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No. 1

SESSION BRINGS SOME CHANGES IN FACULTY

MAJOR R. L. CLEM NOW HEADS
SCHOOL. LT. EVANS IS
COMMANDANT

Those returning to St. John's this year have found a number of changes in the faculty and organization of the institution. The superintendent, the commandant, two members of the faculty, and the housemother are all new.

Major R. L. Clem, the superintendent, comes from McCook, Nebraska, where he was principal of the Senior High School for a number of years. He holds both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska.

Lieutenant George L. Evans, whose home is Decatur, Illinois, was for the past two years assistant commandant at Kemper Military School, Booneville, Missouri. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa and has taken graduate work at Washington University, St. Louis. At the former institution he took up R O T C work and was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Reserve Army of the United States. Besides his military duties here at St. John's Lieutenant Evans teaches classes in general science, physics, and Constitution.

Lieutenant J. Thomas Hidalgo of Neosho Rapids, Kansas, holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees from the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas. He has also completed most of his work on his Master of Arts degree. He hopes to submit his thesis within a few months and receive this degree next spring. Lieutenant Hidalgo teaches ancient and modern languages here at St. John's.

Lieutenant George F. Lantz of Republican City, Nebraska, studied at North
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ENJOY TWO EDUCATIONAL MOTION PICTURE FILMS

A representative of the Chevrolet Motor Company presented two educational talking motion picture films in the dining room of the school on the afternoon of September 22. The room was darkened for the purpose.

The title of the first film was "Flying Hours." It was an interesting short that showed the need of studying while in school, in order to better understand the profession one would enter, which in this particular case was flying. The picture was cunningly arranged. While showing an experience of an aviator it would pass the picture of a text book, by means of trick photography, over the scene being enacted. This effect gave one the connection of the scholastic subject and where one would need it later on in aviation.

The second film was called "Master Hands." It showed the making of an automobile from its casting down to the finished product. The feature was done to music. It showed each worker performing his part with skill and precision from the boring of small holes in the engine to the final polishing of the finished car. The giant presses used for the pressing-out of sheet metal into frames, fenders, and the like, greatly interested the cadets. The whole film was very engrossing and was appreciated by everyone present.

ARMY AND NAVY CLUBS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The Army and Navy elections were held early in the session, resulting in the election of Lieutenant Kesselring, captain of the Army and Corporal Patton, captain of the Navy. Then the new captains voted new boys into membership.

The clubs compete in intra-mural events, including football, soft ball, base ball, horse shoes, tennis, and track. At camp they also go in for water sports.

A club winning an event receives a certain number of points, and at the end of the year each club's points are totaled. The captain of the victorious club receives a medal at the close of school.

Saint John's School Opens on Sept. 11

Corps Has First Formation at Retreat
Later General Assembly Held

At 5:30 on the evening of September 11 St. John's Military School opened its fiftieth session with a roll call. Lieutenant Evans, the new commandant, assisted by Lieutenant Kesselring, lined the boys up and gave the new boys their first bit of military instruction. Then the corps marched into the dining hall.

Soon after the meal was over the cadets all met in the study hall in general assembly. Major Clem first gave a word of welcome and then placed before the corps a few straight forward facts. He urged that throughout the year all the boys be honest, play the game square, and not be satisfied with a half way method of doing things.

Major Clem introduced each one of the instructors. Then he called upon Lieutenant Evans and Coach Mosher to make a few remarks. The former explained some of the policies he expected to adhere to during the year and also read off a list of the rules and regulations. Captain Mosher spoke of what he hoped to accomplish this year in the line of athletics.

Then the session came to an end. Those boys who had not yet arranged their course of study remained to do so.

GLEE CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR YEAR

Considerable interest is being shown in the vocal groups that meet with Lieutenant Lantz. Although handicapped by lack of experience in part singing some progress has been made in that direction and also along the line of tone quality and enunciation. Using the choir as a nucleus Lieutenant Lantz hopes to build a glee club that will prove to be not only a source of much enjoyment for those participating but a credit to the school. At the present time the choir is composed of eight boys. Lieutenant Lantz hopes to add to it from the groups with which he is working.

Groups in Dramatics Rehearse Regularly

Mr. Hicks Hopes to Present Plays in
Near Future. Also Vaudeville

Mr. LaVelle F. Hicks of Salina is coming out to school several evenings in the week to conduct classes in dramatics. He has divided the cadets enrolled in his courses into three groups. The first includes the boys in the junior school; the second, the boys in the senior school who have never had any work in dramatics; and the third, the boys in the senior school who have studied under him before.

