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## WIN DOUBLE-HEADER

### YOUNG BASKET TOSSERS DEFEAT NEW CAMBRIA

The St. John's Military School basketball teams won a double header recently when the cadets' third team defeated New Cambria High's second team 24 to 12 and the fourth team defeated the high school's third team 23 to 10. The games were played on the St. John's court. Several weeks ago the cadets went to New Cambria and lost both games.

#### The First Game

In the Third Team game, the cadets made 16 points in the first half while the visitors made only one, a free throw by Roseman. In the second half, the third team was outplayed by the high school boys, the latter winning this half 11 to 8 but were unable to overcome the 15-point lead from the first half. Final Score, Cadets 24, New Cambria 12. The line-up:

New Cambria	Pos.	St. John's
Murphy	F	Shellenberger
Donmyer	F	Strange
Faust	C	Rising
Stahl	C	Blankinship
Lehman	G	Johnson C.
Roseman	G	Wagner

Summary: Score: Cadets 24, New Cambria seconds 12. Baskets: Murphy 1; Faust 3; Stahl 1; Shellenberger 8; Strange 4. Free throws: Roseman, 2. Personal fouls: Shellenberger 2; Blankinship 1; Johnson C. 1. Technical fouls: Faust 1; Shellenberger 3; Strange 2; Rising 3; Johnson 1; Wagner 3.

#### The Fourth Team

Stiffler, Frayer and Weaver made the points for the visitors in the game with the St. John's fourth team. Breene, Bell and Sudendorf shared in the scored scoring for the cadets. The Cadets won the first half 9 to 6 and the second half 14 to 4, ending the game 23 to 10. The line-up:

New Cambria	Pos.	St. John's
Stiffler	F	Breene
Utech	F	Bell
Donmyer	F	Hyde P.
Frayer	C	Sudendorf
Brown	G	Bland
Weaver	G	Chambers

Summary: Score: St. John's fourth team, 23; New Cambria Thirds, 10. Baskets, Stiffler 3; Frayer 1; Weaver 1; Breene 4; Bell 3; Sudendorf 3. Free throws: Breene 1. Personal fouls: Frayer 1; Breene 2; Sudendorf 2. Technical fouls, Bell 2; Sudendorf 2; Chambers 1.

#### Holds Chapel Services

The Reverend Mr. Myers of Christ Cathedral conducted chapel services at St. John's School recently during the absence of the regular chaplain, Dr. E. H. Rudd. Mr. Myers was recently discharged from the army. He was stationed at Camp Funston. Mr. Myers was ordained after his discharge.

Although a student in Western Theological Seminary and not immediately subject to the draft, Mr. Myers enlisted in a combatant branch of the army, expecting to be sent across and take part in the fighting. However, he did not get to see foreign service.

#### Aitken Sprains Ankle

Cadet Dayle Aitken of the basketball team suffered a sprained ankle at basketball practice a few days before the Bennington game. Aitken was jumping for the ball. He came down with all his weight on his right foot, causing the injury. Aitken plays forward. Strange filled his place in the Bennington game. Aitken has had his share of bad luck, as he had only recently returned to the game from a week's illness.

Cadet Gilbert Sturtz was a dinner guest at the home of Mrs. H. E. Brooks at her home on 545 South Eighth, Salina, recently.

## COMMUTES BY AIR

### BROTHER OF MRS. W. L. GANSSLE WILL FLY TO HIS OFFICE

The first American business man to commute by aeroplane is a brother of Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, wife of Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School. His name is John P. Davies. While he was still an officer in the flying forces of the United States army he visited St. John's school and told of flying and its thrills in France. The following recently appeared in a paper in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"J. P. Davies, head of the sales department of the Curtis Airplane Company, has taken an apartment here for the season, with an option for a year, and is to make his home in Atlantic City. He will commute between his home in this city and his office in New York every week-end, but he will not pay the high federal rate for railroad fares. Mr. Davies will use an airplane to make the trip to and from New York and he will have a machine which will fly from here to New York in forty minutes.

