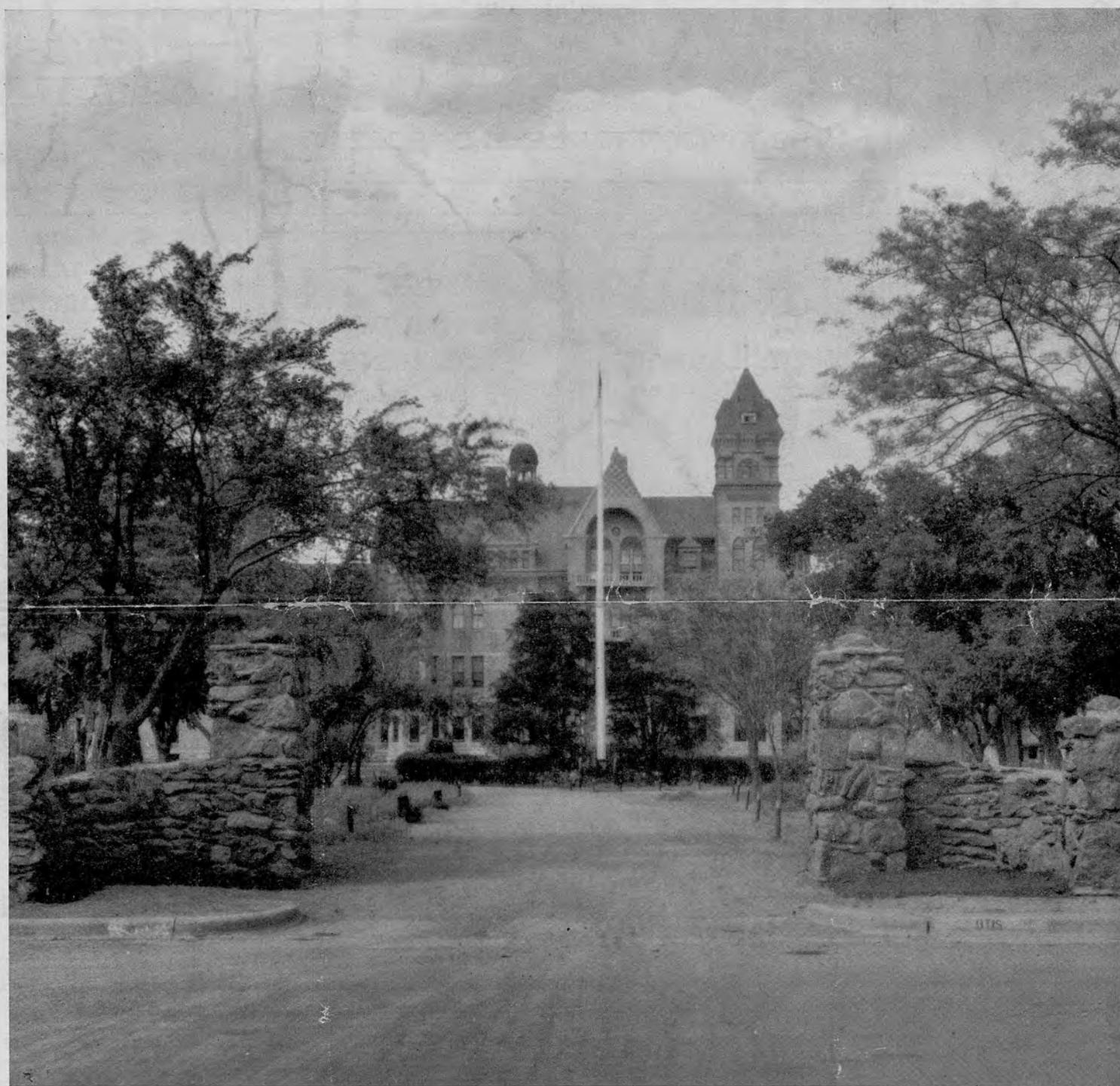




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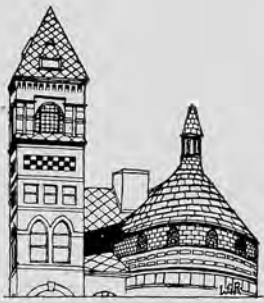
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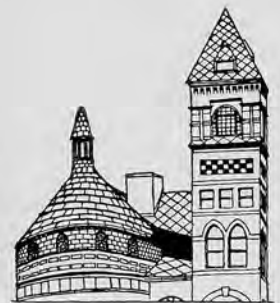
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COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN

MANY ALUMNI HERE TO HELP CELEBRATE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The commencement of 1937 is an important one for St. John's School. This year is not merely a period of graduation when eighteen seniors take leave of the institution, but it is a period of reunions. Many old boys are returning to their alma mater to help her celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of her founding.

An effort has been made to get in touch with every old boy. Due to the fact that the St. John's Alumni Association has not been very active in the past, the records are incomplete and some of the addresses are not recent. In this way a few of the alumni have been missed.

A colorful program has been planned for all who attend the commencement. It is printed below:

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Friday, May Twenty-first

6:30 p.m.—Demonstration by all Units of the National Guard Setting Up and Inspection of Field Equipment Drill by American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Retreat Parade—National Guard, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. John's Cadets Address—Major Frank McFarland, Topeka Band Concert—Municipal Band

Saturday, May Twenty-second

9:30 a.m.—Athletic Field Day
9:00 p.m.—Senior Dance
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BOYS ENTER PATRIOTIC ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Ten boys have submitted papers in the contest in patriotic essay writing sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Daughters. Both Stanard and Golden wrote on the subject "Crime Prevention;" Lotker and Musick, on "The Conservation of Our Forests;" and Big Eagle and Breyfogle V., on "Advantages of Military Training Camps." Maker L. wrote on "The Never Ending Struggle with the Insect World;" Venneberg, on "The Lesson to be Learned from Floods and Droughts;" Breyfogle S., and Willard, on "War, the Supreme Menace Today."

The contestants were allowed to choose any subject involving patriotism and high civic ideals, but all of them chose subjects especially recommended by the Colonial Daughters. The society's bronze gold medal will be awarded to the winner at Commencement.

All of the contestants this year were allowed to substitute their thesis for certain work in their English classes.



MAJOR R. L. CLEM

Greetings

One of the measures by which the value of an institution may be determined is the degree of loyalty shown by its alumni. The return of so many of the 'old boys,' especially those of the early days, is very gratifying to those of us now at St. John's and is particularly complimentary to the Class of 1937. We hope your experiences here will be only pleasant ones and that you will come again.

R. L. CLEM

Junior School Boys Present Little Play

"Goldilocks and The Three Bears" Put on in Spanish

Have you ever tried to see through your nose? This is what the three young cadets in Lieut. Hidalgo's class in Conversational Spanish have had to do whenever they put on their big paper animal heads and took the parts of the three bears in the play "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Lieut. Hidalgo has presented his boys on two occasions—both times in the dining hall at the close of dinner when there were special guests. A portion of the room was set off for a stage.

Austin played the role of Goldilocks, and the golden curls dangling down from under his bonnet to the shoulders of his little gingham dress made him look the part. Pade was the father bear; Morrison, the mother bear; and Clem, the baby bear. The boys walked rather awkwardly since their big heads were top heavy and had to be tilted back so that they could see through the noses.

Of course all the speeches were in Spanish. The boys had been working for many weeks on the play, and their pronunciation was especially good.

Two informal dances have been held in the gymnasium recently. An electric victrola furnished the music. Mrs. Clem and Mrs. Prince were the chaperones.

SENIORS ACCOMPLISH WORTHWHILE PROJECTS

This year's senior class is an energetic bunch if the work they have been doing towards beautifying the campus counts for anything. Probably the most worthwhile thing that they have been doing along this line is that of continuing the retaining wall along the east side of Vail Hall to a line at the north edge. Almost daily a number of the boys have given of their off time to this project. They have hauled load after load of sandstone from the quarries near Hedville about ten miles distant. They have also procured many loads of brick to be used as a base. The bricks were given by Mr. Leo Hill, a great friend of the school, and came from the old Salina Journal building recently demolished to make room for the new postoffice. After completing the wall the boys have filled in the space with dirt, making a new terrace level with the one at the front of the school. All that is needed now is for grass seeds to be sown.

