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## DANCING CLASSES ARE BEING HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

### LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LESSONS

Mrs. Hamm, the mother of one of the cadets, has come to St. John's to conduct dancing classes in the school. She is from the Da Pron School of Dancing, located in Denver, Colorado, which is the oldest and best of the dancing schools in the Rocky Mountain District.

Mrs. Hamm has studied Ballet and Stage dancing under Xenia Markelzova and Prof. Benize of the Imperial Russian Ballet. She also holds a diploma of Ballroom and Tap dancing from the John Murry Anderson School of New York as represented at the Eliche's Garden School of dancing in 1928.

She has been at the school since the latter part of February and has been instructing the cadets in both private and group Ballroom and Tap dancing.

The group lessons are divided into the beginners and advanced classes. In the beginners class the cadets practice the steps they have learned during their private instruction. The advanced class is taught all the latest popular steps, and reviews the essential points of good dancing.

Although Mrs. Hamm had only been here a short time giving lessons, a considerable improvement was noticed in the dancing of the cadets at the last dance. As she has given many more lessons since then, the next dance ought to be one of the best of the year.

### PICTURES FOR CATALOGUE BEING TAKEN OF SCHOOL

Chaplain du Domaine has lately been having the photographer, Mr. Applebaugh of the Applebaugh Studio, come out and take the photographs that will be put in the new catalogue. Mr. Applebaugh has already taken several pictures including those of the dining hall, the chapel, the study hall, crack squad, color guard, basketball team and football team. More will be taken in the near future.

Chaplain du Domaine has been working very hard on the catalogue since Christmas and hopes to make a great improvement over the one of last year. He expects to have it off the press before Commencement.

### GLEE CLUB REDUCED BECAUSE OF BEING OVER-CROWDED

Several weeks ago Capt. Shideler decided to reduce the Glee Club by a process of elimination. Too many boys aspired to be members and such a large number could not very easily be handled. Using Mrs. Perkins, Capt. Brown, Mr. Barker, and Chaplain du Domaine as judges, Capt. Shideler had each boy sing for them some snatch from a familiar song. The judges were asked to hand in a list of the boys they considered the best singers. Those finally selected were Cadets Bagnall, Firstenberger, Cater, McKay, Altman, Covey, Taylor, Deppen, Beall, Scott, Bivens, Green, Roberts, Becker, Hight, de Beque, Bolte J., Branda, Leaf, Heath, King, White, Mattison, Coyle L., Elmore, Ivy, Edsall, and Warren.

## CHAPLAIN DU DOMAINE HOLDS CONFIRMATION CLASSES

On Palm Sunday evening, April 13th, Bishop Mize will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Christ Cathedral, Salina. As he has done in past years, Chaplain du Domaine is now giving instruction for a short period one or two evenings a week to those St. John's boys who are planning to receive this Sacrament. Although St. John's is under the control of the Episcopal church and the Book of Common Prayer is used in its daily chapel services, no boy is urged to affiliate with this Church against his will or without the consent of his parents or guardian. It is an inspiring thing in this day when religious beliefs are so loosely held by many people to see a boy come forward and voluntarily ally himself with the Church of Christ.

## Capt. Poggeman Back to Work After Sick Spell

### Class Welcomes Him Back; Several Substitutes Take Class

"Variety is the spice of life," once said a learned sage. We wonder whether the boys of the upper three grades of the Junior school found much "spice" in the variety of teachers who recently have taught them. When Captain Poggeman came down with the mumps of course substitutes had to be found to take charge of his classes. Capt. Wallace and Mr. Abbott took their turns. Even Mrs. McLean turned over her little boys to other hands and substituted for a day or two. Then a Mr. Crawford who had had some experience in teaching assumed command but two days later he was stricken down with the mumps. But he did not blame St. John's for the affliction and admitted he must have been exposed before taking up his new duties.

