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## CRACKSQUAD DRILLS BEFORE PUBLIC TWICE

### IS GUEST OF THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD AND AMER- ICAN LEGION

The St. John's Cracksquad has made two appearances within the past few weeks. First, they appeared on January 27 before a community gathering in Herington sponsored by the American Legion and second, before the Woodmen of the World on February 10 here in Salina at one of their weekly meetings.

The squad went to Herington at the invitation of Mr. Edgar W. Carruth. As soon as the boys arrived in Herington, Mr. Carruth set them up to supper at one of the restaurants. Then he took them around to the high school auditorium where they were to put on their drill before the crowd assembled there. The crack-drill was only one in a number of entertainment acts presented on the auditorium stage. Besides a concert of some length put on by the Solomon High School Band there were a number of local talent offerings. Before the Cracksquad drilled, Lieutenant Baker made a few remarks about the organization and its history.

Chaplain Mize accompanied the Cracksquad when it made its appearance before the Woodmen of the World in Salina. On the same program pupils from the Salina Dancing Academy gave a number of acts. Before the boys went home they were treated to refreshments of coffee and doughnuts.

## DRAMATIC CLUB TO OFFER PLAYS SOON

Even though it was a little slow in getting organized, the class in Dramatics will offer a number of productions before the close of the session. Mr. LaVelle F. Hicks, the instructor, is now coming out to school on certain days of the week to meet with the sixteen boys who have enrolled in the course. Within the next two weeks he expects to present the group in a short skit before the students of Kansas Wesleyan University at one of their chapel periods. He also has in mind putting on a one act play before the end of March, a pageant at Easter, and a two or three act play during the Commencement festivities.

At the class meeting Mr. Hicks sometimes spends the period in rehearsing the boys in stunts and acts for future presentation. At other times he lectures to them on various subjects connected with public speaking. Again he may take up such points as costuming, make-up, stage lighting, and handling of curtains.

Mr. Hicks has had charge of Dramatics at St. John's for a number of years. Among the productions the cadets put on under his direction were two minstrel shows, a three act play "All a Mistake" and a one act farce "A Girl to Order."

The boys in this year's Dramatic Club are: Haythorn, Breifogle S., Williams, Patton, Stackelbeck, McCarty, Gordon, Thompson, Keraus, Tissaw, Goodfellow, Willard, Breifogle V., Stokes, Pace, and Kesselring.

## ENTERTAINS SUN- DAY SCHOOL CLASS

When Miss Mize entertained at a party her girls' Sunday school class from Christ Cathedral, she invited down a number of the cadets for part of the affair. During the early part of the evening while the boys were in study hall the girls played among themselves games of cards and "Monopoly." After the boys came down, the young people danced to the tune of music furnished by a radio. Those who did not feel inclined to dance played games. Late in the evening refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

A number of the girls in Miss Mize's Sunday school class also sing in the Cathedral choir. The cadets who sing in the choir know them well.

## Park Near School to be Developed

### Formed From School Property. Named for Early Bishop of Diocese

When the new cut off on highway number 81 invaded the fifteen acre woodland section belonging to St. John's School a block or two away, it looked as if the "Park," as it was known to the cadets, had passed out of the picture. The broad road had taken off such a large hunk, and the narrow winding "Dry Creek" had been filled in at so many places that it could scarcely recognize itself.

The news has recently come that this section of woods is still destined to be a park—even much more so than it ever has been in the past. It has been leased by the city, and ten thousand dollars will be spent immediately by the highway department in improving the site. The development will be a work relief project.

When the question came up as to what the park should be called, one of the city officials suggested that the cadets decide on the name. But, Bishop Mize explained that it already had been named long ago "Thomas Park" in honor of Bishop Thomas who helped found St. John's Military School back in 1887.

Before very long, whenever the cadets and their friends want to have a "weenie roast" or a picnic supper, they will find out door fire places and picnic tables almost in their very back yard.

## ENJOY PICNIC AT CAVE HOLLOW

Bundled up in robes and blankets, the twenty-five cadets who went on a picnic to Cave Hollow one day the latter part of January looked like a party of Eskimos. It was a bitterly cold day—a holiday granted the day after the basket ball victory over Solomon. Yet the boys wanted a picnic, and so off they started in the truck with Captain Brown in charge.

