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A REAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

CADETS HIT HARD BY JINGLES

The usual Christmas party for the Cadets was held on the evening of Friday, December 17th. This has been a custom for the past eleven years and was started by Colonel Ganssle when he became superintendent of the school. Ever since school started the faculty has been on the alert to get practical jokes and suggestions in connection with the Christmas jingles. The Cadets and guests entered the dining hall at six-thirty. The great room was filled with the odor of good things to eat and was all decked out in its best array and was very beautiful. As the Cadets marched in, Capt. Shideler at the piano played a march very softly. The orchestra then rendered a march. The orchestra this year is somewhat larger than that of last year. The members being as follows:

Piano—Markley

Violins—Morrow, Brach I, Marshall

Cello—Jones K.

Banjo—Horton

Clarinet—Parcell

Saxophone—Gibbs

Cornets—Caldwell, Kintz, Davies

Baritone—Thamer

Trombone—Shipherd

Drums—Crooks

After Bishop Mize said grace everyone joined in singing "S. J. M. S. Forever." During dinner the following musical program was given by several of the Cadets under the direction of Capt. Shideler. Capt. Shideler being master of ceremonies. For several of the Cadets this was their first public appearance.

The Program

St. John's Military School,
6:00 P. M. December 17, 1926.

1. Grand Entry, "The Patriot" Orchestra
2. School Song By School
3. Piano Solo, "Poupee Valsante" (Dancing Doll) Markley
4. Violin Solo, "At Peace With the World" Brach I.
5. Cornet Duet, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" Kintz, Caldwell
6. Cornet Solo, "The Lost Chord" Davies
7. Waltz, "Woodland" Orchestra
8. Popular, "Smiles" Orchestra
9. Mandolin Solo, "Bye Bye Blackbird" Brach II.
10. Baritone Solo, "Le Secret" Thamer
11. Duet, "Drifting and Dreaming" Thamer, Gibbs

Upon the completion of the dinner the tables were pushed back and the chairs arranged around the tree and the piano. The Colonel then presented the different Cadets with their respective presents and read off the appropriate jingle. After the last rhyme was read the Bishop wished everyone the season's greetings and pronounced a benediction. As the boys left the room they received a little gift of candy given by the Bishop.

The guests of the evening were:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiller

Mr. L. S. Hurst

Mrs. D. R. Moore

Daniel Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barker

Mrs. J. L. Pierce

ST. JOHN'S VS. CULVER

The Cadet basket ball team won their first game of the season from Culver High School team of Culver, Kansas, by the overwhelming score of 45 to 1.

The Cadets had remarkable team

work throughout the game, although there is much room for improvement in handling the ball. Fuhrman, Roth and Shortt, veterans from previous years, were able to take part in this game and it is probable that Holmes and Stotts, both letter men, will be in the lineup after Christmas.

Fuhrman and Shortt contributed most to the score. Shortt was high point man with eight baskets, while Fuhrman had seven.

Jordan at center plays a fast game for a man with so little experience, and is filling the shoes of Utterback, who graduated last year, as well as can be expected for so early in the season.

Jones R. and Crane also play a good game and are new in the regular lineup.

At the half, substitutes were put in, for the rest of the game.

CHRISTMAS TIDE AROUND ST. JOHN'S

'Tis Christmas season, the happiest time in all the year. The heart of each and every Cadet is filled with joy and expectancy of the vacation, that is soon to come.

Each room is filled with a steady buzz, which is significant of the mysterious plots and plans being made there. Our valiant comrade, a native son of the rocky mountain region, Gordon I, is firmly resolved to paint all Denver a glorious red. Our masterly Parcell, is steadfast in his determination to rudely shock the pride of every old hen on his Aunt's farm. And, oh ye people of Eureka! may the peace and protection of the gods be with you when that dashing romeo, Sergeant Hover, sweeps upon you.

So it is, that the plans which we have made are evident of that spirit of happiness and anxiety, which is filling the hearts and souls of all and causes us to impatiently count the days, hours and minutes, until the glorious day arrives.

