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## CADETS IN PARADE

### TAKE PART IN PEACE CELEBRATION ON HOUR'S NOTICE

Upon an hour's notice, St. John's Military Academy did her part in the parade that was held in Salina in celebration of the signing of the armistice, getting out a float, a bugle corps, color and color guard, Goddess of Liberty and Uncle Sam, and a real cannon.

The school had been asked to take part earlier in the day. Owing to the fact that many of the boys were unable to leave the grounds on account of the influenza, it was thought best, at first, not to take part.

Just before mess call that evening, another telephone request came to Major Ganssle. A faculty meeting was called hastily but no definite decision made. It was not until supper was nearly finished that it was informally decided to take part—and the parade was scheduled to take place at 7:30.

It was decided to have a float carrying the Goddess of Liberty driven by Uncle Sam and supporting a saluting cannon. The principals had to be chosen, the costumes made, the "float decorated."

Gardiner Hart of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who has taken girl parts in amateur theatricals was chosen for the Goddess of Liberty, and Cadet James Hyde, eight years old and the youngest cadet, was picked for Uncle Sam. Parts of costumes were gathered all over the school. One cadet had a girl's wig, a silk hat appeared from the faculty, bunting mysteriously showed up, tin foil was found in unexpected places.

Cadets were ordered to find a float. Soon a light wagon appeared. Two cadets, working by an electric flash light, began putting bunting on the wheels. Lines of cloth were made for the "horses."

The small saluting cannon of the school, usually on Major Ganssle's automobile, was taken off the machine. A fixed base for it, necessary on account of the recoil, was made from

boards and the gun mounted on the rear of the wagon. Two of the smaller cadets were instructed in the loading and firing.

In the meantime, Cadets Hart and Hyde, the Goddess of Liberty and Uncle Sam respectively, were literally being sewed into their clothes. Uncle Sam was fortunate that he was going to ride and not walk. He would have been compelled to hop, both feet at once, had he tried marching.

While this was going on, the bugle corps was warming up and the "horses" being harnessed. Barely before the time set for the parade to start, the St. John's representatives were on their way. The gunners were instructed to be careful before firing to warn away spectators, and told not to fire more than once every half block.

The cadets who took part in the parade were: Goddess of Liberty, Gardiner Hart; Uncle Sam, James Hyde; Color Sergeant Fleming, with Cadets Lippincott and Cramm as a color guard. The Bugle and Drum Corps consisted of Cadets, Dodge, Wyber, Bigelow, Rispin, and Clark. The "horses" who pulled the float were Cadets Ammerman, Bell, Cordier, Conner, Edwards, Faurot, Kirkpatrick, Newland, Robinson, Shaw, Skaggs, Stinson, Swerdfeger and Thomas. Cadets Chambers and Snyder were the gunners.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. McLeod motored here from Hutchinson, Kansas, recently to see their son Donald McLeod. They left for home that afternoon accompanied by their son.

Mrs. S. R. Schlessinger while on her way to Kansas City on business, stopped off to see her son Jefferson Schlessinger. Mrs. Schlessinger's home is in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mrs. B. E. Osborne of St. Johns, Kansas, visited her son, Gilmore Osborne at this school recently. Howard Hayden accompanied Mrs. Osborne and son home for a visit.

## BASKETBALL IS ON

### ST. JOHN'S NOW HAS EIGHT TEAMS WORKING OUT

St. John's has eight basketball teams working out. Each team will play a series of three games before Christmas.

Practice started this fall much earlier than usual. The football schedule here, as in other schools, was not carried out as it was thought best to cancel games with other schools because of the influenza epidemic. Consequently the basket tossers are now at work.

Coach Cannon has arranged a schedule between the Army and Navy Clubs, the two principal clubs of the school. The teams are divided into four classes. Each club has a team in each class, or making eight teams in all. The classification is as follows:

#### First Class

All letter men and all cadets weighing more than 130 pounds and more than sixteen years old.

