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ST. JOHN'S CADET WINS THIRD IN REGIONAL ORATORICAL COMPETITION

Once more a St. John's Cadet has brought home the bacon as the saying goes. But, this time Cadet Kline brought back the third prize and a Silver Medal from the American Legion Oratorical Contest in place of a side of a porker.

The meet was held in auditorium of the Salina Lincoln Junior High on Monday night of this week. In competition with some of the best stage talkers in the high school ranks, Kline was forced to give his hurriedly prepared oration. It was against such odds that Kline's personality and stage appearance and delivery won out for him.

To express their enthusiasm over Kline's work, the Cadet Corps at the dinner hour gave fifteen rousing cheers and wished him luck in the next contest which he may enter from St. John's.

The other winners were David Lorenz of Salina's Washington High and Lawgil Christensen of Brookville, first and second place respectively.

ORCHESTRA ORGANIZED

From time to time members of the Faculty and Cadet Corps have worked together to form some kind of musical entertainment for the remainder of the school body as well as for outside people.

Several years ago the school purchased band instruments for their entire band. In those days the Cadets were called upon to furnish the music for parades and to take part in activities outside of the school.

This year our orchestra under the direction of Captain Shideler, started its practice a little earlier than usual, on account of some appointments they have been asked to fill.

Four periods a week are allowed for music; two for orchestra practice and two for the Glee Club.

In orchestra the Cadets are taught to read music, and the value of notes

Popularity Contest Announced

Who is the Girl?

With the next issue of the "Skirmisher" a contest will be opened to determine who is the Cadets' most popular girl. Here you are Cadets, a chance to show your Friend how much you think of her. The young Lady winning this contest will be "Guest of Honor" at our Spring Hop, at which time she will be presented with a gift from the Skirmisher Board.

Be careful with your next issue of the "Skirmisher." It will contain an entry blank with a list of rules governing the contest. Votes will have to be made on ballots, for sale in the Q. M. The proceeds from this contest will be used in buying the winner a suitable gift.

SEE THAT THE VOTES
PILE UP FOR YOUR GIRL
FRIEND.

and rests. One of the main lessons is in time. The orchestra consists of piano, four cornets, three saxophones, two clarionets, two violins, three banjos, a cello and drums.

The Glee Club and Orchestra will be on the program during Music Week, the first part of May at Memorial Hall, Salina.

Ripley C., ran the great distance of three feet, thereby risking his life, losing much energy and discomforting himself greatly by the effort required.

Larry: "Something's the matter with this tub, it won't run."

Wooldridge: "Yes, the engines stuck."

SENIOR CLASS TAKING THE NEW YORK TIMES AS PART OF CLASS WORK

The Senior Class is fortunate in having the use of the New York Times which is considered the best newspaper in the country, because of its variety of subjects and its accurate and well written accounts.

Because of the variety of different subjects contained in the paper each student may be given a topic he is best suited for.

The sports section seems to be the most desired, after which follows the pictorial, news and magazine sections. The paper as whole is very well written and arranged. Besides being educational it breaks the monotony of the regular school work.

ICTHUS CLUB

The Icthus Club is an organization that meets every Sunday evening and is for the young people of high school age. The sponsor, Dean Hoag, leads some very interesting discussions of vital topics at every meeting. The meetings start with supper at 5:45 and after the supper recreation takes place. A number of the Cadet Corps attend, they are: Cadets Marshall, Northern, Johnson, Kline, Vidler, Hockensmith and Oppenheim.

KINTZ GOES HOME

Four weeks ago Saturday last, Cadet Kintz was visited by his grandfather, Mr. Bergstrand and his little brother and sister of Fairplay, Colorado. After spending a very pleasant week-end in Salina they started home. Unfortunately Kintz's little brother caught a cold which developed into pneumonia and caused his sudden death two days later.

Kintz received the sad news Thursday afternoon and left here at 4:50 p. m. He arrived in Denver at 7:30 a. m. the following day and continued on home. He remained with his folks for two weeks, but is now back with us and we are all glad to see him.

