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MITCHELL AND JEANNIN HEAD NAVY AND ARMY CLUBS

On Tuesday, October 2, the Annual election of the New Boys to the Army and Navy Clubs was held. This was immediately preceded by the election of the Club Captains by the Old Boys of the Club.

The Navy finds itself with Lieut. "Grump" Mitchell as Captain of its Team for the coming year. Grump is an old old boy and will make an excellent leader for his club.

The Army Club retired to the English room and after due deliberation within its classical atmosphere decided to follow their old custom of electing the best looking man in the club, captain; so they relected Lieut. "Otis" Jeannin who lead the club to victory last year.

Following these elections the captains took their places surrounded by their club members and proceeded to elect the New Boys to the Clubs. The Navy Club had the privilege of the first choice since the Army had it last year. Those selected are as follows:

Navy	Army
Gebhart I	Schafer
Coyle II	Beall
Stewart	Warren
Shelly	Nothern
Orr	McPeak
Gebhart II	Snair
Mitchell II	Mitchell III
Firstenberger	Knernschield
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The Cadet representatives of the Athletic Board of Control were also

chosen by popular vote of each form.

First Lieut. Jack Markley, Sixth Form.

First Lieut. Otis Jeannin, Fifth Form.

Sergt. Robert Bivens, Fourth Form
Cadet Jim Mitchell, Third Form.

BISHOP MIZE AND MR. HILLER TO WASHINGTON

Bishop Mize left Saturday, October 5, with Mr. Ted Hiller (Vice-President Board of Trustees of Saint John's) for Washington, D. C., to attend the Tri-annual General Convention of the Episcopal Church. They will be gone about three weeks.

The delegates come from all over the United States. It is expected that ten thousand persons will attend this convention.

Bishops, Clergy and Laymen of the Episcopal Church meet every three years to legislate upon the affairs of the church.

The opening services of the convention will be held in the nearly completed National Cathedral on Mount Saint Albans in Washington, D. C., which when completed will be one of the largest and most beautiful Cathedrals in the World. Costing twenty-three millions of dollars.

On the four Sundays in October Chaplain du Domaine will have services at the followings places: Ellsworth, Wichita and Kansas City, Mo., in order to allow the Rectors of those Churches to attend the convention on the first three Sundays. He will also have the evening services at Minneapolis, Kansas.

HONOR ROLL FOR FIRST MONTH

Marvin—90.5
Warren—89.5
Hays II—88.3
Ripley E.—87.2
Schafer—85.5
Firstenberger—84.5
Morse—84.3
Coyle II—84.3
Bolte I—83.8
Hays I—83.3

FIRST DANCE

Invitations for the first dance of the season have been sent for Friday the 26th of October. Much excitement is manifest around the barracks in the decoration plans for the Gymn.

MUSIC AT DINNER

Sunday evening during dinner the cadets were entertained by Lieut. Markley, Lieut. Ripley and Lieut. Caldwell. Markley the piano, Caldwell the saxophone and Ripley the trap drums. Their program was received with great enthusiasm.

The Cadets were also entertained by Mr. Raymond Haggart during this meal. Mr. Haggart was graduated from Salina High School last year and is now one of the Freshmen leaders on the Coyote campus at Kansas Wesleyan University, also in Salina.

Mr. Haggart played two selections followed by two encores. The first number was "To a Water Lilly" and the second "Le Cavalier Fantastique." His first encore was "Coquette" and then "Just You, Sweetheart."

The Faculty and Cadets wish to thank Mr. Haggart for his entertaining us and we hope that he will come out again and play for us.

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA

We received a splendid telegram from Major Crooks who was president of the senior class of '28. In it he wished us a successful year. Wishing that he could have been here. The cadets wish to thank Major Crooks sincerely for his interest in the opening of another year of school. We wish him good luck and prosperity in his work in California.

Judge's voices often carry conviction.

He: "My ancestors came over in the Mayflower."

She: "It's lucky for you that they did, for the immigration laws are much stricter now."

NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Alfred L. du Domaine gave a bridge party, Saturday evening, October 13, 1928 for out of town guest from Minneapolis, Kansas. Mrs. du Domaine was assisted in the serving by Mrs. Roy W. Perkins. Madames Jackman, the Misses Midgley, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. McLean, Miss Perkins and Mrs. du Domaine were present.

St. John's was visited by Mr. Cecil Haggert who graduated here with the class of '89. We hope he will come and visit us again soon.

October 3, Capt. Williams, of Fort Riley, Kansas, and Mr. W. J. Cunningham, were the guests of Col. Perkins at lunch. Capt. Williams was the commander of the troop of Cavalry that took part in the Horse Show.

Mrs. Firstenburger, of Wichita, was visiting her son, Jack, last week. She was joined by Mr. Firstenburger over the week-end.

Mr. Ahrens, of Shreveport, La., was visiting his son, Cadet Ahrens, over the last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Wichita, were visiting their son, Bernard, over Saturday and Sunday of this past week.

Chaplain du Domaine, accompanied by Cadet Corporal Hays I, drove to Wichita last week end where Father du Domaine preached at St. James Church.

Capt. Pogeman and Capt. Simpson, spent the week-end in Wichita.

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During the summer Father du Domaine, our Chaplain, has made many improvements in the Chapel. All the seats and kneelers have been taken up and replaced and the old choir stalls taken out, thus giving an unobstructed view of the altar from the nave of the Chapel and also more room for communicants at the altar rail. A beautiful new blue velvet dorsal has been put back of the altar. Better and additional lights have also been installed. New linens and vestments have been purchased for use in the celebration of the Holy Communion. A fine new American flag has been hung on the Epistle side of the Altar. The whole Chapel presents a very devotional and inspiring appearance. The Chapel hour has been changed to 8:00 a. m. daily. This fact together with the hearty cooperation of the cadets as manifested in their hearty singing and responsiveness in the Chapel services should all help to make the Chapel a very important factor in the life of the School.

To The Poorhouse

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Hubby: "Only a pawn ticket."

Innocent Wife: "Why didn't you get two, then we could both go."

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FORTY FIRST OPENING OF ST. JOHN'S

St. John's has opened for the forty-first time. There are a few new faces and many old ones.

The Cadets started arriving Monday the tenth. With them came the work of preparing their rooms, meeting new boys, talking over of old times and preparing for football.

Finally September 13th arrived and at 5:15 that afternoon the first assembly was held. The boys were placed in line according to height and then the roll was called. Every cadet was there with the exception of three who had permission to be excused. The total number of cadets has been put up to eighty-two.

That evening after supper the cadets were assembled in the study hall and went from there to chapel. Bishop Mize gave a very cordial greeting to the boys, welcoming them back.

Everyone seemed ready for a successful year in studies, athletics and drills, a logical reaction after a pleasant summer vacation.

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Colonel W. L. Ganssle



As St. John's Military School opened its forty-first session, the absence of Col. and Mrs. W. L. Ganssle was felt by every member of the faculty and cadet corp who knew them. It was with regret that the school took up its duties without those two happy and charming personalities to greet returning students and instructors.

Col. and Mrs. Ganssle came to St. John's in 1915 from Racine, Wisconsin, and established themselves in a practically defunct school. In the twelve years that Col. Ganssle was

Superintendent, the student body grew from a school of fourteen cadets to its capacity of one hundred and twenty at one time. The extraordinary energy and executive ability and rare tact of Colonel Ganssle made such a growth possible and the present school and its bright future are in a great measure a monument to Col. Ganssle's youthful courage and dreams.

Many of the traditions which the school cherishes most dearly are traced back over the last twelve years. The ideas for the Crack Drill

Team, the Athletic Board of Control, the Initiations at Hallowe'en for the new boys, the Skirmisher and the Christmas Party were all contributed by Col. and Mrs. Ganssle. It is needless to say that while they were at St. John's they bent their energies toward making all these succeed.

Col. Ganssle is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Racine College, where he was Commandant of the Cadet Corp, before coming to St. John's. While in Salina, he was President of the Rotary Club, Potentate of Isis Shrine, member of the Grid-iron Club, Country Club and Chamber of Commerce.