#### Second Class

All cadets weighing less than 130 pounds and more than 100 pounds and less than sixteen years old.

#### Third Class

All cadets weighing less than 100 pounds and more than eighty-five pounds.

#### Fourth Class

Cadets weighing less than eighty-five pounds.

Captains for each team were picked by the captains of each club. For the Army Club, they are: first team, Stanley Skilling; second team, Harold Shellenberger; third team, Fred Chambers; fourth team, Robert Bell. Captains for the Navy Club are: first team, Bruce Davis; second team, Fred L. Cordier; third team, Edward Sendorff; fourth team, James P. Hyde.

Any cadet in either club is eligible to try out for the teams in the differ-

ent classes. The teams are finally picked by the captains of each class, named above, and by the captains of the Army and Navy Clubs.

As the Army and Navy clubs are rivals throughout the school year, considerable interest is taken in this series because of its bearing on the total points that may be won by each club. Each team of the Army will play three games with the team in the same class in the Navy Club. The team that wins the series in its class will be allowed ten points to credit to its club.

### GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY

#### Miss Luraine Plank Entertains a Few of Her Friends

The first event in St. John's social calendar was the recent birthday party given for Miss Luraine Plank, daughter of Mrs. Grace Ganssle Plank and niece of Major and Mrs. W. L. Ganssle of St. John's. The guests were limited to the special friends of Miss Plank among the cadets.

Miss Plank was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Plank and by Mrs. Ganssle. Mrs. Ganssle poured.

It had been planned to have a much larger party but the idea was given up because of the present ban on social gatherings. Miss Plank proved herself a charming hostess and conversed graciously with each of her guests.

Light refreshments were served. There was a birthday cake with a candle for each year of Miss Plank's life.

The guests were Cadets Paul Ritterbush, Roy Edwards, Porter Hyde, Walter Pattison, Davis Bland, Robert Floyd and John Hardman.

Unlike many young ladies, Miss Plank makes no secret of her age. On the contrary, she admitted that she was rather proud of it.

This was her first birthday party—and her first anniversary.

#### Enters Son In St. John's

Mr. A. M. Floyd of Trinidad, Colo., was here last week and entered his son Robert in the school. With its present arrangement of classes and its increased faculty, St. John's is able to make satisfactory arrangements for cadets entering at any time. Some of those who have entered late are: John Blankenship, Downs, Kansas; Fred Cordier, Pueblo, Colorado; John Harris, Eldorado, Kansas; Glen Hepworth, Manhattan, Kansas; Jefferson Schlesinger, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Harold Shellenberger, Geneseo, Kansas.

### CADETS HAVE FULL DAY

#### Church, Two-hour Dinner, Election, Picture Show on Thanksgiving

#### Thanksgiving Menu

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Split Pea Soup         |                 |
| Wafers                 | Pickles         |
| Celery                 | Olives          |
| Roast Turkey           | Oyster Dressing |
| Cranberry Sauce        |                 |
| Creamed White Potatoes |                 |
| Candied Sweet Potatoes |                 |
| Fruit Salad            |                 |
| Mince Pie              | Ice Cream       |
|                        | Cakes           |
| Candies                | Nuts            |
| Fruits                 | Coffee          |

A march to services in the Cathedral in the morning, a march headed by the cadet band, a dinner that lasted two hours, in the afternoon elections of new boys to the Army and Navy Clubs following dinner and a trip to see Charley Chaplin that night literally made Thanksgiving a full day for St. John's Cadets.

The cadets marched at attention through Salina on their way to the cathedral, and, with the band, received many favorable comments on their appearance.

No one was late when mess call blew. The dining room was opened at two o'clock and was not vacated until more than two hours later. When the cadets filed into the room, they saw the tables loaded with the Thanksgiving dinner, the turkeys occupying the post of honor. If possible they would have elected Mrs. Waterson, housemother and the one to whom the success of the dinner was due, head of the institution.

