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CRACKSQUAD IN DRILL

Makes a Most Creditable Appearance
Before the Public

Between the halves of the final game in the Saline County Basketball Tournament held in the Memorial Hall on February 16, the St. John's Cracksquad gave an exhibition. The cadets looked very attractive in their special uniforms. The movements went off with clock-like accuracy, not one boy losing his head or causing any confusion. The drill is difficult to execute as there are no commands given. Besides the manual arms, it calls for fast movements with a cadence more rapid than doublequick time.

Much credit is due the Captain of the Cracksquad, Lieutenant Chittenden, who has been working so faithfully with the members and getting them together for practice when there were so many other calls on their time. Sixteen men appeared in the Cracksquad drill. Besides the captain, Chittenden, and the bugler, Keraus, there were, Naylor, Wilbur, York I, Maker I, Haythorn, Jones, Kesselring, Willard, McKinley, Eaker, Fletcher, Anderson, McCarty, Williams, Bigley, and Thornton. Of the last fourteen, eight did the actual drilling and six served as color guard.

THESIS MEDAL IS AGAIN OFFERED

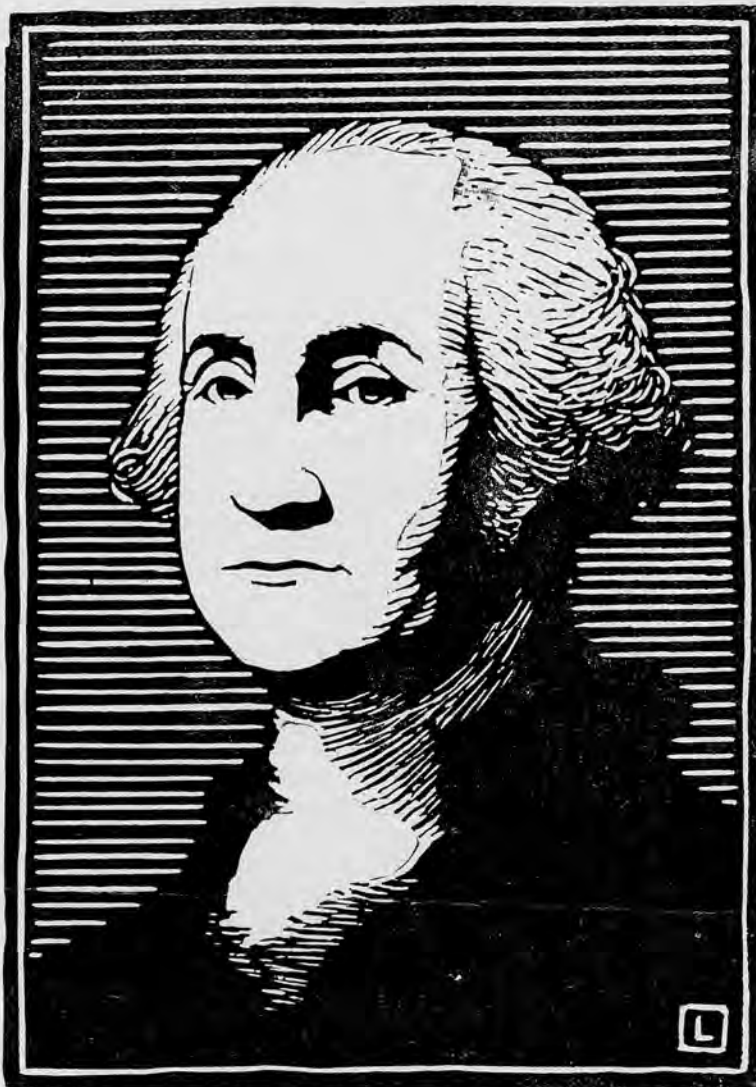
Again St. John's School has been invited to participate in the contest in patriotic essay writing sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Daughters with headquarters at Washington, D. C. In the letter that Mrs. Harley C. Gage, president, recently wrote to Bishop Mize she enclosed a list of approved 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 Swing of the Pendulum.
2. The Lesson to be Learned from Floods and Droughts.
3. The Foreign Policy of the United States.
4. The Effect of Mechanical Inventions.
5. What I Can Do Personally to Help My City.

