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## BASKET BALL PRACTICE STARTS

About twenty-eight Cadets answered the first call for basket ball practice.

Although there are a number of inexperienced men out for practice, the prospects are very good for a winning team. Coach McLean has been very busy instructing the men in the fundamentals of the game and with their co-operation they will soon be ready for their games. Although there is no definite schedule made out it is the plan to have two or three games before Christmas.

The letter men back this year are: Jeannin, Markley, and Capt. Holmes. Jeannin is a real prospect for a forward while Markley and Holmes regular guards last year are showing real form in their practice. This is Homes's second year as Captain and will be his fourth year on the team so we are expecting great things from him. Prather is another good prospect, he played a great deal last year, is working hard this year and he should make a good center. Ripley, Smith, Mitchell, and Frisbie are left over from last year's second string and are working hard for places on the first squad this year.

Other men who are out for practice are: Johnson V, Volker, Gordon I, Whitmore, Hays I, Morse, Hansen, Barber, Bivens, Brown, Davies, Eykyn, Green, Marshall, Shiperd, Stanley, Thamer, Wildy, and Coyle. All of these men are working hard and will make any of the old men fight for a place on the squad.

Our basket ball manager "Abie" Morrow is proving to be a real one. He spends his afternoons helping Coach McLean.

Every one get behind the team this year and let's keep the spirit the Cadet Corps had during football season.

"Sam Browne" has visited our unworthy school; much to the delight of Thomas W. Davies, Jr., better known as the "Fly Paper King" of the wing.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

Those Cadets who remained at St. John's during the Thanksgiving Holidays were not slighted in the least when it came to eats.

At two o'clock Thursday afternoon a group of hungry faced Cadets assembled in front of the barracks for what is known to be the biggest feed of the year. After the visitors were seated in the Dining Hall the Cadets marched in and were seated in the stats that were left. Two hours later the same Cadets with loosened belts and opened coats walked—or rather crawled—out of the Dining Hall with a satisfied look on their faces. Every one had to admit that he was full, even Bill Gordon.

The Menu was as follows:

Celery	Olives	Pickles
	Roast Turkey	
Cranberry Sauce	Oyster Dressing	
Mashed Potatoes with Giblet Sauce		
Creamed Peas and Carrots		
Jelly	Butter	
	Assorted Bread	
Pumpkin Pie	Mince Pie	
	Fruit Cake	
Nuts		Mints
	Assorted Fruits	
	Coffee	

## "SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW"

The Skirmisher Board as you may guess is the staff of cadets assisted by an instructor, which writes for our school paper.

The members of the staff are as follows:

Capt. John Barker—Advisor
Capt. R. B. Crooks—Editor-in-Chief
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Cadet Johnson V.—Assistant Editor
Sergt. Ripley E.—Business Manager
Sergt. King—Reporter
Lieut. Mitchell—Reporter
Cadet Hays I—Reporter
Cadet Hays II—Reporter
Cadet 1st Class, Whaite Smith—Secretary

## BOARD OF CONTROL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Board of Control had its first meeting Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, a lucky day for all of the Football men.

The subject which the Board discussed was the awarding of the football trophies.

The members of the squad and team to whom the trophies will be given are as follows:

Lieut. Holmes  
Lieut. Caldwell  
Capt. Crooks  
Lieut. Mitchell  
Lieut. Jeannin  
Lieut. Markley  
Lieut. Wallace  
Sergt. Biggs  
Sergt. Ripley  
Sergt. Prather  
Sergt. Bivens  
Cadet Gordon I  
Cadet Cozian  
Cadet Morse

There were first, second and fourth year trophies awarded. The following men received first year trophies: Capt. Crooks, Lieut. Caldwell, Lieut. Jeannin, Lieut. Mitchell, Lieut. Wallace, Sergt. Biggs, Sergt. Ripley, Sergt. Bivens, Cadets Gordon, Cozian and Morse.

A second year trophy was awarded to Lieut. Markley.

A fourth year trophy was awarded to Lieut. Holmes. We hope it is possible for him and the rest of the team to receive their fourth year trophy in College.

The trophies were ordered from Chicago, we hope they will be received before Christmas so the boys may have them to wear while they are home on their vacation.