After the departure of Mr. Crawford, Capt. Bailey who taught at St. John's several years ago filled the "hoodooed" position. He stuck it out until Capt. Poggeman got back on the job. Now everything is back to normal, but the Junior school boys still have some vivid memories of a hectic fortnight or so.

## CADETS ATTEND CRAFTSMANSHIP LECTURE AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

"We may not all become craftsmen but we must admit that at least we can all become intelligent appreciators of art. The big need in America today is an appreciation of art. Beauty is a state of mind, free to everyone." Thus spoke Miss Jean Chamblin in her lecture on "Every Man a Craftsman" at the Lincoln High School auditorium on the night of last March 3.

All the St. John's cadets who listened to Miss Chamblin's talk accompanied by a remarkable exhibition of crafts and given with a background of beautiful pictures in slides could hardly have left without gaining some appreciation and a better understanding of the field of arts and craftsmanship so dear to the speaker's heart.

Miss Chamblin possesses a charming personality and showed that she was thoroughly familiar with the manner of work-

## SUNDAY PARADES TO BE HELD WHEN WEATHER PERMITS

With the coming of spring and its nice weather, St. John's plans to have a formal guard mount or parade every Sunday afternoon. Both of these ceremonies are very beautiful, as the full dress uniforms are worn, and all the movements are the essence of perfection and exactness.

In the past years many citizens of Salina often have driven out to see these exhibitions, and automobilists driving past, often have stopped on the highway to watch them.

The drum and bugle corps play a very important part in the ceremonies, as they have several calls to sound. Cadet Bagnall has charge of this section, and much credit should be given to him for the way he has developed it.

## Pre-Lenten Dance Most Colorful Affair of Year

### Flashlight Pictures Taken for School Catalogue

The Pre-Lenten dance held on the night of February 28 in the gymnasium was by far the most colorful affair of the year. Despite the fact that the Feast of St. Patrick was two weeks distant the green color scheme was used in the decorations. A chain of lights covered by large paper clovers made a complete circuit of the building, and the chandeliers were draped with green and white streamers cut in artistic designs. The bower in which the orchestra played was hung with similar streamers.

Dancing commenced at nine and continued until midnight. The programs were most attractive. Flashlight pictures were taken of the dancers following the Grand March. About eleven o'clock two features were given—a drill by the Crack Squad and an exhibition dance by Mrs. Hamm, our dancing teacher, and Captain Wallace. After the feature numbers refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

At midnight came the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" which meant the end of a delightful evening.

## ST. JOHN'S TAKES THIRD PLACE AT TOURNAMENT

### TEAM DEFEATS SACRED HEART AND BAVARIA; LOSES TO BROOKVILLE

St. John's won the consolation game by defeating Bavaria 25-13; thus giving third place in the tournament to the cadets.

The cadets took the lead at the beginning and held it throughout the game. The cadets were all over the floor and were working in unison. It looked like a different team than had played in the afternoon. Jeannin and Beall were the high point men scoring the majority of the cadets' points.

| ST. JOHN'S—25 | FG | FT | F  | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|------|
| Jeannin F     | 2  | 3  | 3  | 7    |
| Green F       | 1  | 1  | 2  | 3    |
| Beall C       | 3  | 0  | 3  | 6    |
| Scott G       | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2    |
| Roberts G     | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Arnett F      | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3    |
| Bivens G      | 1  | 2  | 1  | 4    |
| Totals        | 9  | 7  | 11 | 25   |

| Bavaria—13 | FG | FT | F  | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|----|------|
| Kern F     | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1    |
| Habiger F  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1    |
| Hronek C   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1    |
| Zerbe G    | 0  | 2  | 2  | 2    |
| Shrader G  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 6    |
| Louis G    | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2    |
| Davis F    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0    |
| Totals     | 3  | 7  | 11 | 13   |

## CRACK SQUAD GIVES DRILL AT HERINGTON KANSAS

On Tuesday, March 11, the Crack Squad went to Herington to drill before the American Legion Convention. The boys made the trip in the cars of Col. Perkins, Capt. McLean, and Chaplain du Domaine.

