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## New York Trip Set For Platoon

### CAP Drillers Leave February 9 For Long Island Appearances

The St. John's Civil Air Patrol Crack Drill Platoon will go to New York for a series of public appearances from Feb. 9th through the 12th, Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, announced this week.

The invitation and arrangements for the trip are being made by the Northeast Region of Civil Air Patrol, which has its headquarters at Mitchell Air Force Base, Long Island, New York.

Purpose of the trip is for the St. John's delegation to participate in the induction of a Cadet Squadron at St. Paul's School, Long Island.

The trip is the outgrowth of a recent visit to the St. John's Squadron by a group of CAP officials from the Northeast Region headed by Antoine Straussner, Director of Aerospace Education. Lt. Col. Tom Ward of St. Paul's School is handling arrangements.

Tentative plans announced in a letter from Colonel Ward to Colonel Clem this week include:

Several public appearances by the St. John's CAP drillers in connection with the induction of the St. Paul's Squadron; A television appearance;

Guests of another Long Island Squadron at a Cadet Ball; and

A day of sight-seeing in New York.

Air-lift is being arranged by the Northeast Region in their C-47. The size of the St. John's group will be limited to 27 Cadets and Officers. Maj. R. L. Guernsey and LCDR H.E. Nuss will accompany the drill team. The group will leave from Schilling A.F.B. on Feb. 9, and return on Feb. 12.

Cadet Capt. Ted Jones, commander of the Crack Platoon, is working with a group of 35 Cadets in preparation for the trip. Captain Jones, along with a faculty committee, will reduce the group to 25 about Feb. 1.

## Fiery Dessert

The flames in the mess hall Wednesday evening Jan. 18, didn't need the Fire Department's assistance to have them extinguished.

It was only Chef Frank Moomau, fixing a special flaming topping to put on ice cream following evening mess. With a flare, Moomau lighted the dessert in the darkened mess hall and spooned on the topping in full view of the Cadets.

The previous Wednesday Moomau and his staff served a candlelight steak dinner. Special surprises are being planned by Moomau for Wednesday dinners until spring furlough.

## BULLETIN

A possible appearance of the St. John's crack platoon on the Ed Sullivan TV show may be in prospect during the Crack Platoon trip to Long Island and New York City, N.Y., according to late word received from Lt. Col. Tom Ward of St. Paul's School who is handling arrangements.

The group will attend the show and at least will be recognized from the audience, said Col. Ward in a message to Col. R. L. Clem, school rector.

## 14 New Cadets Enter S.J.M.S.

A number of new Cadets have joined the Cadets Corps at the beginning of second semester and since the Christmas furlough.

Jerry "Skip" Arbogast is a new ninth grader from Tuscon, Ariz.

Enrolling from Ft. Collins, Colo., is Joe Cory, an eighth grader.

A pair of brothers from Santa Fe, N.M., have enrolled. They are John and Julian Harvey. John is in the eighth grade and Julian is a freshman.

Coming from Topeka is Ronald Kelly, a junior.

Roger Swinney from Casper, Wyo., has been enrolled in the Junior School.

Two Texans, both freshmen, have enrolled in the Upper School. They are Mark Smith from Austin and Bill Johnson from Houston.

Ed Wuller, an eighth grader from Wichita, has also enrolled.

New Cadets from Denver are Fred Harding, ninth grade; Bob Ringler, tenth grade, and Jeff Smith, eighth grade.

Also enrolled are Allison Pingrey, 11th grade, Billings, Mont. and Roger Runzel, 10th, Goodland.

## Prelim NMS Tests To Be Given March 7

The preliminary test to qualify for National Merit Scholarships will be given to juniors at St. John's March 7, at the school.

Those passing the test will be named as semi-finalists and will be eligible to take the final test in order to qualify for scholarships next fall.

Among those taking the test will be Bill Protz, Randy Earle, David Snow and John Atkins. Others have expressed interest.

Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, senior master, will supervise the examination.

