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Saint John's Is To Be Host at Two Meetings

Spring Encampment Is to Commence Next Month

Hurrah for the old swimming hole and life in the open! In less than a month the corps will go on its annual spring encampment. Then all the cadets will have the opportunity to commune with nature in the great outdoors.

Again it is the plan to spend the period, ten days to two weeks in length, at Camp Wa-shun-ga, fourteen miles south of Junction City. This will be the third consecutive encampment at this site. In previous years it was customary to go to Brown Memorial Park, Arcola, or the Bob White farm, all within a radius of twenty five miles of Salina. The boys prefer Wa-shun-ga because the sleeping quarters are located in covered buildings. Occasionally the spring rains wait to fall until St. John's moves into camp.

This year the cadets will not take regular trips to the rifle range at Fort Riley. Lieutenant Evans plans to get the required course in firing out of the way before camp starts. St. John's has a membership in the Salina Rifle Club a short distance from the school and at intervals throughout the session Lieutenant Evans has taken groups out there for target practice.

Nor will there be much study at camp this year. It is planned for all the cadets who have make-up work to do in any of their subjects to get this out of the way ahead of time.

Of course at camp the boys will have to take turns in serving on the various details necessary for the carrying out of the routine. Much of the day the boys will be free to indulge in such recreation as playing games, fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking. At night there will be bonfires, music, and stunts. The camp period will be sure to bring much pleasure.

School Lets Out For Furlough

Despite the fact that weather conditions were not ideal during the spring furlough, all the members of the school enjoyed themselves and found a respite from the tedium of the regular daily routine most agreeable.

At noon on March 12 the vacation started. The greater part of the cadets who were leaving left as soon as possible after that time. Most of the faculty members remained at school and were thus able to assist with the oversight of the cadets.

Two meals daily were served at school, at ten o'clock in the morning and at five in the evening. This gave the boys the luxury of sleeping late in the morning. The boys attended shows, played games, and loafed to their heart's content. Some visited the golf course, some played basket-

Quartet Makes Three Appearances

The St. John's Quartet, whose personnel consists of Blomstrom, 1st tenor, Gadeke, 2nd tenor, Boggs, baritone, and Moffat, bass, has made three public appearances recently. On the first occasion they sang before the Southside Men's Business Club at a dinner held in the basement of the University Methodist Church. Major Clem introduced the group, first making a few remarks about St. John's School and the ideals for which it stood. The numbers sung were "Down Mobile," "Southern Memories," and "Stars of the Summer Night." Moffat also sang two solos, "Friend of Mine," and "Jean."

On the second occasion the Quartet appeared before the Metro Club at a luncheon held in the Warren Hotel Coffee Shop. The program the boys offered was identical with the one just mentioned, except that Moffat sang only one solo, "Friend of Mine."

On the third occasion the group attended a Sunday evening service of a young people's organization at the First Methodist Church. The boys sang a number of well known hymns. The Reverend Mr. Nale, who went along with them, made a short talk on "Nazism and Fascism as they Affect the Christian Today."

Several Cadets are Confirmed by Bishop Mize

At the evening chapel service on Wednesday, March 9, Cadets Robert Boggs, John Erickson, William Lucas, Jack Tisaw, and Jack Thornton received the Apostolic Rite of the Laying-on-of-hands by the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, D. D., Bishop of the Missionary District of Salina. The Reverend Richard Nale, chaplain, presented the candidates to the Bishop, each in turn kneeling before him to receive the great spiritual blessing. Before the boys returned to their seats the Bishop made a few remarks, impressing upon them the new duties that were theirs now that they had become Communicants of the Church.

At the meal the same evening the boys who were confirmed sat at a special table in the dining hall with the Bishop and the chaplain. The following evening the group were dinner guests of the Bishop at his residence down town. The boys made their first Communion at the early service in chapel the next morning.

The chaplain has recently started two new confirmation classes, one for boys in the upper school, and one for boys in the junior school. The members report at regular periods to him for religious instruction. In the upper school class are

Richard Halliburton Talks on Travel

Richard Halliburton, the famous traveler and author, appeared in Memorial Hall, Salina, at an afternoon and evening lecture on March 29. A number of faculty and cadets heard him at the matinee.