The society's gold-bronze medal will be awarded to the writer of the best essay and will be presented at Commencement. Any St. John's cadet may compete for the prize. In order that interest may be stimulated, the boys entering the contest may substitute their essays for a certain amount of written work in their English classes.

The fact that he is a member of one of the lower classes should not make a boy hesitate to try for this medal. A freshman won it in 1930; a junior, in 1931; a senior, in 1932; and a sophomore, in 1933. The Society of Colonial Daughters did not offer the medal in 1934.

Cadet Nicholas visited his grandmother in Topeka the week end of February 3.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

New Courses Start

With the ending of the first semester on January 26 three half year courses were completed. These were Advanced Algebra, General Science, and Constitution. Three new classes were formed to take their places. Captain Simpson teaches Solid Geometry using a text by Strader-Rhoads. Captain Fairbank has a class in Social Civics with a text by Munro. Captain Evans teaches Physical Geography with a text by Tarr and Van Engeln. Later on he plans to take the members of this class on a number of field trips.

Preaches in Chapel

On a stormy Sunday morning last month Bishop Mize held a service for the cadets in the school chapel. The boys always enjoy having Bishop Mize talk to them for he seems to understand their problems and gives them points which are especially helpful.

The Bishop based his remarks upon the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's "First Epistle to the Corinthians." He first read the entire chapter and commented upon it as a whole. Then he took it up passage by passage and interpreted the various characteristics of charity or love.

DRAMATIC CLUB GIVES SHORT PLAY ON PROGRAM AT MEMORIAL HALL

In a recent program in Memorial Hall sponsored by the Salina Municipal Band the St. John's Dramatic Club had a part. Under the direction of their instructor, Mr. La Velle F. Hicks, the boys put on a short skit called "The Ragtime Wedding." It was produced to the accompaniment of band music the dialogue consisting of sing-song, and the entire action being burlesque.

Mr. Hicks himself took the part of the minister. Williams portrayed the blushing bride and under her veil of a lace window curtain seemed most demure.

Gordon as the gay sailor groom had an opportunity to indulge in a few fancy steps and capers. Willard the diminutive ring-bearer, and Haythorn, the maid of honor, were exceptionally sweet, quite a contrast to Wilbur, the fierce father, to whom fell the duty of giving his daughter away. Bigley was the best man. Kesselring, Schneider, May, and Keraus were guests.

"The Ragtime Wedding" made a favorable impression upon the audience. It is rumored the boys will be asked to repeat their little play.

TEAM BEATS MARQUETTE

St. John's Wins 27 to 17 in Game Played
Away From Home

On February 13 the Cadets played on Marquette's own floor and defeated them 27 to 17.

In the first half of the game Naylor called signals which he and his teammates had worked out sometime before the game. These signals were for set plays from which the soldiers scored most of their 14 points.

Kemohah made two very fine long field goals, which was followed by a set up made by Naylor. McKinley playing the post man made a basket from his position.

Burmission, Marquette's ace forward made a couple of field goals. Soon after this Kramer was fouled and made his free throw good. The half ended with the cadets in the lead 14 to 6.

In the second half Naylor scored 13 points for the cadets. Nelson of Marquette made most of their baskets. The rest of Marquette's team made up the rest of the 11 points. For a while it looked as if Marquette were going to win, but the wonderful playing of Naylor, Kemohah, and McKinley kept the scores 10 points apart.

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TARGET PRACTICE IS NOW STARTING

Pop! pop! pop! These sounds, which are beginning to issue from the school basement, mean that target practice is under way.

At St. John's it is the custom to postpone the greater part of target practice until the second semester. Then all the cadets are given instruction in groups on the indoor rifle range. They first master the principles of sighting and of handling the .22 calibre rifle. Then they must do a required amount of shooting from the prone, kneeling, and sitting positions. Every precaution is taken to insure safety, for either Captain Evans, a cadet officer, or a member of last year's rifle team is on hand.

The school has just received the good news that this year the government will send more than the usual allotment of ammunition. It will receive an extra amount of "small bore" material to be used on the indoor range and the full amount of high power ammunition to be used in May on the out door range at camp.

Captain Evans hopes to enter a number of the most proficient marksmen in matches with other rifle teams. Last year St. John's defeated the Salina High Team and the Hutchinson Junior Rifle Club. St. John's is more or less handicapped this year as it has lost four of its best marksmen—Moberly, Stamey, Richards, and Ehrsam, the last three by graduation.

