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School Session has Just About Come To a Close

The session of 1937-38 is almost history. It comes to an end with the colorful commencement festivities extending from May 21 to May 23. The crowning event on the program is the graduation exercises at which time the diplomas will be given to the seniors, and the awards and prizes, to the various members of the corps who have earned them. The school year has been a most successful one, and with its close feelings of regret as well as joy touch the hearts of everyone.

The program in its entirety is printed below:

Saturday, May Twenty-first

9:30 a.m.—Athletic Field Day

9:00 p.m.—Senior Dance

School Gymnasium

Sunday, May Twenty-second

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion

School Chapel

11:00 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service,

Christ Cathedral

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, Bishop of Salina

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 p.m.—Military Field Day

Competitive Drills

5:30 p.m.—Final Retreat Parade

Presentation of Commissions,

General M. R. McLean, Adjutant General of Kansas

6:00 p.m.—Buffer Supper, Dining Hall

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Fifteen Write Theses

Fifteen boys have submitted theses in the contest in patriotic essay writing sponsored by the National Society of Colonial Daughters. McDowell, Henze, Prather, and Davis R., wrote on the subject of "Soil Conservation;" Lavery and Maker L. on "Preserving our Forests;" Moffat, on "The Negro Problem;" Murphy and Kurtz, on "The Boy Scout Movement;" Tissaw on, "The Illegal Sale of Drugs and Narcotics;" Lutz, on "Frauds in the Sale of Medicines and Foods;" Blomstrom, on "The Signers of the Declaration of Independence;" Bubenzer, on "Crime Prevention;" Lotker, on "How to Keep Out of War;" and Gordon, on "The Insect Menace."

The contestants were allowed to write on any subject involving patriotism and high civic ideals. Most of those chosen this year were subjects particularly recommended by the National Society of Colonial Daughters. The librarians of the Salina Public Library was especially kind to the boys in assisting them in finding material and allowing them to draw out as many books as they wanted. Mr. H. E. Seiter, of the Bureau of Soil Conservation, furnished many pamphlets.

All the boys were allowed to substitute their theses for other work in their English classes. The society's bronze gold medal will be awarded to the winner at Commencement.



VAIL HALL

Communicants' Club Hears Speakers

The Communicants' Club, composed of cadets belonging to the Episcopal Church, has been most active this year. Every Sunday evening at nine o'clock the members meet in the Chaplain's quarters. Goldstein is president of the organization, and he is assisted in planning the programs by three committeemen—Gordon, educational; Stanard, devotional; and Murphy, social. The cadets have had the privilege of hearing many interesting speakers and of enjoying many good times together.

Recently Mr. J. D. Tinklepaugh, a Salina broker, talked to them on the grain trade. Among other things he traced the course of wheat from the time it is harvested until it is ground in the flour mills. Dr. C. R. Armstrong, a Salina physician, spoke on the medical profession, talking in particular about the training necessary to become a doctor. The Reverend V. G. Menard of Ellsworth, Kansas spoke on the spiritual responsibilities of a Christian, and the Reverend Vine Deloria of South Dakota, told of his work among the Sioux Indians. He especially paid great tribute to the late Bishop Hare who treated the Indians as responsible human beings and opposed the Government policy of putting them against their will upon reservations.

SAINT JOHN'S SENDS DELEGATES TO CHEMISTRY CONVENTION

To the convention in Lawrence sponsored by the Chemistry Department of the University of Kansas, St. John's sent a number of delegates including the Reverend Mr. Nale, Mr. Tolbert, and four boys in the Chemistry class, Gordon, Musick, McDowell, and Stanard. The party left Salina by automobile at an early hour and arrived in Lawrence in time for some of the morning sessions held at Bailey Chemical Laboratories. About two hundred delegates from schools in the eastern section of Kansas were at the convention.

First of all the party watched a liquid air demonstration performed by Professor

Cracksquad Puts on Drill at Pratt

On April 12 the St. John's cracksquad made an appearance before the Chamber of Commerce in the city auditorium at Pratt, Kansas. The drill followed a banquet to which the entire squad as well as Lieut. Evans and Mr. Tolbert, who accompanied them, were invited. Lieut. Evans introduced the boys, first making a few remarks about the cracksquad and its place in St. John activities. Mr. Tolbert later showed the motion picture film made two years ago depicting the life of the cadets at school.

The cracksquad visited Pratt at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riley, parents of Corporal Paul H. Riley. The party was entertained at dinner at the Riley home. While in Pratt they visited the state fish hatcheries, one of the largest in the Middle West, which supplies most of the fish for Kansas lakes.

High Averages for the Year are Given

In the Upper School the following boys received the highest averages for the year: Gordon, 92.8; Blomstrom, 91.4; Musick, 91; Mitchell, 89.7; Davis R., 88.7; Lotker, 88.4; Gadeke 87.8; Burg, 87.7; Bubenzer, 87.1; Stanard, 87.1; Erickson, 86.8; Thornton, 86.5; Kurtz, 85.

In the Junior School the following boys received the highest averages for the year: Clem, 91.8; Davis, Wm., 87.1; Gibbs, 86.3; Bradley, 85.7; Miller, 85.1.

In the Upper School the following boys received the highest grades in certain classes: English 1 and 2, Burg, 89.4; English 3 and 4, Mitchell, 91; English 5 and 6, Gadeke, 88.5; English 7 and 8, Gordon, 90.6; Ancient History, Bubenzer, 89.9; Modern European History, Lotker, 92.4; American History, Gordon, 94; Consumer Education, Murphy, 92.8; Psychology, Gadeke and Stanard, 91; Economics, Gordon, 96; Constitution, Stanard, 93; International Relations, Gadeke, 89; Latin 3 and 4, Mitchell, 92.1; Spanish 1 and 2, Blomstrom, 92.4; Spanish 3 and 4, Gordon, 93.6; General Science, Blomstrom, 92.2; Chemistry, Musick, 92; Physics, Musick, 91.9; Business Arithmetic, Erickson, 87.6; Algebra 3, Musick, 86.8; Plane Geometry, Blomstrom, 92.3; Solid Geometry, Musick, 88.8.

Cady, noted for his experiments with the helium gas.

In the afternoon came divisional meetings. All the St. John's crowd attended a lecture on "Chemical Engineering." Then the party separated, some going to lectures on "Chemistry and Foods," and "Classification of the Elements." A sound film was shown in connection with the latter. Others attended lectures on "Petroleum Engineering" and "Spices and Perfumes."

After eating dinner at a Lawrence restaurant, the St. John's delegates returned to Salina.

Annual Dinner and Dance Held by Lettermen

The dinner and dance at St. John's Military school held on the evening of April 28, honoring the letter-men of football and basketball, 1937 and 1938 season, was an outstanding event for guests as well as for those receiving letters. The dinner speaker for the occasion was Dr. Forrest C. Allen, of the University of Kansas, who used as the subject for his address, "Champions Are Made by Morale and Training." Short talks were made by Bishop R. H. Mize and Major R. L. Clem, and the school quartet composed of Cadets Robert Boggs, L. O. Gadeke, Robert Blomstrom and David Moffat, gave several selections.

