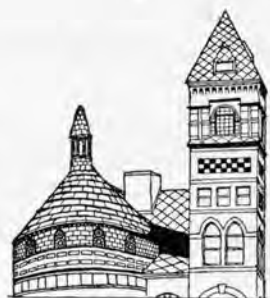


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STUDENTS HEAR INFORMAL TALK ON GERMAN BOY

NATIVE GERMAN TELLS STORY OF YOUTH; MUSICAL PROGRAM FOLLOWS

Col. Perkins, our Commandant, always has the welfare and happiness of the St. John's boys at heart. On the two Saturday nights that they were denied their usual town leave on account of the infantile paralysis scare in town he arranged programs out at school for their entertainment. One of these programs consisted of two parts.

The first part was a talk on the German boy given by Mr. Paul Walters, a native of the Fatherland but now a citizen of Salina. Mr. Walters confined his remarks principally to reminiscences of his boyhood and young manhood days. He had the most unusual experience of living in a town associated with the life of Martin Luther—in fact the building in which he for a while attended school had once been the residence of the great reformer. Mr. Walters had gotten some of his education under difficulties owing to the congested conditions in his school, over a hundred pupils being in the same class under one teacher. Mr. Walters' account of his struggle to win a commission in the army was most interesting. He was one of the forty-five successful candidates out of one hundred and twenty. After passing the test he had to spend a year as a private in the trenches before he was made an officer. His experiences with a "hard boiled" army sergeant were most entertaining. In fact all of Mr. Walters' talk was enjoyed despite the fact that his English was rather broken for which he apologized several times.

The second part of the program was put on by two musical entertainers whom Col. Perkins introduced as "Professor" Bagnall and "Count" deBeque. Both rendered vocal selections to the accompaniment of the "Count's" ukelele. One song "Happy Days Are Here Again" was dedicated to Lieut. Raymond Green, and another "Dancing with Tears in My Eyes," to Lieut. Oliver Phillips.

Following the program Bishop Mize treated all the cadets to candy and Eskimo Pies.

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 12 WITH RETREAT AT 5:30

At 5:30 on the evening of September 12 St. John's School opened its 44th session with a roll call. For two or three days the boys had been arriving and both the upper and lower school buildings had begun to give forth an atmosphere of life and activity. Col. Perkins assisted by Lieut. Green lined the boys up and gave the new cadets their first bits of military instruction.

After the dinner which was served at six o'clock an assembly was held in the study hall. Bishop Mize said a few words of welcome and introduced the teachers to the boys. Following this, Capt. Pogge-man ran off several reels of motion pictures, a number of which showed the commencement activities of last year. Thus ended the first day of our new school year.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON CAMPUS

During the summer months several improvements have been made on the school campus, the most noticeable being the miniature golf course south of the gymnasium. The cadets have derived a great deal of pleasure from this, especially those boys who were here during the summer.

In the Upper School new ceilings and oak floors have been placed which add much to the general appearance. Most of the cadets have new wallpaper and in the instructors' rooms in the barracks lavatories have been installed.

Over in the Junior School a number of partitions had to be torn out in order to make room for larger classes which have almost doubled in size since last year. In general the school and the campus have been greatly improved during the vacation.

Crack Squad Chooses Green as Captain

New Members Added; Hope to Give First Drill by Christmas

The Cracksquad, a cadet organization offering a zouave drill, which was originated by Colonel Ganssle, a former superintendent of St. John's, recently voted several new members into their ranks. In the past years it has been the custom to make these selections a few weeks after the beginning of school in order to fill the places of those who had graduated the preceding commencement.

The organization consist of twelve boys, a bugler, and a captain—fourteen in all. Lieutenant Green is captain for this year. It is customary first to teach the new members to drill and then, after several weeks practice, to drill before the public when called upon. The first drill was started Sunday, October 5th, much earlier than usual, and it is hoped that at least one public drill will be given before Christmas.

The old members back are: Green, Bivens, Bagnall, Coyle J., Coyle L., Firstenberger, Snair, Marshall, Bolte II. The new members are: Bolte I., Shakespeare, Hight, Scott, White, Cater, David and Deppen.

CADETS HEAR BISHOP MIZE SPEAK UPON MASTERY AND PREPARATION

Bishop Mize is a very busy man, and usually on Sundays he is away from St. John's visiting one of the parishes in his diocese. The cadet corps feel that they have been unusually fortunate to have the Bishop speak to them in chapel on several Sunday mornings since school opened.

