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Hook Book of '96 Reveals That Times Change; But Not Cadets!

Humorous Story Is Told By Old Records

SINCE 1887 each generation of cadets who have gone forth from the commencement door of St. John's school has seen changes that effected the school, city of Salina, the world. Old Dobbin has been replaced by the horseless carriage. A great war and many little ones have countless number of times remade the map of the world. The stock market and the length of women's skirts have been equally giddy in their fluctuations.

But in perusing files of old documents, the yellowed pages of a book entitled "Discipline 1896" reveals that trials and tribulations, difficulties that caused many a cadet to fall by the wayside and led his erring feet to the Bull Ring . . . these errors and offenses against the good name of discipline have not changed.

Comparison of a group of offenses committed in 1896 scored with a like group committed in 1939 attests that the errors and the punishment meted are similar. But the old book has its humorous side. One entry graphically portrays the series of events that caused cadets Mitchler and Seaver to do penance. The entry:

September 10, 1896.

Mitchler. Offense: grabbing Seaver's napkin. 2 hours squad.

Seaver. Offense: spilling milk in attempt to recover napkin. 1/2 hour squad.

Mitchler. Offense: spilling sugar in preventing Seaver from recovering napkin. 1/2 hour squad.

Entries there are in the records that bring forth many a chuckle from the cadets of today. A few of these which are seldom found in today's book are:

Grasselli. Offense: attempting to be witty in class. 1 hour squad.

Weil. Offense: continued groaning in study hall when in good health. 5 hours squad.

Dodge. Offense: improper language at Foot Ball. 2 hours squad.

Mitchler. Offense: gross carelessness, scuffling and disorder in hall which resulted in spilling pail of slops. 2 hours squad.

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Juniors Successful With Their Initial Dramatic Attempt

THE title alone was enough to frighten anyone away from the gym where the first play to be given by the lower school was staged for a general assembly program.

Mysterious indeed had been the actions of various junior school men for a week prior to the performance, running about here and there with sheets thrown over their heads. But with the drawing of the curtains all these and other mysteries were gradually explained.

A supposedly haunted house becomes the scene of a comedy of errors as it is selected to be the site of a fraternity initiation and, by another group, the spot from which to keep a watch on the bank which was in danger of being robbed.

Directed by faculty officers Simpson and Brown, the play represents the efforts of junior school men and their efforts were indeed worth while. At the conclusion of the performance responding to loud cries of "author" Captain Brown appeared and was given a fine potted geranium on the occasion of production of his brain child.

Orchids especially to Cadet Miller, for a fine performance as Sambo.

Plans Completed For 52nd Annual Commencement Program

Bishop Spencer Will Be Graduation Speaker

CADET CORPS HEARS BISHOP SPENCER IN DEBUT AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

IN an inspirational address which paid tribute to Bishop R. H. Mize, his predecessor, Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer, president of the province of the southwest, commended the pioneer workers of Christ Cathedral, as a religious body and as the builders of a great house of worship, when he spoke before the thirty-fifth annual convocation of the Episcopal missionary district of Salina.

Of special interest to the Cadet Corps was his praise of Bishop Mize for his many good works, especially his service of maintaining and serving St. John's Military School. The school attended the service as a unit.

First official appearance by the Bishop here at school will be Saturday afternoon when he will confirm several Cadets. On Sunday the Bishop will give the commencement address.

Bishop Spencer took as his theme the necessary functions of the church in these perilous times and what it must stand for if it is to administer to the spiritual needs of its members in the future as it has in the past. He made an appeal to take a deeper and renewed interest in the church organization and cited as an example of present day indifference that fact that on New Year's eve ten million dollars was spent for entertainment while the church organization was experiencing difficulty in raising only a fraction of that sum for a new cathedral.

The meeting was the first time Bishop Spencer had presided over the group, having replaced Bishop Mize, recently retired, who has officiated since 1921 at the annual convocations.

Famous Editor Lauds Private School Shows "New Opportunity"

"THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IN SPITE OF THE PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL DISCRIMINATING PARENTS PREFER TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL"

. . . Thus writes the editor of THE EDUCATIONAL FORUM, Alfred L. Hall-Quest. Continuing his work he states that the "new" education . . . which stresses content and method related to a scientific understanding of the individual and society . . . is largely sponsored by private schools. The relative independence, restricted and selective enrollments, and flexible organization of the private school favor the purpose and operations of "modern" education. This explains in part, says the author, why many leaders in public education send their children to these schools.

"They believe also," he writes, "that the private schools offer more adequate supervision of study and that they are able to give closer attention to the needs of the individual pupil."

He further comments that Public Education is seriously handicapped by size, regimentation and political control . . . and that these and other difficulties have led to the neglect of two values which the private school is better equipped to include in a comprehensive education.

"One of these values is the development of taste. Taste results from long and continuous exposure to those products of creative imagination which society has accepted as best in art, literature, music and manners.

The second value private education may accent is guidance. Private school administrators and teachers have here an opportunity denied their conferees in public education for it is in the relatively smaller private school that the pupil may be known in a variety of situations, and over a longer period of time."

Mr. Hall-Quest closes by stating that "Education must nurture a hunger and thirst for the spiritual, for herein are imbedded the roots of sustained growth toward the better."