In addition to this project the seniors have done much else that is worthwhile around the school grounds. They have laid bricks north of the entrance gates, at the place where the bus stops which used to be a regular mud hole in wet weather. They have set rocks in artistic lines along the borders of some of the paths. They have narrowed the road at the side of the main building and provided parking places for cars.

Rifle Team is Victor Over Two Opponents

Army Defeats Navy in a Match by Nineteen Points

Within the past few weeks three rifle matches have been fired on the indoor range in the school basement. In the first two the St. John's rifle team was victorious over its opponents, the Minneapolis Junior Rifle Club and the Salina High team. The third match was an intra-mural affair between the St. John's rival clubs, the Army and Navy, in which the Army won.

In the match with Minneapolis the score was 925 to 780 in the cadet's favor. The St. John's rifle scores were as follows: Keraus, 98; Jackson, 97; McCoy C., 95; Williams, 93; Willard, 92; McCoy D., 90; Tissaw, 90; May, 86; Musick, 86. In the Salina High match in which the cadets won 937 to 842 the scores were: Keraus, 99; Musick, 98; McCoy C., Jackson, Boggs, 96; Williams, 94; McCoy D., 93; Tissaw, May, 91; Willard, 83.

In the Army-Navy match the Army won 487 to 468. The scores was as follows: Army—Keraus, Musick, 98; Willard, Jackson, May 97.

Navy—Boggs, McCoy C., McCoy D., 96; Patton, Tissaw, 90.

Bishop Mize is planning to give each of this year's graduates a gold medal commemorative of the school's fiftieth anniversary.

LETTERMEN HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET AND DANCE

INTERESTING TALKS ARE MADE. COACH MOSHER GIVES CADETS AWARDS

The Lettermen's annual banquet and dance took place on the evening of April 9. The banquet was held in the school dining hall which had been specially decorated. Pennants adorned the wall, and the tables were covered with strips of crepe paper of orange and black, the school colors. Black tapers were set up at intervals.

Each boy was privileged to bring a young lady. A couple found their seats from the unique place card which had the boy's photograph on the cover. The faculty also attended the banquet, some of them in company with lady friends.

The speeches which came at the conclusion of the meal, were broadcast over Station KFBI, Abilene. Major Clem served as toastmaster, and after a few words of greeting introduced the speakers, Bishop R. H. Mize and Mr. Adrian Lindsey, head football coach of the University of Kansas. The Bishop spoke briefly upon the importance of this fiftieth anniversary of the founding of St. John's and urged any alumni who might be listening in to return for the coming Commencement festivities. Coach Lindsey's talk consisted mainly of reminiscences of the football games he either played in or watched when he was with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War.

After the speeches Coach Mosher made presentation of the Athletic Awards for the year. They were as follows:

Football—Becker, Boggs, Culp, Fletcher, F. (mgr.) Fletcher, W., Gadeke, Kesselring, Maker H., May, McCarty, McCoy, D., Patton, Stackelbeck, Thompson, Thornton, and Ver Brugge.

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CRACKSQUAD MAKES TWO PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Within the past few weeks the St. John's Cracksquad has put on two drills. On the first occasion they appeared in the school gymnasium before a group of the men teachers of Saline county who were dining at St. John's.

On the second occasion they came in from camp and drilled in Kenwood Park before the beginning of the baseball game between the Salina Sheet Iron and Metal Company team and the Company "A" 9th Engineers, Fort Riley, team. For this drill a special platform had been erected. On account of the high wind blowing at the time the color guard had difficulty in performing its part.

The boys in this year's Cracksquad include: Williams, Thompson, Patton, Breyfogle S., Breyfogle V., Tissaw, Gadeke, McCoy D., Gordon, Thornton, Willard, Musick, Stanard, Becker, Bigley, and Culp. Kesselring is the captain and Keraus, the bugler.

THE PICNIC

The fiftieth anniversary of Captain Miller's birth occurred on the 11th of May.

Long prior to this time, Mrs. Captain Miller and the cadets of St. John's had decided to celebrate in some suitable manner, the occasion that would mark the fiftieth year of our gallant commandant's life and nearly the thirtieth year since his goodly eyes "glowed o'er the files and musters of the war."

As the winter was past and spring had come in all her glory, it was determined to hold a Basket Picnic in Thomas Park, and in order to do this it was necessary to place the park in proper condition.

The cadets, in happy anticipation of the result that would reward their labors, erected a beautiful rustic bridge across the creek, while rustic seats and shaded bowers followed in quick succession, so that just before the date of the Picnic the Park appeared as if it had risen from the "stroke of the enchanter's wand."

"'Twas a spot where even an immortal might awhile linger and gaze with wonder and delight."

As the 11th of May, the date of the Captain's birth, came on Sunday, Saturday, the 10th, was set apart for the celebration, the faculty of the school granting a half holiday for that purpose.

The day was fair as could be desired, and it seemed as if nature had joined with the cadets in doing homage to the Captain, and in making the event a success.

Early in the afternoon the guests, the young ladies of Salina, arrived. They were met at the grounds by the cadets who had anxiously been waiting their coming.

The Cadet Silver Cornet band was also present and the air was sweet with the strains of music.

Before many minutes had elapsed nearly every cadet had made his choice of beauty, and resting on the rustic seats or walking through the shady groves could be seen our fair guests and the "disciplined young elves" whose "eyes looked love to eyes that spake again." While others on the tennis courts or in the swings displayed their skill or daring.

Thus sped the afternoon until the bugle sounded the always welcome notes of "Mess Call" when the baskets were unpacked and seventy cadets and as many fair damsels gathered around the many table cloths spread upon the grass and laden with every delicacy the young ladies of Salina could imagine, and certainly their imagination was not deficient, for every variety of food was laid before the hungry students and their guests. Although some of the cake the girls said they made themselves was a trifle heavy, still the banquet was a success and the half starved cadet made so much of his opportunity that the sick list was considerably enlarged during the ensuing week.

When the "wing of night had o'er-spread the earth" the park was abandoned for the Hall where arrangements had been made for a hop, and when "music arose with its voluptuous swell" the picnickers could be seen in the mazes of the waltz, the polka and the quadrille.

At an early hour the bugle's blast was heard once more, this time sounding the unwelcome notes of "Tattoo" and after partings that brought the blush to many a fair cheek, our guests departed for their homes.

Thus ended one of the most successful entertainments ever given at the school.

All the beauty of Salina was in attendance. "Joy was unconfined and all went merry as a marriage bell."

—The St. John's Cadet, May, 1890.

Did You Know—?

When Bishop Vail laid the corner stone of St. John's School back in 1887, a hard dust storm was blowing. It's the same old Kansas.

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Bishop E. S. Thomas' son, Nathaniel S. Thomas, taught English History and Literature at St. John's back in 1890. He later became Bishop of Wyoming. He died a few weeks ago in Florida.

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The first chaplain, the Rev. E. P. Chittenden, wrote a long religious poem called the "Pleroma," and read it a number of times before the cadet corps and audiences down town. The poem received much favorable comment from the press.

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The early cadets had a bicycle club. Strange to say that before a boy could join, he had to have a wheel of his own. The members took trips to all the nearby towns.

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In the gay 90's there was a school publication called the "St. John's Cadet." The "Skirmisher" did not get started until 1903.

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Before the present barracks were built in 1904, the cadets slept in the big room on the fourth floor which is now the study hall. It was divided into many compartments. Once in a while a shoe which was tossed in the air fell on a next-door-neighbor's head.

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Until St. Joseph's Academy in Hays introduced military training in 1932, St. John's was the only military school in Kansas.

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Bishop E. S. Thomas died at St. John's. He was taken suddenly ill while visiting the school and passed away before he could be moved to a hospital.

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The class of 1890 was the first to graduate from St. John's. There were two members — John Gurdon Huntington and Henry Buel Ober. The latter was valedictorian. Mr. Ober at present operates a men's furnishing store in Lawrence, Kansas.

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When Col. Ganssle was at the head of the school, he and his Commandant, Major Weir, helped kill a circus elephant that had gone mad.

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Cubbie, the bear mascot back in 1920, was very intelligent. He occasionally got loose and took baths in the tub, turning on the water himself.