A carpenter recently did many jobs at school. Among other things he put on a storm door at the entrance to the main-building and tightened some loose windows in the barracks.

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A GREAT STATESMAN

George Washington united talents of the soldier with the qualifications of the statesman. He had the satisfaction of beholding the complete success of his great military and civil service in the independence and happiness of his country.

George Washington is noted for having not so much one great admirable quality as a combination of many good qualities. Washington Irving attributes the following traits to this great statesman: "Prudence, firmness, sagacity, moderation, an overruling judgment, an immovable justice, courage that never faltered, patience that never wearied, truth that disdained all artifice, magnanimity without alloy."

The fame of Washington stands apart from every other in history. Shining with resplendant glory his memory remains national property. His teachings and examples speak to us, and his revered name forms a universal tie of brotherhood.

WASHINGTON SAID

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

The Constitution is the guide which I never shall abandon.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness.

Ignorance and design are difficult to combat,

Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief.

There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet the enemy.

HALF FINISHED

Half finished! It seems only a very short time ago that the entire school year of 1934-35 stretched ahead of the St. John's cadets. Now it is half finished, the date January 24 marking that lap of the journey. How many boys feel satisfied with the way they have traveled so far? How many have regrets over the "what might have beens" and realize that many opportunities to accomplish worth while things have been thrown aside?

May the first class of boys keep up the good work and when Commencement time rolls around experience a greater sense of self-satisfaction than ever. May the boys in the second class turn over a new leaf, buckle down with noses to the grindstone, and at the close of the year feel that after all they have accomplished many worthwhile things at St. John's.

The cadets received an appreciative letter from the needy Salina family to whom they gave a Christmas basket.



WASHINGTON'S HOME AT
MT. VERNON, VA.

LOCALS

Cadet Randall spent the week end of February 3 with his parents in Kansas City, Kansas.

Cadets Patton and Erickson were the guests of Cadet Carruth Saturday night February 2 at his home in Herington. Mr. and Mrs. Carruth entertained for their son and his friends at the Herington Country Club.

Captain and Mrs. Evans were away for two or three days early this month to attend the funeral of a dear friend in Illinois.

Lieutenant Chittenden and Cadet Fletcher have just finished a new constitution for the "S" Club.

Mrs. Mary Sherman, secretary to Bishop Mize, now comes out only on certain evenings in the week. She has a position in the Saline County courthouse.

Captain and Mrs. Evans entertained the faculty at a Bridge party one evening week before last. The game was Contract, and playing started promptly at eight o'clock. When scores were added up, it was found that Chaplain Mize was high. He was presented with a pack of playing cards.

Then came the refreshments. These consisted of fruit salad, coffee, and sandwiches. At ten thirty the affair broke up.

HIGH AVERAGES

Fourth Month of School

Upper School	Lower School
Gordon 94.5	Lewis 85.4
Maker I 89	West 84
Thornton 88.3	Newland 83.5
York I 88.3	
Erickson 86.5	
Willard 86	
Anderson 85.8	
Kesseling 85.8	
Fletcher 85.5	
Chittenden 84.5	

A PROMENADE

"Teddy Bear" and "Blackie"
Were strolling down the street
"Teddy Bear" and "Blackie"
Met two girlies sweet.

"Good evening, girls," said "Blackie"
"Ditto," said "Teddy Bear"
"We'd like to walk along with you.
You don't really care."

Two girlish faces reddened
And showed some teeth of pearl
Two boyish hearts beat faster
Two boyish brains did whirl.

"Teddy Bear" and "Blackie"
And the girlies sweet
Strolled along together
Down the city street.

New Enrollments

In the past few weeks one old boy and four new boys have enrolled at St. John's. The many friends of Cadet John McKinley were glad to welcome him back about the middle of January. He comes from Fairfax, Oklahoma and is a member of the freshman class.

Cadet Jack Finder was here for the opening of school after the Christmas holidays. He is from Ogallala, Nebraska, and is a junior.

Cadet William Meyer of Divide, Colorado, enrolled early in the second semester. He is a sophomore.

Two Junior School boys Jack Tissaw and Carl Newland entered St. John's the latter part of January. Tissaw, whose home is Severy, Kansas, is in the seventh grade. Newland comes from Ponca City, Oklahoma, and is in the eighth grade. His father Byron H. Newland, was a cadet at St. John's from 1918-20.