After dinner the new cadets were chosen members of the Army and Navy Clubs. The clubs include in their membership the entire student body.

It has been the custom for some years to elect the new cadets to these clubs on Thanksgiving day. They are picked by alternate choice of the captains of the respective clubs, the captain that had second choice last year was given first choice this year. Captain Oliver of the Navy Club had first choice and Bruce Davis of Hutchinson, Kansas, was the first new boy taken for his side. Captain Stubbs for the Army Club named Dayle Aitken of St. John's, Kansas as the first new member for his organization. The other new cadets then became mem-

bers of the two school clubs, one by one.

Arrangements were made with a local picture theater for a section of their seats. All cadets so desiring were given permission to attend the picture show. About sixty of them took advantage of this offer and marched down town in a body to see Charley Chaplin.

#### Influenza Epidemic Light

After escaping entirely the first quarantine period, the influenza epidemic struck St. John's some time after the ban had been lifted in town. Two cases developed the first day and shortly after a large number of the cadets contracted the disease. Fortunately, the cases were light ones.

Classes were dismissed for a week, although the school was not closed. The class work was discontinued because each class had members who were on sick report and it was thought that the instruction would be difficult with some more advanced than others.

Only four boys were sent to the hospital. The most difficult problem was to keep the patients in bed. Most of them were not sick enough to want to remain in their room and the nurses were kept busy looking after them. The problem was finally solved by the posting of guards on each floor. The guards had orders to see that any cadet who had reported on sick list remained in his room.

The cadets who escaped the epidemic were kept busy outside the barracks all day. Mess kits, knives, forks, and spoons were issued. Dinner for the well ones was served at noon in the woods near the school. Details were made to keep up the fire and attend the cooking. The others kept busy digging trenches and playing baseball.

So many insisted on coming into the "kitchen" to watch the progress of dinner that they were threatened with "Keep out or no dinner." At mess call the cadets lined up, mess kit in hand. They kept lining up so regularly that the exasperated cook called out: "All men who have had more than nine helpings needn't come by here again."

Miss Alma Beadle, sister of Mrs. Charles Cannon, has been visiting Mrs. Cannon recently. Miss Beadle is a student of Wesleyan University.

Lieut. E. B. Whisner, 20th Infantry, Camp Funston, Kansas, was a recent caller at St. John's.



**BAND IS ORGANIZED****St. John's Now Has First-class Cadet Musical Organization**

The Bugle Corps of St. John's has grown into a military band, and "The Star Spangled Banner" of the band has taken the place of "To The Colors" by the field music at evening parade. The leader is Mr. Howell of Salina who has been unusually successful in the training of boys' bands. The members of the band at present are as follows:

R. T. Dodge, Solo Cornet.  
B. R. Rising, Solo Cornet.  
L. D. Bigelow, First Cornet.  
G. E. Osborne, Clarinet.  
H. H. Shellenberger, Baritone.  
R. H. Wyber, Bass.  
F. W. Wiedey, Alto.  
J. V. Blankenship, Alto.  
Robert Selby, Alto.  
C. E. Wagner, Trombone.  
N. J. Allen, Trombone.  
Laurence Clark, Snare Drum.  
Allen Rispin, Bass Drum.

For the time being, it is planned to put the band on a competitive basis and to limit the membership to a certain number. Any one who desires will be given a try-out and on qualifying will be given a place.

Unlike many beginning organizations, the St. John's band did not have to undergo a period of probation in "wood-shed" practice. Most of the men already were fairly proficient and several of them had had considerable band experience.

Sergeant Dodge formerly played with the Great Bend Band of Great Bend, Kansas.

Bellmont Rising of Salina is a member of Howell's Boys' Band, Salina.

Sergeant Wyber, bass, formerly played with the Boys' Band of Beloit.

J. V. Blankenship, alto, was a member of the Downs, Kansas, band.

G. E. Osborne, clarinet, played with the high school orchestra of St. John's, Kansas.

Laurence Clark, snare drum, formerly played with a concert and dance orchestra in Greeley, Colorado.

