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START OUT WINNING

CADET BASKET TOSSERS DEFEAT TESCOTT 27 to 15

St. John's Military School opened its 1919 basketball season with a victory over Tescott High School by a score of 27 to 15. The game was played on the St. John's court.

The High School boys started the game with goals by Percival and Perry, gaining a lead which they held for some time. This put the cadets on their nettle. Three baskets and a free throw by Skilling and a basket by Muir gave the St. John's team a lead which they held for the rest of the game. Percival and Aldrich for Tescott then each made a goal, while Skilling made two more for his team. The first half ended 13 to 8 for St. John's.

In the second half, Skilling again started the scoring making two free throws and two baskets. Percival followed for Tescott with two good throws. Davis and Skilling countered with two more and Tescott followed by a free throw by Percival and a basket by Perry. Aitken of St. John's made the final score and the same ended 27 to 15 for the cadets.

The game was fast and clean. The high school boys had a good short pass which they handled well, and kept the cadets working all the time to win. Each side made one substitution in the second half. Reiking of Tescott replaced Shields and Umstot went in for Davis for the Cadets. Umstot, a new man from Hutchinson, Kansas, showed up well and will be a contender for a permanent place on the team.

Captain Cannon, coach, expressed himself well pleased with the showing made by his team. He says they have been working out well in practice since, that others who did not get into the first game have been doing good work and are likely to land berths before the season is over.

The cadet battalion headed by the band, attended the game. The band gave a creditable concert before the

game and between halves. A return game will be played at Tescott in March.

The line-up follows:

TESCOTT

Manning—forward.

Percival—forward.

Aldrich—center.

Shields—guard.

Perry—guard.

Reiking—guard.

ST. JOHN'S

Skilling—forward.

Davis—forward.

Muir—center.

Aitken—guard.

Oliver—guard.

Umstot—guard.

Referee, R. D. Palmer, Salina Y. M. C. A. Timekeeper, Capt. S. W. Small, St. John's; goals, Percival 4, Aldrich 1, Perry 2, Skilling 9, Davis, 1, Muir 1, Aitken 1; free throws, Percival 1, Skilling 3.

Basket-Tossers Busy

Five letter men, Oliver, Muir, Stubbs, Skilling and Johnson, are back this year for the St. John's basketball team. These, with three new men, Bruce Davis of Hutchinson, Dayle Aitken of St. John, Kansas and Lloyd Umstot of Hutchinson, the latter entering after Christmas, will cause a lively race for the first team. Other men are coming out and considerable interest is taken in the game.

Coach Cannon has arranged a schedule that will continue until March 15. A number of trips will be taken, so arranged as not to interfere with school work.

Buys More Band Instruments

Major Ganssle recently purchased more instruments for the band. They are: one cornet, one tuba, one snare drum and one bass drum. This now makes three drums that are owned by the school and two tubas, in addition to the instruments that were bought when the school band was first organized.

RUSH NEW COTTAGE

ADDITIONAL QUARTERS READY BY SECOND SEMESTER

One of the new dormitory cottages is nearing completion rapidly and will be ready by the opening of the second semester at St. John's Military School. It will accommodate twelve cadets and an instructor or cadet officer.

The cottage is now being plastered. As soon as the windows have been put in and the building painted, it will be ready for occupancy. Because of the cold and snow, the cottage was not started until January 7 but the contractor, B. M. Neil is rushing it through on time. The foundation for a second cottage has been put in. As soon as the first one is completed, the second cottage will be finished. It is not known at present how many more cottages will be built this year.

OAKES, '18, VISITS SCHOOL

Last Year's Graduate Now Attending Kansas University

Lawrence W. Oakes, a last year's cadet officer at St. John's Military School, made a short visit here recently. He was a graduate of the class of 1918.

Oakes joined the S. A. T. C. at the University of Kansas last fall and found that his military training helped him considerably as he was made a sergeant. He was discharged with the others after the signing of the armistice and will continue his studies at the University of Kansas.

While at St. John's, Oakes won a place on the football teams of 1916 and 1917 being captain the latter year. He made his letter in basketball two years. He was captain of the Army Club and under him it was victorious over the Navy Club for the first time since the two clubs had been organized at the school.

In the military department he rose from one position to another and at graduation held the rank of lieutenant.

SAILOR'S BED THE BEST**T. S. Jamieson Describes Joys of Hammock Sleeping**

Hammocks afford the most comfortable sleeping place it is possible to find—after one gets so he can keep from falling "overboard," according to T. S. Jamieson, former secretary of the Salina Chamber of Commerce, who was discharged from the Navy a short time ago. Mr. Jamieson recently was a dinner guest at St. John's Military School and later talked to the cadets of his experiences while serving Uncle Sam, in the officers' training school at Great Lakes.