He and Mrs. Ganssle are now living in Kansas City, Missouri, where the Colonel's business interests are centered. It is with most cordial good wishes that we bid them au revoir.

MRS. McLEAN REPLACES MR. BAILEY

This year the Junior School has a new teacher. The new teacher being none other than the wife of Captain McLean, our coach, who has classes, his being Chemistry and Science.

Mrs. McLean is a teacher of great experience and is handling her classes well, as several of the junior school boys can testify.

Mr. Bailey has taught at St. John's for a number of years and the faculty and cadets are sorry that he can not be with us this year. We hope that he is doing well in his new undertaking and we wish him the best of luck.

ST. JOHN'S CONNECTS SEWAGE WITH CITY

One of the greatest of the many improvements made at St. John's this year was that of the connection of the sewage of St. John's with the city sewage system.

The old method necessitated the use of the janitor's "Armstrong Pump" which was an enormous lot of trouble. In latter years the sewage drained into the old Dry Creek northwest of the school.

The new method requires no extra time of the janitors. This was one of the very greatest of the numerous improvements made at St. John's in several years.

Have you heard the new pullman song?

No. What?

"Dinah."—Ex.

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BARRACKS AND VAIL HALL REPAIRED

During the summer while the Cadets were enjoying their mountain climbing, motor trips, and in some cases, their hard work, the people left at school were busy creating surprises in the way of improvements for the vacationers when they should return.

The Study Hall was repainted and replastered. The seats were put in condition and painted so that they make fine places for study and to carve your name. Five new drop lights shaded by bowls furnish an even light. All in all the Study Hall is a much more pleasant place to spend the time from 7:15 to 8:15 in the evenings than it was before.

A flight of steps and entrance to the Barracks was made of solid concrete and adds much to the beauty of the building. The floors of the halls and the dining room were scraped and polished so well that their shining surfaces (especially of the dining room) inspired a returning Cadet to remark, "This would be a fine place for a dinner dance."

The curbing and walks west of the building were finished and set off that side of the building.

It is useless to say that the Cadets appreciate the improvements that were made for their special benefit for they show it and talk it everywhere.

CHANGES IN UNIFORM

The official dress uniform of the school has undergone several changes this year.

Bright gilt buttons will replace the old bone buttons of last year. Also gilt collar ornaments will be worn

by all with the exception of the officers who have a special type.

Another addition will be new Barricks Caps of a Pershing Model, such as are now worn by officers and instructors.

A leather garrison belt will be worn by all Cadets and Non-coms although the officers will retain their Sam Browne Belts.

The Cadets will all have dark blue slickers; these are light weight and very durable.

With all these new improvements the Cadet Corps should make an excellent appearance this year.

True to the Life of a S. J. M. S. Cadet

The moon goes up,
The moon goes down,
They talk of us

All over town;
And no one knows
Excepting two,
How much of what
They say is true.

MRS. du DOMAINE TAKES

CHARGE OF THE MUSIC

Cadets taking music this year will be instructed by Mrs. du Domaine both in piano and harmony.

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"JOKES"

"Don't you just adore lowering clouds?"

"How should I know? I never lowered no clouds."

Mrs. DuDomaine: "Can you play by ear?"

Chaplain: "Yes, if I know the piece."

Lieut. Mitchell: "Where will you be at dinner hour?"

Bright New Boy: "At dinner, silly."

"Are you the trained nurse mama said was coming?"

"Yes dear, I am the trained nurse."

"Alright. Let's see you do some of your tricks."

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ST. JOHN'S CADET-LINDSBORG GAME

St. John's played the second game of the football season on Friday the fifth of October at Lindsborg, Kansas. The game displayed some fine plays that were very effective and also some defective faults came to light. Although the Cadets fought hard they failed to score offensively, their two points coming from following the ball on the defense. Jaquise, of the Terrible Swedes recovered a high pass from center that bounded behind his goal line.

In the first half, Lindsborg completed one pass for a nice gain of thirty yards out of three attempts. St. John's resorted to line plays principally, attempting only one pass which was incomplete. The Cadets neared the goal of the Swedes several times but lost the ball on each occasion when the Lindsborg team would hold them for downs, under the shadow of the goal posts.

