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## SESSION IS NEAR AN END

Graduation Exercises to Be Held Night of  
29th. School Closes the 30th

The Commencement activities at St. John's are now in full sway. Last night from nine to one the Senior dance was held in the gymnasium. It was a formal affair to which over four hundred and fifty invitations had been issued. The gymnasium was most attractively decorated with many fancy streamers, colored lanterns and potted plants.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the annual Track and Field meet between the Army and Navy clubs will occur. At 7:30 in the evening there will be a Formal Guard Mount at the conclusion of which ribbons will be presented to the victors of the afternoon sports.

Tomorrow Sunday there will be an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the chapel. At 11 o'clock there will be the Baccalaureate service in the Cathedral. The Rev. Claude W. Sprouse, Rector of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, Kansas City, will preach the sermon. The St. John's Quartet will be in the choir and assist with the music.

At 2:00 P. M. there will be the Buglers' Contest. At 2:45 Military Field Day will start. There will be competitive drills and by means of an elimination contest in the manual of arms the best drilled cadets in both the upper and lower schools will be selected.

At 5 P. M. comes the Battalion Parade and Retreat. At this time Miss Virginia Lee Salthouse, the Honorary Major of the St. John's cadets, will review the parade and receive her commission.

At 6 P. M. the parents of cadets and other invited guests will attend a buffet supper served in the school dining room.

At 8 P. M. the Commencement exercises will take place in the gymnasium. Diplomas and awards will be presented. Bishop Mize will deliver the address.

On Monday morning at 10:30 the cadets will assemble for their last formation. At this time commissions and warrants will be presented. After the lowering of the colors the battalion will be dismissed.

### OLD BOY ORGANIZES NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

An effort is now being made to unite the St. John's alumni more closely into an association. Mr. Hal Heaton of the class of '25 now residing at 603 South Santa Fe Avenue, Salina, is promoting this association and is writing letters to all old boys whose addresses he can procure asking them to join the St. John's Alumni Association.

A perusal of old records reveals the fact that back in 1906 there was an organization known as "Old Boys of St. John's." All graduates as well as boys who had attended the institution for at least two years were eligible for membership. For some reason or other this organization seems to have broken up.

Both Major Fritsche and Mr. Heaton are most enthusiastic over the idea of uniting the St. John's alumni more closely. Some schools have very active alumni associations, and there is no reason why this should not be the case at St. John's.



—Wise

## MISS VIRGINIA LEE SALTHOUSE IS ELECTED HONORARY MAJOR

The contest in which the cadets chose their Honorary Major was a keen one. Many Salina girls' names appeared on the ballots at the first voting. Then all were eliminated except the three highest—Misses Virginia Lee Salthouse, Norabelle Clarke, and Mary Simpson. At the formal hop given the last of April these young ladies were formally introduced to the cadet corps.

The keenest part of the contest was yet to come. Capt. Shakespere, Capt. Bolte, and Major Bagnall all started an active campaign in behalf of their young ladies. One day before the student body Capt. Shakespere enumerated the charms of Miss Salthouse, Captain Bolte those of Miss Simpson, and Major Bagnall, those of Miss Clarke.

Then came the final voting which resulted in a victory for Miss Salthouse.

She will review the Battalion Parade at retreat on Sunday, May 30. At this time she will be presented with a Commission as Honorary Major. She will wear a regulation overseas cap with the major's emblem of a gold diamond. Her cape will be of cadet gray and lined with orange and black; on the collar is the S. J. M. S. emblem and the crossed guns. The cap and cape are gifts to her from St. John's School.

Ainsworth: "Has anyone seen Pete?"

Lynch: "Pete who?"

Ainsworth: "Petroleum."

Lynch: "Kerosene him yesterday, but he hasn't benzine since."

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Collier says no remarks should ever be made about his nose. None of you knows what is going to turn up next.

## BOYS ENJOY CAMPING OUT

Spend Week at Arcola. Fire Required  
Course. Weather is Ideal

This year the cadets annual encampment took place a little later than usual. On May 19 the entire school faculty and cadet corps moved out to Camp Arcola, about twenty-four miles west of Salina. The trip was made in automobiles and trucks. Most of the first day was spent in pitching tents and getting settled. The camp site was very close to the little lake at Camp Arcola, and the tents were set out according to military rules. About a quarter of a mile away in a little glen was the mess hall where the boys marched for their meals.

Camp Arcola is a beautiful place with its rolling grassy hills and many unusual rock formations. The little lake is an excellent place for swimming.

All the faculty were given special duties as well as many of the cadet officers. In the mornings boys who had failed their final examinations held a few days before were given opportunities to study under teachers supervision, and if their cases merited it, they were given second examinations in the subjects in which they were delinquent.