According to the old Prophet Mitchell they will have to get some new typewriters in the office as the old ones are forming the habit of misspelling too many words.

**ALUMNI VISITS SCHOOL**

Saturday, Dec. 10, the Cadets were very fortunate in hearing former Cadet Major McCracken give a talk on the U. S. Marines and their life while in the service. McCracken has now been in the service for two years, and has risen to the rank of Corporal. He has achieved other honors besides this. He was Captain and Center of the Marine football team this fall. They played ten games and won all of them.

McCracken graduated from St. John's in '25. He was on the football team the four years that he was here, and he was Captain and Center in '24. At that time he was chosen on the all conference team. McCracken is distinguished by his remarkable physical development and excellent carriage. While at St. John's he made an excellent track record for himself and on the rifle range won an expert rifleman's medal.

**MRS. MOORE GIVES DINNER PARTY**

Following Church Sunday, Nov. 21, Lieut. Jeannin, Sergt. Morrow, Cadets Coyle, Johnson V., Myers and Hall went to Mrs. Moore's where they had been invited to a dinner party. After the dinner David and Daniel Moore showed the Cadets some new games and also some "pointers" on old games. Before returning to school they were driven to Coronado Heights where one may get a "birds eye" view of Salina. This Kansas mountain, although a hill compared to Colorado mountains, made the Colorado boys feel right at home. Three of the guests were from the Centennial State.

**MISS FOX LEAVES ST. JOHN'S**

Mrs. McLean has taken the place of Miss Ethyl Fox who tendered her resignation as school secretary last week.

**CADETS SEE SEVENTH HEAVEN**

Monday evening, December 5, Chaplain Du Domaine, Gordon I, Smith and Cozian went to the Memorial Hall to see the play "Seventh Heaven" thru the auspices of the Dorian Club the object being to have larger and cleaner shows in Salina and to have Salina on the regular show list.

The play takes place just before the world war; it is an intertwining love story with humor and tragedy in the slums of Paris between a sewer rat and a sister of a girl thief.

The leading characters are Checko

and De Aon. Checko prays for three things, first, that he will be advanced to the position of street washer; second, to marry a blonde girl, and third, to be able to take this girl for a ride around Paris in a cab and be able to pay for it out of his own pocket.

The play was greatly enjoyed by all those who witnessed it, thanks to the special passes from Col. Perkins.

**CROPS OF HAIR TO BE SHIPPED**

Every Tuesday evening Mr. Barker is surrounded by "long haired cadets" who want first place on the barber list. And when Mr. J. M. Bitler, better known as "Spike," arrives on the scene, he has enough heads of hair to fill all the empty spaces in the barracks mattresses.

Clip, clip, clip, from seven o'clock until ten thirty, by then most all of the cadets are looking for "hair oil" and for "shebas" the next day. Did any of you notice "Grumps" classy pair of sideburns? Spike made them, and at that dance last Friday Dick sure "knocked them cold." Moral: See Spike every Tuesday night, He will make your hair a pretty sight.

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**UTT'S PARTY**

On Sunday, November 20, a number of the cadets were invited to a party held at St. Faith's chapel. The young ladies who were there are as follows: Margaret Utt, Erma Green, Catherine Edmunds, Marjorie Nash, Betty Daulbin and Lillian Larned. The cadets were: Green, Hays II, Wilkeson, Gilbert, Marvin, Robineau, Gottschall, and "Sam Browne" Vidler. Several amusing games were played and a good time was had by all.

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Now that the Leaf has fallen off the tree and we are all back in our Holmes, Cozian warm at St. John's after our Thanksgiving holidays, we really have more to be thankful for than before. One thing is because Bobbie Jones will not have that Eykyn pain in his abdominal region for awhile.

During the Bigg's day so far this year there was Constant uproar from Mitchell because he had received a letter from his father containing this injunction: "Do not eat too much Dickenson try not act Green about your manners. However, he forgot all about that when Ralph Caldwell and everyone came tramping through the Hall to the dining room.

Of course Marshall had to "bawl out" the Crooks for Robineau the food and this made Crooks Coyle with anger. Marvin said that he wanted everyone to Philip but he wanted Moffatt on the Poore boys. Thamer laughed a Ripley laugh Andrew his sword. He said Mitcham with the Brown shirt on got away Whitmore than his Hansen arms full. Smith found that Vidler of the orchestra had a Parcell of food and they took Stanley Bagnall. Wallace said they would have to Shipherd of cattle in here if they expected Morse and Wilday to fill up.