The younger boys are working on a religious play in three acts, "The Story of Joseph." The two leads are played by Stokes and West, the former cast as Joseph, and the latter as King Pharaoh.

The group of advanced pupils are working on a heavy one act play entitled "India," the story of which deals with a sepoy uprising. The principal roles are played by Bigley, Williams, Kesselring, and Breyfogle S. There is one feminine part which is played by Miss Doris Gosnell, the secretary in the Bursar's office.

In all three of his groups Mr. Hicks frequently gives instruction in such matters as make-up, stage decoration, lighting effect, etc. He also is coaching some of the boys in short vaudeville acts which he will present at the same time as his plays.

SAINT JOHN'S BEATS SALINA HIGH B TEAM

FOOTBALL GAME IS PLAYED ON
PERKINS FIELD; SCORE
12 TO 0

St. John's opened the football season successfully with a 12 to 0 victory over Salina B in a hard fought game played on Perkin's Field October 2.

The Salina team won the toss and chose to receive. The cadets kicked to their opponents' 25 yard line. Salina made a first down in two plays. The soldiers' line strengthened, and Salina was forced to kick.

St. John's then started their running attack in high gear. During the first quarter, Verbrugge went 7 yards off tackle for a touchdown to climax a sustained drive down the field. Then the cadets kicked off to Salina who returned the ball to the 27 yard line. The soldiers' lines held and their opponents were forced to kick. The kick was a low end over end one that was hard to handle. The cadet safety man fumbled, and Salina recovered on the cadets' 24 yard line. The soldiers' opponents then started a passing attack that took them to the cadet 9 yard line. In some plays the ball was on the 1 yard line but the soldier forward wall held and Salina lost the ball on the fourth down, as the second period ended.

The second half started with the cadets receiving the kick off. They immediately made two first downs and then were forced to kick. The rest of the period the ball was in midfield with both lines holding stubbornly. The last period started with the ball in the cadets' possession. The soldiers carried the ball on several first downs to their opponents 12 yard line where they fumbled. The Salina team re-
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CADETS HEAR TALK ON AFRICAN EXPEDITION

"From Ants to Elephants." This was the title of a lecture the cadet corps had the privilege of hearing delivered on October 21 by Mr. Channing Beebe, noted geologist and explorer. The speaker illustrated his talk with stereoptican slides and with an unusual collection of native ornaments and costumes, implements of warfare, pagan idols and hunting trophies, which included tusks, teeth, hair, and skins of African big game.

Mr. Beebe's account of his adventures exploring Portuguese West Africa was most thrilling. His numerous escapes from death or serious injury almost made one believe he lived a charmed existence during his travels on the dark continent. While battling with cannibals, he miraculously escaped though several of his native carriers were slain. In an elephant hunt he survived a savage charge, and while on an African lake he narrowly evaded the jaws of a hippopotamus. Besides the account of hair breadth escapes Mr. Beebe discussed the customs of certain African tribes. He also described the jungle lands and gave much information about the animals living therein.

Mr. Beebe was accompanied on his African trip by his wife. This lady assists him in his lectures by projecting the stereoptican slides on the screen.

"Skirmisher" Delegates Attend High School Press Association Conference

At the annual High School Journalism Conference held at Kansas University on October 16 and 17 the "Skirmisher" was represented by three delegates—Captain Brown, Willard, and McCoy C.

The first thing the delegates did when arriving in Lawrence early on the morning of the 16th was to register at the Journalism building. At ten o'clock the first meeting began at which time various matters relative to newspaper work were discussed. At eleven o'clock a general session was held with Dean Paul B. Lawson, of the College of Arts and Science, delivering an address of welcome, and Mr. E. W. Hallinger, a foreign correspondent of some renown, giving a talk on the subject "Romance in the World News."

The afternoon was devoted to lectures and round table discussions. At four o'clock a tea was held for the delegates in the "Sky Parlor" of the Journalism building.

In the evening the annual dinner took place in the Memorial Union. Mr. Kenneth Postlewaite, President of the Kansas University Press Club, acted as toastmaster, and Prof. Allen Craften of the speech and dramatic art department made a few remarks. Other numbers on the program included songs by the University Men's Glee Club and a Russian peasant dance by a Miss Ellen Miller, president of Tau Sigma, honorary dancing sorority. The banquet came to a close in time for the delegates to see the Night Shirt Parade, the rally preceding the Kansas-Oklahoma game.