All the boys were required to do a certain amount of firing on the range. This year an additional target was erected and the pit enlarged. This allowed two boys to do their firing at the same time.

The weather was ideal during the entire week. Many of the boys enjoyed hikes and exploring trips into the surrounding country, others enjoyed playing games in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

On Sunday evening just after sunset Bishop Mize and Chaplain Mize conducted a religious service. The boys gathered in a semicircle on a sloping piece of ground and led by Capt. Baker sang a few songs from the Hymnal. The Chaplain read the prayers and Scriptural selection. Then Bishop Mize gave a brief inspirational talk appropriate to camp life.

### BISHOP MIZE CONFIRMS SIX CADETS IN CHAPEL

The service held one morning in our chapel recently at which time Bishop Mize administered the Sacrament of Confirmation was a most beautiful one: Chaplain Mize presented the six candidates—Mickelson, Tinchler, Tallchief II, Tallchief IV, Lynch, and Dixon who knelt before the Bishop in turn and received the great spiritual blessing.

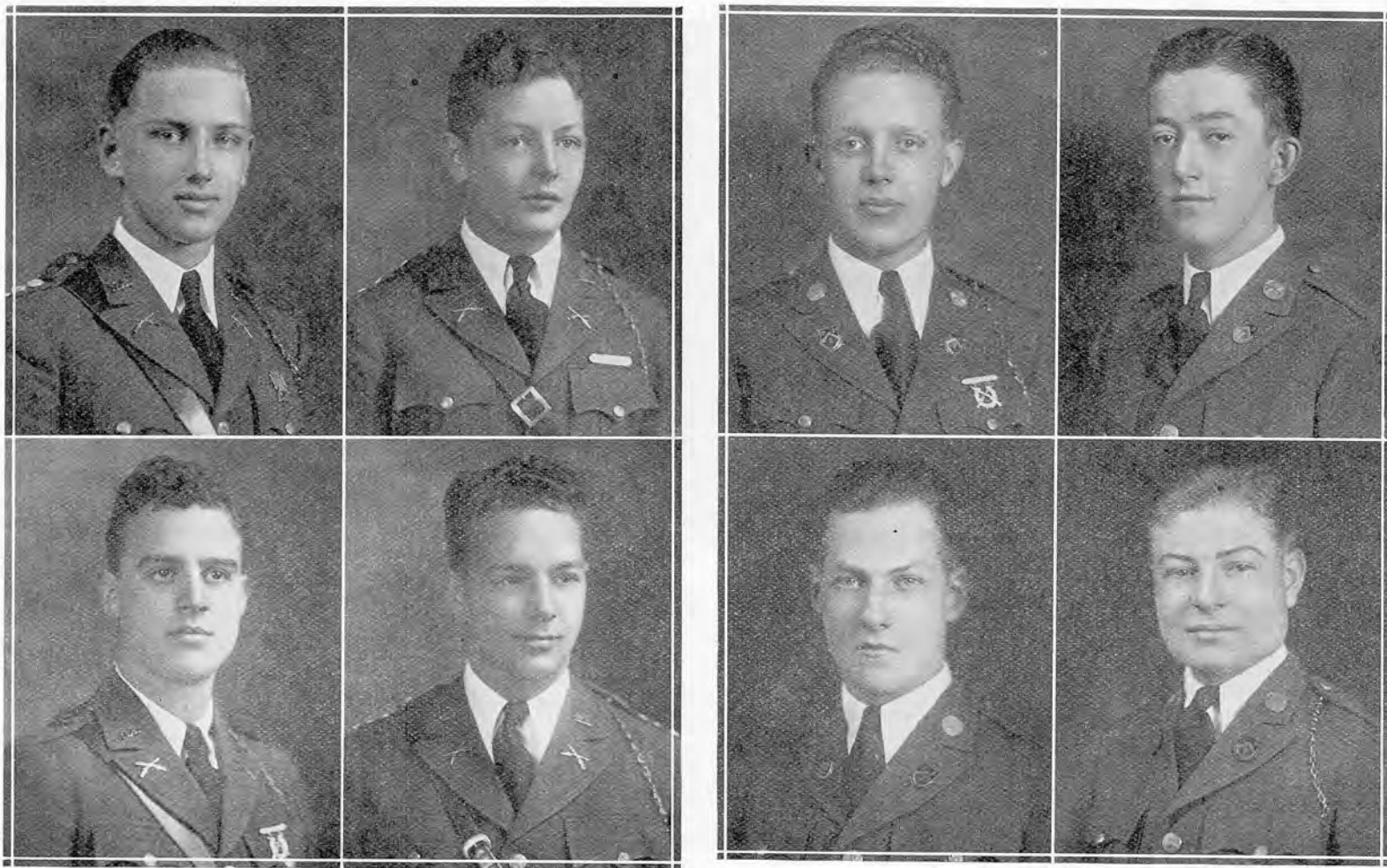
Following the service Bishop Mize made a few remarks urging the boys to live up to the duties and obligation toward the church they had now assumed. The Bishop mentioned that the acoustics in our chapel were such that a person speaking from a certain point in the middle of the Sanctuary would have his voice returned to him as it struck the circular walls. He compared this to the blessings which would come back to the boys if they would be the faithful members of the Church.

