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CADETS IN PARADE

HELP HONOR OFFICER WHO GETS MEDAL

Cadets from St. John's Military School took part in the celebration held in Salina recently when General O. H. Sage of Camp Funston, Kans., presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to Lieut. George S. Robb of Salina.

For most persons the celebration began about 10 o'clock that morning. For the cadets it began at 6 o'clock, or fifteen minutes earlier than they ordinarily hear first call. Thirty-two cadets from Company A had been detailed to be the military organization to meet General Sage at the train.

As the general was due to arrive about 8 o'clock, it was necessary for the cadets to get up earlier than usual, so that they could have breakfast and arrange their rooms for the regular daily inspection.

The cadets were at the station on time but the train wasn't, arriving about a half hour late. Others who were at the station were a committee from the Salina Chamber of Commerce, several officers from Camp Funston, Lieutenant Robb and T. S. Howell's Band.

From the station the band and the cadets marched up town to their starting point in the parade. Here the cadets under Captain A. G. Oliver were met by the rest of the battalion from St. John's School who had left the school at nine o'clock.

It was decided, however, to give the rest an opportunity to see the parade, and that only the men who had formed a part of the escort at the station were to march in the parade.

The cadet band combined with the Home Guard Band to make one large band. Leslie Gray of St. John's School, drum major of the cadet band, acted as drum major for the combined organizations.

The parade, starting at Elm street, went to the city park, where the medal was presented to Lieutenant

Robb by General Sage. The cadets formed one side of a hollow square around the band stand where the presentation took place. Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's School, was one of the marshals of the parade.



Martha and A. G.

The charming lady and the distinguished looking gentleman in the picture at first glance appear to be some foreign officer and his bride on a honeymoon trip. Notice the officer's decorations. They have very graciously consented to pose for camera enthusiasts at St. John's Military School.

However, they are not bride nor groom nor foreign, although the officer speaks French—at times. Both are cadets. The "girl" is Cadet Gardiner Hart from Wyoming. He has Julian Eltinge backed off the boards when it comes to female impersonations.

The day the picture was taken there was an unusually high wind. The "lady" in the cut "just had an awful time" making her skirts behave long enough for the photographer to get the proper pose.

MUIR HEADS TEAM

SALINA BOY IS ELECTED FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

A Salina Boy will pilot St. John's Football Team next fall.

Lieut. Ralph Muir, was elected captain by the football letter men this week. Those voting were: Howard Hayden, half; Bruce Davis, half; A. G. Oliver, quarter; Dayle Aitken, full; Stanley Skilling, end; Laurence Bigelow, guard; Alan Conner, center; Carlyle Fluke, guard; Bruce Johnson, tackle and half; Clarence Wagner, end; Ralph Dodge, tackle. Muir was not present at the election.

Lieutenant Muir is a junior at St. John's School. His size well qualifies him for his line position at tackle. He is six feet one and a fourth inches tall, and weighs 175 pounds. He is 19 years old. He is also a member of the St. John's Crack Squad and has taken considerable interest in the training of that organization this year.

A picture of the football team will be found on page three. Captain-Elect Muir is the second player in the first row, kneeling, from the reader's left.

ENTERTAINS FOR HER SON

Cadets Enjoy Dance at the Home of Mrs. R. A. Muir

Cadets from St. John's recently were guests of Mrs. R. A. Muir at her home near Salina when she entertained at a dance for her son, Lieut. Ralph Muir of St. John's School. Those present were: Misses Marie and Katharine Quinn, Agnes and Fannie Taylor, Frances and Lelia Bryant, Doris and Christina Muir, Neva Sloan, Ruby Amrein, Margaret Newman; Cadets, Stanley Skilling, Bruce Davis, Dayle Aitken, Robert Wyber, Bruce Johnson, Ralph Dodge, John Fleming, Howard Hayden, A. G. Oliver and Bert Strom, the latter a former St. John's cadet.

