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## OLD "S" CLUB REORGANIZED

Intended for Lettermen Only. Some New Members Initiated

After remaining inactive a year and a half, the old "S" club has been reorganized. The membership of this organization is limited to lettermen and its aim is to create athletic spirit at St. John's and to afford those who have fought side by side an opportunity to enjoy social fellowship together. The club was started in the fall of 1931 by Cadet-Major Bagnall and had for its charter members those cadets entitled to wear the St. John's letter at that time. Later in the session after the football season was over and more letters had been awarded, new members were initiated. The club was modeled after a similar organization at Kansas University, and Coach T. C. Bishop who at that time occupied the quarters now occupied by Captain and Mrs. Evans became its sponsor and turned over one of his rooms to the boys for a club room.

The organization did not function during the session of 1932 and 33, but this year those of its old members still at St. John's got together and decided to revive it. Ehrsam was chosen president; Tincher, vice-president; and Fritsche, secretary and treasurer.

A room will be turned over to the members to be used as a club room. The boys will furnish it, putting in it among other things a radio, card tables, and copies of current magazines. The members expect to have many social "get togethers" and probably will hold some dances.

Already several new members have been taken in—those boys who made their letters during the session of 1932 and 1933. The initiation took place on February 17. The candidates were required to wear strange costumes. Two of the most unusual features of their apparel were the corn cob medallions hanging from their necks and the boxing gloves on their hands. At one meal they had to eat sitting side by side with their hands tied to a fishing pole. This necessitated their doing everything at the same time.

In the near future this year's lettermen will be initiated.

## MILD WINTER IS CAUSE OF OUTSIDE DRILLING

Old Man Winter has indeed smiled upon Kansas this year. The weather has been so balmy most of the time that the cadets have drilled more than usual out of doors and inside military activities such as instruction in the Science of Military Tactics and target practice have suffered. Captain Evans has kept putting off holding the required amount of indoor shooting.

It won't be long now before Sunday afternoon battalion parades will be started. As a rule many visitors come out to watch the cadets on these occasions. Perkins Field which was only dedicated last year is an ideal place for the battalion to hold parades.

## NAVY ENTERTAINS ARMY WITH DELIGHTFUL DANCE

One evening not long ago the St. John's Navy Club gave a dance in honor of the Army Club. The affair was held in the dining hall which had been prepared and decorated by Navy men.

Over the entrance two pennants hung side by side, one of the Army, the other of the Navy. This was to show the spirit of fellowship and friendliness existing between these two rival organizations. Many other pennants adorned the walls, and small serving tables were covered with scarfs upon which rested colored lamps.

At eight o'clock dancing commenced. The music was furnished by an electric Victrola, which had been loaned by the De Molays. Everyone entered into the spirit of the affair and seemed to have a good time. At a late hour refreshments of cocoa and cake were served. Soon after this the cadets saw their girls home.

## Put on Program for Bavaria High School

Glee Club and Cracksquad Appear at Special Meeting

On the evening of February 12 the Glee Club and Cracksquad appeared on the program at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association of the Bavaria High School. However, the St. John's boys were not the only entertainers. Mr. William Springer, a student of Kansas Wesleyan University, gave a number of whistling numbers, and pupils of the Bavaria High School presented two scenes from a play "Miss Cherryblossom."

Prof. Ralph W. Reitz had charge of the St. John's musical part of the program. The Glee Club came first, singing two numbers "Kentucky Babe" and "Indian Dawn." Next Lieutenant Richards sang the solo "Trees," and then Cadet Moberly sang a baritone solo entitled "Until." Last of all Corporal Naylor played two trumpet selections "Kiss Me Again" and "You are Such a Comfort to Me."

The musical was followed by an exhibition of the Cracksquad under the command of Lieutenant Ehrsam.

## STUDENTS TAKING DRAMATICS FORM CLUB FOR SOCIAL PURPOSES

There is now a Shakespeare Club at St. John's. But it is not a group of boys who have organized for the purpose of studying the works of the famous William Shakespeare.