Justus he sat down Crooks stood up and said, "I am sorry I Gottschall in trouble and after a trip to the Barber I will take the Boatright away. I shall no longer be seen at this Heath. The King heard of his gallantry and cried, "Jeannin Bill bring me a Gordon and be quick II. I want to drink to his health.

Alfred did after dinner was go to his Chamberlain with Hay. He declared he would rest till the Morrow, so Morgan opened the window to let some Ahren and covered him with a heavy Webb to keep him warm. Bivens said, "Guess I will hit the Hays II, so he took himself away to bed after putting a Bolte on the door and window II.

The two John-sons told Frisbie they would bet a Gil-Bert could still eat. But Colonel Perkins said, "Prather won't be enough left to have hash tomorrow, for we have some Barkers on the faculty and I don't like to make

them angry. But have a Hart for the cook."

I regret some names have been omitted,

It is a crime and I admit it,  
But you are boys and I can't do  
A thing, to change your name for you;  
So next time when a name you choose  
Please pick a name that I can use.

—Mrs. McLean.

The Honor Roll for the month ending October 10, 1927, is as follows:

## UPPER SCHOOL

Moffatt .....	93.3
Thamer .....	90
Cozian .....	87.6
Vidler .....	87.5
Biggs .....	87
Jones R. ....	86.7
Ripley .....	86.5
Brown .....	85.8
Morse .....	85.5
Whitmore .....	85.3

## LOWER SCHOOL

Boatright .....	89.3
Gordon II .....	88.5
Heath .....	88.3
Leaf .....	87
Mitchem .....	85.6
Wilkeson .....	85.6
Bolte I .....	85.2
Bagnall .....	82.6
Hahn .....	81.7
Andrews .....	80.3

## CHAPLAIN DU DOMAINE MAKES TRIP TO WISCONSIN

Reverend Du Domaine, our Chaplain, has just returned from a business trip to Wisconsin.

On Friday Nov. 4, Chaplain left Salina for Waupaca, Wisconsin, where he was in charge of the St. Andrews church before coming to St. John's. Chaplain conducted services in his former parish on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Monday he addressed the Waupaca Lions Club using St. John's Military School for his Subject.

Chaplain Du Domaine then went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and attended a convention the purpose of which was to elect a Bishop for that diocese but after seven ballots the election resulted in a deadlock.

Chaplain enjoyed visits with many of his old friends before returning to Salina, on Nov. 11.

He says that he enjoyed his trip thoroughly but was very glad to get back to St. John's.

Our annual joke—The New Boys.

## ON THE STAGE

Thirteen Cadets, all of them either regular members or those trying out for the Crack Squad, through the help of Col. Perkins were invited to put on a Tableaux at the Grand for two nights in succession and in return they received complimentary tickets to the Grand and Strand for thirty days.

They put on a very creditable little act considering their ability and experience. From the audience there appeared to be a whole Regiment on the stage but behind the scenes they seemed to be trying to run away from their own shadows. To Col. Perkins is due a lot of credit for giving these fellows a chance to show their stuff.

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During the past three weeks the cadets have been visited by a number of their parents and friends from out of town. We were very glad to have them with us and hope that they can be with us again soon.

Dr. and Mrs. Morrow and Bud Olive drove from Leavenworth to see their "Abie" who has just been made Sergt. Major. Mr. and Mrs. Bolte drove from Des Moines to see the progress that their two boys are making in the school. Mr. and Mrs. Hays drove from Eureka, Mrs. Hall and daughter came by rail from Omaha, and Mr. Whitmore drove from Colorado Springs.

Our handsome "Pete" Holmes made a trip to Lawrence to see some boy friends, so the story goes, but we all have our own ideas about that. Anyway he reports a good time and is back with us again no worse for the experience.

## CHAPLAIN DU DOMAINE

The Reverend du Domaine was born in London, England. He lived there until he was six months old, when his parents moved to Southampton.

