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CRACKSQUAD PUTS ON DRILL

Initial Appearance in New Uniforms
Before the Public

The Cracksquad made its first appearance away from St. John's School on the evening of January 17 when it drilled in Putnam Hall, Salina before the State Convention of the Woodmen of the World. On the program with them were a number of other features, musical and otherwise. The boys were particularly interested in the drills put on by teams of visiting Woodmen from Manhattan and Abilene. To drill with axes instead of guns seemed to the cadets most unique.

The members of the Cracksquad received many compliments upon the excellence of the drill and the attractiveness of their new uniforms. Though the boys were a little nervous over their first public appearance, the drill went through without a hitch.

XMAS BANQUET HELD JUST BEFORE HOLIDAYS

The formal Christmas banquet was indeed a brilliant affair. The school gymnasium was transformed into a banquet hall amid a most colorful setting. The only lights were candles on the decorated tables, and the colored electric lights on the Christmas tree at the foot of the stage.

After the sumptuous repast including turkey and the fixins was served, Maj. Fritsche, acting as Master of Ceremonies, started the program. There were talks by guests and members of the faculty. The Cracksquad wearing their new uniforms drilled for the first time. Miss Rich, a singer of note formerly appearing on Lyceum circuits, sang a number of tunes of the old South. The school Glee club and quartet gave a number of selections. Then came the distribution of the presents by Bishop Mize who acted the dignified part of Santa Claus but did not wear the usual costume. Every boy received some little gift from the school.

After this many farewells were said. At midnight the holidays were starting which meant hurried departures for home.

YOUNGSTER COWBOY HAS ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

When the weather gets warm ropes may be in demand for lassos,—and Mike, the dog, may find himself tied up like a calf. A twelve year old "wild and wooly" cowboy, Earl Roberts, of Cheyenne, Wyo., has enrolled in the Junior School. He has lived on a ranch all of his life and knows everything about riding, herding, and tracking horses. He can rope a calf on horseback about as well as a full fledged cowboy.

Cadet Roberts has been connected with a number of rodeos during his life. Though he has never received any salary for his services, he has been taken along on trips and allowed all the spending money he wanted, and given a horse all of his own to ride.

Last September he was with the rodeo that featured on the program of the Salina Fair. He received one of the ribbon awards. Little did the St. John's cadets think when they saw this daring youngster perform that he at a future day would be one of their number.



CAPT. H. SHERMAN BAKER

Captain Baker Now Heads Scout Troop

Succeeds Captain William M. Brown.
Changes in Committee

Troop No. 83, Boy Scouts of America has a new Scoutmaster. When the charter was renewed on December 31 last, Capt. H. Sherman Baker assumed this position, relieving Capt. William M. Brown. Coach T. C. Bishop is the new Assistant Scoutmaster and the Troop Committeemen are Bishop R. H. Mize, Maj. J. L. Fritsche, and Capt. William M. Brown. Bishop Mize is the only member of last year's committee, the other two members being Col. Roy W. Perkins who died last summer and Capt. A. L. Poggeman, now a resident of Wichita.

At his own request Capt. Brown was relieved of his position as leader of the troop. On account of other extra-curricular activities he felt that he did not have the time to devote to the work. However, as a member of the Troop Committee he is still associated with the organization. Capt. Baker is a lover of boys, and there is every reason to believe the troop will flourish under his leadership.

BARBER SHOP OPEN FOUR AFTERNOONS EVERY WEEK

No more waiting in crowded barber shops downtown for haircuts! St. John's now has a barber shop of its own which is open four afternoons a week. The old Skirmisher Editorial room off the study hall has been done over and an excellent barber's equipment installed. Even the long mirror in which one may gaze upon one's beauty while the locks are being shorn, has been set up.

Mr. E. Z. Slaughter of Salina is the barber who comes out to St. John's. He is associated with his father in a shop on East Ash street. By strange coincidence Mr. Slaughter's father a number of years ago did most of the work for the cadets when he managed the shop in the Lamer Hotel.