## Most Seniors Plan To Take S.A.T. Tests

Over 80 percent of the St. John's seniors are planning to take the Scholastic Aptitude tests offered by the College Entrance Board according to Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, senior master.

The results of the tests are used by many schools in admitting high school graduates to college.

The test will be given Saturday Feb. 4 at Salina High School.



Capt. Jack McCandless

## Capt. McCandless Rejoins Staff

Capt. Jack McCandless, St. John's graduate and former director of the Junior School, has re-joined the St. John's staff, Col. R. L. Clem, announced this week.

McCandless will be a full-time traveling representative for the school covering an area from Casper, Wyo. to Albuquerque, N.M.

He will help organize local chapter of the St. John's Foundation, and will call on alumni of the school, parents of Cadets and Episcopal clergymen in the area. He will also interview prospective Cadets.

The Denver chapter of the St. John's Foundation has been active this fall under the leadership of Captain McCandless. Since the close of school last year he has been an insurance company representative in Denver.

## New Course

A new course, International Relations, was started at the beginning of the second semester. Lt. Dale Browning is the instructor.

A group of 11 sophomores, juniors and seniors are enrolled.

Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, senior master, said the course is so new that there are no textbooks available, so current material in books, newspapers and magazines is used for the course.

## Notice

Does any parent or friend of the school have a picture of the actual coronation of Miss Sound-Off at the Thanksgiving Military Ball? Anyone having a picture is asked to notify Mrs. Don Kirn in the school business office.

The yearbook staff would like to have such a picture for use in this year's book.

## Crack Squad To Omaha

### Shrine Circus To Feature Drill

The Crack Drill Squad will perform at the Shrine Circus in Omaha, Neb., April 14-16.

The Squad, commanded by Lt. Tom Banes, will appear at two matinees and two evening performances.

While in Omaha, the Squad will be housed at Offutt Air Force Base. Tentative plans for the group include a tour of the underground command bunkers of the Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command and an industrial tour in the Omaha area. Other entertainment is also being arranged.

The trip is being arranged by Maj. Gen. Thomas Griffin, commander of the 16th Army, and John L. O'Loughlin, father of Cadet John O'Loughlin.

Gen. Griffin saw the Crack Squad perform during an inspection tour of the school last October.

## Crack Squad Performs At Inaugural Ball

The St. John's Military School crack drill squad preformed at the inaugural ball honoring Frank B. Morrison, the new governor of Nebraska, Thursday, Jan. 5.

Twenty-one boys commanded by Cadet Lt. Tom Banes, made trip to Lincoln, Neb.

Making the trip were Banes, Al Short, Ted Jones, John O'Loughlin, John Atkins, Bill Protz, Mike Finney, Tom Ashley, Richard Mattix, Hilliard Griffin, Scott Poage, Steve Lobaugh, Dave Gibbens, Karl Sprague, Skip Cunningham, Ken Halama, Doug White, Ted Bryant, Nick Olmstead, Randy Copeland and John Dawson.

Accompanying the group was Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem and Maj. Keith G. Duckers.

Gov. Morrison is a member of the St. John's board of trustees and his sons, Frank Jr., and Jon, attended St. John's.

Housing arrangements for the overnight trip were made by Walton Ferris, Lincoln, a former board member and friend of the school.

## 50 Year Member

St. John's Military School was recognized for 50 years of service to the Salina Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's annual dinner, Jan. 9, at the 4-H building.

The school was presented with a plaque. Maj. and Mrs. Keith G. Duckers represented the school at the dinner.

## Rifle Team Wins KSU Tourney

The Rifle Team from St. John's took most honors in the Eastern Kansas Championship match held at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Jan. 7 and 8.

The three teams entered won the first three places in the two-man team matches. The Cadets won five of the six medals in the two individual matches.

John Dawson, Bob Alminana and Dick London took first, second and third places, respectively, in shooting twenty shots prone. Ted Jones and London took first and second places in shooting twenty shots sitting.

