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SALINA DEFEATED

CADET FIVE OUTPLAYS RIVALS IN BOTH HALVES

Outplaying their old rivals, Salina High School, in both halves, St. John's Military School defeated the town boys on the Junior High School Court, Salina, the Wednesday following their victory over McPherson. In this game Aitken shared honors with Skilling for each threw seven baskets.

The cadets got the lead early in the first half and held it through the game. The first half ended with the cadets leading 20 to 10. The High School put up a better game in the second half than they did in the first, but were still outplayed, the cadets making 18 points to the others' 15. Final score: St. John's 38; Salina High School 25. The line up:

Salina H. S.		St. John's
Graydell.....	F.....	Skilling
Pierce.....	F.....	Aitken
Carroll.....	F.....	Stubbs
Morgenstern.....	C.....	Muir
McLean.....	G.....	Oliver
Moseman.....	G.....	Davis
Gilman.....	G.....	Wyber
Staples.....	G.....	

Baskets: Graydell 2; Pierce 2; Moseman 1; Gilman 1; Carroll 1; Skilling 7; Aitken 7. Free throws: Graydell 2; Pierce 7; Gillman 2; Skilling 10. Technical fouls: Graydell 3; Pierce 1; Morgenstern 6; Skilling 3; Aitken 2; Muir 2; Oliver 2; Davis 4; Wyber 1. Personal fouls: Graydell 1; Pierce 3; Morgenstern 2; Moseman 1; Aitken 4; Muir 2; Oliver 1; Davis 4.

St. John's 46, McPherson 41

St. John's Military School's basketball team defeated the McPherson High School five 46 to 41 on the Salina Junior High School court during the Older Boys' Conference held here recently by the Y. M. C. A. The game was part of the program arranged for the visitors' entertainment.

The cadets had much the better of the first half, scoring 25 points to the visitors' 15 and it was this 10-point lead that won the game for the military school. McPherson came back strong in the second half while the cadets for the first part of this period seemed unable to get together. The High School boys made 26 points in the second half while the cadets gathered in but 21, but St. John's lead from the first half saved the game for them. Final Score, St. John's 46, McPherson High School 41. The line-up:

McPherson		St. John's
Showalter.....	F.....	Skilling
Staplin.....	F.....	Aitken
Jones.....	C.....	Muir
Ferguson.....	G.....	Oliver
James.....	G.....	Davis

Summary: Baskets: Staplin 10; Showalter 3; James 3; Skilling 13; Aitken 4; Muir 1; Davis 1. Free throws: Staplin 5; Skilling 8. Technical fouls: Jones 3; Ferguson 2; Staplin 1. Personal fouls: Jones 3; Showalter 2; Ferguson 2; Staplin 1; Skilling 3; Aitken 3; Davis 3; Oliver 3; Muir 2.

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Tells of Lieutenant Mishou

A recent issue of the Pueblo Chieftain contained pictures of Lieutenant and Mrs. Thomas Mishou. Mrs. Mishou at the time was visiting her husband's family in Pueblo. The Chieftain said that Lieutenant Mishou is now a first lieutenant in the Fifteenth cavalry brigade at Bordeaux, France. Lieutenant Mishou was graduated from St. John's Military School in 1913. He was on the baseball and football teams representing the school. He attended an officers' training camp and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Mrs. W. L. Gardner of Hutchinson, Kansas, visited her son Paul Gardner of St. John's recently.

HEARTS ARE MENDED

BROKEN MEMBERS UNITED AT VALENTINE DANCE

In spite of the bad weather, a large crowd from Salina attended the Valentine party given at St. John's School, when cadets and guests danced from 8:30 to 12 o'clock.

In keeping with the occasion, Sergeant Blaney had used Valentine decorations in the gymnasium, huge red hearts pierced by white arrows hung on the walls and the monogrammed S. J. M. S. "moon" that had served for moonlight dance two weeks before was replaced by a light with a heart-shaped shade.

Broken hearts united, if not mended, found partners for one of the dances. Cardboard valentine hearts had been cut in two. Half of these were distributed to the cadets and half to their guests. Then each cadet took his heart in his hand and sought the girl who had the piece of card-board heart that matched his.

Several circle two-steps, where you danced with the one you met in the large circle when the whistle was blown, proved popular. Refreshments were served at 10:30 o'clock.

Lieut. Meserole In This Country

A personal on the society page of the Pueblo Chieftain tells that Lieutenant Van Meserole was in Pueblo for a short time recently on his way to visit his parents at Long Beach, California. Lieutenant Meserole was a student in St. John's Military School in 1911-12. He attended the first officers' training camp at Fort Riley and was commissioned a first lieutenant in infantry. He went to France with the 89th Division.