The Q. M. now is selling sardines and crackers. This gives the boys a chance to have a little feed before retiring at night.

OLD ST. JOHN'S CADET DIES IN WASHINGTON

Word has been received of the death in Washington, D. C., of an old St. John's boy Capt. D. Martin Addison, who later made quite a distinguished record for himself in the United States navy. Capt. Addison, a native of Salina, was a cadet here in the very early days of the school from 1887 to 1889. At the time of his graduation he held the rank of First Lieutenant of Artillery. He was a close friend of Mr. Charles Seitz of Salina, a former St. John's cadet, who now is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Capt. Addison was in the U. S. Navy for over thirty years. At one time he was Supply Accounting Officer and had land duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yards. His record in both the Spanish-American and World wars was a brilliant one. He was a member of both the Caraboas, a distinguished Honorary Society in Washington, and the Society of Officers in the Spanish-American War.

Capt. Addison has many relatives and friends in Salina. He was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery near Washington.

Keeps Anniversary of His Ordination

Many Join Chaplain in Thanksgiving
Service in Chapel

For Chaplain Edward M. Mize the date of December 17 was an important one—the first anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. The occasion was observed by an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the school chapel. Practically all the faculty and a large number of the cadets were present to join the chaplain in giving thanks for his year of service in the Church.

Chaplain Mize is the oldest son of the Rt. Rev. R. H. Mize, Bishop of the Diocese of Salina, and was ordained by his father in Christ Cathedral, Salina. He prepared for the ministry at General Theological Seminary in New York City.

Besides looking after the spiritual welfare of the cadets, Chaplain Mize teaches several classes in History.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE NOW BEING HELD

Within the past few days Chaplain Mize has started confirmation instruction. This is given once or twice a week in the evening directly after dinner. No cadet is solicited to enter the class, but must come into it of his own accord and must have permission from home. It is not the policy of St. John's school to proselyte into the Episcopal Church boys from families of other faiths.

Bishop Mize will administer the rite of Confirmation at Christ Cathedral on Sunday, February 21. This year his visitation comes much earlier than usual. For the past few years it has been in April.

Old Man Winter has been getting his innings. The 1932 school session was ushered in by snow storms, and most of the time ever since a white blanket has covered the earth. The thermometer has often registered low temperatures.

But boys like snow. Sledding is great sport; also snow ball fights and best of all snow means omission of out door drills. Let Old Man Winter have his fling for a while.

SCHOOL OPENS ON JANUARY 5

Maj. Fritsche Addresses Cadet Corps in
General Assembly

All things must come to an end. Vacation has for many days been a thing of the past, and the boys are back in harness working harder than ever.

At retreat on January 5 the roll was called, and it was found that all the boys except seven were in their places. Most of these it was learned had been delayed on account of the storm then sweeping the mid-western states.

After dinner the entire corps assembled in the study hall at which time Major Fritsche addressed them. After a few words of welcome and thanks for the many cards he had received, he told the boys about his plans for the school the rest of the year. He expressed faith that the boys would do their part toward making a better Saint John's.

TARGET PRACTICE TO COMMENCE VERY SOON

The Armory and indoor rifle range are being put into fine condition with the view of having some keen indoor target practice within the near future. Lieut. Hoyne of Salina who assisted at St. John's last spring after the resignation of Col. Perkins as Commandant is in charge of this work. Details of cadets are assigned to assist him.

A number of brand new rifles have been received which will be used only for target practice. They have been tested and have been found to shoot accurately. The old rifles have been looked over, broken parts mended and missing parts supplied.

MR. REITZ TO START ORCHESTRA AT ONCE

Beginning with the second semester Mr. Reitz expects to get the school orchestra organized. In the fall he hoped to start this activity but as he was so busy working with the Senior and Junior Glee Clubs and the Quartet, he had to postpone doing so.