The club is a social organization. It might be called the playhouse for those boys who have worked hard towards making Dramatics at St. John's a success. However, the membership is limited to boys who have taken part in some major production. Hence all the members at present are old boys, but after this year's Easter play has been given, other persons will be eligible for membership.

Mr. La Velle F. Hicks is the sponsor of the club and is planning some ways for the members to enjoy themselves. He hopes to have them out to his home for

## RETURNS TO GET READY FOR WEST POINT EXAM

Former Cadet Lieutenant Charles Davlin of the class of 1932 is back at St. John's for a month. All his old friends are glad to have "Chuck" with them again even though he is so busy that they can not see much of him socially.

Davlin is here to study for the West Point entrance examinations which are to be given early in March. When he received the appointment from Senator Adams of Colorado, he decided that his old teachers at St. John's could best prepare him for the examinations. So he returned to St. John's. Chaplain Mize is giving him instruction in History; Captain Simpson, in Mathematics; and Captain Brown, in English.

After his graduation from St. John's Davlin attended for a while the teachers' college in his home town in Alamosa, Colorado.

## Checker Tournament Is Now Being Held

National Rules Observed. Bishop Mize to Give Award

St. John's is in the midst of a checker tournament.

Checker boards are in all corners of the school parlor. Cries of, "I take your man for not jumping me," "It's not your move," and "I didn't take my finger off," are often to be heard during leisure hours.

The tournament is being conducted under the national rules according to the double knockout plan, that is, it takes two defeats to eliminate a contestant, instead of one, as in the case in a basketball and tennis tournament.

A match consists of four games. If both contestants win two of the four, six more games are played, making ten in all. If each contestant wins five of the ten games, both are credited with losing one half of the match.

Bishop Mize, who conceived and fostered the tournament, is offering a prize to the winner. One condition, however, is that the winner must defeat both Bishop Mize and Captains Evans in a regular match.

## BENNINGTON LOSES GAME

St. John's Wins 41 to 4 in Contest Played on Home Floor

On its home floor February 22, St. John's won a victory over Bennington Hi by a score of 41-4.

The first quarter started strong with both teams scrambling madly for the ball. Bennington succeeded in making the first basket. St. John's quickly swung into a hard driving offense, which was unstopped throughout the entire game. Tincher performed exceptionally well, making eight points the first half. Although the visitors were not able to accomplish much, they put up a good fight. When the half-way whistle blew, St. John's led with a score of 16-3.

The cadets came back fighting harder than ever. They guarded their opponents so closely that Bennington was seldom in possession of the ball. As the third period ended, it was plainly visible that Bennington was hopelessly out of it. The soldiers raised the score at a rapidly increasing pace during the last few minutes of play.

Two outstanding players of the Orange and Black were Tincher and Naylor, who made 14 and 11 points respectively. The final whistle left the score at 41-4 in St. John's favor. The line-up was as follows:

Fritsche	F	Hardesty	F
Tincher	F	J. Neil	F
Moberly	F	Sink	F
Hamilton	C	Lamascus	C
Naylor	G	Neilson	G
Lytle	G	Yast	G
		B. Neil	G

## IS DRILLMASTER AND COACH AT URBAN SCHOOL

Life at a military school was not a closed chapter in the life of Cadet First Lieutenant James Marshall when he graduated from St. John's in May 1931. In letters written recently to Bishop Mize and Lieutenant Norcross, Marshall says that he is now connected with the Urban School for Boys in Los Angeles, California, an institution having a modified form of military training. Marshall who is known there as Captain Marshall has charge of all the military functions of the school which includes discipline, drill, firing, etc. In athletics he is coach of the junior group of boys and assistant coach of the senior group.

