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## 80th Commencement Honored The Clems

### SJMS Bids Colonel R. L. Clem Farewell With Best Wishes

... In Retirement Ceremonies

St. John's Military School bid farewell to Col. Remey Leland Clem, Rector and Superintendent of the Episcopal School for 32 years, during Commencement exercises Sunday afternoon, May 19, on Perkins Field.

Colonel and Mrs. Clem were presented with a \$2500 travel certificate from the School's faculty and staff, alumni of the School, Foundation members, past and present Trustees, and the Episcopal Missionary District of Western Kansas.

The retirement ceremonies for Colonel Clem followed the presentation of diplomas to a graduating class of 31 Senior Cadets. More than 1,000 persons viewed the ceremonies.

A Key to the City of Salina was presented to the Clems by William W. Yost, Mayor. The Cadet Commanding officer of the 80th Corps, Robert Brassette, presented Colonel Clem with honorary memberships in all clubs and organizations at the School.

Others speaking during the ceremonies were the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Kansas, for the Episcopal Church; Frank A. Carlson, U. S. Senator, for the Federal Government; William H. Avery, former governor of Kansas, for the State; Lt. Col. Marion W. Manion, Kansas National Guard, for the Adjutant General's office; Kenneth C. Steph-

enson, president of the Salina Chamber of Commerce; Earl C. Woodward, SJMS Trustee, 1927-51, for past and present Trustees of the School; Robert C. Donahue, president of the St. John's Foundation; Dale Browning, Class of '55, representing the alumni of the School; Dr. Alan L. Clem, the Colonel's son, for the Family, and Mrs. John H. Fonck, St. John's Employee, 1937 to the present, for the faculty and staff.

As his last official act as the Superintendent of St. John's, Colonel Clem conducted the ceremony of passing on the Hardy Sabre from this year's Cadet Commanding officer, Lt. Col. Robert Brassette, Lincoln, Neb., to Maj. Daryl Hampton, Grand Junction, Colo. Hampton will return in the fall to command the 81st Cadet Corps.

The ceremonial Sabre was given to the School in memory of Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, longtime professor of Military Science who died in 1961.

During Military Field Day competition, Mike Regan won the individual drill-down. "C" Company, commanded by Jimmie Lee Armstrong won the

company competition over "A" Company. The platoon competition was won by third platoon, "C" Company, commanded by Steve Heywood.

Wally Curry was named the new commander of the Crack Marching Platoon by out-going commander, Scott Chesbro.

George Dickson Jr. was named the new Crack Squad commander near the end of the drill during the Senior Dance on Saturday evening at the Statler-Hilton. The out-going commander was James Garvey.

More than 700 Cadets, staff and faculty, and friends of the Clems attended a Reception in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Clem Saturday afternoon, May 18, on the Patio at the home of Col. K. G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, and Mrs. Duckers.

The U. S. Army Band from Ft. Riley played a concert during the lunch hour on the Chapel lawn on Sunday and also played for Commencement ceremonies and the retreat parade. Chef Frank Moomau and his staff served a buffet luncheon to 840 guests.

Colonel and Mrs. Clem were again honored at a dinner on Sunday evening, May 19, at the Salina Country Club. More than 100 Salina and out-of-town friends were in attendance.

Baccalaureate Speaker Said:

*"You Can Do Anything... And Don't You Forget It"*

"I'd like to leave you with one simple phrase, 'You can do anything you set your mind to, and don't you forget it,' " said Midshipman Robert Stephen Erb to the 80th Corps of Cadets during Baccalaureate Sunday, May 19.

Erb, a graduating senior at the U. S. Naval Academy, credited the quote to Charles Kirkpatrick, Superintendent of Midshipmen at the school.

An "old boy" of the Class of 1964, Erb discussed one word and its meaning, "Dedication".

In explaining the meaning, Erb used the lives of four men to illustrate dedication. The first man was Col. R. L. Clem, who devoted 32 years to creating men out of boys; the second was George Washington Carver who dedicated himself to the betterment of mankind; the third was a Major who received the Medal of Honor by showing extreme courage in protecting his troops in the face of danger, and the fourth was a soldier who dedicated himself to his country and the cause of freedom.

Erb said, "This is the time to dedicate yourself to a cause. You must be complete in this dedication and not be afraid to stand for your conviction."

Erb entered St. John's as a fourth grader. During each of his nine years at the School, Erb had the highest academic class average and received the Shank prize each year. He was



Robert "Steve" Erb

the Battalion Commanding officer and was graduating with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He earned school monograms for participating in wrestling and track.

At Commencement 1964, Erb was named the recipient of the Gordon prize which goes to a Cadet best combining excellence in athletics, academic work and leadership. The award is not given every year.