With the material available in the cadet corps, an orchestra of unusual excellence ought to be developed. Here is some of the material: Wise, piano; Bagnall, cornet; Davlin, clarinet; Wead and Mickelson, violin; Baker, melaphone; Deppen, Fickel II, Curtis, and Norcross, saxophone; Gerding, drum.

TO VOTE FOR HONORARY COLONEL NEXT SPRING

Much interest is being manifested in the contest to be held in the spring at which time some Salina young lady will be elected "Honorary Colonel" of St. John's school. The cadets will vote for the most popular girl and the winner will be awarded this honor. During commencement week she will review the corps in parade, and at the final dance will be presented a bouquet of flowers.

The "Honorary Colonel" idea was suggested by Coach Bishop. Similar contests have been held with great success for the past few years at Kansas University.

Oliver Phillips, '31, visited St. John's shortly before Christmas.

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"STICKABILITY"

What makes a winner in any line, fellows? Is it speed, brilliancy, or knowledge? No, not in every case. It may be in a few, but not for the average person. The real quality which makes a winner is STICKABILITY. A boy may be naturally "dumb" in his studies, but if he sticks to them he will come out a winner in the end. In athletics the fellow who has grit to stick throughout the season, whether he letters or not, is the one most likely to get his letter in the end and be the most valuable man on his team.

Once there was a student who took up Greek. The young man sat up one night until three o'clock trying to prepare the assignment. He told the professor the next day he had only part of the passage translated and how much he had studied on it. The professor wanted to drop him from the class as a hopeless case, but the dean urged that he be given a longer trial. The student next time had only a few more lines translated, but he had studied very late. The professor began to watch the boy, and in about a month he saw the work was beginning to come easy to him. Soon he rose to the head of his class.

This is what pure and simple "stickability" did for him. He was naturally dull and slow to learn, but by constant effort and hard work he overcame his deficiency. It is the same in every phase of life. Are you doing your best? Stick to it and be a success.

AWARDS OF MERIT

About four months hence a wonderful event will take place. At Commencement many cups, medals, and prizes will be awarded. Who is going to get them? You have as good a chance as any one. Of course it means hard work, but it will be more than made up for by the deep satisfaction that comes with a sense of duty well done.

The Sage Memorial Medal is awarded to the cadet who has shown the greatest development during the school year. It is presented in memory of the Rt. Rev. John C. Sage, late Bishop of the Diocese of Salina.

The Athletic Scholarship Medal is given to the cadet who wins his letter in athletics and who has the highest academic standing.

The Effort Medal, presented by one of the interested citizens of Salina, is awarded to the cadet who has made the greatest effort during the school year.

The Tinsley C. Fry Athletic Medal is given by Mr. Tinsley C. Fry of the class of 1917 to the cadet who has rendered the greatest service in promoting athletics at the school.

The Commandant's Medal is awarded to the cadet ranking highest in the competitive manual of arms.

The Bugler's Cup is given to the bugler most proficient in calls.

The Richard Gundry Poindexter Cup is offered by Mr. C. H. Poindexter of Kansas City, Kansas, to the cadet who has

shown the most initiative in organizing and developing a new student activity.

The Frank Bangs Cup is given to the new boy who has made the most satisfactory record throughout the year.

The Leadership Medal is offered by Mr. D. A. Van Trine of Salina, Kansas, to the cadet who by distinct leadership has promoted interest in some activity or existing organization that concerns the welfare of the school.

The W. W. Watson Loyalty Cup is awarded to the cadet who has shown a distinctly loyal spirit in supporting the ideals for which the school stands.

The Thesis Medal is awarded by the National Society of Colonial Daughters, Washington, D. C., to the cadet writing the best essay on a patriotic subject.

Academic Prizes are given which include a book to the head of each form.

The Junior School Medal is offered to the boy making the most satisfactory record in the Junior School.

An Army and Navy Medal is given each year to the captain of the victorious athletic club.

LOCAL NEWS

The many friends of "Beak" Bivens, '31, were sorry to hear of the death of his brother in a motor accident not many weeks ago.