Those who expected to hear many tales of travels to far and remote corners of the globe were disappointed for Mr. Halliburton confined his remarks to his adventures in three places—India, Iraq, and the Argentine. The first adventure about a princess, he dedicated to the girls in the audience; the second, about a prince, to the boys; and the third, about a monkey, to the teachers.

In his story about India he told of the time he took a little oriental maiden for a boat ride and got caught in a rain storm. In his story about Iraq he related the incident in which he took a young prince of Baghdad for a ride in his airplane. In one of the "Arabian Nights" a prince of Baghdad travels around on a flying carpet and Mr. Halliburton wanted an old time legend to repeat itself.

In his story about the Argentine Mr. Halliburton related how he bought a monkey and a hand organ and used them for a week as a means of earning a living. The monkey finally died from overeating on bananas and chocolates.

Major Clem Goes on Lengthy Tour of Inspection

With the view of obtaining ideas which would prove helpful at St. John's, Major Clem made in February a two weeks automobile trip throughout several states, visiting some of the foremost military schools in the country. Trying to adhere to a certain schedule and subject to numerous delays, he naturally was able to stay longer at some places than at others. The institutions he visited were Kemper Military Academy, Booneville, Missouri, where he was the guest of Captain and Mrs. J. P. Cleland; Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Missouri; Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana; Howe School, Howe, Indiana, where he was the guest of Superintendent and Mrs. B. B. Bouton; St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, where he was the guest of Colonel and Mrs. Roy F. Farrand; and Shattuck School, Fairbault, Minnesota, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Guernsey.

At each place visited he received the most courteous treatment, everyone being eager to show him around and explain the functioning of certain systems which particularly interested him. While he was at St. John's, Delafield, several of the fac-

Softball Tournament Also Track Meet Will Be Held

St. John's Military school will be host to two spring events at which members of the Saline county high school league and their grade schools will be guests.

The Cadets will be one of the teams in a 9-team softball tournament April 29, play to be on two diamonds and will run through the bracket in a single day. The games will start at 9 a. m. The semi-final and final games will be played in the afternoon.

On May 3 the Cadet school will be host to a grade school track meet with Assaria, Smolan, Kipp, Brookville and Gypsum certain to attend and with Bavaria, Glendale, Falun and Bridgeport invited, and likely to attend.

The meet will be run at St. John's and will include 50, 75 and 100 yard dashes, the high and broad jumps, the 8-pound shot put and a hurl-ball event for smaller boys as well as 400 yard relays for all of the classes—A, B, and C. Classification of the youngsters will be on a point basis 350 points for Class A, 250 to 349 points for Class B and all under 250 points as Class C. The points are figured by taking the figure equal to twice the boy's weight and adding his age in months. Each youngster is permitted to enter three events and the relay.

Ribbons will be given to the individual winners of the first three places in each event. A cup will be given to the school scoring the most points in all events and classes. There will also be a cup for the winner of the softball tourney.

On the evening of March 31 St. John's had as dinner guests Mr. S. L. Sondergard, county superintendent, and members of the faculty from the schools at Assaria, Brookville, Smolan, Gypsum, and Kipp. After the meal a meeting was held at which time plans for the coming events were made.

Chaplain Conducts Lenten Services

Lent, which is nearly over, has been a profitable season for the St. John's cadets. The Reverend Mr. Nale, the chaplain, has conducted many inspirational services.

On week day mornings at 6:30 and on Sundays at 8:00 he has celebrated the Holy Communion. At the chapel services preceding school he often has substituted the Litany for some of the regular prayers. He also has given a number of meditations upon Scriptural subjects. On Wednesday and Friday evenings at 5:40 he has conducted short devotional services.

Two weeks before Lent started, the chaplain started the evening services as pre-Lenten devotions. From February 21 to 28th he conducted a mission in the Church of the Apostles, Ellsworth, of

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The Home Stretch

All things come to an end, and the end is in sight. Most of the school year is gone, and we are on the home stretch.

Spring is really here. The grass is starting to turn green, the trees are coming out of their winter sleep, and nest building is the order of the day. There seems to be a happy atmosphere all around. It must be the call of the woods and fishing time. We are all eager to run away from school and get as close as we can to nature itself.

The old campus has taken on a decided appearance of work. All of us are getting busier and busier as time flies by. Everyone is looking forward to the spring encampment and is finding it hard to apply himself.