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THE GLEE CLUB

Under the supervision and guidance of Captain Shideler, the recently organized Glee Club is rapidly getting under way. While the voices have not yet been divided into the various parts, this will be done in the near future. At present with Mrs. A. L. duDomaine as accompanist, they are working on the school songs and popular numbers.

After they are more fully organized, it is expected that they will sing at various functions in and around Salina. The Glee Club was so popular last year that already the new club has been invited to broadcast from Station KFKB, at Milford. So once more the Cadets will be on the air.

As there are around forty members in the Glee Club this year it may be seen that this is one of the largest and probably one of the best of our Glee Clubs in recent years.

COLONEL PERKINS UP FROM ILLNESS

Colonel Perkins came down with such a bad case of "flu" that the whole Cadet Corps, even though they are used to sickness, began to wonder what was going to happen next.

The Colonel is now able to get around though he is somewhat weak. Bishop Mize has taken over the signing of passes and general running of the school until such time as the Colonel will be able to resume his duties.

The Cadets are very glad to see the Colonel out again and there is much more laughter going around than there was before.

Blind Date

By Frank M. Vidler

Tommy Hull knotted his tie carefully, and smiled as he stepped back from the mirror. It was a pretty good world after all, he decided. The powers that be had been kind to him, and a hundred-dollar check lay heavy in his pocket. Betty Hodges, the queen of the campus, had accepted him as a steady, and he was fairly sure of graduating with honors. All these were the causes of the smile of self-satisfaction that had adorned his face constantly for the last few weeks.

His expression changed, however, as his gaze fell on his roommate. He shook his head sorrowfully, and his tone was almost pitying as he spoke.

"Say, Walt, are you going to be a "grind" all your life?" Walt, his nose deep in a textbook, raised his head and smiled rather apologetically.

"But, Tommy, you know that we have a stiff assignment in psychology for tomorrow."

"Bunk! If you'd step out on a party once in a while, you'd be much better off than you are with your nose always either in a book or in the mud on the football field!"

"Sorry, Tommy, but I can't see it. Run along to your party, and I guess that they'll live without me."

Tommy, feeling that as always he had had the worst of the argument, picked up his hat and went out whistling. A moment later a clash of gears told of his departure.

Walt watched for a moment the vanishing red streak that was Tom-

my's roadster, and then picked up his book with a sigh. His train of thought was broken, and try as he would, he could not focus his mind on his work. After a while he gave it up as a bad job. Perhaps Tommy was right, he soliloquized. Almost four years he had been in college and never a date, never a wild party. Of course, there had been reasons the first three years. He had "put himself through," and he looked back on them with the pride of achievement. Waiting tables, stoking furnaces, house-to-house canvassing, he had tried them all. He had made a notable record, too. Three letters had he made, and he had ranked among the first ten in academic achievement.

No reason to deny himself the pleasures he wanted, though. He walked over to the table, and opened

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the pages of a huge scrap book, stopping at a page where a yellow telegram blank was gummed. He re-read the message that it held, smiling as he did so. How well he remembered the day it had come! The message that had released him from drudgery, and gave the leisure that he had always wanted. He read it aloud, as if he wished to tell the world.

"Oil struck on our north eighty stop am depositing two thousand to your credit—Dad."

His smile widened as he read it over. Dad, as ever, had been conserving of words and money in the sending of that message. Walt's mind wandered back over the days that had passed since he had received that message. At first, he had not known what to do with himself in his leisure time. He had been accustomed to working at something or other every minute of the day, and idle time had hung heavily on his hands. Now—what he called taking it easy was really working harder than any other man in the University.

He'd have to hurry if he was going to have any fun in College. Here it was, only three weeks more until commencement. He'd have another talk with Tommy when Tommy returned. So with this thought in the back of his brain, he settled down for another try at "A First Course in Psychology."