Marshall, who was a member of the St. John's Cracksquad, has organized a similar organization among the younger boys. The members of the Urban cracksquad wear uniforms with black and orange sashes, set off with over seas caps of white trimmed with orange and black. The youngsters have appeared several times in public before Los Angeles organizations.

In coaching athletics Marshall has been particularly successful. Out of eleven games the junior football team has lost only one. The Urban senior team won the National High School Championship by defeating the New England Champions from Salem, Mass., 18 to 0.



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## THE TEST OF RESPONSIBILITY

Every man is a stranger to his greatest power until some supreme effort calls it forth. He does not know how great his strength really is until he is called upon to deliver.

Some of our greatest men never found themselves until they were called upon to deliver. This holds good here in the Cadet Corps. Our greatest leaders did not know that they had the power of leadership until they were called upon, and had to put out.

How many men and women have lost everything in the world that was dear to them—money, friends, love, everything except their pluck and grit—and have started over again and discovered that they could rise to the occasion. Our greatest power lies so deep in our nature that it often takes a tremendous effort to call it forth.

Many of us in the Cadet Corps shun responsibility. That is the worst thing that we can do. We should welcome it; it is a great developer and often spells success.

## AWARDS OF MERIT

About three 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 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.

The Hicks Dramatic Medal is offered by Mr. La Velle F. Hicks to the cadet making the most satisfactory record in dramatics.

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.

## COMPENSATIONS

When you have bunions on your feet,  
Bear them with resignation sweet,  
For you are fortunate indeed,  
Suppose you were a centipede.

Be patient when your throat is sore,  
You haven't any cause to roar;  
At ills like these you well may laugh;  
Be thankful you are no giraffe.

If rheumatism in your limbs  
Your happiness at times bedims,  
You haven't any right to cuss,  
Suppose you were an octopus.

And if the toothache bothers you,  
Consider that your teeth are few  
Compared to those which you remark  
Upon the jawbone of a shark.

And if this blithe philosophy,  
For which I do not charge a fee,  
Does not appear to do you good—  
Ah, well, I didn't think it would.  
—Selected.

## LOCAL NEWS

Lieutenants Richards and Norcross, Corporal Naylor and Cadets Stamey and Moberly are now singing in the choir at Christ Cathedral.

Mr. Ed Joy of Salina, a close personal friend of Captain T. C. Bishop and formerly prominent in athletics at Colorado University has been assisting with the coaching of the St. John's basketball team.

The many friends of Cadet Jerry McCarty were glad to see him back here at the beginning of the second semester. During the first half year he went to school at his home in Emporia.

Lt. Jerry Tinchler and Corporal Stamey spent the week end of February 11 at their homes in Hutchinson.

Cadet McKinley was at his home in Fairfax, Oklahoma, for a few days during the early part of this month.

Twice recently Captain T. C. Bishop took the cadets who are out for basketball to games down town. Both games were between the teams of the Globe and Kent Oil Companies. Captain Bishop himself played on the Kent Oil Company team.

Last week Captain Evans gave the Otis Intelligence Tests to all the new boys, and he says the scores made were better than average.

Mrs. H. C. Morehead and Mrs. Dorothy Ward of Salisbury, Missouri, visited Cadet Eaker not long ago. Mrs. Morehead is Eaker's grandmother.

Captain Simpson spent the week end of February 11 with his sister in Hoisington.

The St. John's Quartet will broadcast over station KFBI, Abilene, on March 11, from 2:30 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In April the entire Glee Club will broadcast from this station.

## HUMOR

I know a young dandy  
Whose name rimes with Mandy  
Among his girl friends  
He's the kid all candy.  
His hair is not sandy  
His legs are not bandy  
Nor can it be said  
That he dresses like Gandhi.  
At books he is handy  
In manner he's grandy  
You ask for his name?  
Why his name is A\_\_\_\_\_.

Our idea of the meanest guy in the world is the one who was deaf and never told his barber.

Richards (in a cafe): "Two hard boiled eggs please."

Waitress: "You'll have to wait; Lucille and I don't get off until ten o'clock."