IN AN OPERETTA

In the operetta "The Bohemian Girl" presented by Salina local talent in the Masonic Temple on February 11 and 12, a number of St. John's boys took part. They appeared as a squad of Austrian soldiers attached to Count Arnheim, Governor of Presburg, one of the principal characters in the production. Amid the colorful surroundings the cadets made a good showing dressed in their neat uniforms and armed with rifles. Twice they came on the stage for short drills, but most of the time they made entrances at critical moments in the exciting action.

The Salina Kiwanis Club sponsored "The Bohemian Girl" for the benefit of the crippled children in Saline County. Every one having a part in the production donated his services. On both evenings the attendance was large.

Alumni Notes

A daughter, Carolyn Sue, was born last June to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McLean in Canton, Oklahoma. Mr. McLean formerly was coach at St. John's. He is now coach at the Canton High School.

A son, Robert Clyde, was born on January 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bivens of Victor, Colorado. Bivens graduated from St. John's in 1931.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of George Warren and Miss Martha Drake. The bride is a former Salina girl; the groom, who graduated from St. John's in 1930, is now a student at the University of Nebraska.

Captain H. Sherman Baker, former assistant commandant at St. John's, has now charge of a CCC camp in Oklahoma.

Bert Stout, 1932-34, is now attending the Peacock Military Academy, San Antonio, Texas.

Herbert Austin, 1930-31, has an Annapolis appointment and is now studying in Washington, D.C. for the examinations.

Harold R. Anderson, a cadet here from 1929-30, died at his home in Wichita on January 21.

JOKES

Eaker: "You woke me out of a sound sleep."

Chittenden: "I had to. The sound was too loud."

Anderson: "But, I understand we are descended from monkeys."

Captain Brown: "We can't discuss your private family affairs in class."

Photographer (to McCoy I who was having his picture taken): "Look pleasant, please. Click! It's all over now. You may resume your natural expression."

We understand McCarty is so interested in the comic strip "Mr. Coffee Nerves" that he is cutting them out of papers and saving them.

Keraus: "What does it mean here in this book by 'seasoned troops'?"

Naylor: "I suppose they were mustered by the officers and peppered by the enemy."

Lester: "My aunt sent me a check for my birthday."

McCoy I: "Good, now you can pay me what you owe me."

Lester: "Just wait till I tell you the rest of my dream."

Kind Lady: "And how would you like a nice chop?"

Tramp: "That all depends, lady. Is it lamb, pork, or wood?"

Doctor: "Yes, a few lettuce leaves, without oil, and a glass of orange juice. There, sir, that completes your daily diet."

Wilbur: "Thank you so much, doctor, but do I take this before or after meals?"

Captain Fairbank (entering restaurant): "Do you serve lobsters here?"

Waiter: "Yes, sir, come right in and have a seat."

Kesseling: "I spent several hours on this Geometry and still I can not understand it."

Capt. Simpson: "Under those circumstances I have decided not to put you on Tuesday club."

Kesseling (whispering to Willard): "I put the Geometry book under my mattress and slept on it."

Thornton (kneeling): "I cast myself in the dust at your feet."

Virginia: "Well, I like that. I want you to understand I swept this floor myself just before you came."

Captain Brown: "Williams, give me a sentence containing the word 'boycott'."

Williams: "Farmer Jones chased his son around the field but did not catch him until the boycott on a fence."

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SPORTS

ST. JOHN'S WINS GAME FROM ADA

Early in the season the cadets on their home court won a victory over Ada, 36 to 23.

Ada outplayed the soldiers the first half. Between Biechley and Ellis Ada's two star players, they ran up a score of 16 points to the soldiers 6 points. The cadets scored their third field goal just before the whistle blew for the first half to end.

The second half started with Kemohah making a beautiful set up. This put more spirit into the soldiers and they followed his example.

K. Mullins and Venard of Ada were unable to stop Erickson from taking shots in the soldiers offensive forward position.

The game ended with Kemohah high point man. Erickson was not far behind him.

Naylor was unable to play in this game because of a broken shoulder received in football.

FACULTY IS VICTOR IN HOME CONTEST

The faculty of St. John's played the varsity on February 1. The score was Faculty 38, Varsity 35.

The faculty did not practice together at all for this game. York I and Fletcher played with the faculty, because they had a shortage of men.