A strange pair, these roommates. They were opposites in almost every

way, yet friendship was strong between them. Walt was tall and blonde, and while he was not handsome, there was a certain attractiveness in his well-formed face. Tommy, on the other hand, was dapper and decidedly dark; he almost fell into the "sheik" class. Tommy never studied, but his grades were excellent. Walt had the good opinions of all the faculty, but he had to study and study hard. At that, Walt's grades were usually just a bit better than Tommy's. Walt had had to earn every step of his way until just a short time before the beginning of his senior year, but Tommy was the only son of G. R. Hull, of Hull Pulp & Paper Co., and had been literally "born with a silver spoon in his mouth." Tommy's money was like dry leaves on the wind, while Walt knew where every cent of his went, even if he did have plenty of it now.

Tommy came in, as usual with the milkman. Walt rolled over in his bed and yawned long and loud. He was still half asleep, and his words were indistinct and muffled. Tommy laughed at him, and playfully threw him a

kiss, blowing it from his fingers with an elaborate gesture.

"Good morning, sweet thing! And have you been a good little boy since I've been gone?"

"Never mind your little jokes now, Tommy. Listen. I want you to get me a date for the Senior Prom."

"What!"

"I want you to get me a date for the Senior Prom."

"Whoopee! Say that again and say it slower! Those are the first sensible words you have uttered since Solomon divorced his seventy-seventh

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SPORT PAGE

CADETS TAKE FOURTH PLACE IN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

After winning their first two games by small scores the Cadet Five suffered its first defeat at the hands of Wilson High School, the winners of the tournament. The Wilson High Team had just a little more teamwork than the Cadets and were able to push them out with a score of 23 to 10. Wilson played Brookville High, last year's Champs, in the finals and beat them 23 to 12. In the Consolation Tournament the Cadets were defeated by Kipp and thus drew fourth place.

Results of Tournament

First Round

Kipp 17, Bavaria 13.
Sacred Heart 14, Culver 8
Brookville 23, Gypsum 10.
Marquette 2, Falun 0 (forfeit).
Solomon 16, Glendale 3.
Wilson 39, Smolan 7.
Assaria 25, Enterprise 12.
St. John's 22, Kanopolis 21.

Second Round

Kipp 20, Sacred Heart 11.
Brookville 15, Marquette 13.
Wilson 29, Solomon 12.
St. John's 18, Assaria 16.

Finals

Wilson 23, Brookville 12.

Consolation

Kipp 21, St. John's 20

JEANNIN AND MARKLEY MAKE ALL TOURNAMENT FIVE

Lieutenant Otis Jeannin was picked as forward on the First All Tournament Team. Jeannin was also second high point man of the tournament having run up a total of 34 points. Jeannin played well throughout the entire session and was rated as the most valuable man to his team. It was his last minute scoring that beat Assaria and Kanopolis, and his eight points in the last quarter that all but beat Kipp in the Consolation.

Lieutenant Jack Markley was given a berth as Guard on the Second All Tournament Team. Markley's work in advancing the ball through defense was brilliant.

TOURNAMENT ENDS SEASON

Last week's tournament ended the Basketball season for St. John's, and it also ended the high school basketball career of two of our players who are Seniors, Markley and Mitchell. Both of these men have been on the Squad for several years and Mitchell was the Captain this year. Markley has been holding down the position of Guard for the last three years and was selected as a guard on the Second All Tournament Basketball Team for 1929.

TRACK

With only four lettermen back for track this year, there will be many openings for new material.

We have been more successful in track than in any other sport during the past few years and this year should be no exception. But we must have a lot of material. There are few boys who could not do something in track if they would try. Last year we lost a duel meet to Salina High School simply because we did not have enough men to get second and third places. We won more firsts than they did.

Now if every man will come out for track and try to do something we will surely have a winning team, and should be able to break a long series of defeats handed out to us by Salina High.

There will be plenty of meets to make it interesting for those who are willing to work. We will probably open with a duel meet with Herington. In a similar meet last year we won from them 72 to 17. They made only one first. We will also have our annual meet with Salina High. And then there are the Kansas Relays for those who can qualify. We had four men entered last year in the Relays but they were unable to make the trip. These Relays will come on April 19th.