Erb's parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Janeway of Omaha, Neb.

During his four years at the Naval Academy, he has been active in the Brigade Radio Station, the Antiphonal choir, the Popular Music Concert Committee and the Musical Club Show.

Erb is majoring in Systems Engineering for weapons systems and will receive a Bachelor of Science degree on June 5. He will also be commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy.

His first duty assignment will be to attend the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., where he will study for his Master of Science degree. After completing work for his Master's, he hopes to enter pilot training at Pensacola, Fla.

#### TRUSTEES TO MEET

The St. John's Military School Board of Trustees will hold its June meeting at the School on June 21. The newly-elected members of the Board will be special guests at the meeting.

### SJMS Makes Honor School Rating for Year

St. John's Military School earned its second straight "Honor School" rating under the junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program for the 1967-68 school year.

A letter designating St. John's as an "honor" school was read by Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, at the beginning of Commencement ceremonies.

The ratings are made on the basis of a day-long inspection each year. The inspecting officers viewed the St. John's military program and Cadet Corps on April 24 of this year.

Helping the Cadets to the top ranking were Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant; Maj. Charles W. Buttermore, Senior Army Instructor; and M/Sgt. Tom Watson, and F/Sgt. Robert Herndon, Military instructors.



SHAKING HANDS WITH FRIENDS—Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem visited with friends, Cadets, and parents during a reception on Saturday afternoon, May 18, on the Patio of the

home of Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, and Mrs. Duckers. More than 700 persons attended the lawn party given by the "old boys" of St. John's Military School.



## Hampton to Guide 81st Corps

Daryl Hampton was appointed by Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, to be the Battalion Commander (elect) of the 81st Corps of Cadets next fall. Hampton was promoted to the rank of major, has been a Cadet for five years and has been an honor roll student and active in athletics and organizations of the School.

Cadet officers for the 1968-69 school year were granted their commissions during the Senior Dance, Saturday, May 18. Awarding the commissions was Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant. Giving the charge to the new officers was Colonel Duckers.

Commissioned as captains were Allen Armstrong, Lennon Ramsey, Jeff Woodall, George Jenkins and Steve Verity.

Commissioned as first lieutenants were Jimmy Arm-



DARYL D. HAMPTON

strong, George Dickson, Gaylen Piercy, Ron Robacker and Wally Curry.

Commissioned as second lieutenants were Tony Bell, Steve Blakemore, Steve Heywood, Dan Phillips, Fred Rogee and Jim Massell.

David Bercutt was assigned the sergeant-major for the 81st Corps.

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## SJ Key Club Receives \$150

The Salina Kiwanis Club held its weekly meeting in Nichols Dining Hall at St. John's Tuesday, May 11. The president of the club, A. H. Leckband, presented Scott Chesbro, Key Club president, with a check for \$150 as its share of the annual Pancake Day.

During the meeting, Chesbro presented Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, with a plaque which will bear the names of the winners of the Ninninger Award given each year at Commencement.

## D. Hampton Heads Final Honor Roll

Daryl Hampton headed the last honor roll for the 1967-68 school year according to CRD. H. E. Nuss, Director of Studies. Others named to the roll were Peter Gardner, Bill Collins, Jack Cairns, Stephen Ankeny, Steven Blakemore, James Robertson, Joe Grant, Jim Paxton, and Steve Haywood.

Receiving honorable mentions with grade averages above 85 were Bob Dorman, Charles Cairns, Jim Garvey, Ron Robacker, Bill Lovingier, John Phillips, Thomas Harper, Eric Funston, Jeff Woodall, Doug Harwager, Phil Hahn, Gene deBeque, Bob Donahue, Tim Rademacher, Mike Blanck, Bob Byers, Gary Freeman, Chris Hollandsworth, Ed Mulford, Scott McKenzie, Jim Shofner, Scott Chesbro, Andy Davis, Larry Schroeder, Allen Armstrong, Jimmy Armstrong, Tom Byers, Kent Tretheway, David Bercutt, Roy Glinke, Lennon Ramsey, David Sebring, Mike Berbert, and Steve Verity.

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Paul Manbeck headed the Lower School's honor roll for the eighth grading period. Evan Pyle and Bartle Day were named to the list with grade averages above 90.

Receiving honorable mentions were Steven Kehmeier, Gene Strickland, Elmer Pearce, Mike Gepner, Lance Miller, David Phelps, George Tull and Dale Grace.

## 11 Cadets Join S-Club

Eleven Cadets were initiated into the S-Club before the end of the School year. All had earned one or more letters in a varsity sport such as wrestling, track, basketball or golf.

