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## THE CRACK SQUAD DRILLS AT THE STATE HOUSE BEFORE GOVERNOR - ELECT REED AND ADJ. GEN. R. M. McLEAN

The Crack Squad made a second appearance while on the trip to Topeka at the Kansas State Capitol Building. They drilled before a very large audience and among them were Governor Clyde Reed and Adj. Gen. R. M. McLean.

The drill was excellent although the drilling space was limited to a very small section. Colonel Ganssle, the former superintendent of St. John's, and also the originator of the Crack Squad Drill was present and remarked that the drill under Capt. Caldwell was the best he had ever witnessed.

The Cadets attended the Reception Dance which was held on all floors of the State House and from all appearances they enjoyed themselves immensely. Especially the ones who were fortunate enough to secure dance partners. The Cadets were permitted to stay at the dance as long as they wished, there being no time limit.

## CADETS USE ARMORY

While at the inauguration of Governor Reed of Kansas the Cadet Corps of St. John's Military School were billeted in the Armory of the National Guards at Topeka. The Guards allowed the Cadets to use their cots for the two nights they were quartered there.

The Cadets took great pains to leave the Armory in as good condition as it was before they arrived. The Cadets appreciate the use of the Armory very much and thank the National Guards of Topeka very much.

## COLONEL PERKINS ILL

Colonel Roy W. Perkins was ill during the latter part of last week following the trip to Topeka and was unable to assume his regular duties until Friday noon. It is not known

## Note of Thanks

The Cadets of St. John's Military School wish to extend their thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the Inaugural Committee and the people of Topeka for the many courtesies extended them while visitors in their city.

They did everything that could be done to provide for the entertainment of the corps and not a dull moment was had by a single cadet during the whole stay in Topeka.

just what the cause of his illness was, but perhaps just a slight case of the "flu" with a bad cold.

## CADETS MAKE TRIP TO TOPEKA

On January 13th a caravan consisting of six cars, a bus and a truck left St. John's for Topeka, a trip of some 140 miles. They were loaded with cadets, going with the purpose of attending the inauguration of Governor Reed. Stops were made at Manhattan and Junction City for gas, oil and eats, and an average speed of about 35 miles per hour was held.

The Crack Squad was scheduled to drill at the Industrial School in Topeka at 6:00, and while most of the cars arrived in time, two, went astray, and caused the drill to be postponed until 8:00.

The Crack Squad's exhibition was well received by the boys at the Industrial school, and the Cadets were their guests to dinner afterwards. The caravan then went on its way and arrived at the State Armory shortly after 9:00. The truck was quickly unloaded, and bedrolls spread upon cots belonging to the Armory. The Cadets were then given liberty until midnight, and, needless to say a good time was had by all.

## CADET PROMOTIONS

On December 15th, there were thirteen promotions at St. John's. First Lieut. Mitchell commissioned Captain. Warrants for the following: Color Sergt. Bivens to Sergt. Major; Corporal Hays I, to Sergeant; Corporal Whitmore to Sergeant; Cadet Privates Coyle, Bingle, Hansen, Morse, Constance, Kintz and Harris to rank of Corporals.

Colonel and Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, of Kansas City, Missouri, were dinner guests of the faculty at our school last Thursday. Colonel gave a short talk on how glad he always is to get back to the old home place on the north end of Santa Fe, and how much interest he still holds for our school even though he is no longer superintendent.

Colonel Ganssle resigned his position with St. John's last spring and in turn accepted the position as active head of the Dutch Mills Co., a Missouri corporation operating an extensive chain of unique filling stations on the principal highways in the states of Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. The firm is closely connected with the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and has a tremendous business.

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## CLASS RINGS

The class rings for the seniors of '29 arrived the day that school was dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Many compliments have been received on the ring which is a square shield bearing the cross guns and seal of the school and supported by an eagle on each side. The rings are of green gold and grow more satisfactory with wear.

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## CADETS IN INAUGURAL PARADE

### Also Witness Inauguration Ceremonies at State Capitol

St. John's Military School entered one company of two platoons in the inaugural parade at Topeka last Monday, January 14.