It seemed as if the temperature started its drop as soon as the truck left school. When it reached Cave Hollow, a distance of twenty-five miles, the boys immediately began hustling around to get themselves warm. They slid on the ice of the frozen-over pond; they hiked over the cliffs and grassy hills; they explored the several caves and built fires in them.

At one-thirty the crowd had dinner.

## NEW COURSES START SECOND SEMESTER

With the ending of the first semester on January 25 three half year courses were completed—General Science, Advanced Algebra, and Constitution. Five new courses were organized at the beginning of the new semester. Lieutenant Baker teaches Physical Geography with a text by Tarr and Van Engeln, and Trigonometry with a text by Simpson. Captain Simpson has a class in Solid Geometry with a text by Strader and Roads; Captain Mosher, one in Social Civics with a text by Ross; and Captain Larson, one in Economics with a text by Klein and Colvin.

The boys in the new courses are taking hold of their work in fine shape.

## Attend Luncheon at the Lions' Club

### Chaplain Mize Gives Talk on St. John's Captain Larson Sings Solos

On Tuesday, January 14, at the weekly luncheon of the Salina Lions' Club Chaplain Mize and Captain Larson were special guests. The former was the principal speaker of the occasion and the latter sang two vocal numbers.

Chaplain Mize's talk dealt with the history of St. John's Schools and its aims at the present time. He told how St. John's was built through the efforts of Bishop Thomas in 1887 and during its fifty years of existence, until the last two or three years, was the only school of its kind in Kansas. The school was started in boom days of Salina, and most of the cost was financed by local people.

The school has the highest possible ranking with various accredited agencies. Small classes make much individual attention possible to each student. Class work starts with the third grade, but most of the enrollment is in high school.

St. John's is not a rich man's reform school, the Chaplain said. In fact, few of the boys are from wealthy families. Broken homes bring more boys than any other cause.

Chaplain Mize closed his remarks by referring to the kindly feeling existing between the people of Salina and St. John's.

## HOLD FORMAL DANCE IN JAP- ANESE GARDENS

### SPECIAL NUMBERS ARE INTRO- DUCED. PICTURES TAKEN FOR CATALOGUE

The formal school dance held in the Japanese Gardens down town the evening after Valentine's Day was a most enjoyable affair. The extreme cold weather seemed to put everyone in the right mood to have a good time.

Dancing started promptly at nine o'clock to music furnished by the orchestra known as Hicks's Princes of Personality. The room was attractively decorated with Japanese lanterns hanging from the ceiling amid many dainty tissue streamers. Palm leaves served as a background to the walls, upon which were set pictures of oriental landscapes. In the windows chains of colored electric lights flickered.

Besides the regular numbers two special dances were introduced. One was a "ladies' choice"; another was a favor dance. In the latter many horns were distributed which when blown produced a noisy accompaniment to the orchestra.

During the evening some flashlight pictures were taken, one or more of which will probably be used in the 1936-1937 catalogue. On the floor below the Japanese Gardens excellent soda fountain service was available.

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

## GIVES PARTY FOR GROUP OF CADETS

The members of the Junior School and the freshman class were guests of Captain Brown at a party on the evening of February 11. The affair started at seven-fifteen and came to a close at about ten. Mrs. Lieser and Miss Mize assisted Captain Brown in conducting the various games. The contests with prizes as the goal seemed to provide the most fun. In the concealed animal contest Putney found the greatest number of words and received twenty-five cents as a prize. In the "Marching to Jerusalem" marathon, carried on to a piano accompaniment, Jones P. stood up the longest and received ten cents as a reward.

Probably the most enjoyable event of the evening was the treasure hunt. Hidden in the school parlor were forty hearts, each bearing a number and a nonsensical verse giving a hint where a prize heart with the same number might be found in another room in the building. However, the hearts hidden in the school parlor were in duplicate, and it was for the interest of the boy who found one of them to run and secure the prize heart before another boy got ahead of him. A boy could cash in each prize heart to Captain Brown for five cents.