The new members are Jimmy Armstrong, Steve Kathka, Tom Byers, Bill Harrington, Jim Martinez, Dan Witham, Steve Blakemore, George Jenkins, Bob Platner, Jeff Woodall and Gaylen Piercy.

## Old Boys' Corner

**Class of 1905**—Word was received that **Roswell Johnston** died in January of this year.

**Class of 1936**—**John York** plans to retire from the service after 32 years in June. He will make his home in Virginia.

**Class of 1937**—**John H. Willard** won the Rocky Mountain News award for the best U. S. stamp exhibit at the Rocky Mountain Philatelic exhibition in Denver.

**Class of 1944**—**Walter York** is the assistant chief of administrative services at Selfridge Air Force Base, Mich.

**Class of 1952**—**Bruce Carson** is vice president and advertising director of Sidale Publishing Co., Los Angeles.

**Class of 1955**—**Grant Torbit** is attending aviation school, Tulsa, Okla. . . **Dale Browning** has been promoted to assistant vice-president in the Colorado National Bank, Denver.

**Class of 1956**—**Al Ransom** has been promoted to the rank of major in the Marines. He is serving a second tour of duty in Vietnam.

**Class of 1959**—**Douglas Dillenberger** has earned a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering and has finished a four-year tour in the Army. He now plans to continue his education.

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**Class of 1961**—**David Gibbens** is working for Rippy Construction Co., New Castle, Colo. He is the father of two girls.

**Class of 1963**—**Greg Albertson** is now serving in Vietnam . . . **David Weinrich** has finished a tour in the Army, is married, and is working in his father's locker plant, Casper, Wyo.

**Attended 1961-65**—**Jim Sumner** is stationed at Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.

**Class of 1967**—**Steve Fredricks** is attending Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kans.

**Hosts and Hostesses at the  
"old boy" Reception**

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Carroll,  
Cabool, Missouri

Mr. & Mrs. William Sal-  
man, Salina, Kans.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Vanier,  
Salina, Kans.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Vanier,  
Salina, Kans.

Mr. D. Dale Browning,  
Denver, Colorado

**Alums attending Alumni  
Dinner**

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Johnson

Mr. Elwood Sellens

Mr. Glenn Howard

Dr. & Mrs. Alan Clem & family

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sperling

Mr. & Mrs. William Salmon

Mr. D. Dale Browning

Mr. & Mrs. Earle Fox

Mr. Dick Walters

Mr. Jeff Guernsey

Mr. Gloyd Johnson

Mr. David Mutrux

Mr. Tom Clark

Mr. Chuck Verges

Mr. Fritz Thompson

**Visitors over the weekend**

R. A. Bloxsom

Armand deBeque

Dick Duffy

Steve Erb

Clement Gibbs

Alan Hale

Richard Jackson

Ralph Kiker

Floyd Lotker

David Mikesell

Chuck Morrison

Richard Nelson

Tim Soule

Rick Taylor

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# Awards For Excellence Given At Two Convocations

Awards for outstanding work and development during the 1967-68 School year were given during two Awards Convocations, May 16-17.

Jeff Woodall was presented the Wilson Loyalty Medal as the Cadet with a loyal spirit in upholding the traditions of the School.

Jack Rhodes received the Sage Memorial Medal as the senior showing the greatest development during the School year.

The Effort medal was presented Steve Ankeny and the Rose Medal went to Steve Heywood as the new boy with the most satisfactory record for the year.

Don Radtke received the Ninninger Award as the Cadet making the most of his talents and abilities.

Lawrence Clovis, of the American Legion, presented the American Legion Medal to Daryl Hampton as the commissioned officer with the highest

academic average during the school year.

Lower School awards went to Larry Britegam, Progress medal; Doug Bramer, Effort medal; Elmer Pearce, Athletic medal; and George Tull, the Lower School medal for the most satisfactory record.

Recipients of the Shank prizes for the highest academic average in each class went to Bart Day, seventh grade; Paul Manbeck, eighth; Ed Veazey, ninth; Peter Gardner, tenth; Daryl Hampton, 11th, and Joe Grant, twelfth.

Hampton received the Activity Leadership medal and the Athletic Scholarship medal. Paul Manbeck received the Lower School Athletic scholarship medal.

The Foundation awards to the Cadets with the highest character ratings in each class went to George Tull, Lower School; Dan Rosenthal, freshman; Scott McKenzie, sophomore; Gene deBeque, junior, and Pete Eslick, senior.

The Rotary Medal to the senior with longest service at St. John's was awarded Mike Berbert and Oscar Olivo who also received the Hardy Rifleman Award.