On two successive Sundays Bishop Mize spoke on the two words Mastery and Preparation, the idea having been suggested to him by the column in the Salina Journal on learning a new word each day. In his talk on Mastery the Bishop centered his remarks around the dictionary definition that "a master is one who has entire or complete control over one or more persons or things." When a person has gained mastery he has overcome some difficulty. The hardest kind of mastery is to obtain control of one's self. Jesus showed he had complete mastery over himself when he was nailed to the

ST. JOHN'S STAYS OPEN; SALINA SCHOOLS CLOSE

Owing to an epidemic which the doctors diagnosed as probably infantile paralysis the Salina City Schools did not get under way until October 1. However, they had been in session for two days the middle of September but had been closed for precautionary reasons by the county health officer and the board of education. The county schools and St. John's were unaffected by this ruling and remained in session just the same.

Salina parents were asked to keep their children off the streets to avoid a possible spread of disease. It was hard on the cadets to be campused for this period, but they bore their confinement cheerfully. On October 1st the quarantine reached an end and with the coming of cooler weather all alarm subsided.

Col. Grant of Ft. Riley Dines at St. John's

Gives Interesting Talk Afterwards; Meets Faculty and Cadets

One evening while the Horse Show was in session at Salina St. John's had a most distinguished dinner guest, Col. Walter Grant, Commanding officer of the 13th Cavalry stationed at Ft. Riley. Col. Grant, a relative of the famous Gen. Grant, had brought his regiment to Salina to participate in the Horse Show activities.

After dinner when called upon to say a few words Col. Grant complimented the cadets upon the excellent showing they had made at Retreat. He said that men in ranks were set apart from other men and that the ranks were sacred to both duty and sacrifice. When the soldier is first called to attention, the germ of duty is commencing to grow. Men in ranks are continually called upon to make sacrifices. One of the simplest forms of sacrifice is that the soldier is required to stay where he does not want to be.

After dinner was over Col. Grant, remained at school for a short time to meet the members of the faculty and the cadet officers.

UPPER SCHOOL FACULTY STAYS ABOUT THE SAME

CHAPLAIN MIZE HAS HISTORY CLASSES; NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

There are several changes in the faculty this year. The old teachers are as follows: Colonel Perkins the Commandant and Instructor of Military Science; Mr. Barker, the Headmaster; Capt. Brown, the Instructor of English; Capt. Simpson, Instructor of Mathematics; Capt. McLean, Instructor of Science and Director of Athletics.

Chaplain Mize is the only new instructor in the upper school. He is the head of the History department and also looks after the spiritual well being of the boys. He graduated from the General Theological Seminary at New York in May and was ordained a Deacon soon afterwards.

Capt. Parks is the new instructor of the upper grades of the lower school. He is a native of Michigan having attended a normal college in that state.

Miss Yeomans is the new instructor of the lower grades of the lower school. She is a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, and graduated from the St. Joseph Junior College there. She has been teaching for the past three years in Ladora, Iowa.

Miss Birchenough, the new house-mother, is a native of England and has been over here several years.

Mr. M. R. Smith of Salina is our new bursar in the place of Capt. Shideler.

CORPS WELL ORGANIZED; SOME PROMOTIONS MADE

St. John's is very fortunate in having an unusually large enrollment this year, thus enabling us to have a very efficient military organization.

During the past month everyone has been busy learning the foot and squad movements, which are the basic movements in military training. Col. Perkins has been holding a special class in military instruction for the commissioned and non-commissioned officers so that they will be able to give proper instruction to the new cadets.

Later in the year all the cadets will be issued rifles, and each cadet must take care of his own rifle, keeping it clean and polished, just as soldiers are required to do in the army. These rifles are the U. S. Army Rifles, model 1917, such as were used in the late war.

After the battalion is able to drill perfectly, occasionally on Sunday afternoons, a parade or guard mount will be held on the parade grounds.

The following promotions were made at the opening of school:

Sergt. Joe Coyle to 2nd Lieutenant.
Sergt. Laurence Coyle to 2nd Lieutenant.

Sergt. Richard Bagnall to 2nd Lieutenant.

Sergt. Robt. Bivens to 2nd Lieutenant.
Sergt. Oliver Phillips to 2nd Lieutenant and Adjutant.

Sergt. Jack Firstenberger to 2nd Lieutenant.