The Company of Cadets marched from the National Guard Armory to the State Capitol Building where they joined the other participants in the parade.

The parade was quite a gala affair. The retiring state officers rode in special cars with the officers who would fill their vacant chairs in a few hours. These men received the enthusiastic applause and cheers from the crowds that gathered along the line of procession.

Other participants were high school bands from McCune and Parsons Highs, the Independence Grotto Shrine Drum Corps, the Wichita Legion Band that recently won the distinction as being the best in the United States and then if you should ask the Cadets who had the best looking girls they would shout in a chorus: "Parsons, with their Junior College Drum Corps." Of course on Parade, eyes were supposed to be to the front, but it was a hard job when you knew that thirty or forty of the best looking girls that you had seen in a lifetime were just in the rear. The girls cadence was much faster than the Cadets were used to, but that doesn't matter for when a cadet's heart goes a flutter he can easily forgive.

The Shrine entered a very efficient Drum and Bugle Corps, these men wore very colorful uniforms which made them the center of attraction.

Then followed the units of Calvary, Battery and Infantry from the Kansas National Guards and then a very large group of commissioned officers who are in charge of the various K. N. G. units over this state, with visiting officers from Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth.

The parade started at the State Capitol building and ended at the city auditorium. The auditorium was filled to capacity by friends, relatives, party members and on-lookers, besides the groups that were in the parade.

The speeches were short and to the point. Ex-Governor Paulen gave his retiring address, pointing out his feelings for the State and its people, and the condition the State was in when he started in his first term and how it had improved during his four years as the executive of Kansas. He also expressed to the new Governor, Clyde M. Reed, of Parsons, his best wishes for a prosperous term of office.

Governor Reed gave his inaugural address and immediately after was sworn into office by the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. Other state officers then took the oath of office and while the band played the crowd slowly moved out amid cheers, applauding and laughter.

**Cadet Alfred Fails to Return**  
Cadet Alfred was found absent after the holidays. He is going to the sunny state of California.

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## NOTE OF THANKS

The faculty members join with the Cadet Corps in their thanks to Adj. Gen. R. M. McLean and Colonel W. A. Bibb of the inaugural committee for their kind invitation to the inauguration and to the governor's reception at the State House.

The Sunday issue of the New York Times has been ordered for the use of the seniors in class.

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Have ye noticed that some of our "kay-dets" and now receiving letters bearing ye Topeka postmark? And there are those who say that a uniform has no sex appeal? Bunkum!

And didst thou know, gentle reader, that we have a Caruso in our midst? Verily! At the estimable performance given by the "Canaries" a soloist of repute was discovered. Ye scribe hopes that this gentleman will, in the near future, sing for him that pleasant ditty "Far, FAR Away."

Ye scribe has not missed seeing the feminine bracelets that adorn some of our masculine arms, either. Could Santa Claus possibly have mixed some of his presents?

Dost thou remember the remarkable proficiency with which a certain "Louie" distinguished himself as high point man?

Ye curiosity of ye scribe would be satisfied if some one "in the know" would inform him just who the S. Y. T. was that our dear "Augie" was conversing with on Topeka's main drag Monday afternoon.

France is not approaching the war debt matter as we would like to have her to—Francly.

—Humbolt Union.

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The Third Form English class has begun its study of Ivanhoe. Its members are: Bagnall, Bolte I, Fishman, Freeto, Gebhart II, Mitchell II, Mitchell III, Pincombe, Robineau, Wilkinson, and Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamrick, of Salina, were visitors at St. John's Mil-

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CADETS TROUNCE FARMERS  
BENNINGTON

On last Thursday, January 10th, 1929, the Cadet Five made its first appearance against Bennington High School. It was a very fast and thrilling game.

The Cadet Five was on its toes from the first toss up until the last minute as the whistle blew. They showed that they knew how to play basketball, by swamping the Farmers with a score of 29 to 11.

The Cadets showed good form throughout the game. The high point men were Corp, our center, and Jeannin, our forward. The Bennington Farmers were eager for victory but were outclassed from start to finish. The Farmers only made their baskets by hiring a little farmer to sit on the goal and drop the ball through.

