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## CADETS WIN 60 TO 35

### S. J. M. S. FIVE OUT-PLAYS TEAM FROM BENNINGTON

With a new man, Strange, at forward, the basketball team of St. John's Military School defeated Bennington High School 60 to 35 on the Bennington court Friday night of last week. Oliver, regular guard, and Aitken who has been playing forward, did not make the trip. Starr took Oliver's place at guard very creditably and Strange at forward was responsible for 12 of the cadets points.

Starr, who started on the second team, has now been placed permanently on the first team. From the way Strange has been showing up recently, he likely will get into the games for the rest of the season with the first team men. Strange started out playing with the third team and has gradually moved up until last week when he played throughout the whole game at forward with the regular first team.

The Bennington floor is smaller than the court the cadets are used to and this slowed up the game considerably. Skilling for St. John's made 17 baskets, the largest number he has made in any one game so far. Davis for St. John's was eliminated in the second half on account of fouls and was replaced by Wyber.

Bennington will play a return game with the cadets on the latter's floor next week. Captain Charles Cannon of St. John's refereed. The line-up:

Bennington	Pos.	St. John's
Hardesty	F	Skilling
Quinn	F	Strange
Lindgrew	C	Muir
Carstalt	G	Starr
Ryberg	G	Davis
	G	Wyber

Summary: Baskets: Hardesty 6; Quinn 4; Lindgrew 2; Carstalt 2; Ryberg 1; Skilling 17; Strange 6; Muir 4; Starr 1. Free throws: Hardesty 2; Quinn 3; Skilling 4. Personal fouls: Quinn 3; Carstalt 1; Strange 1; Starr

2; Davis 4; Wyber 1. Technical fouls: Hardesty 1; Quinn 3; Skilling 2; Strange 1; Muir 1; Starr 6; Wyber 1. Referee: C. H. Cannon, St. John's.

### Jazz Orchestra Plays at Dance

The St. John's Jazz orchestra made its first appearance at the dance in the gymnasium given the Monday before Lent began. Cadet Frank P. Davies of Love Field, who is taking the training for a commission in aviation led the jazz crew on his banjo. He was ably assisted by Cadets Ralph Dodge, who played piano and Jay Fleming, who played drums. Mr. Davies, who is a brother of Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, was on furlough from the army. The jazz orchestra did not play the entire dance but was used to furnish several novelty numbers. This dance was the third the school has given this year and will be the last until after Lent. About fifty couples danced from 8:30 o'clock until midnight.

### Short Trip Causes Long Ride

The closest town is not always the shortest trip as the St. John's basketball team discovered last week when they played at Bennington. That town is about fifteen miles north of Salina and in good weather would be reached in a short time by automobile. As the roads were not passable, the trip was made by train. The St. John's team left Salina at 3:45 Friday afternoon, went to Solomon, about seventeen miles, changed cars and took a train fourteen more miles to Bennington, arriving there at 5:30 o'clock. They were unable to get a return train to Salina until 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

### McPherson Game Postponed

The basketball game scheduled with McPherson High School last week was not played. Owing to the condition of the roads, it was found impossible to drive through and train connections would have caused the loss of too much school. The game probably will be played at a later date.

## FILL NEW COTTAGE

### MEN MOVING INTO QUARTERS RECENTLY COMPLETED

The first of the new St. John's cottages to be built is now in use. So anxious were the cadets to try out their new quarters that eight St. John's students last week moved into the south cottage. Two cadets have the smaller room intended to be used by an instructor or cadet officer and six others are in the large dormitory or squad room in the rear of the cottage. These cadets are:

In the smaller room: Sergt. Laurence Bigelow and Sergt. Howard Hayden. In the squad room: Corporal Preece Davis, Lance-Corporal Howard Fulwider and Cadets Gilmore Osborne, Dayle Aitken, Rodger Haley and Thomas Voiland.

The cadets are more or less "on their own" in their new quarters and it is planned to make living in the cottages a privilege based on good school work and deportment. They are already making plans for fixing up an attractive lawn in front of the cottages and for working out some design, to be done in stone, to make their quarters distinctive.

Applications have already been received by Major Ganssle from cadets who wish to move into the second cottage which is not quite ready for occupancy. He has taken these applications under advisement and will announce the names later.

### Cadet Now For Reading Room

A member of the guard each day is now stationed in the reading room. It is his duty to see that the magazines and books are kept in place, and that they are not taken from the reading room except for use in class work.

### Doctor Stinson Visits Son

Dr. B. L. Stinson of Great Bend, Kansas recently visited his son, Cadet Edward Stinson at St. John's School.