Attractive rosebud corsages were favors for the lady dinner guests. On the place-cards were pictures of their escorts.

Towards the close of the program Coach Mosher handed out the athletic awards to the various members of the teams, first announcing however, that Cadet Harry Maker and Burke Stanard had been elected Co-captains of next year's football team and Cadet Harry Maker of next year's basketball team.

Those receiving letters in football were Cadets Herbert Becker, Robert Boggs, Cyrus Bradford, William Culp, Victor Fulk, L. O. Gadeke, Peter Goldstein, Woodley Gordon, George Lutz, Harry Maker, John Murphy, Clayton Musick, Burke, Stanard, John Thornton, John Tissaw, and Dale Trueblood. Those who received basketball letters were Cadets Robert Boggs, Cyrus Bradford, John

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Takes Up Photography

Discouraged when several thousands of his pet fish died from exposure to the cold, Mr. Tolbert, the school bursar, turned from the hobby of raising fish to that of taking pictures. Two years ago this spring he procured a 16 millimeter motion picture camera and made an advertising film of the school's activities. The following fall he photographed the St. John's football team in action. The coach later showed the film in slow-motion before the squad. This gave the members an opportunity to analyze their plays.

Mr. Tolbert next turned to still photography. He made pictures of the players on the athletic teams, some of which were printed in the Salina Journal and the Skirmisher. He photographed many of the faculty and cadets, furnishing them with pictures at cost. In some cases he made enlargements. He also took many pictures of nature scenes. Last fall one of them appeared in the rotogravure section of the Denver Post and received a cash award.

This year at St. John's Mr. Tolbert organized the Camera Club. He has given the fifteen members instruction in getting proper exposure, developing, printing, and enlarging. He superintended the building and equipping of the dark room located off the study hall.

Corps Spends Ten Days in Camp

Rain, rain, and more rain; sunless skies; a chill in the air; mud. These were some of the conditions experienced by the cadets in their encampment from May 6 to May 18 at Camp Wa-shun-ga near Junction City. But nevertheless the boys had many good times. There was some pretty weather, and a program of interesting activity was carried on which tended to keep the campers' minds off their woes. Best of all a spirit of good fellowship prevailed. It was such a relief to forget lessons and school duties.

The cadets occupied two big wooden barracks. The faculty slept in separate buildings. One building was used as a school and reading room, and another, as a store. A large mess hall adjoined the kitchen. The lavatories were furnished with hot and cold water. All buildings were lighted by electricity.

The boys had to take turns on the various details necessary for carrying on the routine. A few who were delinquent in one or more of their school subjects had to study for a couple of hours daily. Short religious services were held every afternoon and occasionally in the morning. However much of the time was the cadets' own to engage in whatever diversions appealed to them.

There were all sorts of games, handicraft, nature studies, fishing, boating, and hiking. In the evenings there were stunts around the campfire or in the mess hall if the weather was bad.

All in all the camp was a successful one. Memories concerning it, mostly pleasant, will remain with the cadets for a long time.

CAMP NOTES

Many of the cadets worked hard for points which counted toward winning the medal for being the best camper. Points were given for such things as building good campfires, winning athletic events, putting on interesting stunts, passing creditable inspections, making useful articles, going on worthwhile hikes, securing interesting specimens for the camp museum, etc.

The chaplain held many of the religious services out of doors. He fixed up an altar under a rustic canopy.

A number of quoits and horse shoe pitching tournaments were played. Some of these were between the Army and Navy Clubs.

The chaplain turned the porch of his cabin into a museum. The collection of snakes and lizards was especially interesting.

On alternate days there were contests in rifle and pistol marksmanship.

Catching frogs and fishing were favorite sports. The chef fried up more than one mess of frogs' legs and fish.

Some of the boys built useful articles such as boxes for the specimens in the museum, bird houses, and tie racks. Others tried their hand at carving artistic figures out of pieces of soap.

Each night at the council fires the boys took turns in putting on stunts. Quite a bit of excellent talent was uncovered. A quintet composed of K. P.'s rendered some very fine vocal music. One night the chef gave an account of his life, a part of which had to do with his experiences overseas during the World War. On another night there was a marshmallow toast.

Treasure hunts and games of hare and hounds were extremely popular.

Quartet Makes Three Appearances

Within the past few weeks the St. John's Quartet has made three appearances before the public. About the middle of April they appeared before both the Lion and Rotary clubs. On the first occasion Major Clem accompanied them and prior to introducing them told something about the program of education St. John's has to offer. On the second occasion both Major Clem and the Reverend Mr. Nale went with the boys, and the latter spoke on the attitude of men toward children.

When the Diocese of Salina held its convocation in Hays the latter part of April, Major Clem spoke at one of the meetings and the quartet sang at the reception given for the church delegates by the Woman's Auxiliary. The boys did not remain in Hays over night but returned to school soon after they had finished their numbers.

Moffat Enters Two Music Contests

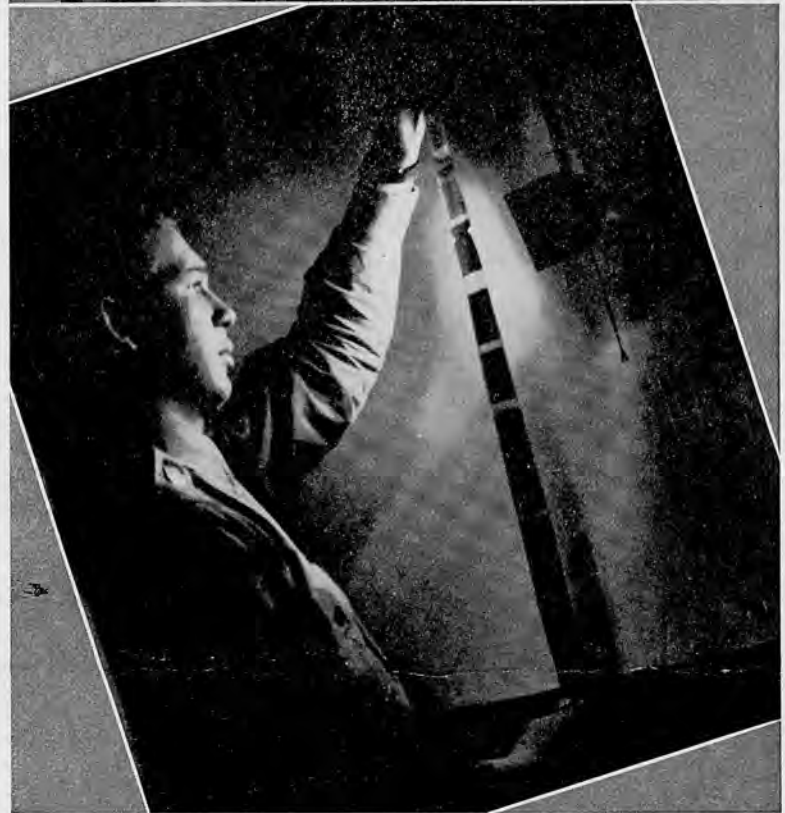
David Moffat, a member of this year's graduating class, has been making a good record in his singing. Early in April he participated in the district music contest held at Kansas Wesleyan University and won the rating of "excellent." During the middle of May he went to Omaha with his instructor, Mr. Charles W. Shedden, and competed in the national music contest and won the rating "excellent" again. The song which Moffat sang on both occasions was called "Travellin."