At nine-thirty the crowd went down to the dining hall. Here soda pop and hot wieners on buns were served. Captain Brown invited the faculty and the boys on the second floor of the barracks—the floor of which he has charge—to come in for refreshments.

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Making Excuses

In military life no excuses are accepted and very few reasons. Results are demanded and obtained. This hard-boiled attitude has its good points.

Too often in life failure can be traced to the habit of making excuses. Some people are always looking for an alibi; it is some one else's fault, never their own. On the other hand a frank recognition of one's own faults coupled with the will to overcome them has been the key to success of many people.

In other words it is as important to be honest with yourself as it is with other people. If you are not, failure is sure to catch up with you.

The key to this is to face each situation in life frankly. Do not avoid the true issue. Do not start to make excuses but look into yourself and see if the fault is not yours. Then correct this fault.

It is not the easiest way but very few things in life that bring rich rewards are easy.

—H. Sherman Baker.

The St. John's Ghost

(In four parts)

Part II

Synopsis of Story So Far

When the foundations of St. John's school are being dug way back in 1886, old Isaac, a drunken workman with bloodshot eyes, loses his life in a cave-in. His superstitious companions believe his spirit is haunting them. In the middle of the night two years later Capt. Decimal, the first Headmaster, sees in the corridor a ghost with red eyes and a grey beard. When the Headmaster and Col. Nemo, the Commandant, make an inspection directly afterwards, they find every one in his place. The next morning two mysterious cards are discovered upon which the letter "I" has been burnt. The Headmaster's daughter Octave dislikes the Commandant's daughter Una, who has gained the favor of a cadet officer, Captain Leo.

Leo whipped up the horse, for it seemed to him that Una, who was sitting on the seat beside him, had given a slight shiver. The night was chilly, and he did not want her to take cold. They would reach St. John's now in just a few minutes. If they could only slip into their rooms without being seen! What would Colonel Nemo say if he saw them together at this time of night, especially after he had just forbidden them to speak to each other?

"Leo," murmured Una nervously, "you never should have taken the risk. I don't care about myself, but if you are caught you will be reduced to ranks and maybe expelled."

"Never mind, girlie," Leo cheerfully answered. "We won't get caught. Besides a fellow will risk anything to be with his girl."

But Una felt far from easy in her mind and realized both of them were acting most imprudently. Leo had slipped out after taps, stolen the school horse and buggy, and driven to town to keep a date with her at the home of a girl friend. He had been prevented from coming earlier on account of duties on the campus. As her girl friend had been suddenly taken ill, Una had decided to drive back to St.

John's with Leo despite the lateness of the hour.

"I hope Octave doesn't see us come in," said Una. "She is all the time sneaking around at night, and she would go straight to father. How she hates me." Una paused; then she continued, "Leo, I believe she knows something about that ghost which has been prowling around lately and causing so much concern. She mentioned the ghost to me the other day and gave me the queerest look. It seemed to me there was something hidden back of her sneering face. And yesterday at dinner when Captain Decimal and father were talking about the ghost,—I am sure they were for they were speaking so low—Octave put her hand to her eye and winked at Lieutenant Borack at the next table. I believe this was some kind of signal referring to old Isaac or the cards upon which the letter "I" had been burnt."

"Borack?" Leo exclaimed. "That beats the Dutch! Wouldn't it be funny if he and Octave were playing some ghost game together? He's not above it. He's a down and out sneak—afraid to look people in the eye. And he hates me too! How it hurt him when I was promoted over him!"

"Yes," agreed Una, "I know that was a bitter pill for him to swallow."

Leo laughed. "Octave or Borack—which is the ghost?" he said slowly.

"Sh! Sh!" Leo pulled Una into the shadow of the great stairs. They had paused a moment to say goodnight, and now someone was creeping in the front door through which they had just entered. Were they going to be caught now when they were so nearly safe? At once both recognized the tall form of Octave. Her sharp eyes almost seemed to glitter in the darkness. She paused at the foot of the stairs as if undetermined just what to do; then she softly glided down the hallway. Una and Leo could not tell whether she went up the other stairs or descended to the basement. They were not sure, but they thought they heard someone moving around in the hall above. Clapping each other's hands, they waited until they could go safely to their rooms.

