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SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL HAS NEW CHAPLAIN

THE REV. LEONARD MITCHELL
TAKES OVER DUTIES IN
NOVEMBER

Early last month the Reverend Leonard Mitchell took over the duties of chaplain at St. John's School, replacing the Reverend Edward M. Mize who had to withdraw temporarily from active work on account of ill health. In addition to conducting the services in the school chapel Mr. Mitchell also has charge of the missions at Bennington and Minneapolis.

When he came here from his home in Yankton, South Dakota, Mr. Mitchell was known to many of the persons at St. John's. During the session of 1933 and 1934, he assisted Bishop Mize with the work of the Diocese of Salina and made his headquarters at the school. He occasionally held a service in the chapel, but most of the time he was either supplying at Christ Cathedral, Salina, then without a Dean, or at one of the churches in the district.

During the interval between Chaplain Mize's departure and Mr. Mitchell's coming, Dean Vinnedge of Salina and the Reverend Francis Nale of Hays helped out at school. For a while Lieut. Evans conducted the chapel services, assisted by members of the senior class who took turns in reading the Scriptural selections.

TRIP TO LAWRENCE IS A MOST ENJOYABLE ONE

The St. John's football team took a most interesting trip to Lawrence early last month at which place they played the eleven of the Haskell Institute. The players made the journey in private cars on the morning of November 6, accompanied by three faculty members—Major Clem, Coach Mosher, and Lieut. Lantz.

The game which took place that afternoon resulted in a defeat for St. John's.

The cadets made their headquarters at the Wood Hotel where they remained over night. After supper they enjoyed seeing the parade staged by the members of the several Kansas University sororities and fraternities, preceding the Kansas-Nebraska game to be played the following day. The student band heading the procession was followed by numerous floats of a comic and ludicrous nature.

Saturday morning the St. John's group spent at Kansas University, visiting the museums and other places of interest. Dr. Allen, director of Intercollegiate Athletics, got a man to serve as guide. The party ate lunch in the cafeteria in the Memorial Union building. That afternoon they attended the Kansas-Nebraska football game. As soon as it was over, they left for Salina.

Mr. R. R. Shideler, former Bursar and music instructor at St. John's, is now residing in Kingman, Kansas.

Recent dinner guests at St. John's were Judge and Mrs. C. A. Kimball, and Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Willard, Manhattan, Kansas. Dr. Willard is a former Vice President of Kansas State College.



Magician Puts on Interesting Program

Performs Many Slight-of-Hand Tricks;
Also Demonstrates Ventriloquism

On the evening of November 17 the cadet corps had the privilege of being entertained by Mr. George C. Staples, a magician. The first part of his program was the "now you see, and now you don't kind." By slight of hand he made objects disappear and immediately reproduced them. The candy which the magician brought forth from nowhere was most acceptable to the cadets to whom he gave it. One of the most unusual feats he accomplished was that of pushing a metal bar through a solid sheet of glass.

Besides his slight of hand work Mr. Staples gave an excellent demonstration of ventriloquism, making use of a wooden mannequin. He exhibited two little monkeys, which he took out of a box he had with him. One of these monkeys competed in a banana eating contest with Cadet Lucas. Contrary to Mr. Staples' expectations Lucas consumed his banana first, and was congratulated as being "the better monkey of the two."

BOYS MARCH IN PARADE ON ARMISTICE DAY

On Armistice Day, which was a holiday at St. John's, the cadet corps marched in a parade through town. It began at Memorial Hall and ended up at the band shell in the park where the exercises were held.

This is the first time this year the boys had taken part in any similar activity. They made a good appearance, and the drum and bugle corps conducted itself with particular credit. In the line of march of the long parade were the various patriotic organizations, the Boy Scouts, several bands, and the recently organized American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

At the patriotic exercises Mr. Heusner, Superintendent of the Salina Public Schools, introduced the chief speaker, a professor from Kansas State College. A short period of silence in honor of the dead was observed following the playing of Taps.

Appear Before Salina Rotary Meeting

Maj. Clem, Lieut. Evans, and Mr. Tolbert
Talk on St. John's

When it came his turn recently to put on a program at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club of which he is a member, Major Clem used St. John's School as his theme and called on Lieut. Evans and Mr. Tolbert to help him out.

Major Clem, after outlining briefly the history of the school, spoke of the services the institution was trying to render to the members of the cadet corps. He mentioned that a special effort was being put forth to make this fiftieth anniversary of the school's founding a memorable one.

Lieut. Evans talked on the discipline at St. John's and explained various methods of handling boys. He also mentioned some of the values of military training.