He received his early education at Cavendish College, and King Edwards School, Southampton. Immediately upon completing his education he came to America. He received his Theological education at Nashotah Seminary, Wisconsin, and the Wistein Theological Seminary, Chicago. After completing his theological education he was ordained to the Priesthood of the Episcopal church in 1919.

All of his ministry has been spent in Wisconsin. Chaplain du Domaine came here from Waupaca, where he was formerly rector of St. Marks Church. He came especially well

recommended because of his wonderful success in his work with boys. At the invitation of Bishop Mize he gave up his work in Waupaca and came here. Before entering the ministry he was librarian of the Minneapolis, Minn., public library, at which work he made a success.

Reverend Du Domaine is well liked by all the boys here and he is very well pleased with his work with them. He has made a host of friends in and around Salina and we all join in and wish him the best of success in the new work which he has begun with us.

On the morning of November 22 the members of Capt. Shideler's Constitutional History class met at the office at eight forty-five and were transported to town in his car to the public library where the cadets were shown the use and value of a library. The class next went to the court house where a real estate case was being tried.

This was very interesting and when the court was dismissed for dinner it was decided that they would come back for the afternoon session. The next half hour was spent going through the new Masonic Temple and Captain Shideler had a hard time getting the class away from the Temple.

As it was too late to go out to the school for dinner the cadets were allowed to eat in town and at one-fifteen all were at the Court House for the afternoon session of court. The class stayed for the rest of the morning case and also saw the lawyers empanelling the jury for the next case, which was to be an assault and battery case. The members of the class were Capt. Crooks, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Wallace, Sregts. Biggs,

King, Frisbie, Moffatt, and Lance Corporals Gordon I, Gilbert and Jones K.

## THANKSGIVING VACATION

Although St. John's has no Thanksgiving Vacation a number of the Cadets who were up in their studies were granted passes over the weekend. The Cadets who spent the vacation out of town are:

Hays I—Eureka, Kansas  
Hays II—Eureka, Kansas  
Prather—Eureka, Kansas  
Philips—Denver, Colo.  
Justus—Hill City, Kansas  
Jones K.—Smith Center, Kansas  
Morrow—Leavenworth, Kansas  
Wallace—Salina, Kansas  
Hall—Omaha, Neb.  
Jones R.—Wymore, Neb.  
Vidler—Wymore, Neb.  
Stanley—Pawhuska, Okla.  
Green—Eureka, Kansas  
Andrews—Pawhuska, Okla.  
Boatright—Kansas City, Mo.  
Heath—Salina, Kansas  
Caldwell—Kansas City, Mo.  
Constant—Wichita, Kansas  
Whitmore—Brookville, Kansas  
Johnson M.—Wichita, Kansas  
Gottschall—Gypsum, Kansas  
Wilkeson—Gypsum, Kansas

This is what we found at the end of "Abie" Morrow's letter to that cute little girl in Leavenworth:

Yours, Sweetheart, Until they have synagogues where the river Shannon flows.

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**BRIGHT BARRACK BLABBINGS**

(By Verne Johnson)

On starting this column the editor wishes to announce that this will contain short gossips, scandals, opinions, and remarks that happen every day in the Barracks, on the Campus, in school or at recreation. As an example: We all remember how anxious the football squad was in getting to practice?

It happened that on one cold day, the Coach, on arriving in the gym at 4:15 found it desolate except for the many empty football uniforms. He then ventured into the School to see if the Commercial Law Class was still in session but it had been dismissed a half an hour previous. His anger was aroused. He procured a paddle and went to the Barracks. He found three of the members of the squad rushing joyously to the gym? (Where slow motion pictures originated). On seeing them his anger was quelled a bit. He searched the first floor. He searched the second floor. One-Two-Three-Four-Five-Six-Seven-Eight-Nine-Ten-Eleven steps. Ah! Sweet strains of "O Sol Mio!" came creeping through the door of Markley's and Gordon's room; also the laughing of several Cadets. The plot thickens! He entered to find a splendid interpretation of Spanish Romance under way, with an audience of twenty-five football men. Jones R. characterizing the "blushing Senorita" with the rose in her hair and between her lips, was standing on a table gazing into the eyes of Markley, the only Scotchman that ever successfully acted the part of a "Spanish Troubador." Wham! Bang! Yee-kii! The paddle found tender parts and the mad rush for the gym started. Jock still continued to sing and strom on his banjo until the Coach told him that he should have Kilts and bag pipes instead of pantaloons and banjos.