The many friends of Cadet Lee Trees regret that he did not return after Christmas. He is at his home in Winfield, Kans., where he expects to undergo an operation shortly.

Mr. H. E. Daniels of the Craddock Uniform Co., Kansas City, recently spent the day here measuring boys for new uniforms and overcoats.

Miss Mize is the proud possessor of a new dog in size not much larger than a rat. Every boy has a different nickname for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jones of Salina took dinner at St. John's the other night. Mr. Jones is one of the trustees of the school.

"THE SCHOOL I LEFT BEHIND ME"

When you cadets were home during the holidays, getting your fill of all the good things to eat mother could set before you, burning gasoline day and night in dad's car, having dates with the prettiest girls in town all of whom fell for your "nifty" uniforms, and doing various and sundry things too numerous to mention, I wonder whether you ever stopped to think of the old school and what was going on there during your absence. But the old school was still in existence; a few unfortunate teachers and boys were still on hand, breathing the same old air, gazing at the same old views, and traversing the same old paths. Of course things were different. St. John's was not St. John's without a bunch of boys and a superabundance of teachers' frowns and boyish laughter and growls.

The boys remaining at school the entire time were Chittenden, Fritsche, and Ward.

It was indeed a luxury to stay up and sleep as late as they wanted. It is a question as to who won the championship sleeping contest. While money lasted the boys spent much time at the movies. When it was gone, they played basketball in the gymnasium.

On Christmas eve Major and Mrs. Fritsche kept open house for all the members of the school at which time presents were given out and a good social time was had. On Christmas night Bishop Mize entertained the boys and faculty at supper and cards.

Thus the Christmas vacation passed on the campus. And I wager to say you boys who were among your dear ones and friends did not once think of the old school and those left behind.

HUMOR

McClure: Is my face clean enough to eat with?

Capt. Parks: Yes, but you had better use your hands.

Miss Yeomans: "Johnny, I want you to give me a sentence employing 'Piquancy'."

Johnny Farris: "Ma asked me one morning if pa was awake yet, an' I said, 'I'll take a peep an' see'."

Kennedy: "Would you advise me to marry a beautiful girl or a sensible one?"

Fritsche: "I'm afraid you will never be able to marry either Mack."

Kennedy: "Why not?"

Fritsche: "Well, a beautiful girl could do better and a sensible girl would know better."

Collier: "I have discovered that the only word in English in which 'su' is pronounced like 'shu' is sugar."

Wead: "Are you positive?"

Collier: "Sure."

Fritsche: "So you think you know as much as Capt. Baker?"

Wise: "Well, he said it was impossible for him to teach me anything."

White: "Would you marry below you?"

Davlin: "I shall have to if I ever marry at all."

Shakespeare: "Kesselring says his soup isn't fit for a pig."

Miss Yeomans: "Then take it away and bring him some that is."

Said Jimmie Allen to Frank Munch, "I can eat bananas by the bunch."

Said Frank Munch to Jimmie Allen, "And I can drink soda pop by the gallon."

Galloway: "You're a dear sweet girl, Anna."

Martha: "My name isn't Anna."

Galloway: "I say you're a dear sweet girl, anna love you with all my heart."

For Christmas she gave me

A pair of green ties

Her heart's in the right place

But where are her eyes.

Did you ever hear the story about the man who put a mouse trap in his trousers' pocket to protect his money from his wife and forgot and caught his own hand in it?

One of our teachers once kissed a gum-chewing coed. He spent a sleepless night wondering if he could save his moustache.

HANDSOME "SADIE"

(Dedicated to Cadet Major
"Sadie" Bagnall)

Handsome "Sadie"
Is as cute as can be,
A remarkably orderly
Fellow is he.

His curly brown hair
Is silky and fair.
He shaves and he dresses
With orderly care.

No dirt would presume
To remain in his room.
He cleans it so nicely
With dust cloth and broom.