Mr. Tolbert contributed his part of the program by showing the motion picture filmed at school last year depicting the life of the cadets. This same picture was used last summer by the traveling representatives of St. John's.

FIRST FORMAL DINNER OF YEAR TAKES PLACE

The first formal dinner of the year took place in the dining hall one evening about the middle of November. On every table a vase of flowers stood and candles burned.

There were three special guests for the occasion—Bishop Mize, Miss Margaret Mize, and Miss Lorraine Wilson, a student at Marymount College. As the cadets entered the dining hall, they were introduced to the guests.

At the close of the meal Bishop Mize made a few remarks. He spoke of the many years he himself had lived out at St. John's and how much the school meant to him. He said he missed the boys and invited them to call at his home whenever they were in town.

The Bishop's talk was followed by two vocal selections by a quartet composed of Haythorn, Ver Brugge, Keraus, and May. Mr. LaVelle F. Hicks also gave a reading.

CADET TEAM BEATS TESCOTT IN FOOTBALL

CLOSE CONTEST IS PLAYED ON
PERKINS FIELD; SCORE
IS 6 TO 0

On October the 30th, St. John's played Tescott on Perkin's Field, winning by a score of 6 to 0.

Tescott kicked off to St. John's. The cadets were forced to punt, and the Tescott receiver was downed in his tracks. The St. John's players started their running attack but whenever they were deep in enemy territory they were held. The first half saw St. John's on the offense practically all of the time.

The second half started with St. John's kicking off to Tescott. Tescott was not able to gain so punted. St. John's started their attack in high gear, and at the climax Fletcher went off tackle 10 yards to a touchdown. The kick for the extra point was no good. St. John's then kicked off to Tescott, and Tescott had to punt again. The cadet receiver was downed after a nice run back as the third period ended.

The fourth quarter started with St. John's in possession of the ball. All the last quarter but the last few minutes was played around midfield. In the closing minutes the soldiers started another offensive drive that was stopped on the 3 yard line by the end of the game. Fletcher was outstanding for the cadets. St. John's made 18 first downs and 266 yards from scrimmage in this game.

BOYS SPEND PLEASANT DAY AT CAMP ARCOLA

On a recent holiday Lieut. Evans and Capt. Brown took a group of boys on a picnic out to Camp Arcola, the site formerly used by St. John's Military School for its annual spring encampment. The party left in the truck as soon after breakfast as possible. Despite the fact that the weather was colder than usual the boys kept comfortable during the ride, bundled up in blankets and overcoats.

After arriving at Arcola the boys scattered in every direction. Part of them hiked quite a distance over the grassy hills and visited some interesting rock formations, passing on the way the old rifle range, others preferred to stay close to camp, climbing over the many cliffs and exploring the small caves.

About one o'clock the crowd assembled for dinner. Over a fire they boiled "weenies" and warmed up canned baked beans. Bread and butter, pickles, and bananas were also included in the meal.

On account of the cold which was getting more intense all the time, the party did not stay at Arcola as long as originally planned. They returned to Salina early in the afternoon.

Recently the members of the St. John's football team were the guests of the Watson theater at the picture "Pigskin Parade."

Miss Eloise Fritsche of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was married on June 23 last to Mr. George C. Mannesmitt. Miss Fritsche is the daughter of Major J. L. Fritsche, former superintendent of St. John's.

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Christmas

Christmas 1936! Home and loved ones; holly and mistletoe; Christmas tree and candles; stars and tinsel; shaded lights and mysterious whispers; music and laughter; packages—square and oblong; turkey and all that goes with it. Well, all this only comes once a year, and youth must be served.

Another Christmas more than nineteen hundred years ago. Shepherds and their flocks; a song at midnight; three travelers and a star; a stable, a manger, and a little child; gold, myrrh, and frankincense; the greatest gift of all—God's gift to the world.

This Christmas let us be thankful for the many blessings that are ours. Let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us bring happiness to others by some kindly deeds. That is the way that we can help put Christ in Christmas. It was the Master who said, "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these, you did it unto me."

The Holidays

Friday, December 18, is very important in the hearts of all the boys. It marks the commencement of the Christmas holidays.

On this date there will be a shortened schedule of classes followed by a dinner and Christmas party. Then the boys are free to leave for home. All cadets must be gone by the following day, unless special arrangements have been made for them to spend all or a portion of the vacation at school.

All the cadets must be back in time for eight o'clock classes on the morning of January 4. However, they may return the day preceding if they so desire.