The "I Dare you Awards" given by the Danford Foundation were presented to Steve Ankeny and Bill Collins.

Faculty merit awards for serving as Battalion messengers were presented Steve Heywood, Joe Suchecki, Mark Everett, Larry Schroeder, Richard Whitford, Charles Fairchild, Jim Martinez, Richard Davis, Steve Miller, Steve Price, Sam Templin, Pat Dickerson and Richard Merritt.

Ceremonies on Thursday night were also held on Perkins Field with Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, Director of Studies, as the Master of Ceremonies.

Bill Collins was awarded the Tinsley C. Fry Athletic Medal.

Mike Frow received the Bug-

ler's award and the Best Bandsman award. Lance Miller received the Drummer's award.

In Rifle Team awards Walter McCoy received the Cheney Marksmanship Badge and Rick Holmes the Upper School Marksmanship medal.

Superior Cadet Military awards were presented Bill Collins, Jeff Woodall, Steve Ankeny, Jimmy Armstrong and Peter Rau.

Ed Mulford received the Reserve Officers Association Award.

Jim Patrick received the Lower School Citizenship medal and Doug Harwager the VFW Citizenship medal.

Roy Glinke received the D. A. R. medal.

Receiving faculty merit awards were Donahue, Broome, Steve Blakemore, Mike Regan, Marc Cartier, Gene deBeque, Peter Gardner, John Thornburg, Fred Meek and Jim Leonard. Library workers awards were presented Dan Phillips, Paul Manbeck, George Winn, Charles Cairns, Ben Davis, Larry Schoof and George Ward.

Roy Glinke and Steve Ankeny received student publications awards.

Bob Brassette received the S. A. R. medal as the commissioned officer with the best leadership and soldierly bearing.

Receiving choir awards were Ronnie Kuehn, Jim Shoffner, George Tull and David Nordling. Receiving acolyte certificates were John Bonner, Tom Ebbe, Drew Demshki, Mark French, Eric Funston and Charles Burrell.

Bob Donahue and Jeff Broome received special

awards for serving as student chaplains.

Certificates of Educational Development for scoring above the 90th percentile in national tests were presented Steve Kehmeier, Paul Manbeck, Joe Schwinn, Evan Pyle, Jim Patrick, Mark French, Dan Phillips, Ken Miller, Scott McKenzie, Tom Harper, Phil Hahn, Pete Gardner and Eric Funston.

Course scholarship awards for the highest average in a course during the year were presented to Oscar Olivo, Jimmy Armstrong, Jim Garvey, 3 courses; Daryl Hampton, 4 courses; Peter Gardner, 2 courses; Jack Cairns, 2 courses; Mike Blanck, Larry Schroeder, Bill Blomquist, Eric Funston, Steve Gorman, Joe Grant, John Phillips, Bob Byers, 2 courses; Kent Tretheway, Scott Chesbro, Garry Woodside, Steve Blakemore, Andy Davis, Steve Heywood, Tim Rademacher, Mike Hedglin, Jim Patrick, 2 courses; Ricky Mills, Gene Strickland, Dennis Murphy and George Tull.

The Ferris awards for excellence in General Shop and Mechanical Drawing were presented Mike Blanck, Jack Cairns, Larry Schroeder, Peter Gardner and Daryl Hampton. Hampton also received the DEAP medal for the highest grade in American history.

Tim Rademacher received the Bausch and Lomb award for excellence in science.

Roy Glinke was presented with the National Honor Society trophy.

## Promotions

The Cadet Commanding Officer of the 80th Corps of Cadets was promoted before Commencement. Bob Brassette was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The executive officer, Tim Rademacher, was promoted to the rank of major as was a member of the Battalion Staff, Scott Chesbro.

John Thornburg was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned duty as the Battalion ordnance chief.

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Roy Glinke was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. Promoted to platoon sergeants were Garry Woodside and James Garvey. Alvin Smith was boosted up to the rank of captain. Pat Dickerson was promoted to the rank of private first class.

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Bruce Barnes was promoted to the rank of sergeant. New corporals are Flo Bogen, Bob Bvers and Floyd Eckel. By the same special order, Robert Thomas was authorized to wear the "old boy" shields and was promoted to the rank of private first class.

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A group of promotions were made during the last week of School. Don Radtke was promoted to the rank of captain.

Wallace Curry was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Roby Anderson was promoted to the rank of first sergeant.

New platoon sergeants are Bill Griffith and Peter Rau.

Promoted to staff sergeants were Doug Harwager, Bob Dorman and Tom Byers.

New sergeants are Ray Cox, Larry Britegam, David Beedle, Billy Harrington, Ronnie Kuehn and Rod Wakefield.

