fasting. Almsgiving, however, has a far wider meaning than merely being generous with money. In its real sense Almsgiving means treating other people in a Christian manner. It may, indeed it does mean, giving alms to the needy, especially if one is financially able to do so. It also means helping others in whatever way help is needed whether physical or spiritual. It may mean helping another become better adjusted—perhaps the new boy in the next room, perhaps an hour of help to the cadet who just can't seem to learn algebra or Latin. It means above all trying to understand and be patient with the faults

of others—perhaps one's roommate.

We often think of Lent only as a season of "giving up" things. It is also a season of "taking on" things. Certain things are "given up" in order that other things may be "taken on". This "taking on" is concerned with almsgiving. By almsgiving, we simply fulfill our bounden duty of helping our neighbor — by doing to others as we would they do to us.

The Rev. M. Lester Harn, Jr.
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Honor Roll

Erb Again On Top in J.S.

Stephen Erb and Danny Miller were named to the Junior School Honor Roll for the grading period ending Feb. 13.

Receiving honorable mentions were John and Tom Tomson, John Ditton, Paul Pennington and John Cusack.

Cadet Promotions Announced By S.O.

A number of promotions have been announced.

Cadet 2/C David Gibbens was promoted to the rank of Cadet First Class.

Cadets Third Class James Adams, James O'Fallon and William Protz were promoted to Cadet Second Class.

Cadets Eric Clutts, Donald Covert, Brian Curle, William Gibson, George Libby, Brady Liming, Truxtum Shreve and Gary Westover were promoted to the rank of Cadet Third Class.

O'Fallon Tops Upper School

Even St. John's Cadets earned a place on the Rector's honor roll for the grading period ending Feb. 13.

Named to the honor roll with grade averages of 90 or above were James O'Fallon, George Libby, Francis Bowers and Allen Stone.

Receiving honorable mentions with averages of 85 or above were E. J. Guerrant, John Wilson, Ted Jones, Bill Protz, Ed Brann, Henry Brandes, John Atkins and Richard Harper.

ASSIGNED AS CLERK

Cadet 2/C Steven Smith has been assigned to duty as group clerk. The assignment was made by special order Feb. 8.

NEW TIME SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY			
0655 Breakfast			
0725 Chapel			
1st Period	3 Bells 0810	1 Bell 0903	2 Bells 0905
2nd Period	0909	1002	1004
Advisors Period	1008	1016	1018
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3rd Period	1026	1119	1121
4th Period	1125	1218	1220
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5th Period	1315	1408	1410

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It is a rare student who is ever satisfied with the grades he has been receiving. He usually thinks he should have done better. And the scrapegoat is often the instructor. Frequent excuses are "he doesn't like me" or "he doesn't explain the material" or "he demands too much".

There is probably no one to blame but yourself.

Half the school year is over and we are well into second semester. But it isn't too late to start working a little harder to bring up those grades. Perhaps with a little concentrated effort you can bring those grades up and end the year in a blaze of glory, or at least make a respectable showing.

S-T-U-D-Y is the secret of success in academic work.

A Cadet should use all the time allowed for study to study. Use the time allowed in class to work on class material. Take advantage of those required study halls. When studying, concentrate on your work and don't just pass the time away looking at the page or day dreaming.

A wise student listens in class instead of thinking about the cute girl he saw last pass day. He doesn't look out the window but watches what the instructor is writing on the black board. He also listens to the instructions his teacher gives and then follows them.

Most successful students will tell you the secret to it all is to keep your work done. Turn in material on the day it is asked for. Perhaps with more time you could do a better job but chances are you'll never have anymore time than right now to get it done.

A high IQ may be important but an "ambitious" average student may make better grades than a "lazy" bright one.

Sings "Elijah" Solos

Mrs. R. L. Clem, wife of the St. John's rector and school organist, sang the soprano solo parts in the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" at Southwestern College, Winfield, Sunday, March 6.

Mrs. Clem also sang at the college's silver anniversary presentation of "Elijah" last year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

A school holiday was enjoyed by all St. John's Cadets on Monday, Feb. 29.

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Ted Jones an Alternate Bowers, Brann Chosen For Foreign Exchange

Cadet Maj. Francis Bowers and 1st. Lt. Ed "Corky" Brann were named as participants in the 12th Civil Air Patrol International Air Cadet Exchange program sponsored by the United States Air Force.

Cadet S-Sgt. Ted Jones was selected as an alternate.

They were chosen from 12 candidates from the various Kansas squadrons by a Cadet Activities Board of Kansas Wing Civil Air Patrol staff members.

Candidates were picked from cadets who have received their certificate of proficiency and who rank high in military bearing and knowledge, character, citizenship, leadership and interest, said Capt. E. R. Beaver, Plans and Training officer.

The Cadets will be assigned to different foreign countries by C.A.P. National Headquarters.

Bowers and Brann will leave for Washington, D.C., about July 10. They will attend briefings in Washington and will then fly to Rhein Main AFB, Germany. They will leave for their host countries from there. Each Cadet will spend about 10 days visiting his host country.