HIGH AVERAGES

Third Month of School

Upper School	Lower School
Gordon 93.3	Stokes 89.6
Thompson 91	Scott 88.2
Lotker 89.3	Clem 83.6
Breyfogle V. 88.5	
Maker L. 86.5	
Thornton 86.5	
Becker 86.3	
Breyfogle S. 86.3	
McCoy D. 86	
Kesselring 85	
Lavery 85	

JEWELL M. NAYLOR IS
KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Early Thanksgiving morning Jewell M. Naylor, '35, was killed in an automobile accident on U. S. 40 not far from Abilene. The boy with whom he was driving likewise lost his life, and the occupants of the car with which they crashed were seriously injured.

Since his graduation a year ago last May, Naylor has been living in Salina and employed by the Richards Paint and Paper Company. He frequently came out to school and took a part in its activities. He had many friends among both the old and new boys.

Naylor, who was born in Kirwin, Kansas in 1915, entered St. John's in the fall of 1931. He was a talented trumpet player. For a year he headed the Drum and Bugle Corps and won the Buglers Cup in two successive contests held at commencement. He was Business Manager of the "Skirmisher" for a year. He graduated as a captain.

The funeral took place in Christ Cathedral, Salina, on the afternoon of November 29, the entire corps being in attendance. Cadets acted as pall bearers. Bishop Mize preached the sermon.

Over the grave in Memorial Park Cemetery a squad of cadets fired a salute which was followed by Taps.

LOCAL NEWS

Keraus and McCoy D. served as buglers at the celebration at Marymount College on the holiday known as Marymount Day. The boys also were guests at the banquet.

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Out of town Thanksgiving guests at St. John's included: Mrs. C. D. Watson, Mr. Wesley Watson, Miss Betty Childs, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Wichita, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Williams, Cripple Creek, Colo.; Mrs. Harry Randall, Kansas City, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Thompson, Colony, Kans.; Mr. M. E. Ver Brugge, Miss Jo Ver Brugge, Miss J. Schlobohm, Reading, Kans.; Mrs. Gladys E. Gadeke, Wellington, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Putney, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. Grace Bradford, Eureka, Kans.; Mrs. E. A. Bigley, Miss Ernestine Bigley, Arkansas City, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Austin, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. W. D. Patton, Topeka, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Frank Jackson, Hutchinson, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Maker, Hominy, Okla.; Mrs. J. G. Pade, McCook, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Enloe, El Reno, Okla.; Mrs. Gus Kesselring, Denver, Colo.

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Thanksgiving Dance

The first formal dance of the year was held on Thanksgiving evening in the school gymnasium. It started at nine o'clock, an orchestra from Lindsborg furnishing the music. At this dance there were a number of out of town guests as well as some of the old cadets.

The gymnasium was decorated along a modernistic plan. Many colored streamers dropped from the ceiling over the electric lights which gave the appearance of great chandeliers.

During the intermission the cracksquad put on its first public drill of the year.

At twelve o'clock the affair came to a close. The cadets were given an hour to see their girls home and return to school.

Holiday Plans

Major Clem, Lieut. Evans, and Lieut. Hidalgo expect to motor down to Mexico City. Mrs. Clem and children will visit relatives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mrs. E. M. Mize and the Rev. Leonard Mitchell will remain at school.

Capt. Simpson and Lieut. Mosher expect to spend part of the vacation at the former's home in Brewster, Kansas, and the other part at the latter's home in Parsons, Kansas.

Capt. Brown will visit his home in Miami, Florida.

Lieut. Lantz will be at his home in Republican City, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert will spend part of the vacation with Mrs. Tolbert's parents in Colorado Springs.

SEVERAL GOOD MOTION
PICTURES ARE SHOWN

The cadets seem to be enjoying the motion pictures being shown nearly every Saturday evening in the study hall. They are given especially for the benefit of the boys who do not go on pass.

Among the features recently shown were: "The Phantom Flyer," a film dealing with the adventures of an aviator; "The Lost World," a picturization of A. Conan Doyle's novel of the same name; and "The Forbidden City," a tale of adventure in China.

A number of one and two reel comedies and cartoons have been shown. The boys enjoyed particularly a short containing scenes of the 1936 Olympics. Two long educational films have been shown, treating the refinement of nickel and sulphur and depicting their uses in the field of industry.

The cadets now wear white belts and white gloves at dress parades.

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JOKES

Capt. Simpson: "Oh shucks. Inky ate up the nice Welsh rabbit I just made on my electric grill."

Coach Mosher: "Never mind. You can buy another dog."

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Lieut. Hidalgo (in bird shop): "Are you sure this parrot can talk. I won't buy him if he can't."

Dealer: "Can he talk? Why the other day Golden couldn't get in a word edge-wise when he and Gordon were in to look at the bird."