In the two-man team matches, Jones and Dawson received first place; Doug Kurtz and

London, second, and Alminana and E. J. Guerrant, third.

Lt. Col. A.Y. Hardy, firing coach, said "The boys shot very well in the matches in order to take these metals."

## SEMESTER EXAMS

Semester final examinations were given Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12 and 13, at St. John's Military School.

Seniors with a class average of 85 for the first four grading periods and underclassmen with a 90-class average could be exempt at the discretion of the teacher.

# Message From Rector

By the time this issue of the Skirmisher is distributed the second semester of the school year will have begun. This important half of the year will see the completion of our basketball and wrestling schedules, the beginning of the track season and the introduction, so to speak, of the new program of Physical Fitness which will be introduced next fall.

More about that later.

Also to look forward to are the Crack Squad and Crack Platoon trips to exciting places and the upperclassmen's annual trip to Washington and other points in the east.

I am pleased to welcome several new cadets to St. John's for the spring semester.

As always, most emphasis will be placed on scholarships. We are extremely gratified to note marked improvement in study habits on the part of a large number of cadets new to the school this fall. I am confident that Commencement will bring to our campus many parents with words of praise over the academic accomplishments of their sons.

Col. R. L. Clem

# Library Gets 12 New Books

A dozen new books were added to the St. John's library during January according to Mrs. H. E. Nuss, school librarian.

The books are "Competitive Debate" by Musgrave; "Healthful Living" by Williams; "Bands of America" by Schwartz; "Story Behind Popular Songs" by Montgomery; "Conservation in America" by Hogner; "Wonderful Word of Energy" by Hogben; "Lee of Virginia" by Freeman; "Opera Themes and Plots" by Fellner; "Favorite Poems, Old and New" by Ferris; "The Fastest Man Alive" by Everest; "Who Was When?" by DeFord, and "Best Plays of 1956-57" by Kronenberger.

# N.D.C.C. First Aid Instruction Given

All Upper School Cadets are now receiving instruction in First Aid for the Soldier. The course, offered under the N.D.C.C., is the standard eight hour course given to members of the Armed Services. Two additional hours of instruction will be offered, which when completed will make all Cadets in the Upper School eligible for the American Red Cross Standard First Aid card.

The various fields of instruction which are being covered includes: injuries requiring special First Aid measures, chemical injuries, common injuries and transportation of the sick and wounded.

Two of the phases have been covered during drill and the rest will be covered during later drill periods.

# Eight Make Honor Roll

## Erb Continues To Top List

A group of eight Cadets were named to the Rector's Honor Roll with grade averages above 90 at the end of the fourth grading period.

They are Steve Erb, Ted Jones, Randy Earle, Phil Hargrove, E. J. Guerrant, Bill Protz, Keith Palmquist, and Richard Harper.

Receiving honorable mentions were Bill Law, John Atkins, Pete Black, Skip Cunningham, John Lang, Ernest Robb, Bob Coerber, Walter Baker, Allen Bass, Al Brightman, John Ditton.

Ken Halama, Eric Hogsett, Steve Lobaugh, Butch Morrison, Tweed Ross, Bob Shugrue, David Snow and Roger Young. Those with grade averages between 85 and 90 receive honorable mentions.

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Receiving honorable mentions on the Junior School roll were Brad Hudspeth and Danny Miller.

# A New Semester

We are all aware that an old semester has ended by the tests we have just taken. Some of us did a good job, others not so well, but now is the time to make amends.

We are starting a new semester this week in which we must continue to work if we expect to pass for the year. The boys who are expecting to get into college next year by working just this semester are going to be surprised when they may be turned down. Boys should start working in their freshman year to prepare for college.

The freshmen and sophomores who failed the first semester can go to work now and still have a chance to be accepted by a college in a few years.

