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ENTERTAIN THREE FOOTBALL TEAMS AND THE COACHES

Hilarity and good fellowship reigned supreme on the evening of December 6th at which time the Salina Chamber of Commerce gave a banquet in honor of the football teams of Kansas Wesleyan, St. John's Military School, and Salina High School.

During the serving of the meal the teams gave cheers, and the Wesleyan band played. After the tables were cleared, the coaches of the three teams were introduced. Each of them, after making a few witty remarks, introduced in turn the members of his team. Next, the Chamber of Commerce presented the eighteen letter men of Kansas Wesleyan with gold footballs. Then the Kansas Wesleyan team and Salina High School team received a silver trophy.

Following this, the Rev. R. V. Kearns gave a talk on "Making That Touchdown."

The banquet adjourned with announcing of the Wesleyan's honorary co-captains for the ensuing year.

The boys attending with Coach Fairbank were: Anderson, Bigley, Olsson, Kesselring, Eaker, Jones, Wilbur, Haythorn, Fletcher, Naylor, Maker, Kemohah, Prather, and York.

Vacation Is Here

At the last the time has come. The Christmas holidays are at hand, and within a few hours the cadets will be scattering in all directions homeward bound.

But first there will be a farewell dinner with plenty of good things to eat and with stunts and a program afterwards. There will be a lighted Christmas tree in one corner of the dining hall, but this year it will be without presents. Instead of spending money on gifts for one another, the boys decided to give a Christmas basket to a needy family living not far from the school. But, even though the Christmas tree will look different this year, there will be plenty of cheer and good fellowship.

Then will come the goodbyes. In a short time the school will be a mighty dead place, to remain that way until January 4, 1935, the date that the boys are required to be back.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

THANKSGIVING HOP IS GAY OCCASION

A glorious Thanksgiving came to an end with the first formal dance of the year held in the gymnasium. About nine o'clock the guests began to arrive and were welcomed by Bishop Mize, Miss Mize, Chaplain and Mrs. Mize, Captain and Mrs. Evans, and Mr. Barker, who stood in the receiving line.

Promptly at nine Duke Lincoln's orchestra started the music. First came the grand march in which the seniors and their partners took the lead. Then followed the other dances. One of these was a favor dance. Attached to each favor was a young lady's name, and the cadet securing it found his partner in this way.

During the intermission the new boys, as a part of their initiation, put on a vaudeville skit for the benefit of the visitors. Dressed in all sorts of costumes some of which were of the feminine type, they appeared with brooms and pails and put on a scrubbing act to the accompaniment of music and words parodied after "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean."

Quite a number of the parents of the boys who had come to spend Thanksgiving with their sons were present at the dance. There were also some guests from Salina.

At midnight the affair came to an end. The cadets were given a little over an hour to take their partners home and return to school.

CHEMISTRY CLASS VISITS SALT MINES

How does a kippered herring feel? The cadets of the Chemistry class felt that they really knew after their visit through the salt mines near Hutchinson the other day.

The trip was indeed a pleasant and memorable one. In company with Captain Evans the boys left by automobile shortly after breakfast and were at the salt mines about two hours later. The superintendent of the mines extended the party every courtesy and had one of the chemists show them around.

The boys saw the large shallow tanks of brine at whose bottom the salt sediment was scraped by water rakes upon endless belts and conveyed to the drying ovens. They saw the great storage bins in which the dried salt was piled fifty feet high or more. They watched the working of the hydraulic presses which produced the cakes of salt. They observed the process in which the salt was boxed, and last of all they saw the boxes loaded on freight cars.

After leaving the mines the party had lunch and then drove around Hutchinson for a short while. After this they began the home journey which came to an end about four-thirty.

CHRIST CATHEDRAL NOW HAS NEW DEAN

The Very Reverend Frederick Golden-Howes is the new dean of Christ Cathedral, Salina. He arrived in Salina the middle of November and took up his duties at once. For the first two or three days he was the guest of Bishop Mize at St. John's School. Then he moved into the deanery down town.