New corporals were Greg Campbell, Ben Davis, Mark Everett, Bob Fitch, Steve Miller, Bob Davis and Perry Proffitt.

Bill Brassette, Jeff Ulrich and Mike Gebner were promoted to privates first class.

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In end of the year promotions. Jim Chesney was promoted to staff sergeant. George Ward, Steve McConnell and John Beckner were promoted to sergeants. New corporals are Larry Schoof and Kent Tretheway.

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Promoted to the rank of sergeant was Peter Bulkley. Gene deBeque was boosted to the rank of platoon sergeant.

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John Phillips and Steve Heywood joined the ranks of the commissioned officers by being promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. Steve Kathka was advanced to staff sergeant.

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Promoted to the rank of corporal was Fred Meek. David Sebring was advanced to the rank of sergeant.



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## Good Conduct Ribbons Awarded Many Cadets

A special order was read during the last week of School awarding the Good Conduct ribbons for the 1967-68 year.

Receiving the oak leaf cluster to the ribbon were Roger Adkisson, Roby Anderson, Jimmy Armstrong, Tony Bell, Steve Blakemore, Marc Cartier, Bill Collins, Wally Curry, Dick Dickson, Bill Griffith, Ronnie Kuehn, Steve McConnell, Kent Mosher, John Oder, Elmer Pearce, John Phillips, Gaylen Piercy, Tim Rademacher, Don Radtke, Lenny Ramsey, Peter Rau, Allen Reeve, Ron Robacker, Larry Schroeder, Alvin Smith, Paul Smith, Gene Strickland, Rod Wakefield, Jeff Woodall, Garry Woodside.

Awarded ribbons were Roy Abbott, Steve Ankeny, David Beedle, Mike Berbert, David Bereutt, Mike Blanck, Bill Blomquist, Douglas Bramer, Larry Britegam, Richard Cassidy, Scott Chesbro, Jim Chesney, James Croke, Bart Day, Drew Demshki, Dennis DeVore,

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Jim Martinez, Richard Merritt, Ken Miller, Steve Miller, David Morrill, Bill Nemmers, Jim Patrick, David Phelps, Dan Phillips, Mike Pierce, Perry Proffitt, Steve Quirk, Dean Raser, Tom Reynolds, Jack Rhodes, Dan Rosenthal, David Sebring, Ed Skaggs, Phil Smith, Max Strella, John Stuart, Joe Suchecki, John Thornburg, Gerald Tincani, George Tull, Ed Veazey, Joe Ward and Dan Witham.

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## Basketball Center Speaks to Athletes

Nick Pino, basketball center on the Big Eight 1968 championship team from Kansas State University, was the speaker at the annual Lettermen's Dinner and Dance, Saturday, May 4.

The Master of ceremonies was CDR. H. E. Nuss, Director of Studies. Coaches, recognizing the monogram recipients, were Lt. David Kuchera, Capt. Loren Roush, Lt. Larry

Dwyer, Lt. Fred Strathe, Lt. Jim Sallee, and Lt. Bill Austin.

Chef Frank Maumoo served a buffet dinner featuring baron of beef.

The response was given by Bill Collins, president of the S-Club.

## Webb, Woodall Win Room Award

The Room-of-the-Week award for the inspection period ending April 25 went to Room 101 in Griswold Hall. Occupants of the room are Maj. William Webb and M/Sgt. Dwight Woodall of the Commandant's Staff. (Editor's Note: We're just kiddin', no inspection was made that week due to Federal inspection.)

Randy Pierce and Peter Gardner again received the Room-of-the-Week award for the inspection period ending May 4.

Receiving honorable mention were Charles Cairns, Dick Thompson, Lance Miller, Jim Hilbig, David Phelps, Bill Guyer, Steve Heywood, Roy Abbott, Gary Ritnour, David Sebring, David Morrill, Patrick Dickerson, Greg Holzer, Steven Miller, Joe Suchecki, Greg Eslick, Ron Robacker, George Jenkins, Gene deBeque, Jay Mai, Allen Reeve and Thomas Harper.

The occupants of two rooms tied for Room-of-the-Week honors for the final inspection period ending May 11. Robert Ellis and Ed Mulford in Griswold Hall and David Phelps and Bill Guyer in Mize Hall were commended for their attention to duty.