Moffat is the baritone in the St. John's Quartet. Usually when the quartet appears in public he sings a solo or two.

Three Instructors Are Leaving

Three members of the faculty are not returning to St. Johns next fall. The Reverend Richard Nale, the chaplain, has accepted a call to St. Phillip and St. Stephen's Church, Detroit, Michigan, and will enter upon his new duties early in June. Captain Phillip Mosher and Lieutenant Thomas Hidalgo have not yet made definite plans for another year.

All whom they leave behind deeply regret their going. May they enjoy every success and happiness wherever they are.



Top: The Saint John's Quartet.
(Left to right): Blomstrom, Gadeke, Boggs, Moffat.
Bottom: Sergeant Lotker Develops Films.

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Invitational Track Meet is Held

The invitational grade school track meet held at St. John's School on May 3 was a great success. Five schools sent contestants. The meet was won by Gypsum with 50 1/3 points. St. John's was a close second with 48, and Brookfield third, with 44. Down the line came Kipp with 10 2/3; Falun with 9; and Assaria with 8. Some of the schools were handicapped because their sessions had already closed and contestants could not be obtained very easily. The trial events started at nine o'clock in the morning, and the finals at one-thirty in the afternoon.

The St. John's cadets made a fine showing. Austin in Class B and Clem in Class C were high men for the entire meet. Both won first place in the 100 yard dash, the 50 yard dash, and broad jump. Both were members of the relay team which won third place.

Bradley in Class B won first place in the soft ball throw and third place in the broad jump. Miller in Class C won first place in the high jump and second place in the soft ball throw. Gibbs in Class A won second place in the high jump and along with Watson was a member of the relay team which won third place. All point men received ribbon awards. Bundschu, Pade, Phillips, West, and York all made good showings even though they did not win anything.

Amos Morris of the Salina Y. M. C. A., acted as starter and John Bryan of Kansas Wesleyan, as timer. A number of faculty and cadets from the upper school assisted with the events.

It is planned to make the track meet an annual affair. Next year it will be held earlier before some of the schools have closed their sessions.

"S" Club is Active

Under the leadership of Cadet Lieutenant Becker the "S" Club, whose membership is confined to lettermen, has proved itself a live wire and has exerted a decided influence for the good of St. John's. This year it is quite a contrast to the organization in the past which often either died or nearly died a natural death before the end of the session. The aim of the "S" club is to develop the ideals of manhood in its members, to create athletic spirit in the corps, and at the same time to enjoy social fellowship among themselves.

In its quarters high up in the school tower the group meets regularly every Monday evening after dinner. The boys have furnished the room attractively and have adorned the walls with banners and pennants. Because the school heating system does not extend into the tower, they have purchased and set up a stove.

This year a new ritual has been introduced into the meetings. New members have been admitted from time to time. They have been required to go through an initiation, some of the stunts of which have been a source of amusement to the entire school.

The members have enjoyed a number of social activities. Only recently they took their lady friends on a steak fry near the Little Smoky River.



MEDALS AND TROPHIES

These awards will be given out at the Commencement Exercises. The sweaters are the kind worn by the basketball and football lettermen.

Represent Y. M. C. A. in Swimming Meet

In the swimming meet held on April 30 between the Salina and Emporia Y. M. C. A., Gadeke and Fulk were among the contestants representing Salina. Gadeke took first place in the 160 yard relay, and Fulk, first place in the 120 yard relay. Fulk was second in the 40 yard free style and third in the 60 yard free style.

The physical director of the Salina Y. M. C. A. was so pleased with the showing the cadets made that he asked them if they would consider entering the state meet to be held in Wichita later on. However, the boys do not think they will be able to do so as the event is scheduled some time after the close of school.

ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL

The Athletic Board of Control meets from time to time whenever there is a need. The membership consists of Major Clem and Coach Mosher; also Cadets Becker, Maker H., Bradford, and Riley, boys from each of the four classes chosen by their classmates to represent them.

The Board has several duties. It regulates the awarding of emblems for athletic contests; it imposes penalties for any violation of rules pertaining to the Athletic Association. It prescribes for the intramural Army and Navy contests and determines in what contests points may be obtained.

Softball Tournament

St. John's school was host to seven county softball teams in a tournament on April 29. The teams entered were Kipp, Assaria, Gypsum, Smolan, Brookville, Falun, Bavaria, and St. John's.

Gypsum won the tournament and the trophy which was donated by the Salina Chamber of Commerce and the St. John's Athletic Department. Gypsum defeated Assaria only after four extra innings had been played. The score was 5 to 4.

Most of the games in the tournament were close and the competition was keen. The playing continued throughout the day, two diamonds being in use.

St. John's intends to have a similar tournament next year. All the teams gave their support and are in favor of continuing the activity.

ALUMNI NOTES

George Warren, '30, graduated a short time ago in dentistry from the University of Nebraska. His grades were among the upper ten percent of the class.

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Joe Keraus, '37, is now in the Marine Corps at San Diego, California. Because of his expert marksmanship he is giving instructions in the use of the rifle.

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Recent visitors at school included Carson McCoy, '37, and Gus Kesseling, '37, Colorado College; Donald Bailey, '37, Hutchinson, Kansas; Otis Jeannin, '30, Concordia, Kansas.

EXAMINATION DAY

I never was right brilliant,
I never was real bright;
If unprepared on any day
The teacher knew my plight.

And now he puts before us
On a blackboard wide and high
An examination few can pass
And of those few, not I.

The term is o'er, and all now know
Their chance has ceased to be.
But I await my mark and, oh,
The agony for me.

New Trees are Planted

Within the past month a hundred trees have been planted on the campus. They are all American elms, thirty six of which are fairly good sized, while the others are small saplings.

A few of the beautiful old trees at St. John's have died and others indicate they are about to die. They have either reached their age limit or have been unable to revive themselves after the severe drouths of the past few summers.

The trees at St. John's have contributed much towards making the school one of the beauty spots of Salina. They were planted by cadets back in 1888. On Arbor Day the Reverend Mr. Chittenden, the first chaplain, got his boys to set out one or more trees according to a design he had worked out. The boys marked their trees with their names, and took a particular interest in their growth.

Awards and Prizes

Below is printed a list of the prizes and awards to be presented at the graduation exercises. Unfortunately the Skirmisher had to go to press before the names of the winners of the Army-Navy Medal, Commandants' Medals, Athletic Medals, and Bugler's Cup were available.

Sage Memorial Medal: Awarded to the cadet who has shown the greatest development in the school year.—Captain William Culp.

Athletic Scholarship Medal: Given to the cadet who has won his letter in athletics who has made the highest academic standing.—Lieutenant Woodley Gordon.