C. E. Wagner, trombone, has been a member of a boys' band at Downs, Kansas.

Other members of the band have formed the St. John's Bugle Corps for several years back. The altos, the bass, the baritone, the trombones and the drums were purchased by the school. Other instruments are owned by the individuals.

The band practices each day at drill, under the supervision of Mr. Howell. It plays each evening at pa-

rade and leads the cadet battalion on the down-town marches. It has done much to put "pep" into the school body.

**Section Chiefs Appointed**

"Prevention instead of correction" is the motto of the newly-appointed section chiefs in St. John's barracks. By making certain cadets responsible for a definite number of other cadets it is thought that the number of reports for disorderly rooms and lateness to formations can be reduced.

Each of the three floors of the barracks has been divided into two sections. Each floor has an officer and each section a chief. The chiefs see that the rooms are cleaned properly every morning and that the cadets turn out promptly at first call. The floor officer has general supervision of the chiefs of section.

Lieutenant Bruce Johnson has charge of the first floor and Sergeant Major Miller and Cadet Ham look after the sections. Lieutenant D. W. Buchanan is responsible for the second floor and Sergeant Blaney and Cadet Kirkpatrick assistants. Captain Oliver is floor officer on the third floor with Sergeant Skilling and Cadet Hayden to help him. In addition to the cadets responsible a member of the faculty is quartered on each floor.

**To Change Reading Room**

Plans are being made to turn the reading room into a library for the cadets. It is intended to make the library somewhat similar to the interior of the Y. M. C. A. buildings used for soldiers, of course on a considerably smaller scale.

A large table is being built for the room. The table is similar to those used in all mess halls in the cantonments, except that the top will be made of planed and grooved boards instead of the regulation mess tables which have narrow spaces between boards to allow cleaning.

The committee in charge of plans has subscribed for ten of the leading magazines and several daily papers. The Army and Navy Journal will be among the publications available. Arrangements have been made with the Salina Carnegie Library to get books out here for the use of the cadets. These books will be exchanged every two weeks.

A cadet will be in charge of the library at certain hours. He will also have charge of the sale of candies and cakes. The proceeds of these sales will go to the library.

**RATINGS ARE ANNOUNCED****Standing of Cadets Based on First Six Weeks of Work**

Based on the first six weeks of work, the following are the cadets who have won first, second and third place in their respective forms.

**Sixth Form**

1st. Robert Wyber, New York City.  
2nd. Ralph Dodge, Great Bend, Kansas.  
3rd. A. G. Oliver, San Diego, Cal.

**Fifth Form**

1st. Howard Hayden, Greeley, Colorado.  
2nd. Bruce Johnson, Salina, Kans.  
3rd. Ralph Muir, Salina, Kans.

**Fourth Form**

1st. Alan Conner, Colorado Springs.  
2nd. Gilbert Sturtz, Kansas City, Missouri.  
3rd. Laurence Clark, Greeley, Colorado.

**Third Form**

1st. Robert Kirkpatrick, Alamosa, Colorado.  
2nd. Richard Ham, Longmont, Colorado.  
3rd. Gardiner Hart, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**Second Form**

1st. R. W. Barnes, Kansas City, Missouri.  
2nd. Parvin Pattison, Trinidad, Colorado.  
3rd. Robert Bell, Loveland, Colorado.

**First Form**

1st. Davis Bland, Tulsa, Okla.  
2nd. Roy Edwards, El Reno, Okla.  
3rd. Roger McNall, Sedgwick, Kansas.

The next examinations will be held just before the cadets leave for the Christmas holidays. On the results of these and of the every day class work, a new rating will be made.

Usually examinations are held monthly. These are averaged with the daily grades and the results sent to parents. This year, however, only two examinations in all will be held before Christmas, as class work was interrupted for a week on account of influenza.