We have a new start and a whole semester in which to make the best of the start given us. Let's all go to work and use to the best of our ability the wonderful opportunities that are provided us.—Steve Erb

# Science Club Is Chartered

The constitution of the Chi Beta Phi Science Club was approved by Col. R. L. Clem in General Order Number 1 on January 4, 1961. The aims of the club, which meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, are:

- (1) To increase the knowledge of science.
  - (2) To learn to perfect skills in science.
  - (3) To give service in the community and nation.
  - (4) To understand the importance of science in everyone's lives.
  - (5) To help carry out the programs of Science Clubs in America.
  - (6) To maintain the high standards as set forth by St. John's Military School.
- The Club has met twice. At the first meeting the officers were elected. The positions that the Club maintains are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, librarian and reporter.



Charles Peacock

# Peacock Named New Boy of Month

Charles R. Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Peacock of Denver, has been selected as The Skirmisher "new boy of the month" for January by the Junior School faculty.

Peacock is a sixth grader in the lower school.

He is very interested in music and has been selected as a member of the Junior School choir. He is also interested in models.

Lt. Phil Edwards, school director, said Peacock is doing satisfactory academic work and has fit into the military program of the school very well.

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# St. John's Shows Great Growth in Past Ten Years

The past decade has seen tremendous growth and much change at St. John's School.

When the second semester began Jan. 16 the school had its largest Cadet Corps in its 74-year history.

A total of about 160 Cadets have registered for the second semester. This compares to a 63 for the spring semester of 1951.

The past ten years has seen the school's enrollment increase each year. To take care of the additional numbers of students, new facilities and faculty members have been added. New construction began in 1952 when a barracks hous-

ing 60 upper school students was built.

In 1954, the first story of the Ferris mechanical arts and sciences building was constructed. The second story was added in 1959. This construction provided new science laboratories and classrooms.

Other additions to the physical plant include two faculty duplexes and three faculty homes. The addition of these units released space in other buildings for Cadet housing and additional classroom facilities.

Last spring, the school built its own football field. The first games were played on the field this fall. Bleachers, seating 500,

were given to the school by the St. John's Foundation, an organization of parents of present and former students.

The additions to the physical plant in the past ten years have increased its value from approximately \$300,000 in 1948 to the present \$750,000.

The school's faculty has also increased in number over the past decade. In 1951 there were 7 faculty members. Today, there are 21 and a non-teaching staff of 24.

The school is fully accredited by the North Central Association.

St. John's officials are now planning future growth.

Scheduled for construction within the next five years, is a gym annex and multi-purpose auditorium. This project was included in a 10-year expansion program adopted five years ago by the Board of Trustees.

A new library building may be added within a year.

By next fall, the school will have an expanded quartermaster program and facilities. It will distribute all Cadet necessities, including uniforms.

Another achievement in the past ten years has been the school's association with the National Defense Cadet Corps.

The school has been associated with the Civil Air Patrol, which is under auspices of the Air Force, since 1948. Last fall it also became associated with the NDCC which is under the direction of the U.S. Army.

The school has operated in the black for the past seven years and all operational expenses are met by tuition and fees. Any gifts to the school are put into a special building fund.

The school was originally started by the Rt. Rev. Elisha Smith, Episcopal Bishop Coadjutor of Kansas, to serve boys from Kansas. Today, however, it has students from 20 states and Venezuela.

## Junior School Notes

### Jr. School Notes

Leigh Gamble bowled a high game of 235 in the Junior School bowling League. Kevin Sanchez-Vegas bowled a 219 for the second high game.

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A number of promotions have been made in the Junior School. Dick McClain was promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant and Bob McClain was promoted to Cadet First Class.

Promoted to the rank of Cadet third class were Joel Brownfield, Ralph John, Jim Partin, Jeff Guernsey and Kevin Sanchez.

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John Harvey and Jeff Smith are new Cadets enrolled at the semester in the Junior School.

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The Junior School basketball team lost its game with Tescott by a 49-36 score. Joel Brownfield was the high scorer.

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Members of the Junior School choir have been selected by Lt. Edwards, director.

The choir meets on Monday and Friday afternoons. The group will present an assembly program in the chapel later in the year.