The new dean comes to Salina from the Episcopal Cathedral in Mexico City of which he has been in charge for the past six years. He was compelled to leave Mexico City because of the religious laws forbidding all except native born Mexicans to perform religious rites. Mrs. Golden-Howes has only just joined her husband in Salina as it was necessary for her to remain in Mexico City a little longer supervising the packing of household goods.

Dean Golden-Howes replaces Dean Donnan E. Strong, who resigned about a year ago on account of ill health. Bishop Mize had charge of the services during the vacancy.

Although the cadets have the privilege of hearing Dean Golden-Howes preach every Sunday, they do not feel that they know him very well as yet. They hope that after he has become settled and has adjusted himself to his new surroundings he will learn to know each one of them and will talk to them frequently in the school chapel.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL ASSEMBLES

The Athletic Board of Control for this year held its first meeting on November 30th. The Board consists of three faculty members and four cadets, one chosen from each of the upper school classes.

The Athletic Board of Control has several duties. It regulates the awarding and possession of emblems for athletic contests. It has general direction of the affairs of the Athletic Association and imposes penalties for any violation of rules. It prescribes rules for the Army and Navy contests and settles in what contests points may be obtained. In short the Board considers all matters relative to the welfare of school athletics.

The seven members of this year's Board are Chaplain Mize, Captain Evans, Coach Fairbank, Lieutenant Naylor, Sergeant Maker, Corporal McCarty, and Private First Class Fletcher. At the first meeting they elected Lieutenant Naylor, chairman, and Chaplain Mize, secretary.

Several matters of business came up. The Board decided what boys were to receive awards in football. They elected Lieutenant Wilbur manager of this year's basketball team. They appointed a committee to determine a new system of Army-Navy scoring.



ADA SUCCUMBS IN HARD FOUGHT GAME ON PERKINS FIELD

On November 16th the hard fighting cadets recorded a victory over Ada 19-7, the game taking place on the home field.

The first quarter was played on fairly even terms with neither team threatening to score.

The second quarter found the cadets in possession of the ball in mid-field. With consistent ground gaining by Naylor and Jones, the ball finally reached Ada's twenty yard line. From that point Naylor made a beautiful lateral pass to York, who made a spectacular run for the remaining twenty yards. This made the first cadet touchdown. Naylor failed in his attempt with a drop kick for the extra point. The cadets were well under way for another touchdown when the half ended.

The third quarter started with neither team showing any particular advantage in offensive strength. Then Naylor received a punt on his own thirty-five yard line and behind splendid interference raced sixty-five yards to the Ada goal line and made another touchdown for the cadets. Kemohah's place kick for the extra point was good, making the score 13-0 for the soldiers. St. John's kicked off.
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Wedding in Chapel

Wedding bells rang over St. John's School on the evening of November 16. In the chapel Bishop Mize married a young couple from Wichita—Leta Alice Sykes and Arlie Marion Corp, Jr. The groom was an old St. John's boy, having attended school here from 1928 to 1930. Miss Mize, Captain Simpson, and Mr. Barker acted as witnesses. Following the ceremony Captain Simpson treated the newly weds to a supper at a restaurant down town.

Both the bride and groom are from Wichita. The latter was a student at the University of Wichita for some time but recently withdrew in order to accept a position.

Arlie's old friends and instructors were pleased at the fact that he had such a regard for St. John's that he returned to have his marriage solemnized in the school chapel.

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A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas again! Once more the year has rolled around to the time of mistletoe and holly, when the frosty air is filled with the thought of that visit home and what is waiting there.

The boys are thinking a great deal of the many gifts they will receive. It is the hope of those responsible for this issue of the "Skirmisher" that they will look upon it as a Christmas gift. Coming out just as they are leaving, it probably will not receive much of their attention until after they have reached home.

The dictionary defines "skirmisher" as "one who engages in a slight contest." May this issue of the "Skirmisher" do a small part towards keeping thoughts of St. John's in the minds of the boys. As they peruse its pages, may it bring them pleasant memories of the school they "left behind them."