Seniors Disclose Plans For Future All Plan College Education

HIGHER education will occupy the time of all members of this year's graduating class, according to a questionnaire received by the Skirmisher Staff.

Cadet Captain Maker, who has chosen Physical Education as his work will attend the University of Oklahoma at Norman, there to seek the bachelor's degree. Maker has been an outstanding athlete here at St. John's. This summer he will work on a ranch, get in shape to meet University competition. Captain Maker plans to specialize in coaching work.

Lt. George Lutz will attend Denver University, school of commerce, and plans to be associated someday with his father in Insurance. Work in a mine will keep him busy this summer.

Lt. Clark Comin will study at the University of California, Los Angeles, chemical engineering. Comin plans to specialize as a Petroleum Engineer. Two months of the summer he plans to work in Arizona, spend the remainder in travel.

Lt. Robert Blomstrom will likewise attend the University of California at Los Angeles, study chemical engineering. He plans to work in a clothing store this summer, previous to entering school.

Lt. James McDowell will also trek to the sunshine state, but will study at California Agricultural College, Davis, California. McDowell is interested in stock raising, and plans to make it his life's work. He has no definite plans for the summer.

Sergeant Henze is considering making application to Annapolis Naval Academy, or pursuit of a business course, but has not selected a school. He will work during the summer months.

Private Grattan will attend Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanic's school at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He has not yet determined in which field he will specialize. Like McDowell and Henze, he has not made definite plans for the summer.

Cadet William Jenkins, whose work in science here has been brilliant, will travel to Lima, Peru, there to study at the Electrical Engineering Institute. Jenkins will do Electrical Engineering work. Plans for the summer include either or both feirs.

COMMENCEMENT activities at St. John's will get under way on Saturday morning at 9:30, when the annual Army-Navy track meet will be held to determine the winner of this year's competition. Points have been gathered at various times during the year by the two competing groups, but as in past years neither has amassed enough so that it could win without making a good showing in the meet.

Return of Al Jennings and his orchestra to play for the commencement dance Saturday night was announced by Major Clem. It was thought at first that the band would play another date, but arrangements have been made to bring them and additional entertainers.

Holy Communion will be held Sunday May 21st at eight o'clock in the school chapel. Following this, next item on the commencement program will be Baccalaureate service at Christ Cathedral. The Reverend R. H. Mize Junior, of the Associate Mission of Hays, Kansas, will preach the service.

Alumni lunch at Hotel Lamer at 12:30 will be directed by Captain Simpson, faculty member of longest service at St. John's. In order to facilitate more convenient seating arrangements Agriculture Hall, Kenwood Park, has been selected as site of Field Day and military competition, and contests there are scheduled to start at two o'clock. Following this, at five in the afternoon final retreat parade will be held. Presentation of commissions will be made at that time by General M. R. McLean, Adjutant General of Kansas. A buffet supper in the dining hall for parents and invited guests will close the afternoon's activities.

The Right Reverend Robert Nelson Spencer, DD, Bishop of West Missouri has been selected as commencement speaker. The commencement exercises will be held at eight o'clock in the school gymnasium.

Final activity of the school year is last formation, Monday morning at eight . . . at which time lowering of colors signifies passing of the school year.

Lt. Mahoney, Head Of Junior School, To Be Married

RECENTLY announced by the brides' parents was the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Miss Cynthia Thorne of Salina, to Lt. Donald Mahoney, head of St. John's junior school.

Miss Thorne, talented young singer, is well known in musical circles in Salina and has made many appearances at the school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thorne of the city.

Lt. Mahoney is a graduate of La Crosse State Teacher's College, La Crosse, Wisconsin, holds a masters degree from the University of Iowa, is a member of Beta Sigma Chi Fraternity. Lt. Mahoney has served two years at St. John's school and will continue next year in his same position.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, May 28. Lt. Mahoney and his bride will then travel to his home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will return to Salina to be at home June 18.

CADETS Henze, Lucas, Tissaw, Moore attended the Salina High School Prom last Saturday as guests of the Misses Jeannie Larson, Patty Royce, Margaret Ohlert, Gwendolyn Dorsey respectively.

The Skirmisher Advocates

Cultivation of the ideal that honesty, reverence, courtesy, scholarship, sportsmanship, and friendliness are traits of the true Cadet of St. John's.

Intensification of loyalty and school spirit.

Return to the athletic prestige we once held.

Cooperation of each cadet and faculty member for the best possible commencement program.

A Healthy, Happy and Prosperous vacation to every cadet, faculty member, and employee.

NO MORE FRONTIERS?

IN his book 'The Frontier in American History' Francis Turner points out that in the process of man's conquest of the wilderness there were three distinct waves of conquest that measured, each to a different degree, the advancement of civilization's progress. First came the hardy adventurous woodsmen with his long rifle, who pushed out into unexplored territory and lived off the wild foods of the forest and what meat he wished to take with his weapons. Such men were Kit Carson, Daniel Boone. These rugged men left for new and more exciting country when they were followed by the second wave . . . pioneer men and women who came to make homes, clear ground and plant their crops, build log cabins and make permanent settlements. Followed in succession the third wave, men of capital and enterprise, the men who built factories and improved means of transportation, established industry and schools, brought to these young communities the essentials of a rough civilization, established law and order.

In those early days, the financial and economic emergencies of the country and the individual were solved by the migration of the individual to these new frontiers, there to work out his salvation by his strength and courage. There, land could be his for the taking, and his future was determined by willingness to work.