He's sure to obey
And he puts things away
Just where they belong
At the close of each day.

Some little girlie
How lucky will be
When she catches a fellow
Like Handsome "Sadie."

Conger: "May I throw this suit away? It is so shabby."

Capt. Baker: "Heavens no! That's the suit I go into to protest against my income tax."

Capt. Simpson: "Bixby, what is a polygon?"

Bixby: "It is a dead parrot, sir."

"Looka yonda, mammy. The circus is in town."

"Hush yo foolishness, child. It ain't nothing but Mr. Wead."

Mr. Abbot (at laundry): "Here; see what you did."

Laundryman: "I can't see anything wrong with that lace."

Mr. Abbot: "Lace, my eye; that was a sheet."

Richards: "There is only one thing that has kept Leonard out of the opera."

Ehram: "Yes, I know. I've heard him sing."

Rader: "I left my book laying on the table."

Capt. Brown: "Lying."

Rader: "Honestly; I am telling the truth."

There are so many cars in Salina that often the cadets have trouble crossing the street. They realize this is leap year.

Miss Mize says the only kind of bones her "pup" dislikes is trombones.

The only difference between the jam in the Q. M. after school and a sardine can is you can't get another sardine in the can.

A handsome young boy named Blaine Bolte

Tried to ride a frisky young colt;
It skipped and it danced
It jumped and it pranced
And poor Bolte soon lost his holte.

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SPORTS

ST. JOHN'S DEFEATS

CULVER HIGH 19-15

On January 12 Culver met the cadets on their home floor in a very exciting game. In the first quarter big "Dutch" Van Dervelde and little "Chuck" Shakespeare started the scoring but McClure, Bolte I and Deppen were right there when they were needed.

In the second period the Culver boys fell back on their little Southpaw Weis who threw them in right and left but was finally stopped by the cadets. Deppen and Bolte I, a pair of last year's seconds who were promoted to the varsity, made eight points between them in this quarter.

The second half began with Weis still going strong, but the soldiers still in the lead.

In the fourth quarter the St. John's guards intercepted several passes and turned them into goals, and the game ended; the score 19 to 15 in favor of the soldiers.

The Culver seconds won by an overwhelming score. Again Weis was the high point man, although Ehrsam and Fickle were going strong for the soldiers. The score was 21-10.

ST. JOHN'S—19	Pts.
Shakespeare, f	0
McClure, f	4
Van Dervelde, c	7
Bolte I, g	3
Deppen, g	5
Lindley, f	0
Bagnall, g	0

Total 19

CULVER—15	Pts.
Stewart, f	0
Watt, f	1
Harmon, c	0
Walle, g	1
Washburn, g	2
Weis, f	11
Eikelberger, c	0

Total 15

ST. JOHN'S SECONDS—10	Pts.
Fickel, f	4
Blair, f	0
Ehrsam, g	2
Tincher, g	0
Ward, g	2
Wise, f	2
Pickenpau, f	0
Fritsche, c	0
Curtis, g	0
Mickelson	0

Totals 10

CULVER SECONDS—21	Pts.
Wies, f	19
Moon, f	2
Oliver, c	0
Eikelberger, g	0
Northern, g	0
Lambert, f	0
Sams, c	0
Stewart, f	0

Total 21

LINCOLN WINS VICTORY OVER TEAM JANUARY 15

On the night of January 15 St. John's opened up on Lincoln with every thing they had, forged ahead, and played for their lead with lots of fight. They were backed by Van Dervelde who was the high point man for the Soldiers. They retained their lead in the first period.

In the second period the two clubs were battling, one to keep its lead, the other to catch up. There were many fouls during the game for both teams. Lincoln seemed to be exceptionally good at free throws. The opponents were gradually coming up on St. John's, when the half ended.

The third period was begun with the

Soldiers battling for all their worth, but Lincoln caught up step by step.