"Help! Help! De ghost! Lemme outer dis awful place." Una and Leo recognized the scream of old Rastus, the negro janitor, coming from the basement.

"You go to your room quickly, Una. I'll see what's the trouble," said Leo hastily. The terrified screams continued as Leo dashed down the hallway. When he turned on the lights in the lower end of the hall, he found old Rastus in a state of collapse on the uppermost stair.

"I seen him, I seen him, Massa Leo!" wailed Rastus, clinging to the young man's feet.

"Come, Rastus; you've seen what?" asked Leo.

"De ghost!" screamed the old negro. "I've been hearing noises for a long time. Tonight I seen him lookin' at me through de wall jes behind de furnace. His eyes were all red like fire. His beard was gray, and his face was white like a dead man's. De ghost of old Isaac am come from de grave!"

(To be continued)

LOCAL NEWS

Some of the boys have taken up the game of chess. They ought to organize a chess club. There was one here a number of years ago.

The latter part of January Mr. Ralph Stinson, the Kansas high school supervisor, and Mr. S. L. Sondergard, county superintendent of Saline county, paid St. John's a visit.

Corporal Lloyd Bigley has withdrawn from school. His parents have moved from Arkansas City, Kansas, to Lake Charles, Louisiana, and wanted to have him nearer home.

MOTION PICTURES  
SHOWN REGULARLY

Since the new semester started, Mr. H. O. Tolbert, the school bursar, has been showing motion pictures in the study hall on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The program on the latter occasions is of some length and consists of pictures intended to amuse rather than to instruct. Among the films shown have been: "Barbara Freitsche," a seven reel war film, "Pioneer Blood," a three reel western, and many one reel comedies and travelogues. The serial "Officer 444," in which the police department of Berkeley, California cooperated in the making, has already reached the third chapter.

The Wednesday evening show is comparatively short and is completed in time so as not to interfere with evening study hall. The pictures, which are of an educational nature, are secured through the Bureau of Visual Education at Kansas University.

The first of these series of pictures was called "Drinking Health," its purpose being to show the importance of drinking pure water and observing sanitary precautions. The second educational film dealt with the life of Alfred Tennyson and his works. Among other things were shown views of three of his homes in one of which now lives his son Lord Hallam Tennyson. The third film was called "The Work of Underground Water." Caves, sink holes, and natural bridges were shown as well as springs, artesian wells and geysers. Photographs of the great Diamond Cave of Arkansas were shown to illustrate the results of deposition.

Here are a list of the educational films to be shown during the next few weeks: "People who Live in a Crowded Valley," "Percy Byssche Shelley," "The World of Paper," "Treasure Chest of India," "Phillipine Islands," "Life in the Sahara," and "People Who Live at the Equator."

A MORNING RESCUE

By the dawn's early light, our flag was still there—yes, tangled up at the top of the pole where it had been caught for the past twelve hours. At retreat the evening before the rope became twisted, and try hard as they could, the boys could not get Old Glory to come down. The disagreeable weather finally forced them to give up, and the flag was left alone to the rigors of the night.

But there is a solution for every problem. The next morning the Salina Fire Department came to the rescue. One of the great ladders was placed against the pole. A nimble fireman climbed up with ease. After untangling the ropes, he demonstrated from his high perch that the flag could be hoisted up and down without any trouble at all. As the fireman began his descent, a group of cadets who were observing the operations from the barracks windows gave hearty cheers for the Salina Fire Department.

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Coach Mosher: "How many bones have you in your body, Teddy?"  
Meires: "About 25,000."  
Coach Mosher: "That's impossible."  
Meires: "No, it's the truth. I ate sardines for lunch."

West: "I et six eggs for breakfast, Bishop."  
Bishop Mize: "You mean 'ate,' don't you?"  
West: "Well maybe it was eight I et."

Anderson was so interested in the fact that according to chemical analysis a man's body is worth only ninety-five cents that he is sometimes referred to as the "walking chemical man."

Is it true that one of the cadets is continually singing the old song "Lady Moon, Lady Moon"?