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Mr. Jack Romanes, an instructor at St. John's school, organized at Christ Cathedral, Salina, the Raven patrol, said to be the first troop in the United States of the Boy Scouts of America. Dean Kincaid was the dean of the Cathedral at the time.

Organizes Quartet

Mr. Ralph W. Reitz, who has a music studio down town, has been doing excellent work with four of the cadets who are taking private lessons in voice from him. He has organized them into a quartet. The group has appeared several times out at school and before audiences down town. Mr. Reitz plans to present them in a special program for the visitors at St. John's during the commencement festivities.

The quartet consists of the following boys: Bigley, first tenor; Thompson, second tenor; McCoy D., baritone; and Williams, base.



BISHOP E. S. THOMAS

About St. John's School

Bishop Elisha S. Thomas may well be called the founder of St. John's School. Soon after taking up his residence in Salina as Bishop Coadjutor of Kansas, he was inspired with the idea of starting a Church school similar to the Shattuck School in Fairbault, Minnesota with which he was more or less familiar. He interested a number of prominent citizens and soon the school was incorporated. The incorporators were Bishop Thomas, the Rev. E. P. Chittenden, W. D. Christian, Joseph A. Antrim, Arthur M. Clafin, Hugh King, J. H. Prescott, E. W. Ober, and Wm. Hogben. Money was secured for the erection of the building by selling lots in the subdivision outside of town in which the school was to be located. Late in 1887 Bishop Thomas H. Vail of the Diocese of Kansas laid the cornerstone.

Though still under construction, the school opened its doors in September 1888 with thirty six pupils, six only of whom were boarders. The next year the enrollment had more than doubled.

Bishop Thomas was the president of the Board of Trustees until his death in 1895. He also was Rector of the school except for a short period when the Rev. E. P. Chittenden took over the duties. Upon the death of Bishop Vail in 1889, Bishop Thomas became Bishop of Kansas. Though he changed his residence from Salina to Topeka, he still came to St. John's at frequent intervals. He died in 1895.

After Bishop Thomas's death Bishop Frank R. Millspaugh took an active interest in the school. Then in 1901 after the Diocese of Salina was formed from the Diocese of Kansas, Bishop Sheldon M. Griswold took over the supervision of the school until his translation in 1917 to the Diocese of Chicago. Bishop Griswold was followed by Bishop John C. Sage who in turn was succeeded by Bishop Robert H. Mize in 1921. Bishop Mize is the present Bishop of Salina.

Much might be said in praise of the many heads of the school and members of the faculty who so unselfishly and tirelessly worked for its advancement. Bishop Mize has given the longest service. For seven years, 1898 to 1905, he was Rector of the institution and since his elevation to the Episcopacy in 1921 he has had an oversight of its affairs, living part of the time at the school. Much might be said of Colonel W. L. Ganssle who was at the head from 1915 to 1928. It was under his regime that the Cracksquad was started; also the two rival intra-mural clubs, the Army and Navy. The school owes much to the Commandant Colonel Roy W. Perkins, who though in poor

health, labored for a number of years in its behalf until his death in 1931. Mr. Newell A. Barker, Senior Master from 1917 to 1935, deserves mention for his loyalty and untiring work. He is responsible for the excellent catalogue system in the library.

When St. John's opened its doors it consisted of just one building known as Vail Hall. A year or two later a gymnasium was built. This burned in 1901 and was replaced by a larger one. In 1904 barracks were added to Vail Hall. In 1922 the Junior School building, formerly St. Barnabas Hospital, was added.

SCHOOL ARMORY AND RIFLES ARE INSPECTED

Mr. L. E. Beachell, Ordinance Department, 7th Corps Area, Omaha, made an inspection of the school armory and rifle equipment on April 12th last. Lieut. Evans and Lieut. Joe Keraus, the latter of whom has charge of the armory this year, accompanied him when he made his rounds.

The inspecting officer said he was pleased with what he had seen and was going to give St. John's a high rating. He made one requirement that bars be placed over the armory windows. He condemned one Springfield caliber 22 target rifle.

After Mr. Beachell's departure his request that bars be put over the windows was immediately carried out. Lieut. Evans has laid aside the condemned rifle and is awaiting official word from the War Department to exchange it for a new rifle.

St. John's is indeed proud of its armory this year. The new rifles—Winchesters, Remingtons, and Eddystones—all make a neat display in the rifle racks. They have all been carefully cleaned and shine with a luster. The long cleaning stand, and the bulletin board occupy conspicuous positions at one end of the room. Lieut. Keraus deserves a great deal of credit for putting things in such a good shape.

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN

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Sunday, May Twenty-third

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service, Christ Cathedral
Sermon—Bishop R. H. Mize, Diocese of Salina

12:30 p.m.—Alumni Luncheon Lamer Hotel

2:00 p.m.—Military Field Day

5:30 p.m.—Final Retreat Parade
Presentations of Commissions
Brig. Gen. M. R. McLean
Adjutant General of Kansas

6:00 p.m.—Buffer Supper
(Parents and Invited Guests)

8:00 p.m.—Commencement Exercises
Presentation of Awards
and Diplomas

Address—
Judge Bayard H. Paine
Nebraska Supreme Court

Monday, May Twenty-fourth
9:00 a.m.—Last Formation
Lowering of Colors
Dismissal

Manager: "From your references I see you've had four places the last month."

Boggs: "Yes, sir, but that shows how much in demand I am."

Becker: "Last summer I spoke to thousands of people in one of Denver's largest theaters."

Thornton: "That's wonderful. What did you say?"

Becker: "Peanuts, popcorn, candy."

OUT OF FINALS

The following cadets were excused from final examinations in certain subjects, their averages being ninety per cent or above.

Lotker, Stanard, Musick, Gordon, English; Gordon, Psychology; Venneberg, Algebra; Musick, Geometry; Gordon, Chemistry; Becker, Gordon, Musick, Thornton, Spanish; Lotker, Stanard, Latin.

The following seniors were excused from final examinations in certain subjects, their averages being eighty-five per cent or above

Kesselring, McCarty, Breyfogle S., Breyfogle V., Jackson, Willard, English; Breyfogle S., Breyfogle V., Kesselring, McCarty, Psychology; Breyfogle V., Kesselring, McCoy D., Thompson, Ver Brugge, Willard, Williams, Physics; Ashford, Breyfogle S., Golden, Business Arithmetic; Breyfogle V., Kesselring, McCarty, McCoy D., Ver Brugge, Thompson, Willard, American History; Breyfogle S., Breyfogle V., McCoy D., Kesselring, Latin; Golden, Keraus, McCoy C., Thompson, French; Bailey, Spanish.

FIRING RESULTS AT CAMP

Below are given the results in the firing held at Ft. Riley when the cadets were at camp. 250 points is the greatest number of points that can be made.

Expert—Keraus, 233.

Sharpshooters—McCoy D., 217; McCarty, Musick, and Willard, 214.

Marksmen—Lavery, 213; May, 195; Kesselring, 194; Carroll, 192; Boggs and Jackson, 190.

Lotker and Maker H. were given special mention because they almost qualified.

NEW CATALOGUE TO BE ARTISTIC PRODUCT

Major Clem and Mr. Tolbert have been working hard on this year's catalogue and hope to see it off the press and ready for distribution in about three weeks. Though possessing the same number of pages as last year, the catalogue will be much more attractive and will contain many more pictures. In fact the plan is to convey the message of St. John's in pictures rather than in words.

The cover will again be of orange and black color but a better quality of paper. The printing will be of the offset kind instead of the relief. The written material will be arranged in a different order so as to produce a better and more logical sequence.

The Cadet Court

The Cadet Court, which was started a few months ago, takes care of minor violations of rules. This organization is composed of a group of the older boys selected from seniors who are commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

Lieut. Evans established the Cadet Court at St. John's. He had seen it work most satisfactorily in other military schools and is much pleased with the results here. It has furthered leadership and has given the boys a certain amount of responsibility.

The members of the Cadet Court this year are: Kesselring, May, McCarty, McCoy, C., McCoy, D., Patton, Thompson, and Willard.

Golden: "Did you know that you were talking in your sleep last night?"

Gordon: "Oh, was I? I ought to get a chance to talk once in a while."



SGT. CHARLES F. W. SEITZ

This picture was taken in 1888. Mr. Seitz is now one of the school trustees.