Receiving honorable mention were Peter Gardner, Randall Pierce, Charles Cairns, Richard Thompson, David LaFoy, Kent Mosher, Tim Jackson, Ronnie Kuehn, Jay Mai, Gene deBeque, George Ward, Max Strella, Jim Patrick, Gaylen Piercy, Roby Anderson, Dean Raser, John Ferraro, Steve Verity, Stephen Ankeny, Steve Heywood, Dan Rosenthal, Steve Kehmeier, Steve McConnell, Meigs Logan, David Sebring, David Morrill, Jeff Urich, Randy Woods, John Beckner, Bill Griffith, Larry Schoof, Kent Tretheway, David Earle, Rod Wakefield, Allen Reeve, Thomas Harper, Dennis Liska, Jeff Woodall, George Dickson, Ron Robacker and George Jenkins.

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## Rifle Team Earns Trophy

The St. John's Rifle Team received the third place boy's team trophy with bronze medals for placing in the Wichita State University Invitational High School Rifle matches, April 19-20. The trophy was presented to the School at an Awards Assembly, May 17.

The Cadets fired a team score of 952 to finish third in a field of 10 teams.

Three Cadets earned medals as high individual scorers in the event. Oscar Olivo finished fourth with 261; Ed Mulford, fifth with a 259 and Cal Loper, ninth with a 241. Dennis Stewart fired a 234 score but was not a medal winner.

M/Sgt. Tom Watson is the Rifle Team coach.

## New Chapel, Mess Schedule Tried

A change in the mess and chapel schedule was tried during the last two weeks of school. Dinner was served at 6 p.m. with the chapel service being held at 6:45 p.m. During the current school year, Chapel was scheduled at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6:15. If the new plan is adopted next year, it would permit athletes and others involved in extra-curricular activities to attend Chapel services.

## Law Assembly Given

A special assembly on "Law Day, U. S. A.", was presented by two Salina Lawyers in Armstrong Chapel at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 30. Presenting the program were Jack Stewart and John Simpson.

## Cadets Assist At Baccalaureate

The Cadet participants in the Baccalaureate Serve have been announced.

Mark French was the crucifer. Charles Eric Funston and William Tinkler were the acolytes.

Color Bearers were Allen Armstrong, Gary Freeman, and Jeff Woodall. The members of the Color Guard were Jeff Broome and Douglas Harwager.

The St. John's Military School Choir under the direction of the Rev. Richard Fealock, School Chaplain, sang. Mrs. Leo Ayers is the accompanist.

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## Colonel Clem Leaves His Cadets

The thermometer registered 117 degrees; the top pay for a teacher was \$75 a month; 44 boys were enrolled and the annual tuition was \$650 a year.

Into these surroundings, Remy Leland Clem arrived at St. John's Military School in July of 1936.

He managed to overcome the obstacles in his path and continued to stay at St. John's School for the next 32 years.

The temperature wasn't 117 degrees, as a matter of fact, it was cold; teachers' salaries are considerably higher; the enrollment stands at an all-time high of 230 Cadets, and the School budget is more than a half-million dollars as Colonel Clem was honored during formal retirement ceremonies during Commencement exercises Sunday afternoon, May 19.

Colonel and Mrs. Clem moved to Denver in January of 1967 and the Colonel has spent the last year and a half in a development program for the school. Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, has been running the administration of the Salina campus.

In leaving Colonel Clem said: "I leave St. John's with the conviction that true miracles happen here. Miracles that occur when boys who have not succeeded elsewhere for a variety of reasons or who have never found worthwhile and acceptable goals find in our program of encouragement and incentives something which stimulates their desire to succeed. They learn they must pay a price for their success. They accept the duties and responsibilities assigned to them. Most Cadets pay the price and carry into more adult strata of life the habits they learn here."

He continued, "When one retires from an important work in which he has been involved for a number of years, he craves the assurance that his successor have the professional and personal skills to further the work. Colonel Duckers is admirably suited to head St. John's. In the 17 years, he and I have shared the joy and sorrows of independent school administration. I have never known him to misjudge the implications of any problem. More important he has inborn respect for the other fellow and his rights, be he adolescent or an adult."

The Episcopal boarding school had an influence on the Colonel's life. He came to Salina a Presbyterian layman but later was confirmed in the Episcopal church and was Ordained a priest in the church on May 5, 1941. As a priest, he has baptized, married and even buried the sons of St. John's. His children, Connie and Alan "Cub", were raised at St. John's. Alan, now a professor of political science at the University of South Dakota, entered St. John's as a third grader and was graduated as the commanding officer of the 58th Corps of Cadets and was a Gordon prize winner. Connie married a graduate of the Class of 1946, Ralph Parker

Bliss, in Armstrong Chapel on the School campus.

The most dramatic and terrifying experience in the Colonel's 32 years at the School was the fire which destroyed the fourth floor of Vail Hall in March of 1948. He recalled the horrible experience of tearing out partitions in the office area in order to carry school records and files into the "bull ring".