The next morning came more meetings at which time round table discussions were conducted and a question box held for the benefit of those having problems on their minds. The conference came to a close with the general session held at eleven o'clock. Captain Brown went on to Kansas City. The cadets returned to Salina.

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Words of Greeting

For another year, St. John's of Salina has opened her doors to welcome young men from many communities who will some day be better Americans because they came here. The only aim of the school is to produce men with the skill and character necessary to live courageously and successfully with their fellows. Cadets, your duty is to get the most from your classes, to comply with the rules of the school, to live harmoniously with those about you. I take this opportunity of welcoming you to St. John's and offer you the help of a competent staff in making this fiftieth year a happy and profitable one. Major R. L. Clem

At this, the opening of the fiftieth year of the school, your Commandant offers these remarks. This is your year. It will be what you make it. You seniors are now singing your swan song. Make it one that will be implanted indelibly in our history. To you old boys let this year be one that is better because you have tried. To you new men St. John's offers a definite step toward a richer life. The Administration offers you a capable and trained faculty who are interested in you and who want to help you. This is your year. Make it what you will. Lt. George L. Evans.

A RECORD OF FIFTY YEARS

The session of 1936-37 is an important one for St. John's Military School. It marks the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. May we not truthfully say that in these fifty years our institution has accomplished much? Hundreds of young men have spent countless happy and profitable hours within it. And when they have gone forth into the world, partly because of these very hours, they have been able to become prosperous and useful citizens in the communities in which they make their homes. It is fitting that we celebrate a little during this important year of our school. The "Skirmisher" is planning to put out an extra large issue in the spring with feature articles and special pictures. Without a doubt the commencement activities will possess an extra lot of color with a larger number of alumni than usual returning for class reunions. Let us all pull together to make this the best year ever for St. John's.

Oct. 2—Salina B—here
Oct. 23—Bennington—here
Oct. 30—Tescott—here
Nov. 6—Haskell—there
Nov. 11—Solomon—there
Nov. 20—Gypsum—there
Nov. 24—Marquette—here

Football Schedule

LOCAL NEWS

Captain Simpson is the proud owner of a cocker spaniel pup which goes by the name of Inky. * * *

Lieutenant and Mrs. H. Sherman Baker are now residing in Hugo, Colorado. Lieutenant is attached to a CCC Camp as Educational Officer. * * *

On September 24 Mr. Harry G. Randall, the father of Cadet David Randall, died quite suddenly of pneumonia. Major and Mrs. Clem and Cadet Goodfellow attended the funeral which was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. The St. John's cadet corps sent a wreath in the form of the school shield. * * *

Coach Mosher has taken the members of the football team to two night games out at Kansas Wesleyan. Kansas Wesleyan played Warrensburg Teachers College and Sterling College. * * *

The latter part of September Bishop Mize and his daughter Miss Margaret Mize returned to Salina after spending several weeks in the mountains of North Carolina.

CRACKSQUAD CHOOSES LEADER AND NEW MEMBERS

At a meeting held soon after the opening of school the old members of the St. John's Cracksquad elected 1st Lieutenant Kesselring as their captain. The new captain immediately got the work of the organization under way. Drill periods were arranged; new boys began to try out for membership. The Cracksquad is composed of twenty members. Besides the captain and bugler there are twelve boys who actually drill; four who serve as color guard, and two who act as substitutes. The personnel of this year's organization is as follows: Kesselring, captain; Keraus, bugler; old members, Willard, Thornton, Gordon, McCoy D., Fletcher W., Maker H., McCarty, Williams, Bigley, and Stackelbeck; new members, Patton, Breyfogle V., Goodfellow, McCoy C., Culp, Thompson, and Becker. The cracksquad has now been drilling regularly for several weeks and soon will be ready to drill before the public. In the past it has appeared before many groups of persons both in and out of Salina.