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This, the first number of the Skirmisher this fall, makes its bow and solicits your approval and patronage.

From a number of causes, among them the "flu", the paper has made a late start but it promises now to appear regularly. This number is put out under a new plan. Fifteen cadets are trying out for places on the staff. From this group the permanent staff will be picked and the managing editor and advertising manager chosen from the permanent staff.

At present these trying out meet three times a week, receive assignments, write stories, edit those already written and discuss the principles of news writing. Several cadets have had experience in writing for newspapers. It is hoped that the tri-weekly meetings may eventually grow into a course in Journalism, which will include copy reading, feature stories, advertising principles and paragraphing.

The cadets who have contributed to this number are: Capt. A. G. Oliver, Lieutenants D. W. Buchanan and J. W. Pribble; Sergeants Henry Perry and Fritz Wiedey; Privates Laurence Clark, John McNair, Carlyle Fluke, Gilbert Sturtz, Cecil Cleveland, Allan Conner, Bruce Davis, Ned Goffe, Edwin Pierce, Clarence Wagner.

## Usher at Peace Meeting

St. John's Military Academy was called on to furnish ushers when the Peace Meeting was held at Convention Hall here. The cadets were: Capt. A. G. Oliver, Lieutenant David W. Buchanan, Sergt. Major Walter Miller, of Tulsa, Okla., Color Sergeant Jay F. Fleming of Denver; Privates Gardner Hart of Cheyenne, Wyo.; C. L. Lippincott of Denver; Fred L. Cordier of Pueblo; G. Kenneth Harris of Eldorado, Kansas; Robert W. Kirkpatrick of Alamosa, Colo.; Allan T. Conner of Colorado Springs.

Problem in arithmetic: A cadet who left barracks after taps to get, as he said, two hamburgers, received fifty hours special for absence without leave. He said they were worth it. At that rate, what would a planked steak be worth?

## PLAY GAME IN FLU MASKS

### Only Gridiron Struggle of Season Held Under Difficulties

Probably for the first time in the history of football, gauze masks were worn by every man on the two opposing teams, in the game between Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri, and St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas, on the former's gridiron in which the Wentworth eleven defeated the St. John's squad. Because of the prevalence of Spanish Influenza the health authorities of Lexington thought it best that the two teams wear influenza masks.

Wentworth has a good college team, and completely out-classed the light team from Kansas. Also, nine men out of the eleven were to go to Officer's Training Camps. This game was the third victory for Wentworth and the first game for St. John's. The weights of the two teams was Wentworth 178 pounds and St. John's 150 pounds.

Straight football was used by the two teams and few trick plays were made. Because of the weight of the Wentworth team, St. John's was at a disadvantage, in holding them for very long periods, but on several occasions, when St. John's had the ball they made their downs. In the third quarter they had the ball in Wentworth's territory and would probably have scored a touchdown had not a fumble lost them so much ground that a drop kick by Capt. Oliver was the only score made. Again, in the last quarter, Stanley Skilling made a surprise run, netting thirty yards, but the weight of the opposing team was too much for the light team from Kansas and the game ended without further scores for St. John's.

The lineup was as follows:

| W. M. A.         | Positions | S. J. M. S.             |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| L. Cook          | .....     | L. E. Stanley Skilling  |
| Zellekin (capt.) | .....     | L. T. Alvin Stubbs      |
| McDonald         | .....     | L. G. Carlyle Fluke     |
| Straine          | .....     | C. Alan Connor          |
| Pike             | .....     | R. G. L. Bigelow        |
| Longhead         | .....     | R. T. Ralph Muir        |
| Hauser           | .....     | R. E. Robert Veeh       |
| Mussey           | .....     | Q. B. A. G. Oliver (c.) |
| Holdridge        | .....     | R. H. Bruce Davis       |
| Gibbons          | .....     | L. H. Howard Hayden     |
| D. Cook          | .....     | F. B. Dale Aitken       |

Substitutions—Wentworth: Hollis, Labrunerie, Baker, halfbacks; Young, Moore, centers; Hennion, tackle; Doyle, end; Lewis, Nelson, guards. St. John's: Sturtz for Bigelow, Wagner

for Skilling, Dodge for Stubbs, Johnson for Davis.