Lindsborg gained 55 yards in the first half while the Cadets from St. John's trailed close behind with a total of 47 yards gained from scrimmage.

The score stayed at 2-0 in favor of the Cadets until in the third quarter when the Swedes began a rally that the Soldiers were unable to stem. They crossed the St. John's goal twice within five minutes by straight football.

The first extra point after goal was missed, but they were successful in making good their try for point after the second touchdown and the score stood at 13-2, where it remained for the rest of the game.

St. John's was penalized three times in the first half for: illegal use of hands, backfield in motion and off side. Lindsborg was penalized but once in the first half and twice in the second half. The Cadets drew three more penalties in the final period.

Yardage gained in the last half by Lindsborg was 67, St. John's 52. Lindsborg completed two passes out of four tries. St. John's completed two successive passes out of three tries both for nice gains.

The old fighting spirit predominated throughout the game but all efforts were in vain when the "Terrible Swedes" determined to cross our goal. During the battle there were no serious injuries, however time out was called for Wallace, Markley and Bivens.

The green freshies of the Linds-

borg high school furnished the crowd with a game of soccer between the halves. Their school band was in attendance and furnished very stirring martial music.

It would not be fair to give credit to any individual, for they all worked in unison and each did his part of the work and fought hard to the very end.

Line-up and Summary

Lindsborg-13	Cadets-2
Farnstrom L.E.	Caldwell
Lillian L.T.	Coyle
Bachman L.G.	Wallace
Lindquist C.	Whitmore
Johnson R.G.	Schafer
Ahlstedt R.T.	Prather
Elving R.E.	Mitchell
Winstrand Q.B.	Stanley
Anderson L.H.	Markley
Kinby R.H.	Jeannin
Jaquise F.B.	Morse

Substitutes: Bivens for Stanley; Brown for Coyle, Woolridge for Wallace, Bivens for Mitchell, Frisbee for Schafer and Stanley for Bivens.

Lindsborg: Ahlstedt for Linquist, Hopkins for Wistrand, Billings for Hopkins, Lindquist for Ahlstedt.

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SENIOR CLASS ELECTS

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A short discussion concerning the class ring followed. The meeting adjourned.

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ST. JOHN'S IN HORSE SHOW

St. John's was well represented in the First Annual Horse Show of Salina County, by Cadet Bugler Kintz who acted as Official Bugler for the Judges and also by our own Pony, "Chief," ridden by Dick Magerkurth, who won First Prize and the Silver Loving Cup for the Best Boy Rider under sixteen years and Mount. Cadets were given Special Passes to the Show on Friday night, and enjoyed its instructive features as well as its entertainment.

With keen appreciation for the co-operation received, the management of Salina's First Annual Horse Show, has given their most sincere thanks to the military organizations of this section who were so helpful in making the city's first attempt of such a colorful endeavor a most decided success. The Horse Show was held in Kenwood Park during the night sessions of the First Salina Fair of the week of October first.

Contributing to the splendor and also to the color of the event were: Batteries A and Headquarters Companies of the 161st Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard Unit; Troops from the 13th United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Riley, the World's largest cavalry school and cadets from the St. John's Military School.

From every angle the show was a glorious success and gives great encouragement to the pioneering men who conceived the idea of putting Salina upon a new kind of map in the world. It is to be reasonably expected that in the future the show will grow and increase in scope.

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pony classes caused one to think of the Pendleton Round-Up and the Cheyenne Frontier Days Celebration for they were dressed in the flashiest of range garb.

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With the third division, or the Ladies and Gentlemen up, on the the sleek three and five gaited saddle horses, one can't help but recall the great social events in the Shenandoah Valley where Horse is King, or of the Blue Grass region that was the home of Robert E. Lee's favorite mount, "Traveller."

Under the field of glaring electric stars, the novice alongside the professional riders competed the silver loving cups and other awards offered. All before the most enthusiastic crowd ever assembled in Salina and the foremost judges of horses in the Mid-West.

The affair was made possible by the horse lovers of this section, especially; Nathan L. Jones, owner of the Jo-Mar Farms; Major Russell Cravens of the 161st F. A., K. N. G. and W. J. Cunningham, manager of the Arnold Motor Co., of Salina. Also commendation must be given to Cadets Kintz and Ripley II of the St. John's Military School.