Basketball season is underway and our team is working hard for the school and you. They have the hard job and we have the easy one. We should show our appreciation by getting up some of the "Old St. John's Spirit and Pep." The team is doing their best and the rest is up to you. Let's get busy!

"Who's who" at Salina High is shown most every evening at Colonel

Perkins' table. Thanks to Dorothy, the Cadet Corps believes she has good taste for nice looking guests. We all wondered why Salina beat Abilene. I'll "bet cha" it was because "Dot" was one of the Cheer Leaders. Did you know that she and Cadet Dickenson were found in Colonel Gansse's quarters playing "Tiddly Winks?" Don't tell anybody.

An old saying "Smile and the world smiles with you" was contradicted when Sergt. Prather giggled at the manner in which Sergt. Bivens gave commands. That "little giggle" cost Prather 10 minutes of commanding, in which he found that it was no easy job.

The most important of Capt. John's vast record supply was reported missing. If anyone finds the record entitled "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" will he please be so kind as to return it to Capt. John. "Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Me Too!" is on the other side.

Speaking of records, our little "Abie" accidentally dropped and busted one of his own. He was "grouchy" all week until someone told him that it was "Gish Lullaby." Since, he has been as happy as ever. Who said there was no race distinction?

"Thanksgiving." The word reflects itself. We had a delicious dinner and lots of it. That is more than thou-

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sands of people witness in ten years. Don't you really think that every day, instead of just the last Thursday in November, there should be a few moments set aside to express our thanks to the Lord? Remember, we have good meals every day instead of just the last Thursday. Also, we should be thankful to the Faculty, and to the Cadet Corps, as a body, for the happy, prosperous and harmonious days that we have spent here this year. Let's keep up the good work!

**CADET MORSE CALLED HOME**

The school wishes to express their sympathy to Cadet Morse for the death of his Grandmother for which he went to Wichita and wish to send also their regrets to the Morse family and friends.

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### THE BATTALION DRILL BECOMES MORE INTERESTING

During the past week, several new features have been noted at Battalion drill. On Friday it was fairly cold, and in order to keep warm, each company started to play the old army game of "crack the belt." The Cadets were very interested and enthusiastic and some of those who were being chased gave promise of being real track men.

The Companies have been divided into Platoons, two platoons of three squads in each company.

The first formal parade of the year was held during the past week, and the Cadets made a very creditable showing.

During the inclement weather Col. Perkins gave a highly instructive talk on aiming and sighting drills, discussing various methods used to instruct men in the proper use of the rifle before going to the range.

Talks of this kind on various subjects will take the place of drill during bad weather.

### JOKES

Old Lady (to newsboy). "You don't chew tobacco do you little boy?"

Newsboy. "No mum; but I can give you a cigarette."—Ex.

Crooks—(addressing meeting of Skirmisher Board) "I am sure we are all very sorry that our secretary is not with us tonight. I cannot say we miss his vacant chair, but I do say we miss his vacant face."—Ex.

He—"Where is the proprietor of this restaurant?"

Waiter—"He just stepped out for lunch."—Ex.

Senior—Did you know that they canned the Dean?

Rat—What Dean?

Senior—Sardine.—Ex.

The coach "may" learn to play baseball some day who knows?

### CHANGE IN PERIODS

On December 3rd, the periods were changed in order to give the Orchestra and the Glee Club time to practice before the Christmas program on the night of December 16. This schedule will continue until after the holidays when the new one will be replaced by the old one.

### CRACK SQUAD ELECTION

The Old Members of the Crack Squad met on Monday, November 11, to select the officers for the coming year and discuss the plans for the future. The Crack Squad this year promises to turn out a snappy bunch of movements executed perfectly and it will be organized earlier this year in order to give the men, who wish to try out, time to learn the manuals and foot movements more perfectly.

The officers elected were: Capt. Crooks, Capt.; Lt. Kreipke, Lt.; Cadet Gordon, 1st Sergt.

### ARMISTICE DAY

The Cadet Corps was "invited" to join in the Armistice Day Parade and despite the fact that it was a cold raw day and that the Rifles had been issued only a few days before, they made a good showing for the school. There were several remarks overheard among the spectators that St. John's looked better than most of the organizations. This is an example and the result of the Spirit of the School.