Private Haythorn (after the next war in 1955): "Ah, Colonel Zeke, it is a great pleasure to meet you again. You once saved my life."

Colonel Zeke: "Where was that and when?"

Private Haythorn: "At the Battle of Boltshoski. You bolted, and I followed."

Pace: "I am going to be an aviator. I have been air-minded for years."

Mitchell: "I guess I'll be a garage man. I've been a tow-head all my life."

Sweet young thing (at baseball game): "I heard some one yell 'fowl.' Where are the feathers?"

Her boy friend: "There aren't any. This game is between two picked teams."

The conversation below took place when Lieutenant Baker worked for the Secret Service Department in Denver.

Chief: "Have you caught the burglar?"

Lieutenant Baker: "No, but I've got him so scared he doesn't dare show himself while I am around."

Lester: "You really ought to have been in Shrimptown with me this Christmas. I had a wonderful time. I won in a beauty contest."

Pace: "No, I think I'd rather have been where there's more of a crowd."

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# SPORTS

## Basket Ball Games

### St. John's, 34—Solomon, 33

On January 21 St. John's scored a 34 to 33 victory over the Solomon Gorillas, one of their greatest opponents.

Solomon started with a 6 to 0 lead, but the cadets passed them 9 to 8 by the end of the quarter, and then the teams battled tooth and nail to an 18 all halftime score.

Solomon was ahead 27 to 26 when the third quarter closed. As the new quarter started Patton and Ver Brugge started an attack which sent the soldiers five points ahead. Solomon came within one point and called time out. The cadets took the center tip and held the ball until the final gong sounded.

The St. John's second team also won their preliminary game, 21 to 6. Fletcher and May tied for high honors, each scoring 5 points.

Box score:				
ST. JOHN'S—34	FG	FT	F	Pts.
Ver Brugge, f	6	1	3	13
Patton, f	7	0	3	14
L. Maker, c	0	0	1	0
McCoy, g	2	2	0	6
H. Maker, g	0	1	0	1
Fletcher, g-f	0	0	0	0
Total	15	4	7	34

SOLOMON—33				
Fleagle, f	4	2	4	10
McCollough, f	5	1	0	11
Fitzwater, c	1	1	1	3
McPeck, g	2	0	0	4
Wolley, g	1	1	1	3
Burt, g	1	0	0	2
Ruch, f	0	0	0	0
Total	14	5	6	33

### St. John's, 25—Talmage, 16

On January 10 St. John's defeated Talmage, 25 to 16, Patton scoring 11 points to lead the soldiers' scorers.

Slow to start, the cadets held a lead of 3 to 2 at the quarter but got in gear in the second period and held a margin of 17 to 10 at the intermission. Then they pushed to a 24 to 13 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

The cadet seconds were defeated 16 to 10 in a preliminary game.

### St. John's, 31—Bennington, 20

The St. John's cadets on January 24 defeated Bennington, 31 to 20.

Patton and Ver Brugge, the cadets forwards, scored 14 and 13 points respectively. At the end of the half the cadets were on top, 23 to 7. They were never threatened again.

In the preliminary game the St. John's seconds won 27 to 16.

### Enterprise, 28—St. John's, 27

Enterprise High scored a 28 to 27 victory over St. John's on January 28.

Each club scored twelve baskets from the field, but Enterprise made four free throws to three for the cadets. The Enterprise club incidentally missed eleven other chances at the free throw line.

Ver Brugge and Leonard Maker of the cadet team went out on fouls, Ver Brugge in the third quarter and Maker near the end. The score was then 27 all. Maker's free goal broke the tie and represented the final scoring of the night.

Enterprise led at the quarter 6 to 2. The score was 12-all at the half, and 23 to 22 for St. John's at the end of the third quarter.

### Marquette, 28—St. John's, 26

In a game with Marquette on the evening of January 17 St. John's rallied in an almost believe-it-or-not fashion to score 9 points in the last 90 seconds of play, but found their efforts wasted as Marquette made a lead stand-up to win, 28 to 26.

Patton of the soldiers scored 13 points for top honors, being followed closely by Ver Brugge, who scored 11. The visitors passed their scoring around better, with that of the Burnison boys and Nelson being particularly effective.