Referee—C. E. McBride, Missouri Valley College.

Umpire—Albert Clemmons, Missouri Valley College.

## Gave Dinner for Football Team

Every one wanted to be considered a football player not very long ago when it was announced that Mr. and Mrs. William Waterston would give a dinner for the football team. Those who were lucky enough to be included were: Major Ganssle, Capt. C. H. Cannon, coach; cadets Bruce Johnson, John W. Pribble, Ralph Muir, Laurence D. Bigelow, Allan T. Conner; Bruce Davis, Robert Veeh, Dayle Aitken, Ralph T. Dodge, Stanley J. Skilling, Howard H. Hayden, Clarence Wagner, Gilbert Sturtz, Carlyle Fluke and Capt. A. G. Oliver.

The menu included beef steak Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, olives, cakes, candies, salads, celery, ice cream, coffee. It needed no rules from Hoover to keep the cadets from leaving anything on their plates.

## Hold Competitive Drill

The first squad of Company A was the winner in a recent competitive squad drill. The members were: Stanley Skilling, Pueblo, Colo.; Ralph Cramm, Hutchinson, Kansas; Glen Hepworth, Manhattan, Kan.; Carlyle Fluke, Boynton, Okla.; Byron Newland, El Reno, Okla.; Allan Conner, Colorado Springs.

Second place was won by a squad composed of: Frank Blaney, Sapulpa, Okla.; Bruce Davis, Hutchinson, Kan., Edwin Pierce, Salina; C. L. Lippincott, Denver; Roger Haley, Fairview, Okla.; and Donald McLeod, Hutchinson, Kansas.

The following made up the squad that won third place: Kenneth Harris, Eldorado, Kans.; Robert Kirkpatrick, Alamosa, Colo.; Paul Gardner, Hutchinson, Kans.; Gardiner Hart, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Buell Robinson, Augusta, Kans.; Robert Bell, Loveland, Colo.; John McNair, Lyons, Kans.; Brooks Johnson, Miltonvale, Kans.

W. D. Faurot visited his son William Faurot, at this school recently. Mr. Faurot is in the oil business at Independence, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McNair have motored here several times to visit their son John McNair. They live in Lyons, Kansas.





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#### Cadets Give Exhibition

Four St. John's cadets gave an exhibition drill in Salina when the Woman's Relief Corps held their Fifteenth Annual Convention here recently. The cadets were Capt. A. G. Oliver, San Diego, Calif.; Capt. Alvin Stubbs, Kansas City; Lieut. J. W. Pribble, Salina; First Sergt. Frank Blaney, Sapulpa, Okla.

The exhibition consisted of bayonet drill, grenade throwing, signal drill and manual of arms. Lieutenant Pribble demonstrated the Canadian method of bayonet fighting, showing the difference between the old and new. Captain Oliver explained the hand grenade work. Captain Stubbs had charge of the manual of arms. Sergeant Blaney had charge of the signal drill.

#### St. John's Cadets Register

Although the average age of cadets at St. John's this year was perhaps younger than in previous years because many of the older boys in the country entered S. A. T. C. institutions, yet eight of the present cadet corps registered before coming to school this fall, and received their questionnaires after their arrival here. None made claim for exemption.

Those who registered and their places of registration were: R. H. Wyber, New York City; Alvin Stubbs, Kansas City; H. S. Perry, Wichita, Kansas; N. B. Goffe, Wilson, Kansas; R. H. Reno, Toledo, Ohio; A. G. Oliver, Alamosa, Colorado; Belmont Rising, Salina, Kansas; Ralph Muir, Salina, Kansas.