## ARE PLANNING DRUM CORPS

## Cadet Band Will "Double" In New School Organization

In addition to its cadet band, St. John's is now planning a bugle, fife and drum corps.

At first it was intended to use some of the smaller boys for the drum corps but lack of time on the part of the instructor caused this idea to be abandoned. About a half dozen of the smaller cadets were tried out and while most of them gave evidence that they would become proficient with practice, it was decided not to develop any more musicians in the few months remaining of this year.

For some time Sergeant Dodge, chief musician, has been working to increase the number of regular buglers. He has been using the tuba, alto and trombone players in addition to the three cornet players. As these men, already experienced, showed they could handle the bugles properly, it was determined to recruit the drum and bugle corps from the band entirely.

There is no intention of replacing the band which has been making excellent progress under the leadership of Sergeant Dodge. It was thought, however, that the other organization could be used to advantage at certain parades down town.

Cadet Osborne, clarinet, is taking up the snare drum. Cadet Shellenberger, baritone, is developing into a fife player. The drum section will be used on their regular instruments. The others will furnish the buglers. The instrumentation as now planned will be:

Fife, Harold Shellenberger; snare drums, Gilmore Osborne and Jay Fleming; bass drum, Gilbert Sturtz; buglers, Ralph Dodge; Lawrence Bigelow, Belmont Rising, Fritz Wiedey, John Blankinship, Clarence Wagner and Robert Wyber. Others will be added later.

## Davis and Umstot Visit Hutchinson

Corporal Bruce Davis and Cadet Lloyd Umstot recently visited their parents at their home in Hutchinson, Kansas.

## Sergeant Perry Visits at Home

Supply Sergeant Henry Perry is visiting his parents at his home in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Lieut. J. W. Pribble was in Kansas City last week for a brief stay.

## FIVES DROP DOUBLE-HEADER

## Third and Fourth Teams Lose to New Cambria

The third and fourth basketball teams of St. John's Military School were defeated in a double-header recently by the third and fourth teams of New Cambria High School at New Cambria losing the first 56 to 11 and the second 17 to 2.

The cadets were handicapped by the out-door court as they have been playing entirely at school on the gymnasium court.

## The Third Teams

In the third-team game, Breene and Robinson made all the scores for St. John's, the former getting 8 points and the latter 3. The line up:

New Cambria	Pos.	St. John's
Donmyer	F	Robinson
Murphy	F	Breene
Foust	C	Gardner
	C	Selby
Stahl	G	Sudendorf
Lehman	G	Kirkpatrick
	G	Mummah

Summary: Score: New Cambria, 56; St. John's 11. Baskets: Donmyer 5; Murphy 8; Foust 6; Stahl 1; Lehman 8; Robinson 2; Breene 3. Free throws: Robinson 1; Breene 2. Personal fouls: Donmyer 1; Foust 1; Stahl 1; Breene 2; Gardner 1; Kirkpatrick 1. Technical fouls: Donmyer 1; Murphy 1; Foust 1; Kirkpatrick 1.

## The Fourth Teams

In the game between the fourth teams, Benest of St. John's made the lone score for his team, two points. More fouls were made than in the third team game, but the younger players were unable to connect in their free throws. The line-up:

New Cambria	Pos.	St. John's
Frazier	F	Bland
Donald	F	Chambers
Stiffler	C	Benest
Donmyer	G	Skaggs
Brown	G	Hardman
Weaver	G	Bell

Summary: Score: New Cambria 17, St. John's 2. Baskets: Frazier 4; Stiffler 2; Brown 2; Benest 1. Free throws: Brown 1. Personal fouls: Stiffler 1; Weaver 1; Chambers 2; Technical fouls: Donald 1; Stiffler 1; Donmyer 1; Weaver 1; Chambers 2; Benest 2; Skaggs 1.

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**CRACK SQUAD WARMING UP****School's Show Organization Preparing for Coming Exhibitions**

Plans for reorganizing St. John's Crack Squad were discussed informally at a recent meeting of last year's members of the squad. In past years the Crack Squad has given exhibitions at school entertainments, at various events in Salina and in other towns. Last year a series of dates for the squad was arranged for some of the county fair circuits in Kansas but the engagements were not filled as several cadets, after going home in June, found they were unable to return to Salina in time to make the circuit.

The first Crack Squad was organized in 1915 by Major W. L. Ganssle, who had been a member of a similar organization at Racine College and at the University of Minnesota. He and Capt. W. G. Crimp, commandant, trained the men in the various movements.