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THE GATES OF ST. JOHN'S

The gates at the entrance to our campus are the gift of Bishop Mize. The idea to erect them came from the graduating class of 1926. The boys hauled the rocks from North Pole Mound, some eight miles distant, and Bishop Mize later had them built into our gates.

Whenever we pass through the gates we should remember that they were planned and worked on by boys who wished to leave behind them something that would be a perpetual memory of their love and devotion to the old school.

Every year at the beginning of the fall session about one hundred boys enter these gates. To all are offered the same opportunities to get a good education, and at the same time receive the benefits of military training and discipline. From the very first these boys discover that life is not as easy as before. They realize that they must undergo a great test. Many times they have to grit their teeth and use all of the will power that they possess to keep going ahead.

Every year at the close of the session these same boys pass out of the gates, many to enter them no more. Some of these boys are in the possession of a certain amount of self satisfaction as they realize that they have made the most of their opportunities, and have put up a good fight. Others know only too well that they have wasted their time, and that the opportunities which were theirs nine months before, will never return. Ahead of them stretch many hours of regret over the "what might have been."

The season of 1930-31 has only just started, and ahead of the boys who have entered the gates of St. John's, stretches a year filled with bright possibilities. Nine months hence, when they pass out of these gates, may they all feel that they have put forth their best efforts and accomplished big things.

BACK OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

A team of any kind in its contests reflects the spirit of those backing it. When its success or failure seems immaterial to those who are supposed to be behind it, an organization cannot be expected to put much real fight into its work, for it has nothing to fight for. But, on the other hand, when the backers of a team show fight and spirit themselves and concern about its success or failure, the team can put its last ounce of energy into its work and fight to the end. The St. John's football team will reflect the St. John's spirit. Let us get behind our team.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The football schedule for the season of 1930-31 is as follows:

Oct. 2—Lindsborg, there.
Oct. 10—Minneapolis, there.
Oct. 17—Lincoln, there.
Oct. 23—Ada, here
Oct. 31—Tescott, here
Nov. 5—Marquette, here.
Nov. 14—Solomon, here.
Nov. 21—Chapman, there.
Nov. 29—Russell, there.

LOCAL NEWS

Capt. Poggeman, who this year holds the position of Enrollment Secretary of St. John's, is taking three courses at Kansas Wesleyan University. He hopes to gain some additional hours of credit towards his degree.

Capt. Shideler of last year's faculty has moved his family from their old home adjoining the campus to a new home down town in Salina. Capt. Shideler now works for the Public Utilities Co.

Bishop Mize closed his residence down town the first week of school and moved into his quarters at St. John's.

Capt. Simpson spent the week-end of October 13 with relatives in Hoisington.

On account of the increased enrollment in the Junior School Capt. Parks had to meet his classes during the first three weeks of school in the main building while his class room was being enlarged and remodeled. On the floor of the new room is brown linoleum. The walls are decorated in colors of yellow and tan. The ceiling is covered with celotex and is trimmed with dark brown runners.

This year there are many more Episcopal cadets than usual, and the attendance on Sunday mornings at the early celebration of the Holy Communion has been unusually good. Bishop Mize has been the celebrant at these services as Chaplain Edward Mize who was ordained only to the diaconate has not the authority to officiate at this service. On December 17th Bishop Mize plans to ordain his son to the priesthood in Christ Cathedral, Salina.

On Wednesday and Saturday afternoons a number of the cadets have been swimming in the Salina Y. M. C. A. pool. A few days ago Mr. Gallagher, the secretary of the Boys Division, mentioned to one of our teachers how well behaved the cadets had been at the Y. M. C. A. and how courteous they had acted to everyone.

Invitations have been issued to the first dance of the season to be held in the gymnasium on the night of October 25. The dance will be preceded by a reception at which time the Board of Trustees, parents of the young ladies who have been partners of the cadets in the past, and other friends of the school will meet this year's faculty and student body. The occasion will be a formal one.

Capt. Brown and Lieuts. Coyle J. and Green, Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager of this year's Skirmisher, are planning to attend the Kansas High School Press Association Conference to be held in Lawrence the latter part of this month.

Two former cadets Herbert Austin of Niwot, Colorado, who attended St. John's in 1924-25 and Jerry Tinchler of Hutchinson, Kansas, who was a student in 1927-28 have enrolled in school.