All expenses are paid by the Air Force.

A group of 130 cadets representing every section of the United States will participate in the program.

Both American and foreign cadets will have an opportunity to get acquainted for at least 24 hours at Rhein Main AB, Germany before visiting their respective countries. This will also be done at the end of the program.

The American cadets will have a chance to meet their foreign counterparts who are being exchanged from within the European family of nations.

All American cadets, with the exception of those slated to visit Brazil will leave for their host countries from Washington, D.C. Those leaving for Brazil will depart from Charleston, S. C. Cadets departing for Canada will leave July 21.

Sixteen participating nations will be visited by groups of five cadets while Great Britain and Canada will be host to 25 cadets. The groups will be accompanied by a USAF and a CAP officer.

C.A.P. Camp For 2nd Year Men at S.A.F.B.

The first encampment activities in connection with the Civil Air Patrol training program was held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21, at Schilling Air Force Base.

Capt. E. R. Beaver, Plans and Training officer, was in charge of arrangements.

Second-year men in the program heard discussions on navigation, training devices, flying safety and USAF communications.

They watched a mock mission briefing and a mission preparation. Films were shown on Military Justice and Ground Safety.

The group was taken on a tour of the flight line, attended services at the base chapel and ate Sunday dinner in a base dining hall.

Other activities in the encampment program were held March 2 and 5.

Final encampment activities are scheduled for Saturday, April 2.

Joe Starbuck Chosen For New Boy Honor

A second semester enrollee has been selected as the Skirmisher's "new boy of the month".



Joe Starbuck

Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla D. Starbuck of Oklahoma City, Okla., was selected for the honor by the Junior School faculty. He is an eighth grader in the junior division.

Cadet Starbuck likes to wrestle and is doing well in the junior school bowling league.

Capt. J. P. McCandless, Junior School director, reports that Starbuck gets along extremely well with the other cadets and is well liked by everyone.

He is a good student, listens well to instruction and works hard.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

By John Cusack

The Junior School has been wrestling. On some occasions the Upper School team has come over to instruct us. We have a couple of matches coming up.

Don Kirchner went home for his uncle's funeral and was gone four days.

We are now starting to go swimming. We have been playing basketball, so we have not had the time for swimming.

Junior School Promotions

Several Junior School promotions have been announced by special order.

Cadet Stephen Sharpe was promoted to the rank of Cadet Second Class.

Promoted to the rank of Cadet Third Class were Cadets Walter Baker, Thomas Bell, John Daniels, Timothy Kenney, Richard McClain and Stephen Mericle.

Cadets, Faculty Discuss Importance of Libraries

by Doug White

Libraries are important in the education of people. Colleges and high school maintain them to further education and provide the material so a student may pursue any subject he wishes.

The purpose of National Library Week, to be observed April 3-9, is to encourage lifetime reading habits and the use and support of libraries of all kinds by everyone. The goal is "A better-read, better informed America".

The following comments were made by Cadets and faculty regarding the libraries at St. John's.

Maj. R. L. Guernsey—"The books we have in the Science library were selected from lists of many biology books and related material. I do not limit my students to one textbook. The material we have available is very valuable for the purpose of increasing knowledge and stimulating interest."

Cadet Capt. William Wright—"In selecting books to read for pleasure in the library I prefer books on sports."

Mrs. Harold Heywood—"The library is used occasionally in language studies usually for reports on customs and geography in foreign countries."

Cadet Maj. Francis Bowers—"I find I use the library most in preparing for my classes in history and psychology. Current magazines are helpful and articles are sometimes assigned for reading in psychology."

Capt. J. D. Elmborg—"The books in our Science Library range in scope from Junior High School to first year college level. The general library

has many fine references which are useful for science students. The science library supplements the general library with many books, all of them science-related.

Cadet Lt. Frank Mau—"In selecting a book, I look for a book that is profitable to read as well as interesting."

Capt. J.P. McCandless—"In the Junior School library we have three sets of reference books, a Lincoln Library, magazines and books that cover subjects of valid information for grade levels from 4 to 8.



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Bowling News

Garrett Gets Keg Award

Mike Garrett rolled a 226 score Feb. 22 as a part of the St. John's bowling program to be eligible for a special award from the American Junior Bowling Congress for bowling a score of 225 or better.

Mrs. John Fonck, bowling advisor, said this is a new high ten for the season.

Craig Thornton bowled a 531 in three series during the past month for a new high 30 score for the season. He also bowled a single game of 219.

A team of St. John's Cadet bowlers was defeated by the All Star Lanes junior team in a match game Sunday, Feb. 28. Bowling for St. John's were Garrett, Thornton, Steve Smith, Truxtum Shreve and Scott Clark.

The Cadets bowl on Monday afternoons at the All Star Lanes.

Team Standings:	
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Mat Program Started In Junior School

A wrestling program has been started in the Junior School. All junior Cadets are working out during the morning athletic period.

It is hoped matches can be arranged with the two Salina Junior High schools and that possibly a three-school tournament can be arranged.

Capt. J. P. McCandless is the coach.