Choir members are Danny Miller, Barrett Hamilton, Leigh Gamble, Jim Partin, John Crago, John Carroll, Bob and Dick McClain, Randy Balsiger, Charles Peacock, Junior Beck, Kirk Weilepp, Joel Brownfield, Ralph John and Dennis Vogel.

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Plans for initiating new members into the Junior school librarians club in the near future are being made. Probationary members were selected earlier in the school year. Lt. Dave Irwin is the club advisor.

### TODD GETS LICENSE

Cadet David Todd has successfully passed his written test for his Civil Air Patrol radio operators license. He is now preparing for his "on-the-air" oral examination.

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## Librarians Enjoy Party

Members of the Library Club attended a dinner and a movie Sunday, Jan. 15.

Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. H.E. Nuss sponsored the dinner and movie. Lt. Dale Browning drove the bus. Melanie and Lawton Nuss were also present.

The dinner was held at Kim's Steak house. Immediately following dinner the group attended the movie "Esther and the King."

## Old Boy Shields For Several Cadets

Several Cadets appeared before the Cadet Court and successfully passed their Old Boy examinations shortly before Christmas furlough.

Passing and authorized to wear the shields were John Carroll, John Crawford, Joe Jones, John Lang, Jim Thiele and Kirk Weilepp.

Passing but not yet authorized to wear shields were, Gary Jones, Bill Knowles, Jody Taylor and Dick Whittaker.

C.A.P.'s present job is to assist in local and national emergencies, including search and rescue, and developing and conducting a series of aviation education courses as a part of a nationwide cadet training program.

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## Annual Spring Trip Starts March 27

The annual educational and historical trip to the East will take St. John's Cadets to visit Washington D.C., Mt. Vernon Annapolis, Md. Williamsburg and Norfolk, Va.

The group will leave Salina at 7 pm, Monday, March 27, and will return on the midnight train, Monday, April 3. Sophomore, junior and senior Cadets may make the trip provided they are academically eligible. Arrangements should be made with Maj. Keith G. Duckers, assistant superintendent. Cost of the trip is \$157.

In Washington, the group will take a guided bus tour of public buildings; visit the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the White House, Washington Monument, the U.S. Capitol building, The Smithsonian Institute, National Gallery of Art, U.S. Medical Museum, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and will observe the changing of the guard at the tombs of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The group will visit Alexandria and Christ Church, where

George Washington and Robert E. Lee worshipped, and Mount Vernon, home of George and Martha Washington.

Visits are also scheduled to the Supreme Court, Congressional Library and the Archives Building where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution are on display.

Highlight of the Washington stay will be a luncheon with Sen. Frank Carlson, R-Kans.

A feature of the trip will be the overnight boat trip aboard the Old Bay Line to Norfolk and Newport News. There the Cadets will visit the Mariner's Museum, Restored Colonial Williamsburg and the New Museum in Yorktown.

A short sightseeing tour of Baltimore will include a visit to Fort McHenry and the original Washington Monument. The group will then visit Annapolis having lunch at Carvel Hall to be followed by a tour of the U.S. Naval Academy grounds and buildings. Cadets will have an opportunity to check a typical "midge's" room in Bancroft Hall.

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# Cagers Split in Post-Holiday Action

In post-holiday action, the St. John's Cagers have won one game and lost a second by a narrow margin. The Cadets defeated Kipp and lost to Brookville.

## St. John's—47 Brookville—55

The Brookville Cardinals won their seventh straight Tuesday, Jan. 17, with a 55-47 victory over the Cadets in the St. John's gym.

The Cadets were paced by Phil Chadwick with 14 points. Chadwick became eligible at the beginning of second semester after being ineligible for the first 18 weeks as a transfer student. Jack Kaine, Bill Jobbins and Charles Vielehr also became eligible.

St. John's hit 18 of 45 field attempts for 40 percent, while Brookville hit a cool 19 of 77 shots for 25 percent.