SCHLESINGER LEADS SCHOOL**Student of Second Form Gets Highest Average Grade of 93.5**

Jefferson Schlesinger of the Second Form leads the cadets corps of St. John's School with the highest average, that of 93.5 per cent for the period ending April 16. These figures were announced recently by Mr. N. A. Barker after figuring up the averages. The five highest students in the school, with their averages, follow:

1st—Jefferson Schlesinger, Second Form, 93.5 per cent.

2nd—Lloyd Umstot, Fifth Form, 91.5 per cent.

3rd—Parvin Pattison, Second Form, 90.2 per cent.

Tied for 4th Place

Robert Wyber, Sixth Form, 90 per cent.

R. W. Barnes, Second Form, 90 per cent.

It will be noted that three of the younger cadets, Schlesinger, 1st place, Pattison, 3rd place, and Barnes who tied for 4th place with Wyber, all are from the Second Form and that they rank one, two, three in that form. On the face of it, this would seem to give the Second Form the highest "batting average" in school.

Tanner, who led the school in grades last month, still won an honor place in his form, but he was outdistanced by a number of others.

Two new names appear in the honor places for their form, that of Reno and Coyte.

These two cadets jumped from the ranks to the honor places, each landing in third place in his respective forms.

In the Sixth Form, Wyber and

Dodge have held their places as first and second throughout the year.

In the Fifth Form, Umstot has been first twice, Hayden once and Tanner twice.

In the Fourth form, Conner has led his form each time but one. Then he dropped to second place.

In the Third Form, Hamm has led twice, and won a place each of the other times except once. Kirkpatrick, has been more consistent, being in first or second place every time the grades were averaged.

In his form, the Second, Schlesinger has led every time but one—and then he wasn't in school, as he entered late.

In the First Form, Bland, who has led his form heretofore, dropped from first to third place, probably due to sickness as he was forced to miss recitations for awhile. He is replaced this time by Coyte, the first time this cadet has been in one of the honor places. The cadets who won the honor places in their respective forms, that is, placed first, second or third, follow:

Sixth Form, (Seniors)

1st.—Robert Wyber.

2nd.—Ralph Dodge.

3rd.—A. G. Oliver.

Fifth Form

1st.—Lloyd Umstot.

2nd.—Howard Hayden.

3rd.—Theodore Tanner.

Fourth Form

1st.—Alan Conner.

2nd.—Harold Shellenberger.

3rd.—Richard Reno.

Third Form

1st.—Richard Hamm.

2nd.—Robert Kirkpatrick.

3rd.—Gardiner Hart.

Second Form

1st.—Jefferson Schlesinger.

2nd.—Parvin Pattison.

3rd.—R. W. Barnes.

First Form

1st.—James Coyte.

Tied:—Roy Edwards; Davis Bland.

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TOP ROW (Standing) from left to right—Capt. Charles Cannon, coach; Howard Hayden; Dayle Aitken; A. G. Oliver, 1918 captain; Bruce Davis; Ralph Dodge; Gilbert Sturtz.

BOTTOM ROW (Kneeling) from left to right—Stanley Skilling; Ralph Muir, (Captain for next fall); Laurence Bigelow; Alan Conner; Carlyle Fluke; Bruce Johnson; Clarence Wagner.

OLD GRAD REVIVES MEMORIES

J. G. Huntington, Class of '90, Writes To St. John's

A letter was received this week from John G. Huntington, one of the two members of the first graduating class of St. John's Military School in 1890. The other member of that first class was Henry B. Ober of Salina, now in business at Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Huntington is now a mining engineer at Tonopah, Nevada. His letter, which was addressed to the faculty of St. John's School, follows:

"An article in a recent number of the Literary Digest brings back memories of the long ago, when I wore the uniform of a cadet of St. John's.

"I was one of the first graduates from the institution and I now have a son almost old enough to apply for admission.

"Will you kindly enter my subscrip-

tion for THE SKIRMISHER and send me a bill."