Gives After Taps Party

What was it all about? Just as they were settling down for a good night's sleep, the seniors were routed out of bed and told to put on their bathrobes and report immediately to Captain Brown's quarters. Most of the boys inwardly grumbled to themselves as they left their beds. But when they were seated in a circle around Captain Brown's room and learned that they were attending an after taps party all their frowns changed to smiles. It was Captain Brown's birthday as well as that of two members of the senior class, Vance and Stanley Breyfogle. The faculty member was "throwing" a celebration in honor of the occasion. Presently a honking of a car was heard. Then a man from the U R Way Sandwich Shop appeared carrying a box of sandwiches. At the same time cadets from the St. John's "Q. M." showed up with bottles of ice cold soda pop. Soon all were enjoying the refreshments. As they ate and drank, the boys told jokes and stories and swapped "knock knocks." At the appearance of the first yawn the party broke up. As the seniors departed, they thanked Captain Brown for the party he had given them and again expressed to him and the Breyfogle twins many happy returns of the day.

The St. John's Cadet Corps

The cadets have now been drilling for a little over six weeks. On account of the substantial increase in enrollment, the ranks are better filled than they were last year at this time. The corps has been doing good work, and the new boys have been especially proficient in learning the drill movements and manual of arms. This year the drill period is a little longer than usual. When the weather gets bad Lieutenant Evans will devote many of the drill periods to giving instruction in Military Science and Tactics. Below is given the organization of this year's cadet corps:

Staff

Corps Commander 1st Lt. Kesselring
Adjutant 2nd Lt. McCarty
1st Sergeant Williams

1st Platoon
Commander 2nd Lt. Keraus
Sergeants McCoy C, Fletcher W.
Corporals Stackelbeck, Thornton, Maker H.
Acting Corporal Breyfogle V.
1st Class Privates—Culp, Breyfogle S., Becker, Goodfellow, Randall, Prather

2nd Platoon

Acting Commander Sgt. Willard
Sergeants Ashford
Acting Sergeant Bigley
Corporals Patton, Tissaw
1st Class Privates Mitchell, West, Stokes

Bugle Corps

Commander Corporal McCoy D.
Corporals May, Gordon
1st Class Privates Thompson, VerBrugge

Ordinance
Quartermaster 2nd Lt. Haythorn
Company Clerk Corporal Golden

HIGH AVERAGES

First Month of School

Upper School	Lower School
Gordon 92.8	Scott 91.6
Mitchell 90	Clem 88
Lotker 89.8	Stokes 86.4
Thompson 89.3	
McCoy D. 88.5	
Becker 87.5	
Breyfogle V. ... 87.5	
Jackson 87.3	
Willard 87	
Kesselring 85.6	
Goodfellow 85.3	
Ver Brugge 85	

PICNIC AT CAVE HOLLOW

The picnic held at Cave Hollow, twenty-five miles north of town, one afternoon early in October was a most enjoyable occasion. Lieutenant Evans and Captain Brown took a group of boys out there in the school truck as soon as classes were over. When the party reached its destination shortly after three-thirty, the boys scattered to explore the several caves. Those who had brought along flashlights found them very handy. Most of the crowd hiked over the grassy hills to a ruin which the cadets like to think of as an old Indian fort. In reality it probably was built long after there were any Indians in Kansas. It gained its name two or three years ago from some St. John's cadets who played a game of "Taking the Fort" and used its crumbled walls as the haven of safety. When the party returned to Cave Hollow it was time for supper. Over a fire they boiled "weenies" and toasted marshmallows. The meal also consisted of baked beans, potato salad, bread and butter, pickles, and apples. About six-fifteen the party started home. The truck reached school in about an hour without any mishaps.

JOKES

Visitor: "I could have sworn I saw some of those statues move."
Coach Mosher: "They are not statues. They are the football boys going out to practice." * * *

Girl's Mother: "Young man, we turn the lights out at 10:30."
McCarty: "Oh, boy, that will be fine." * * *

York: "Mrs. Mize flunked West for cheating."
Davis: "How come?"
York: "She caught him counting his ribs on a physiology examination." * * *

Mrs. Prince: "Was your husband cool when that boy bandit accosted him last spring?"
Mrs. Tolbert: "Cool! Why he was shivering all over." * * *

Haythorn: "Suppose an ugly fellow tried to kiss you would you object?"
Anita Denison: "Try it and see." * * *

May: "Why, Junior, you've got your socks on wrong side out."
VerBrugge: "Yes, my feet got hot out on the bull ring, so I turned the hose on them." * * *

Capt. Simpson (in chemistry lab.): "I am going to ask Thornton to perform this dangerous experiment. Boys, stand close and watch him. I myself have to be out of the room a moment." * * *

A bee keeping farmer named Hingham Explained why his bees didn't sting him "They're perfectly tame And I call 'em by name But the hornets won't listen, gosh dingham." * * *

Lieut. Evans (in physics class): "Mr. Keraus, what's a vacuum?"
Keraus: "My trousers' pockets a day or two before pay day." * * *

Capt. Brown: "When I visited the pyramids in Egypt, some of the stones were literally covered with heiroglyphics."
Bigley: "I hope none of them got on you. Some of those foreign insects are terrible."