Effort Medal: Presented to the cadet who has made the greatest effort throughout the school year.—Sergeant Floyd Lee Lotker.

Tinsley C. Fry Athletic Medal: Given to the cadet who has rendered the greatest service in the promotion of athletics.—Cadet Peter Goldstein.

Frank Bangs Cup: Given to the new boy who has made the most satisfactory record throughout the year.—Cadet Robert Blomstrom.

Thesis Medal: Awarded by the National Society of Colonial Daughters, Washington, D. C., to the cadet writing the best essay upon a patriotic subject.—Corporal Lloyd Maker.

Leadership Medal: Offered to the cadet who by distinct leadership has promoted an interest in some activity or existing organization that concerns the welfare of the school.—Lieutenant Herbert Becker.

W. W. Watson Loyalty Cup: Given to the cadet who has shown a distinctly loyal spirit in supporting the ideals for which the school stands.—Lieutenant Jack Thornton.

Citizenship Medal: Presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1432 of Salina, to the non-commissioned officer most outstanding in citizenship.—Corporal Clyde Carroll.

American Legion Medal: Presented by Harry Krepes Post, Salina, Kansas, to the commissioned officer with the highest academic standing of the year.—Lieutenant Woodley Gordon.

Sons of the American Revolution Medal: Awarded to the cadet making the best record during the spring encampment.—First Sergeant John B. Erickson.

Marksmanship Medal.—Sergeant Lewis Gadeke.

Junior School Medal: Given to the boy making the most satisfactory record in the Junior School.—Cadet Alan Clem.

Academic Prizes: Books awarded to the cadets making the highest grades in their classes.—Senior, Lieutenant Woodley Gordon; Junior, Cadet Robert Blomstrom; Sophomore, Cadet Eugene Mitchell; Freshman, Cadet Herbert Burg; Eighth Grade, Cadet William Davis; Lower Grades, Cadet Alan Clem.

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Lessons of the Game

To you Seniors, members of the graduating class, is this editorial especially directed.

Soon your training will be over, the referee will blow his whistle and you will be in the whirlwind rush of the business world. There are six lessons that you should put into daily practice whatever your life work may be.

First: *The Lesson of the Game*: Life is always a contest, and its arena a battlefield. It is no place for milksops and mollicoddles. The man who does not play the game his very best is a traitor. The real glory of the game consists in the joy of battle, the overcoming of obstacles, the final winning of a hard fought goal. Life is like that.

Second: *The Lesson of the Coach*: It takes wisely directed, long continued, unremitting training to succeed. In this age of steam and steel and electricity the game of life is complicated and highly organized. A man must be an educated expert to succeed.

Third: *The Lesson of the Team*: No man in modern life can play the game alone; it is teamwork that wins, and the keynote is organized co-operation. Jealousy, envy, disloyalty, spell ruin. Fellowship, loyalty, self-sacrifice spell victory.

Fourth: *The Lesson of the Training Pledge*: He, who would conquer others, must first rule himself. The weakness of self-indulgence is fatal to success in life.

Fifth: *The Lesson of the Daily Grind*: There is nothing more intoxicating than sudden triumph. When the hero whose star play won the game is carried off the field on the shoulders of his worshippers, we knew that he was not just a "lucky dog." His play meant long preparatory hours of dust, sweat and heartbreaking toil. The price of success is sweat of body and of mind. Genius is one-tenth inspiration, nine-tenths perspiration.

Sixth and last: *The Lesson of the Bleachers*: The delirious crowds, the loud cheering, the brass bands, all mean that enthusiasm is the magic wand that glorifies toil and struggle and turns the hardest work into joyous play. So if you would find the secret of success and the guarantee of happiness then fall in love with your work. Cultivate the faculty of enthusiasm, that love of your work for its own sake. That makes the life toil only a part of the great game and turns the daily grind into daily joy.

These are the half dozen lessons of the playing field. By their daily practice each one of you may fit himself for future victory in life's hard struggle.

A Farewell Message

"We hate to see you go." That is more than a song—it is a sad statement. Much of the year has been taken up with routine stuff—classes, athletics, formal dinners, and the daily round of events. But through it all there have filtered some very deep friendships. To those whom I have come to know well I want to express my thanks

for being the swell persons you are. To those who have stayed a little apart I want to assure you that all of the life at St. John's has been made richer by your being here. All of you are in my prayers and will be—wherever you are and wherever I shall be.

Thanks for the way you cooperated in the classes in Religion. Thanks for the way you sang and read the psalms in chapel. Thanks for your thousands of favors—many of which I am afraid went unacknowledged when you did them.

God be with you all forever. It has been a wonderful year, and if you are ever in a town where I am and don't call up or see me, may you fall victim to every calamity in the Devil's bag of tricks.

RICHARD NALE,
Chaplain.

RIGHT THINKING

Thoughts can conquer the minds of men as swords once conquered their bodies. If you carry a message of good for humanity—think it, live it, tell it, and publish it, so that it may reach the ends of earth, making people believe.

The things your mind continually entertain in time are reproduced in your action and revealed in your personality. Nature rewards you for good thoughts, but she collects an awful bill for bad ones. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is," were the words of One who looked into men's hearts, and knew!

Army Problem

On April 28 Lieutenant Evans took up the drill period with a new kind of problem. Instead of having the two platoons compete against each other, he divided the boys up into the two groups, Army and Navy, in which they generally carry on their athletic intra-mural contests.

The problem involved the attack and defense of the high ground northwest of school in Thomas Park. Erickson of the Navy was in command of the defense and Culp and Becker of the Army had charge of the attack. Both sides did some clever scouting. The attacking organization finally pressed into service machine guns and automatic rifles. Lieutenant Evans acted as umpire and decided that the Army really occupied the disputed territory.

THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT

(Dedicated to Cadet Captain Culp and Cadet Private Clem)

Said William Culp to Cubbie Clem,
"I'm sorry you're so small
That you're not grand and big like me;
Will you not grow at all?
My head is way up in the clouds
I very nearly see
The little birdies in their nests
High up in every tree."

Said Cubbie Clem to William Culp,
"I'm sorry you're so tall.
I sometimes fear you'll lose your poise
And maybe backward fall.
The sky above is for the birds;
For me the good old ground.
The hop-toads are my little friends
Where grasshoppers abound."

Said William Culp to Cubbie Clem,
"All that you say is true
But still for all the wealth there is
I'd not be small like you."
Said Cubbie Clem to William Culp,
"Your heart is big I know
And so must be your pocket book;
How about a picture show?"

Goldstein has given a good deal of his time this year coaching the Junior School boys in athletics and supervising them in their play.

The members of the "S" and "L" clubs now wear the emblems of the organizations on the sleeves of their dress coats.



A CAMPUS VIEW

WRITING POETRY UNAWARES

While studying Ralph Waldo Emerson not long ago, the senior English class was interested to learn the circumstances under which he wrote his poem "Seashore." During a visit to the seashore at Cape Ann he jotted down in his journal a passage in prose, expressing his emotions in the presence of the ocean. After returning home, he read the passage over aloud and to his surprise discovered the whole could be scanned as blank verse. He immediately transcribed it into poetic form, adding a few lines here and there. He thus composed one of his most beautiful poems.