According to him, the hardest feat at first of hammock-sleeping was the getting into the hammock. At the first trials, one usually swung clear over the hammock. After the new sailor managed to get into his swinging bed, he still had a hard time staying in. Often at night, among the new men, you could hear a yell—and you knew some one had fallen out. (No, hammock ladders are not furnished).

"Chow," he said, was served in cafeteria style, everyone helping himself. If you missed anything, it was "No Soap".

On inspections everything had to be immaculate. Sweep, scrub, dust and polish was the order followed. If you overlooked any spots or stains on the floors at the training schools it meant loss of privileges—or "or soap" for you.

He paid a high tribute to the excellent discipline in the navy and told that a man who tried to make excuses for his shortcomings found that it was "no soap" for him.

Drill In First Period

For a few days last week drill period was changed from the fourth to the first period to allow the cadets to drill outside. It was found that the ground was frozen hard enough to allow company drill at the first period, while it was too muddy for foot movements at the fourth period.

Major Ganssle In Kansas City

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School, made a business trip to Kansas City last week.

Do You Suppose

That if some one stole his Hart, he could successfully Hyde it, or that if he opened his mouth he could Cramm a Hamm into it? O, Shaw!

CAPTAIN FIERO TO RETURN**Former St. John's Instructor Will Resume His Duties**

Capt. Lue E. Fiero, former instructor in St. John's Military School, is expected to return to the school shortly to resume his work, which he left to enter the service of the United States.

Captain Fiero was at St. John's in 1915-16 and 1916-17. He left in the spring of 1917 to enter the first officers' training camp at Fort Snellings, Minnesota, taking the course for artillery officers. He received a commission as second lieutenant and was ordered to Camp Dodge, Iowa.

While at Camp Dodge, he was married to Miss Margaret Calkins of St. Paul, Minnesota. From Camp Dodge he was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina and was transferred to the heavy artillery.

Here he was promoted to first lieutenant. He remained a first lieutenant only two months, being then promoted to captain. After the signing of the armistice he received an honorable discharge, leaving the army to re-enter his work at St. John's.

He holds an A. B. degree from Hamlin University, St. Paul and played on the football and basketball team while in college.

WANTS TO SELL ONE SHOE**Cadet Offering Half-Pair At a Bargain**

For Sale—A half-pair of shoes. Suitable for one-legged man. See B. K. Johnson.

The foregoing advertisement was inserted in the Skirmisher by Cadet B. K. Johnson of St. John's Military School.

"It seems very strange to me," said Cadet Johnson yesterday, "that my right shoe should walk off by itself. One shoe can do no one any good except a one-legged man, so I have inserted this advertisement to sell my remaining shoe."

He requests that all one-legged men in the school see him in the circular park in front of Vail Hall any afternoon after 3:30 o'clock.

Stanley Skilling, first sergeant of Company A, was several days late in returning to school after the holidays owing to the illness of his father. Mr. Skilling senior was ill with pneumonia but was much better when his son departed for school.

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Visits In Kansas City
Lieutenant John Pribble, cadet adjutant, spent Saturday and Sunday of last week in Kansas City.

Lance Corporal John McNair of St. John's visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McNair at Lyons, Kansas Sunday.

SELBY WINNER IN CONTEST**B Company Corporal Out-Fasts Three Others**

Corp. Robert Selby won a recent starvation contest with Cadets Kenneth G. Harris, Donald McCleod and John McNair. It has not been definitely decided whether he won the belt through a foul or by a knockout.

The four cadets began their struggle—for it was a struggle—at breakfast. They got along very well without breakfast. Lunch was not so pleasant. They might have held out if the remaining cadets had not insisted on recalling all the good things they had ever eaten and also remarking how delicious lunch was. McCleod and McNair broke their fast in the afternoon. Selby was still ready to hold out, but by dinner Cadet Harris said he could stand it no longer, and admitted Selby was the winner.

New Goals Are Erected

Captain Charles Cannon has had new backboards and goals erected in the gymnasium for the use of the basketball team. The backboards are made of quarter-sawed flooring and present a smooth surface to the basketball. This complies with the latest ruling that goals must be two and a half feet from the outside of the court. This brings the St. John's goals five feet nearer each other but leaves the same amount of floor space for playing. The backboards are of the same size as the old ones.