The members are recruited annually from the old members and from new men who show the most aptitude for military drill. The drill itself does not follow the drill as prescribed in the Infantry drill regulations entirely, but adds many of what might be termed "fancy movements."

In the manual of arms, pieces are tossed through the air from rank to rank and many movements very difficult of execution are made. The steps are twice as fast as in the regulation 120-a-minute cadence. In fact, each man does 240 very short steps, some four or five inches long, in each minute. Eight, twelve or sixteen men, with a captain and a bugler in addition, make up the squad.

**To Get More "Play-Light"**

Starting this week, the regular study-hall period will begin a half hour later for cadets whose grades are above a certain mark. Study-hall has started this year at 7 o'clock in the evening and lasted until 9 o'clock. Cadets who fell below the grade set remained the full two hours, while those with higher marks were excused at 8:30. Major Ganssle announced recently that cadets who heretofore have been excused at 8:30 would now stay until 9 o'clock but would not have to report until 7:30. This is to allow them to take advantage of the evenings which grow longer automatically with the setting back of the clock.

**BEAUTY THE FRENCH IDEAL****L. R. Plank, Returned from War Scene, Tells of Trip**

A glimpse of war-time France and a comparison of French and American characteristics was given St. John's cadets in a recent talk by Laurance R. Plank who has just returned from France where he was in reconstruction work with the American Friends Unit of the Red Cross. He went to France last October. He is the husband of Mrs. Grace Ganssle Plank, sister of Major W. L. Ganssle of St. John's School.

In beginning, Mr. Plank said that any one who had seen what the soldiers have endured would be willing to do almost anything to make war impossible. After telling of the devastation, he analyzed the fundamental difference between French and American temperaments, saying that beauty was the ideal of the former and that the Frenchman asserted efficiency was the ideal of the American.

He described wonderful chateaus that would make a lover of the beautiful wish to live there always. And then he told of the disappointment Americans experienced when they found that the large, wonderful-looking chateau had no heating plant but managed to get along with tiny stoves and that no bath-room was to be found in the building.

He told of pretty roads, dotted with picturesque houses—and then related how a man could make a journey across France in less time than a telegram would be forwarded.

In the course of his talk Mr. Plank said that Frenchmen with whom he had talked were heartily in favor of a league of nations.

He also showed the cadets a few of the souvenirs he had brought back, among them a French bayonet, a French officer's dagger and a "knuckle-knife".

**Two Student Papers Received**

THE SKIRMISHER takes this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of The Darlingtonian, published by the students of The Darlington School of Rome, Georgia and of The High School Buzz, the official publication of the Hutchinson, Kansas, High School.

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From the way the papers read, order is restored daily in Berlin.

A job we wouldn't want would be that of umpire in the league of nations.

We suppose that when a newspaper says, "He was placed on the grill" it means his goose was cooked.

A city paper's headline informs us that apes are much like men. And, conversely—but we hate to say it.

An English poet used to do four miles every day. We have been walking a lot lately, ourselves, so expect the worst.

An Ohio woman recently left \$10,000 to her four dogs when she might have left it to a fellow who would go to the dogs.

Vice-president Marshall declined to interpret his words when he adjourned the Senate "Sine Deo" but the first-year Latin class says it means "no church call."

Kansas Citians have been victimized into by buying canaries that do not sing, disproving the bromide that a bird in the mit is worth a pair on the telephone wire.

Our idea of preparedness is for your room-mate to have bought a pair of wrap puttees the day you receive an invitation to dinner down town at her house.

New congressmen who are making arrangements to move their families to Washington probably know now the difficulties soldiers experienced when they tried to find places for theirs near the cantonments.

"I intend," said Sergeant A. Cadet yesterday, "to hide my alarm clock the last of this month. Something tells me I shall forget my manners and kick it in the face the first morning it speaks under our yearly save-the-daylight plan."

## PETITION BRINGS COMMENT

### Leavenworth Paper Consoles Students Who Signed Blindly

The following, headed, "We're All Alike" recently was printed in the Salina Journal, credited to the Leavenworth Times. It concerns the petition which was signed by more than fifty cadets at St. John's last month, headed by a cadet officer, without reading carefully. The petition with the names of the signers was printed in full in a recent issue of THE SKIRMISHER. The "waggish captain" of the article is Captain A. G. Oliver. The story follows:

"Out in Salina the waggish captain of the cadet corps in St. John's Military School circulated a petition and had it signed by over fifty cadets. Later, at a dinner, the petition was read and it prayed that those signing it might be beheaded on February 4.