"Mr. Davies will probably be the first individual in this country to make use of the flying machine in commuting between his home and his business office. The machine which he will use will be one of the latest productions of the Curtiss plant.

### Buglers Now Use Large Megaphone

A large tin megaphone has been swung from a tree in front of the barracks at St. John's School. All bugle calls are now first sounded in the barracks and then repeated through the megaphone. This is done to make sure that no cadet quartered in one of the new cottages several hundred yards from the barracks will fail to make a formation on time through not hearing the bugle.

Cadets who have been pushing a needle through cloth with the back of a hair-brush will not be worried over the shortage of metal thimbles.

**DEFEAT BENNINGTON AGAIN****St. John's Takes Third Basketball Game 29 to 20**

Owing to the postponing of several scheduled games, St. John's first team has played only one basketball game since the last issue of THE SKIRMISHER, when they defeated Bennington High School, last week 29 to 20 on the St. John's Gymnasium court. The game was played in quarters.

Skilling for St. John's led off with two baskets and a free throw making a five-point lead that the cadets kept until the second half. St. John's used three second string men in the first half and won this half 18 to 8.

In the last half the second-team men gave way to the regulars for the cadets but the first-team men seemed unable to get together and were outplayed in the third quarter, making only three points while the visitors took eleven.

The cadets made a strong finish and outplayed their opponents in the last quarter making eight points to one for Bennington. The line-up:

Bennington	Pos.	St. John's
Lingrew	F	Strange
Hardesty	F	Shellenberger
	F	Davis
	F	Skilling
Werehan	C	Skilling
	C	Muir
Quinn	G	Umstot
Karstadt	G	Starr
Rehberg	G	Oliver
	G	Wyber

Summary: Score: Cadets 29; Bennington 20. Baskets: Lindgrew 2; Hardesty 3; Werehan 3; Quinn 1; Strange 1; Shellenberger 1; Skilling 8; Muir 2; Starr 1. Free throws, Hardesty 1; Quinn 1; Skilling 3. Personal fouls, Quinn 3; Karstadt 4; Starr 1; Muir 1; Davis 3. Technical fouls: Hardesty 2; Karstadt 1; Shellenberger 1; Starr 3.

Referee: L. L. Smith, Salina; Scorer S. W. Small.

**May Have Extra Study Periods**

A Saturday night study-hall is now staring delinquents in the face, so to speak. It has been a time-honored custom at St. John's School that every one was free on Saturday night as there was no regular study-hall at that time. It is thought that the plan of having study-hall for those behind in their work on the night usually free will stimulate cadets to such an extent that but few will have to report.

**CRACK SQUAD MAKES HIT****School Organization Takes Part In Minstrel Show**

"There were two splendid special acts, the crack squad drill by the St. John's Military School and the Y. M. C. A. tumbling team of six boys. These were indeed worthy of professional comment."—From the Salina Daily Union.

The Crack Squad's drill was one of the numbers on the program of the Y. M. C. A. minstrel given in Salina Friday night of last week. This was the first public appearance of the Crack Squad this year.

The squad had had only about a week's rehearsal, and had several new members. Owing to the short time available to prepare for the show down town, the cadets called in a former cadet and member of the Crack Squad, Bert Strom, to assist them in getting ready the drill. Strom acted as captain the night of the exhibition.

The men who took part were: Bert Strom, acting captain; drill team, Capt. A. G. Oliver, Lieut. Ralph Muir, Lieut. John Pribble, Lieut. Bruce Johnson, Lieut. D. W. Buchanan, Sergt. Fritz Wiedey, Sergt. J. F. Fleming and Sergt. Howard Hayden. Bugler, Sergt. Ralph Dodge.

**MARINE ENTERS ST. JOHN'S****Penn Phillips, Recently Discharged Has Resumed His Studies**

St. John's now has a former Marine in its cadet corps. He arrived the first of this week and has taken up his work in school, which he dropped last year to enter the service.

The former Marine is Pennell Phillips, a last year's student. Phillips home is in Tulsa, Okla. He only recently received his discharge from the Marines.

