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SIX ARE GRADUATED

EAST AND WEST REPRESENTED
IN CLASS OF 1919

Class of 1919

DAVID W. BUCHANAN
RALPH DODGE
RALPH MUIR
ALEXANDER G. OLIVER
FRITZ WIEDEY
ROBERT WYBER

A Pacific and an Atlantic coast state were represented on the 1919 graduating class of St. John's Military school, when six cadets received diplomas. A. G. Oliver lives in San Diego, California and Robert Wyber in Brooklyn, New York.

Of the six graduates, four had been at St. John's four years, one three and another two. Diplomas were presented by Bishop John C. Sage at the annual commencement, held in the school gymnasium.

Four of the six have decided to go to college, one to enter a conservatory of music and one is undecided. Robert Wyber ranked highest in scholastic standing with Ralph Dodge second. The graduates, with their attendance at St. John's and their probable plans are:

David W. Buchanan, Kansas City, Mo., fourth year; cadet captain, crack squad, Skirmisher staff; intends to go to college and then study medicine.

Ralph Dodge, Great Bend, Kansas; second year; cadet lieutenant, crack squad, Skirmisher staff, leader cadet band; probably will enter a conservatory of music.

Ralph Muir, Salina, Kansas; fourth year; cadet lieutenant, crack squad, member 1st football and basketball teams, captain Army club; will enter Kansas State College of Agriculture at Manhattan.

Alexander Gordon Oliver, San Diego, California; fourth year; cadet

senior captain, crack squad, member first football and basketball teams, Skirmisher staff, captain Navy club; will enter University of Michigan to study law.

Fritz Wiedey, Okarche, Oklahoma; fourth year; cadet lieutenant, crack squad, cadet band, Skirmisher staff; undecided about college.

Robert Wyber, Brooklyn, New York, third year; cadet lieutenant; member 1st basketball team, cadet band, valedictorian of class. Plans to enter St. Stephens College, Anandale, New York.

SCHOOL RECEIVES PICTURES

Copies of Works of Art Sent From Minnesota

Major W. L. Ganssle recently received two oil paintings which were lent to him by a relative in Minnesota, Mrs. L. G. Ganssle.

One is a copy of the "Vestal Tuccia," by Hector Leroux who was born in Verdun nearly a century ago. The original of this picture is now in the Corcoran gallery in Washington. Tuccia, a vestal virgin, was accused of infidelity. Protesting her innocence, she took the test—that she should take up water from the Tiber in sieve before the people. The Tiber is shown in the middle of the picture, with the buildings of the city on its banks. Tuccia stands on the shore with her hands raised, asking the goddess she serves to aid her in the test. This picture is said to be the artist's best work.

The second picture is a copy of the "Moorish Terrace," the original of which hangs in the Royal Academy in England.

The pictures will be hung in the library at the school.

Are Visiting At St. John's

Mrs. J. Carver Jones and daughter, Miss Pauline Jones, are visiting Mrs. Jones' daughter, Mrs. Maurice Hicklin, at St. John's School.

CUP TO ARMY CLUB

MUIR'S ATHLETES DOWN NAVY
339 TO 230

The Army Club won over the Navy Club for the school year 1918-19, by the score of 339 to 230. Most of the points were gained in the annual meet which the Army won 228 to 156; up to that time they had a lead of 37 points.

As a result, Captain Oliver of the Navy presented the Army-Navy Cup to Captain Muir of the Army and the latter also received a medal as recognition of his work in getting a winning team. Places on the first and second football teams and basketball teams and the results of the basketball tournament also counted for points. Rain prevented the tennis tournament which also is counted. First team men gain five points each for their club, second team men three points.

Of the football squad of 22 men, 14 were counted as first team. Seven of these were Army Club men: Hayden, Skilling, Muir, Johnson B. Bigelow and Stubbs. The seven Navy men were: Oliver, Conner, Davis, Fluke, Wagner, Dodge, Sturtz. This made 35 points for each club. Counting 3 points for each of the following, Cramm and Wiedey netted the Army 6 points and Pribble, Osborne, Rispin, Johnson C., Buchanan and Hepworth gave 18 to the Navy.

The inter-club basketball tournament was won by the Army, giving them 40 points. Army men on the first basketball team were: Skilling, Aitken, and Muir; Navy, Oliver, Davis and Wyber. This gave each club 15 points. On the second team were: Stubbs, Starr, Johnson B., Strange and Shellenberger who made 15 points for the Army and two Navy men, Buchanan and Umstot who added 6 more to the navy.