Have we of today not progressed more than that third wave? The era of free land is gone. Nor can the high school graduate of today find employment so simply as did some who enjoyed post-war prosperity. Unemployment and the need for specialization and trained personnel make the problem more acute. This, however, need not be discouraging.

For our culture of today, even though it may have countless comforts and luxuries . . . may be looked upon as the first wave of the scientific age. And the medical man who peers into his microscope . . . the chemist experimenting in his laboratory . . . the industrialist with new methods of business technique . . . are pioneers in their fields as much as the woodsman with long rifle was in his. And so the student of today, man of tomorrow, may be the pioneer who seeks new discoveries, new principles, or a man of the second wave who puts these principles into practical use . . . or the man of the third wave who converts them into sound economical or practical use, works out details, applies the work of others to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

You who graduate this year are lucky to be young in a youthful country with all the possibilities entitled to youth stretching ahead. Fortunate you are, that you live in a country more interested in establishing expositions dedicated to progress in all the arts and sciences rather than imperialistic expansion, mailed fist force, and the latest efficiencies in murder. Be thankful that the symbolism of the country is attested to by the trilon and Perisphere rather than the black iron Swastika.

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Remote Control

An airplane flying along without a pilot, to all appearances, is one of the marvels of modern science. And yet there is a pilot, though he is not in the cockpit. He is back at the base of operations guiding the plane by means of a radio.

A little less than 2000 years ago Jesus removed Himself from the physical eyesight of His followers. We describe this fact by saying that He ascended into Heaven. But He did not leave them comfortless. "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." He guides us, His present day followers just as truly as he guided the twelve apostles. We are the airplane and He is the Pilot. Only now He is no longer to be seen in the cockpit. He steers the plans by invisible control from the base of operations. And in this case the controls are not mechanical, they are willing followers of His Will.

Did we say that He is invisible now? Well, He is and He isn't. We may see Him today in the eyes of any fellow sufferer. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me." Christ has not disappeared. He has multiplied Himself. Do others see Him in us? Let us so follow the example of those early disciples that it will be said of us as it was of them, "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." The cockpit is apparently empty, but the course of the plane shows the guiding of the Master Hand.

The Cub Reporter

DEAR BOSS:

You'll never recognize me when I return from our two weeks of roughing it what with my new sun-tan, whiskers and all!

The weather man has dealt more mercifully with us than he did last year. And camp has been one round of good food, little rain, stunts at council fire, athletics and hikes. But say, Boss! there's a lady out in the hills here who makes Simon Legree look like a piker. The way she runs people out who even walk on her road is comparable only to the way the hill-billies of the Ozarks run out the "Revenooers." She owns a big spring that supplies the camp with water. Someone should tell her about the milk of human kindness. She should drink a barrellfull!

The other nite I went frog hunting with some of the boys. You take a flashlight and walk and walk and walk. The ratio seems to be about two miles to every frog. And I walked my legs off the first week looking for the Blue Herons. But no one has tried to take me out to hunt the traditional American Snipe. No, Boss . . . I know better than that.

We had lots of people here on Sunday . . . visitors day. And then I learned that the Major can pitch a mean game of Horse Shoe. Some of these Army and Navy champs should challenge him.

I've been thinking, these last few days, that we'll surely miss these seniors next year. Some mighty fine fellows are going to leave this old school next Sunday nite. But shucks! all of us will leave some day or other won't we? but we'll give them a royal welcome when they come to see us next year!

And this is the last time for a while that I'll write in this column. But you tell the boys that if they want to receive the summer issues of the old school paper all they have to do is to write to us and let us know what they're doing—what their activities have been during the summer. Well, so long, Boss. See you in September!

Your Cub Reporter

Personal nomination for most foul joke of year: The one about the cow with the hiccoughs that churns its own butter.

Eyes Right!

Keep your head up and your shoulders back. Swing out with a full 30 inch step. Let those arms swing six inches to the front and three inches to the rear. Just twice more, fellas, and then this year will be history. It is hard to believe, but its true.

Ever hear that you can "tell" an army man at a distance? Maybe so and maybe not. But when you walk down the street notice carefully how many men step out with that full stride, with their heads up and with their shoulders back.

Camp is history. Will you ever forget those fish you caught—or didn't catch, those pleasantly "cool" nights, the camp fires, Al's good food, washing your own dishes, and the host of other things that you try to forget—and can't?

Remember the horse show? Didn't this column predict that it would be a good one? And remember those two army officers who were here for dinner preceding it, in their new "dress blues." And remember, too, the junior school boy who told one of them that he used to be in the Colorado "cavalry?"

Somewhere we heard the School Chaplain reading about "fighting a good fight and keeping the faith." Right now your contributor wants to state openly that he fought many a good fight in the School's park prior to camp, but he is not sure how he "kept the faith." And, kaydets, while we are on that subject, remember the time several "prominent" members of the first platoon were caught by the defending second platoon members? And weren't the junior school men in the second platoon?

Now that we are back from camp, will someone kindly inform us why Lt. Mahoney had that "lean and hungry look" in his eyes every time someone hummed the tune you hear when two people are about to say "I do?"