Besides these meets mentioned there are several others including the District and League Meets. Any man qualifying in the District Meet will be eligible for the State Meet held at Emporia, Kansas. Our School took Second place. We have two men back at School this year who won their events in the League Meet last year. Ed Ripley won first place in the High

Jump and Grump Mitchell won first in the Mile and the Half Mile.

TRACK RECORDS

50 yard dash—6.0 sec.; Thomson
100 yard dash—11.0 sec.; Cozian.
220 yard dash—25.0 sec.; Mourning.
440 yard dash—55.9 sec.; Jones, R.
880 yard dash—2 min. 9.0 sec.; Mitchell.

Mile—5 mi. 4.4 sec.; Mitchell.
High hurdles—18.2 sec.; Dickenson.
Low hurdles—29.6 sec.; Shortt, P.
Pole vault—9 ft. 9 inch; Jeannin, O.
Broad jump—18 ft. 5 inches; Mourning.

High jump—6 ft. 1 1/2 inches; Ripley, E.
Javelin—120 ft. 2 inches; Holmes.
Shot put—39 ft. 3 inches; Linger.
Discus throw—97 ft. 5 inches; Alderson, C.

MEDLEY RELAY—5 mi. 5.4 sec.;
Cozian, Barber, Gordon, W.; Mitchell.

RECORDS FOR SECOND CLASS

50 yard dash—6.4 sec.; Thompson.
100 yard dash—11.4 sec.; Hays, S.
220 yard dash—26.4 sec.; Hays, S.
440 yard dash—60.2 sec.; Roberts, C.
880 yard dash—22 mi. 23.5 sec.; Hurst
Mile—5 mi. 16.1 sec.; Hurst.
High hurdles—19.3 sec.; Green R.
Low hurdles—33.6 sec.; Green, R.
Pole vault—8 ft. 4 inches; Farris.
Broad jump—17 ft. 6 inches; Farris.
High jump—4 ft. 10 inches; Green, R.
Javelin—96 ft. 10 inches; Hays, S.
Shot put—35 ft. 11 inches; Ripley, C.
Discus—71 ft. 4 inches; Bingle.

THIRD CLASS

50 yard dash—6.5 sec.; Harris, H.
100 yard dash—12.5 sec.; Harris, H.
220 yard dash—30.0 sec.; Hubanks
440 yard dash—1 mi. 10.4 sec.; Shipherd, R.
Broad jump—14 ft. 8.0 inches; Schaffer, C.
High jump—4 ft. 4.5 inches; Marshall.

FOURTH CLASS

50 yard dash—7.4 sec.; Gordon, E.
100 yard dash—13.9 sec.; Gordon, E.
220 yard dash—33.6 sec.; Heath.
440 yard dash—1 mi. 12.9 sec.; Boatright.
Broad jump—13 ft. 9.0 inches; Gordon, E.
High jump—4 ft. 4.5 inches; Gordon, E.
MEDLEY RELAY—2 mi. 17.0 sec.;
Gordon, E.; Heath; Boatright;
Talchief, II.

TRACK RECORDS

50 yard dash—6.0 sec.; Cozian.
100 yard dash—11. sec.; Cozian.
220 yard dash—25. sec.; Mourning.
440 yard dash—55.9 sec.; Jones.
880 yard run—2 min. 19 sec.; Mitchell.
Mile run—5 min. 4.4 sec.; Mitchell.
High hurdles—18.2 sec. Dickenson.

ARMY AND NAVY CLUBS CLASH

In a set of two games played last Tuesday in the Cadet Gym the Army and the Navy Third and Fourth Classes broke exactly even. The Army's Midgets, led by their star forward David Boatright, won the game by a score of 10 to 2. The teams were evenly matched except for the fact that the only man on either team that could hit the basket was Boatright of the Army. He made all of the field goals that were made in the game by both sides. The Navy Club made their 2 points when Heath and Bales dropped in free throws.