Summary: Won in football: Army 41 points; Navy 53; In inter-club basketball: Army 40 points; In the regular basketball season, Army 30, Navy

21. Total up to meet, Army 111; Navy 74.

In field meet, Army 228, Navy 156. Final total, Army 339, Navy 230.

Carry Out Luncheon Program

The following was the program at the annual commencement luncheon held in the school gymnasium on Wednesday of commencement week:

Grace—Dr. E. H. Rudd, chaplain at St. John's.

Vocal Selection—George W. Barnes, director of music at St. John's with Mrs. Edwards Hiller as accompanist. Luncheon.

Presentation of field day ribbons to winners, by Capt. Charles Cannon, director of athletics.

Presentation of Army-Navy cup to Lieutenant Muir, captain of Army Club, by Captain Oliver, captain of Navy Club.

Presentation of warrants to basketball team and medals to the winners of highest number of points in Army-Navy meet by Mr. John Eberhardt of Salina.

Awarding of competitive drill medal and of commissions and non-commissioned officers' warrants by Capt. Maurice Hicklin, commandant.

Presentation of cup to winner of buglers' contest, by Captain Hicklin.

Presentation of School Medals, by N. A. Barker, senior master.

Presentation of athletic-scholarship medal, by Captain Hicklin.

Presentation of Christian Manliness Medal, by Dr. E. H. Rudd, chaplain.

Presentation of cups and books to the first and second cadets in each form, by N. A. Barker.

Presentation of Lower School medal by Captain Hicklin.

Presentation of Rector's Medal and of Diplomas to graduates by Bishop John C. Sage.

America—by all present.

Benediction—by Bishop Sage.

Six School Medals Awarded

Each year at St. John's six medals are presented based partly on scholarship, athletics, military achievements, deportment and largely on school spirit. Gold emblems are awarded those making the most points, silver ones for second place and bronze for third place. The winners for 1919 were:

Gold medals: Ralph Cramm and C. Lydon Lippincott.

Silver medals: Lawrence Bigelow and Parvin Pattison.

Bronze medals: John McNair and Gilmore Osborne.

RAIN SHORTENS PROGRAM

Bad Weather Prevented Most of Outdoor Events Planned

Rain interfered so with the commencement program that with the exception of the annual field meet between the Army and Navy Clubs and the competitive drill, there were no outdoor events. The following was the program planned:

Sunday, June 1, 11 a. m.; Commencement sermon by the Right Reverend Irving P. Johnson, Bishop of Colorado at Christ Cathedral; 4:30 p. m., Band concert; ceremonies of guard mounting and parade.

Monday, June 2; 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.; Annual field meet between Army and Navy Clubs; 5 p. m. Military ceremonies; 7:30 p. m.; pitching camp.

Tuesday, June 3; 9 a. m., Mock field day; tennis tournament; competitive target practice. 3 p. m. Preliminary competitive drills by bayonet squad, signal squad, wall scaling squad, sabre squad, calisthenics squad, crack squad. 8:30 p. m. Commencement dance.

Wednesday, June 4: 7:15 a. m., Chapel service; 9:30 a. m., Final competitive drills; manual of arms, signalling; company and battalion drill. Noon: Alumni luncheon, awarding of prizes and presentation of diplomas.

The following was the only part of the program that could be carried out: Sunday, Commencement Sermon; Monday and Tuesday, between showers, annual Army-Navy meet. Tuesday night, dance; Wednesday, competitive manual of arms, band concert, alumni luncheon, presentation of diplomas and awarding of prizes.

Hayden Best Scholar-Athlete

Sergeant Howard H. Hayden of Colorado won the athletic-scholarship medal given by the school. This medal is given annually to the cadet who makes the highest scholastic grade of those who have won first place on an athletic team. Sergeant Hayden was on the St. John's football team and is a member of the junior class. He is right guide of Company A.

Hardman Gets Rector's Medal

John Hardman, cadet in the lower school was the winner of the Rector's Medal. He is in the Second Form. This medal is given to the cadet showing the greatest development during the year.

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ARMY 228; NAVY 156 IN MEET**Wet Weather Slows Up Annual Field Day Considerably**

Several days of wet weather before the meet and rain at times during the events slowed up the annual Army-Navy field meet considerably. An extra half day was needed to complete the events. Up until the meet, the Army had a lead of 37 points. They won the meet by the score of 228 to 156. The summary of the events follows:

High Jump—1st class; 1st, Rising (A); 2nd, Clarke (A).

High Jump—2nd class; 1st, Strange (A); 2nd, Fleming (A).

High Jump—3rd class; 1st, Robinson (A); 2nd, Selby (A).

High Jump—4th class; 1st, Bland (A); 2nd, Snyder (N).