The boys in the English class were told that this was only one among many instances in which unintentional poetry had been written. In a treatise he wrote, William Whewell, the mathematician formulated a rule which he later found could be fitted in the same kind of stanza Alfred Tennyson made famous in his "In Memoriam." Here it is:

"No power on earth, however great,
Can stretch a cord, however fine,
Into a horizontal line
That shall be absolutely straight."

After dictating a strictly formal letter of rebuke to a firm from which he had been expecting deliveries of material, a business man once found when he came to sign his name he had inadvertently dropped into melodious verse. Realizing that this would certainly destroy the censure he intended to convey, he did not send the letter.

Once an article in the news column of a newspaper started like this: "There is still no news of the party of Jews who left Portobello last Sunday." The writer later had his attention drawn to the fact that he had written a line of verse.

On another occasion the same newspaper contained an unintentional poem in the form of the headline:

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Mr. G. H. Mair.)

It is not unusual for people to try to write verses and fail. But it is most unusual for them to write verses without being aware of doing so.

Murphy is very fond of fencing. He has the necessary equipment, and has interested a number of other boys in his favorite sport.

JOKES

Murphy: "Deep breathing you know destroys microbes."

Lavery: "But how can I get them to breathe deeply?"

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Kintz: "Did you know that Hart is an exporter?"

Riley: "I did not know that. Does he have dealings with many foreign firms?"

Kintz: "No, he used to be a porter on a railway train."

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Dr. Stafford: "I notice that you cough with greater ease this morning."

Lieut. Mahoney: "Why shouldn't I? I've been practicing all night."

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Lieut. Evans: "Will you please tell the class what is an octopus?"

Bundschu: "It must be a cat with eight sides."

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Henze: "What's the matter with these eggs? They are terribly bad."

Waitress: "Don't blame me. I only laid the table."

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A farmer once called his cow Zephyr. She seemed such an amiable hephyr.

When the farmer drew near
She kicked off his ear.

And now the farmer's much dephyr.

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Captain Simpson (to the boys helping him decorate the gymnasium): "Hey, you fellows, get hold of this ladder with me. You must think my name is Samson instead of Simpson."

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Mr. Tolbert: "Did you like that cigar I gave you? For five hundred coupons of that brand you get a banjo."

Lieutenant Hidalgo: "If I smoked five hundred of those cigars, I'd need a harp."

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Barber: "Was your tie red before I started to shave you?"

Erickson: "No, we cadets wear black ties only."

Barber: "Gosh, I must have cut your throat."

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Tissaw: "I have a keen sense of humor. When I see something funny I have to laugh."

Watson: "You must have a tough time shaving."

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Who's Who Among The Seniors

Herbert Robert Becker, "Boots," Denver, Colorado. Third year at St. John's. Second Lieutenant. Captain, football team. Captain, Army Club. President, "S" Club. Senior member of Athletic Board of Control. Cracksquad. Boxing team.

Robert McGrew Boggs, "B. B.," Denver, Colorado. Second year at St. John's. Private in Drum and Bugle Corps. Football. Basketball. Captain, Navy Club. Rifle team. "S" Club. Skirmisher Staff. Communicants' Club. Camera Club. Cracksquad. St. John's Quartet.

William Clinton Culp, "Corporal." Denver, Colorado. Third year at St. John's. Captain. Commander of Cadet Corps. Football Team. Rifle Team. Skirmisher Staff. Cracksquad. Army Club. Boxing Team.

John Blaine Erickson, "Blackie." Winfield, Kansas. Third year at St. John's. First Sergeant. Basketball Team. "S" Club. Communicants' Club. Camera Club. Cracksquad. Skirmisher Staff. Navy Club. Rifle Team.

Victor Dale Fulk, "Coyote Jim." Bridgeport, Nebraska. First year at St. John's. Private. Manager, Football Team. "S" Club. Army Club. Cracksquad.

Lewis O. Gadeke, "Stump," Wellington, Kansas. Second year at St. John's. Sergeant. Football Team. St. John's Quartet. Rifle Team. Skirmisher Staff. Cracksquad. "S" Club.

Peter Francis Goldstein, "Punkin." New York City, N. Y. First year at St. John's. Private. Football Team. Basketball Team. Cracksquad. Skirmisher Staff. Army Club. President, Communicants' Club. "S" Club. Boxing Team.

Woodley Douglas Gordon, "Woodhouse." Iola, Kansas. Fourth year at St. John's. Second Lieutenant. Cracksquad. Army Club. "S" Club. Editor-in-Chief, Skirmisher. Football Team. Basketball Team. Communicants' Club.

Albert Bauman Kurtz, "Al." Denver, Colorado. First year at St. John's. Private. Navy Club. Skirmisher Staff. Rifle Team.

David Louis Moffat, "Slinger." Kinsley, Kansas. First year at St. John's. Private. Army Club. Skirmisher Staff. Communicants' Club. St. John's Quartet.

John Augustus Murphy, Jr., "Doc." Denver, Colorado. First year at St. John's. Private. Army Club. Football Team. "S" Club. Skirmisher Staff. Communicants' Club.

Clayton Crews Musick, "Butch." Denver, Colorado. Corporal. Second year at St. John's. Army Club. Football Team. "S" Club. Rifle Team. Cracksquad.

Nelson Baker Prather, "Prazo." Elmdale, Kansas. Fourth year at St. John's. Corporal. Football Team. "S" Club. Army Club. Skirmisher Staff.