Elmborg Resigns S.J.M.S. Post; R. McCandless Named Director

Capt. James D. Elmborg, athletic coach at St. John's for the past 10 years, has resigned effective at the end of the current school term to enter the Topeka school system.

His post as athletic director and football coach will be taken over by Lt. Robert S. McCandless, assistant football coach and wrestling coach at St. John's.

Capt. Elmborg came to St. John's as football coach in 1950 and in 1951 succeeded Ray Hower as athletic director and basketball coach in addition to his football duties.

He was graduated from Bethany College where he played end on the Swede football teams. An outstanding science teacher, Capt. Elmborg took graduate studies this past summer at Emporia State College on a National Science Foundation grant.

He will teach science in the Topeka system but is not expected to do any coaching.

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Tweed Ross is the team manager.

Coach McCandless is a graduate of Colorado State College at Greeley.

Cadets Set For Spring Trip Following Furlough

A group of 26 St. John's Cadets will make the annual historical and educational tour to Washington D.C., Mt. Vernon, Annapolis and New York City March 25 to April 1. providing they meet academic requirements.

The week-long trip will begin at 6.40 p.m., Friday, March 25 ,when the group leaves Salina aboard the Union Pacific's Portland Rose.

The Cadets will board the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's "National Limited" in St. Louis on Saturday morning, March 26, for the trip to Washington.

Coach Elmborg is married to the former Joan Thompson of Marquette and they have three children, Bim, Ann and Susan.

Col. R. L. Clem, rector, said "Jim Elmborg has been a faithful teacher and coach for 10 years. St. John's regrets his loss."

Lt. McCandless joined the St. John's faculty three years ago, coming from LaJunta, Colo., where he coached high school football. He is a native of LaJunta.

He played football one year under Dal Ward at Colorado University but an injury ended his grid career. He then attended Colorado State College at Greeley and served as an assistant coach.

Last fall he served as assistant football coach at St. John's and built a wrestling program at the school.

Lt. McCandless is married and the father of a son, Steve. His wife, Carol, is an instructor in the Junior School.

"We feel exceedingly lucky to be able to turn over to Bob McCandless the responsibilities that Jim has carried," said Col. Clem. "Bob will do equally well, I am sure."

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Cadets hoping to make the trip are Robert Schultz, Martin Stark, Steve Lobaugh, Ted Adler, Dave Cook, John O'Loughlin, Jim Pyle, Karl Sprague, Chuck Fletcher, Eric Clutts, Tom Banes, Ray Daugherty, Kim Turner, Scott Tipton, Charles Lee, Allen Bass, Mike Crosby, Gary Westover, Al Shirlcliff, Skip Cunningham, Hilliard Griffin, Jim O'Fallon, John Atkins, Jody Taylor, Ernest Robb, and Randy Copeland.

Maj. Keith G. Duckers, assistant superintendent, will accompany the group.

Commanding Officer Executive Officer Are Promoted

The Cadet Commanding officer and Cadet Executive officer were promoted by special order March 3.

Cadet Capt. Francis Bowers was promoted to the rank of Cadet Major. Cadet 1st. Lt. William Wright, exec officer, was promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain.

Cadets Second Class Thomas Ashley and Stephen Lobaugh were promoted to the rank of Cadet First Class by the same order.

Other promotions included were Cadets Third Class Skip Cunningham and Richard Harper and Cadet Gerald Brown to rank of Cadet Second Class; Cadets Scott Poage, William Straub, Bert Dawson, Max Rutherford, Thomas Steele, William Thornton and Ronald Vogel to Cadets Third Class.

Rifle Team Notes

By Lt. Co. A. Y. Hardy

The February and final targets for the National Postal Matches were fired on the 26th and 27th of February. The results were better than usual. The results of the two matches are as follows:

	Prone Standing (100 possible)	Prone (200 possible)
Alminana	100*	177*
Brann	100*	192*
Brown	100*	170
Dawson	98	169
Gaide	99*	
Garrison	97	
Kurtz	95	173*
Lynch	98	175*
Jones	99*	176*
O'Fallon		144
(First Match)		
Wright, W.		170
(First Match)		
Guerrant		165
(First Match)		
(*Indicates top five as these scores only count towards the total.)		

The targets for the NDCC Match will be fired the first

part of March. The match is a National competition under the auspices of the National Defense Cadet Corps. If St. John's can do as well in this match as they do in practice there is a good chance of winning national honors.

The score of 192 fired by Lt. Brann on his Prone and Standing is very near the top scores fired through the nation. We expect that Brown, Dawson, Jones, Alminana, Kurtz and Lynch (who can all fire over 185) to give us a top score in this match. The match consists of 5 shots each in the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions. Fired on our own range and targets are mailed to central headquarters for checking.

The team will go into intensive training after spring vacation as we have matches coming up in April and May and we expect to do better than we have ever done in the past.

Albuquerque Trip To Be Re-scheduled

The Crack Squad trip to Albuquerque, N. M., planned for the weekend of Feb. 26-28, was postponed because air-lift was not available at that time.

Plans are being made to re-schedule the trip for sometime in April.

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