The first half was played on fairly even terms. Coach Fairbank made a number of long shots. The cadets did not seem to be able to get started. Naylor did however lead the soldiers in their offense. The half ended with the score of 16 to 11 in favor of the faculty.

The cadets out played the faculty in the last half of the game. Coach and Captain Evans tried to stop Naylor's sharp-shooting. Just before the final whistle Chaplain made a goal and Captain Evans made a free throw putting the faculty ahead of the cadets.

Naylor was high point man for the Varsity with 8 field goals. Coach Fairbank was high point man for the faculty with 6 field goals.

TEAM BEATS MARQUETTE (Continued from Page 1)

Naylor was high point man for the cadets and Nelson for Marquette.

Box Score:

ST. JOHN'S	FG	FT	F	Pts
Maker I, f	0	0	1	0
Kemohah, f	2	3	1	7
Naylor, c	8	2	3	18
McCoy II, g	0	1	1	1
McKinley, g	0	1	2	1
	10	7	8	27
MARQUETTE	FG	FT	F	Pts
B. Burmission, f	3	0	3	6
J. Burmission, f	0	1	0	1
Karmer, c	0	0	0	0
Carlson, c	1	0	1	2
Nelson, g	2	3	2	7
Tiechgraeber, g	0	1	1	1
	6	4	7	17

MARQUETTE GAINS A CLOSE VICTORY

On January 16 Marquette defeated the soldiers 22 to 20 in a hard fought battle.

The first half started with Naylor making a set up. He followed this with a series of long shots. The soldiers held Marquette very tight in their zone defense, which they had been working hard on for the last two weeks. Marquette was not able to get more than three baskets in this half.

In the second half J. Burmission of Marquette made five beautiful long shots from the post position. Naylor and Patton tried to see who could make the most baskets for the cadets. Just before the game ended the score was tied 20 to 20. Nelson, Marquette's right guard, threw a long pass to Carlson, who made a set up just as the whistle blew.

Naylor and Patton were high point men for the cadets.

SOLOMON OVERCOMES ST. JOHN'S TEAM

The cadets journeyed to Solomon on January 18 only to meet defeat 32 to 12.

In the first half the Gorillas started out with a fast passing offense. The two Solomon forwards by working fast through the soldiers defense, scored many set ups.

The cadets were handicapped by the absence of Kemohah their regular center; and were unable to stop the fast breaks of the Solomon five. Thus the first half ended with the score 7 to 22 in favor of the Gorillas.

The second half started with the soldiers deep in Solomon's defensive territory, but they were unable to score more than five points. Solomon maintained its fast passing offense for the remainder of the game.

Naylor was high point man for the cadets with Patton running him a close second.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bigley of Winfield, Kansas, spent Sunday, February 11, with their son Cadet Bigley.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 22—Beverly at Beverly.
Feb. 27—Ada at Salina.
Feb. 28—Russell at Russell.
March 1—Tescott at Tescott.
March 5—Enterprise at Salina.
March 7, 8, 9—Class B Tournament.

Mr. Evan Williams of Cripple Creek, Colorado, visited his son Cadet Williams on February 17.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE AT
WAKEFIELD, VA.

CADETS WORK ON NEW CLUB ROOM

The old carpenter shop at the foot of the basement stairs is no more. All the equipment has been moved, and the room is now being fixed up as a meeting place for the "S" Club, that organization composed of letter men.

The boys have been doing all the work themselves. When the task of removing dust and dirt, an accumulation of ages, was accomplished, the walls and ceiling were painted.

The members of the "S" Club are much pleased with their new club room. Its location in the basement insures privacy; its proximity to the furnace promises warmth in winter; and as it is mostly below ground, it should be cool in summer. The boys are trying to be particularly agreeable to Bishop Mize, hoping that he may provide them with some extra furniture.

GO TO CAVE HOLLOW FOR AN OUTING

On January 26, which was a holiday, Captain Evans and Captain Brown took twenty-four boys on a picnic to the Cave Hollow picnic grounds about twenty-five miles west of Salina. The trip was made in the school truck.