The drill was held before an appreciative audience of about three hundred. The members received many compliments on their snappy looking uniforms and their drill. As usual the movements went off with clocklike accuracy, not one boy losing his head or causing any confusion.

After the drill the boys were allowed to visit town for a short while. They arrived back at school at a late hour.

## TENNIS COURT MADE READY FOR SPRING PRACTICE AND PLAY

These warm spring days are arousing the desire in everyone to be out of doors. Among other things some of the boys are getting the tennis fever. The rackets which for the past few months have been lying in the bottom of trunks or on top shelves have been produced and are being made ready for use.

Covered with heavy snows for weeks at a time, the tennis courts got to be in a pretty bad condition, the soft dirt and gravel having become loosened. Now the courts are being sprinkled and smoothed out with a heavy roller.

With the ending of the basket ball season many boys have turned to track. Let us hope that those not interested in this sport will give attention to tennis.







## JOKES



## Too Young

Bixby (entering barber shop): "How long must I wait to have a shave?"  
Barber: "Perhaps two or three years."

## Modest

Colonel: "Cater, have you anything to say before I decide upon the number of demerits you deserve?"  
Cater: "Nothing, sir, except that it takes very little to please me."

## Sherlock on the Job

For a few weeks last summer Capt. Simpson held down a job with a Detective Agency. Here is a bit of a conversation which once took place:

Inspector: "Got away, has he? Did you guard all the entrances?"  
Capt. Simpson: "Yes, but we think he must have left by one of the exits."

## Zero

The Father: "My daughter must marry a man whose income has at least four ciphers."  
Coyle J.: "Well, I am the man—mine is all ciphers."

## All-Seeing Eyes

Hartman: "When Capt. Poggeman enters his class room why does he first look on one side of the room and then on the other?"

Gehrke: "I don't know. Why?"

Hartman: "Because he can't look on both sides at the same time."

## Shocking

Mr. Barker: "Did you pay cash for your car?"

Chaplain du Domaine: "For everything except the battery. I had that charged."

## Diplomacy

Mrs. McLean: "So you think this new hat is unbecoming as well as expensive?"

Coach: "Yes, dear, it covers too much of your lovely face."

Mrs. McLean: "Well—er—perhaps I'd better return it."

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## He Needs a Vacuum Cleaner

Col. Perkins (at room inspection): "Phillips, why didn't you clean this small rug?"

Phillips: "That's not a rug, Colonel. That's Bivens' towel."

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## She Meant Well

Old Lady (after Capt Shideler had finished his solo): "Now, Captain, you need never tell us again that you can't sing."

## CADETS DEFEAT SACRED HEART IN TOURNAMENT

On March 8 St. John's won their first game of the tournament by defeating Sacred Heart 17-16. From the first tip-off to the final report of the gun it was anybody's game. First one team and then the other would get a small lead just to lose it in a moment. The half ended with the score 10-8 in favor of the cadets.

Both teams came back fighting hard in the second half. The defenses had tightened up so it was harder to work the ball in under the basket.

The game ended 14 to 14 so an overtime period was necessary to play off the ties. The overtime period decided the

game in favor of the cadets with the score standing 17-16.

Arnett and Jeannin were high point men for the cadets, and Gagnan of Sacred Heart was the high point scorer of their team.

| ST. JOHN'S—17 | FG | FT | F | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|
| Jeannin F     | 2  | 3  | 3 | 7    |
| Arnett F      | 3  | 0  | 4 | 6    |
| Beall C       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 2    |
| Bivens G      | 0  | 1  | 1 | 1    |
| Scott G       | 0  | 1  | 1 | 1    |
| Warren G      | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0    |

Totals 6 5 10 17

| SACRED HEART-16 | FG | FT | F | Pts. |
|-----------------|----|----|---|------|
| Beisner F       | 0  | 0  | 4 | 0    |
| Gagnan F        | 1  | 4  | 2 | 6    |
| Hernandez C     | 1  | 0  | 1 | 2    |
| Schmidt G       | 0  | 2  | 2 | 2    |
| Geiss G         | 1  | 1  | 2 | 3    |
| Abrien F        | 0  | 3  | 2 | 3    |

Totals 3 10 13 16

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# SPORTS

## CADETS LOSE TO GLASCO IN "A" CLASS TOURNAMENT

The cadets faced hard luck when Glasco won over them in the A Class tournament.