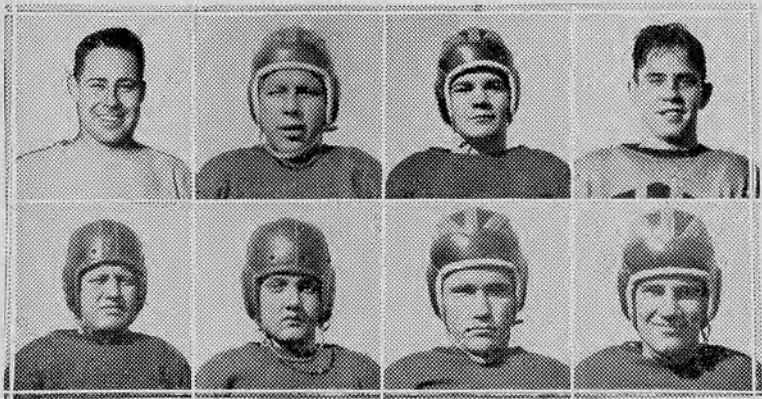
Barracks Blabberings

McCoy C. is said to have two weaknesses, both of which deal with light colors—blonde hair and white shirts. We wonder whether he returned from Lawrence early because he only took along nine shirts instead of ten. Why is Kesselring suddenly taking such an interest in office work? We understand a certain Marymount young lady is suffering many heart pangs. Golden got another girl last summer. We wonder who that army sergeant is that Lieutenant Evans continually goes to see. The telephone wires extending to number 153 wore out the other day. Too much use.

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A GROUP OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Top row (left to right): Coach Mosher, Fletcher W., Kesselring, and VerBrugge
Bottom row: May, McCoy D., Bigley, and Culp
(Other pictures of players will appear in the next "Skirmisher")

ARMY AND NAVY SOFT
BALL GAME IS A TIE

On October 19th the Army and Navy held their first soft ball game of the season. The game ended in a 3 to 3 tie.

The Navy started the game very strongly by making three runs in the first three innings. The Army then got to work and made three runs in the fourth and fifth. The rest of the game was scoreless.

The line up:

Outstanding players of the game: Prather and Golden for the Army; Patton, for the Navy.

ARMY		NAVY
Willard	C	Boggs
Golden	P	Patton
Gadke	1st	Fletcher W.
Maker H.	2nd	Tissaw
Culp	3rd	Maker L.
Gordon	S	VerBrugge
Prather	LF	Bigley
Becker	CF	Bradford
Kesselring	RF	Breyfogle

SAINT JOHN'S BEATS
SALINA HIGH B TEAM

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covered and after a couple of plays made a first down and then fumbled with the cadets recovering. In four plays the cadets had another touchdown. The kick for the extra point was too low. The outstanding players for both teams were Meadows for Salina and Fletcher and VerBrugge for the cadets.

The line up:

ST. JOHN'S	Pos.	SALINA
Maker	L. E.	Bamles
Kesselring	L. T.	Kirkland
Gadeke	L. G.	Crouthers
McCoy	C	Allen
Bigley	R. G.	Brodine
May	R. T.	Sloop
Culp	R. E.	Jones
VerBrugge	F. B.	Van Gundy
Becker	L. H.	King
Boggs	R. H.	Thompson
Fletcher W.	Q.	Meadows

CADETS ARE DOWNED BY
BENNINGTON 7 TO 6

In a game played on St. John's home field on October 23, Bennington defeated the cadets 7 to 6. However they waited until the final 35 seconds to make the winning touchdown. Hardesty, their quarterback, drove through from the 1 yard line and then kicked the point.

Early in the game St. John's had scored, Captain Fletcher going over tackle for a 15 yard run and touchdown.