HEADQUARTERS

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas

SPECIAL ORDER }
Number 7 } November 27, 1934

1. The following named Cadet Second Lieutenants are hereby promoted to the grade of Cadet First Lieutenant:

Cadet Second Lieutenant
..... William Warde Chittenden
Cadet Second Lieutenant
..... Jewell Marcus Naylor
Cadet Second Lieutenant
..... Horace Wesley Wilbur

2. The orders of the above named officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By order of the Superintendent,

CAPT. R. W. C. EVANS, JR.
J. M. NAYLOR Commandant
Lt. and Acting Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas

SPECIAL ORDER }
Number 6 } November 27, 1934

1. The following named Cadets are hereby promoted to the grade indicated. To be Cadet Corporals:

Cadet Private First Class
..... Ralph Philip Jones
Cadet Private First Class
..... Jerry McCarty
Cadet Private First Class
..... Jack Hewitt Willard

To be Cadet Privates First Class:

Cadet James Maynard Eaker
Cadet William Fletcher, Jr.
Cadet William Carson McCoy
Cadet Richard James Williams

2. The orders of the above named non-commissioned officers will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By order of the Superintendent,

CAPT. R. W. C. EVANS, JR.
J. M. NAYLOR Commandant
Lt. and Acting Adjutant

An Acknowledgment

The members of the faculty wish to acknowledge the many kind expressions of thanks and appreciation that came from the parents of the cadets who were guests of St. John's School on Thanksgiving Day. They feel gratified that the parents are pleased with their efforts in behalf of their sons.

Perhaps the most flattering remark was the one made by one of the fathers as he took his leave. He said he had only one fault to find with the school and that was that it had not made itself known to him so that he could have sent his boy here earlier.

Below is printed a letter from one of the mothers to Bishop Mize:

"My husband and I wish to thank you and the faculty at St. John's for the perfectly delightful day we spent with you on Thanksgiving. Your plans were surely well made and executed, and I am confident everyone enjoyed your "party." We took great pleasure in watching the boys throughout the day and seeing their pleasure and enjoyment. The personal interest you take in the boys is one of the things which helps St. John's to have the reputation it has. Even though there were so many demands upon your time, I hope you were able to share in the pleasure you gave to us all."

HIGH AVERAGES

Upper School	Lower School
Gordon 93	Lewis 85.9
Maker I 90.5	Meires 84.7
Thornton 90.5	West 84.6
Erickson 87	
Fletcher 87	
Willard 85.3	
York I 84.8	
Chittenden 84.5	
Naylor 84.3	
Kemohah 83.8	

LOCALS

Albion Ashford of Stafford, Kansas, enrolled in school the middle of November. He is a member of the sophomore class.

Miss Mize took the members of her Second Year Latin class to see the picture "Cleopatra" when it was shown at the Watson theater.

One evening after dinner in the dining hall a number of the new boys put on a program for the other members of the school. The entertainment was gotten up at the spur of the moment, and some of the artists showed some reluctance about performing. A great deal of talent in singing, dancing, and orating was uncovered.

Among the guests on Thanksgiving were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carruth of Herington, Kansas; Dr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Jones of Fort Lyon, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. August Kesselring and Mrs. Louis N. Scherf of Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Williams and Miss Dorothy Williams of Cripple Creek, Colorado; Mrs. J. W. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wood, and Miss Genevieve Green of Wichita; Mrs. Kathryn Prather and Miss Betty Prather of Elmdale, Kansas; Mrs. W. D. Patton, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Marie Nicholas, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Derby of Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Randall of Kansas City; Miss Dorothy Maltby of Peabody, Kansas; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Olsson of Salina, Kansas.

Former Coach T. C. Bishop is now connected with the Ford Motor Company in Kansas City.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santy,

My ears get so cold these winter days. Will you please bring me some ear muffs if you can find any large enough? Get the biggest ones you can, Santy, please.

Your little friend,

Marvin Golden

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a good strong iron chain for my dog Buddy. He runs away sometimes, and I nearly cry my eyes out.