Visitors during the week-end of October 5 were Mrs. Roy Riley of Wichita, Kansas, Mr. J. F. Moore of Augusta, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Booras of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hartman of Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. S. M. Stafford of Kansas City, Missouri, visited her son Jimmy, on October 1.

Kenneth Jones, a former St. John's boy, of Lafayette, Colo., is employed at the Follow the Swallow Filling Station in Salina. He is a frequent visitor on the campus.

Mrs. Ross of Topeka, Kansas, visited her son, Ted Ross, last week.



MISSIONARY GIVES TALK ON PEOPLES OF BOLIVIA

If you can not travel, the next best thing is to listen to an illustrated lecture on some foreign country and its people. Not many weeks ago the cadets had the privilege of hearing a lecture on the peoples of Bolivia and their customs by Mr. J. L. Clough, an American missionary who had spent many years in that country.

The lecture was given in the gymnasium and was illustrated with stereopticon slides. Before the pictures were flashed on the screen Mr. Clough told something of Bolivia, a country about which most Americans know very little. The lecturer confined his remarks to the Indians which compose nine-tenths of the population. He had brought back with him many interesting souvenirs from South America. Cadet Marshall kindly went forward and allowed himself to be dressed up as a typical Bolivia Indian with a poncho, scarf, and cap.

Among other things the speakers displayed a ceremonial dance robe embroidered with gold and silver thread. These robes as a rule are hard to procure because their owners are loathe to part with them on account of their religious significance. Mr. Clough also showed a shawl of a gorgeous design which had been woven four or five hundred years ago. His collection of musical instruments was of special interest. One of these was an instrument consisting of ten strings set in the back of an armadillo. Another was of the wind type and resembled a primitive pipe organ. On two hollow wooden flutes whose keys had been burned out Mr. Clough played several native tunes. The Indian weapons consisting of sling shots made of llama wool and clubs tipped with bronze were unique.

The slides depicting the life of the Bolivian Indians were clear and most interesting. At the conclusion of his lecture Mr. Clough allowed the boys to ask him any questions that might be on their minds.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AND SENIORS ARE ENTERTAINED

On September eighteenth, at eight o'clock, the old members of the faculty entertained the new members of the faculty and the Senior Class in Col. and Mrs. Perkins' quarters. This was given partly to get the seniors better acquainted with the members of the faculty.

Cards was the principal form of entertainment for the occasion. At the several tables Bridge, Hearts, Pinochle, and Poker were played. It must be noted that Colonel Perkins was quite skillful at the latter game and that his chips multiplied quickly.

When all present had had enough of card playing they were asked to repair to the dining room. A delightful lunch was served in cafeteria style. After the refreshments, "Abie" deBeque entertained with a few pieces on the piano.

Finally the boys bid Colonel and Mrs. Perkins, along with the rest of the faculty, goodnight, and retired to their rooms.

CADETS ATTEND ANNUAL HORSE SHOW AND FAIR

On October fourth, the Cadets had the privilege of attending the Mid-Kansas Fair in Salina. In the morning they all went in a body to the fair, and then went to town to see the parade.

The parade was of special interest to us, because of the part that our Indian boys played in it. The parade was divided into sections, the first of which depicted scenes of pioneer days. Our Indians led this section. Johnnie Steele, George, Andy, and Harry Tallchief were dressed in the Indian warrior costume. Johnnie Tallchief was dressed as an elderly old chief, while Timothy Tallchief was a papoose, and was dragged on a sled. All of them were horseback, without saddles and barefooted. Following the ancient division, a troop of cavalry men from Ft. Riley marched.

The horseshow which is an annual affair in Salina, contained many very fine horses. Along with this there was a large carnival, which was much enjoyed by the Cadets.

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SPORTS

ST. JOHN'S ELEVEN LOSES
TO MINNEAPOLIS, 6-0

The cadets lost their second game of the season Friday October 10th on Minneapolis home field.

In the first half of play the cadets held the advantage, continually acquiring yard after yard through their opponent's line, making good gains around end, and completing several passes. On the whole they played a hard fought game, but Minneapolis held the cadets from scoring.

At the last of the third quarter Cooper, halfback of Minneapolis, returned a punt from Scott for a touchdown. They failed to make their extra point.

The final quarter was evenly matched, neither team being able to score on the other. Both teams played their best ball in the last period, struggling first under one goal and then under the other, but without any scoring success.

Although the cadets did not win, they played a splendid game showing a vast improvement over their first game with Lindsborg.