Mr. Barker: "Don't all your teachers make you work?"

Gerding: "Only one, sir. Apart from him all the rest are kind to me."

Captain Brown: "Pace, give a sentence containing the word 'fascinate'."

Pace: "There are nine buttons on my best vest, but last summer when I got so fat, I could only fasten eight."

Coach Bishop: "No more dates till the season is over."

Naylor: "My, the poor Salina girls will have to suffer."

Ehram: "Did you fill your date last night?"

Wilbur: "I hope so. She ate everything in sight."

Norcross: "Did you see that charming young girl smile at me?"

Stamey: "Yes, the first time I saw you I had to smile too."

SALINA DE MOLAYS GIVE  
DANCE FOR ST. JOHN'S

The members of the Salina De Molay Club made an unusually fine gesture of friendship on an evening of January when they gave a dance in honor of the St. John's cadets in the school gymnasium. The Salina boys wanted to show their appreciation to St. John's for being given the privilege of using the school gymnasium for basketball practice on certain evenings of the week during the season. They also felt grateful to Captain Evans who has been drilling for the past few months a team of their members one evening a week. Mr. La Velle F. Hicks, who sponsors the De Molays, acted as host and greeted the guests as they arrived. The dance was indeed a jolly affair. Dancing started at about nine o'clock and continued until midnight. Cecil Knight's orchestra of six pieces furnished the music.

The members of St. John's school are indeed grateful to the De Molays for giving them such a delightful evening.

Mr. H. B. Mize of Atchison, Kansas, paid a short visit the first of last week to his brother Bishop R. H. Mize.

Capt. Parks: "Whats a garden plot?"  
McKinley: "That's a scheme the worms and bugs figure out so that they each get what's his share of the garden."

Chaplain: "I hope you are taking good care of your cold, Max."

Max Moberly: "You bet I am; I've had it over a week now and its just as good as new."

Norcross: "Capt. Simpson will be around soon. Did you sweep behind the dresser?"

Chittenden: "Why yes, I swept everything behind the dresser."

Mr. Barker: "Pace, why are you not writing?"

Pace: "I ain't got no pen."

Mr. Barker: "Where's your grammar?"

Pace: "She's dead."

Policeman: "I've got to give you a ticket for improper parking."

Naylor (indignantly): "I like that. I did not even have my arm around the girl."

Hart: "I am sorry these eggs are so small. They are what the farmer brought me."

Bishop Mize: "Farmers these days are so greedy. They are so eager to get their eggs to market that they take them off the nest too soon."

## AS IT WILL BE IN 1950

Randall—A mere shadow and successful as a toe dancer.

Dougan—Still on the old ranch—(scaring chickens).

Stout—Still walking squad.

Haythorne—Running an ice cream wagon in Brookville.

Captain Evans—Winner of the national six day bicycle race.

Captain Parks—Still driving the old green "Chevy."

Norcross—Singing with "Chicken Bill" over the radio station at Abilene.

Hamilton—Trying to find the "Point" in West Point.

Ehram—Selling street cars in Enterprise.

Richards—A professional basketball player in Stratton, Nebr.

Fritsche—A hog caller and raiser of vegetables.

Captain Simpson—Lost somewhere in the barracks.

Naylor—Working hard to keep from working.

Gerding—Commandant at St. John's.

McKinley—Still going to school.



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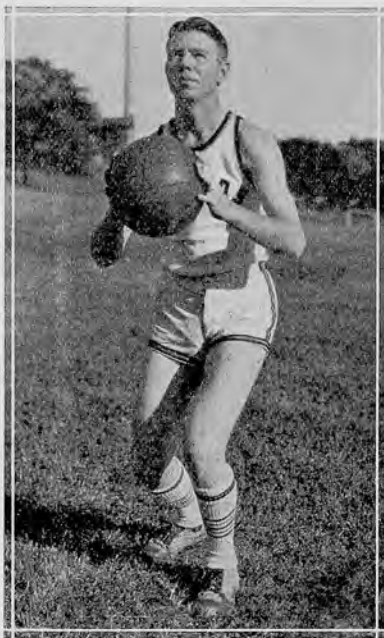
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## SPORTS



COACH T. C. BISHOP

CADETS WIN VICTORY  
OVER DE MOLAY TEAM

On February 2, St. John's won a victory over the Salina De Molays by a score of 14 to 12, on the cadets' own floor.