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### K. U. STUDENT VISITS CADET COZIAN

Les Martin, who lives in Lawrence and is a student at K. U., spent a pleasant two days in Salina visiting his friend Gus Cozian of St. John's whom he had met in Denver last summer.

Mr. Martin recommended the school very highly with one exception. He was awakened both nights at that hectic hour of midnight by that traditional character Paul Revere dashing madly through the halls slamming the windows and waving his lantern. Maybe it was the janitor.

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**CAPT. POGGEMAN'S DINNER**

Not very long ago Capt. Pogge-man's table gave a feed in the same fashion as the Chaplain's table did a few weeks before.

Anyway their menu was like this:

Turkey with cranberry sauce.

Mashed potatoes with brown gravy.

Yellow waxed beans.

Olives, Celery.

Candy, Pickles.

Ice cream, Mince Pie.

And Pumpkin Pie.

Amid the sweet odors of pretty flowers and excellently cooked food, the nine (9) cadets and one instructor ate until their "stomachs" were very content. And how!

When the meal was over there wasn't enough food even to feed Pal, our mascot.

Oh, yes, the members of the table were sort of mad because of the numerous visitors throughout the meal.

Well, anyway, a good time was had by all who partook in the wonderful feed.

**POLLY ANN CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY**

Polly Ann Ganssle celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 12, with a party.

Those present were Raymond and Evelyn Shideler, Catherine Christene and Vera Virginia Hiller, Martha Ann and Barclay Wright, and Kathryn Joyce Ganssle.

The afternoon was spent in riding ponies and playing games.

At supper the group of guests sat at Colonel Ganssle's table and enjoyed themselves while the entire school had ice cream and cake besides their regular desert.

Mrs. Wright brought Polly Ann a large cake with animal crackers placed around the top of it and a pretty candle in the middle. The whole school joins in wishing Polly Ann many more happy birthdays.

**HONOR ROLL**

The Honor Roll for the month ending November 14 is as follows:

**LOWER SCHOOL**

Heath .....	88.8
Gordon II .....	88
Boatright .....	86.5
Leaf .....	86.4
Mitcham .....	86
Bolte I .....	84.5
Bagnall .....	82.9
Andrews .....	79.7
Hahn .....	79.5
Ahrens .....	79

**UPPER SCHOOL**

Moffatt .....	94.3
Thamer .....	93.2
Biggs .....	90.3
Cozian .....	89.8
Jones R. ....	89.3
Vidler .....	87.5
King .....	87.3
Smith .....	86.8
Morrow .....	86.3
Brown .....	85.8

Although the boys in the junior school have not quite the high standing of the boys in the upper school, there is as much competition among them as there is in the upper school. Boatright, the star pupil of the Junior School, has had his off month but will have a good chance to lead the honor roll for next month unless the other boys get to work more than they have in the past month. Boatright has led the Junior School and has taken the cup for so long that it would seem strange for someone else to take it away from him and he isn't going to let them. Some of the new boys are on the honor roll and it shows that they have the right spirit and we hope they keep it throughout the year. And we must not forget the upper school. Although the ring leaders are the same there is one that has been

on the honor roll for the first time and that is our studious Smith, who hails from Denver, and he says that he is going to work harder than ever now and we know he will.

**FOOTBALL TEAM vs. CAMERA**

There was a great rejoicing throughout the barracks a few days ago when Captain John Barker made it known to the cadets that the Football pictures were to be taken. Hearts and bodies were warm when the squad went out to get their pictures taken but these soon became chilled in the icy breeze that came up. The photographer was voted unanimously to be the slowest human on earth as he continually kept moving his camera around. After driving around the "Bull Ring" several times in order to get his car in a position that would make it possible to take the pictures from the top of it, he decided that he didn't need it at all. When he was finally ready the next trouble was in arranging the football squad so that all would get their handsome faces in the picture. "Ski" Prather's sheep skin coat had to be literally torn from his back and "Gimmie" Jones had to be placed in such a position that he wouldn't fall off the steps while trying to get his divine face in the picture.

At last when everyone had the grimmest possible look on his face the camera was snapped and the pictures of the 1927 football squad had been taken.

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