A hot streak gave the Marquette boys the advantage which was never surrendered.

### Kanopolis, 27—St. John's, 25

St. John's dropped another game into the discard on the evening of February 18, by losing to Kanopolis 27 to 25. Scoring only 5 points in the first half, with Kanopolis having a 12 point lead, the cadets came back in the last 15 seconds of play and missed a sleeper which would have sent the game into overtime. Patton and McCoy split high honors with 8 points apiece.

The preliminary game with Kanopolis was won by the cadets 26 to 7. May was high point man with 3 baskets. Golden and Jones P. both scored 2 baskets.

### St. John's, 21—Marquette, 17

In a game played with Marquette on February 4 the St. John's cadets defeated their opponents, 21 to 17, in a tough defensive battle.

At the quarter St. John's led 4 to 2. At the half it was 8 to 4 and by the close of the third quarter, 10 to 9.

Beginning the last quarter Marquette drove into a lead of 17 to 10 and apparently had the game won, when the cadets all of a sudden struck back.

Ver Brugge hit a hot streak and in rapid succession made five baskets. Patton added another shortly afterwards, and when the final whistle sounded the score was 21 to 17 in St. John's favor.

The cadets were defeated in the second team game 28 to 12. Honors were split by Condon and Paul Jones, who both scored 4 points. Buffington of Marquette scored 12 points.

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## LOCAL NEWS

Recent visitors to the school include: Mr. H. G. Randall, Kansas City, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bondurant, Severy, Kansas; Mr. E. W. Carruth, Herington, Kansas; Mr. W. W. Hearn, Wellington, Kansas.

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Mr. T. C. Bishop, former St. John's coach, and a friend, Mr. John Hardman, of Kansas City, paid the school a visit early in February. Mr. Bishop is now connected with the Ford Motor Company.

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Several groups went skating on a nearby pond during the cold spell. Junior Ver Brugge was so unfortunate as to freeze one of his ears. However, the organ healed rapidly.

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Mr. H. O. Tolbert offered prizes to the boys in the Junior School who wrote for him the best essay reviewing the motion picture "Drinking Health" recently shown in the study hall. Cadets Stokes' and York W.'s papers were judged the best, and Mr. Tolbert gave each of the boys a pound box of candy.

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Captain Mosher and Captain Larson are now rooming together in the large corner room on the third floor. Some of the cadets wonder whether the move was made on account of brotherly love or for the sake of protection.

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Lewis Suggs of Goodland, Kansas, has enrolled at St. John's. He is in the eighth grade.

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## GEORGE HAUSAM, JR.

On December 23, Cadet George Hausam, Jr., age 15, died at his home in Hutchinson. His death was a great shock to his St. John's friends because only a short time before he had left school for the Christmas holidays, seemingly in the best of health. A day or two after arriving in Hutchinson he was taken with scarlet fever. Complications set in which resulted in his almost immediate death. He is survived by a father, brother, and sister. His mother was killed in an automobile accident in 1932.

George was particularly interested in music and was rated one of the most promising violinists in Kansas. He was sponsored by the Federated Women's Clubs and won three straight contests in 1933, 1934, and 1935. He won the Fox Movietone contest last year and was selected to play a violin solo at the governor's banquet in Topeka.

George, who was a new boy at school, roomed on the second floor of the barracks. He had a host of friends, each one of whom has missed him sorely. The barracks has not seemed the same with his violin silent.

Because his death came during the Christmas holidays, none of the boys were able to attend his funeral. Lieutenant Baker and Mrs. Lieser were the only members of St. John's present.

There was an especially close bond between George and his father. Every week or two Mr. Hausam used to drive over from Hutchinson to see his son. He was always doing something for the boy and his friends.

Below is printed a little poem Cadet Hausam wrote not long before his death as an expression of his love for his father:

## ONLY A DAD LIKE MINE

(To my dad, George Hausam)

Only my dad, with a tired face  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame  
To show how well he has played the game,  
But in his heart—that his own rejoice  
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only my dad, with a brood of three  
Can take care of them, without the she.  
Plodding along in the daily strife,  
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life  
With never a whimper of pain or hate  
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only my dad, neither rich nor proud,  
Merely one of the surging crowd.  
Toiling, striving from day to day,  
Taking whatever may come his way.  
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,  
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only my dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way of his children all,  
Doing with courage, stern and grim,  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line for him I pen—  
Only my dad, but the best of ALL MEN.

