

A New
Semester
Has Just
Begun

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On The
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TWO MEMBERS OF FACULTY GET MARRIED

MISS YEOMANS BECOMES THE BRIDE OF CHAPLAIN EDWARD MIZE

In Christ Cathedral, Salina, at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of January 14, a wedding took place of particular interest to the members of St. John's School. The Rev. Edward M. Mize, School Chaplain, and Miss Elizabeth Yeomans, a teacher in the Junior School, were married by the former's father, the Rt. Rev. R. H. Mize. The ceremony was a private one, being witnessed only by the members of the two families and a few intimate friends. The bride was attended by Miss Elizabeth Strong of Salina and the groom by his brother, the Rev. Robert H. Mize, Jr., of Hays. Following the ceremony the Very Reverend Donnan E. Strong celebrated the Holy Communion at which the newly wedded pair were the only communicants.

From the Cathedral the bridal party repaired to the Episcopal residence where a wedding breakfast was served. At the conclusion of this the newly weds departed for parts unknown to spend a short honeymoon.

Major and Mrs. Fritsche, Mr. Barker, and Capt. Simpson were the members of St. John's who attended the ceremony. The other members of the faculty knew of the approaching event, but to the entire cadet corps it came as a big surprise.

NEW COURSES COMMENCE WITH SECOND SEMESTER

At the beginning of the second semester on January 25th several new courses were started. Capt. Simpson teaches two of these, Solid Geometry with a text by Strader and Rhoads and Social Civics with a text by Munro and Ozanne. In Capt. Evans' new class in General Science a book by Regenstein and Teeters is studied and this is supplemented by experimental work in the laboratory. Capt. Brown has a class in Psychology which is taking up "The Mind and its Education" by Betts. Capt. Bishop teaches two new courses—a repeater in Public Speaking which uses no text and Economics with a text by Carver and Carmichael.

CAPT. EVANS ORGANIZES A LIFE SAVING CLASS

A number of the cadets are most enthusiastic over the work Capt. Evans is giving them in swimming at the Salina Y. M. C. A. tank. On certain afternoons the Captain takes them down town to give them instructions. He has a class for beginners in swimming and is also preparing the others to pass certain tests in life saving. He plans to have them pass the tests as prescribed by both the American Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

Capt. Evans holds cards issued by these two organizations authorizing him to give tests. He has also had much experience in aquatic sports for during the past few summers he has been a Life Guard at the Municipal Pool in Rockford, Illinois.

DINING ROOM IS SCENE OF GAY INFORMAL DANCE

The school dining room was the scene of a delightful informal dance one evening early last month. The room had been given a most cozy atmosphere with the lights overhead softened by tissue paper shades and corners transformed into cozy nooks by setting up parlor lamps and easy chairs.

The music for the dancing was furnished by an electric victrola, which was played by two of the cadets. No stags were present which made an even number of dancers. However, the two boys who furnished the music felt they were occasionally entitled to cut in.

An unlimited supply of delicious punch was on hand to quench the thirst of the dancers.

Puts on Program For City Public Schools

Entertains Before General Assembly; Major in Charge

The students of the Roosevelt High School, Salina, were entertained recently at General Assembly by a delegation from St. John's. Major Fritsche had charge of the program and started off by giving a talk on life at a military institution and what it meant. His talk might be called an illustrated one. In taking up the daily routine he had the buglers blow the various calls and explained their significance. Again, when he spoke on each particular kind of uniform, he had a cadet come forward who was dressed in this uniform and he pointed out certain things about it.

The members of the Cracksquad put on their drill and it was executed with the customary snap and precision. Then Cadet Naylor played a trumpet solo. Last of all the Glee Club directed by Prof. Reitz sang "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," and "Just a Little Street Where Old Friends Meet."

MR. BARKER GIVES TALK ON CALVIN COOLIDGE

On the day of ex-President Coolidge's funeral Mr. Barker made a few commemorative remarks in general assembly upon this great man. "Silent Cal" as he was called had risen step by step finally receiving the greatest honor his country could give him—the Presidency. As Governor of Massachusetts he gained national fame by the way he enforced law and order during the police strike in Boston. Next came his election to the Vice Presidency which was followed two years later by succession to the Presidency at the death of President Harding. He served out his term and was reelected. Many believe that if he had consented four years later to run for a third term, he would have gotten it.