MY CADET DAYS

The day St. John's Military school opened, my brother Theo. B. W. Seitz, Charles C. Teague and I drove the two miles to school in a two wheeled cart. We had built a small shed on the grounds joining the school barn. When we left, it became the property of the school.

On one occasion there was a small twister which took our shed and placed it on the other side of the hedge, which is now the street north of St. John's. Of course, we had to get it back over the hedge, but we had to have it rebuilt.

I well remember the first day. Everything was new and carpenters were still working.

There was no sidewalk—not even a street. Santa Fe Avenue had the finest soil you could ask for and when it rained it really seemed bottomless.

There were about thirty day pupils from Salina. We had a dinner bucket brigade, as we carried our lunches with us. The contents of those buckets made every day seem a picnic.

There were just six or eight regular boarding students, who lived at the school.

Prof. Clinton from Shattuck School was Headmaster. He looked like Pres. James A. Garfield to me, and Capt. W. H. Miller, a retired Army officer, was Commandant and looked like Gen. U. S. Grant to me.

I well remember on many an occasion while on drill, Capt. Miller would call out to me—"Back up, Seitz. Where do you think you are going? This is no horse race!"

Prof. H. H. Morrel was teacher of languages. Prof. Gates was our penmanship teacher. Prof. Nathaniel S. Thomas taught history and English.

The out of town students were: Wm. W. Doane of Winfield, Kans.; Lesley Truesdale, Fairbury, Neb.; Frank Crane, Topeka; Carey L. Gray, Leavenworth; C. W. Stowe, Topeka; W. C. Snow, Topeka.

Harry Zimmerly, Wichita, was at the end of the line—High Private!

The first year I was 2nd Sgt. and the next year, 1st Lt. of the Artillery Co. B. Martin Addison of Salina was Lt. of Co. A.

Many a time we could blame our tardiness on the balky horse we had bought from Dr. M. G. Cockey. We paid \$175.00 for this horse and when we sold it later, we got \$9.00 of which one half went to the auctioneer. This was the best horse in reverse you ever saw as he could back all the way to town and never hit anything.

Of course we had other excuses for being late—trains switching and blocking the road—or very muddy roads. After we got to school it was necessary to take a shower bath to be able to attend classes.

All the nice large trees in front of St. John's school were planted on Arbor Day by the cadets. I planted six of them myself and used to keep track of them with a mark on each.

The second year there were at least 85 students. Among them were Frank Doster, son of Judge Doster, and Burr Lakin of Topeka, Harry Hazlett of Abilene, and John Small of Topeka.

On the occasion of the death of Bishop Vail, 1st Bishop of Kansas, St. John's School sent an escort to Topeka to attend the funeral there. I was one of these cadets, and well remember the trip—quite an experience for youngsters at that time. We were permitted to go into the State Capitol, a big thrill 50 years ago.

CHARLES F. W. SEITZ

THE REVEREND RICHARD NALE TO BE CHAPLAIN

Recently appointed by Bishop R. H. Mize, the Rev. Richard Nale, Kansas City, Mo., will assume his duties at St. John's Military School beginning with the fall term, as school chaplain, instructor in physical science and assistant athletic coach. Rev. Mr. Nale, who for the past two years has been connected with the Hays associate mission at Hays, Kansas, was educated in the Mount Clair, N. J. high school, Columbia University, and the General Theological Seminary of New York City. During his college days at Columbia he filled a prominent part in college athletics, having been captain of the ice hockey team in 1931-32 and also a member of the student council the same year. He comes well prepared for the work at St. John's, as his experience has included the position of counselor and director of various boys' camps in New England, acting chaplain of four prominent New York City hospitals, and assistant rector at St. James in Upper Mount Clair, N. J.

Diggledy—dig, diggle-dy dig
I know a boy with ears bigger than big
I know a boy with nose longer than long
Have I not made up a cute little song?

"Your teeth are like the stars," he said
And pressed her hand so white
And he spoke true, for like the stars
Her teeth came out at night.

ALUMNI NOTES

James De Wolfe, Jr., x'32, is attending the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee.

Robert Crooks, '27, and Miss Enid Fay Hawley were married at San Diego, California on April 16. Their home is 2861 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego.

Recent visitors at the school included D. L. Dyer, '05; Horace Wilbur, '35; John Ehrsam, '34; Tom Stamey, '34. Stamey recently moved to Scandia, Kansas.

William Hutto, '24, has opened a clothing store at Great Bend, Kansas.

John York, '36, is taking a radio operator's course at the Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois.

Jack Finder, '36, is stationed at the Naval Training School, San Diego, California.

Leo Miller Hyde, '94, died recently at his home in Reading, Kansas.

One day last winter a number of the old boys met in reunion at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver. Among those present were Charles Shakespere, '33; Kenneth White, '33; Gerson Radelsky, '31; Charles Davlin, '32; Max Moberly, x'34; Mack Kennedy, x'34; Jim Gray, x'32; Nelson Richards, '34.

Boys attending Colorado University include Jack Condon, '36; Buell Pace, '36; Mack Kennedy, x'34; Kenneth White, '33; Lewis Todhunter, x'31.

Boys attending Colorado College are Charles Shakespere, '33; Max Moberly, x'34.

Jim Gray, x'32, is going to Denver University.

Mr. Edgar Carruth, of Herington, Kansas, father of Bob Carruth, x'36, died the latter part of April. Mr. Carruth was a great friend of St. John's, and last year he and Mrs. Carruth presented the school with a beautiful set of colors. Major Clem, Captain Simpson, and Cadets Patton and Breyfogle S. attended the funeral.

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To Our Alumni

While getting out this issue of the Skirmisher, we, the editors, have had our alumni and the St. John's of the past foremost in mind.

We often think about you old boys, who in former years traversed the same paths, dreamed the same dreams, and faced the same problems as we are doing today. We know that it is you who played a large part in giving St. John's the enviable reputation it now enjoys.

The past is always filled with romance. We see your initials and names carved in various places in this old building. We wonder about those boys who once toiled to make the Skirmisher a success, those boys who were members of the Army and Navy clubs. Indeed we wonder many things about you.

We are glad to have you back with us to help celebrate our school's fiftieth birthday. We hope your stay in our midst will be a pleasant one and will bring back sweet memories of your boyhood. Some of us will be joining your ranks very shortly. If we can be of any service to you, let us know.

We are all proud of our St. John's. Indeed it is a grand old school.

The Park

Persons returning to St. John's after several month's absence would hardly recognize the wooded section near the school known as the park. The new cut-off on Highway No. 81 has bisected it and the school has leased what was left to the city. This and some of the adjoining property have been made into an attractive recreation spot known as Road-side Park.

Two attractive red brick gates topped with slabs of granite afford entrances to the place on both sides of the highway. Much of the ground has been planted with grass, and beds of flowers are scattered here and there. Rustic benches are to be found under a number of the trees, and there are several stone drinking fountains. A fair-sized pavilion with dark green roof and pillars and a concrete floor is on one side of the road. At numerous places there are picnic tables and brick fire places.

Capt. Simpson has moved into the quarters on the third floor of Vail Hall with the Rev. Leonard Mitchell. Coach Mosher has moved into Capt. Simpson's old room on the first floor of the barracks. Lieut. Hidalgo has moved into Coach Mosher's old room on the third floor of the barracks.



THE ST. JOHN'S FOOTBALL TEAM

REPORT ON GRADES

Highest Averages

Upper School: Gordon, 92.9; Musick, 91.3; Thompson, 90.8.

Lower School: Stokes, 86.8; Clem, 86.8.

Highest in Each Class

Algebra 1 and 2, Venneberg, 90; Algebra 3, Thompson, 87.8; Plane Geometry, Musick, 90; Solid Geometry, Thompson, 85.8; Business Arithmetic, Ashford, 91; Chemistry, Gordon, 92.6; Physics, Thompson, 91.8; General Science, Bradford and Maker L., 86.5; Economic Geography, Ver Brugge, 89.1; Ancient History, Lavery, 81; Modern European History, Stanard, 85; American History, McCarty, 88.5; Psychology, Gordon, 91; English 1 and 2, Lotker, 90.5; English 3 and 4, Stanard, 90; English 5 and 6, Gordon, 92.6; English 7 and 8, Breyfogle S., 90.8; Latin 1 and 2, Lotker, 97.6; Latin 3 and 4, McCoy D., 90.9; Spanish 1 and 2, Gordon, 94.4; French 3 and 4, Thompson, 96.6; Constitution, Golden and Gordon, 93; International Relations, Kesselring and McCarty, 85.