The first period opened with the teams' alternating back and forth for the lead. During the first quarter the Salina boys led slightly; but the cadets rallied to even things up before the half intervened. Shortly before the gun sounded, Hamilton contributed two field goals which placed the score 8 to 8 at the half.

An exciting engagement was the second half, with only four field goals being made during the entire time. St. John's staged an excellent defense, which the Salina boys found was too much for them. Piper, of the De Molays, sank the only basket for his team during the second half. Fritsche, Hamilton, and Ehrsam each succeeded in breaking through the visitor's ranks for a goal. When the final gun sounded, the score stood 14 to 12 in favor of St. John's.

The line-up was as follows:

ST. JOHN'S—14	DE MOLAY—12
Naylor ..... F	Dvorak ..... F
Tincher ..... F	Piper ..... F
Fritsche ..... F	Walburn ..... C
Hamilton ..... C	Ashton ..... C
Ehrsam ..... G	Weis ..... G
Lytle ..... G	McIntire ..... G
Williams ..... G	Meier ..... G
	Hazen ..... G

CULVER DEFEATS CADETS  
BY SMALL SCORE

On the evening of February 8, the cadet quintet met defeat at the hands of the Culver Hi team on St. John's home court.

The game opened with the farmer boys' immediately taking the lead. They repeatedly worked a fast offense over the cadets, which the latter could not stop. The only scorers for the Orange and Black, during the first half, were Naylor and Hamilton who made two and one field goals. Ehrsam also made a free throw. The principal flashes on Culver's side were Stewart, with two field goals, and Harmon with four. As the half ended, the score of 16 to 7 was in favor of the visitors.

St. John's played much better during the remainder of the game. Naylor, of the cadets, sank six field goals during the last sixteen minutes of play. However, the final gun sounded all too soon for the trailers to make up for their former loss.

The game ended with the score at 28 to 24 in favor of Culver.

The line-up was as follows:

ST. JOHN'S	CULVER
Tincher ..... F	Stewart ..... F
Lytle ..... F	Gooch ..... F
Fritsche ..... F	Stevenson ..... F
Naylor ..... C	Harmon ..... C
Hamilton ..... G	Sams ..... G
Ehrsam ..... G	Ammour ..... G

ST. JOHN'S YIELDS TO  
TESCOTT IN HARD FIGHT

Tescott Hi's basketball team inflicted a close defeat upon the St. John's quintet on Friday night, February 16, on the cadets' home court.

During the first quarter, it looked as though either side might win, but the second period went rather badly for the soldiers. Tescott worked a very tight defense and several times broke through St. John's ranks. Forward Diehl, of the visitors, displayed some very nice basketball, making four field goals during the first half; Lytle, of the cadets, made two. Tescott left the floor at the intermission with a lead of 15 to 8.

Both bunches came back fighting in the third quarter. St. John's worked much better for the remainder of the game. They steadily gained on the Tescott five, with Naylor and Hamilton each making four field goals for the soldiers. The visitors made 16 points in the latter part of the engagement, Diehl keeping up his good work. For the last few minutes, both teams progressed steadily with the cadets' trailing only two or three points behind. The game ended with St. John's on the under side, the final score being 27 to 24 in favor of Tescott. The line-up was as follows:

ST. JOHN'S	TESCOTT
Ehrsam ..... F	Diehl ..... F
Tincher ..... F	C. Larson ..... F
Naylor ..... C	Eutsler ..... C
Fritsche ..... G	Pruett ..... G
Hamilton ..... G	Yeager ..... G
Lytle ..... G	

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PARK IS BEING BUILT

When is a park not a park? If this question should be put to a cadet several weeks hence, he would probably answer by pointing to that stretch of woodland belonging to St. John's and adjoining the campus known as "The Park."