Coolidge was a man of few words. But behind his quiet manner was a great personality—one that possessed the highest ideals and longed to give his best for his country.

It was especially fitting for Mr. Barker to make these remarks. He is a native of Massachusetts, that state so intimately connected with the life of Coolidge.

LA VELLE F. HICKS TO COACH SCHOOL PLAY

Within the next few days work will be started on a play which we hope to produce some time in March. Mr. La Velle F. Hicks of Salina will have charge of the coaching. He is going to test out the ability of each boy interested in Dramatics and then make a selection for the several parts.

Mr. Hicks who is well known to the St. John's cadets, for the past two years has coached the annual minstrel show. A professional actor himself, he is almost sure to make a success of any play he attempts. He has put on shows in Salina as well as in many of the surrounding towns.

Mr. Hicks has in mind a number of plays which he considers suitable for the St. John's Dramatic Club.

Colonial Daughters Offer Thesis Medal

Rules of Contest Are Given. Five Subjects Also Suggested

St. John's School again has been invited to participate in the contest in patriotic essay writing sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Daughters. A letter recently received from Mrs. Harley C. Gage, President, encloses a list of approved subjects and rules governing the contest. Essays may be written upon any subject involving patriotism and high civic ideals, but the five topics listed below are particularly recommended:

1. The Voter's Responsibility
2. Our National Park System
3. Benjamin Franklin on Thrift
4. The Power of Public Opinion
5. Man's Never-ending Struggle with the Insect World

Any one interested in entering this contest may either read the rules posted on the bulletin board or confer with Capt. Brown. An attractive medal is awarded the winner at Commencement.

NEW DEMERIT SYSTEM RECENTLY INAUGURATED

On February 1 a new demerit system was inaugurated which was modeled after that used at West Point. Every cadet will be credited with three merits at the beginning of the week. These three will be deducted from the total demerits he acquires during the week, and he will walk squad on the basis of one hour for every demerit.

Every cadet will have the right to explain any report. All explanations must be made in writing to the Commandant and submitted as soon as possible after the publication of the report.

SIX NEW BOYS ENROLL FOR SECOND SEMESTER

The new year and the new semester brought six new boys to St. John's School. Tom Stamey of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Horace Wilbur of Wichita, have joined the Junior Class. The Sophomore Class has acquired William Goff of Gunnison, Colorado, and the Freshman Class, Russell Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, and John Ellis of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Hayes Big Eagle of Hominy, Oklahoma, who was here for one semester last year, has returned and is in the fifth grade.

CADETS DEFEAT LINCOLN HI SCORE 30-8

BOTH TEAMS SHOW BIG FIGHT ST. JOHN'S SECONDS LOSE 16-9

On January 27, St. John's defeated the Lincoln five on the home floor. The cadets were in perfect form and played their best game so far this season.

By snappy passing and steady ball hustling the cadets acquired a large lead which they kept the entire game. Their defense was very tight only letting the Lincoln quintet get 4 points to their 15 the first half.

The second half St. John's kept up their superior play and continued to score. The game ended 30 to 8 for them.

No one man did all of the scoring for the soldiers because all of the team had tallies behind their names.

Lincoln's seconds were very offensive and beat the St. John's badly. Lack of hustle hindered the cadet seconds from gaining much headway. The game finished 16 to 9 for Lincoln.