Ever yours,

Margaret Mize

Dear Santa Claus,

How about attaching a mail box to the flag pole for me this Christmas? Some mean boys stole the last note my girl wrote and put under a rock at the foot of the pole. Be sure that the box has a strong lock.

Your pal,

Donald McCoy

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,

I have decided to write my memoirs, and am in need of a blank note book. A number of the cadets want me to write in detail about the days when I played quarterback on the Harvard football team.

Yours truly,

N. A. Barker

Dearest Santa,

I wonder whether you were as miserable as I am now when you courted Mrs. Santa Claus. My "sweetie" treats me so mean. Please bring me some charm tablets that I can put in her beer and make her love me only.

Your heartbroken,

Jack Thornton

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me some rails for me to attach to my bed. The other night I fell out, and all the plaster came down in the room below.

Your little chum,

John West

Dear Santy,

Please bring me a bottle of ketchup for Christmas. I am always behind in every thing I do. Maybe this will give me some pep.

Yours truly,

Joe Keraus

Deer Santy,

Me and Randall want that you would bring us one of those flesh reducers. We love to eat and just can't give up all that nice candy and ice cream in the Q. M. We'd rather wear something.

Your small friend,

"Horsey"

Dear old pal Santy,

Please send me subscriptions to some nice magazines and papers. I don't like to borrow from my friends so much.

Your palsy-walsy,

Buell Pace



JOKES

Captain Brown: "If a number of cattle is called a herd, and a number of sheep is called a flock, what is a number of camels called?"

Keraus: "A carton, sir."

Golden: "May I have the last dance with you?"

The girl: "Don't be silly. You've had it already."

Woods (to taxi driver): "I say, driver, is your Noah's Ark full?"

Taxi driver: "One monkey short; jump in."

Visitor (watching "A" company drill): "Captain Evans, those rifles shine beautifully. May I enquire what you use to clean them?"

Captain Evans: "You may. The cadets."

While Mrs. Mize was taking Skippy for a little stroll about the school grounds, a suspicious looking man came in her direction.

"Will your dog bite?" asked the man. "Yes," answered Mrs. Mize, "and he doesn't care what, either."

Curtis: "You must have a wonderful memory to have all that knowledge."

Gordon: "Yes, I never forget anything once it is in my head."

Curtis: "Well, how about that two-bits I lent you several weeks ago?"

Gordon: "That's different. I put that in my pocket."

Bishop Mize (handing menu to waitress): "The second item on the list is incorrectly spelled. Take the menu to the desk and have it corrected. I refuse to order anything until this is done."

Mr. Barker is very much disgusted with the study hall clock. Two men were required to carry it up the three flights of stairs and install it, and then it ran down all by itself.

He swings through the air with the greatest of ease, I'm speaking of Tarzan, the strong, if you please.

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GYPSUM DOWNS TEAM
IN CLOSE CONTEST

The cadets journeyed to Gypsum to lose 7 to 0 on November 23. The first quarter of the game ended without much progress on the part of either team, although Jones made some spectacular runs behind a most efficient cadet interference. Gypsum scored the only touchdown of the game by completing a pass thrown in the second quarter.

At the beginning of the last half the two teams engaged themselves in a punting duel. Naylor's kicking, which was a feature of the cadet play, gained much yardage for the soldiers. On several occasions the cadets drove deep into Gypsum territory, with Naylor and Jones carrying the brunt of the attack, only to lose the ball due to stubborn defense. They had many opportunities for long gains only to fail partly because of the muddy and slippery field. The St. John's line held up wonderfully under the strenuous Gypsum attack.

ADA SUCCUMBS IN
HARD FOUGHT GAME

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to Ada and the period ended with Ada in possession of the ball on their own thirty-five yard line.