Skilling Heads Cadet Quintet

Stanley Skilling of Pueblo, Colorado, has been elected captain of this year's St. John's basketball team. This is his second year on the cadet team. He plays forward and so far has made most of the points scored by his five. Skilling won his letter in basketball at St. John's year before last. He did not return to school last year, remaining in Pueblo where he attended Centennial High School and played on the basketball team there.

He is top sergeant of A Company.

"Haven't they even made you a first class private yet?"

"Nope. Only thing they've put on my arm since I joined up is a vaccination mar."—From "The Stars and Stripes", France.

"Isolate Yellow Fever Germ." Headline. Here's hoping he dies of lonesomeness.

THIRD TEAM MEN ARE USED**Cadets Easily Defeat New Cambria By Score of 51 to 16**

St. John's Military School won its second basketball game last Wednesday night when it defeated a team representing New Cambria by the score of 51 to 16 in an unexpected game. Third string men were used by St. John's before the game was over.

The game had been scheduled for a later date. Through a misunderstanding, however, New Cambria thought they were to play January 22. They arrived unexpectedly about 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Coach Cannon had put his team through their regular practice that afternoon and consequently they were rather tired. Even with this handicap, though, they were more than a match for the visitors.

Although outdistanced, New Cambria must be especially commended for their fighting qualities as they did not quit until the final whistle blew.

The line-up follows:

ST. JOHN'S

Skilling (Capt.)—Forward.
Aitken—Forward.
Davis—Forward.
Shellenberger—Forward.
Rising—Forward.
Stubbs—Center.
Pribble—Center.
Buchanan—Center.
Oliver—Guard.
Umstot—Guard.
Wagner—Guard.
Sturtz—Guard.
Bigelow—Guard.

NEW CAMBRIA

Roe—Guard.
Roseman—Guard.
Donmyer—Center.
Roseman—Forward.
Kohr—Forward.
Murphy—Forward.

Sergeant Fleming a Pinch Hitter

Sergeant Jay Fleming has been temporarily attached to the band since the departure of Cadet Allen Rispin. Cadet Rispin's parents, who formerly lived in Denver moved to California and he went with them to enter school out there. Sergeant Fleming has been used as a "pinch hitter" in the drum section before and filled the place acceptably. He is now doing his pinch hitting on the bass drum.

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WORKING AT SIGNAL DRILL

St. John's Cadets Learning Wig-Wag and Semaphore

During the bad weather, when drill must be held indoors, the cadets are given signal instruction. The members of the military science class, Captain A. G. Oliver, Lieutenant Ralph Muir, Lieutenant Buchanan, Sergeant Stanley Skilling, Corporals Howard Hayden and Bruce Davis, Lance Corporals Alan Conner and Cadets Ralph Cramm and Ned B. Goffe have been utilized as instructors, each taking a group of cadets for semaphore work.

Cadets are taught to receive first. After learning to receive, they soon are able to send readily. At present, one of the most proficient cadets in receiving semaphore is Cadet Walter Pattison of Trinidad, Colo., aged nine.

Work in the wig-wag has been taking place of the semaphore recently, the cadets being taught the dot and dash code in groups of related letters. Until they learn the alphabet, the flag will be used. Later they will be taught to receive from a buzzer. After all have become fairly proficient in receiving, they will be allowed to practice sending messages.

Companies Are Re-Sized

The companies of the cadet battalion have been re-sized and cadets re-assigned to squads. This was necessary because of the arrival of new cadets. During a recent drill period, the cadets were marched into the gymnasium where advantage could be taken of the level floor, hats were removed and each placed according to his inches.

Senior Class Adopts Ring

The Senior Class of St. John's Military School for this year of 1919 has adopted a class ring instead of the customary class pin. The rings are to be plain gold. On the top there is to be a black enameled square with the letters and figures "S. J. M. S. '19" in fine gold. The rings have been ordered and are expected by the middle of February.

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING

Cottages Will Enable School To House Increase

Eight new cadets enrolled in St. John's Military School, shortly after holidays. The constantly increasing enrollment has necessitated the construction of additional quarters and these will be available when the second semester opens February 5.

The new students who enrolled after Christmas were: H. W. Allard, Manhattan, Kansas; J. H. Hall, Joplin, Missouri; J. J. Hines, Spring Hill, Kansas; V. L. Lang, Sylvia, Kansas; G. E. Mummah, Pueblo, Colo.; T. C. Smith, Denver, Colorado; L. S. Umstot, Hutchinson, Kansas; D. E. Walters, Salina, Kansas.

Regular Bible Study Now

Bible study at St. John's has been systematized and classes will be held Mondays by Dr. E. H. Rudd, chaplain of the school. The study will lay special emphasis on the literary aspect.