Mrs. Sturtz Visits Son

Mrs. Charles Sturtz of Kansas City visited her son Corporal Gilbert Sturtz of this school recently and attended the Valentine dance at the school. Mrs. Sturtz formerly lived in Salina.

NOSED OUT BY FOUR POINTS

St. John's Loses Tournament to Solomon High School

With two regulars out of the game, St. John's missed winning the recent basketball tournament in their class by four points at the Wesleyan University gymnasium, Salina. The cadets lost to Solomon, the team that seems to be their hoodoo, by the score of 40 to 36, in the finals after going through the semi-finals undefeated.

Solomon won the game in the first half when they gained a lead of nine points. In the second half, the cadets outplayed the high school boys and won this half by five points but were unable to gather in the other five necessary to win the game.

Owing to the absence of St. John's two letter men, Muir and Stubbs, who have alternated at center, Captain Skilling, forward was shifted to center; Davis, a guard, took Skilling's forward and Starr and Wyber who have been with the second team played at guard. Starr showed up well and shared with Skilling in the shooting of baskets.

Although Salina High School defeated Solomon and St. John's had beaten Salina, the cadets have lost three games to the Solomon High School five. The cadets won by wide margins in their other two games in the tournament, defeating Bennington Friday night 40 to 22 and Tescott Saturday morning 43 to 13.

The Bennington Game

Concerning the Bennington game, the Salina Daily Union says: "During the first half, the teams appeared evenly matched and the period ended with St. John's in the lead 19 to 13. Skilling, during the second half, made goals with ease and piled up the score for the locals. The final score was 40 to 22 with St. John's leading."

The Tescott Game

The defeat St. John's administered to Tescott High School was the second the high school boys have received at the hands of the cadets this season.

During the first half Tescott kept close behind the cadets. In the second period, St. John's gained strength and didn't give the visitors a chance. The final score was 43 to 13 in favor of St. John's.

The cadets who represented St. John's in the three games were: Dayle

Aitken, St. John, Kansas; Bruce Davis, Hutchinson, Kansas; Bruce Johnson, Salina, Kansas; A. G. Oliver, San Diego, Calif.; Stanley Skilling, Pueblo, Colorado; Walter Starr, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Robert Wyber, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CADET HAS READY ANSWER

Quick Reply Saves Student from Possible Punishment

Cadet Paul Ordning of Chicago is seldom at loss for a ready answer. Owing to the increase in attendance at St. John's it has been found necessary to use the reading room for a class room. In this room there is a rowing machine, left there by a former instructor. Major W. L. Ganssle recently decided to hold a class in the reading room and directed the cadets to go there. When Major Ganssle entered, he found Ordning busy rowing instead of sitting at the table.

"Just keep on rowing, Ordning," the Major ordered as he took up the class work. Soon he noticed that Ordning had quit using the rowing machine and was sitting there with his hands on the "oars."

"I thought I told you to keep on rowing" remarked Major Ganssle. "What do you think you are doing?"

"Floating" said Ordning.

WALTER MILLER, LIEUTENANT

Tulsa, Okla., Boy Commissioned—Others Are Promoted

A recent Special Order made one new commissioned officer and promoted four non-commissioned officers.

Walter Miller of Tulsa, Okla., formerly Cadet Sergeant-Major was promoted to second lieutenant and made battalion adjutant. Sergeant Carl Johnson of Salina was made sergeant major. Corporal Howard Hayden of Greeley, Colorado, was promoted to sergeant.

Lance Corporal Alan Conner of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Gilbert Sturtz of Kansas City, Mo. were made corporals.

Play on Town "Y" Team

Capt. Charles Cannon, coach at St. John's, and Captain Sanford Small, assistant commandant, played on the basketball team representing the Salina Y. M. C. A. that defeated the freshman team from the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan recently 24 to 19. The game was played on the Salina Y. M. C. A. court.

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YOUNGER CADETS DEFEAT "Y"

Coaches Plan Basketball Series for Smaller Players

Capt. Charles Cannon, coach, of St. John's Military School, and R. F. Palmer, physical director of the Salina Y. M. C. A., are planning a series of basketball games between the younger boys of St. John's School and the Y. M. C. A. The teams will be matched according to an age and weight schedule to be worked out later. The first meeting of teams resulted in a victory for St. John's by the score of 34 to 26.

The St. John's representatives were third and fourth team men. The third team is made up of cadets who come out for basketball but so far have not made any trips nor have they played in any games with the first team men in the season's schedule. The fourth team is composed of some of the youngest basketball players of the third form, or what corresponds to the freshman year in high schools, and of the second form or eighth grade students. The "Y" team that played was the Junior team.