The cadets with VerBrugge and Fletcher carrying the ball, had a superior running attack, but the visitors, who had a better passing attack, tossed 35 passes, 17 of which were complete for gains both long and short. Capt. Stickley, Bennington end, was the pass catching star of the visitors.

A son was born to Capt. and Mrs. Richard W. C. Evans, Jr., on August 21 in Rockford, Illinois.

ARMY OVERCOMES NAVY
IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

The Army and Navy had their first football game of the season October 4th. The Army won 6 to 0.

The Army kicked off to the Navy and most of the first quarter was played in midfield. At the beginning of the second quarter the Navy started a march down the field, but as the ball neared the Army goal, the line stiffened, and the Navy was forced to kick. The Army then started an offensive drive with Maker throwing a pass to Gordon which was good for about 35 yards. This put the ball on the Navy's 30 yard line. The ball carrying from then on was done by Maker H. and Becker. Just before the half ended Becker went around end 5 yards for a touchdown. The pass for the point after the touchdown was knocked down.

The second half was played mostly in midfield with the ball seesawing back and forth. Just before the game ended, the Navy started a drive down the field with McCarty and Boggs doing some fine ball carrying. The gun ended the game with the Navy deep in the Army territory. The outstanding players for the Army were Becker and Prather and for the Navy, Boggs and McCarty.

The line up:

ARMY		NAVY
Prather	L. E.	Stackelbeck
Willard	L. T.	McCoy C.
Thornton	L. G.	Larker
Thompson	C.	Maker S.
Lucas	R. G.	Mitchell
Breyfogle S.	R. T.	Breyfogle V.
Gordon	R. E.	Patton
Becker	Q	Boggs
Golden	L. H.	McCarty
Maker H.	R. H.	Ashford
Williams	F. B.	Bradford

The St. John's football team has held two practice scrimmages with the Salina A team at Kenwood Park. Salina won the first 19 to 6. St. John's made a better showing next time, tying the score 13 to 13.

INFORMAL TACKY DANCE
IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

A number of cadets and their girl friends enjoyed a tacky dance in the school dining room on the evening of December 9. Mrs. Prince, the house-mother, and members of the faculty and their partners were the chaperons. The affair started at about nine o'clock, a radio and a victrola furnishing the music.

Some of the costumes were most unique. The flapper, the cow-girl, the old-fashioned girl, the country girl, and the Spanish girl were all there as well as the hay-seed, the cow boy, the thug, and the "tin-horn sport." Those present were far from being on their dignity if squeals and other forms of hilarity meant anything.

The dance came to an end shortly before midnight.

Faculty in Uniform

For the first time since 1927 the faculty of St. John's are wearing uniforms. The uniforms are copied after those of the United States Army. The trousers are made of light shaded elastique and the shirts, of Oxford cloth. The caps are the General Pershing kind. The faculty were measured at the same time as the cadets at the opening of school.

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HOUSEMOTHER SPEAKS TO CADETS ON FOODS

One evening recently Mrs. M. Ellen Prince, the St. John's housemother, gave a talk before the cadets upon "Foods." She mentioned how important a knowledge of foods is. Food not only provides material for the growth of the body but also takes care of repair and replacement of worn out tissues. Care in the selection of what one eats tends to prevent disease and prolong life.

Mrs. Prince discussed the various substances contained in food such as proteins, minerals, vitamins, fats, and carbohydrates. These the body uses for building and repairing its tissues, regulating its various activities, and producing heat, work, motion, and other kinds of energy.

The housemother mentioned the two great forces in the body—the acid destructive force and the alkaline counteractive force. She said that about eighty percent of what we eat should be alkaline. Valuable alkaline foods are fresh fruits and vegetables, and we can not eat enough of them. Mrs. Prince took up a discussion of the values of various kinds of foods, advising us to eat more freely of some than of others. She said that in planning the menus for our dining hall she aims to provide a balanced diet. She urged the boys not to be "finicky" about what they ate, but to eat what was given them.

OUTING AT STATE LAKE

On an afternoon late in September Lieutenant Evans and Captain Brown took a group of cadets on a picnic out to State Lake. The crowd made the journey of about twenty miles in the school truck.

Upon arrival at their destination most of the boys took a swim in the lake. It was exceptionally warm for the time of year. After they had gotten dressed, part of the number played games, and others went for a hike up the lake. The latter group had the opportunity of watching a man who was fishing on the spillway pull in two very large catfish.