Soon after the fourth quarter started Jones cut to the outside of his own right tackle on a reverse play and ran fifty-five yards for the cadets' last score of the game. Naylor's pass to York for the extra point was incomplete. This made the score Cadets 19, Ada 0. St. John's then kicked off to Ada. From this point Ada opened up a spectacular passing game which found the soldiers' defense weak. With but a few minutes to play and the ball on their own forty yard line, two thirty yard passes netted them their only touchdown. Ada added the extra point with a line plunge over the center of the cadet line. The game ended with the soldiers in possession of the ball on their own forty yard line.

Athletic Awards

The St. John's football letter of the year 1934 was awarded to the following cadets: Anderson, Bigley, Olsson, Kesseling, Eaker, Jones, Wilbur, Haythorn, Fletcher, Naylor, Maker, Kemohah, Prather, and York.

The provisional letter was awarded to Patton, McCarty, McCoy II, and Maker II.

And the official manager's letter was awarded to Chittenden.

KANOPOLIS ELEVEN
TIES ST. JOHN'S

On November 9th the cadets played Kanopolis to a tie 6-6 on the home field. In the first quarter Kanopolis out played the soldiers and threatened to score on several occasions, but a stubborn defense on the part of the cadets stopped a score.

An exchange of punts in the second quarter found the ball in mid-field in possession of Kanopolis. Using straight football they drove the cadets back to their five yard line. After holding for three downs Kanopolis drove over the soldiers' right guard for a touchdown. They failed to make the extra point.

In the second half the cadets showed a complete reversal of form and kept Kanopolis on the defense. After Kanopolis fumbled on their own thirty yard line, the cadets slashed through on straight football for a score, Naylor making the touchdown for the soldiers. Kemohah missed a place kick by inches, and the score stood 6 to 6. Soon after the period ended.

The fourth quarter again found the cadets holding the upper hand, and on several occasions threatening to score. The game ended with the soldiers in possession of the ball on Kanopolis' thirty yard line.

"S" Club Is Active

After remaining dormant since last spring, the "S" Club met not many weeks ago and began its activities for the year. The membership of this organization is limited to letter men, and its aim is to create athletic spirit and to afford those who have fought side by side on the teams of the school an opportunity to enjoy social fellowship together. The club was started a number of years ago by former Coach T. C. Bishop and modeled after a similar organization at Kansas University.

Soon after the club resumed its meetings Chittenden was initiated. This was followed a few days ago by the initiation of a number of the cadets receiving letters this year in football, these being Kesseling, Olsson, Prather, Wilbur, Bagley, Eaker, and Fletcher. The initiation lasted a day, and the costumes and antics of the "goats" were most amusing to the other members of the school.

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GLEE CLUB TAKES
PART IN PROGRAM

The St. John's Glee Club made an exceptionally good appearance at an entertainment and concert recently held in Memorial Hall, sponsored by the Salina Municipal Band. Several downtown groups as well gave numbers on the program. The St. John's boys appeared in a novelty "There Is Something About a Soldier," the accompaniment being played by the Band. They marched out upon the stage, executed several snappy movements as they sang the words of the well known popular song. Pupils from Salina musical and dancing organizations also took part in this novelty number, all appearing at the same time for the finale.

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THANKSGIVING WAS A HAPPY OCCASION

With somber skies and a damp chill in the air Thanksgiving was not all that might be desired. But even if "Old Man Weather" was unkind he did not interfere with the happy spirit that prevailed throughout the entire day.

Reveille sounded a little later than usual, and the customary setting up exercises were omitted. Shortly after breakfast Bishop Mize held a religious service in the chapel. The hymns and the reading from the Bible were of an appropriate nature, and the Bishop made a few remarks about the spirit of being thankful, using as a theme the account of the cleansing of the ten lepers, only one of whom returned to give thanks.

At ten o'clock the entire corps attended a football game at Solomon at which time the cadets played the Solomon High School.

At two o'clock came the big dinner in the school dining hall. Three extra tables had to be set up to accommodate friends and parents who were the school's guests. Each table had a turkey, and some of the boys ate as many as four helpings. More than one belt had to be loosened before the meal was over. After dessert had been finished, the Glee Club sang a number of selections to a piano accompaniment played by Mr. Ralph W. Reitz. Coach Fairbanks also sang a solo likewise to Mr. Reitz's accompaniment.