St. John's third team played the first half, making 24 points to the visitors 5. In the second half, Coach Cannon put in his fourth team and the visitors won this half 21 to 10. Final score: Cadets 34; Y. M. C. A. juniors 26. The line-up:

Y. M. C. A.	St. John's
Putnam.....F.....	Strange
Snodgrass.....F.....	Shellenberger
	F.....Breene
	F.....Benest
Sherry.....C.....	Cramm
Ryberg.....G.....	Hepworth
Gross.....G.....	Wagner
Speath.....G.....	Robinson
	G.....Sudendorf

Baskets: Snodgrass 4; Sherry 3; Speath 3; Strange 4; Shellenberger 7; Cramm 1; Hepworth 1; Wagner 1; Breene 2; Benest 1. Free throws: Snodgrass 3; Sherry 3. Technical fouls: Snodgrass 1; Ryberg 1; Strange 1; Shellenberger 3; Wagner 1; Sudendorf 1. Personal fouls: Sudendorf 1.

Referee, C. H. Cannon, St. John's; Scorer, S. W. Small, St. John's. Time-keeper, R. D. Palmer.

Cadet Harold Shellenberger of the band spent a few days at his home in Lyons, Kansas last week. He had a slight operation performed on his foot while home.

IS HIGH SCHOOL OFFICER

Former Student Wins Promotion In Pueblo Cadet Corps

Harold Keating of Pueblo, Colorado, a former St. John's cadet, visited at the school last week. He was on his way back to Pueblo from Kansas City where he had gone with his father.

Keating is now attending Centennial High School, Pueblo, and is a second lieutenant of Company F, 15th Regiment High School Cadets. When the high school at Pueblo adopted military training, Keating was made a first sergeant. Later, when examinations were held to pick out the commissioned officers, the former St. John's cadet's training helped and he obtained the second lieutenantcy.

Capt. Swerdfeger to Return

Mrs. E. B. Swerdfeger who lives in Denver, Colo., recently visited her son, Cadet Mark Swerdfeger, who is attending St. John's. Mrs. Swerdfeger went from Salina to Bradford, Ill., where she will visit relatives. From here she plans to go to New York to meet her husband, Captain Swerdfeger, who is expected to return from France shortly. He has been in France since June 22, 1918.

Indian Agent Visits School

Thomas Roach of Muskogee, Oklahoma, recently visited St. John's School and entered Walter Starr of Bacome, Okla. in the school. Mr. Roach has been connected with the United States Indian service for a number of years.

An Invitation to Spring

The first sign of spring appeared at St. John's last week. "Chief" Starr and Corporal Bruce Davis, while waiting for basketball practice, to begin, were seen with ball and catching-glove, warming up in front of the gymnasium.

Roosevelt Memorial Held

Dr. E. H. Rudd, chaplain of St. John's Military School, conducted a Roosevelt Memorial Service in the school chapel, February 9. The entire cadet battalion and faculty attended.

Storm Shatters Windows

During the recent blizzard that swept over Kansas, several windows in the barracks and one in Vail Hall were blown out by the force of the wind.

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Modest; that's us all over Mabel. But still THE SKIRMISHER cannot help calling attention to the power of its want-ads. THE SKIRMISHER does this, not to praise its own wares, but out of kindly spirit. We want to help you. Let us do it. In our last issue was the following want-ad. "Wanted—a room-mate; must be good at making beds and sweeping. See H. H. Hayden."

The paper was hardly off the press before Sergeant Hayden had a room-mate. In fact, we hear that the new-comer moved in while Sergeant Hayden was away.

"My room now is always clean and my bed is always made" Sergeant Hayden said only yesterday.

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Major Ganssle Returns

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School, has returned from Oklahoma City, Okla., where he attended a province convention of Rotary Clubs from Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Major Ganssle went as the delegate of the Salina Rotary Club. He also visited Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita.

Shares in "Y" Victory

The local Y. M. C. A. basketball team recently defeated McPherson College at McPherson, 33 to 30. Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant of St. John's played forward on the Y. M. C. A. team.

Fulwider Is Lance Corporal

Howard Fulwider of Winner, South Dakota, is the newest lance-corporal. He was assigned to the fourth squad, Company A.

Illinois recently had warm, patriotic weather—flag lilies came up.

ON ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Officials Pick Skilling for Center, Oliver for Guard

Two players on the St. John's basketball team were picked for the All-Tournament team in their class after the recent meet at the Wesleyan University, Salina. They were: Stanley Skilling, Pueblo, Colorado, for center and A. G. Oliver, San Diego, California, for guard. The other places went to Solomon High School.

The team, which was chosen by men who officiated at the games, follows: Scott and Kennison of Solomon, forwards; Skilling of St. John's School, center; Butcher of Solomon and Oliver of St. John's, guards.