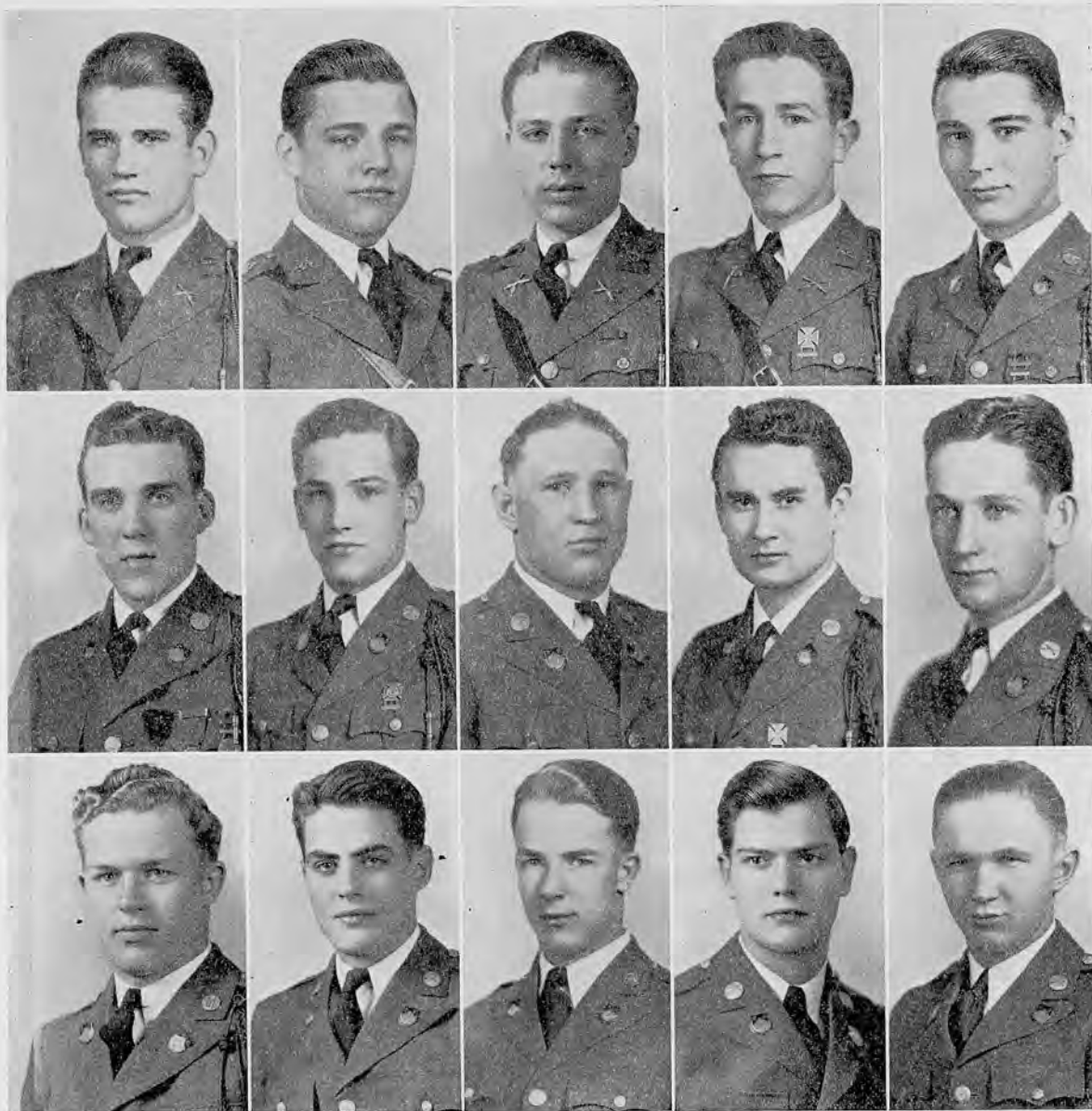
John Alden Thornton, "Jock." Palmer Lake, Colorado. Fourth year at St. John's. First Lieutenant. Army Club. Skirmisher Staff. Football Team. "S" Club. Captain, Cracksquad. Communicants' Club.

William Dale Trueblood, "Slug." Monte Vista, Colorado. First year at St. John's. Private. Football Team. Basketball Team. "S" Club. Boxing Team. Army Team.

Enters Rifle Match

By the score of 561 to 508, St. John's lost in a shoulder to shoulder rifle match fired against the Minneapolis Rifle Team on April 22.

Each boy fired ten rounds, which made it possible to obtain 100 points. High score of the event was 96, made by Whitney of Minneapolis. Gadeke was high for St. John's with 94. Riley got 91; Musick 89; Maker H., 84; Moore, 82; and Benzer, 68.



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1938

Top Row (left to right): Culp, Thornton, Gordon, Becker, Erickson
Middle Row: Gadeke, Musick, Prather, Boggs, Fulk.
Bottom Row: Goldstein, Kurtz, Moffat, Murphy, Trueblood.

Senior Class Goes on Two Picnics

During the latter part of April the members of the senior class went on two delightful picnics. On the first occasion they took their annual "sneak". No one knew of their intentions except Major Clem, who had given his permission. At peep of day the seniors secretly left St. John's in the school truck. After eating breakfast at the Casa Bonita restaurant, they gathered up their lady friends and drove out to Coronado Heights near Lindsborg. Here the crowd spent the morning and the early part of the afternoon. They danced in the pavilion to the music of a Victrola they had brought along and cooked their lunch over one of the large grates provided for the purpose. On their way back to Salina they stopped for awhile at Assaria.

The other picnic that the seniors took was a stag affair. After morning classes the boys in company with Captain Brown drove in the truck out to some woods not far away and cooked their lunch. On the way back the crowd visited one of the large grain elevators near the Union Pacific tracks. The man in charge conducted them to the top and explained the process by which the wheat is distributed into the bins.

Annual Dinner and Dance Given by Lettermen

(Continued from page 1)

Erickson, Peter Goldstein, Woodley Gordon, George, Lutz, and Harry Maker.

Guests at dinner were Miss Mary Jeanette Bachtold, Miss Virginia Ryan, Miss Jane Harris, Miss Suvane Seleeey, Miss Mildred Seiter, Miss Joan Rice, Miss Katherine Meyer, Miss Lola Jones, Miss Betty Piper, Miss Rosemary Winslow, Miss Jean Moseman, Miss Anne Green, Miss Eleanor Star, Miss Harriet Vaughn, Miss Faye Baird, Miss Cynthia Thorne, Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Juliette Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Stafford, Bishop R. H. Mize and Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

Shortly after the dinner program came to a close, the dance started in the gymnasium, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. As the cadets and their guests entered they passed through the receiving line composed of Major and Mrs. Clem, Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Captain Mosher, and Cadet Lieutenant Herbert Becker, captain of this year's football team, and president of the "S" club, and Miss Jeanette Bachtold.

The dance began with the Grand March to the tune of the "Washington and Lee Swing." A feature of this number was the saber arch formed by the cadet of-

ficers and first sergeant. They faced each other with sabers drawn and made an arch under which the others passed.

During the intermission Miss Cynthia Thorne sang a vocal solo. This was followed by a motion picture on baseball called, "Batter Up," shown on a screen set up at one end of the room.

Those who came in for the dancing included: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller, Miss Helen Marts, Miss Mary Ann Carney, Miss Erma Kurtin, Miss Alice Moran, Miss Edith York, Miss Naneen Hiller, Miss Vera Virginia Hiller, Miss Betty Worsley, Miss Tate Grey, Miss Gwendolyn Dorsey, and Miss Marguerite Tracy.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Lieutenant Evans and Lieutenant Mahoney have had charge of the Junior School this year. Both have worked untiringly with their pupils and have given a great deal of individual attention to those boys who needed it.

Every week the teachers have put on the bulletin board papers and exercises that received especially high marks.

Lieutenant Mahoney conducted an aviation project with his pupils. They studied about the most famous pilots, the types of planes, and the air routes in different countries.

The boys have visited a number of industrial plants in the city such as, flour mills, bottling works, and water works. On the tour of the flour mills they had explained to them the various processes through which wheat passes from the time it arrives to the time it is shipped away as flour. At the water works the boys saw the turbines in motion, the filtering system, and the meters which recorded the flow of water.

The boys occasionally went in groups to the motion pictures down town. One of the shows they enjoyed most was "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

A number of parties and picnics have been given for the Junior School throughout the year.