Cadets Loyd Gibbs, Paul Jeannin, and Robert Crooks are remaining at the school over the holidays.

Cadet Gibbs spent Christmas day at the home of Captain and Mrs. Shideler.

Attention to Orders:
Headquarters Cadet Corps,
St. John's Military School,
Salina, Kansas,
December 4, 1926.

Special Order No. 31.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the character and ability of the following named Cadet the following promotion is made.

Cadet Roth to be Cadet Corporal.

He is therefore to carefully and diligently discharge the duties belonging to such office.

All Cadets under his command shall be obedient to his orders and he in turn shall follow such orders as he shall receive from me the Commandant, and all other officers set over him according to the rules and regulations of this institution.

By order of the Commandant.

P. E. Shortt,

Act. 1st Lieut. and Adjutant.

W. L. Ganssle,
Superintendent.

E. S. Heller,
Commandant.

D. K. Farnsworth,
Act. Battalion Commander.

Caldwell: (in commercial arithmetic class) I've added these figures up ten times.

Capt. Shideler: Good boy.

Caldwell: And here are the ten answers.

Moe: What is the best way to prevent the disease caused by biting insects?

Stotts: Don't bite the insects.

He: "What kind of a dress is that?"

She: "A dotted Swiss."

He: "How dumb of me. Cheese cloth of course."—Ex.

"Why, Scott, what happened to you in the football game today? You've lost your front teeth."

"No, indeed, I haven't. Here they are in this handkerchief."

Phil Shortt's girl is so dumb that she bought a ticket for the "Big Parade" and waited two hours on the curb for it to pass.

Hover: What's the matter with that saxophone?

Elkins: I don't know, I blow good music in it but none seems to come out.

Attention to Orders:
Headquarters Cadet Corps,
St. John's Military School,
Salina, Kansas,
November 21, 1926.

Special Order No. 21.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the character and ability of the following named Cadet the following promotion is made.

Cadet Corporal Gibbs to be Cadet Sergeant.

He is therefore to carefully and diligently discharge the duties of such office.

All Cadets under his command shall be obedient to his orders and he in turn shall follow such orders as he shall receive from me the Commandant, and all other officers set over him according to the rules and regulations of this institution.

By order of the Commandant.

D. K. Farnsworth,

Act. 1st Lieut. and Adjutant.

W. L. Ganssle,
Superintendent.

E. S. Heller,
Commandant.

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Act. Battalion Commander.

THE BATTALION

Great improvement has been noticed in the Battalion, in the first three months of school. Never before has the Battalion, as a whole, been in better shape at this time of the year and this has been made possible by the cooperation of Major Heller and the Cadet officers. The new boys have been doing their best and the rifle drill comes about with a snap. When doing the manual of arms, the Battalion works like a big machine, every movement being so definite and snappy.

The fellows going home for Christmas vacation want to keep the fact in mind that there will be a few cadets remain here at school. Send them a card or letter, they'll enjoy it.

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BOYS GAIN WEIGHT

The Colonel one day at the noon lunch hour asked how many boys had gained over five pounds during the past three months. Almost all of the Cadet Corps raised a hand, he then asked how many had gained over ten pounds, at this most of the boys dropped out, then he asked how many had gained over fifteen pounds. The Colonel continued until he finally asked how many had gained over twenty-five pounds, and lo, and behold, two of the new boys raised their hand, these boys were Cadets Thamer and Harris. Harris had gained twenty-five pounds and Thamer had gained twenty-six pounds.

Fuhrman: Can you imagine anyone going to bed with their shoes on?

Roth: Who does that?

Fuhrman: My horse.

A PALATABLE COLLATION OF
EDITORIAL COMMENT

(Not hard to take)

Some of these small cars are getting so very small that the only way they can deal with a refractory pedestrian is to sting him.—Punch.

If half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, it isn't for want of trying.—Publishers Syndicate.

We often think that the only way to abolish petting and kindred evils would be to resume drowning all the girl babies.—Ohio State Journal.

No food merger ever can survive in America, except hash.—Springfield Sun.