To Play McPherson Return Game

The basketball team of St. John's Military School will play McPherson High School at McPherson Saturday, March 1. This will be a return game. The cadets defeated the High School boys by a close score at Salina during the Older Boys' Conference of the Y. M. C. A. From present indications, Aitken, forward, will be unable to make the trip as he has reported on the sick list. If he does not go, Strange, second team forward, will replace him. Coach Cannon probably will take the following men: Skilling, Strange, Davis, Oliver, Starr, Umstot and Johnson. Muir and Stubbs who have been playing on the first team, have only recently recovered from illness and have not gotten back into form. They will not make the trip.

Squad-Walking Becomes Useful

Squad walking has been put to practical use. Major Ganssle is having a cinder walk built from Vail Hall across the east campus to the new cottages. About two-thirds of the cinders had been put in one day last week and the walk-builders were at a loss for means to tamp and pack them down. Sergeant Hayden who was in charge of squad came to their aid with his cadets who were busy walking off their demerits. The "squad" was put in single file and started on the path. They spent the afternoon walking back and forth, getting off their time and incidentally packing down the cinders into a firm foot-way.

Cadet Johnson Visits Home

Cadet B. K. Johnson spent a few days at his home in Miltonvale, Kansas, recently.

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SALINA DEFEATED
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Solomon 38, Cadets 27

After defeating Salina High School and then seeing that team defeat Solomon a few nights later, the cadets lost a return game with Solomon High School when the Solomon team skated to a 38 to 27 victory. The St. John's floor was slippery from a dance the night before and accurate blocking was impossible for both teams, who were forced to resort to long throws instead of the short-passing, running game.

The first half ended 17 to 15 in favor of Solomon. The visitors made 20 points in the second half to 13 for the cadets. Skilling made two of the 28 points of his team while Scott led for the visitors with 19 points. Score: Solomon 37, St. John's 28. The line-up:

Solomon		St. John's
Scott.....	F.....	Skilling
Kenison.....	F.....	Aitken
DeNio.....	C.....	Stubbs
	C.....	Muir
Rasher.....	G.....	Oliver
Butcher.....	G.....	Davis
	G.....	Wyber

Baskets: Scott 6; Kenison 5; DeNio 1; Rasher 1; Butcher 2; Skilling 10; Aitken 2; Davis 1. Free throws: Scott 7; Skilling 2. Technical fouls: Scott 1; DeNio 1; Butcher 2; Aitken 1; Davis 2. Personal fouls: Muir 1; Wyber 2; Davis 3; Oliver 2.

Indian at St. John's

A full-blooded Creek Indian, Walter Starr, has enrolled in St. John's Military School. His home is in Bacome, Oklahoma, where he attended Bacome Academy. Starr is a promising candidate for the basketball team and will likely land a regular place.

Severy, Kans., Boy Enters

Vernon F. Benest of Severy, Kansas, is now a cadet at St. John's having been enrolled recently by his father, I. F. Benest. He is playing forward on the fourth basketball team. He was a freshman in Severy High School before coming to St. John's.

Cadet John McNair of Lyons, Kansas, visited his parents at home recently.

Cadet Gilmore Osborne of the St. John's Cadet Band, visited at Camp Funston recently.

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The two "strong men" don't exactly stand face to face but they play side by side on St. John's basketball team and they come from opposite sides of the United States. A. G. Oliver, guard is from San Diego, Calif., and Robert Wyber is from Brooklyn, New York. Both are seniors.

Signal Charts Have Arrived

The long-expected signal charts have arrived. These charts were ordered more than a month ago from an Eastern firm but the shipment went astray. Efforts to trace them were unsuccessful and the company sent another shipment to replace them. It is expected that these charts will prove valuable in perfecting the cadet corp in semaphore and dot-dash drill.

Students Have Kodak Club

Sergeant Reno and Cadets E. H. Pierce, C. L. Lippincott, and Paul F. Ording have formed a Kodak Club. Its purpose is the taking and developing of special kodak pictures which may be used in the school catalog and those which may prove interesting for the possessors of memory books. A room in Vail Hall has been set aside for their use.

Sends Mazazines to St. John's School

St. John's cadets are grateful to Mr. Charles Heyward of the Heyward Dry Goods Company, Salina, for magazines which he sent to the school. These magazines have been put in the reading room. The many copies of the Illustrated London News, which Mr. Heyward included in his gift, have proved especially popular.

Lieutenant Muir Resumes Duties

Lieutenant Ralph Muir, Company B, Cadet Battalion, who has been slightly ill at his home in Salina has resumed his school duties.

First Sergeant Frank Blaney spent Sunday with Corporal Sudendorf at the latter's home in Salina.

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Notice—The Officer of the Night requests all cadets, especially the younger ones, to be more careful in saluting and standing at attention. R. Floyd.

Bland Here For Commencement

Major W. L. Ganssle recently received a letter from John Bland, former student, of Tulsa, Okla., in which he said that he intended coming to Salina for the St. John's commencement this year. Bland was here last year and held the rank of sergeant. He is a brother of Davis Bland, now in St. John's.



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