The cadets line-up was as follows: Green and Hight at ends; Joe Coyle, Bagnall and Van Dervelde at tackles; Snair, Van Cleve and David at guards; Deppen at center; Bivens at quarterback; Lorry Coyle at fullback; Scott, Shakespeare, and Lloyd at half.

CADETS ARE DEFEATED
13-2 BY LINDSBORG

The cadets opened their 1930 football season in a loss to the Lindsborg Vikings, 13-2. The showing was a big disappointment to Coach McLean who had worked so hard to get his team in shape. No one delivered the type of ball he was capable of playing.

Al Anderson at quarterback and Capt. Ahlstedt at tackle were the two outstanding players for the Vikings. The cadets were the first to score, when a few bad passes from center were thrown back, and the kicker was tackled behind the goal. This gave the cadets a 2 to 0 score early in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the score was erased when a punt was returned 80 yards, putting the ball on the cadets' 7 yard line. Anderson carried the ball across in the next series of downs. The 6 to 2 score lasted until the final quarter when the cadets resorted to desperate passes in an attempt to score. Anderson intercepted one of these and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. The Vikings scored the extra point, and this increased the score 13 to 2 when the final whistle blew.

Coach McLean started the following line-up: Green and Hight at ends; Bagnall and Joe Coyle at tackles; David and Snair at guards; Deppen at center; Capt. Bivens at quarterback; Shakespeare and Scott at halves; Lorry Coyle at fullback.

WHO WILL ANSWER THESE?

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?
Or a key to the lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called an academy
Because there are pupils there?
In the crown of his head what gems are found?
Who travels the bridge to his nose?
Can he use when shingling the roof of his house
The nails on the end of his toes?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
If so, what did it do?
How does he sharpen his shoulder blades,
I'll be hanged if I know! Do you?
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand?
Or beat on the drum of his ear?
Does the calf of his leg eat the corn on his toes?
If so, why not grow corn on the ear?
—Selected.

Mrs. Phillips was in Salina October 12th to visit her son, Lieut. Phillips.

SEA CAPTAIN GIVES TALK
ON SPECIES OF WHALES

"That's a whale of a story!" Such might be said of the talk Capt. A. C. King of the Pacific Whaling Co. made before the cadet corps on Sunday night, October 5. Capt. King had come to tell the cadets something of whales in general and particularly about the big sixty-eight ton whale which had been captured several months ago a few miles off the California coast and would be on exhibit for a week beginning the next day on a special freight car near the Union Pacific station.

The cadets listened with close attention to everything Capt. King had to say about whales and his experiences aboard whaling vessels. Many of the boys were surprised to learn that a whale at birth weighed two thousand pounds. The captain's description of hurling the harpoon at the whales was most vivid. After the harpoon had entered the body the concussion cap and fuse ignited the bomb, thus causing a real injury to the animal.

Capt. King said that Mr. P. J. Hart, a member of the Byrd expedition to Little America, who had established a base near the Queen Maude mountains prior to the celebrated flight, would be in Salina all the week to lecture to those who visited the whale on the freight car. Capt. King concluded his remarks by giving a few of Mr. Hart's reminiscences of the Byrd expedition. "The whale of a story" aroused a desire in every cadet to see the large whale.

HONOR ROLL—FIRST MONTH

Shakespeare	90.6
Coyle L.	88.3
Altman	87.5
Marshall	87.
Richards	86.8
Boatright	85.8
Phillips	83.8
Bivens	82.6
Davlin	82.3
Coyle J.	81.3
Todhunter	81.3

INFORMAL RECEPTION IS
GIVEN TO STUDENT BODY

The first Sunday of the school year came to a most pleasant close. After the dinner the cadets were invited to an informal reception in Bishop Mize's and Col. Perkins' quarters. This gave the boys an opportunity to get acquainted with one another and to meet their teachers. Following the social period, the boys enjoyed singing songs, Mrs. Poggeman acting as accompanist for the group in Bishop Mize's quarters and Capt. Brown, for the boys in Col. Perkins' quarters. It was then decided to have a singing contest and both groups repaired to the music room to see which could sing the school song "St. John's Forever" the best. There was some question as to whether the rival singing was any too harmonious, but there was no doubt that the very walls and rafters vibrated and that many ear drums nearly split.

After the choral contest Bishop Mize treated each boy to an Eskimo Pie.

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