Phillips, like many other boys in preparatory schools, was anxious last year to get into active service. He chose the Marines and was able to pass their strict physical examination. He enlisted at his home in Tulsa, Okla. From Tulsa he was sent to Kansas City and from here to Paris Island, South Carolina, where he was stationed until his discharge.

While at Paris Island, Phillips met Henry Rudolf, another old St. John's cadet, who was also in the Marines.

**Mrs. Mummah Visits Son**

Mrs. L. E. Mummah of Colorado visited her son, Cadet Glade Mumman at St. John's School this week.

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## CADETS TO THE RESCUE

### South Cottage Students Put Man to Flight

Cadets in the South Cottage recently were called to go to the rescue of a woman in a nearby house who, according to their story, was having more than her share of domestic troubles.

While studying one night not long ago, a badly frightened small boy ran into the dormitory room and asked that the police be called, saying that some man was choking his mother.

The more daring cadets ran out to follow the boy. The more prudent ones ran over to Vail Hall to a telephone. When the man in question saw the army approaching, in skirmish formation, to use the words of one of the cadets, "the culprit loosened his hold on the woman and fled."

According to several stories, the man, obviously outnumbered and in danger of being surrounded, instead of shouting "Kamerad" threw a stick of wood at one of the cadets, then ran away, his ammunition probably being exhausted.

Police who arrived shortly after were unable to find any trace of the man. The woman said that the man was her husband and that they had been quarrelling.

### Cadets Entertained at Dinner

Corporal E. J. Sudendorf recently entertained friends from St. John's School and from Salina at a birthday party given for him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sudendorf at their home at 142 South Eighth Street Salina, Kansas. Cadets present were: A. G. Oliver, D. W. Buchanan, Walter Miller, F. W. Wiedey, J. F. Fleming, Frank Blaney, R. W. Kirkpatrick, Gilmore Osborne, Clarence Wagner, Kenneth Harris and Gardner Hart.

### Basketball Game Cancelled

Captain Charles Cannon, coach, had arranged a basketball game with the Minneapolis, Kans., high school team last week but the game was cancelled by Minneapolis at the last minute. A telephone call from that town said they would be unable to play on account of influenza there.

### Sergeant Perry Returns

Supply Sergt. Henry Perry, who has been ill at his home in Hutchinson, Kansas, has resumed his work at St. John's School.

## Cadet Has Old Bayonet

What is probably a relic of the Franco-Prussian War was brought back to St. John's School by Cadet Thomas Voiland who recently went to meet his father who has just returned from France. The relic was an old bayonet, unearthed by a shell explosion in the present war and is of a different pattern from the present German and French bayonets.

### Set Senior-Junior Prom. Date

The date has been set for the junior-senior prom. It will be held May 14. The cadets who will attend are: Seniors, A. G. Oliver, F. W. Wiedey, Robert Wyber, D. W. Buchanan, Ralph Dodge. Juniors: Lloyd Umstot, Ned Goffe, Bruce Davis, Ralph Muir, Bruce Johnson, Walter Miller, Theodore Tanner.

### Visits Mother In Manhattan

Cadet Henry Allard spent Saturday and Sunday of last week with mother in Manhattan. Mrs. Allard is connected with the Extension Division of the Kansas State College of Agriculture.

### Cadet Repartee-hee

Bigelow, running up behind Fulwider: "Look out, here comes 400 pounds of muscle."

Fulwider, sidestepping: "Four hundred pounds of compressed air, you mean."

### How Time Flyeth

Heard in the South Cottage Sunday night. Fulwider: "Only five more days."

Osborne: "Only five more days till what?"

Fulwider: "Till next Saturday."

### Senior Class Rings Here

Members of the senior class of St. John's School are now wearing their new senior rings. This year's class decided to adopt a senior ring instead of pins, the former senior emblems.

### Cadets Hear Insurance Man

Edgar Davis, district manager of a life insurance company with offices in Salina, recently talked to the cadets in study hall, on the value of an education.

Cadets William Faurot and Donald McLeod visited at the latter's home in Hutchinson recently.

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"If he can't spell, he's drunk." Headline. If that's so youthful inebriety must be increasing.