Heath and Bales and John Tallchief played well for the losers and Boatright and George Tallchief were the stars for the winners.

Results of Fourth Class

ARMY—10	F.G.	F.T.
Tallchief, G.	0	0
Boatright	5	0
Tallchief, H.	0	0
Kesselring	0	0
Tallchief, T	0	0
Leaf	0	0
Totals	5	0

NAVY—2	F.G.	F.T.
Heath	0	1
Tallchief, J.	0	0
Bolte, B.	0	0
Bales	0	1
Tallchief, A.	0	0
McCarthy	0	0
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NAVY THIRD CLASS WINS

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Jack Bolte and Jim Mitchell made a good combination as forwards on the Army and Firstenberger showed good form with the Winners.

Results of Third Class

ARMY—13	F.G.	F.T.
Bolte, J.	2	1
Mitchell, J.	3	0
Andrews	1	0
Boatright	0	0
Esdall	0	0
Jones, D.	0	0
Totals	6	1

NAVY—16	F.G.	F.T.
Firstenberger	2	0
deBeque	5	0
Ahrens	1	0
Pincomb	0	0
Trees	0	0
Paddock	0	0
Totals	8	0

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MUSICAL PROGRAM IN DINING ROOM

On March 10th, Captain and Mrs. Shideler were guests of the Cadets at dinner. After dinner Captain Shideler led the cadets in a few songs. When the Cadets were tired of singing, we were blessed by our renowned musician, Cadet Thomas W. Davies, who played for us a couple of numbers which the Cadets enjoyed very much.

After loud applause for Davies, Mrs. du Domaine gave to us a few selections from Faust. That ended the program for the day. It was announced at the conclusion that in two weeks the individual tables would be expected to furnish a stunt.

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The rat who thought the struggle was a track meet should be severely chastised. Think ye not so?

Another week and the odors of rouge, powder and other feminine Kalsomines will be missing from the gym.

Awnd ye Colonel and ye Captain Abandoned boots and spurs for ye cast-iron collar! Still they say that

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BLIND DATE

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wife!—Say, are you still asleep, or did you mean what you said?"

"Of course I meant it, Tommy. But come on, get in bed and we'll talk it over in the morning. It's pretty late.

The morning dawned bright and sunny, as spring mornings have a habit of doing. Naturally, Walt was the first one up, and when he emerged blowing and gasping from an icy shower, Tommy was still "pounding ear."

Walt dumped him out unceremoniously, and went about his business of dressing, humming some indistinguishable chords the while. Tommy stood the noise as long as he could, and when it grew unbearable, he got up and started looking through a much-battered collection of phonograph records. He selected "What a Night, What a Girl," and the wheezy portable ground it out.

"Reminds me, Tommy, that I was talking to you last night about getting a date for the Senior Hop. Do you know any girls that will go with a fellow that doesn't pack a flask?"

"You don't mean to tell me that the renowned woman-hater, Walter C. O'Brien, is going to renounce all his principles, do you?"

"Just that, Tommy. I want you to get me a date with the original of one of those good-looking photos on your dresser."

"Say—there is an idea in that, I've been wondering how I was going to be able to fix things so that I can take Connie Davis."

"What! Aren't you going to take Betty?"

"I really should, but I think that I can make more whoopee with Connie."

"But what will Betty say if you take someone else? I thought that (to be continued)

NEW CLASSES THIS SEMESTER

With the start of the new semester we find a few new classes being convened. Among these we have classes in Economics, Solid Geometry and Commercial Geography.

We find Captain Simpson teaching the Economics and Geometry classes which are fairly large.

Captain John is providing the instruction and entertainment in the Geography class which numbers about ten. This group has shown unusual interest and ability in this line.

Recently Captain Shideler started his Glee Club and Orchestra which are meeting each week on Tuesday and Thursday and Monday and Friday respectively. The orchestra consists of about twelve men and the Glee Club numbers nearly fifty. This group has shown unusual interest and aptitude in these activities and gives promise of being a great success.

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By "Chuck" Ripley

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