The school publication at that time was called The St. John's Cadet. THE SKIRMISHER has on file the commencement number, dated June 1890. Mr. Huntington was listed in the staff as corresponding editor. His home was at Hays City, Kans., at that time.

The columns of The St. John's Cadet show that Mr. Huntington played third base on the St. John's baseball team and that he was on the executive committee of the Athletic Association. He was graduated with the rank of Lieutenant, promoted from Sergeant-Major.

Writers for the school paper then were delightfully frank, perhaps disastrously so. In speaking of a picnic at which the girls seem to have brought the refreshments, The St. John's Cadet says:

"Although some of the cake the

girls said they made themselves was a trifle heavy, still the banquet was a success and the cadets made so much of their opportunity that the sick list was considerably enlarged during the ensuing week."

Gives Birthday Party

Mrs. M. R. Amerman entertained April 21st with a dinner party at her home at 706 South Fifth Street, Salina, in honor of the birthday anniversary of her son, Cadet Reginald Amerman of St. John's School. Those who were at the dinner, were: Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant, and Cadets A. G. Oliver, Jefferson Schlesinger, Henry Perry, Robert Bell, Jay Fleming, John McNair, Harold Shellenberger, Richard Hamm, Frank Blaney. After dinner the cadets were Mrs. Amerman's guest at the picture show.

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It takes a lot of hard water to equal
one soft drink.

If a fellow uses bitter wards, would
he be said to have the "Acid Mouth?"

"The Potato Bugs are Active."
Headline. Bolsheviks among the bugs,
too.

"The man higher up" at St. John's
is the cadet in the top berth of the
double-decker.

"Here" said Fido starting after the
tin container made fast to his caudal
appendage, "is where I do a tail spin."

A Chicago lumbermen's convention
decided to help out Cupid. They can
if they'll furnish the "board" for two.

Speaking of names, a marriage li-
cense was issued recently in Kansas
City to a Mr. Piazza and a Miss Par-
la.

The Irish staged a big strike at
Limerick. Limericks, some of 'em,
that we have read, are enough to
cause a strike.

"Pack All Your Troubles In Your
Old Kit Bag" the cheerful one sang.
"Pack that tune in that bag; maybe
you can carry it then" the grouch re-
marked.

Some one wrote to a Kansas City
paper asking for the proper pronun-
ciation of Berlin. Berlin, Berlin—let's
see; wasn't that the burg where a
guy named Will Helm or something
used to hang out?

A San Francisco editor says of late
years "the bars have been put up pret-
ty high against the literary aspirant."
But as long as they are not put behind
the bars, the aspirants will keep on
'asping."

FIRST BAND 19 YEARS AGO

Present Organization Not The First In School's History

The present St. John's cadet corps
is justly proud of its band. It is the
first band that the school has had for
some years but at that it is not the
very first. Nineteen years ago this
month, a band was organized at the
school and they seemed to have work-
ed so conscientiously that they were
able to take a creditable part in the
commencement program.

The following is a list of the mem-
bers of that band, organized in April,
1890, taken from old school records:

Officers:

Bert J. Krum, leader.
W. W. Doane, assistant leader.
W. C. Snow, secretary and treasur-
er.

Players

W. C. Snow, piccolo.
W. W. Doane, e-flat cornet.
B. J. Krum, solo b-flat cornet.
G. N. Bomford, first b-flat cornet.
Harry stiles, second b-flat cornet.
J. W. Sturges, Jr., first tenor.
G. F. Bovie, second tenor.
B. M. Stanley, solo alto.
G. O. Thomas, first alto.
J. K. Bennett, second alto.
H. H. Haslett, third alto.
Will Wilson, baritone.
L. C. Truesdall, solo tuba.
H. L. Donmyer, tuba.
E. D. Dunning, snare drum.
S. N. Higinbotham, bass drum.
H. E. Titus, drum major.