Box score:

ST. JOHN'S (30)	FG	FT	F	PM
Naylor f	3	1	3	7
White f	2	0	3	4
Prohs c	1	2	1	4
Ehram c	0	0	0	0
Shakespeare g	3	2	2	8
Deppen g	3	1	1	7
Pickenpugh g	0	0	2	0
Totals	12	6	12	30

LINCOLN ((8)	FG	FT	F	PM
T. Wilson f	0	1	3	1
Wicher f	0	0	0	0
Baringer f	0	1	0	1
Brown c	0	0	2	0
B. Wilson c	0	0	1	0
Fancher f	0	0	0	0
Plott g	2	2	2	6
Wright g	0	0	0	0
Liggett g	0	0	1	0
Marshall g	0	0	1	0
Totals	2	4	10	8

GIVES THEATER PARTY FOR SCHOOL SENIORS

Just before the holidays Captain Brown gave the members of the Senior Class a Christmas present. He took them to the Watson Theater to see the picture "The Mask of Dr. Fu Mauchu." The boys studied during the afternoon on their next day's lessons so they would be free to go that evening.

The party attended the first show. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself and was interested to follow another one of the episodes of Dr. Fu Mauchu's career of crime.

After the show Capt. Brown treated the crowd to hamburgers at one of the Salina restaurants. The boys seemed most appreciative for what he had done for them. Capt. Brown said he was glad to do it because he had a special fondness for the Senior Class half of whose number he had known four years and had taught in each of the four years of English.

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LINCOLN

On this anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, it is well to reflect upon the conditions under which he lived and the obstacles he had to meet. Today Lincoln is immortalized. He is held up as the outstanding model for all good citizens. Today the value of his great work is appreciated.

Not many of us will ever be able to ascend the heights that Lincoln did. But we can do something worthwhile. We can set a goal, and then with courage, honesty, and faith in the ultimate triumph of good and right, move steadily on.

The great emancipator did more than accomplish great things. He was one of the noblest examples and pointed out to us the way to a worthy end.

THE MAN WHO MADE A MISTAKE

Experience is a sound teacher, and it is most effective where the pupil is willing to learn. There is little fear of lack of success for the man who profits by his mistakes and learns by them not to repeat the error.

It is wise to harken to this experience that our mistakes may be fewer and not repeated. But for our friends, in business and otherwise, we would prefer the men and the women who have made mistakes.

There are only two conclusions we can draw about the man who never makes a mistake. One is that he never does anything, and therefore cannot do it wrong. The other is that he is not frank enough to reveal his error, but will seek to hide it by other errors that he hopes will balance the account.

Why be afraid of an honest mistake? Everyone worth while is guilty of them—if there is guilt. The test is not in never erring. It is, rather, in having the manhood to seek to correct the blunder.

THE ORIGIN OF BASKETBALL

It has been the opinion of many people that basketball is an old game like football and baseball. This is an error on their part. Basketball is a comparatively new game. It was originated just about thirty-six years ago, and the originator is living today.

In the winter of 1893 the head of the Y. M. C. A. sent orders to Dr. James Naismith, head of the Y. M. C. A. boys training school, Springfield, Mass., to find a game that would bridge the gap between football in the autumn and baseball in the spring.

Dr. Naismith first attempted an indoor football game, but due to the many injuries received by the players, the game was abandoned.

His next attempt was more successful. He placed two peach baskets at each end of the gym and as many players as could get on the court could participate. This game had two faults. There were too many players for it to be interesting, and when a goal was made it took several minutes to remove the ball from play.

This partial failure had no effect on

Dr. Naismith, however, for he started immediately to improve the game. He cut the players to seven on each team. He introduced floor rules and scoring rules. A referee was appointed and the game was divided into quarters. Still the game was not up to expectation. It had a few followers but was far from the other two major sports as a drawing card. The game was too slow.

Different universities began to take up the game and it was improved from time to time until it became the present game of today. It is still being improved and gaining much popularity. As high as forty thousand people have seen one game and all universities, colleges, and high schools play it as one of their leading sports.

It is thought by many of the best coaches of the country that basketball will soon replace football as the major sport.