An Ohio woman, 105 years old, says she attained her age by eating onions but fails to say how many friends she has.

Yes, Rollo, we have had the sleeping sickness for some time. It is especially liable to attack you about reveille.

Of course buggy riding is not as exhilarating as automobiling—but did you ever try to catch a small horse in a big field?

From a recent serial: "Her brown eyes grew big. 'Why, it's a turkey.'" Whaddyethink they ha' done if she'd seen ham an'?

That New Yorker who's trying to make buggy riding popular again won't be successful unless he invents a self-currying horse.

Cadets probably will take more interest in shining their shoes when they learn a Washington D. C. bootblack is to pay income tax on \$18,000.

From St. John's Dictionary: "Fiction: what you tell the First Sergeant your reason was for missing reveille." "Fact: what the First Sergeant tells you."

When the Americans go about restoring Europe's forests they will have the small boys over there to deal with if they send over any peach tree switches.

Since Paderewski has gone into politics in his home country he has dropped the \$50,000 insurance he carried on his fingers. Probably to change it into life insurance.

Have you noticed the return of an old acquaintance? After an absence of a couple o' years, the young man with the long narrow legs and the waistline right under the shoulder blades is returning to his old job in the ads for men's clothing.

It's a pity that patent for an apparatus to enable a person to play a piano and violin at the same time wasn't issued long enough ago to try it out on the Germans.

And now comes a man who advises us "to achieve conscious control over one's ears," which, in the Kansas language, we believe means you must learn to wiggle 'em.

A hundred years from now: First boy, "One of my ancestors came over in the Mayflower." Second boy, "That's nothing; a bunch of mine went back over in a transport."

The "Stars and Stripes," France, says that Signal Corps photographers with the Army of Occupation have taken 28,000 feet of films and more than three thousand "stills" but it does not say how many revenue officers it took to do the latter.

## INGENUITY BEATS SYSTEM

### Topeka Speaker Tells How Americans Bested The Germans

That American intelligence was more than a match for German system was illustrated by Mr. Fred Voiland of Topeka, Kansas, in a talk to the Cadets of St. John's Military School last week. Mr. Voiland, who was with the Y. M. C. A. in France, recently returned to this country. He was at St. John's on a brief visit to his son, Cadet Thomas Voiland.

Mr. Voiland told of an American sergeant who was trying to reach certain American forces with several trucks of badly-needed ammunition. He had reached a stretch of shell-swept road and was advised to turn back.

Taking out his watch, he noted the regular intervals at which the shells dropped and watched where they fell. Then when he had fixed these points in his mind, he started with his trucks and went the distance that he had determined previously was safe to go. He stopped and waited. A shell struck in front of him and another behind. Following this plan, he went a mile and a half on the road under shell fire without being hit and brought in his ammunition as ordered.

Mr. Voiland had a French Seventy-five shell casing wrought into a beautiful vase by a French soldier, also a German Iron Cross. He showed the cadets the helmet worn by the German soldier and two made for German officers.

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#### Sailor Scotty Gives Unusual Exhibition Before Cadets

"Which of you, by taking thought, can add one cubit unto his stature?" Sailor Scotty did not add one cubit to his height but he did add about six inches. He did this by dislocating and then stretching his neck.

Sailor Scotty, formerly of the United States Navy and honorably discharged on account of physical disability, recently gave an exhibition to the Cadets of St. John's Military School, in the study hall, showing how he could increase his height and lengthen his reach. He lengthened his reach by dislocating his wrists and then stretching the arm, and seemingly dislocated his neck to become taller.

And then just to prove that his exhibitions did not weaken his wrist, he stood on his hands and raised and lowered himself several times, "chinning himself" upside down as he called it.

He also allowed his hands to be tied behind his back and showed how readily he could release himself. He had been tied so tightly that the rope left red rings around his wrists.

Scott, or Sailor Scotty as he called himself, was discharged in Scotland on being released from a hospital there. He had been in the United States Navy five years. He has a brother who is in vaudeville, and gives a similar exhibition.