The short cut on Highway number 81 is now well under construction, and before long the narrow strip of land dear to the heart of many a boy will be invaded. Ninth street which leads up to the entrance is being widened and graded. Soon the woodman's axe will be heard chopping down the great trees in "The Park" to make clearance for the new road.

The new highway will cross three times the winding Dry Creek which is usually free of water except at times of excessive rain fall when it serves an outlet to the larger Mulberry Creek a little to the north. Instead of bridging Dry Creek the highway will cross it on fill ins. Some sort of a canal will be constructed out of Mulberry Creek which will cut Dry Creek off from any source of water whatsoever.

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CADETS AT LUNCHEON

The Salina Rotary Club has won a soft spot in the hearts of Lieutenants Richards and Fritsche. These boys were made honorary junior members during the month of January and were luncheon guests at several Monday meetings.

In order to give the younger generation an idea of what the Rotary Club is all about the organization decided to grant a monthly honorary membership to two boys from every Salina school and to invite them in turn to be luncheon guests at the regular weekly meetings. January was the month allotted to St. John's, and Lieutenants Richards and Fritsche were selected by Bishop Mize and Capt. Evans to represent this school.

The boys enjoyed greatly their association with the Salina Rotarians. In addition to enjoying several excellent meals they had an opportunity to hear interesting talks and discussions and listen to musical entertainment.

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### PREACHES TO CADETS AT SUNDAY SERVICE

In the school chapel on Sunday morning February 18, Father Mitchell preached on the three temptations of Christ. Christ's refusal at Satan's suggestion to use His miraculous powers in a wrong way—to change stones into bread, to cast Himself down from the pinnacle of the temple and to bow down and worship evil forces—is a great lesson to us one and all. If He had yielded He would have misused His miraculous powers which were for higher ends.

In speaking of the first temptation when Satan suggested that Jesus change stones into bread, Father Mitchell referred to it as the temptation to dodge the narrow gate. Man must work for his bread, and if he tries to get it any other way, he will tend to become dishonest. The boy who does not work his own lesson but takes the easier way of getting some one to do it for him yields to this kind of a temptation.

People who become careless in life and seemingly act as if they are trying to throw their lives away are in a manner guilty of yielding to the second temptation when Satan suggested that Jesus cast Himself from the pinnacle of the temple and call upon the Lord to save Him. They should not throw the responsibility of their lives upon God and tell Him to save them if He wants them saved. They must ever strive to do their part and ward off all inclinations to be indifferent.

The third temptation when Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would only bow down to him and worship him is the temptation to defy God and place material things at a higher premium than things of the spirit. The person thus tempted should remember Christ's words "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

### MISS MIZE INSTRUCTS CADETS IN DANCING

Miss Margaret Mize who teaches Latin and Modern Languages at St. John's does not spend all her time outside school hours looking over Latin note books and correcting French and Spanish exercises. She may frequently be seen in the dining room giving instruction in dancing. Often before a school dance the boys who feel none too expert in the art of "tripping the light fantastic" get her to help them out. The electric Victrola is turned on or a pianist is drafted, and the lesson is in progress. Presto chango or several presto changos and Miss Mize transforms boys who formerly were as awkward as clodhoppers into dancers as graceful as any to be found on a ball room floor.

Miss Mize is well qualified to teach dancing. She studied under competent instructors, and while attending Kansas University three years ago she and a young lady friend opened a studio. They taught aesthetic, toe, tap, and fancy dancing as well as the ball room steps.