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The Clergy of the district of Salina met with Bishop Mize on Tuesday, October 2; for their annual fall conference. Chaplain du Domaine who in addition to his duties at St. John's is Rector of Saint Peters Church at Minneapolis, Kansas, met with them. Every fall Bishop Mize calls his Clergy together to discuss their common problems in the mission field.

Teacher: "Now, don't you think that your daughter's voice is improving?"

Father: "Yes, but it's not cured."

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Al Hart, Chef of St. John's Gives Out Interview on New Gas Range in the Kitchen

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The reporter desiring to get first hand information interviewed Al Hart yesterday. Our smiling and genial chef was found in his white uniform and usual broad smile presiding over the cutting of a quarter of veal destined to satisfy hungry cadets at lunch.

When the reporter inquired for Al Hart, the Chef, the smiling individual replied "I am he," and we immediately felt as much at our ease, as in the office where we write this. When asked, how he liked the new gas range which has lately been installed at St. John's his first remark was, "I like it because I have thirty minutes more sleep in the morning. Sixteen large pies can be cooked at one time in the oven, continued Hart. Just then the reporter espied a piece of pie and a wistful look overspread his face. Quick to see what was passing in his mind, Hart pushed the pie toward the reporter, who, needless to say, quickly took the hint. Between bites he was uttering words of praise of Hart's cooking when Mrs. Hart interrupted him with the statement that she made all the pies. It is the reporter's private opinion that any institution that can boast of such good meat and pie is very fortunate in its chefs.

JOKES

Our annual joke—The New Boys.

Kay-det—"Have I any mail?"

Markley—"What's your name?"

Ditto—"You'll find it on the envelope."—Exchange.

VOLUNTEER COACH

He sat up in the bleachers at every football game.

He knew most every player; he called them all by name.

He even knew the signals and what was coming next,

But ask him where he got his stuff—And when it didn't happen he certainly was vexed.

He ridiculed the coaches, he sneered at all the "subs;"

The "regulars" were bad enough, but all the rest were dubs.

I asked him where he'd played the game, because he knew it all,

He answered, quite as if surprised, "I never played football!"

Then came the indoor season; the court game reigned again, And Jimmy worked his head off on his squad of husky men.

And sure enough the pest was back, perched in a sideline stand,

To roast the team, the coach, the "subs," and even razz the band.

I marveled at his knowledge; he must be pretty wise,

Because he knew what should be done, and voiced it with loud cries.

Again I wondered where he'd played, where he had learned it all,

But once again the answer came, I've played no basketball."

When spring comes 'round and baseball calls another team to work, There's one guy in the high school who surely will not shirk.

He'll climb up on the bleachers or stand along the line

And tell the boys just where they're wrong, not where they're looking fine.

He'll roast them good and vent his spite especially on the few

Who come out for the vacant jobs, when "vets" give way to new.

But ask him where he got his stuff—it won't faze him at all.

He'll give a dirty look and say, "I never played baseball."

He thinks, perhaps, he's doing good by scattering his advice,

Though as a matter of real truth, he doesn't cut much ice.

The students laugh, and sometimes join when he starts out to jest.

(It's fun to jibe and roast the ones who're doing their level best.)

And when he's out of school, no doubt, he'll keep it up anon;

You'll find him all through life on sidelines looking on.

And if some day he sees himself as others do—poor fool!—

He may confess, on looking back, "I never helped my school."—Ex.

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St. John's Military School was established in 1887 by the citizens of Salina, under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. It is a preparatory school for boys from 8 to 18 years of age. The capacity is one hundred and twenty boys, who are instructed and sponsored by a faculty of ten men. The course of study and text books are those adopted by the State Board of Education. About fifty percent. of the boys are from Kansas, the rest live in Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Montana, Missouri and Nebraska.

A modified military system is used as a means of developing neatness, obedience and self-reliance in the cadets. Athletics are offered for all of the boys. Time devoted to studies and recreations is supervised by competent instructors. The aim of St. John's is to develop well rounded men of character.

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