In the first quarter Glasco took a lead of 10-0 before the cadets settled down to real basket ball.

In the second quarter St. John's came back tying Glasco 11-11, later 13-13. Colton and Amburg, the main factors for the Glasco team, broke loose with a streak of luck bringing the score 20-13.

The last half started with the cadets again threatening to close the gap, but the rally was stopped when Glasco's team made successive points bringing the third period to an end with the score standing 28-20.

The last quarter Glasco scored 12 points to the cadets 6. The game ended with the score 40-26.

Jeannin and Bivens were the outstanding players for the cadets, scoring most of the points.

## LINDSBORG WINS OVER CADETS BY SMALL MARGIN

The Lindsborg Vikings nosed out the Johnnies 19 to 18 in a rough but interesting game at Lindsborg on March 10.

This game brought to a close the regular schedule for 1930 although both teams were entered in the regional A class tournament held in Salina March 13, 14, 15.

Jeannin, cadet forward, was the outstanding player of the evening making fifteen of his team's eighteen points, and he also played a good defensive game.

Anderson, Lindsborg's fast little forward, and Wistrand, who is an all league guard, played a good game, doing most of the scoring for their team. It was through Wistrand's handling of the ball and his speed to drive in for set-ups that

lost his team in the lead.

## TRACK SEASON LOOKS GOOD

Basketball season now being finished every one is looking forward to track. Coach McLean hopes to have a successful season this year, with the help of the old letter men and the responding new boys.

Our last year's relay team is with us again, we hope it is again successful this year. Last year the team entered in the Kansas relays so this year they are hoping for the chance to show a better standing for the school.

Due to graduation some valuable men were lost. Coach expects the new cadets filling the vacancies to do the best of their ability.

Coach plans to start track Wednesday 19, following the Army-Navy basket ball games to be played Monday and Tuesday.

## Would You Believe It?

Carlotta: "You say I saw the prettiest girl in town this morning. When was that?"

Bagnall: "You looked in the mirror."

## BEVERLY DEFEATED BY JOHNNIES FOR SECOND TIME

The orange and black team defeated Beverly 23 to 15 in a hard fought game played at Beverly on March 5.

Jeannin, the hard working cadet forward, backed by the strong defense of his team-mates, led his team to victory through his ability to score from long range. He was high point man of the game making 13 of his team's 23 points.

Both teams played hard, clean ball, but both were weak on offense, thus causing them to take long shots. On account of the teams' tight defences very few set-ups were made.

## BROOKVILLE DEFEATS CADETS AT SOLOMON

St. John's lost their game in the semi-finals, played on March 8, to Brookville by the small margin of 19-16. Both teams were weak on offense although neither defence was strong.

Arnett was high point man of the game scoring ten points. Jeannin, who is usually a steady scorer only made two points. Johnson was high point man for the winners with five points.

This was a hard fought game, but the cadets lacked the fight and drive that they had formerly shown.

## In the Next War

Private Jeannin: "Ah, Captain Wead, this is indeed a great pleasure to meet you again. You once saved my life."

Captain Wead: "When was that?"

Private Jeannin: "At the Battle of Boltshoski. You bolted; I followed."

Said a dashing young fellow named Scott To a maiden, "What sweet lips you've got: 'Twould be heavenly bliss

If you gave me one kiss—"

But all she gave him was a swat.

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