Markley played a very good defense during the game. Corp, taking Ski Prather's berth at center on the team showed himself worthy of holding to the position. Jeannin played a good game as a forward. (We think some of his playing was due to the fact that Dorothy was present).

BEARCATS DOWN CADETS  
St. John's-Ellsworth

After defeating Bennington in their first game of the season, and holding the Kansas Wesleyan Business College to a score of 18 to 14, the Cadet Five lost to the veteran Ellsworth Bearcats.

The first quarter was in Ellsworth's favor. After that the Cadets put up a fight not to be despised. The game itself was very fast. The enthusiastic Cadet Corps kept up an incessant cheer throughout the entire game.

Jeannin and Markley of the Cadets and Silverwood of the Bearcats were the outstanding players of the game.

After tasting both Victory and Defeat the Cadets seem to think that the taste of Victory is the best. And in their minds all of the remaining games will find the Cadets on top.

## CADETS-ELLSWORTH

In a hard fought game played in Memorial Hall, Saturday, January 12 the Cadets were defeated by a score of 14 to 30. Jeannin was the Cadets high point man.

In the double bill, Wichita high school defeated our rivals, Salina high by a score of 23 to 18.

HIGH POINT MEN  
First Team

Jeannin	19
Corp	12
Markley	11
Mitchell	9
Bivens	4
Stanley	4
Morse	2
Northern	1
Caldwell	0
Total	52

## Second Team

Stewart	12
Harris	10
Beal	9
Frisbie	3
Roberts	3
Bebhart II	2
Total	39

## 1929 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 10—Bennington (Here)
Jan. 11—Kan. Wesleyan B. C. (There)
Jan. 12—Ellsworth, (Here)
Jan. 16—Brookville (Brookville (There)
Jan. 18—Lindsborg (There)
Jan. 19—Chapman (Here)
Jan. 22—Salina (Here)
Jan. 25—Sacret Heart (Here)
Jan. 29—Solomon (There)
Feb. 2—McPherson (Here)
Feb. 5—Brookville (Here)
Feb. 7—Chapman (There)
Feb. 9—Lindsborg (Here)
Feb. 12—Solomon (Here)
Feb. 15—McPherson (There)
Feb. 19—Beverly (Here)
Feb. 26—Beverly (There)
March 1—Ellsworth (There)
March 5—Salina (Here)
March 8—District Tourney
March 9—District Tourney
March 21—State Tourney (Here)
March 22—State Tourney (Here)
March 23—State Tourney (Here)

## ST. JOHN'S SECOND TEAM

Although the first team has suffered several defeats our Second has won all of its games. They also downed the Farmers Second Team with a score of.....to..... They played Brookville's Second Team and beat them by a score of 15 to 12.

Under the leadership of "Jeff" Harris their fast little Captain the Second Team stands a good chance of being

undefeated this year. They seem to have more spirit than the first team when it comes to getting out to practice and keeping the training rules.

## Game Scores

St. John's 29; Bennington 11.  
St. John's, 15; Brookville, 12

## GENERAL McLEAN'S LETTER

Topeka, Kansas,

January 16, 1929.

Colonel Roy W. Perkins,  
St. John's Military School,  
Salina, Kansas.

My Dear Colonel:

Please accept this letter in appreciation of the courtesy extended by St. John's Military School in sending Company A to the 1929 inaugural. The splendid discipline, appearance and excellent drills given to the spectators and the wonderfully fine appearance in the parade has been remarked and commented on by the spectators who saw the organization, in a most complimentary manner. This was a popular innovation, a courtesy to the incoming governor and a treat to the public. I hope it may be possible for St. John's Military School to participate in a like manner in future inaugural ceremonies and I wish that each boy could realize in his own mind how much officials and all people enjoy meeting courteous and soldierly young men.

Please extend my congratulations to Bishop Mize on the splendid appearance of this Company, courtesy of its officers and of the school officials accompanying the organization. I feel that he would have felt very proud to be present and see them participate in what is said to have been the most colorful and dignified parade in any Kansas inaugural.