School work is piling up, and the instructors are "pouring it on." So much has to be done in so short a time. Let us stretch every nerve, use every flying minute to the best advantage, and do our level best no matter what the circumstances may be.

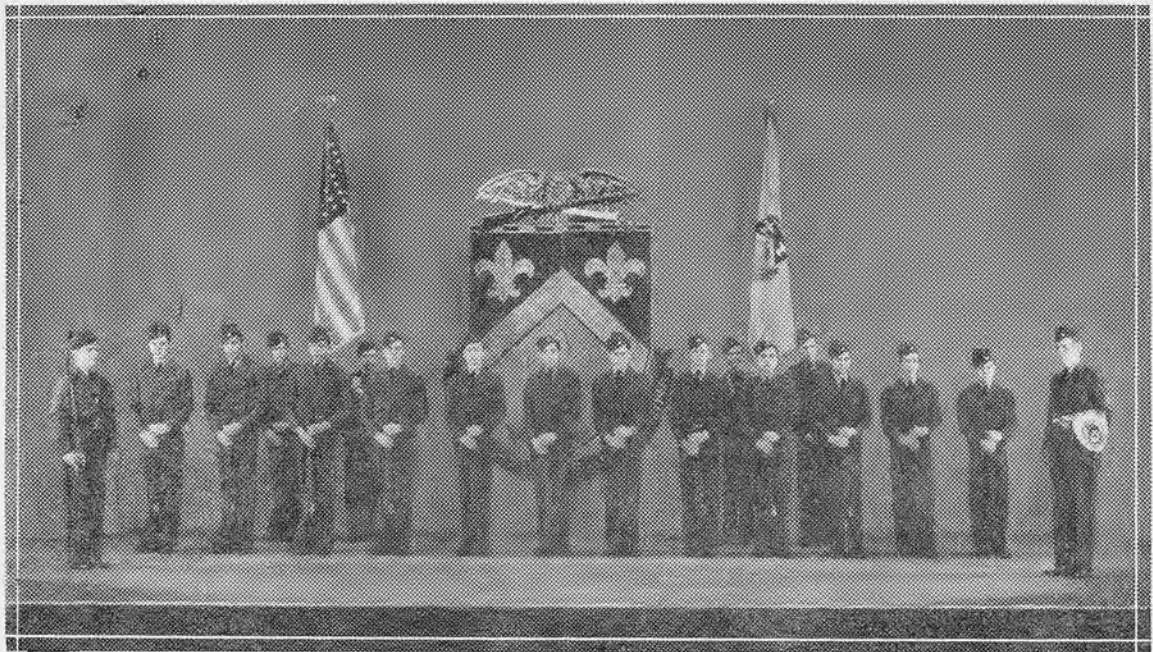
"Little Blackie"

(Dedicated to Sergeant John "Blackie" Erickson)

My name is "Little Blackie"; and I want to say, by cracky
A very, very jolly boy am I.
I never, never weary in being bright and cheery
And I'll be a "Merry Sunshine" till I die.
I dearly love my teachers; they're the kindest of all creatures
I'm sure you know I wouldn't tell a lie.
I never give up working nor in any task am shirking.
At least I give it first a good hard try.
To my friends I am most faithful but sometimes a wee bit playful;
In this I'm just an ordinary guy.
To the girls I am devoted, but it also should be noted
That around them I am often rather shy.
I know you'll think it silly that I like a girl named Milly
Because she so divinely squints her eye;
And I really want to marry a little Miss named Carrie
On whose pudgy nose the cutest pimples lie.
But now I must be closing, for I fear that you are dozing.
Or maybe you will yawn and heave a sigh,
Such things your "Little Blackie" wants to get around, by cracky.
I make my parting bow to you. Good-bye!

Culp: "How many of you boys like music? Step forward and speak out."
Green cadets (stepping forward): "We do."

Culp: "All right, you fellows get busy and carry the piano in the dining hall out into the gym."



THE SAINT JOHN'S CRACKSQUAD

The Cracksquad performs a Zouave Drill which has a rapid cadence somewhat faster than double quick time. Membership is elective. The squad has drilled in many cities.

JOKES

Davis I: "Did Kintz pass down the hall a minute ago? I thought I heard him."