So live that Gen. Smedley D. Butler might drop in at any moment.—Ohio State Journal.

If you are tired of reading about amazing land values and profits in Florida and weary of seeing pictures of visitors lolling on the sands of Miami and Palm Beach, subscribe to a Southern California newspaper.—Detroit Free Press.

What doth it profit a man to have the initiative if his wife has the referendum?—San Bernardino Sun.

"If Shakespeare were alive today he would be looked upon as a remarkable man."—Lecture. Sure, he would be over 300 years old.—Chicago Herald-Examiner.

Nothing is more pitiful than to see a bashful child run and try to hide behind his mother's knickers.—Kansas City Star.

If the pedestrian race is to survive, some means will have to be found to provide them with spare parts.—Columbia Record.

True religion is the kind that makes you love people after you no longer need them.—Baltimore Sun.

Some words on the end of your tongue should be allowed to remain there.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

There was a long line of people waiting to see the "Miracle" play, and it happened that a Scotchman and an Irishman were standing one behind the other in this line. As the Scotchman approached the window he asked for a \$1.50 seat, and finding there was nothing left but \$3.00 seats, thought a moment and then bought a \$3.00 ticket. The Irishman immediately fell out of line and when asked why he didn't purchase a ticket, he replied: "I've already seen a miracle."

COMPETITIVE DRILLS

It has been the custom at St. John's to have competitive drills in which all cadets in ranks may take part. The winners of said drills are rewarded for their hard work by a special pass or if they have squad they are given three hours credit.

There has been three such drills this year. The honors were divided between three cadets.

Those receiving rewards were: Acting Corporal Kinkel; Acting Lance Corporal Dismuke; Cadet Moe. Each of these cadets won one drill.

Cadets Kinkel and Dismuke took advantage of a special pass, while Cadet Moe took the three hours' credit—although he really didn't need it. (Much)

These competitive drills are very good practice as well as good for increasing one's capacity for thinking, and are a great help to the cadets in getting ready for Commencement, when they drill for the Commandant's Medal.

When the weather suits you not

Try Smiling

When your coffee isn't hot

Try Smiling

When your boy friends don't do right

When your faculty advisor fights

Sure 'tis hard but when you're right

Try Smiling

Doesn't change the things of course

Just Smiling

But it cannot make them worse

Just Smiling

And it seems to help your case

Brightens up a gloomy place

Then it sort of rests your face

Just Smiling

"You never can tell," said the bandit as he shot the only witness to his crime.

The day was done, the note was fast,
As through an Alpine village past—
He shouted with a steady roar
Excelsior! Excelsior!

Ha; Ha; I know you Dan McGrew!
He screamed and turned a bright red
blue,

If you know Susie like I know Gin,
You're a better man than I am,
Gunga Din.

Sink or float! the crow did sing.
O, father, I hear the church bells ring.
It was 50 below and all through the
nite,

Not a creature was stirring, the
whole crew was tight.

It was such a nite in '85,
Hardly a man is now alive.
Let it rain, let it pour.

Quoth the raven, "nevermore!"

The jig is up; at last he said
Shoot if you must this old gray head.
This wicked world I can endure,
Because I know I'm sweet and pure.

(With apologies to "Brown Jug.")

Cadets Crooks and Jeannin spent
Christmas day at the home of Cap-
tain John Barker.

Mr. Barker (in Spanish class):
"How do you say, I hit the boy."

Moe: "Just how big a boy are you
talking about?"

Capt. Shideler: "Why did you
move the decimal point, Reese?"

Reese: "To make the answer come
out right."

Having arrived at the conclusion
that ice cream has no bones, "Alibi"
Bill Mourning is busy in an endeavor
to find out why radiators make that
"funny sizzling noise."

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FOOTBALL TROPHIES

Following the close of football season it is always customary to have a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control. This meeting was held a few days ago and the men who, in the idea of the Board, deserving of a trophy, should be voted upon to receive same.

Sweaters have been ordered and other trophies are expected to be ordered soon. Following is a list of the men receiving trophies for the 1926 season, giving the year played and the trophy to be received.