K. U. is known for hobo day. With no competitive spirit in mind, your columnist says that Captain Simpson could have won, hands down, against any of the college men. Fellas, did you hear Leichter II ask who the "man was, hiding behind the brush pile."

When will you forget, Gibbs and his harmonica, Cook and his songs, Lutz and his "I'll be faithful," Pate's cigars, King and his coffee, the mad rush for the morning mail. Gee, fellas, its all history now, and about a month after we part, we'll all wish we were back complaining about something.

Now here is one to think about. Some of you new boys will remember, and of course all the old boys will, the summer editions of the Skirmisher that the office publishes. Want to continue it? If so pass the word along. Let Major Clem know. Remind Miss Hughes. Tell Lt. Evans. Lets all send in a post card telling about the times we've had already this summer, our plans for the balance of it, any news pertaining to any of the fellas, who visits who, and all about it.

Have you heard about the lady with the broken heart. Beg your pardon, we mean the ladies with the broken hearts—specifically friends of "Father" Lutz, the "Caveman," the "coffee connoisseur," "Cecil from Des Moines," and maybe "Baby Dumpling."

CALENDAR

Saturday 9:30 Army-Navy Meet
Saturday 4:30 Confirmation in Chapel
Saturday 9:00 Senior Dance
Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 11:00 Baccalaureate service
Christ Cathedral
Sunday 12:30 Alumni Lunch
Lamer Hotel
Sunday 2:00 Military Field Day
Agricultural Hall
Kenwood Park
Sunday 5:30 Retreat Parade
Sunday 6:00 Buffet Supper
Sunday 8:00 Commencement Exercise, School Gymnasium
Monday 8:00 Last Formation
lowering of colors.

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Spoiled little brats are these guys called
Rats,
And some of the girls think they are even
a little bats.

If you don't let them neck you and feed
you a line
They won't even like you, 'cause they call
that a good time.

They have a little door and its just a
a little trap,
And anyone caught in it is just a little
sap.

They like to chase the moon and even
like to spoon,
But boy when they go home they forget
you very soon.

When they leave, they swear they'll miss
you,
And beg then just to kiss you.

Some of them write you and some of
them won't,
Some send you presents and some of
them don't.

Their hang-out is the Rendezvous
And where they hang out some girls do
too.

Some have a reputation for being pretty
fast,
But many of their romances just don't
seem to last.

It seems that I am finished and now that
I am through
I hope my little poem hasn't been to
hard on you.

By Judy Woods

Some of the girls in Salina High are very
nice to see
Some like to skate, some like to swim, some
even like to ski
Some take you for a sucker and think you
are a dummy.
They calmly set you to one side as though
you were a mummy.

They accept your gifts and presents, the
pretty little Cats
They make you think they're fickle, but
they like to chase the Rats
The Jellies seem to hate us and show us
much disdain
But in spite of all our troubles we are
happy just the same.

Some swear they'll be as true as gold
But when you're gone they're very bold
They take delight in teasing when you
think you have a hold
And then when you begin to fall they
leave you in the cold.

They attract your attention often by their
actions or their mood
But when you get to know them you find
only squirrel food

Paper Heralds New
Plan For Recovery

PLANS for improving the state, county, or individual's welfare have included everything from sales tokens to a symbolic jumble of alphabet soup signs. And the writer, who being hard pressed for space to fill the paper and news whereby to fill that space, has doped out a new scheme of miraculous benefits to: 1. St. John's School. 2. The Kansas Wheat Farmer. 3. Ye Kaydet. The scheme will be submitted to Major Hoople for legal advice, provided there is enough comment to the staff of the scandal sheet.

Those who can reminisce into years past will bear out the statement that every time the student body of ye Military Academy sally into the wilderness to attend camp, then doth the rain come. Now this, as I understand it, is not necessarily a part of camp, but holding to custom and tradition, it always happens. And the larger the Cadet Corps, the more it rains. Sad, perhaps, but true.

The Kansas farmer, who gains his daily diet by inserting into the ground and cultivating the precious grain of wheat, has learned (much to his annoyance in past years) that a certain amount of rainfall is necessary to cause the wheat to rise and shine in the proper and approved manner. No doubt he would be willing to pay liberally for a guarantee of a certain amount of rainfall at a specific time of the year. And now comes our little scheme.

An insurance policy will be taken out by each farmer having a son of school age . . . but instead of paying a policy he will send aforementioned son to this school, thereby enlarging the Cadet Corps by one individual, and bringing so many more barrels of rain. Mother Nature will no doubt be so pleased that she has so many cadets to soak in their annual water-bout with her that no doubt there will be a veritable deluge of atmospheric precipitation. Thus the school will be happy, the farmer will be happy, Mother nature will be happy, in short every one will be happy save the Kaydet, who does not care whether or not it rains at camp, and has many times been heard to express himself on this very subject. (not printable)

But what will happen if the Farmer, on receiving the rainfall, will not return his son to school the following year? Simple. The grasshoppers will devour his crops.

When you play Sir Walter Raleigh and
do a noble deed
They don't even seem to notice or pay
you any heed.

You buy expensive presents when Christ-
mas time arrives
The chances then are ten to one she's with
some other guy
Then you return from furlough, and OH,
unhappy day,
You find her with some other guy and
then there's HECK to pay.

You ask her if she loves you and she
calmly tells you, "Yes,"
Like a sucker then you believe her and
you're in another mess
Then you finally reach your senses and
read the story like a map
Brother Rat you weren't in love, you
were taken for a sap.