Picnic Dinner for Young Cadets

Mrs. Grace Ganssle Plank, sister of
Major W. L. Ganssle, gave a picnic
dinner at The Cabin for some of the
smaller boys last week. Those pres-
ent were James Hyde, Walter Patti-
son, Paul Ritterbush, Reginald Am-
erman, Roy Edwards, Robert Floyd,
Mrs. W. L. Ganssle and Mrs. Plank's
little daughter, Luraine.

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Ocean Gets Name From Railroad

Cadets at St. John's School every now and then in class give answers that show originality of thought to say the least. Recently, in a geography class for the smaller students, the instructor asked, "Where did the Pacific Ocean get its name?"

"From the Union Pacific" said Cadet John Harris promptly.

Is Now Drilling Girls

Although arrangements were made before Christmas, the first drill of the Salina Girls' Winchester Rifle Club under the direction of Capt. S. W. Small, assistant commandant of St. John's, was held this week. The girls for an hour went through the school of the soldier, high heels and all. Drills will be held from now on each Tuesday afternoon on the Junior High School Campus.

Entertain for Their Table

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon recently entertained at their apartment the cadets who sit at their table. The cadets were: Jay Fleming, Harold Shellenberger, Theodore Tanner, Robert Floyd, R. W. Barnes, Walter Starr, Ned Goffe.

Voiland and Gray in Topeka

Cadets Thomas Voiland and Leslie Gray spent a few days last week in Topeka visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Voiland. Mr. Voiland senior has recently returned from France where he was with the Y. M. C. A.

R. G. Hines in Salina

R. G. Hines of Springhill, Kansas, spent Saturday and Sunday of last week in Salina, with his son, Cadet Hines. The latter was his guest at the Lamer. Mr. Hines made the trip from Springhill in an automobile.

Mrs. Harris Visits Sons

Mrs. J. T. Harris visited her sons, Cadets Kenneth and John Harris at school recently. She was a dinner guest at the school Easter.

Attend Lindsborg Concert

Cadets Gardiner Hart and Bellmont Rising of St. John's attended one of the concerts at the Lindsborg Music festival recently.

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MARCH IN LOAN PARADE

Cadet Battalion and Band In Salina's
Campaign

"A battalion of infantry and a tank." That sounds like an engagement on the Western Front. But it applies equally well to the Victory Loan parade held in Salina this week. The Cadet Battalion and Band took part in the parade. The order of march was: Home Guard band; Home Guard; Girls' Band; Business College students; St. John's Band; St. John's Cadets; Howell's Band and a tank.

The usual daily drill period that morning was used for class work so that the cadets could be given a holiday in the afternoon. The battalion headed by the band, marched down from the school to their place at Walnut and Santa Fe and waited there for the parade to form.

While waiting for the signal to start, the battalion was dismissed and given an opportunity to examine the tank, the first that most of them had seen.

Arranging For Track Meet

A track meet has been arranged with Lincoln High School at Lincoln for May 2. A preliminary meet will be held at St. John's before that date to choose cadets who will make the trip. Lincoln requested entries for the following event: 100-yd. dash, 50-yd. dash, 220-yd. dash, the quarter, the half, the mile and the mile relay; the pole vault, the discus throw, the low and high hurdles, high jump, running broad jump and the shot put.

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Voice Culture—See me for lessons in voice culture. Will exchange lessons for stenographic work on my O. D. report. Lt. W. M.

Notice—I hereby give warning that I will tolerate no trespassing on my correspondence. Oklahoma and Colorado Cadets take notice. J. Fleming.

Disease wanted—I am going home; any one having a good, nice easy, contagious disease please bring it around for my approval so I can be late on permit. A. Cadet.

Notice—No town permits will be granted Tuesday afternoons for cadets wishing to attend The Girls' Rifle Club drills. This is strictly an invitation affair. S. W. S.

Information wanted—Would like information as to when Oliver and Skilling play catch with their fifty-pound dumb bells so I can move out. I room underneath. S. W. S.

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