"In the petition, the words, 'Holiday, Tuesday, February fourth' were written in capital letters and those were the only words the students and one commissioned officer saw when asked to sign the petition and without further investigation the names were attached.

"Well, the boys who signed it can console themselves with the thoughts that their elders sign petitions just about as carelessly."

### Cadets Are Given Credit

A recent special order gave 25 merits each to Lieut. Walter Miller and Sergt. Frank Blaney and 15 merits each to Cadets Alan Conner, Glen Hepworth, Preston Hyde, Fred Chambers, James Coyte, John Hall, Reginald Amerman, Richard Hamm, Paul Ritterbush and James Hyde for their assistance in making the recent dance a success. Lieutenant Miller had charge of the receiving of guests and of the serving of refreshments. Sergeant Blaney planned the decorations. The others assisted these in their work.

Said a charming young lady named Betty

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—Sergt. A. Cadet

Cadet Ned B. Goffe of Wilson, Kansas, spent Saturday and Sunday of last week at home.

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A Salina physician who examined the bank, asserts that it is sound. As far as is known, Cadet Hyde is the youngest bank president in the United States.

You see, Cadet Hyde is only eight years old and he recently swallowed a nickel.

#### Third Team Victorious

The third basketball team of St. John's Military School recently defeated the Salina Y. M. C. A. Juniors 24 to 4 on the "Y" court. Strange and Shellenberger shared in making the goals for the cadets while Speath made the only basket for the "Y". The Cadets who played were: Strange, Shellenberger, Breene, Rising, Tanner, Sudendorf, Kirkpatrick.

#### A Baseball Term

Sergt. A. Cadet. "You can't play baseball. Why do they call you a pinch hitter."

Prvt. Ima Nutt: "Well she pinched me and I hit her."

#### Strom to Help With Crack Squad

Bert Strom, former student and graduate of St. John's School who is located in Salina, was at the school recently and assisted in the training of men trying for the Crack Squad.

#### Visits in Downs, Kansas

Corp. Robert Selby of B Company and Cadet John Blankinship of the Cadet Band spent a few days at their home in Downs, Kansas, last week.

Cadets Richard Hamm and John Hardman spent the week-end at Cadet Hardman's home in Wakeeney, Kansas, last week.

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## FOUR NEW CADETS ENROLLED

### Attendance at St. John's School Is In- creasing Rapidly

Since the last issue of THE SKIRMISHER four new cadets have enrolled in St. John's School.

Horace E. Winger of Wellington, Kansas, is the latest cadet. He was entered in school by his father Charles E. Winger, who is connected with the Rock Island railroad.

Samuel R. B. Clarke, Jr. of Eldorado, Kansas, enrolled the last of February. His father is a newspaper man and has been publishing the Washington Palladium for twenty-five years. Cadet Clarke has worked on his father's paper for several years.

Aubrey D. Greer was recently enrolled by his father, Harry R. Greer, of Dodge City, Kansas. Cadet Greer is in the First Form.

George D. Thompson, Jr. of Wichita, Kansas, also enrolled last month. His father is in the insurance business in Wichita.

### Cadet Flyer Visits School

Cadet Frank C. Davies of the aviation section, U. S. Army, has returned to his station at Love Field, Texas, after spending his furlough at St. John's School with his sister, Mrs. W. L. Ganssle. Davies, who was a student in Wisconsin University last year, enlisted in the aviation section of the army and was later sent to Love Field for training for a commission as a flyer. He intends completing his course at the flying field but plans to return to the University of Wisconsin next fall, where he was studying electrical engineering. His twin brother, Clint Davies, who was in the S. A. T. C. at Madison, Wis., was recently discharged from service. His older brother, John Davies, who talked to the cadets of St. John's before the holidays, was a lieutenant in aviation and was with the British bombing squadrons in their expeditions over Germany. John Davies is now connected with the Curtis Aeroplane Company, with offices in New York City.

### Are Now Making Drive

Squad walkers who made such a success of tamping down the cinder path to the new cottages, are now being utilized in putting cinders on the driveway from Santa Fe avenue to Vail Hall. "Road makers, that's us all over", is their motto.

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**Snyder's Brother Here**

Roy Snyder of Colorado Springs recently visited his brother, Cadet Paul Snyder of St. John's School. Mr. Snyder was on his way to Kansas City where he will locate. He was recently discharged from the army and had been visiting at his home in Colorado. Mr. Snyder was stationed at Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, where he was in the post band.

**Visits in Manhattan**

Mrs. Maurice Hicklin of St. John's School recently visited friends in Manhattan, Kansas.



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