Riley: "No, that was only Inky growling."

Jean: "What is the age limit of a St. John's cadet?"

Joan: "A St. John's cadet is the limit at any age."

In the parlor there were three
A maid, a parlor lamp, and he.
Two are company without a doubt
And so the parlor lamp went out.

At dress parade Lotker says he feels like Daniel Boone. The famous pioneer wore a coon skin hat.

There is one good point about the school garage. Drivers of cars have no fear of being overcome by carbon monoxide before getting their cars outside.

The other day Coach Mosher took a ride on one of the horses of the Salina Riding Academy. When it was all over, he said he felt like Barney Google after he had ridden Spark Plug in a race.

Lutz: "Your girl powders and paints a lot, doesn't she?"

Stanard: "Yes, when I kiss her, it's just like eating a marshmallow."

Bubbenzer blushed very crimson the other day when he was told he showed his agility in the Army-Navy basketball game.

"It simply isn't done you know," said Gadeke, the social editor, as he cut into his steak.

Fulk: "I dislike those people because they have told lies about me."

Murphy: "Yes, and you would dislike them still more if they told the truth about you."

Instructor: "Quote a Scripture verse."

Phillips: "Judas went out into the garden and hanged himself."

Instructor: "That's fine. Quote another."

Phillips: "Go ye and do likewise."

The people in the laundry are worried. They have heard there is a Chinaman in school named Fu, and they are afraid he is going to go into competition with them.

Marymount Dance

On an evening shortly before the beginning of Lent a number of the cadets were guests at an informal dance given by a group of the girls at Marymount College. The affair took place in the gymnasium. An exceptionally good electrical victrola provided music from records made by some of the best known orchestras and swing bands in the country. Between dances several of the couples played ping-pong at a table set up in one of the ante-rooms of the gymnasium. In another room ice cold coca cola and soda pop were available for the dancers.

The chaperons for the affair were Miss Henrietta Foege, one of the instructors at Marymount, Lieutenant Evans, and Lieutenant Mahoney.

Trip to Wichita

Before the close of the basketball season the team under the supervision of Major Clem, Coach Mosher, and Mr. Tolbert motored to Wichita to see a game played between the Denver Safeway team, last year's champions, and the Wichita Gridleys.

Leaving the school about four o'clock in the afternoon the crowd arrived in Wichita two hours later. After eating dinner and doing a bit of sight seeing they reported about eight o'clock for the game. The contest was a most exciting one, the Gridleys making the higher score. Then the party returned to Salina.

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Passion Play

When the Luenen Passion Play was showing at Memorial Hall from March 20 to 22 a number of the faculty and cadets saw the production. Tickets were sold to students at greatly reduced prices.

Symbolizing the Biblical story of the last seven days of Jesus upon earth, the play depicted a powerful drama with remarkable simplicity. Joseph Meier, also director of the company, gave a reverent, gentle and majestic interpretation of the Christus.

Lighting and stage effects were perfect in every detail. Adding much to the musical background was a chorus of sixty voices from the Philharmonic Choir of Kansas Wesleyan University.

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SPORTS

Basketball Team Goes to Lincoln

The St. John's basketball team played their last game of the season on February 27 with the University High School at Lincoln, Nebraska, defeating them 14 to 7. The group, which had motored up from Salina that day, arrived in Lincoln at noon, registered at the Hotel Cornhusker, and were on the floor of the Nebraska University gymnasium at three o'clock.

Handicapped somewhat by the unusually large court, the St. John's team did not do so well at first. At the end of the first half the score was 6 to 5 in the opponent's favor. But then the cadets perked up and did some very good work, winning the game 14 to 7. Their defense was most creditable. In scoring Boggs led with 4 points, Bradford and Erickson followed with 3 apiece, and Maker H. and Stanard, with 2 apiece.

Major Clem and Coach Mosher, who had accompanied the boys, allowed them to go pretty much on their own. Friday night a number of cadets attended shows. Saturday morning they did some sight-seeing, making tours of both the University and the Capitol. In the afternoon they attended a track meet between Nebraska University and Kansas State College. That evening they went to the basketball game between Kansas University and Nebraska University, in which the former was the victor. As soon as the game was over the crowd started back to Salina. They arrived home at a very early hour of the morning.