"YOUR NAME"

You got it from your father, 'twas the best he had to give,
And right gladly he bestowed it—it is yours the while you live.
You may lose the watch he gave you and another you can claim,
But remember, when you're tempted, to be careful of his name.
It was fair the day you got it and a worthy name to wear.
When he took it from his father there was no dishonor there;
Through the years he proudly wore it, to his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.
Oh, there's much that he has given that he values not at all.
He has watched you break your playthings in the days when you were small.
And you've lost the knife he gave you and you've scattered many a game
But you'll never hurt your father if you're careful of his name.
It is yours to wear forever, yours to wear the while you live,
Yours, perhaps, some distant morning to another boy to give.
And you'll smile as did your father, smile above that baby there,
If a clean name and a good name you are giving him to wear.

—Exchange.

HONOR ROLL

The high averages for the month ending the first semester are as follows:

Upper School	Lower School
Shakespeare .93	Willard87
Prohs90.5	Stackelbeck ..86.1
Richards90.5	Kesselring ...85.4
Tincer89	Bolte83.9
Ward88.3	Keraus83
Maker88.3	Reynolds82.6
Ehram86.5	
Blair86.3	
Moberly85	
Norcross83.8	

ALUMNI NEWS

Frank Wilkerson, a former cadet of three years ago, recently married a Miss Virginia Weis. They are living in Salina.

Hayes Scott, '31, of Nampa, Idaho, spent a few days in Salina early this month as the guest of Prof. Ralph W. Reitz.

Richard Bagnall, '32, is attending Colorado University.

Timothy Greeley, '19, is coaching at the Leadville Colorado High School.

"Sarge" Farrell, '18, is leading an orchestra in Chicago, Illinois.

Ralph Caldwell, '29, studied at Kansas University the past semester. He recently visited school.

HUMOR

Ehram is so dumb he thinks Ward belongs to a Psychopathic Hospital.

Capt. Parks: "You must never indulge in mudslinging Gussie."

Gus: "Must I always wait until I am riding with you, Captain?"

Mrs. Evans (sobbing): Oh, Dick, I had baked a lovely cake, and I put it on the window sill to cool, and Patsy ate it."

Capt. Evans: "Don't cry, sweetheart. I'll try to get another dog."

Major Fritsche (when he was in the Army Dental Corps): "My man, you don't have to pay for teeth extraction in the army."

Soldier: "I know that, sir, but I'm just counting my money before you put me under the gas."

Denver Girl (to bashful Hamilton): "I think I'll name my car after you."

Hamilton: "Thanks for the compliment; it's a swell looking car."

Denver Girl: "But, it's so difficult to get started in the evening."

The first floor of the barracks is green with jealousy. They thought they held the championship when it came to avoirdupois with such representatives as Baker, Norcross, and Stout. Now the second floor in addition to Captain Brown and Pace has Wilbur and Stamey. The first floor is thinking of writing Mr. Abbott to return to school.

Not many weeks ago Miss Eloise Fritsche left the heater on too long in the gold fish tank and all the goldfish were cooked. We have not heard whether or not she invited her friends in for a fish dinner.

Davis: "Why didn't you lift your hat to Mrs. Fritsche just now?"

Falch: "The 'hair slicker' I used was mucilage."

Coach Bishop: "At times Miss Mize seems to be trying to be an angel."

Capt. Simpson: You mean when she wants you to spend some money on her?"

Coach Bishop: "No; when she drives her car."

Waldo: "An awful lot of girls are stuck on me."

Rader: "Yes, they certainly must be an awful lot."

Chaplain Mize: "Did you get rid of those moths with the moth balls you bought?"

Mrs. Mize: "No, I tried for an hour, but I couldn't hit a single moth."

Mr. Barker: "Who can name one important thing we have now that we did not have a hundred years ago?"

Naylor: "Me."

She wore her stockings inside out
All through the summer heat.
She said it cooled her off to turn
Her hose upon her feet.

—Exchange.

The Father: "I am sorry, young man, I can't let you have my daughter. The man she marries must have an income of at least four ciphers."

Deppen: "I am your man, sir. My income is all ciphers."

Patsy, the little Boston terrier owned by Capt. and Mrs. Evans, has not been herself lately. She resents the presence of the little bull dog Major Fritsche recently brought back from Denver.

He was an ardent lover but a poor speller. He thought it safe to write the girl's father for her hand. His note read: "I want your daughter, the flour of the family."