NEW ADDRESS SYSTEM

Not many months ago St. John's added to its equipment a public address system, consisting of a twenty-five watt amplifier, a Super-vox speaker, and a very sensitive crystal microphone.

It has found a number of uses here at school. Major Clem has used it in the dining hall so that his voice might carry and be heard at all the tables. Lieutenant Evans has used it out on the field to explain to visitors the maneuvers of the parade. Coach Mosher has used it in football games to announce certain plays that have been made.

The address system has given the cadets an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the workings of a very modern type of technical equipment.

On the night of December 17, 1903, the Rector and Mrs. Mize entertained the non-commissioned officers and older cadets. Mr. and Mrs. Mize received great praise in regard to their entertaining and everyone looks forward to an invitation to their "At Home."

On the same night a peanut hunt was enjoyed by the youngsters in the rooms on the first floor. The prize, a match tray, was captured by Cadet Noel, and after a good supper the boys went upstairs to bed.—The Skirmisher, January 1904.

LOCAL NEWS

T. C. Bishop, former coach, was a recent visitor at the school. He now lives in Kansas City and is connected with the Phillips Petroleum Company.

R. R. Shideler, former bursar, of Kingman, Kansas, was in Salina recently attending Scottish Rite ceremonial.

Dr. George Stafford, the St. John's physician, will give a weekly course of lectures to the cadet corps next year on Social Hygiene.

Capt. Brown and his father plan to spend the summer in Europe. They sail from New York June 11 on the steamship "Bremen" for Southampton. Their itinerary includes England, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany.

The faculty recently presented Chaplain and Mrs. Edward M. Mize with an electric mixer.

A number of the trustees and their wives recently took dinner at St. John's. They were Col. and Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Utt, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. W. Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lee.

Recent visitors at school included Mrs. Robert Stanard and daughter Mary Lou, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Miss Pat Brown, Wichita, Kansas.

Many of the boys have visited the Indian burial pit south east of town. It is well worth the price of admission.

Miss Jo Marie Kintz of Fairplay, Colorado recently visited her brother Cadet Orville Kintz.

Not many weeks ago the Reverend Leonard Mitchell baptized Cadet Lotker in the school chapel. Bishop Mize will confirm Lotker at a special confirmation service, probably on Baccalaureate Sunday.

JOKES

Capt. Simpson (sternly) "Gus, were you pulling Inky's tail?"

Kesselring "No, sir. I was just holding it and he was doing the pulling."

May says that back home in Coffeyville he once took the part of the bride in "The Womanless Wedding." Everything went all right until a mean boy put some poison ivy in his bouquet.

Mr. Tolbert: "Sheep are awfully stupid, aren't they?"

Mrs. Tolbert (absentmindedly): "Yes, my lamb."

Bradford: "Lavery, can you keep a secret?"

Lavery: "I'll tell the world."

Miss Gosnell says some of the Marymount girls are pleading for a course in Manual Training. What nice little sawdust pin cushions the girl could make.

Lucas: "Last Saturday my suspenders broke right in the middle of Santa Fe Avenue."

Putney: "Weren't you terribly embarrassed?"

Lucas: "No, Ashford had them on."

Willard: "Gussie, how can you afford to take so many girls into such expensive restaurants?"

Kesselring: "Easy! Just before we go in, I ask each girl if she hasn't been putting on weight."

Jackson: "Say, if you had \$5 in your pocket, what would you think?"

Culp: "I'd think I had on somebody else's trousers."

Traffic Officer: "Say, why all the hurry? Do you want me to pinch you?"

Miss Gosnell: "Just because you're an officer, you don't need to get so familiar."

McCarty: "Say, Cy, do you like moving pictures?"

Bradford: Yes, sir, I do."

McCarty: "All right, help me change these pictures around on the walls."

Lavery: "I thought I'd die, laughing at that negro Jupiter in 'The Gold Bug.' He was just too funny to be allowed to live."

Capt. Brown: "There you are exaggerating again. I am positive I have cautioned you at least forty million times against the practice."

Little Angels

St. John's boys rejoice always Even on a rainy day. "Thirsty flowers," they say, "are glad. Why should boys at drill be sad?"

St. John's boys are filled with song Though the way is steep and long Gaily trip along the sod Even on demerit squad.

St. John's boys at close of day Heads on snowy pillows lay. Don't you see that halo there 'Round that clump of light brown hair?

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THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1937

Top Row (left to right): Golden, Patton, Thompson, Bailey, Jackson, May, Ver Brugge, Breyfogle V., Bigley, Breyfogle S.
Bottom Row: Ashford, Willard, McCarty, Kesselring, Keraus, McCoy C., Williams, McCoy D.

The Seniors

Albion R. Ashford, "Al," hails from Stafford, Kansas. He is eighteen years old, and this is his third year at St. John's. He is a first sergeant. He plans to attend Wichita University.

Donald M. Bailey, "Don," claims Hutchinson, Kansas as his home. He is seventeen years old and this is his first year at St. John's. He is a private. He will go to Kansas University.

Lloyd L. Bigley, "Uncle Lloyd," comes from Arkansas City, Kansas. He is twenty years old and this is his fourth year at St. John's. He holds the rank of sergeant.

Stanley W. Breyfogle, "Mouse," calls Overland Park, Kansas his home. He is seventeen years old and this is his second year at St. John's. He is a private first class.

W. Vance Breyfogle, "Moose," lives at Kansas City, Kansas. He is seventeen years old and this is his second year at St. John's. He holds the rank of corporal.

Marvin I. Golden, "Goldie," boasts of Denver, Colorado as his home. He is eighteen years old and this is his third year at St. John's. He is a sergeant and also company clerk. He expects to attend Colorado University.

William V. Jackson, "Stonewall," comes from Hutchinson, Kansas. He is nineteen years old and this is his first year at St. John's. He is a private.

Joe M. Keraus, "Smoky," comes from Denver, Colorado. He is eighteen years old and this is his seventh year at St. John's. He is a second lieutenant.

August V. Kesselring, "Gussie," is from Denver, Colorado. He is seventeen years old and this is his ninth year at St. John's. He holds the rank of captain and is commander of the cadet corps. Colorado School of Mines will receive him next year.

Richard R. May, "Daisy," claims Coffeyville, Kansas as his home town. He is seventeen years old and this is his third year at St. John's. He is a sergeant.

Jerry J. McCarty, "Iggy," is from Emporia, Kansas. He is eighteen years old and this is his ninth year at St. John's. He holds the rank of first lieutenant and adjutant.

W. Carson McCoy, "Mac," hails from Colorado Springs, Colo. He is seventeen years old and this is his fourth year at St. John's. He is a second lieutenant. He will attend Colorado College.

Donald J. McCoy, "Ducky," is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He is eighteen years old and this is his third year at St. John's. He is a first sergeant and is in command of the bugle corps. He expects to attend Kansas City University.

Richard L. Patton, "Pat," comes from Topeka, Kansas. He is seventeen years old and this is his third year at St. John's. He is a sergeant. He will attend Wentworth Junior College next year.

William I. Thompson, Jr., "Happy Freight Train," hails from Colony, Kansas. He is sixteen years old and this is his second year at St. John's. He is a sergeant.

Martin Ver Brugge, "Junior," is proud of his home town, Reading, Kansas. He is seventeen years old, and this is his second year at St. John's. He is a corporal. He hopes to attend Park College, Parkville, Mo., next year.

John H. Willard, "Willie," comes from Denver, Colorado. He is seventeen years old and this is his fifth year at St. John's. He holds the rank of second lieutenant. He expects to go to the Colorado School of Mines.

Richard J. Williams, "Deacon," has Cripple Creek, Colorado for a home town. He is seventeen years old and this is his fourth year at St. John's. He is a second lieutenant.