For the younger boys, those in the first form and under, the instruction will be given in stories. Each student takes Bible study. The Fifth and Sixth Forms meet together in study hall. The Fourth Form recites in the English room. The Second and Third Forms are in study hall. The First Form meets in the lower school.

Signal Charts Ordered

A number of pocket signal charts have been ordered by the school for the use of the cadets in semaphore and wig-wag exercise. The charts are made of cardboard and are so arranged that by the turning of the inner disk, miniature figures holding semaphore flags in all the alphabet positions appear one at a time. The other side shows the dots and dashes the same way. These are to be used to gain speed in reading, or receiving as it is called.

Glee Clubs Resume Practice

Glee club practice has been resumed again since the holidays. Mr. Barnes has formed two separate clubs, one of the smaller boys and the other of the larger ones. These clubs each practice twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The smaller boys practice from seven to eight o'clock and the larger ones from eight until nine o'clock. Rehearsals are held in the school parlors.

Mr. Barnes expects the clubs each to give several concerts.

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Given: Ralph.
To Prove: Ralph is an Auto.
Proof: Ralph is a Dodge.
A Dodge is an Automobile.
Therefore: Ralph is an automobile.

Theorem II. Bruce is a narrow body
of water.
Given: Bruce.
To Prove: Bruce is a Strait.
Proof: Bruce is a Davis.
Davis is a Strait.
A strait is a narrow body of water.
Therefore: Bruce is a narrow body
of water.

Theorem III. Richard is edible.
Given: Richard.
To Prove: That Richard is edible.
Proof: Richard is a Hamm.
Hamm is edible.
Therefore: Richard is edible.

Theorem IV. Richard is a town.
Given: Richard.
To prove: That Richard is a town.
Proof: Richard is Reno.
Reno is a town.
Therefore: Richard is a town.

Theorem V. R. W. Houses Horses.
Given: R. W.
To prove: R. W. houses horses.
Proof: R. W. is Barnes.
Barnes house horses.
Therefore: R. W. houses horses.

Theorem VI. Robert rings.
Given: Robert.
To prove: Robert rings.
Proof: Robert is a Bell.
Bells ring.
Therefore: Robert rings.

Theorem VII. A lion is a deer.
Given: Lion.
To prove: A lion is a deer.
Proof: Lion is a Hart.
A hart is a deer.
Therefore: Lion is a deer.

Theorem VIII. Fritz is a garden.
Given: Fritz.
To prove: Fritz is a garden.
Proof: Gardens are weedy.
Fritz is a Wiedey.
Therefore: Fritz is a garden.

Cadet Tanner Returns

Theodore Roosevelt Tanner of Fil-
er, Idaho has recently enrolled in St.
John's. He was a cadet here two
years ago, and was in the drum and
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Use Our Want-Ads

THE SKIRMISHER takes pride in calling attention to the increase in its want-ad users. From a few scattered advertisements this department has grown so that it has become necessary to have one man devote his time exclusively to the want-ads. Patrons tell us they are highly effective. One instance is worth mentioning.

"I have the highest regard for the pulling power of your want-ad column" Cadet Alan Conner wrote us recently. A short time ago I had some assorted nuts and candies I wished to dispose of. Walking down the hall, I thought of your want-ad department. On my return, the nuts and candies were gone, before the advertisement could be inserted. Simply thinking of putting in an ad brought some one eager for them."

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Have New Way to Smoke

Captain Hicklin noticed smoke coming out of a third floor room at a recent inspection. Entering, he found Cadets Cramm and Rising—and smoke. Each cadet came to attention immediately, but Cramm seemed too full to speak, when asked which one was smoking. After holding his breath for a long time, Cramm had to exhale the smoke or explode.

When asked to produce the cigaret, the cadets handed Captain Hicklin an atomizer, filled with a medicinal preparation. This preparation was responsible for the smoke. Inhaled, it is vapor but exhaled the vapor comes out of the nose in the form of smoke.

Paul Ording Returns

Paul Ording of Chicago, Ill., has returned to St. John's Military School. He was at St. John's last year but this fall entered an R. O. T. C. at a military school in the South. He will be remembered by the old boys as the efficient server of food at last year's camp. A cook from town had been hired but was not kept and Ording volunteered to fill his place which he did successfully. He, with Voiland of Topeka and Tanner of Filer, Idaho, make three former cadets who have returned to St. John's since Christmas.

C. L. Hardman Visits School

C. L. Hardman of the Hardman Lumber Co., Wakeeney, Kansas, recently visited his son, Cadet John Hardman at St. John's School.

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