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Watson: "Did you know that all the money in the cash register in the Q. M. is tainted?"

Haythorn: "How is that?"

Watson: "Tain't yours and tain't mine."

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Bradford: "I suppose nothing is too good for that room mate of yours."

McCarty: "Sure, no matter how good things are he always must have something better."

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Mother: "What is troubling you, Janet. Is it something private?"

Janet: "No, mother, it's a sergeant."

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Patton: "I understand the people in the laundry nearly died laughing at your red, white, and blue pajamas."

Fletcher W.: "Yes, I noticed that they came back with their sides split."

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Tissaw: "I shall study medicine when I go to college. I've always wanted to be a bone specialist."

Davis: "Well, you've surely got a good head for it."

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Ver Brugge: "You look like a nice sensible girl; let's get married."

The Girl: "No, I'm just as nice and sensible as I look."

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Stackelbeck: "A fortune teller told me that some one near to me is going to be disappointed soon."

Keraus: "Out with it. Aren't you trying to tell me you can't return that dollar you borrowed?"

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Thornton lately is so fond of going into the school parlor. Is it because he has taken up playing checkers?

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Mrs. Clem: "I sent Cub for two pounds of candy and I only received a pound and a half."

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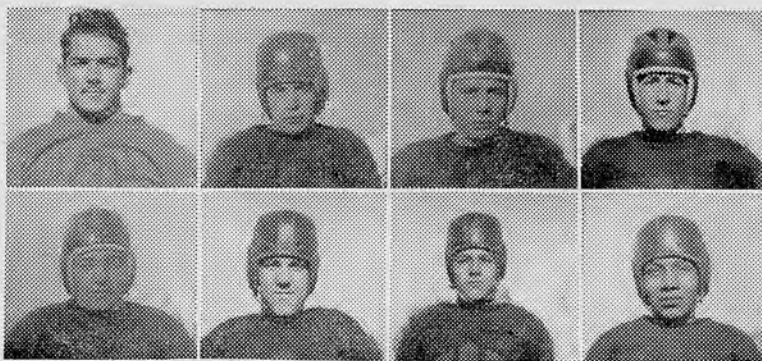
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A GROUP OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Top row (left to right): Coach Lantz, Patton, McCarty, Becker.
Bottom row: Thompson, Gadeke, Thornton, Maker H.

HASKELL WINS GAME FROM CADET ELEVEN

The cadets played Haskell Institute in Lawrence on November 6.

Captain Fletcher won the toss and decided to receive. The Haskell team kicked off to St. John's. The cadet eleven were not able to gain through a strong Haskell line so punted. The Haskell team could not gain either so punted. St. John's fumbled, and Haskell recovered the ball and in a series of line plays, scored the first touchdown of the game. A pass over the goal line was good for the extra point. Haskell kicked off to St. John's and again the cadets fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Haskell as the first period ended.

The second quarter started with Haskell's making another touchdown on a reverse play and place kicking for the extra point. Haskell kicked off to the soldiers and Fletcher ran the kick back 30 yards. Fletcher then worked his way into the open and was away for a touchdown, but the officials called the ball back. The cadets then punted, and during the rest of the quarter were on defense.

The second half started with the Haskell team's kicking off to the cadets. A forward pass from punt formation was completed to the Haskell 40 yard line. The soldiers could do nothing with the Haskell line so punted to the 12 yard line where the ball fell dead. Haskell was forced back to their five yard line as the third quarter ended.

On the first play of the fourth period Haskell ran around end to the 25 yard line. The rest of the game was a battle in midfield. The game ended with the score 14 to 0 in favor of Haskell. Fletcher and Culp were outstanding for the cadets. The St. John's team played excellent ball against a team that outweighed them 15 to 25 pounds to the man.

FOOTBALL RALLIES

On the evenings preceding the Gypsum and Marquette football games, the cadets had rallies on the campus. Just as soon as they had finished dinner, they assembled outside and lit the bonfires which had been made ready early in the day.

Coach Mosher and Bill Fletcher, captain of the football team, made pep talks. The cadets sang songs and practiced yells. Probably the most impressive part of the gathering was the scene in which the new boys knelt around the fire and prayed for victory.

SEVERAL GUESTS ARE ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

A number somewhat larger than usual sat down for dinner in the dining room on the evening of December 3. The trustees of St. John's School and several members of the Group School of Reserve Officers in Saline County were the guests. Each of the trustees was placed at a different table so that he might have an opportunity to talk with the cadets and the faculty member in charge. The Reserve Officers sat together at a table presided over by Lieut. Evans.