The fourth quarter began with the score almost even, then Lincoln began to make free throws. The soldiers were unable to make theirs and Lincoln forged ahead. In the last thirty seconds of the game Lincoln began to stall for time, but before there was any chance to do anything, the final whistle blew. The final score was 26 to 22 in favor of Lincoln.

FACULTY DOWNS CADETS IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

The new St. John's basketball team received their first taste of the scrimmage on the night of December 15, when they played the faculty. What was supposed to be an easy victory for the faculty was only made easy through a "big graft." But the corps is satisfied that it was all in fun and that their team was really the victor.

The faculty, under the leadership of Coach Bishop and Chaplain Mize, with the help of Captains Baker and Simpson, came on the floor confident of success. This confidence was soon downed when five St. John's soldier boys marched through their defense to obtain the lead in the first period of play. The faculty stayed in the background until the game was ended, but not "officially ended." Major Fritsche, the time keeper, was smart enough to hold up the time until Captain Parks, an accomplice of his in the game, was able to sink the winning "bucket" for the faculty. Then the Major ended the game by "tooting" his whistle.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

A new bulletin board for posting pictures and exhibits of work has been installed in the school room.

Capt. Parks has obtained from an eastern coal company a chart showing different uses of coal tar. It is surprising how many articles come from coal.

Bi-monthly tests were held for two days right after Christmas. Tracy's Short Answer Tests were used which were furnished by the county.

Capt. Parks has been sent a replica of George Washington's commission as general of American armies. The boys were interested in old-fashioned forms of address, spelling, and writing.

The boys have enjoyed listening to "Bright Color of Courage," a book about old Jamestown and Gacon's rebellion.

The boys in the Junior School are very proud of their library. This year it was moved into a much larger room which had been newly painted, and in which attractive book cases had been built.

There are about three hundred volumes, many of which are gifts. Jack Leaf, Jim Gray, James Allen, and Capt. Parks have all given books. Among the books are a 20 volume set of "Young Folks' Library," and partial sets of Dickens, Stevenson, and Zane Grey. The lighter fiction consists of such sets as those of Tom Swift, Motor Boat Club Boys, and Bob Dexter.

The library is open a number of afternoons during the week.

Mrs. May Freeman of Lyons, Colo., spent a few days in Salina about the middle of the month.

Capt. Brown brought back a lot of oranges and grapefruit from Florida after the holidays. He has remembered his friends most generously.

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SALINA BAND PLAYS
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

Maj. Fritsche is very generous with Sunday afternoon passes, and more of the cadets should take advantage of the excellent band concerts held in Memorial Hall. The Salina Municipal Band is an excellent organization and would be a credit to any city. During the summer time it plays in the park, and during the fall and winter it gives concerts in Memorial Hall every other Sunday afternoon from three till four.

Mr. C. F. Lebow, who also directs the band and orchestra in the Salina City schools, has charge of this organization. The programs contain music of both the classical and the lighter type. Usually a soloist appears in one or more numbers. All lovers of music can hardly help from getting much enjoyment from these concerts.

WHERE THE TEACHERS
SPENT THE HOLIDAYS

More members than usual of the St. John's faculty spent all or part of the Christmas holidays in Salina. Major and Mrs. Fritsche, Miss Yeomans, Mr. Barker, and Capt. Parks remained at school the entire time. Chaplain Mize and Miss Mize were in Salina but stayed downtown with their father, Bishop Mize. Miss Birchenough spent a week with friends in Kansas City. Capt. Simpson was back and forth between Hoisington, the home of his sister. Coach Bishop spent the first week at his home in Oklahoma City, and then returned to Salina where athletic engagements called him. Mr. Abbot spent a week with relatives in Belleville.

Capt. Baker and Capt. Brown were the only two who spent their entire vacation away. Capt. Baker visited friends in New Orleans, La., and Capt. Brown, his parents in Miami, Florida.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

Major Fritsche—"Govern yourselves accordingly."

Capt. Baker—"In cadence-hex-sir-cise."

Mr. Barker—"Now, 1st period classes pass."