Lieut. Fuhrman, 4th year—Blanket
Lieut. Holmes, 3rd year—Blanket
Corp. Roth, 2nd year—Football (Gold)

Corp. Mourning, 2nd year—Football (Gold)

Lieut. Edwards, (Manager) 2nd year—Football (Gold)

Lieut. Shortt, 1st year—Sweater
Lieut. Farnsworth, 1st yr.—Sweater

1st Sergt. Woulfe, 1st year—Sweater

Corp. Elkins, 1st year—Sweater
Corp. Jordan, 1st year—Sweater
Cadet Jones R., 1st year—Sweater
Cadet Kinkel, 1st year—Sweater
Cadet Shields, 1st year—Sweater
Cadet Markley, 1st year—Sweater
Cadet Stotts, 1st year—Sweater

Due to the lateness in placing the orders it was impossible to get the trophies here to present at the Christmas party, the night before Christmas vacation starts, much to the regret of those named above.

THE ORCHESTRA

Through Capt. Shideler's kind attention and interest the orchestra and music of the school has been progressing exceptionally well. This year's orchestra is somewhat larger than that of last year, it contains fourteen pieces: Cadet Markley, Piano; Cadets Caldwell, Kintz, Davies, Moe, Cornets; Cadets Brach I, Marshall, Morrow, Violins; Cadet Jones K., Cello; Cadet Thamer, Euphonia; Cadet Parcell, Clarinet; Cadet Gibbs, Saxophone; Cadet Crooks, Drums; Cadet Horton, Banjo. These men if their work is done to Capt. Shideler's satisfaction receive for their efforts one half credit in music.

Capt Shideler has been supervising the musical program for the past three months given in the dining hall at dinner time each Sunday at which the members of the Cadet Corps take part.

Two weeks ago Mr. Lebow, director of the Shrine band and head of numerous other activities, consented to give the Cadets a program in which he and his family were to take part. The accompaniment was given by Mrs. Lebow. The first number was a violin solo by Miss Roberta Lebow, the second number was a vocal solo by Miss Rhoda Lebow and last but not least, among the solos, was a clarinet solo by Mr. Lebow. The program was concluded with two ensemble numbers. This program was considered the best given this year and was appreciated very much by the Cadet Corps.

By Kayo and K. D.

THE BUGLE CORPS

Due to the fact that three of our buglers graduated last year, and the drummers are seeking higher positions in the Battalion, the Bugle Corps of this year is composed of almost all new men.

The old members from last year are: Corporal Caldwell; Cadets Jones R. and Kintz.

With these old members and the aid of six new men, we have a worthy bugle corps, which is progressing as fast as can be expected.

As soon as the weather permits, parades will be given every Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

Shortt: What's happened to your patent leathers?

Hake: The patent expired.

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SKIRMISHES

(Herbert Hake)

Holidays again, so the calendar tells us, but like everything else they have their drawbacks. The question of finance, for instance. Whoever heard of anyone celebrating a holiday without a certain amount of "spondeulix" in tow? Who furnishes it? Why, Dad, of course, the best old scout in the world, always right there with a glad smile and an open pocketbook. Right now is a good time to start economizing and help Dad a little with his expense budget.

We are sure glad that the windows are ALWAYS closed when we get up in the morning.

THE BASKETBALL TEAM 1926-27

The basketball season of 1926-27 has started out in full swing. There were some twenty-five Cadets that came out to show the Coach their ability to play the game. We are glad to have back with us this year all but one of the letter men of last year, altho' the absentee's place is being filled splendidly. The following named Cadets came out for the team:

Holmes
Stotts
Fuhrman
Shortt
Markley
Roth
Jordan
Hendricks
Woulfe
Jones R.
Mitchell
Mourning
Bridgman
Crane
Scott
Ripley C.
Horton
Frisbie
Hookey
Palmer
Prather
Shields
Thamer
Hover
Smith

It looks as tho' we are going to have a winning team this year, let us, at least, hope so.