## ABOUT MR. BARKER

Whenever any old boys return to St. John's, one of the first persons they inquire about is Mr. Newell A. Barker, former Senior Master. A number of them have said that St. John's seems a different place without him. He was here so long and gave so much of himself in helping to mould the characters of the boys for the better and in working untiringly and unselfishly for the interests of the school.

Mr. Barker, who came to St. John's in the fall of 1916, resigned last May. He is now living with his sister at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, only a few blocks away from his alma mater, Harvard University.

Colonel W. L. Ganssle, of Salina, a former superintendent of St. John's, who was instrumental in getting Mr. Barker to come to Kansas in the first place, hears from him frequently. He says the former Senior Master seems to be enjoying the quiet life after his many strenuous years of teaching.

PREACHES SERMON  
AT CHAPEL SERVICE

"Thy word is a lantern unto my feet and a light unto my path." The Reverend Mr. Hughbanks, a visiting clergyman from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, used this verse from Psalm 119 as the text for the sermon he preached in the school chapel one Sunday morning about the middle of January. He discussed the light of the soul Jesus brought to mankind without which this world would be more dismal than if the sun failed to shine. We should all strive to learn more of this light which will come to us if we will only accept it. Those who adhere to the light always became light bringers. They comprehend hidden things and pass their understanding on to others.

Mr. Hughbanks devoted a large part of his sermon to the subject of stretching one's horizons. An astronomer takes his bearings and figures out his horizon. But if he had to stay in this space, he would be limited as to his movements. Astronomers are continually building greater horizons and learning more and more of the great truths of the universe. The great men of religion have been horizon stretchers. They reflect the light of God and have made such a use of it that their influence for the good upon others is without limit.

It is interesting to note that the Rev. Mr. Hughbanks, who preached this sermon upon light, has been blind for many years. He owns a large library written in braille and whenever he goes away from home to hold a service, he carries with him such portions of the Bible and Prayer-book as he will need.

## BABY BAKER

On January 10 last the youngest St. John's cadet appeared on the scene. He is none other than the son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Baker, and upon his arrival weighed seven pounds and two ounces. He first saw the light of day at Asbury Hospital, Salina.

Baby Baker, who is sometimes called the "Major" has the same name as his father, only the first and second parts are reversed. He is Sherman Hoyt instead of Hoyt Sherman. On January 23 Bishop Mize christened him in the school chapel. His grandmother, Mrs. Joseph W. Hirn, who had come up all the way from New Orleans to be with her daughter Mrs. Baker at his arrival, and Chaplain Edward M. Mize were the god parents at the christening.

Lieutenant Baker seems to be very proud of his son. He frequently carries the baby around when he visits the barracks. The commandant's face is generally all smiles upon these occasions.

Jim Marshall, '31, visited St. John's the week end of February 1. He was on his way to Ithaca, New York, where he is attending college at Cornell University.



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## "Little Blackie"

(Dedicated to Corporal John "Blackie" Erickson)

My name is "Little Blackie"; and I want to say, by cracky  
A very, very jolly boy am I.  
I never, never weary in being bright and cheery  
And I'll be a "Merry Sunshine" till I die.  
I dearly love my teachers; they're the kindest of all creatures  
I'm sure you know I wouldn't tell a lie.  
I never give up working nor in any task am shirking.  
At least I give it first a good hard try.  
To my friends I am most faithful but sometimes a wee bit playful;  
In this I'm just an ordinary guy.  
To the girls I am devoted, but it also should be noted  
That around them I am often rather shy.  
I know you'll think it silly that I like a girl named Milly  
Because she so divinely squints her eye;  
And I really want to marry a little Miss named Carrie  
On whose pudgy nose the cutest pimples lie.  
But now I must be closing, for I fear that you are dozing.  
Or maybe you will yawn and heave a sigh,  
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