Rats, listen to my story and take me at
my word
I'm telling you the things I know and
not the things I've heard
Never listen to a woman or be attracted
by a skirt,
They'll try for you until you fall and
then they'll do you dirt.

By R. L. Blomstrom

Dr. Hannen: "What does H N O - 3
signify?"

Einstein: "Let me see. I've got it on
the tip of my tongue, sir."

Dr. Hannen: "You'd better spit it out.
It's nitric acid."



A superintendent always looks forward with mixed feelings to the end of another school year. He shares with the cadets their joys in achievement and worries with them about what the future holds in store; in fact, I think his concern over their future is exceeded only by that of their parents. To a large degree I am willing to be held responsible for the success or failure of any cadet at St. John's. I have tried to create a life like situation here at the school in which every cadet can work toward a given goal even as he will when he assumes the adult responsibilities which will some day be his. If he has been a credit to the school, he has earned that distinction by his own efforts, inspired by the steady influences of his faculty and associates. He will find that the characteristics and personal traits that have brought about this success will serve equally well in later life. If he has failed to achieve what he should have achieved at St. John's he will probably fall short to the same degree in adult life unless he readjusts his sights and recognizes his limitations.

Those of us in charge of the school hope to see all of this year's eligibles back on September 9th with renewed enthusiasm for another successful year and extend every good wish to those who are leaving.

Bishop Spencer to
Confirm Class of Six

Five St. John's cadets and one member of the St. John's faculty will be presented by the Chaplain to the Rt. Rev. Robert Nelson Spencer of Kansas City for confirmation today at 4:30 p. m. in the school chapel.

Confirmation, otherwise known as the "laying on of hands" is one of the oldest rites of the historic Church, dating back to the Apostles. Several instances of its use are recorded in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. The nature of this Sacrament is two-fold: it is primarily the bestowal of the strengthening power of the Holy Ghost; it is also the confirmation by the candidate of the vows taken for him at his baptism.

This class is the second to be presented by Father Moore this school year. Four cadets and one member of the faculty were confirmed by Bishop Mize just before the Christmas holidays. It was Bishop Mize's last official act at St. John's school as Bishop of Salina.

Lt. Sanders, Director of Athletics, Cadets James Westbrook, William Davis, Frederick Schoeb, Stanley Johnson and Robert Austin constitute the class to be presented today.

STONE BENCH SENIOR GIFT

A semi-circular seat of native stone has been erected by the class of '39 as its senior project and gift to the school. The custom of each year presenting to the school some project which is the work of the class exclusively was originated by the class of '37, who built the terrace and retaining wall east of Vail Hall.

Girls when they went out to swim
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard.
But now they have a different whim
And dress more like her cupboard.

Three Makers Are
"Makers of History"

SECOND Corps Commander to come from the Maker family is Captain Harry Laessle Maker, Hominy, Oklahoma; First time in history of the school that there have been two boys in one family to hold that distinction.

But when we undertake to write of other unusual facts concerning the Maker trio, difficulty of the task become apparent. For each one of the Hominy lads has gained, and will continue to uphold a most enviable reputation in activities here at the school.

First of the group was Leonard Maker, '36, who in addition to being Cadet Commander, was Basketball Captain, Crack-squad Captain, Editor of the Skirmisher, President of the Athletic Board of Control, Captain of Football Team, Captain of Navy athletics. On graduation, Leonard held a five years service record.

Second and no less illustrious a personality is his brother, Harry Maker, '39, this year's Cadet Commander, Football Co-captain, Captain of Crack Squad, Basketball Captain, Captain of Army athletics, and sports editor of the Skirmisher, plus serving as senior representative on Athletic Board of Control. Like his brother Leonard, Harry has attended St. John's for five years.

Third and junior member of the trio is Loyd, who with one year to go has fine possibilities before him in his next and final year at the school. A junior this year, Loyd holds a Sergeant's rank, lettered in Basketball, is a member of the Skirmisher staff, holds a provisional letter in Football, has attended St. John's three years.

The contributions of Hominy, Oklahoma, to St. John's school have proved themselves to be gentlemen in every sense of the word, and all have distinguished themselves most nobly on the athletic field.

There is just one thing about the record these boys have hung up; any one claiming Hominy as his home will have a great deal to live up to!

'39 Was School Year
WHEN:

Bishop Mize resigned.

Captain Simpson committed Inky to an Orphan's Home.

St. John's beat Bennington. (Remember?)

Big Eagle's thirst for learning died.

Mahoney left the state of single blessedness.

Rattle of Swords cause Captain Brown to cancel his trip to Europe.

The School parted with the Diesel 8.

Einstein enrolled at St. John's.

Mrs. Prince heard Ghosts in Chapel.

According to Johnson, Lt. Evans organized new political party.

Baby Dumpling learned about women.

Captain Brown wrote, Junior school produce, "The Haunted House."

Father More, Lt. Long organized fencing team.

School journeyed to Dodge City to see preview and celebrities.

Cracksquad made new friends in many cities.

James McDowell was target for the little fellow with bow and darts.

Junior English class learned "Elegy."

Captain Brown, after ten years, had a two-issue rest from Skirmisher.

Junior School added new silverware to trophy case.