The trip was marred by only one unpleasant feature. On Saturday morning Major Clem was taken with a sudden attack of appendicitis and had to be operated upon at once at the Bryan Memorial Hospital. The party returned to school without him.

Army and Navy

Basketball

The spring Army and Navy competition started with the basketball games for all three classes.

The third class game was won by the Navy, 13 to 10. Gibbs of the Navy was high point man with 7 points. The second class was also won by the Navy, 21 to 13, Lucas of the Army scoring 8 points and Davis of the Navy, scoring 11.

The Army won the first class contest by the overwhelming score of 50 to 18. Peter Goldstein of the Army scored 24 points to win individual honors.

Aerial Tennis

Not so long ago the singles tournament in aerial tennis for the boys in the first class was held. Bill Culp and Peter Goldstein, both of the Army, played in the finals for the championship which Goldstein won, 21 to 19, in a hotly contested game.

Quoits

The first quoits game was played between the Army and Navy third class teams. The Navy won two out of three games, 21 to 19 and 21 to 17.

The points compiled to date are: Army, 2200, and Navy 2100.

Spring Sports

St. John's spring sports offer a variety of diversions for the cadets, both young and old. These sports include volley ball and touch football. Several new individual games have been introduced this season. They include aerial tennis, quoits, tether ball, and horse shoes.

The latest game introduced is aerial tennis which has proved popular with everybody. The game is played similarly to badminton, the only difference being the use of paddles instead of racquets.

The softball team under the direction of Cadet Boggs of the Navy and Lt. Becker of the Army are practicing every afternoon in preparation for the softball tournament to be held later on. Each Sunday afternoon the school team engages the faculty in games of softball. These have brought about a great deal of rivalry.

Track under the direction of Lt. Mahoney is well under way with a larger number of boys than usual working out. Several good prospects in the middle distances and high jump are reported by Lt. Mahoney. The lower school has hopes of being able to make a good showing in the grade school invitation track meet to be held at St. John's in the near future.

Alumni Notes

James and Phillip DeWolfe, x32, are making good scholastic records at the College of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. * * *

Gerald Altman, x30, is connected with the McMurry Paint Company in Denver. He married last fall. * * *

John G. Myers, '29, is married and lives at Tooele, Utah. He works for the Combined Metal Reductions Co. * * *

Donald Marvin, '29, is connected with the Gallagher Manufacturing Company in Salt Lake City, Utah. * * *

Clifton C. Gilbert, '28, is in the U. S. Army and is learning to be a laboratory technician in the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California.

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Just before evening study hall on March 20, Mr. Tolbert showed to the cadet corps a motion picture on "Floods." The scenes were laid in the towns and cities along the Ohio River when that stream overflowed its banks a year ago.

The greater part of the film dealt with the rescue work of the American Red Cross. The people had to be moved to dry ground and then given shelter and food. The picture at the close showed the steps taken to clear up the debris and fix up the damaged homes after the waters had subsided.

Ashton the Magician Puts on Program

On the evening of March 1 the corps had the privilege of being entertained by Ashton the Magician. By sleight-of-hand he caused objects to disappear and then immediately to reappear. He made large playing cards diminish in size until they were so small that their spots could not be readily recognized. By lowering the head of a wooden mechanical duck into a box, he could force it to bring up any card a person in the audience called for. He could cut ropes and in a minute make them whole again. He placed separate handkerchiefs in a box, and when he took them out, they were knotted and joined together.

Perhaps the most remarkable tricks that Ashton performed were producing a rabbit from a hat and a pair of ladies' silk stockings from Captain Brown's coat pocket.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiller, Miss Vera Hiller, and Miss Patsy Cheney were dinner guests on March 1. Afterwards Capt. Simpson and Coach Mosher entertained the guests and faculty at Bridge.



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Promotions

The following promotions have recently been made:

To be Cadet First Lieutenant and Second in Command of the Cadet Corps, Cadet Second Lieutenant Jack Thornton.

To be Cadet Second Lieutenant, Cadet First Sergeant Herbert Becker.

To be Cadet First Sergeant, Cadet Sergeant John Erickson.

To be Cadet Corporal, Cadet Clyde Carroll.

To be Cadet Corporal, Cadet Clayton Musick.