Sincerely yours,

M. R. McLEAN.

## NOTE OF THANKS

The Cadet Corps and members of the St. John's Military School faculty wish to thank Supt. D. A. White and Assistant Supt. Ward P. Holly of the Kansas State Boys Farm for their hospitality to the cadets and for the opportunity of seeing how boys live and carry on in an institution of that kind.

Note—incidentally, these men are both ex-service men who served in the world war in the same unit with our own Col. Roy W. Perkins.

## NOTES

Cadets Ripley, E., Shelly and Orr were the guests of the Phi Delta Fraternity of Washburn College while in Topeka.

Cadet Kline has returned to school this week after spending a week under the family doctor's care in McPherson.

Cadets Bagnall, Ripley C., Corp and Beall were the guests of Cadets Gebhart I and II at the home of their parents while in the State Capitol for the inauguration.

Cadets Vidler, Hockensmith, Orr and Davies were guests at Governor Reed's party in the Florentine room of the Hotel Jayhawk, Topeka. Colonel and Mrs. Perkins were also invited but could not attend because of previous engagements.

Cadet Shelly was met in Topeka by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Shelly, of Wichita, and his sister, Miss Geraldine, a student of Kansas University, Lawrence.

Cadet Johnson visited with his relatives while in our State Capitol.

Several Cadet members of the Skirmisher Board of Publication were on an inspection tour of the plant of Senator Capper's Daily Capitol last Monday.

Had permission been granted, several of the Cadet Corps would have gone to Parsons, when the girls drum

corps returned to the Junior College there.

The vaudeville houses did a "Land Office Business" while the Cadets over-ran Topeka.

It is surprising the initiative that some of our fellow cadets display in meeting people and getting places.

We wonder if the cadets could explain why the loungers of the mezzanine floor at the Hotel Kansan complained that the place smelt like an old time country smoke house.

## SHRINE DINNER PARTY

Complimentary to the DeMolays of St. John's and other schools of Salina, who had so willingly aided in the entertainment at the last conclave. The Isis Temple gave a dinner dance the first night the cadets were back from their Christmas vacation. Music was furnished by the Ozark Revelers out of Kansas City, Mo., while an excellent plate luncheon was served and favors presented.

Those of St. John's invited were: Cadets Ripley, Mitchell, Markley, Wallace, Frisbee, Hockensmith, Vidler, Davies, Schafer and Orr.

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## CADET SHELLY RETURNS HOME

The cadet corps will be sorry to know that Cadet Shelly has been sent home by the doctors because of a weakening of the heart. It is believed that a week or two of real rest will cure this illness. The faculty and Skirmisher Board all hope that Shelly will have a quick recovery.

## TWO NEW BOYS

Two new boys have come since the Christmas vacation. Their names are Pincombe and Walker. We hope that they will both get along well.

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## CADETS TO ENTERTAIN WITH WINTER FORMAL

Once more the Cadets of St. John's will get out their best social manners and save up some spending money and then after both have been polished, and then follow the big event of the winter season in Salina.

From all early indications, the winter ball to be given by the cadets and faculty members on the evening of January 30th, will be one of the best ever staged in Salina. Already many bids have been accepted by "Debs" from out of town.

A popular move made by the committee was the engaging of "Ted" Haynes orchestra to play for the dance. Always a red hot aggregation, the Haynes orchestra has never failed to please and their genial leader has promised some keen novelty stunts with the latest musical numbers.

## DeMOLAYS TO ENTERTAIN

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## SPECIAL PROGRAM LAST SUNDAY

Last Sunday, visitors, faculty members and their wives, and the old boys were entertained at supper by the "Rats". The new boys ("rats" as they are commonly known) lost their old name and became "canaries" and gave a musical program, which was conducted by "Rat" Knernschield. The group opened with a selection, "Hail, Hail, the "Rats" are All Here."

"Rat" Freeto sang a solo, "The Girl of My Dreams," which caused much applause. The soloist was also asked to give a short talk after his wonderful singing. The closing number by the group was "Ramona."