440-yds.—1st class; 1st, Gray (N); 2nd, Wiedey (A).

440-yds.—2nd class; 1st, Fleming (A); 2nd, Blaney (A).

440-yds.—3rd class; 1st, Benest (N); 2nd, Winger (A).

50-yd. dash—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Pribble (N).

50-yd. dash—2nd class; 1st, Strange (A); 2nd, Cordier (N).

50-yd. dash—3rd class; 1st, Selby (A); 2nd, Sudendorf (N).

50-yd. dash—4th class; 1st, Allard (N); 2nd, Bland (A).

Baseball throw—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Pribble (N).

Baseball throw—2nd class; 1st, Cordier (N); 2nd, Strange (A).

Baseball throw—3rd class; 1st, Robinson (A); 2nd, Breene (N).

Baseball throw—4th class; 1st, Snyder (N); 2nd, Allard (N).

Running broad jump—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Rising (A).

Running broad jump—2nd class; 1st, Strange (A); 2nd, Cordier (N).

Running broad jump—3rd class; 1st, Selby (A); 2nd, Benest (N).

Running broad jump—4th class; 1st, Allard (N); 2nd, Bland (A).

880-yds.—1st class; 1st, Gray (N); 2nd, Davis (N).

880-yds.—2nd class; 1st, Strange (A); 2nd, Smith (N).

Pole vault—1st class; 1st, Rising (A); 2nd, Wiedey (A).

Pole vault—2nd class; 1st, Strange (A); 2nd, Smith (N).

100-yds.—1st class; 1st, Oliver (N) and Skilling (A) tied; 3rd, Gray (N).

100-yds.—2nd class; 1st, Cordier (N); 2nd, Strange (A).

100-yds.—3rd class; 1st, Selby (A); 2nd, Kirkpatrick (A).

100-yds.—4th class; 1st, Allard (N); 2nd, Bland (A).

Discus—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Oliver (N).

Discus—2nd class; 1st, Cordier (N); 2nd, Smith (N).

Shot—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Muir (A).

Shot—2nd class; 1st, Cordier (N); 2nd, Smith (N).

220-yds.—1st class; 1st, Skilling (A); 2nd, Oliver (N).

220-yds.—2nd class; 1st, Fleming (A); 2nd, Strange (A).

220-yds.—3rd class; 1st, Sudendorf (N); 2nd, Hall (A).

220-yds.—4th class; 1st, Allard (N); 2nd, Bland (A).

Relay 1/2-mile—3rd class; won by Army; Team: Hall, Winger, Robinson and Selby.

Relay 1/2-mile—4th class; won by Navy; Team: Pattison P., Snyder, Schlesinger and Allard.

Captain Oliver Honored

A. G. Oliver, senior captain, received The Christian Manliness Medal, the Chaplain's medal. This is presented each year to the cadet who best shows by his daily life what St. John's stands for, christian manliness. A Bible as prize for the highest grade in Sacred Study also went to Captain Oliver.

Captain Oliver, who had twice won the prize in the manual of arms competition, also was given a bar, engraved "winner" to be attached to his drill medal. He won the competitive drill medal in 1917 and 1918.

He Had a Full Evening

Six young cadets assisted in the serving at the dinner dance of the juniors and seniors recently. After the others began dancing, they were served. They must have been served successfully, for Cadet John Harris was heard to say, "I'll bet I'm the fullest person in the house."

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FACULTY STILL IS BUSY

Several Instructors Will Remain At St. John's All Summer

This issue of THE SKIRMISHER finds several of the St. John's faculty still at the school, completing some of the school records and planning for next year.

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent is at present at St. John's. He will be here the greater part of the summer, looking after the work for next year. He plans to spend his vacation in Colorado. Major Ganssle is captain of the Shrine Patrol and had intended going with them on their trip to Indianapolis but was unable to make the trip.

N. A. Barker senior master, will be in Salina until July 1. After that he will go to his home in Cambridge, Mass., for his vacation.

Maurice Hicklin, commandant, will be at the school until the middle of the summer, when he will travel in interest of the school.

Charles F. Cannon, director of athletics and Mrs. Cannon, instructor in the lower school, will be in Salina. Mr. Cannon will be busy most of the summer looking after his farm.

Edward Morgenstern, instructor in history, is now at Indianapolis with the Shrine Patrol. On his return he will travel in Oklahoma in interest of the school.

Raymond P. Shideler, instructor in commercial branches, will be at the school all summer, attending to office work.

Dr. E. H. Rudd, chaplain, will remain at the school until July 1, when he will go to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to visit his son.

George W. Barnes, director of music, and organist at Christ Cathedral, will teach music in Salina this summer.