THANKS, EVERYBODY

The Skirmisher wants to thank everybody who has assisted towards making the Commencement a successful one. We thank the City of Salina for providing men and machinery to put the campus in shape and for erecting the speakers' platform on west field. We thank the electric light company for furnishing wiring and electricity. We thank radio station KFBI for broadcasting part of the speeches. We thank all the advertisers who made possible this special issue of our school paper. We thank everybody who has done anything for us.

ROAD TO COMMENCEMENT DAY

"Where is the road that leads the way
Of every boy to Commencement Day?"
" 'Tis the straight path there paved with
books and drill
Which much of the way goes straight up
hill.
Of all the roads there to be found
It's the one that covers the roughest
ground.
That is the road to Commencement Day."

"How is the road that leads the way
Of every boy to Commencement Day?"
"He who travels it meets with trials,
Discipline strict and self denials.
Enemies seek him to ensnare.
They're called 'Discouragement' and 'I
don't care.'
Such is the road to Commencement Day."

"What's the end of the road that leads
the way
Of every boy to Commencement Day?"
"A satisfied sense of a race well run
And a prize most precious nobly won.
Another that plays no minor part
Is the joy of those dear to his heart.
That's the end of the road to Commence-
ment Day."

Capt. W. M. Brown

MIZE-BRADEN WEDDING

At high noon on May 15 Miss Margaret H. Mize and Mr. Forest Braden were married in Christ Cathedral, Salina. The bride's father, Bishop R. H. Mize, performed the ceremony, and her brother, the Reverend Edward M. Mize, gave her away. Miss Jean Elston of Kansas City, Mo., was her only attendant.

After the ceremony the bride and groom received congratulations in the vestibule of the church. A wedding breakfast followed at the Country Club. Late in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Braden left by motor for Phoenix, Arizona where they will make their home.

Mrs. Braden is well known to the members of St. John's. She taught foreign languages here for four years. Part of the time she lived at the school. Mr. Braden is a native of Eureka, Kansas.

Lieutenant Evans has given many of the boys instruction in swimming this year.

The City of Salina has renamed Thomas Park Roadside Park. It is still Thomas Park to us.

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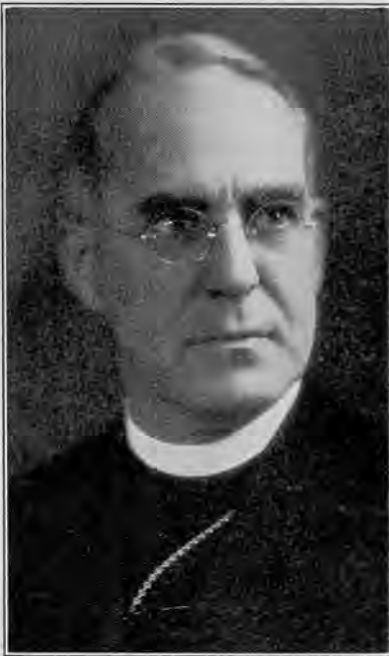
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REMINISCENCES OF ST. JOHN'S

Ten years after its opening, I saw St. John's School. It was in the first year of my ministry when I came down from Junction City with Bishop and Mrs. Mills-paugh, after the close of the diocesan Convention. The visit was interesting as I had heard much of the establishing of the School and was eager to see what it was like. Arriving at night, the long front steps, in the moonlight, were impressive, as also the halls within, long and high, though there was only one kerosene lamp for light.

A year later, after two other visits, I came to the School, at Bishop Mills-paugh's invitation, as Chaplain and teacher. At the close of that school year, in 1898, I took over the entire financial and managerial responsibility of the institution. The term closed with twenty-nine cadets. Seven years later, when I withdrew, the year's enrollment was somewhat over one hundred.

In 1901, the old gymnasium burned. It was the day of the second inauguration of President McKinley. By Commencement time the new gymnasium was sufficiently finished for the closing exercises. It was twice as large as the old one, and contained the first indoor basket-ball court.

Just at Commencement time, in 1903, came the flood. Bishop Brooke, of Oklahoma, came for the address to the Class, but the gymnasium was surrounded by water and so his address was given and the diplomas awarded in the Chapel on the fourth floor. Some of the cadets, who took trains east, were able to leave. All railroad service to the west was abandoned. The next morning swift streams of water, four feet deep, raged over the campus. Men in row boats brought us food from town. We were kept in for ten days. Afterwards, I went to New York to be married.

In 1904, the crowded condition of the main building made necessary a new dormitory. It took the form of a three-story addition of forty-five rooms, opening into Vail Hall. It was first used shortly before the holidays. Previously the cadets had quarters on the top floor and in dormitories now used for classes.

In my first year we took an ambitious trip by special train to Topeka, to take part in the parade honoring the return of the famed 20th Kansas regiment on its

return from Phillipine Islands at the close of the Spanish-American war. On that trip the Commandant, George Rising, an earlier graduate, resigned and was later replaced by Philip Fox, an officer in that same 20th Kansas. That year the other members of the faculty were Prof. Champ-lain, under whom one learned mathematics thoroughly; Charles Popham, followed after the holidays by A. L. Keith, as teachers of Greek and Latin; Geo. H. Richardson, who taught business subjects and music; Miss Dun, who taught junior subjects so well that a boy asked her if she had known George Washington. She died this winter at the age of ninety-five.

Late in the next year the house-mother, Mrs. Walker, was kept busy with seven cases of mild small-pox, which put us in quarantine and interfered with Commencement.

Another year the whole school went by special train to the World's Fair at St. Louis, and were quartered in the Fair Grounds. The cadets won the banner in a contest for the best-drilled corps. The trophy now hangs in the entrance hall of the School. E. L. Oldham was the Commandant.

The seven years were full of interest and enthusiasm. Football and basket-ball games were won. The dances were the social events of the town. Progress was made from kerosene, acetylene and natural gas, to electricity; from wells to city water; from cess-pools to sewers. Walls were built and walks laid. Interesting boys came and went; only one may be mentioned, Arthur Pond, who lived so long at the School and finally was joined by his younger brother.

After fifteen years, returning as Bishop, I became ex-officio President of the Board of Trustees, and at different times closed my house and lived at the School, assuming responsibility as its Superintendent.

R. H. MIZE

BOYS SPEND TEN DAYS AT CAMP WA-SHUN-GA

The annual spring encampment was held this year at Camp Wa-shun-ga, fourteen miles south of Junction City. This camp is owned by the Lutheran Church. On May 8 the cadets began their outing, making the journey of some sixty miles in trucks and private cars.

The boys occupied two large buildings known as barracks, and in the center of these were partitioned off rooms in which the officers stayed. The faculty slept in a separate building.

Only part of the several buildings were used by the corps. One of them was the kitchen with mess hall detached. Another was fitted up as a school room. Another was used as a store. Another was used as a chapel as the regular chapel was being rebuilt. The lavatories were equipped with faucets and shower bath. A swimming pool with slippery slide was located a short distance from the buildings.

All the faculty had special duties, and the cadets took turns serving on the various details. An hour and a half study period was held daily for boys who needed make up work in their studies. Every morning groups were taken over to Fort Riley to fire on the rifle range.

A great part of the time the boys were free to do as they pleased. They fished, swam in the lake, and took trips up the river in canoes and boats. They played games and enjoyed hikes over the countryside.

The weather was ideal the entire period. On the whole the encampment was a most pleasant one.

MY ASSOCIATIONS WITH ST. JOHN'S

It was my good fortune to attend a military academy in Wisconsin for four years. Later, after my university work, I returned to that academy as instructor. Naturally, upon taking up duties as Superintendent of St. John's Military School of Salina, Kansas, the customs, traditions and inspirations of those former years were of great assistance. They gave me, as they would any other instructor, a chance to realize the opportunities and responsibility of our profession. They emphasized the fact that we not only took the place of the school teachers of our boys, but also their playmates, and to a great extent their parents. For nine months out of the year we were responsible for the boys' health, development, and progress twenty four hours every day. It was a grave responsibility, but it carried a wonderful opportunity for good in the way of real and lasting service.

The Right Reverend Robert H. Mize, the present Bishop of Salina has been the Superintendent of St. John's Military School not long before I came to Salina. As such, he had made a remarkable record, both in building up a strong progressive institution, and also in winning the good will of not only the citizens of Salina, but of Kansas. In consequence of this, it was but logical that I should strive to carry on the work he had so ably developed.