The boys have taken turns serving as student librarians. Every two weeks the entire Junior School has visited the Salina Public Library and checked out books. Each boy has his own card.

During the fall the boys played football, soccer, and touch football. All throughout the year they have enjoyed swimming in the pool at the Y. M. C. A. Practically all the boys now know how to swim.

Younger Cadets Have Basketball Team

During the winter months basketball played an important part in the extra-curricular activities of the Junior School. For the first time in several years they had a basketball team. Lieutenant Mahoney and the Reverend Mr. Nale spent much time in coaching them. The boys won three victories—one over Bennington and two over teams from Salina. Gibbs, guard, made the most points during the season, in one game scoring fourteen points. Austin, forward, did especially good work in breaking up plays of opponents. Clem, Marchington, and Bundschu were some of the most consistent players.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM
Front Row (left to right): Clem, Austin, Dove, Bradley, Marchington.
Back Row: Bundschu, Watson, Gibbs, Phillips, Wm. Davis, York.

To Receive Diplomas

Five boys are graduating from the eighth grade this year and will receive their diplomas at the exercises to be held in the gymnasium on May 22. They are Charles C. Bundschu, Jr., Independence, Mo.; C. Wayne Davis, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.; William A. Davis, Center, Colo.; Clement C. Gibbs, Topeka, Kansas; and Ralph L. Phillips, Tulsa, Okla.

The diplomas come through the office of Mr. S. L. Sondergard, County Superintendent. The course of study the boys have completed is identical with that of the grade schools throughout the state.

School Session has Just About Come To a Close

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Form Organization Called "L" Club

A few weeks ago the Junior School cadets who had lettered in basketball formed themselves into a club which they call the "L" Club. They meet one evening a week and occasionally on Saturday nights when any of them do not go on pass.

At the first meeting Gibbs was elected president; Clem, vice-president; Davis I, secretary; and Bundschu, treasurer. Recently Miller was taken into the organization because of the excellent work he did in the invitational track meet held at St. John's on May 3.

All members of the "L" Club have purchased attractive sweaters. They are black in color and have an orange service stripe on the sleeve. On the front is the St. John's emblem in the form of a shield. It is orange with black lettering. Below in orange are the words, "St. John's Junior School."

Instructors Take Boys on Picnics

One school day the Advanced Spanish class, accompanied by their instructor, Lieutenant Hidalgo, went on a picnic. Leaving in the truck shortly before noon, the crowd drove out to an attractive spot near the Salina Rifle Club and cooked their lunch. They returned to school in time for drill.

On a Saturday Captain Brown took most of the cadets in the Junior school and a few in the Upper School on an outing to State Lake. Upon arriving early in the afternoon, the crowd scattered. Some secured boats and spent the time rowing around. Others preferred to swim at the beach. About five they ate supper at the picnic grounds at the northern end of the lake. Since a number of the cadets wished to go on evening pass, the party returned to Salina early.

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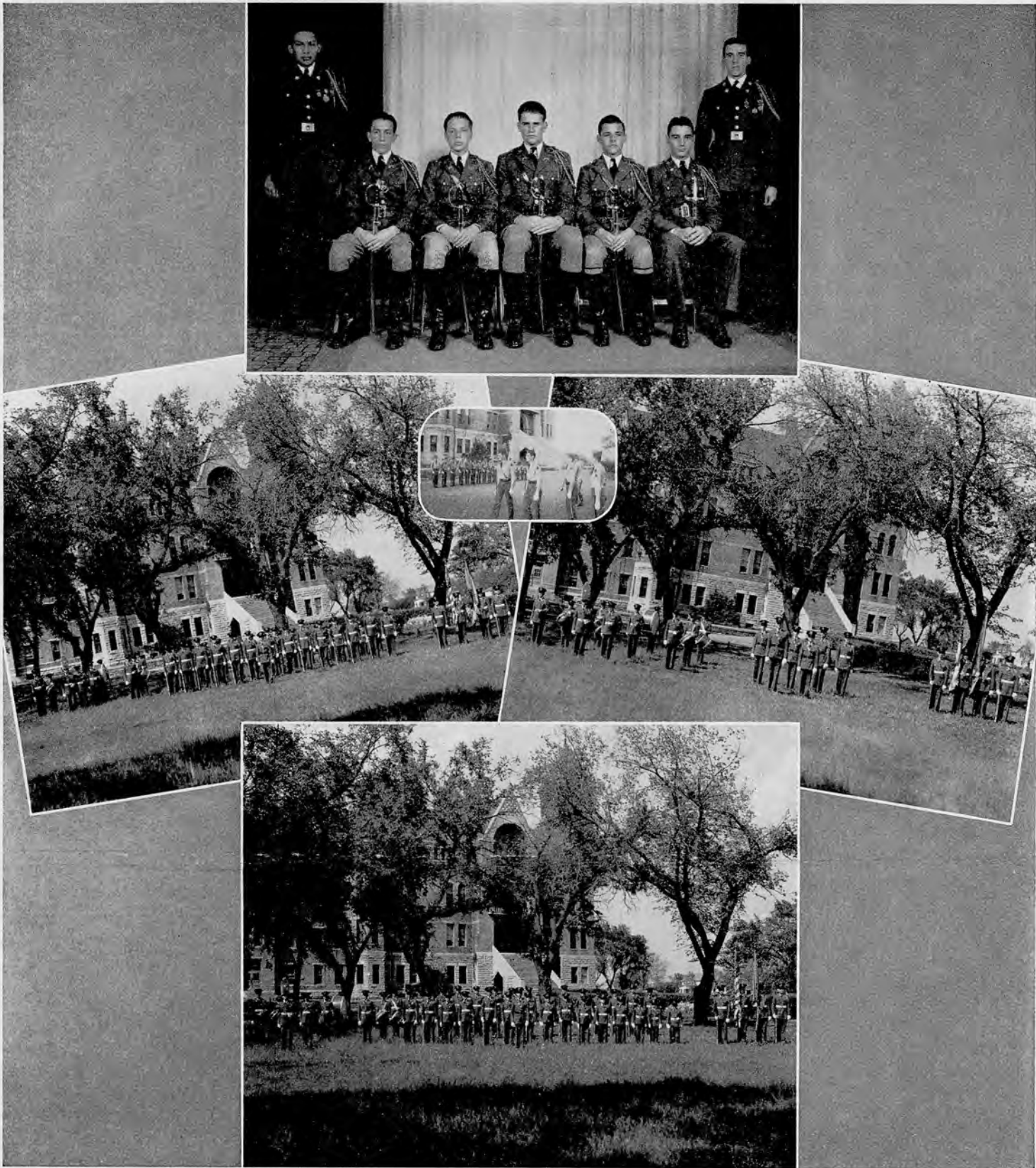
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Bottom: SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE CADET CORPS