Following the meal the boys were free for the rest of the afternoon. A supper was served at six-thirty in cafeteria style, the attendance at which was optional. At nine o'clock the formal dance started in the gymnasium.

SEE SCOUT CIRCUS

A number of cadets accompanied by Captain Brown attended on the evening of December 7th the Boy Scout Circus held in the Exposition Building, Kenwood Park, Salina. Seventy-three troops from the Central Field Area of the Jayhawk Council sent representatives and over eleven hundred performers took part. The Concordia High School Band furnished the music while the performance was going on. The demonstrations included first aid, scout games and signaling, model airplane flying, wall scaling, fires by various means, pioneering, model scout camp, and an exhibition of sea scouting. A troop of clowns brought humor into the several acts.

Probably the most colorful event on the program was an Indian ceremony and dance portraying the importance of fire to the red men. A troop in costume depicted the bringing of fire by the medicine man, and accompanied this ceremony by the "Eagle Dance" and a sham battle.

Alumni Notes

Richard Wise, '33, and Wilbur Ward, '33, recently visited St. John's. The former was on his way to Chicago to attend the Chicago Art Institute, and the latter on a business trip to Kansas City.

Jack Firstenberger, '30, spent two months of the fall in Salina working for the Ford Motor Company. He stayed at St. John's during this time. He returned to his home in Wichita only a few days ago.

A letter to Bishop Mize from Edward N. Orr, 1928-29, a student at Glenville State Teachers College, Glenville, West Virginia, says he recently saw Dale Prather, 1924-26, play in a football game between George Washington University and West Virginia University. Several metropolitan sports writers said Prather's name had an excellent chance of appearing in this year's edition of "All-America."

John Reed, '33, is attending the University of Utah.

A daughter was born on October 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Kreipke in El Reno, Okla. Kreipke was a member of the class of 1928.

Phil Hight, 1929-31, spent a few days in November with Captain Simpson.

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BOYS HAVE PICNIC AT CAMP ARCOLA

On November 10th, which was a holiday, Captain Brown took about twenty-five boys on a picnic to Camp Arcola, the place where St. John's used to hold its annual spring encampment. The party made the trip of twenty-three miles in the school truck.

Upon arriving at their destination the boys scattered to see the sights. They climbed the hills on which there are many interesting rock formations, and beacons said to have been erected by the Indians in former days for signaling purposes. They explored the many caves. They visited the lake near the shores of which the tents used to stand. They saw the old rifle range where the course in long distance firing formerly was held. With a heavy heart many viewed the spot where the mess hall used to stand. The building collapsed in a heavy wind storm last summer. The boys drank from the springs in the canyon, some of which were partially clogged up with fallen leaves. Probably the most interesting feature of the picnic was the horse-back riding. The boys took turns riding an old horse they had captured in a nearby field. They improvised some reins by attaching a string of their belts to its halter.

Two o'clock was the time to eat. Over a campfire the boys toasted wieners, and Captain Brown fried potatoes in three large skillets. There were also cold baked beans, bread and butter, and bananas.

About three thirty the party returned.

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MOTION PICTURES SHOWN FOR CADETS

"Beyond the Microscope" was the title of the first film Captain Evans showed the student body in a picture show held in the study hall on the evening of December 4th. This film revealed by means of animated diagrams the internal structure of matter and went into detail about the composition of water. It was indeed a revelation to the boys to view a scientist's conception of what the microscope would show if it could magnify many times beyond its present strength.

In the second part of the program the boys had a chance to see reels showing some of the activities at St. John's a number of years ago. Among other things they saw the trackmeet held at the Commencement of 1931. They saw a football game, also a drill of the St. John's crack squad.

Capt. Evans plans to put on several of these picture shows during the year provided the response of the student body is encouraging. There are more reels on hand which offer glimpses into the St. John's of the past. There are also plenty of interesting educational pictures to be procured at very little expense and trouble.

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and a

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