SEVEN MORE DAYS

7 more days
168 more hours
10,080 more minutes
604,800 more seconds

One could guess the meaning; vacation was but one week off.

Everyone, even the slowest, was getting ready to venture homeward.

Naturally, Coach Small had already given his warning signal: All Math. work must be in before leaving. At this command, all began their hardest work, as none wished to remain.

School is really trying, now. None of the Cadets wished to become "hooked" (slang for doing something contrary to the school rules) so they would have to remain over and walk

squad after all the rest had gone home.

The seven days, in the minds of the cadets, pass like months.

The happiest of moments are the sending home for money to come home on. Once more Captain Shideler becomes the mail man's aim. From all the country over, ahem! Mostly, Colorado receives money, and with it a message to be sure that "Johnie" gets on the train O. K.

So the Cadets will not fret so much, Captain John stages a dance on the Monday preceding. This being the best dance of the year, to date, and a very formal affair.

The day of dismissal for the first group of Cadets is Friday night, the seventeenth. All of the boys going West are dismissed on that evening and the remainder of the Cadets going in other directions are dismissed Saturday, the eighteenth.

BISHOP JOHNSON'S VISIT

The Cadets have been very fortunate of late in that they have had the privilege of hearing Bishop Johnson of Colorado speak.

Bishop Johnson is one of a large number of crusaders who are furthering a nation-wide movement in the Episcopal Church. He spoke first at the Cathedral and since that time has spoken to many important gatherings in Salina. He speaks with intelligence to any group on any subject.

While speaking to the Cadets, his subject was "Education," and his ideas, to say the least, were a source of much thought.

Like Emerson, he puts full capacity thoughts in everything he says.

'Twill be many days before his talk will be taken from the foremost thoughts in the minds of the Cadets.

"The Holmes family are religious but very lazy."

"Very lazy."

"Yes, they pile the month's provisions on the table on the first and one blessing does for the rest of the month."

"What are you doing?"

"Reading the want ads."

"But you are looking in the female column."

"Well, ain't my wife a female?"

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THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE

The evening of Monday, December 13th, was a gay one for all the Cadets and their young lady friends. The dance, given in the Guild Hall of the Christ Cathedral, was such a decided success that already a series of dances have been planned for after the holidays. This was the first formal dance of the season.

Capt. John Barker was Master of Ceremonies, taking care of the music and decorations, both of which were very good.

The supper dance was announced about 10:30, at which time the gentlemen seated their ladies and procured their plates from the kitchen. The supper consisted of cake and brick ice cream. Candy canes were served later in the evening.

Shortly before midnight the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home" and after at least five encores, the dance ended.

Those attending the dance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiller
Mrs. Pierce
Major and Mrs. Heller
Capt. and Mrs. Shideler
Capt. John Barker—Miss Wakenhut
Capt. Don McGrew—Miss Holiday
Lieut. Edwards—Miss Vivian Coch-rane
Lieut. Crooks—Miss Mary Ellen Rathbun
Lieut. Fuhrman—Miss Loretta Cooper
Lieut. Holmes—Miss Ruth Muir
Lieut. Farnsworth—Miss Henrietta Bruenning
Lieut. Kreipke—Miss Jean Elston
Sergt. Gibbs—Miss Louise McClung
Corp. Hake—Miss Bernice Eaton
Corp. Mourning—Miss Mary Bess Hite
Corp. Mitchell—Miss Thais Harper
Corp. King—Miss Nathalee Coch-rane
Corp. Wallace—Miss Helen Greening
Corp. Caldwell—Miss Alice Williams
Corp. Jones R.—Miss B. Stephens
Cadet Stotts—Miss Helen Spence
Cadet Shields—Miss Daisy Shields
Cadet Kintz—Miss Ernestine Put-nam
Cadet Frey—Miss Hallie Chappel
Cadet Cozian—Miss Mary Frances Mitchell
Cadet Hookey—Miss Jane Surface
Cadet Hurst—Miss Louise Paxton