After the meal was finished, one of the Reserve officers, Col. John J. McCurdy, of Lincoln, Kansas, Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's department, made a talk. His remarks addressed mainly to the cadets, contained many helpful points about how one should face the battle of life after school days are over.

ALUMNI NOTES

Robert and Sidney Hayes, '30, recently visited school. Robert is living in Wichita and Sidney, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jack Finder, '36, and Jimmy Eaker, '35, spent Thanksgiving at school.

Raymond R. Green, '30, of Eureka, Kansas, died at the Mayo Brothers hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, on November 8.

Paul Whitmore, '29, is working for the Gulf Oil Co., at Seminole, Okla.

Harry Kintz, '27, of Fairplay, Colo., was married on October 12 at Annapolis, Md., to Miss Marie Virginia James.

George Warren, '30, and Mrs. Warren are the parents of a daughter born in September.

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HALLOWE'EN IS SPENT QUIETLY AT SCHOOL

The usual evening passes were not issued this year on the last Saturday in October because it was Hallowe'en. A number of young ladies came out from town, and there was a dance in the school dining hall. The room was appropriately decorated with silhouette witches and black cats on the walls. The electric lights were dimmed to produce a spooky effect. A radio and a victrola furnished the music.

The boys who did not care to attend the dance spent the time either in the barracks or out on the grounds. Lieut. Evans detailed a number of them to act as guards for the school property. Last year some of the town boys came out and did more or less damage. This year pranksters did not visit the school, possibly because they had got wind of the fact that the cadets were waiting for them.

McCoy D.: "It says in the Bible that Lot's wife looked around and turned to salt."

Ashford: "That's nothing. A girl got on a street car the other day in my home town of Stafford and six men turned to rubber."

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A GROUP OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Top row (left to right): Goodfellow, Ashford, Willard, Golden.
Middle row: Williams, Gordon, Stackelbeck, Tissaw.
Bottom row: Bradford, Lucas.

ENTERTAINS GROUP OF
YOUNGER BOYS AT PARTY

On the evening of November 19 Capt. Brown, assisted by Lieut. Hidalgo, gave a party for the boys of the Junior School and members of the Freshman class. The affair was held in the mathematics class room.

The entertainment was of a varied sort, consisting of contests and games. In some of these Capt. Brown gave small prizes, either bags of candy or nickles or dimes. In one contest the letters making up the names of flowers were mixed up and had to be arranged in the proper order. Probably the most popular game was the treasure hunt which took the boys into a number of rooms throughout the building.

Other games the boys played were "Hurly-Burly," "The Jolly Old Miller," "Marching to Jerusalem," and "London Bridge is Falling Down." The last mentioned game ended up with a tug-of-war in which Lieut. Hidalgo's side was victorious over Capt. Brown's.

About quarter of ten the crowd went down to the school dining hall. Here they partook of refreshments consisting of punch and sandwiches. Then the boys hurried to bed as Taps had sounded some time before.

Lieutenant Hidalgo recently paid a visit to his home in Emporia, Kansas.



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CADETS PASS A MOST
PLEASANT THANKSGIVING

Reveille sounded an hour later on Thanksgiving morning. Following breakfast a short service was held in the chapel. At ten o'clock came the football game on Perkins Field between St. John's and Marquette.

At two o'clock dinner was served in the dining hall. Several extra tables were set up as there were a number of the boys' parents present. The tables almost groaned under the weight of the turkey and other good things.

At five o'clock the corps put on a Dress Parade. At six a buffet supper was served. At eight-thirty a dance was held in the gymnasium.

A number of cadets attended the Shrine Circus in Memorial Hall on Dec. 10.

Last week the Rev. Leonard Mitchell purchased a cocker spainel pup.

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Rain or Shine

SENIORS ATTEND PLAY
AT KANSAS WESLEYAN

The seniors of St. John's School and the Salina High School were guests of the Black Masque Dramatic Club of Kansas Wesleyan University on November 12 when they put on their fall play "The Enchanted Cottage." Several of the St. John's faculty accompanied the group to the performance which was given in Sam's Chapel in the Administration building. It was directed by Charles H. Mead, Jr., head of the Department of Public Speaking.

The story of "The Enchanted Cottage" takes place in a small English village, a few years after the World War. A bit of fantasy is introduced in the second act. Through the power of love the leading couple change from an invalid war veteran and unattractive girl into a handsome active man and a beautiful woman. In the dream scene six extra persons appear.

The play was indeed an enjoyable one. The stage settings were artistic, and the acting was so good that it seemed almost professional.

On November 28 Mrs. Gus Kesselring of Denver gave a dinner party for her son at the Lamer Hotel. A number of the faculty and cadets were present.

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