The father replied: "Are you sure it isn't my dough you are after?"

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norcross of Greeley, Colorado, stopped off a few days in Salina during the latter part of January to see their grandson, William Norcross. One evening they entertained him and Cadet Pickinpaugh at dinner at the Lamer Hotel.

Cadet Major Shakespeare was so unfortunate as to receive a deep cut just below his eye while playing basketball. He hit the edge of a table standing on the platform near the court.

Cadet Reynolds received a small printing set and has been printing cards and stationery for both the faculty and cadets. His work is especially neat and well done.

The entire school was sorry to hear that the large Iron Foundry owned by Sergt. Ehram's father at Enterprise, Kansas, recently burned to the ground.

Mrs. A. W. Barth of Denver has been visiting Mrs. J. L. Fritsche.

The faculty gave Chaplain and Mrs. Mize a surprise party soon after their return from their wedding trip. Bridge was the principal amusement of the evening. This was followed by light refreshments.

Cadets Fred and John Reed spent the week end of January 29 with their grandparents in Topeka.

The entire school was grieved to hear of the death on February 2, of Mr. I. G. Bonfils, Editor of the Denver Post. He was a great friend of the school, and showed Major Fritsche and the Crack-squad many courtesies when they visited Denver last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ainsworth of Lyons recently visited their son here. They were accompanied by a friend Colonel Jordan who formerly was Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives in Washington. They were dinner guests at the school and later the Crack-squad put on a drill in their honor.

"Dad" Sewell, driver for the Bell Taxi Co., is a great friend of the St. John's athletic teams. For every game the team wins he gives each member a free transportation to or from town in his taxi. In fact, all the Bell Taxi drivers are good friends of the school. Many a time when they see a cadet walking in the direction they are going they pick him up and do not charge him a cent.

It is good to see Cadet Pace using his two eyes again. For the first three weeks after the holidays he had one eye bandaged as it had been injured by a gun powder explosion, while he was at home.

SPORTS

CULVER HI LOSES TO
CADETS' FIGHTING TEAM

The St. John's quintet started the basket ball season on their own floor against Culver high school on January 13, defeating them 24 to 20.

The ability of the cadets was doubtful although they had good material. Three lettermen were back and several new boys showed up well in practice.

The cadets showed a better offense than the Culver five and acquired an early lead. Weis, the clever Culver forward, sank several underhand shots from the center of the floor and made the score nearly even. The score was close the remainder of the game—there only being 4 points difference in scores when the final whistle blew.

The St. John's seconds also won the preliminary game by 18 to 12. This game was also close until Bob Hamilton of the cadets made several baskets. He scored 10 of the 18 points of the cadets.

Box score:

ST. JOHN'S (24)	FG	FT	F	PM
White f	2	0	1	4
Tincher f	0	0	0	0
Shakespeare f	4	0	1	8
Ehram c	2	0	0	4
Prohs c	1	0	0	2
Deppen g	1	0	2	2
Naylor g	2	0	3	4
Totals	12	0	7	24

CULVER (20)	FG	FT	F	PM
Weis f	6	0	0	12
Moon f	0	0	0	0
Gooch f	1	0	0	2
Harmon c	3	0	3	6
Sams g	0	0	0	0
Brandt g	0	0	2	0
Totals	10	0	5	20

LINCOLN YIELDS TO
CADETS IN HARD FIGHT

The blue and white quintet were out for revenge when St. John's made the trip to Lincoln on February 3. St. John's had beaten them badly before and were determined to do so again.

The game proved to be reckless and many fouls were called on both teams. St. John's made the majority of their free throws but the Lincoln team did not. This gave a great advantage to the cadets.

St. John's still proved to be the better of the two but Lincoln showed much improvement. They had more fight, and at times made their offense very effective. The half ended with a score of 12 to 4 for the cadets.

In the second period Lincoln did much more shooting which made St. John's lead less before the game ended.

The soldiers showed very brilliant play by tying up the ball many times in the closing minutes of the game. During the last minute and 20 seconds the ball was tied up 75 seconds. This enabled the cadets to win 21 to 18.