Jenkins built midget radio, walked squad with set in pocket, earphones on head, rifle as aerial.

Call of Romance took the "Eureka Flash" from our midst.

Camp was comparatively free from Rain.

Lettermen Journey To Cave Hollow

TWELVE athletes and their dates, members of the "S" club, planned a migration to Cave Hollow, scenic spot near Brookville, there to hold the club's first spring outing a few weeks ago. The V8 truck (which is now but a memory) was selected to furnish transportation for the group. The Picnickers piled in merrily, and when piling ceased, an inventory showed the car to be stacked three deep with guys and gals all prepared to hike, sing, and roast the traditional weiners.

With a grunt and a decided rattle the loaded covered wagon left Salina, and approximately twenty miles of the proposed journey were completed before the engine gave a convulsive shudder, coughed and died—half way up a steep hill.

"What a time for this thing to play Possum," muttered the disgusted Westbrook, driver of the disabled craft, a thought which was echoed by twenty-odd compressed occupants.

But after much abuse, persuasion and nursing, the Diesel 8 again roared with life, and continued its course without further mishap.

After the food had been well taken care of . . . most important part of the picnic . . . dry fagots of lighted fire wood provided illumination with which to explore the various caves.

At eleven o'clock the party left cave hollow to drive to Hedges, there to spend the remainder of the evening in dancing. But ah me! now comes the sad part of the story. Due to the lack of ability of Coach Sanders to distinguish north from south, the town that was finally reached was not Hedges . . . but Bavaria, only 36 miles from the proposed dance hall. And so, considering the late hour, the group did the only thing it had recourse to . . . returned to Salina and Home.

Guests included Miss Jean Moseman, Miss Martha Ritter, Miss Anita Denison, Miss Bonnie Francis, Miss Gwendolyn Dorsey, Miss Rosemary Winslow, Miss Harriet Finlay. "S" club members President Harry Maker, Robert Blomstrom, Clark Comin, James McDowell, Clem Gibbs, Robert Davis, John West, Loyd Maker, James Westbrook, Ernest Moore, George Lutz, and Lt. Sanders, sponsor.

So Popular last issue was our poetry corner that we decided to repeat it in this edition. Contributions by our young hopefuls follow.

HAVE A SMOKE?

Tobacco is a filthy weed—
I like it.
It satisfies no normal need—
I like it.
It make you fat, it makes you lean,
It keeps your wits from being keen;
It's the worst blamed stuff that's ever
been—
I like it.

Davis 2.

TOUGH

Love is silly, love is sad,
Love is futile, love is mad,
Love's a sorrow, love's a curse.
But not to be in love is worse!

Baby Dumpling.

SCOTCH SENTIMENT

I should like to send you violets,
All dripping with the dew;
I should like to send you pansies
to tell my thoughts of you;
I should like to send red roses,
the symbol of love's bliss,—
But it's cheaper, dear, to write you
just a little verse like this.

James McDowell.

HERE'S predicting that if any of you cadets find it possible to take advantage of Lt. Long's vacation plan . . . which will include either or both fairs with optional time at the mountain camp to be conducted by Lt. Mahoney, you'll enjoy a REAL summer vacation!

Mrs. Prince (at table)—I say, Mr. Blomstrom, there's an ant in my soup.
Blomstrom (waiting table)—Surely not, Ma'm; maybe it's one of these vitamin bees we hear so much about.

Hook Book of '96 Reveals That Times Change—Not Cadets

(Continued)

Dick. Offense: dirt swept behind wash bowl at inspection. 1 hour squad.

Mitchler. Offense: improper recitation; innocent stupidity. 1 hour squad.
Weil. Offense: openly criticizing discipline awarded by Commandant. 2 hours squad.

Vivian. Offense: not emptying slops. 1 hour squad.

Pond. Offense: pouting in arithmetic class and drawing pictures. 2 hours.

Grasselli. Offense: saying he would just as soon go without dinner as to eat that food. 2 hours squad, to be walked off at mealtime, and to be sent to bed with no food.

Pond. Offense: encouraging small boy to place alarm clock in study hall. 10 hours squad.

Pond. Offense: lying about same. 15 hours squad.

Pond. Persistent false statements about clock in study hall. 15 hours squad.

Hill. Offense: setting clock and persuading small boy to set it in study hall, and lying about same. 30 hours squad.

Wimer. Offense: procuring and putting asafetida in study hall. 20 hours squad.

Comegey. Offense: contributing money toward asafetida in study hall. 5 hours squad.

Dick. Offense: making noise with feet and stating that he did not get exercise enough. 4 hours squad.

Mitchler. Offense: 'Playing parrot.'

Of course the cadet of '39 doesn't have to be concerned about such things as spilling slops or having a dirty wash-bowl, for modern conveniences have freed him from such worries. Modern ways have also contributed their share of worries . . . such as radio playing after taps, or lights burning in room in absence of owner. No matter how old it may be, the old phrase "boys will be boys" is yet true, and so long as they are boys they will occasionally make mistakes and defy regulations. And just as sure as they do . . . well, the chances are very small that the grass will ever grow over the Bull Ring. What do you think?