Mr. Reitz—"Oh, boys, that just makes me shiver all up and down."

Chaplain Mize—"Now, listen, you all pipe down."

Miss Mize—"Don't forget your accent marks."

Capt. Brown—"Now, I remember when—"

Capt. Simpson—"Get a little confidence in yourself."

Coach Bishop—"NOW go—that's better."

Mr. Abbot—"Get out from behind that counter."

"Chocolet" Lewis—"Major, kin I walk with the fob-bers."

Capt. Shakespeare—"Naw, thata's not right."

Major Bagnall—"Keep your hands down."

Woodrow Newalah of Fairfax, Okla., has recently enrolled in the Junior School. He i sa cousin of Cadet Iron.

Capt. Simpson visited his Alma Mater, the Kansas State Agricultural College of Manhattan, on January 25.

CORPS LEARNS SOME
NEW CATCHY SONGS

"St. John's Forever." That is our school song, and may it live forever. In the opinion of all it would be hard to find a school song of a more beautiful tune and with a more appropriate sentiment behind it.

Recently however the old song has had to share honors with a few other song snatches. Capt. Baker started the whole thing. During the fall months as he marched the boys down town to the Cathedral on Sunday mornings he taught them some tunes which he had adapted from songs he had learned while attending the Army Infantry Specialist School in France during the World War.

Here are two of them:

As we go marching
And the band begins to P-L-A-Y
You can hear them shouting
St. John's cadets are on their way.

Oh, the good old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up the hill
And he marched them down again.
And when they're up, they're up
And when they're down they're down
And when they're only half way up
They're neither up nor down.

Not to be outdone Major Fritsche introduced a song snatch which has made a great hit. Here it is:

We're from St. John's, St. John's
We'll show you where we stand
The best school in the land.
We're from St. John's, St. John's
That's where the cadets go.

And how the St. John's boys love to sing them. Indoors, they often nearly raise the rafters. The entire corps owes much thanks to the Commandant and Assistant Commandant for these songs which are helping to improve school spirit.

MIKE'S PICTURE MAKES
BIG HIT WITH CADETS

The picture of Mike, Major Fritsche's dog, published in the December Skirmisher made a great hit with the St. John's cadets. In more than one room in the barracks the clipped picture may be seen pinned to the wall.

By his sweet disposition, almost human, and his eagerness to play, Mike has won a place in the hearts of all the boys. He is one of their best pals. Where the boys are, Mike may always be found.

Mike, a native of Denver, Colorado, is seventeen months old. He comes from a line of champions on both sides from the finest stock of English bull dogs in America. His father is valued at \$1,200. Mike is registered with the American Kennel Club, which will only take full blooded dogs.

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

January 12—Culver, here.
January 15—Lincoln, here.
January 20—Russell, here.
January 22—Colomon, there.
January 26—Lincoln, there.
January 29—Kanopolis, here.
February 4—Sacred Heart, there.
February 9—Bennington, here.
February 12—Solomon, here.
February 16—Russell, there.
February 19—Kanopolis, there.
February 26—Tescott, here.

SCOUTS HOLD PARTY
MIDDLE OF DECEMBER

What a fine time the members of the Scout troop had at their Christmas party! It was held in the "S" Club room a few nights prior to the Christmas holidays.

The boys particularly enjoyed the guessing contests. The prizes were boxes of chocolate candy. In one contest sheets of paper were passed out covered with all sorts of queer sentences in which the names of animals had been hidden. De-Wolfe showed himself the most proficient in finding them. In the contest answered by the last names of a number of boys Gray got the prize. Kennedy and Peck received prizes in a contest requiring simple questions to be quickly answered.

Late in the evening all went down to the dining room for refreshments. The "S" Club members had been invited to join the Scouts for this part of the program. All lined up in cafeteria style and partook of the "eats" which consisted of cocoa, sandwiches, and cake. Then the party broke up.

Capt. Van Dervelde spent the week end of January 24 at his home in Emporia.

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