In addition to giving dancing instructions at St. John's, for the past two years Miss Mize has conducted at St. Faith's Mission down town a class in tap and acrobatic dancing for about fifteen little girls from the Hawthorne school. Recently she presented this class in recital on the stage of the gymnasium. A number of cadets as well as down town people attended this affair.

### MR. TOLBERT HAS FINE COLLECTION OF FISH

If all the fish in captivity at St. John's School were of the edible kind, every day would have to be Friday in the kitchen in order to provide for proper disposition of them. But instead they are all pet tropical fish, and woe be it to him who dares harm a scale on the head of a single one of them.

Mr. H. O. Tolbert, the school bursar, has a hobby of raising fish. When he is not smoking strong cigars in the office and figuring out nice fat bills to send the cadets' parents, he is devoting his time to experimenting with members of the finny tribe.

Mr. Tolbert takes great pride in the glass aquariums which he keeps in his quarters. A turn of an electric switch lights up water in which fish of many different shapes and markings swim around amid miniature rock gardens, sprouting fresh green grasses, ferns, and reeds. Mr. Tolbert's collection of tropical fish consist of several varieties including pladys, zebras, sword-tails, black mollenesias, head and tail lights, and pearl danios. To the sides of the tanks cling many red snails which have been developed through selective breeding of the variety known as Red-Ramshorn. Attached to the tanks are apparatus to supply the water with extra oxygen, and heaters and thermostats to regulate the temperature.

A room in the basement Mr. Tolbert uses for a laboratory. There are numerous tanks and tubs containing small fish, some of which are being used for special experimental purposes. In the basement room Mr. Tolbert prepares the live food for his fish, a certain amount of which they must have. This food consists of tiny worms which thrive in boxes of rich black soil, and tiny fish hatched from very small eggs. In his laboratory Mr. Tolbert tests the water in his aquariums to see that it is of the proper acidity.

Mr. Tolbert has been interested in raising fish for about three years. He says that his course in Chemical Engineering at college has helped him much towards making his experiments a success.

### CLASSES IN DRAMATICS NOW MEET REGULARLY

A large number of the boys in the upper school have enrolled in the Dramatics course which was started soon after the Christmas holidays. Mr. L. F. Hicks of Salina meets with the group twice a week for a forty minute period directly before drill. Sometimes he uses the period in rehearsing the boys in stunts and acts which he hopes to present in the future. At other times he lectures to them on various subjects concerning public speaking and on other occasions he takes up such points as costuming, make up, stage preparation, stage lighting and handling of curtains.

Mr. Hicks hopes to put on a play soon after Easter and a minstrel show at Commencement.

### BOYS WITH BEST SHINED SHOES RECEIVE REWARDS

Elbow grease used in shining shoes is proving itself well worth while these days. It may mean for the wearers the luxury of several extra snoozes in bed in the morning when other persons are up stirring around.

Every evening at Retreat the leader of each platoon and the Drum and Bugle Corps inspects his men and decides which one has the best shined shoes. At the end of the week the cadet who has the greatest number of marks to his credit is allowed to sleep for three mornings until breakfast formation. The boy who has more marks to his credit than anyone else, may sleep for seven mornings instead of three.

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC

One afternoon during the latter part of January the St. John's music department put on a program before the Kansas Wesleyan Business College.

When the Woman's Relief Corps observed Kansas Day at Memorial Hall the Glee Club and Cracksquad appeared on the program. The boys had the privilege of listening to a number of poems read and watching some special dances.

The Glee Club and Cracksquad likewise appeared early this month at Odd Fellows Hall when the local Salina organization of Odd Fellows entertained the Abilene chapter.

Four members of the Bugle Corps were luncheon guests of the Salina Kiwanis Club when that organization observed George Washington's Birthday. The boys acted as an escort to a gentleman who, dressed as George Washington, entered and made a speech.

No more waiting for haircuts in crowded barber shops down town. Mr. M. E. Gartin of the Clayton Barber Shop now comes out to school two evenings a week and cuts the cadets' hair.

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