He remembers the many Indian boys who attended the School from Oklahoma in the 1930's. Their mothers would arrive to visit dressed in the tribal robes and sitting in the middle of a chauffeur-driven limousine.

Colonel Clem said that highlights of a Saturday evening in the mid-1950's were watching skits presented by two Cadets, Larry Rice and Dean Hargrove. He now watches television programs such as the last Bob Hope special that are written by Hargrove who is a motion picture and television writer. Rice didn't take up a dramatic career but is a City Manager in Cottage Grove, Ore.

He said that every boy and his environment during the 32 years were an individual situation with none being the same.

The Military affiliation of the school has changed several times during the years; the plant has grown from four buildings to many, and the staff has increased from six teachers to 28 plus additional staff such as a nurse, night-time eduty officers and military instructors.

Many things have changed but Col. Clem said the festivities surrounding the traditional Thanksgiving and Commencement weekends at the school are still very similar to those of the 1930's.

The 1967 issue of the School yearbook, "The Sound-Off",

was dedicated to Col. Clem and the dedication sums up 32 years at the School. It read: "Cadets have come and gone by the hundreds. He's known them all. He's swelled with pride as they went on to successes in the business world, some failed; . . . and wept when telegrams arrived that they had died on far-flung battlefields of the world. He lived and breathed the cares and woes of St. John's Military School but he never was too busy to be worried by the crisis that a Cadet feels he faces when he's been jilted by a girl friend."

### Ben Davis Runs In State Mile-Run

Ben Davis placed second in the mile-run at the Class A Regional track meet to represent St. John's in the State Track meet.

Davis came in a strong third in the State event held May 18 at the Salina High School track. Davis is a sophomore.

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# L.S. Trackmen Take 2nd at Lindsborg

The Lower School track team finished second in both the "A" and "B" classes at the Lindsborg Invitational track meet April 24.

In the "A" division, St. John's scored 30 points to defeat Marquette, Roxbury, Smolan, Galva and Falun. Elmer Pearce set a new meet and School record in the pole vault with a leap of 9 feet, 8 inches. The St. John's medley relay team set a new meet record with a time of 2:03.

## A-Class Results:

Low Hurdles—Carl Young, second; Ed Skaggs, fourth.  
Pole Vault—Pearce, first.  
75-yard dash—Randy Woods, third.  
Shot—David Phelps, second; Pearce, fourth.  
100-yard dash—Woods, third.  
High Jump—McKown, third; Pearce, fourth.  
Broad Jump—Steve Quirk, second.  
440-relay—Team of Dennis Liska, Phelps, Gene Strickland, Cary Oursler, finished second.  
Medley Relay—Team of Luzier, Oursler, Liska and David Beedle, first.  
In the B-Class David Earle

scored first places in the low hurdles, 75 and 100-yard dashes to take top honors in the junior division.

## Other results:

75-yard dash—Rod Wakefield, fourth.  
High Jump—Maurice Niedens, tied for third.  
220 yard dash — Wakefield, third.  
Broad Jump—Tim Jackson, second; Niedens, fourth.  
440-relay—Team of Mike Gepner, Niedens, Joe Schwinn and Wakefield finished second.

# Cadets Attend Teenage Meet

Six St. John's Cadets attended the Kansas Governor's Teenage Leadership Seminar in Topeka on Saturday, May 4.

Representing the School were Jimmy Lee Armstrong, Steven Blakemore, Andrew Davis, Floyd Eckel, Daryl Hampton and John Phillips.

# Boxing Champs Named

The weight champions in the Company competition boxing tournament have been named by Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Boxing Commissioner.

Winners, their companies and weight classes were Mike Hedglin, "C" Company, mite; Tom Byers, "B" Company, bantam; Randy Pierce, "A" Company, light-weight; Steve Kathka, "B" Company, Upper School welter-weight; Tim Stephens, "C" Company, Lower School welter-weight; Tim Rademacher, Headquarters, middle-weight, and Lennon Ramsey, "B" Company, light heavy-weight.

# School Receives Old Uniforms

Jim Manard, Class of 1937, has sent the School his old uniforms and officer accoutrements according to Mrs. John Fonck, Administrative Assistant. Pictures, uniforms and other items from the past are being accumulated for use at some future date in a St. John's museum.

# Harriers Get Monograms

School monograms for participation in the track program have been awarded according to Lt. Fred Strathe, track coach.

Receiving "A" team awards were Jimmy Armstrong, Steve Blakemore, Flo Bogen, Robert Brasette, Ben Davis, Floyd Eckel, Rick Holmes, George Jenkins, Jim Martinez and Lennon Ramsey.