Brookville took a 16-10 first quarter lead over the Cadets but St. John's pumped in 17 in the second quarter to go in front 27-23. The Cardinals regained the lead after three quarters 39-34.

St. John's gave Brookville a scare in the fading minutes of play climbing to within four points with 2:45 remaining and three points with a minute left, But Brookville weathered the storm and hit seven points to two for the Cadets in the final minute.

The St. John's B-team beat Brookville's B-team, 50-21. The young Cadets lead 9-2, 16-6, and 30-15. Bill Law was high scorer with 14. Others playing were Jim Pappas, Lynn Miller, Steve Erb, Steve Mericle, John Lang, Al Brightman, Vielehr, and Richard Mattix.

## A-team box score

	Ff	Ft	F	
Chadwick .....	4	6	4	
Kaine .....	4	2	2	
Short .....	1	0	3	
Palmquist .....	1	1	5	
Twenhofel .....	5	1	4	
Jobbins .....	3	1	3	
Totals .....	18	11	21	
Score by quarters				
Brookville	16	23	39	55
St. John's	10	27	34	47

## St. John's — 48 Kipp — 28

The Cadets won their second game of season Friday, Jan. 13, and their second over the Kipp Orioles with a 48-28 decision in the Kipp gym.

It was St. John's first outing after the holiday rest.

St. John's let 9-5, 18-13 and 30-19 at the quarters. Steve Lobaugh dropped in 16 points to pace the Cadets cagers. Sophomore Keith Palmquist followed with 14 and Chuck Twenhofel hit seven.

Everet Kogler let Kipp with 13 points.

	Fg.	Ft	F	
Short .....	0	2	5	
Lobaugh .....	5	6	4	
Palmquist .....	6	2	2	
Poage .....	1	1	2	
Twenhofel .....	2	3	4	
Mericle .....	0	2	1	
Brightman .....	0	4	5	
Totals .....	14	20	25	
Score by quarters:				
St. John's	9	18	30	48
Kipp	5	13	19	28

## DOUGLAS DOWNS CADET MATMEN

Tony Hernandez pinned his man and John Atkins won by decision over his opponent in a wrestling match with Douglas Saturday, Jan. 14.

The St. John's team lost by a 44-8 score. John Ditton, Pete Black and Doug White lost by decisions. Dennis McConnell, Ernest Robb, Martin Stark and Gary Jones were pinned by their opponents.

In a match with Douglas on Friday, Jan. 6, the Cadets were shut out by a 50-0 score.

## 23 Participate In Keg League

A group of 23 Cadets are participating in the bowling program at the beginning of the second semester. Capt. V. B. Loy is the faculty adviser.

Bowlers are John DeVore, Phil Hargrove, Tom Ashley, Ted Crawford, Karl Sprague, Jody Taylor, John O'Loughlin, Kildow, Tom Banes, David Todd, Enrique Urdaneta, Joe Jones, Tom Steele, Mike Finney, Art Thiel, Dave Gibbens.

Randy Hemela, Bob Schulz, Harold Bowman, Tom Agnew, George Yancey, Hilliard Griffin, and Ken Hauser.

## Promotions

Several promotions were made before the start of Christmas furlough.

Hilliard C. Griffin was promoted to permanent first lieutenant. Kurtis Hibbs and Doug Kurtz were promoted to temporary corporal.

Promoted to the rank of private first class were Greg Albertson, Tom Bell, Eric Hogsett, Charles Shugrue, John Taylor and Steve McComas.

Cpl. Kurtz was assigned as assistant armory officer.

## TAKE HIKE

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Cadet Corporals Ron Clouser, Kurt Hibb, Nick Olmstead and Al Short were named as squad leaders.

## Brownfield Heads Zouave Drillers

Joel Brownfield was named commander of the Junior School drill team, The Zouaves, by John Daniels, retiring commander. Cadet Daniels, appointed at Commencement last year, left school at the semester.

Cadet Brownfield has some new ideas he plans to put into effect.

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