Prior to this year the St. John's cadets have been confirmed at the Cathedral when the Bishop made his annual visitation.









THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1932

Top Row—(Left to right): Jack U. Bolte, Charles A. Davlin, Jr., Allison C. McClure, Warren Leonard.

Bottom Row—(Left to right): Richard L. Bagnall, Kenneth M. Van der Velde, Sterling Poindexter, Robert F. Lindley.

**WHAT THE GRADUATES  
WILL DO NEXT YEAR**

Capt. Bolte hopes to attend the University of Iowa next year.

Sergt. Lindley wants to enroll at the University of Oklahoma.

Corporal Poindexter expects to study a year at Kansas City Junior College before entering one of the large universities in the East.

Major Bagnall will enter the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Sergt. Major McClure expects to study at Washburn University and later at the University of Kansas.

Lieut. Davlin hopes to enroll at the University of Colorado.

Capt. Van der Velde will study for two years at Hope College at Holland, Mich. Then he will continue at Kansas University.

Cadet Leonard hopes to attend Colorado College at Colorado Springs.

**CRACKSQUAD PUTS ON  
DRILL AT CONCORDIA**

On the evening of May 18, the Cracksquad gave its last out-of-town drill of the year. The drill was put on in the Fox-Grand theater in Concordia at the nine o'clock show. Mr. McClure of Topeka, who has charge of the Fox interests, in this district, made the arrangements for the boys' appearance. The drill went off in the usual snappy manner.

The boys made the trip in cars to and from Concordia without any mishap. After the evening performance Mr. McClure and the manager of the Concordia Fox-Grand theater took the members of the Cracksquad to a drug store and treated them to ice cream.

**BOYS SHOOT ON RANGE  
IN SCHOOL BASEMENT**

During the past few weeks the St. John's cadets have had much practice in shooting rifles. First instruction was given in the use of sighting bars. Many drill periods as well as afternoons after school were used in mastering sighting.

Then came the actual shooting. This was done with the fourteen brand new 22 calibre rifles recently bought. The shooting took place in the indoor range recently constructed in the school basement.

Capt. Baker had charge of the indoor practice. He took the boys two at a time. They were required to shoot from the prone, kneeling, and sitting positions.

**BISHOP MIZE ORDAINS  
SON TO DIACONATE**

On Sunday, May 1, at St. Peter's Church, New York City, Bishop Mize ordained to the Diaconate his son Robert The Rev. Mr. Bumpstead, Rector of St. Peter's Church, assisted with the ceremonies as well as the Rev. Mr. Lauderburn, Chaplain of the General Theological Seminary, who preached the sermon. Robert Mize will have Church work in the Diocese of Salina upon his return to the middle west.

Robert Mize's early school days were spent at St. John's School and Salina High. Then came four years at Kansas University where he specialized in Journalism. After his graduation he became connected with the United Press and was Night Bureau Manager at Dallas, Texas. But soon he felt the call of the ministry and started the three year's course at General Theological Seminary in New York.

Robert Mize is well known to the cadets of St. John's, for during the past two summers he has traveled in the interests of the School.

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# Army - Navy Competition

## Tennis

The first and second class doubles tennis tournament was started with much enthusiasm. Many of the boys drew byes in the first round and many of the poorer players were eliminated, leaving the best to fight it out. The winners of the first round were: Tincher and Fickel, Van Dervelde and Shakespeare, Blair and Wise, Leonard and Pickinpaugh, Rader and Collier, Fickel and Fritsche, Williams and McClure and Davlin and Bolte. The winners of the third round were: Van Dervelde and Shakespeare, Blair and Wise, Fickel and Fritsche, Williams and McClure. The winners in the fourth round were: Van Dervelde and Shakespeare and Williams and McClure. The winners of the tournament were Williams and McClure.

The third and fourth classes doubles tournament was played with a bang. As with the second and first classes the poorer players were eliminated. In the first round the winners were Chittenden and Mickelson, Gray and Tallchief I, Keraus and Faris, Bolte and Stackelback, Leaf and Simmons, Tallchief IV and Roberts, Allen and Tallchief II, Quade and Irwin I. The winners of the second round were: Chittenden and Mickelson, Bolte and Stackelback, Leaf and Simmons, Allen and Tallchief II. The winners in the fourth round were, Bolte and Stackelback, and Allan and Tallchief II. The winners of the tournament were Allan and Tallchief II.