A little later all the crowd got into the truck and drove to the picnic grounds at the far end of the lake. The boys then busied themselves preparing supper. They built a fire, and over this they boiled "weenies" and warmed up baked beans. Presently all partook of the meal which besides the two mentioned items of food, included bread and butter, pickles, and watermelon.

Just before dark the crowd started home. After proceeding about three miles the truck broke down, the cause being a burnt out clutch. Lieutenant Evans hailed a passing car and drove into Bennington where he phoned for a wrecker. Soon the St. John's cadets were towed back to Salina.

Despite the mishap on the way home the cadets seemed to have a good time. One thing contributing to their enjoyment was that on account of the breakdown they arrived back to school too late to attend evening study hall.

Improvements at School

During the summer months a number of improvements were made at St. John's.

In the barracks all the cadets quarters were repapered and the lavatories, repainted and decorated.

In the main building the desks in the class rooms and study hall were sandpapered and varnished. The black boards were refinished, and those in a bad condition replaced. The barber shop was done over and larger mirrors and better light fixtures set up. The kitchen was replastered and repainted and made modern in every respect. In it new cabinets and serving tables were built, new sink fixtures set up, and an electric dishwashing machine installed. The laundry was enlarged and additional equipment provided.

The King of the Cannibal Islands

Said the Queen of the Cannibal Islands one day

To the King of the Cannibal Isles,
"I fervently wish you would take me away.
My appetite's really becoming passe;
I should like to go miles upon miles."

So they ordered a boat, and away they set sail,

With talk both pleasing and witty.

With a glimpse now and then of a sociable whale

And occasional pauses in order to bail.

At last they arrived at a city.

"Now the first thing, my dear," said the King to the Queen.

"That we really you know ought to do."

"Yes, dear husband," she murmured, "I know what you'll say."

So they entered a restaurant over the way
And ordered a little boy stew.

"And pray," said the King to the waiter who stared

With his eyes popping out of his head,
"I trust you'll see that it's ably prepared;
Select a plump lad who's been very well cared!

We are particular how we are fed."

"Excuse me, g-good sir," said the waiter whose hair,

Was beginning to whiten with fright.
"B-ut little boy stew,—oh I hope you don't care—

Is not to be found on our poor bill of fare;
We're short of that order to-night."

"Very well," said the Queen, "bring a little girl pie;

And see that the crust is well done."

Just then there arose a most horrible cry.
For the King who was hungry had fixed a keen eye

On the waiter who started to run.

I really can't finish this pitiful tale!
The police took the strangers in hand.

And I venture to say, if the sociable whale
Had dreamed in the least how their journey would fail,

He would not have allowed them to land.
—Selected.

Recent visitors at St. John's included

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Enloe, El Reno, Okla.; Mrs. Frank Jackson, Hutchinson, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pade, McCook, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Veneberg, Hays, Kansas.

SESSION BRINGS SOME CHANGES IN FACULTY

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Central College at Naperville, Illinois. His course of study included much work in the field of music particularly voice and harmony. He was in the Glee Club and one summer traveled over the Eastern states with an octet chosen from this organization. He also went out for athletics, lettering in football, wrestling, and track. Here at St. John's Lieutenant Lantz is head of the Music department, and teaches classes in International Relationships and agriculture. He also is assistant coach.

Mrs. M. Ellen Prince, the housemother, has her home in Manhattan, Kansas. She holds a diploma from the Chicago School of Nursing. For a number of years she had charge of the hospital connected with the Rebecca Odd Fellow's Home near Manhattan.

There are several of the old members of the faculty back. The Reverend Edward M. Mize, the chaplain, teaches classes in history. Captain William M. Brown, Jr., the senior master, teaches English, and Captain Paul M. Simpson, mathematics. Captain Phillip Mosher teaches the 7th and 8th grades, and Mrs. Edward M. Mize, the grades in the Lower School.

ALUMNI NOTES

Nelson Richards, '34, is attending the University of Colorado.

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Peter Schneider, '35, is now a student at the University of Kansas.

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Recent visitors at St. John's include: J. M. Abbott, '26, Belleville, Kansas; Horace Wilbur, '35, Wichita, Kansas; Harry Kintz, '27, Fairplay, Colorado. Kintz graduated last year from Annapolis.

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John York, '36, is now in the air corps at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

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Waldo Haythorn, '36, is taking post-graduate work at St. John's.

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