On account of a late start and a little difficulty in finding the right road, the party did not reach its destination until nearly the noon hour. This was the first time any St. John's Cadets had visited this picnic place, and they found it an exceptionally good one. The most interesting feature of the site is the numerous caves, some of which extend a good way back into the cliffs. The boys enjoyed exploring them, and had good use for the flashlights that they had brought along with them. The country around Cave Hollow is rolling and rocky. Many of the boys rambled over the hills and endeavored to scale steep cliffs. A few made attempts to ride some steers which were grazing in a nearby field. Others enjoyed playing games. They found an old ruin which they pretended was a fort. They divided themselves into two groups—one acting as defenders, and the other, as assailants.

At about two o'clock came dinner. Over a fire the boys toasted "weenies," fried potatoes, and warmed up canned baked beans. There were also sandwiches, crackers, and cookies.

Time to start back came all too soon. The crowd left Cave Hollow hoping to return in the near future.

STEAK FRY IS A GREAT SUCCESS

One evening not long ago the members of the "S" Club gave a steak fry at Brown Memorial Park, Abilene. Most of the boys had "dates." Captain and Mrs. Evans, Miss Mize, and Captain Fairbank were the chaperons. The trip was made in cars and the school truck.

Since the weather was rather chilly, the party spent most of the time in the recreation hall of the Boy Scout Camp. This building was opened for the occasion, and the electric lights were turned on.

The first thing the boys did was to build a roaring fire in the huge fire place. Over this the young folks soon warmed up. Then some decided to dance. The music was provided by a radio they brought along and hooked up to the electric current.

Soon it was time to eat. The sizzling steaks that Captain and Mrs. Evans cooked in frying pans went to the right spot. These were served with buttered buns and potato chips. The meal also included coffee, cookies, and ice cream.

After supper there was more dancing. Some of the dances were of the old fashioned type, such as the Virginia Reel. The crowd also played a few games. At about nine o'clock the party returned to Salina.

CLASS LISTENS IN TO BROADCASTS

The members of sophomore English had the privilege recently of listening to broadcasts of two of the plays they had been studying in class—"The Rivals" and "The School for Scandal" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. The former was presented by the American School of the Air and came at one-thirty in the afternoon. Other instructors kindly excused boys in their classes so that they might go down to Captain Brown's room and hear the broadcast.

"The School for Scandal" came one evening at seven o'clock, at a time when many of the boys were busy doing other things. However, a few of them were able to listen in. Mr. Barker enjoyed hearing this broadcast, as it brought back memories of the time when at a late moment he was asked to take one of the roles in this play, the person originally intended for the part being prevented from doing so on account of sickness.

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ENTERTAINS GIRLS INVITES IN CADETS

The party which Miss Mize gave in the school dining room on the evening of February 2 for the girls in her Cathedral Sunday School Class was a delightful affair. The attendance was not confined entirely to the members of the class. Every one was allowed to bring along a girl friend. Later in the evening Miss Mize invited in a number of the cadets to meet her guests.

During the first part of the party the girls played games. Mrs. Evans assisted Miss Mize in entertaining them. After the boys appeared, dancing was in order, music being furnished by a radio. For the sake of novelty Miss Mize reversed the usual procedure in many of the dances and had the girls choose their partners from the cadets and "cut in" whenever they so desired. This caused a great deal of hilarity, and it was hard to tell who showed the most embarrassment—the girls or boys.

During the evening ice cream and cake were served. The affair came to an end at about eleven.

About the Goose

(By a Schoolboy)

The goose is a low, heavy-set bird, composed of meat and feathers. His head sets on one end and he sets on the other. He can't sing much on account of the dampness in the moisture in which he lives. There ain't no between to his toes, and he carries a toy balloon in his stomach to keep from sinking. A goose has two legs, and they are set so far back on his running gear that they came pretty near missing his body. Some geese when they get big are called ganders. Ganders don't have to set or hatch, but just loaf, eat, and go swimming. If I was a goose, I'd rather be a gander.

—Selected.



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Eaker having to work for a living.

McKinley as principal of the Salina High School.

Plummer and West taking part in an interscholastic debate.

Thornton and his three flames together at the same time.

Wilbur on a diet.

Kemohah and Meires owning a first rate chicken farm.

Naylor not wondering about his country club girl.

Prather leading a dance orchestra.

Haythorn assistant to Mr. Barker.

Gordon flunking every subject.

Keraus calling hogs.

Jones really giving the girls a break.

Olsson as Cadet Major.

York I forgetting about her.

White going to Leavenworth to see the scenery.

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