Cadet Carpenter—Miss Dorothy Mc-Fadden
Cadet Crane—Miss Virginia Foil
Cadet Gordon I—Miss Marjorie Moore
Cadet Gilbert—Miss Lucille Millikin
Cadet Hendricks—Miss Josephine Hendricks
Cadet Bartle—Miss India Hadley
Cadet Brach I—Miss Dorothy Brown
The extra men were:
Corp. Elkins
Cadet Ripley C.
Cadet Prather
Cadet Kinkel
Cadet Markley
Cadet Bridgman
Cadet Ripley E.
Cadet Voigt
Cadet Palmer

THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving Menu

Radishes	Olives	Celery
Pickles	Peaches	
Tomatoe Soup with Barley	Crackers	
Roast Young Turkey	Sage Dressing	
Mashed Potatoes	Giblet Gravy	
Diced Carrots	Early June Peas	
Cranberry Sauce		
Bread	Butter	
Candle Salad		
Pineapple Nut and Banana on Lettuce		
Pumpkin Pie	Cheese Mince Pie	
	Ice Cream	
Coffee	Nuts	Fruit
After Dinner Wafers		

Looking at the above menu you can readily see why some of the cadets gain from five to twenty-five pounds in such a short time.

Needless to say all the cadets that were present to partake of the above dinner, enjoyed it very much, and only wished Thanksgiving would come around more often.

During the holidays many of the boys went to their homes from Wednesday noon until Sunday night. They all returned in time with the usual exception, "Gimmie" Jones, who managed to return only one day late this year instead of a week, as was the case last year.

Most of the boys that went home, live within the radius of 150 to 250 miles, with the exception of Meyer, L., who spent his Thanksgiving in Colorado.

Oh, well, we can't all go home.

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CADETS WIN DOUBLE VICTORY OVER LINCOLN CENTER

The Cadets showed their skill and spirit to the grand stands as well as to the coach by winning a double victory over the first and second teams of the Lincoln Center High School.

The second team game was very close and also was very interesting. It was the first time on the floor for some of the men and it showed their ability to fight and win.

The score was very close. At the end of the first half the score was 3 to 0 and then after the third quarter the score was 5 to 0. There were no real stars of the game, but they all played a fine game and we cordially hope they keep up their good work.

The first team came in among cheers from the grand stands, the game was very close, but unlike the second team game the score ran as follows: 2-2, 4-4, 6-6, 8-8, 10-10, and tied until twenty was reached, then the fun began, it started with Gopher our star of the game making a basket which was immediately followed by one from Shortt. Then Holmes could hold out no longer and he sunk one which made the score 28, then Roth made a free throw which ended the game 29-20, in favor of the Cadets.

The Cadets have started the season like we wanted them to and we hope they keep it up. They have won their first two games and will win more in the future we hope.

CAPT. BAILEY TAKES AGRICULTURAL CLASS TO SEE POULTRY SHOW

Capt. Bailey took his agricultural class to see the Poultry Show, which was held at Memorial Hall. Capt. Bailey had entered some of his prize hens and rabbits in the show and therefore was intensely interested. He took several first prizes and some seconds. The boys, though not knowing what it was all about, enjoyed the show very much.

Those who went were:

Marshall
Wilcox
Bivens
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A PRACTICE GAME

The Cadets first real basketball practice game of the season was held in the gymnasium of the Lincoln High School. This was a practice game with Kansas Wesleyan College of Commerce.

The purpose of this game was to prepare for St. John's first conference game, with Culver, and to get some idea of the new material this year.

Although the undefeated college team was victorious over the cadets, by a score of 40 to 25, it was a good workout for both teams.

Shortt, Roth and Fuhrman, last year men, will be back in their positions as forwards, and it is hoped that Holmes and Stotts, also letter men, both of whom were out of this game, will be back in the lineup soon.

Horton: Mr. Barker, will you help me with some Algebra?

Mr. Barker: Yes, what kind of Algebra problems are they, reasoning problems?

Horton: No, they are talking problems.

Someone has suggested that a fund be raised for the erection of a school sign, to be placed just east of Vail Hall on the highway. Good idea, that, especially for the Seniors.

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