S. W. Small, assistant commandant, is now at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., where he will spend the summer.

The first shall be last and the last shall be first, in the well regulated mess line.

Former Bursar Presents Prizes

Mr. John Eberhardt of Salina, a former bursar of St. John's School who has taken an active and successful interest in athletics presented the basketball warrants to the first basketball team and the medals to the winners of the highest number of points in each class in the Army-Navy field meet. The highest point-winners were: 1st class, Stanley Skilling, Army Club, 36 points; 2nd class, Douglas Strange, Army Club, 39 points; 3rd class, Robert Selby, Army Club, 19 points; 4th class, Henry Allard, Navy Club, 26 points. The members of the first basketball team, with the years they have played on St. John's follow: Aitken, 1st year, Davis, 2nd year; Muir, 3rd year; Oliver, 3rd year; Skilling, 2nd year; Wyber, 2nd year.

Ribbons Presented to 24 Cadets

Cadets who place first and second in the athletic events in the annual Army-Navy field meet are given ribbons. This year's ribbon-winners were: Army—Stanley Skilling, Belmont Rising, Ralph Muir (capt.), Sam Clarke, Douglas Strange, J. Fleming, Fritz Wiedey, Frank Blaney, Horace Winger, Robert Selby, Davis Bland, Robert Kirkpatrick, John Hall.

Navy winners: A. G. Oliver (capt.), Leslie Gray, Vernon Benest, Fred Cordier, John Pribble, Edward Sudendorf, Henry Allard, Theoren Smith, Bruce Davis, Parvin Pattison, Paul Snyder.

Lower School Medal to Barnes

R. W. Barnes won the Lower School Medal. This is given to the best "all-round" cadet in the lower school. His scholarship, his interest in athletics and school activities, his deportment and his general attitude all are taken into consideration. To win this prize a boy must be in school the entire year. Winners of cups for highest scholarship in the other lower school forms are not eligible. Barnes is in the Second Form.

Cramm Wins Drill Medal

A member of the cadet band almost won the prize in the competitive drill, when Robert Bell was the next to last to be drilled down. The medal was won by Ralph Cramm of Company A, a third year student, with Bell as second. Any cadet in school was eligible to compete and practically all of them entered.

Bishop Johnson Here

The Bishop of Colorado, the Right Reverend Irving P. Johnson, preached the commencement sermon for St. John's School at Christ Cathedral, Salina, Sunday June 1. The visit of Bishop Johnson to Salina in connection with the commencement exercise was of especial interest to those connected with St. John's. It was through his influence that Major Ganssle, now superintendent came to St. John's from Racine College, at Racine, Wisconsin, where he had been commandant.

Many Guests at Luncheon

The alumni luncheon of St. John's School is perhaps the feature of commencement week. Many schools have commencement or alumni luncheons but few schools combine this with what is ordinarily the final commencement program. On the final Wednesday, the gymnasium is filled with tables and chairs and, school and guests are served with an excellent lunch. After lunch, prizes are awarded and the diplomas presented to the graduating class. There were nearly two hundred guests in addition to the faculty and students this year.

Mrs. Plank Goes to Duluth

Mrs. Grace Ganssle Plank, sister of Major W. L. Ganssle who was at St. John's School the past school year is now in Duluth, Minnesota, where her husband, the Rev. Laurance Plank has accepted a pastorate. Mr. Plank went to France last fall to engage in reconstruction work. In his absence, Mrs. Plank and little daughter, Luraine, were at St. John's School, where Mrs. Plank, who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, was instructor in English.

Fulwider First To Enroll

In looking over applications for enrollment already received, Major W. L. Ganssle found that the first application for next year was from Corporal Howard Fulwider of this year's cadet corps. Corporal Fulwider enrolled for the 1919-20 term shortly after the Christmas holidays of this year.

Will Teach At High School

George W. Barnes, director of music at St. John's School, has been chosen by the Salina School Board as supervisor of music at the Salina Senior High School. This will not interfere with his work at St. John's Military School.



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SCHOOL GIVES FINAL DANCE

**Cadets and 250 Guests Enjoy Closing
Social Event**

About two hundred and fifty guests attended the commencement dance of St. John's School given Tuesday of commencement week in the school gymnasium. Dancing began at 8:30 o'clock and lasted until 12:30. Sergeant Frank Blaney who had charge of the decorating, had put the monograms of the various classes on the walls in crepe paper and had swung Japanese lanterns and parasols from the ceiling.