To be Cadet Corporal, Cadet Burke Stanard.

To be Cadet Corporal, Cadet Jack Tisaw.

To be Cadet Private First Class, Cadet Orville Kintz.

Oscar Michelson, x32, is connected with the Colorado and Southern Railroad. His home is in Greeley, Colorado.

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At the Lettermen's Banquet on April 28, Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Basketball Coach at Kansas University, will be the chief speaker.

Many inquiries have been received concerning the summer camp St. John's is to hold in the Rocky Mountains. A number of cadets have already signed up.

Lieutenant Hidago has purchased a rowing machine. Boys frequently make use of it for exercising.

When the Passion Play was in Salina, Mr. Robert Graham, booking agent, visited school and explained to the cadets what it was all about. Mr. Graham and Captain Brown are both alumni of the Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia.

The call of spring has brought forth the Izaak Waltons. A number of the cadets have gotten out their hooks and lines and gone to the river to fish. Up to date the chef has not been kept working over time frying up their catches.

On the last night of the Mission that the Reverend Mr. Nale held in Ellsworth, a party was given in his honor in the Parish House.

Many of the boys in the Junior School have been having much fun making kites and flying them. Bundschu made one six feet long. While in the air, the string of West's kite caught to a tree and the kite remained flying three days.

In February five cadets took part in a spelling contest broadcast over the radio by station KSAL. They competed against five employees from Duckwall's store. Davis R. won first place in the match.

Blomstrom, Mitchell, and McDowell have roles in the play "Quality Street" by Sir James M. Barrie, to be given by the students of Marymount College on May 1.

School Party

On the evening of March 8 Captain Brown, assisted by Lieutenant Mahoney, gave a party for the boys of the Junior School and members of the freshman class. The affair was held in the mathematics class room.

The entertainment was of a varied sort, consisting of contests and games. To the boys most proficient in some of these Captain Brown gave small cash awards. The contest in which the names of animals were concealed in nonsensical sentences provided a great deal of fun. In a spelling match the letters written on separate pieces of cardboard had to be sorted out from a big box at one end of the room and set down at a designated place at the other end of the room. Probably the most

Entertains Members of Senior Class

One evening last February Bishop Mize gave his annual dinner and party for the members of the senior class. The dinner took place at the Salina Country Club. At a long table, beautifully decorated with low bowls of flowers and tall white candles placed at intervals, the party sat down to the meal. Besides the seniors other guests were Mrs. Clem, Mrs. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller, and Lieutenant Evans. After the last course had been served, Bishop Mize entertained the group by relating a few reminiscences of the days when he was connected with St. John's School around the year 1900.

From the Country Club the party went in cars over to the Bishop's residence. Here they played cards until a late hour. Cadet Boggs received a prize for making top score in Bridge; and Goldstein, for making top score in Rummy.

HIGH AVERAGES

6th Month of School

Upper School		Lower School	
Mitchell	92	Clem	90.8
Musick	92	Davis Wm.	90.5
Burg	90.5	Bradley	85.7
Blomstrom	90	Gibbs	85.7
Lotker	88.5	Miller	85.6
Davis R.	88	York	85.3
Gadeke	87.4		
Bubenzer	87.3		
Stanard	87.3		
McDowell	86		
Thornton	85.3		

At their meeting on March 27 the Communicants' Club had the privilege of hearing Mr. H. E. Seiter, Statistician, talk on "Soil Conservation." The speaker illustrated his talk with moving pictures showing the damage done by erosion and what has been done by scientific methods to counteract it.

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Twilight Parades

Since the coming of spring, twilight parades are frequently being held. When evening mess is over, the cadets fall into company formation and are marched out upon the drill field.

After the drum and bugle corps has passed in front of the reviewing officers, the buglers sound "To the Colors." This is followed by the firing of the evening gun. Next the buglers play "Retreat," during which the flag is lowered. Then the commanders of the companies go forward to where the reviewing officers are and presently return to their places. After this the companies pass in review before the officers and march back to the place of formation in front of the barracks. The boys carrying the colors pass in front of each company and receive the salute. Then the cadets are dismissed.

Visitors often come out to watch the twilight parades. They say it is a beautiful sight to see the colors flying and the cadets in their white gloves and white belts on the dusky background.

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