The first and second class singles tournament winners in the first round were; Bolte I, Davis, Collier, Fritsche, Williams, Ward, Bagnall, Richards, Wise, Baker, Fickel II, McClure, Tincher, Ehrsam, Shakespeare and Deppen. The second round men were Bolte, Fritsche, Williams, Richards, Wise, McClure, Tincher, Shakespeare. The third round men were, Fritsche, Williams, McClure, Shakespeare. The fourth round winners were Williams and McClure. The winner of the tournament was Williams.

The third and fourth class tennis singles winners in the first round were Faris, Munch, Mickelson, Keraus, Stackelback, Bolte II, Roberts, J. Tallchief, Big Eagle, Gray, McLeod, Quade, Allen, Chittenden, Simmons and Leaf. The second round winners were Munch, Mickelson, Stackelback, J. Tallchief, Gray, Quade, Allen and Leaf. The third round winners were, Mickelson, Tallchief II, Gray and Allan. The fourth round winners were Allan and Mickelson. The winner of the tournament was Allan.

The total points made by each club in tennis were Army 320, Navy 1140.

## Track

Space does not permit writing up in detail the Army-Navy competition in Track. At the conclusion of the several track meets among the various groups it was found that the Army won 400 points and the Navy 295.

	Army	Navy
1st Class	50	130
2nd Class	150	80
3rd Class	100	35
4th Class	100	50
	400	295

## General Summary

Last fall in football the Army made a large gain on the Navy, but from then on the Navy forged ahead taking basket ball, tennis, horse shoes, and marbles. The Army gained more points in Track. The score for the year up to the writing of this article is Navy, 3875 points; Army, 2595 points.



THE ST. JOHN'S GLEE CLUB

## ST. JOHN'S LETTERMEN HAVE COLORFUL BANQUET

The lettermen's banquet given in the school dining hall on the evening of April 29 was a most colorful affair. The lettermen with their fair partners and other invited guests sat at a long table in the shape of a T covered with orange and black streamers and many vases of flowers. The room was lighted only by tall red candles.

Coach T. C. Bishop acted as toastmaster and his wit added much toward making the affair a lively one. Between courses many speeches were given. Major Fritsche mentioned how glad the school was to have the young ladies present at the banquet. Mr. Stuart Dunbar, Sports Editor of the Salina Journal, gave the principal talk of the evening using as his subject the comparison of athletics in high school with the battle of life. Boys ought not to think they were doing their school a favor by playing on its team but a favor was being conferred upon them by being allowed to do so. Mr. Dunbar also brought out the fact that boys who learned to win and lose gracefully in athletics stood a better chance for success when they tackled the battle of life.

Coach Bishop presented to each letterman a certificate which may be framed and be a more lasting memento than the ordinary award of school letters.

Kenneth Deppen was elected to lead the 1932 football squad, succeeding Richard Bagnall who captained the 1931 squad. Charles Shakespeare will captain the 1933 basketball team. Allison McClure was elected honorary captain of the 1932 basketball squad which played through the schedule without an elected captain.

## GLEE CLUB APPEARS ON MUSIC WEEK PROGRAM

On the third evening of Annual Music Week the St. John's Glee Club appeared at Memorial Hall, Salina. They sang four numbers "The Rogue Song," "Sweet and Low," "Auf Wiedersehen," and "Luxembourg Gardens." Judging from the applause that the boys received from the audience their efforts seemed to be appreciated.

On the same program with the St. John's boys appeared the Salina Choral Club and Shrine Chanters.

Last year during Music Week the Glee Club assisted by a number of Salina young ladies presented a cantata entitled "Indian Dawn."

## GLEE CLUB BROADCASTS OVER KFBI, MILFORD

On account of being unavoidably detained enroute, the St. John's Glee Club and a number of Mr. Reitz's studio pupils did not start their Broadcast from Station KFBI on Sunday afternoon, May 15, until after four o'clock. Mr. Reitz's down town pupils consisting of solo voices and a double mixed quartet put on the first part of the program.

The first number that the St. John's Glee Club rendered was "Somebody Loves You" which they dedicated to their mothers. Then came "Lassie o'Mine," "Bells of St. Mary's," "Sweet and Low," "Dinah," and last of all "St. John's Forever," the school song. After the musical numbers Major Fritsche made a few remarks about St. John's School and its aims.

On the way back to Salina the party stopped at Enterprise and were the supper guests at Sergeant John Ehrsam's home. Mrs. W. J. Ehrsam assisted by her sister Mrs. Richard Torry and a number of Enterprise young ladies acted as hostesses. The supper consisted of salad, sandwiches, punch, ice cream, and cake.

Miss Yeomans: "When the coach fell out of the window did he hurt himself?"  
Miss Mize: "No, he had on his light fall overcoat."

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