HOUSEGUEST of Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Davis of Manhattan was Mrs. Prince, Housemother of St. John's. Prof. Davis is a member of the College faculty at Manhattan and a world authority on seeds. The following day she was guest of Mrs. J. T. Willard at a club breakfast. Mrs. Willard is wife of Dr. Willard, former Vice President of K. U. The same afternoon she attended a luncheon planned by the music and art dept. of the women's club as the joint guest of Mrs. Davis and Mrs. D. E. Lynch. Prof. Lynch serves on the Engineering Faculty at K. U.

RESERVE OFFICERS SEES SISSIES IN THE ARMY

From "Reserve Officer" writing in a recent issue of "Virginia Wildlife" comes this "General Order No. 2," issued October 25, 1842, at Fort Riley, Kas.

"First. Members of this command will, when shooting at buffalo on the parade ground, be careful not to fire in the direction of the Commanding Officer's quarters.

"Second. The troop officer having the best-trained remount for this year will be awarded one barrel of rye whiskey.

"Third. Student officers will discontinue the practice of roping and riding buffaloes.

"Fourth. Attention of all officers is called to Paragraph 107, Army Regulations, in which it provides under uniform regulation that all officers will wear beards."

"The Army," signed the officer who dug this item out of the archives, "has grown soft."—Wentworth Trumpeter.

Swordsmen Defeat Wichita East High; Moore Is Star

(Continued)

The fourth and final round then began. Rae of Wichita, who had gone through the first three of his bouts without a defeat, kept his escutcheon clean by winning his fourth from Hickman 5-3. Rae continually used a downward parry which the St. John's attack seemed unable to penetrate. He would turn down lunge after lunge waiting for the cadet to tire and would then step in for the kill. It is rumored that Father Moore is still losing sleep trying to invent a way for his fences to get through that parry.

Rae's victory almost evened the score at 6-7.

Moore and Ferris saluted each other, crossed swords over the referee's blade and stepped back. Everything depended on this bout. If Ferris lost, Wichita could win only a draw, as there were two bouts remaining. Ferris put everything he had into his lunges, and Moore fought just as desperately to retain the lead. With the score tied at four all Ferris launched a complicated attack in tierce. Moore parried with a sixte counter and returned a lightning riposte for the fifth touch. A beat followed by a one-two disengage ended the match 6-4 in favor of Moore.

The score in bouts was now 8-6 for St. John's with two to go. Wichita's hopes for tying the meet were shattered when Keown all but blanked Cope 5-1, the most one-sided score of the day. The last bout went to Wichita, Durkin beating Hammer 5-2, the final score being 9-7 bouts in favor of St. John's.

After the meet the two teams had dinner at the A & G restaurant as the guests of Father Moore. The feeling between the men was fine as the result of the continuous good sportsmanship which had been shown by both sides in the meet in Wichita and in the meet here. On several occasions men of both teams acknowledged their opponents' touches voluntarily making it unnecessary for the judges to give a decision. On one occasion a St. John's cadet acknowledged a touch which ended the match in favor of his opponent. "If this fine spirit continues to grow it may be possible soon to have matches between these two teams without any judges at all," Father Moore said. He has also been heard to say that he is very well satisfied with the progress of fencing in its first year at St. John's. Out of the eight men who came out for fencing at the beginning of the second semester, none had any experience whatever with the foil, and the four who made the team acquitted themselves very creditably against men of two and three years' experience. Having lost their first meet and won their second, they can boast of a 500 batting average, a record not to be sniffed at in any man's league. Moreover they have shown their ability to come back. Among their boosters they can count Major Clem who said after the meet, "I should like to see fencing become one of the three or four chief sports at St. John's."

Following are the statistics of the fencing meet: bouts won, St. John's 9, Wichita, 7; touches made St. John's 65, Wichita 61; high point men, Moore of St. John's with 20 touches, Rea of Wichita, also with 20; highest percentage, Rea of Wichita, four bouts out of four, second highest, Moore of St. John's, 3 bouts out of four.

Seniors Sneak; And So Does Gasoline!

TRADITIONAL sneak day brought more than an irregular holiday to seniors this year. Plans of the group were to spend the day picnicking at Horse Thief Canyon near Brookville, and State Lake near Bennington. The group and their ladies left Salina at approximately eight o'clock, and drove to Brookville where they paused to dine and dance. (Did some one mention climbing about on the roof of a building?) After leaving Brookville two hours were spent in futile search for Horse Thief Canyon . . . legendary hid-out of bad men of early days . . . but not until late in the morning did the group arrive at their destination. From that time on, misfortune dogged at their heels. To wit: Brother Lutz breaks pipe, buys another, loses it. Brother Jenkins, in search of something or other, becomes lost in school truck. Finally . . . after successfully returning to State Lake and then starting home, truck runs out of gas. Men go after gas, but "rescue ship" driven by filling station attendant also becomes devoid of the precious fluid.

In spite of such trivial misfortunes, the graduates-to-be report an enjoyable skip. Guests were Miss Jeannie Larson, Miss Anita Denison, Miss Betty Lee Piper, Miss Rosemary Winslow, Miss Leah May Green, Miss Martha Ritter, Miss Sarah May Griffin, and Cadets Maker, Henze, Grattan, Jenkins, Lutz, Blomstrom, McDowell, and Comin.

EASTER Lilies that graced the dining hall were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Leichter of Wichita; those in the chapel the gift of Captain Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luen and twins Harvey and Harlan of Wichita, were recent guests of St. John's.