Box score:

ST. JOHN'S (21)	FG	FT	F	PM
Naylor f	2	0	1	4
White f	3	0	1	6
Prohs c	0	4	2	4
Deppen g	0	0	3	0
Pickenpaugh g	0	0	1	0
Shakespeare g	3	1	2	7
Totals	8	5	10	21

LINCOLN (18)	FG	FT	F	PM
T. Wilson	2	1	0	5
Baringer	1	0	2	2
Brown	1	0	2	2
B. Wilson	1	0	0	2
Plott	2	3	1	7
Liggett	0	0	3	0
Totals	7	4	8	18

ST. JOHN'S OVERCOMES
TESCOTT HI 44 TO 17

On January 17, the Tescott Hi basket ball team came down to St. John's with hopes of gaining a decisive victory.

St. John's started the game with a bang and went into the lead at once. They passed very well and carried the ball through the opposing offense for 24 points in the first half. The Tescott five only scored 11 points.

In the second half the soldiers kept up their good work and scored 20 more points. The orange jerseyed quintet also made their defense tighter and only let their opponents get 6 points.

The scoring for St. John's was well distributed. Three players, White, Naylor, and Shakespeare, each got 10 points.

Unlike most games the cadets did not let up when they were far ahead. Instead they hustled steadily till the end of the game and at times caused excitement in the crowd by their fast play in spite of the onesided score.

A preliminary game was played by the second teams of both schools. It was very close game and ended 8 to 7 for St. John's.

Box score:

ST. JOHN'S (44)	FG	FT	F	PM
Tincher f	0	0	1	0
Shakespeare f	5	0	1	10
White f	5	0	0	10
Prohs c	2	0	2	4
Ehram c	3	0	1	6
Deppen g	2	0	4	4
Naylor g	5	0	3	10
Totals	22	0	10	44

TESCOTT (17)	FG	FT	F	PM
Eulsler f	2	0	7	4
Diehl f	3	1	0	7
B. Larson c	2	1	0	5
D. Larson c	0	0	0	0
Yeager g	0	1	2	1
Pruett g	0	0	0	0
Plueger g	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	3	3	17

RUSSELL DEFEATS TEAM
IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

The St. John's basket ball team traveled to Russell on February 1, to play their fifth game of the season.

The Russell five were right on their toes and by a series of fast breaks made nine points before the soldiers scored. The small floor was a slight handicap to the cadets for they could not make any very long shots. White, a St. John's forward, opened the scoring and continued to make baskets the rest of the half. The score was 15 to 13 for Russell when the first half ended.

Russell came back the second half and widened their lead. St. John's did not do much more scoring till the fourth

quarter when they dropped in a series of buckets. The lead acquired by Russell was too much for the cadets and the game ended 33 to 25 for Russell.

Box score:

ST. JOHN'S (25)	FG	FT	F	PM
Naylor f	1	1	0	3
Pickenpaugh f	0	0	0	0
White f	7	0	0	14
Prohs c	1	0	3	2
Shakespeare g	0	1	1	1
Deppen g	2	1	1	5
Totals	11	3	5	25

RUSSELL (33)	FG	FT	F	PM
Burrough f	5	0	2	10
Dauson f	0	0	0	0
Opdyche f	5	0	1	10
Eberly f	0	0	0	0
Laubhaun c	2	2	1	6
Moore g	2	1	3	5
Barber g	1	0	0	2
Totals	15	3	7	33

BASKET BALL SUMMARY

Varsity: Won 4—Lost 2.
St. John's 157 points—Opponents 117
26½ Averages 19½

Individual Scoring

	FG	FT	F	Tot
White f	21	1	6	43
Shakespeare g	15	4	6	34
Naylor f	14	2	13	30
Prohs c	7	7	10	21
Deppen g	8	3	11	19
Ehram c	5	0	1	10
Tincher f	0	0	1	0
Pickenpaugh g	0	0	3	0
Totals	70	17	47	157

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Though the way be steep and long,
Gaily trip along the sod
Even on demerit squad.