St. John's is fortunately located geographically. The healthful and invigorating climate, with the altitude of twelve hundred feet, proves very beneficial to the growing boys. It is accessible to all points of the Middle West. About forty percent of our enrollment has come from Colorado, and Wyoming, more cadets being enrolled from Denver than any other city. However, it is interesting to recall that one graduating class included a cadet from San Diego, California and another boy from New York City. The interchange of ideas of cadets from different sections of the country, from different home environments, from rich and poor families, is extremely valuable. All are unformed alike, receive similar amounts of spending money and privileges. Each is taught that his individual efforts bring reward; and that he "should strive not to be better than others, but better than himself."

Among important factors which materially assisted in the growth and progress of St. John's during these years was the hearty cooperation and inspirational leadership of its faculty. They are directly responsible for the achievements St. John's has made during the years they were connected with it, and their lasting

influences will be felt in the lives which were moulded by their contacts.

While the success of any institution requires highly qualified, energetic, conscientious men on its faculty, yet that, in itself, is insufficient. The cadets, themselves, in a military academy are the most essential attributes to that success. Boys must develop physically, mentally, and morally. That development must be recognized and gratifying to not only the boys themselves but to their parents. Regular hours for work, for play, for sleep; regular meals and regular habits of industry will do much to bring about that frame of mind in a boy, and the young man's progress is the most convincing argument in the eyes of his parents and his friends that St. John's develops men.

St. John's owes much to the loyalty of its cadets and their parents, and its faculty are fully cognizant of the responsibility placed on them when a son is entrusted to their care.

W. L. GANSSE

GROUP ATTENDS DINNER AT CHURCH CONVENTION

On May 10 Major Clem, the Reverend Mr. Mitchell, and four of the cadets, Kesselring, Gordon, Lotker, and Clem, motored to Chanute to attend the dinner bringing to a close the convention of the diocese of Kansas. The Rev. Mr. Charles Davis, rector of the Episcopal church in Chanute, had extended the invitation to the St. John's group. He wanted the delegates to the convention to meet a representation from the one Church military school in Kansas and hear something at first hand about the institution.

The dinner took place at the Chanute Country Club with about 275 persons present. The four Saint John's cadets occupied an important place on the program which came at the close of the meal. Clem started out by extending in Spanish greetings from St. John's School. Lotker then spoke on a new boy's impressions. Then Gordon gave a talk about athletics at the school, and Kesselring spoke of the military activities.

An excellent quartet composed entirely of graduates from the Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg sang several attractive numbers. The dinner came to an end with a few remarks by Bishop Wise who was presiding over the convention. He extended his thanks for the part the cadets had taken in the program. He spoke of his interest in St. John's School and predicted that the school would continue to prosper and accomplish great things.

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THE ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

NAVY DEFEATS ARMY IN SOFT BALL CONTESTS

The Navy defeated the Army in a softball game Thursday, April 23rd with the final score, 12 to 10.

In the first inning the Navy made eight runs with Kesselring and Maker H. pitching for the Army. In their half of the inning the Army could not do anything against the offerings of Patton.

Golden started pitching for the Army at the beginning of the second inning. The Navy's batting attack was slowed down and they only made one run. The Army set out to make some runs and ended their half of the inning with four runs.

In the third inning neither team was able to score.

The Army and Navy each collected a run in the fourth inning.

From then on out the game was close, the Army getting five runs in the next three innings and the Navy getting three runs.

ENJOY VOLLEY BALL GAMES

"Like ducks take to water" is the expression one of the boys has used in comparing the way the cadets have been taking to volley ball. Afternoons after school and evenings after dinner have seen the court in almost constant use.

The Army and Navy clubs have engaged in some spirited contests. The Army won two out of three games. Also the faculty and groups of cadets have played numerous games, the former usually emerging the winner.

OLD BOY GIVES THEATER PARTY FOR SENIORS

The entire senior class is indebted to Ernest Myers, x'21, for a delightful evening. They were his guests on April 30 at the Watson Theater and later at a little supper party at the Clayton Hotel.

Myers and his wife were in Salina a few days playing in a vaudeville sketch at the Watson Theater. They came out to St. John's for dinner and watched the twilight parade. Myers was so happy to be back and so pleased with the reception given him and his wife that he showed his appreciation by entertaining the seniors.

The seniors were delighted with the little play in which Mr. and Mrs. Myers appeared. They also enjoyed the picture "Espionage" which was on the same program.

HORSESHOE PITCHING TOURNAMENT IS HELD

This spring a horse shoe pitching tournament was held between the Army and Navy. The doubles tournament was won by Golden and Culp of the Army. They defeated Patton and Boggs of the Navy in the finals. There were three Army teams and two Navy teams entered in the tournament.

In the singles tournament Patton defeated Golden in the finals and won the championship.

ELLSWORTH WINS IN VOLLEY BALL GAME

On May 6 St. John's played volley ball at Ellsworth. They won the second game but lost the first and third. The match was the best two out of three.

The first game was very close, Ellsworth winning 15 to 10. St. John's was handicapped by the low court and lost many points by the ball's hitting the ceiling.

In the second game the cadets won 15 to 11.

At the beginning of the third game St. John's made a bad start and could not catch up to Ellsworth who piled up a big lead. The score of the final game was 17 to 15 in Ellsworth's favor.



A FORMER MASCOT

Cubby, the bear, was the school's mascot for a number of months during 1920-21. He was brought to Salina by the Shriners from the Pacific Coast.

The Cadet Corps

The close of the year finds the cadet corps in excellent shape. The drill has reached a high degree of perfection, both platoons being able to execute in a creditable manner squad and company movements. The individual members are proficient in the manual of arms. The new rifles received last winter have added much to the general appearance of the corps.

Since the coming of warm weather, frequent parades have been held. Some of these are known as "twilight parades" as they take place after evening mess when dusk is setting in. All the cadets have been given target practice. Some of the most proficient have been formed into a rifle team and have competed with other teams.

Below is given the organization of this year's cadet corps:

STAFF—

Corps Commander—Captain Kesselring
Corps Adjutant—1st Lieut. McCarty
1st Sergeant—1st Sgt. Ashford
1st PLATOON—
Commander—2nd Lieut. Keraus
2nd in Command—2nd Lieut. McCoy, C.
Platoon Sgt.—Sgt. May
Left Guide—Corp. Maker (acting Sgt.)
Squad Leaders—Corp. Culp, Corp.
Breyfogle, V., 1st Class Pvt. Becker (acting corporal)

2nd PLATOON—

Commander—2nd Lieut. Willard
2nd in Command—2nd Lieut. Williams
Platoon Sgt.—Sgt. Bigley
Left Guide—Sgt. Patton
Squad Leaders—Sgt. Golden, 1st Class
Pvt. Randall (acting corporal), 1st
Class Pvt. Stokes (acting corporal)

BUGLE CORPS—

Commander—1st Sgt. McCoy, D.
Second in Command—Sgt. Thompson
COLOR GUARD—
Corp. Big Eagle (acting color Sgt.)
COMPANY CLERKS—
Sgt. Golden
Sgt. Thompson

Camp Items

Volley ball, horseshoes and deck tennis were popular games at camp.

Catching fish and frogs was popular with many of the cadets. The chef was asked to fry up more than one mess of fish and frogs legs.

The Reverend Leonard Mitchell proved himself to be quite a cook. His pies and cakes really made the chef jealous.

Sunday, May 16, was visitors' day. There was a special chapel service late in the afternoon. A number of the visitors stayed to supper.

CADETS ENJOY SOME DELIGHTFUL OUTINGS

Nothing is much more delightful than a picnic or a fishing trip. This seems to be the sentiments of a number of boys in school.

Coach Mosher had charge of two of the four expeditions recently given for the pleasure of the cadets. On the first occasion he took some of the younger boys on a hike into some woods near the school. The youngsters played games and later ate a picnic lunch. On the second occasion the Coach drove a group in the truck out to the Solomon river. Here the boys fished for a while but only got a nibble or two. Not wishing to return empty handed, Johnny West purchased a big carp from a boy who had hooked it a few hours before. West got a lot of fun in pretending that he had caught the fish himself.