The Skirmisher and the old boys wish to thank the "Rats" and especially Knernschield and Freeto for their splendid program.

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New Hand: "There are eight of us in house but the alarm clock was only set for seven."

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## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CHAPEL

The Chapel has been improved in appearances very much. It has been re-varnished and blends very well.

## CAPTAIN POGGEMAN WEDS

When the cadets returned from the Christmas holidays they found a new addition to the faculty. Due to the fact that Captain Poggeman had married Miss Fern Light of Wichita. Upon being asked the Captain declared that Mrs. Poggeman was Light and not dull.

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## ST. JOHN'S CADETS IN EMPORIA SCHOLARSHIP TESTS

Some High Marks Are Made by Cadets in K. S. T. C. Every Pupil Contest.

The "Every Pupil Contest," sponsored by the Emporia Teachers college bureau of measurements, was held January 8.

The tests used in the contest, in which it is expected that more than 500,000 pupils entered this year, are prepared in Emporia and distributed to any high school in the country wishing to enter the annual event. Keys for scoring, instruction and tabulation sheets are provided with the tests, and faculty members of the schools grade the papers and return the results to the bureau for final tabulation. Percentiles of each subject have been worked out and are included with each test so that schools may compare the results obtained by its pupils with the results obtained from a standard group.

The contest of January 8, included the following subjects: physics, first year algebra, plane geometry, constitution, first year Latin, English and literature. The two latter groups will be divided into four groups, and participants will be classified according to their years in high school.

High school tests for April 10 will include chemistry, general science, physics, plane geometry, American history, first and second year Latin, first and second year Spanish, and divided English groups, typewriting, manual training, clothing and foods.

Records reveal that the annual contests have shown rapid growth since their establishment in 1924 by Dr. Wood. In 1925, only 1,500 pupils took the tests and the following year the number of contestants was increased to 65,000. More than 143,000 entered the contest in 1927 and in 1928, when

the contest was opened to other states the number of participants was increased to 430,000. Pupils from 24 states took part in the 1928 contest.

The following are the three high grades in each subject given:

### ENGLISH LITERATURE

<b>Freshmen—Possible 180 points</b>	
Robineau .....	101
Gebhart II .....	62
Bolte I .....	58
<b>Sophomore—Possible 180 points</b>	
McPeak .....	105
Firstenberger .....	94
Phillips .....	93
<b>Juniors—Possible 180 points</b>	
Warren .....	95
Orr .....	85
Beall .....	80
<b>Seniors—Possible 180 points</b>	
Johnson .....	120
Vidler .....	117
Talbert .....	106
Myers .....	104
Ripley E. ....	101

### ENGLISH GRAMMAR

<b>Freshmen—Possible 150 points</b>	
Mitchell III .....	109
<b>Sophomore—Possible 150 points</b>	
Oppenheim .....	104
Constant .....	104
<b>Juniors—Possible 150 points</b>	
Kline .....	113
<b>Seniors—Possible 150 points</b>	
Marvin .....	117
Vidler .....	114

<b>American History—Possible 55 Points</b>	
Marvin .....	47
<b>First Year Latin—Possible 65 points</b>	
Mitchell III .....	49
Jones K. ....	49
<b>First Year Algebra—Possible 75 Points</b>	
Marshall .....	50
<b>Plane Geometry—Possible 67 points</b>	
Vidler .....	41
<b>Constitutional History—Possible 95 points</b>	
Marvin .....	85

## DR. PETERSON LECTURES ON PHILIPPINES

A rather unique and interesting lecture was given by Dr. B. O. Peterson at the school on last Monday night. A group of unusual lantern slides, showing the mode of living and some of the characteristics of the natives was used to illustrate his talk.

Dr. Peterson has spent the last twenty-five years among the people of these islands as a Methodist Episcopal missionary and has a first-hand knowledge of his subject. He is a good talker, and his lecture was well received.

Mrs. Daisy Mercer, who has been our house-mother at the Junior School for the past eleven years, is Dr. Peterson's mother.

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