St. John's boys at close of day
Heads on snowy pillows lay.
Don't you see that halo there
Around that clump of light brown hair?

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CHRISTMAS BANQUET HELD BEFORE HOLIDAYS

On their last evening at school before leaving for the holidays the cadets had their annual Christmas party. It started at six o'clock with a formal dinner at which turkey with all the fixins' was the principal dish on the menu. When the meal was finished, the tables were moved and the entire corps formed itself in a semi-circle facing the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree standing at one side of the room.

Then came the program. The Glee Club sang several numbers, and Cadet Naylor played two selections on the trumpet. Major Fritsche made a few remarks on the spirit of Christmas and wished the boys a most pleasant vacation.

Presently the sound of sleigh bells was heard and who should enter the room but Old Santa Claus. After making a few witty remarks in a voice strongly resembling that of Coach T. C. Bishop he distributed the presents most of which were of a humorous nature. Each cadet had been given ten cents to purchase a gift for a boy whose name he had drawn. However, a few of the presents were of a different type. Mr. Barker received a beautiful fountain pen, given to him by the boys in appreciation of his untiring efforts in their behalf. Major Fritsche gave each member of the faculty a Christmas card good for an admission to any Fox Mid-West Theater. Bishop Mize presented each boy with a large cane made of candy.

The party came to an end at about nine o'clock as a number of the boys wished to catch the ten o'clock west bound train.

ASSIST IN CEREMONY AT MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Two of the St. John's buglers, Corporals Blaine Bolte and Joe Keraus, were guests of Marymount College on Marymount Day, when that institution commemorated the anniversary of its founding. The boys were guests at the banquet and dance in the evening and assisted in the afternoon ceremony when Miss Marymount was officially crowned. Miss Kathryn Croughal had been chosen by her fellow students for this great honor.

The buglers headed the procession which first went into the chapel for a brief religious ceremony. At the conclusion of this the party proceeded to the landing at the center of the great stair case. The buglers blew the flourishes, and a member of the clergy took the gorgeous crown off a silken pillow carried by one of the pages and placed it upon the head of Miss Marymount. Then the procession continued on into the dining room for the banquet.

That evening Miss Eloise Fritsche, who is a student at Marymount, and her brother Cadet Fritsche came out for the dance.

COMMUNION SERVICES NOW CELEBRATED DAILY

At the beginning of the school year Chaplain Mize instituted the custom of celebrating the Holy Communion in the chapel on week days as well as Sunday. Heretofore weekday celebrations had been held only on Saints' Days, during Lent, and upon other special occasions. The Sunday celebrations are held at 8 a. m. and the week day, at 6:45 a. m.

Among the boys taking turns as servers are Stout, Chittenden, Tinscher, Reed I, Ward, Galloway, and Fritsche. A number of the cadets as well as faculty members have made resolutions to take the Communion regularly upon certain week days.

CADETS TAKE REGULAR AFTERNOON EXERCISE

Every boy at St. John's takes part in athletics. There are several kinds from which he may choose.

A number are out for basketball. The rest are required to be outdoors on pleasant days. Sometimes the boys play touch ball, a game similar to football, only not so rough. On some days base ball is played and on others, soccer. The boys also enjoy volley ball on the court recently constructed.

All the games are organized and supervised by the faculty members. Good sportsmanship and the idea of making improvement are stressed at all times.

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CAPT. PARKS ENTERTAINS BOYS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The third floor of the barracks was the scene of much jollity on the evening of February 1 at which time Capt. Parks gave a party for the members of the Junior School. Captain Brown and Cadet Fred Reed of the Upper School were also invited.

The affair started about quarter of eight with card playing. The game at first was "Hearts," though a little later on one of the tables changed to "Old Maid" and "Smoot." About nine fifteen the game came to an end and for the next few minutes all was quiet while Capt. Brown told an exciting ghost story.

Then came the "eats" which consisted of sandwiches and candy. Just before "Taps" the party broke up with each one thanking Captain Parks for giving him such a delightful evening.

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