There were two favor dances. In one, the favors were tiny balloons with strings, which soon were following the dancers in their course around the floor. For the other dance, joss sticks were given out. These were lighted and given to the girls who stuck them in their hair. These, with a monogrammed St. John's moon, gave a pretty effect for the moonlight dance. Refreshments were served at 11:30 o'clock.

Loving Cups for Form Heads

Six loving cups, all of a different size, were given to the cadets who stood highest in their forms. The cup for the First Form was the smallest and that for the Sixth Form, or seniors, the largest. Books were given as second prizes in each form. The winners were:

Head of Sixth Form, seniors, Robert Wyber; second of Sixth Form, Ralph Dodge.

Head of Fifth Form, juniors, Howard Hayden; second of Fifth Form, Bruce Johnson.

Head of Fourth Form, sophomores, Alan Conner; second of Fourth Form, Harold Shellenberger.

Head of Third Form, freshmen, Richard Hamm; second of Third Form, Harland Mitchell.

Head of Second Form, lower school, Jefferson Schlesinger; second of Second Form, R. W. Barnes.

Head of First Form, lower school, Davis Bland; second of First Form, Roy Edwards.

C. H. Poindexter Enrolls Son

Among the commencement visitors at St. John's was C. H. Poindexter, general agent for Kansas of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mr. Poindexter has enrolled his son, Richard, in St. John's School for next year.

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Old Students Enrolling by That Date Have Choice

The prospects are that St. John's School will be filled to its capacity again this fall. The school was so crowded last year that additional quarters to accommodate about twenty boys were built. St. John's lost only six boys by graduation this year.

Students, both old and new, already are enrolling for next fall. It has been the custom at St. John's to permit old students to have the choice of rooms in the barracks. In some cases this has caused inconvenience when old students, who had planned to return failed to file applications until just before school started.

This year, Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent, has set a definite date up to which rooms will be held for the old students. Up to and including July 10th, cadets here last year may have their choice of rooms in order of their application.

After July 10th, reservations without formal applications will not be held for last year's cadets but rooms will be assigned to cadets in the order that their formal applications for enrollment are received, whether new or old students.

Wiedey Receives Bugler's Cup

The best bugler in school proved to be Fritz Wiedey who hails from Oklahoma. Wiedey, who is one of this year's senior class, has been at St. John's School four years. Seven cadets entered this contest, each "armed" with a bugle. Starting on the right, Number 1 blew a bugle call. The other six then repeated this call one at a time. Number 2 started the second call, Number 3 the next and so on, each contestant in turn being the one who had to start a certain call. The judges were placed so that they could hear but were unable to see the players. They merely knew that "Number so-and-so" was playing. At the end, the judges decided that No. 7 had won. This was Wiedey. His trophy was a silver loving cup, engraved, "Best Bugler."

Singer and Accompanist Please

Two vocal numbers by George W. Barnes, director of music at St. John's, with Mrs. Edwards Hiller of Salina as accompanist, formed an especially attractive part of the commencement program. His first song was "The Minstrel Boy" and his second, "Dear Old Pal of Mine."

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CADETS' CHOIR WILL TOUR

Plans Being Made For Concert Trip Next Season

Plans for the organizing of a boys' choir which will take an extended concert trip after school next year were discussed recently by Major W. L. Ganssle and George W. Barnes, musical director of St. John's school. School had been in session for some time when Mr. Barnes came last year and the schedule was so arranged that he had to hold his rehearsals at night. This did not prove entirely satisfactory. A definite time each morning has now been set for rehearsals. Mr. Barnes will select twenty-four boys both large and small from among the best voices in the cadet corps next fall and concentrate on the training of these in concert work. Mr. Barnes has specialized in choral work and has had several successful concert seasons with boys' choirs before coming to St. John's.

TO INSTRUCT IN FLYING

Aviator Brothers of Mrs. W. L. Ganssle at Plattsburg Camp

John P. Davies, brother of Mrs. W. L. Ganssle of St. John's Military School, will be in charge of the aviation instruction at the Junior Plattsburg Camp at Lake Champlain this summer. His younger brother, Frank Davies, will assist him in this work. John Davies, now sales-manager for the Curtiss Company, was a lieutenant in the aviation section, U. S. army and saw service in France. Frank Davies has just completed his training for a commission as a flyer. Both were guests at St. John's School last winter.

A card received recently from John Davies from Waco, Texas, said that he was then making an inspection of the aviation camps in the south and west. He was going from one field to another in an aeroplane, flying at night. From Texas he planned to go to California.

To Teach In Lower School

A teacher who has specialized in instruction of smaller boys has been engaged for the lower school next fall by Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. Johns. The teacher is Miss Rena White of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minn. She is a graduate of the Minneapolis State Normal and has had considerable successful teaching experience.

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