Captain Brown took groups of boys in the truck on longer trips. On the first occasion they drove to Cave Hollow. Some of the boys enjoyed hiking and exploring the caves. Others preferred swimming in the pond or fishing from its banks or those of the nearby little stream. The fish were biting well, and both Stokes and Ashford brought home strings of fair sized perch.

On the second occasion Capt. Brown took a group out to State Lake. The boys were somewhat disappointed because boats were not yet available for rental. However, they spent their time enjoyably, hiking, fishing, and swimming. The crowd cooked supper over one of the grates at the picnic grounds at the far end of the lake.

HEADQUARTERS

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDERS } Number 13 { April 30, 1937

1. The following promotions of commissioned and non-commissioned officers are announced as follows:

To be cadet corporal . . . Big Eagle H.
To be cadet corporal . . .
Cadet Ver Brugge M.
To be cadet sergeant . . .
Corporal May R.
To be cadet first sergeant . . .
Sergeant Ashford
To be cadet second lieutenant . . .
First Sergeant Williams R.

2. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Superintendent,

R. L. CLEM, Major

Official Superintendent

G. L. EVANS

1st Lt. 408 Inf. Res.

Commandant of Cadets

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A Review of The Year

The session of 1936 and 1937 now drawing to a close has been an especially successful one. The new regime with Major R. L. Clem, superintendent, and Lieut. George L. Evans, commandant, in charge have moulded out a group of boys, a corps of which St. John's can justly be proud.

School opened on September 11th with the following faculty: Major R. L. Clem, superintendent; Lieutenant George L. Evans, commandant; the Reverend Edward M. Mize, chaplain; Captain William M. Brown, senior master; Captain Paul M. Simpson; Lieutenant Phillip H. Mosher; Lieutenant Thomas H. Hidalgo; Lieutenant James F. Lantz; Mrs. Edward M. Mize; Mr. LaVelle F. Hicks; Mr. Howard O. Tolbert, bursar; and Mrs. M. Ellen Prince, housemother. Early in the season Chaplain Mize withdrew on account of ill health. A few months later Mrs. Edward M. Mize joined her husband when he took over a parish elsewhere. Soon after Chaplain Mize's resignation the Reverend Leonard Mitchell took his place. Near the beginning of the second semester Mr. Delbert C. Collister, a senior at Kansas Wesleyan University, began coming out daily to teach classes in physics and chemistry to relieve the commandant who was teaching these subjects.

The year's program has been a full one. Besides their scholastic work and military drills cadets have had the opportunity to engage in all forms of athletics, to take part in music and dramatics, to compete in rifle matches, and to enjoy other recreations such as picnics, fishing trips, hikes, parties and dances. Moving pictures have been shown and a Lyceum course of three numbers was offered. There have been several formal dinners with outside guests invited.

On Armistice Day the cadets participated in a parade down town. The athletic teams and Cracksquad have taken a number of trips, a part of which were to some distance. The football team played in Lawrence, Kansas and had the privilege of seeing the big Kansas-Nebraska game. The basketball squad visited Lincoln, Nebraska and attended the championship contest between the Kansas and Nebraska teams. The Cracksquad drilled before large crowds at Wichita, Hoisington, and Great Bend.

Thanksgiving Day was a big day at St. John's, which included a football game in the morning, a turkey dinner to which all the parents were invited, and a formal dance in the evening. The Christmas holidays extended from December 19 to January 4. Though there was no regular spring vacation, many of the cadets received special passes to spend a week end at home.

From May 8 to 19 the cadets spent at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga near Junction City. On May 21 the Commencement activities started.

OLD SALUTE GUN NOW BEING USED AGAIN

"Boom—boom—boom." These sounds are now heard every evening following the lowering of the flag at retreat. After having reposed for fifteen years or more at the base of the trophy case in the lower hall, the old salute gun has been resurrected and put to use again.

Colonel W. L. Ganssle, former Commandant of St. John's, purchased the gun a number of years ago from the firm of Von Legerke and Antoine in Chicago. It originally had been used on a yacht in Lake Michigan. For a while it served its purpose at St. John's, but for some reason or other it was discarded.

The old salute gun now would hardly recognize its original self. New rubber has been put on the tires. The barrel has been rebored so that a 12 gauge blank shell may be used instead of a 4 gauge shell. And how its metal coating has been made to shine!

About the School Song

Boys, you all love your school song, which has ever been an inspiration to you to live up to the ideals for which St. John's stands. Have you ever felt that you would like to know something about the man who wrote it? Colonel W. L. Ganssle, former superintendent, under whom Dr. Franklin W. Ryan, the author, taught when he was here at St. John's, has given us some information about him.

Dr. Ryan was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, but when he was quite young, his parents moved to Port Arthur, Texas. Here the boy graduated from the Port Arthur High School. He attended college at Oklahoma City University, Washburn College, and Baker University. For two years, from 1915 to 1917 he taught mathematics and science at St. John's. While here he played the organ at the chapel services and composed and published the school song, "St. John's Forever."

From 1919 to 1920 Dr. Ryan studied at the University of Chicago. From 1920 to 1925 he attended Harvard University, receiving the degree of Master in Business Administration in 1921 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Business Economics in 1925. His Harvard Doctoral Thesis "Usury and Usury Laws" was awarded the first prize of \$1,000 in the Hart, Schaffner and Marx Economic Prize Competition. Part of the time while he was at Harvard he taught classes at Boston University and Harvard Business School in Elementary Banking.

From 1925 to 1926 Dr. Ryan was in Washington, D. C., as Senior Economic Analyst of the U. S. Department of Commerce and assistant Chief of the Investment Division of the Department. He prepared the Statistical Study "The Balance of the Payments of the United States in 1925" which was issued in 1926 with a foreword by Herbert Hoover. In the spring of 1926 he was commissioned by President Coolidge, a Major in the Finance Department Reserve of the U. S. Army.

From 1926 to 1933 Dr. Ryan held positions of consulting economist with such concerns as the Brookmire Economic Service, Inc., the Franklin Plan Corporation, Yosemite Holding Corporation, and Twentieth Century Fund, Inc. Dr. Ryan's record since this period is not available.

HEADQUARTERS ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDERS {
Number 14 { May 1, 1937

1. The following promotions of commissioned and non-commissioned officers are announced as follows:

To be cadet sergeant
..... Corporal Patton, R.
To be cadet sergeant
..... Corporal Thompson, W.
To be cadet first sergeant
..... Sergeant McCoy, D.

2. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the Superintendent,
R. L. CLEM, Major

Official Superintendent
G. L. EVANS
1st Lt. 408 Inf. Res.
Commandant of Cadets



THE CADET OFFICERS

St. John's Forever

In bright and sunny Kansas
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Beneath the skies of azure
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Thy halls and ivy towers
And loyal hearts so true
We'll sing thy praise forever
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CHORUS

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Our praise shall ever be
Our black and orange colors
Stream on to victory
And down across the prairies
Our boys go marching on
With a cheer we hear forever
Forever Saint John's.

Our team will ne'er surrender
When playing on the field
They never know defeating
Saint John's will never yield
They fight with strength increasing
The line goes plunging on
And wins a glorious victory
For our own dear Saint John's.

HEADQUARTERS ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDERS {
Number 15 { May 5, 1937

1. The following promotion is announced as follows
To be cadet sergeant
..... Corporal Golden, M.
2. His orders will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

R. L. CLEM, Major
Official Superintendent
G. L. EVANS
1st Lt. 408 Inf. Res.
Commandant of Cadets

LETTERMEN HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET AND DANCE

(Continued from page 1)

Basketball—Boggs, Jackson, Maker, H., May, McCoy, D., Patton, Ver Brugge, Willard (mgr.)

Coach Mosher also announced that Becker had been elected captain of the 1937 football squad and that Boggs and Maker H. had been elected co-captains of the basketball squad.

After Coach Mosher had made his presentations, Lieut. Lantz, accompanied at the piano by Miss Margaret Utt, sang a couple of numbers. The banquet came to a close with the singing of the school song.

At nine o'clock the dance started in the gymnasium. The great room gave forth a most beautiful appearance, with the lights shining through the mass of colored streamers which had been hung from the ceiling. The orchestra played from the stage. The music was all that might be desired.

Not merely the lettermen and their partners but all the cadets attended the dance. Late in the evening Mr. Tolbert took some photographs. The affair came to an end at midnight.



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