Scott was accompanied by his wife and baby. They are on their way to Spokane, Washington. He had been giving exhibitions at military schools and colleges on his way west.

Although Mrs. Scott has been accompanying her husband, she had never seen him give his exhibition until she saw him at St. John's School.

From Salina they went to Denver.

### Every Day Is Clean-up Day

When the inspecting officer now makes his morning rounds, he notes the rooms which are not in proper shape. At the morning free period, before drill, cadets whose rooms failed to pass are marched down to their quarters and made to put in their free time cleaning up, incidentally missing the mail formation. If this occurs a second time, the cadet receives demerits in addition to losing his free time.

Cadets John McNair and Harold Shellenberger were at their homes in Lyons, Kansas, recently.

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### CADET'S PARENTS INJURED

#### Street Car Hits Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturtz

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturtz of Kansas City were hurt in an automobile accident there last week, when a street car struck their machine, according to a letter received Monday by their son, Cadet Gilbert Sturtz of St. John's School. Mrs. Sturtz suffered a broken ankle and a broken bone in her foot. Mr. Sturtz was cut about the head and received bad bruises and sprains.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sturtz were taken to a hospital and remained there several days. Cadet Sturtz's mother wrote the letter he received Monday and she was still suffering from the injury she had received. A telephone message from his father Tuesday said both were back at home then from the hospital.

Neither the letter nor the telephone call gave any particulars about the way the accident occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturtz formerly lived in Salina. Mrs. Sturtz visited her son at St. John's shortly after the Christmas holidays.

#### Breaks Arm Cranking Car

While cranking a car, Sergeant-Major Carl Johnson's right arm was broken just above the wrist. He was immediately taken to a hospital an X-ray picture taken of the broken bone. Sergeant Major Johnson lives near Salina and went to his home for a few days following the accident. He has now resumed his studies at St. John's school.

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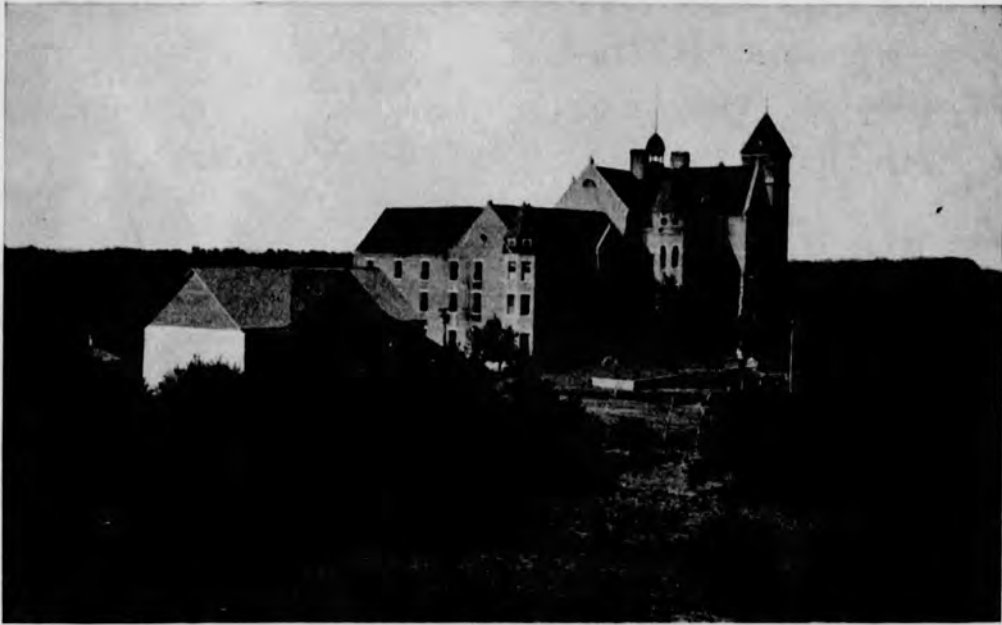
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Notice—The public is not allowed in the circular park south of Vail Hall between the hours of 3:30 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This time is reserved especially for cadets who have made arrangements to exercise there.

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