Mrs. N. C. Fluke of Boyton, Oklahoma, visited her son Carlyle Fluke, here recently.

F. H. Skilling of Pueblo, Colo., accompanied by J. W. Troutman visited Stanley Skilling at this school recently.

Mrs. Zella Strange visited her sons Douglas and Gordon Strange at this school recently. Mrs. Strange lives in Central Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Perry motored here from Wichita, Kansas, to visit their son Henry Perry. Mr. Perry recently sold his hotel in Wichita.

A soccer football team has been organized at Lindenwood College of St. Charles, Mo., a girls' school. The team ought to be a good one as their coach is a Miss Proudfoot.

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Johnson, B. K. noticing that Cramm has dropped some syrup on his blouse: "Hey there, Cramm, you'll get stuck for carrying food from the table."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bangs, Mr. Bang's mother, and little Miss Dorothy Bangs were recent dinner guests at St. John's.

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### Influenza Prevents Dance

The dance scheduled for the night after Thanksgiving was postponed indefinitely a few hours before the dance was to have begun. The local Board of Health, in view of conditions in town, decided to put the ban on again, preventing public gatherings. Although the ban was not to go into effect until the following night, Major Ganssle thought it best to postpone the dance.

All preparations had been made. The orchestra had been engaged, the girls invited and the gymnasium decorated. Two cadets were given the duty of calling up by telephone all girls who had been invited and of notifying them of the postponement. These cadets were Privates Bruce Davis and Gilbert Sturtz. It is rumored that they wish to arrange for another dance and postpone it so that they may have the pleasure of talking to so many different girls in one afternoon.

The decorations in the gymnasium were left up for several days but were finally removed to allow basketball practice. First Sergeant Blaney of Company B had charge of the decorating of the hall.

### Go To Davis

"Go to Davis." This is not profanity. It is not the taking in vain of the name of Davis, for Davis isn't vain because of it. And yet it is a tribute to Davis.

When Captain Hicklin, this year's commandant, arrived several weeks after school began, he was greeted by a very small cadet with the following:

"Are you the guy that is going to teach us military?"

He was the guy. He decided to begin on the first man, or rather the next man. The next man was Davis. Cadet Davis knocked on Captain Hicklin's door desiring information. He got it. Also an invitation to call and try it again. He did.

This time Davis saluted in a very military manner, stood at attention, and failed to begin his statement with "Say." He was complimented on his quickness in learning the proper military way of entering an office.

Since then, whenever a cadet calls on the commandant, he receives a hearing if he calls properly. If not, he is gently (?) but firmly told, "Go see Davis." And Davis instructs him.

Mr. L. D. Hyde of Reading, Kansas, visited his sons Preston and James at the school recently.

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St. John's claims credit for being among the first American military schools to feature this branch. Sergt. Stanley Skilling of the cadet corps is instructor. He has proved himself very capable. In fact, it is thought among the cadets that he may become a member of the faculty upon graduation and given charge of the department he has started.

Cadet Lionel Shaw has proved Sergeant Skilling's best pupil, with Cadet Mark Swerdfeger a close second. Cadet John Harris failed to qualify through a technicality.

Cadet Shaw has become very proficient in the sniper's weapons. He is now able to hold the lantern between his teeth. This allows free use of both hands to hold the sack. Shaw attributes his success to the fact that every two or three minutes he prays earnestly. Swerdfeger is already clever at sniping and hopes to equal Shaw, after a little more practice.

#### St. John's Loses Tent

St. John's has a mystery. A Sherlock Holmes is wanted. Any cadet who possesses "detective" powers is requested to call on Major Ganssle. One of the tents was stolen recently from the woods near the school. This tent had been erected there by three cadets who had cut the hedge for the privilege of camping out. Instead of camping that night, they decamped. As a result, they were given so much work at the school they forgot about the tent.

It is known that the tent was standing about noon of a certain day and that it was gone after school that afternoon. Whoever took it was in a hurry, as they cut the guy-ropes.

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