"B" team letters were given Robert Davis, Douglas Harwager, Richard McDow and Ron Robacker.

Jack Cairns received the manager's award.

# Foundation Books Added to Library

Books given by the St. John's Foundation in honor of one of last year's graduating seniors, Charles Peacock, have been added to the shelves of the Clem Library.

The books are given in honor of a senior Cadet each year who has had the best combined rating characteristics other than academic during the year.

The books are "Attila: King of the Huns", Webb; "The Andrew Carnegie Story", Simon; "Pablo Casals", Foresee; "Yes I can: The Story of Sammy Davis jr.", Davis; "Victor Hugo and His World", Maurois; "Fleet Admiral: The Story of William F. Halsey", Keating; "Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: Portrait of An American Humanist", Wagenknecht; "Stagestruck: The Romance of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne", Zolotow; "Peary: The Explorer and The Man", Weems; "The Cole Porter Story", Ewen; "The Life of Dylan Thomas", Fitzgibbon; "Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Known and The Unknown", Wagenknecht, and "U Thant, The Search for Peace", Bingham.

# Cadets Enrolled In Drivers' Ed.

A group of 11 Cadets were enrolled in a Driver Education program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Salina High School. Taking the course are Roger Adkisson, Peter Buckley, Riley Doing, Bill Holloway, Kenneth Miller, Peter Rau, Larry Schroeder, Dennis Stewart, Bill Tinkler, George Ward and Gary Woodside.

# Crack Squad Invited To Law Day Activities

The Crack Drill Squad participated in Law Day activities at Schilling Manor, near Salina, May 3.

A group of 120 children received their American citizenship papers during ceremonies held that day.

# Golfers Receive School Letters

Golf letters for the current school year have been awarded according to Lt. Dean Kindlesparger, coach. "A" letters went to Scott Chesbro, Bill Collins, Bob Platner, Ed Greene and Evan Gantz. Jackie Rhodes and Wally Curry received "B" team awards.

# Key Clubbers To Convention

A delegation of 10 Key Clubbers attended the State Convention of Key Clubs at Topeka. Making the trip were Evan Gantz, John Thornburg, Dick Dickson, Charles Cairns, Ed Greene, Wally Curry, Al Smith, Steve Ankeny, Roy Glinke and Scott Chesbro.

Harvey Hoover, Key Club advisor from the Salina Kiwanis Club, furnished transportation for the trip.

# Young Harriers Get Letters

School monograms have been awarded for track in the Lower School. Awards went to Steven Quirk, Paul Manbeck, Kevin McKown, Elmer Pearce, Randall Woods, Dennis Liska, David Phelps, John Legler, Richard Luzier, David Beedle, Carl Young, Charles Hanline, and Cary Oursler.

# Three More "Old Boys"

Three more Cadets have joined the ranks of the "old boys" of St. John's and were promoted to the rank of private first class. They are Thomas Harper, Richard Whitford and Bob Platner.

# More Old Boys

Three more Cadets have joined the ranks of the "old boys" and earned the rank of private first class. They are Donald Strahley, Mark Adams and Steve McKee.



ENJOYING A GAME OF POOL in the Spencer Cadet Center were Cadets Charles Burrell and Tim Maloney. The Spencer Center, in use for the first time this year, was a popular spot with the Cadets in the 80th Corps.

# Hampton Heads SJMS Key Club

Daryl Hampton was elected president of the Key Club for the next school year. Wally Curry was elected vice president and Jimmy Armstrong, secretary-treasurer.

The club purchased a plaque on which the names of the winners of the Sandy Ninninger Award are inscribed. The Ninninger award is given each year at Commencement time to the Cadet making the most of his talents and abilities.

# Chesbro, Collins Win Golf Regional

Scott Chesbro and Bill Collins won the Class A Regional two-man golf tournament at Abilene, May 11. They represented the School at the State Class A tourney at the Rolling Hills Country Club, Wichita, May 17-18.

Collins and Chesbro presented Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent-elect, with the trophy they won.

# A Cadet Litany

(Editor's Note—The following was found in the 1945-46 issue of "The Observer", an early forerunner of the St. John's yearbook. It has been slightly updated but not much.)

From green uniforms and the manual of arms; from daily drill and formations; from chipped beef gravy on toast and from all squad; from supervised study hall and reveille; from chapel and from going to bed at taps; from wearing uniforms and from merchants' retail association; from World War rifles and from smoking permits; from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and from chemistry lab; and from sour bugle calls—

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## Combo Plays

The St. John's Mule-Skinners Combo played for Club Creeke, sponsored by the Salina YWCA, at Memorial Hall, Friday, April 26.

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