Training Camps

Up to the present time two cadets have put in their application to attend the Citizens' Military Training Camps this summer. Boggs will go to Ft. Logan, Colorado, and Moffat to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Lieutenant Evans feels that these boys could not spend part of their vacation more profitably than by taking the course of training offered at these camps. Every year since these voluntary summer encampments were first offered in 1921 thousands of young men have taken advantage of their training. Many desire to return year after year for the advanced courses. The camps seem to have the unanimous approval of parents, who have found that their sons advanced mentally, morally, and physically. By no means is the military feature the chief aim of the camps. Rather the purpose is to develop the manhood of the nation by bringing young men together on a common basis of equality so that they may be taught the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of American citizenship. Those attending these camps learn

self-discipline and obedience to proper authority. The courses of training contemplate a full term of four summers, although there is no obligation either to continue the C. M. T. C. course or to enter any other military service. The first year or Basic course, has a minimum of military training and a maximum of athletic and recreational activities. During the next three years the military training is progressive, with the object of fitting the student for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps should he desire to take the examination after further study. The student who attends a camp is under no expense as the Government defrays all necessary costs. Wholesome food, uniforms, blankets, athletic equipment, laundry service, and fare to and from camps are furnished without charge. Enthusiastic endorsement of C. M. T. C. training have come from leaders in all fields. Former President Coolidge and many governors of the several states have sent their sons to camp. High church officials, college heads, and labor leaders have written in praise of the training.

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LOCAL NEWS

Gordon is the senior who comes from the greatest distance. He was born on the island of Barbadoes in the British West Indies.

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Among the things that Erickson had to do as requirements for initiation in the "S" Club, was to sing before the cadet corps the song, "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean," and to give a talk on the subject, "What Makes Marymount Girls So Attractive."

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While he was looking around for a room down town, Mr. Walter Grigg stayed a few weeks with the Chaplain. He regularly attended the meetings of the Communicants' Club and twice treated them to popcorn and candy.

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The city of Salina has sent out men who scraped and rolled the volley ball courts, softball diamonds, and tennis courts. On the tennis courts they spread and rolled in a lot of salt.

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Miss Hazel Hughes, school secretary, is prominent in Salina athletic circles. She plays catcher on a young ladies' baseball team.

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A daughter was born on April 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Braden of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Braden was formerly Miss Margaret Mize, who taught three years at St. John's School.

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Captain Simpson and certain members of the "S" Club literally surpassed themselves in the decorations they put up in the gymnasium for the Lettermen's Dance. The gymnasium looked more attractive than it ever had before.

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Recent visitors at St. John's included: Mrs. R. L. Miller, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Watson, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Henze, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. R. B. Stanard and daughter, Mary Lou, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Jessie Dove, Palmer Lake, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Wichita, Kansas.

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Not long ago the following persons from Manhattan, Kansas, were dinner guests of Mrs. Prince: the Reverend and Mrs. W. A. Jannard and daughter Anne; Miss Louise Hyde; and Mrs. L. V. White, wife of Professor L. V. White, associate Professor of Engineering at Kansas State College. After the meal Mrs. Prince invited the faculty to meet her guests in the quarters of Major and Mrs. Clem. Mrs. Clem played a piano selection, and the St. John's Glee Club sang a few songs.

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The faculty and cadets have played a number of volley ball games after dinner. The faculty usually are the victors.

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Several boys attended the Senior Prom given by high school students of Marymount College. It was held in the studios of the Mary Ellen Rathbun School of Dancing.

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On account of the death last month of Mr. Ted Page with whom St. John's was going to operate a camp in the Rocky Mountains this summer the school has decided to give up the project temporarily.

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While the boys were at camp, the dining hall floor was varnished.

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The Reverend Mr. Menard of Ellsworth has indeed been a good friend to the boys. He has entertained many of them at his home and has frequently transported members of the athletic teams in his car.

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The "S" Club has voted to turn over ten dollars to Major Clem to be used next year in providing extra furnishings for their club room in the tower.

Seniors Buy Rings

If the undergraduates have been observant lately, they will have noticed that the seniors have been going around with their left hands stuck out. This is natural because within the past few days the seniors have received their class rings and want to show them off.

The St. John's crest in oval shape is engraved on the face of every ring. An eagle with wings outspread appears on each side of the emblem. On the underside of the ring is inscribed the year 1938 and the initials of the cadet to whom it belongs.

A Brain Twister

The solutions of Kennison and Blomstrom received first and second places in the Brain Twister published in a former issue of the Skirmisher. To these cadets Captain Brown awarded small cash prizes. The concealed words especially applicable to St. John's were: Hart, study, Mosher, chapel, cadets, bugles, rat, gun, Evans, drills, demerits, Clem, Carroll, firing, Tisaw, and uniform.

Here is a new puzzle. Below are a list of things to be answered by the names of the abbreviations for the several United States. In some cases the spelling is different from the word meant but the pronunciation is the same. For instance the answer to number (1), "To cut down grass" is the abbreviation for Missouri, "Mo." which would logically be pronounced "mow." The answer to number (2) "A religious service" is the abbreviation for Massachusetts, "Mass." See if you can get the others.

(1) To cut down grass. (2) A religious service. (3) An unmarried woman. (4) Andy Gump's wife. (5) He called the doctor because he was —. (6) What miners seek. (7) What you should do when you are dirty. (8) The bad boys tied some tin — onto the dog's tail. (9) Noah built it. (10) A hard wood plus an exclamation. (11) A number. (12) What the boy did when he sat on a pin (slang). (13) Accusative case of the personal pronoun "I." (14) First three letters of Great Britain's largest possession in Asia.



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Sees Film on Navy

The sound motion picture exhibited not long ago before the cadet corps by two non-commissioned officers in the Navy recruiting service was most interesting. It began with the physical examination and enlistment of the navy man and continued through his career, showing how he spent his time on duty and at play.

The film first gave the training to which he was subjected, and then followed with the maneuvers of his ship at sea. It included the games in which he engaged and the pranks played on him when his ship crossed the equator. The last two reels showed him on shore leave, seeing the interesting sights in the Holy Land and in Hawaii.

At the conclusion of the film the two non-commissioned officers answered a number of questions that the cadets asked them about the navy and the opportunities it offered to those who chose it as a career.

In Course D fired on the High Power range both Gadeke and Boggs qualified as Experts. The former had the top score which was 225. Culp, Erickson, Lavery, Musick, and Riley qualified as Sharpshooters; and Bubenzer, Carroll, Lucas, and Tisaw, as Marksmen.

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Two of the cadets have in their rooms interesting curios. Blomstrom has a bo-constrictor skin and all sorts of native weapons that his uncle now living in Venezuela sent him. Kurtz has skins of numerous wild animals, some of which he himself killed.

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Major Clem has chosen a new kind of overcoat to be used by the corps next year.

New Catalogue to Be Finished Soon

The new catalogue will be ready for distribution about June 1. The engravers are now at work upon the cuts, and as soon as they are finished, the Consolidated Printing Company will rush the book to completion. Major Clem wants the catalogue to convey the message of St. John's in pictures rather than in words. Practically all the photographs are new, many of which show activities of the cadets out of school hours.

Not only the cover but also a number of the inside pages will have designs and decorations in color. The relief type of printing will be used instead of the off-set type.

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