SECOND picnic of the Junior Class was held at State Lake near Bennington at which time the new school truck made its Maiden Voyage as a means of transportation for the Cadets and their dates. Weiners, buns, potato salad, pickles, cookies and Coca-Cola were refreshments. Not on the menu was roast rabbit, a tiny bunny which had taken refuge in the fireplace . . . and finally made a frantic dash through the coals in an attempt to escape to safety. But alas he suffered the same fate as some of the early Christians. As before, even though he had been given a compass, the Tiger Lily wandered off into the woods and became lost.

Those enjoying the outing were Miss Marian Hawkes, Miss Bonnie Francis, Miss Helen Marts, Miss Pattie Royce, Miss Bonnie Woods, Miss Julia Alice Woods, Miss Margaret Oehlert, Miss Lola Jones, Miss Gwendolyn Dorsey, and Cadets Lotker, Westbrook, King, Punshon, Irelan, Carroll, Lucas, Tissaw, Hammer, Moore. Lt. Sanders sponsored the group.

NEW issue of the school catalogue for the school year 39-40 made its appearance this week. Printed in two colors, and carrying as cover design a cadet in Cracksquad uniform, the catalogue is one of the finest the school has published. During his service here as administrator it has been the policy of Major Clem to present the message of the school to prospective patrons pictorially, and this year's edition of the catalogue accomplishes that ideal rather successfully. Sufficient copies have been printed so that each Cadet may have one if he desires. Call at the office for your copy.

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ESPIONAGE

YOUR correspondent wants to know just what the summer program of the tall-blond-and handsome senior Lieutenant from Denver Colorado will be. Will the brunette heart throb that he rescued from the lions . . . beg pardon, was it the Tiger? hold him faithful, or will he succumb to the wiles of the "don't know her name just called her darling" lass?

WHY is the wee senior (Hoot, mon!) so allergic to the strains of that classical contribution to swing "Martha"? Even money that were camp to have lasted one week more there would have been a desertion in the ranks. Isn't love wonderful?

WE wonder if the story is true regarding the "river episode" of senior sneak day. According to the grapevine, God's gift to women insisted that his little friend be rudely precipitated into the babbling brook to stop her babbling. Shame, Iowa! even Mother Goose does not approve of dunkers. Witness "Ding-Dong-Bell"!!

AND here's advice to that junior athlete from Wichita . . . more thoughts on geometric curves rather than feminine curves would put your average in mathematical figures lots higher!

ADVICE to the black haired junior with the ever-spouting bucal cavity: on the occasion of marks of a lovely little scuffle, in which he came out second best with ye "jellies"

"He who laughs and runs away,
Lives to laugh another day."

FLASH! what group of men recently discarded the formal attire of ye ideal cadet to appear in "civvies" at a Salina High School social function? Well, lads, your columnist thinks that the substitution may have prevented some trouble to say the least.

SHE must have "IT"!! this young lady whose charms are so great as to cause Fu to twice do an AWOL. Really, we're all waiting anxiously to see her!

AND we all thought he had learned his lesson! When those two gals rode into camp, the Freshman who had his heart cracked in a big way once already this year hurdled two tables, three benches and knocked two men aside to be one of the first to greet them. Poor Butterfly! . . . whoops, a slip . . . cows don't fly!

OUR idea of a real Scotchman is the one who went to Niagara Falls alone on his honeymoon, because his bride had seen it.

DESPITE a rainy evening several cadets recently held a steak fry at Coronado Heights, Public Park two miles north of Lindsborg. The evening was enjoyed by all men except our Freshman athlete who made his first acquaintance with a Frank Medico and a tin of tobacco. (P. S. . . He gave them both away the next day!) Roasted apples rated highest favor, with steaks a close second.

WEST says it isn't true, but—

It was the third day of camp and Johnny "Jug" West, mighty man of St. John's junior school was hiking through the wilds adjoining Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. Johnny lives in a very dry state and many of the sights, vegetation, etc., were new to him. Suddenly the group of boys rounded a bend in the creek and Johnny spied some cattails in a swamp. "Oh boy," he shouted, "give me some biscuits. Look at the hot dog garden!"

NEWEST interest of Major Clem and Captain Tolbert is the pint-sized Taylorcraft Airplane owned by "Red" Dawson.

The Major has taken several lessons, but Mr. Tolbert still abides by his true love . . . for his chief purpose in flying is to do aerial photography. Several prints of the buildings and campus proclaim that he does as well in the air as on terra firma. And incidentally the school is quite beautiful viewed from the air . . . drop into the office and look at the proof!

Honors and Prizes



SAGE MEMORIAL MEDAL: Awarded to the cadet who has shown the greatest development in the school year. Traditionally awarded to a senior who is not a new boy. Presented in memory of the Rt. Rev. John C. Sage, late Bishop of the Diocese of Salina.

HEATON CUP: Awarded to the cadet who has shown the greatest initiative in developing a new cadet activity.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP MEDAL: Given to the cadet who wins his letter in athletics and who has the highest academic standing.

EFFORT MEDAL: Presented by one of the interested citizens of Salina and awarded to the cadet who has made the greatest effort throughout the school year.

TINSLEY C. FRY ATHLETIC MEDAL: Given to the cadet who has rendered the greatest service in the promotion of athletics at the school.

COMMANDANTS MEDALS: Awarded to the cadets ranking highest in competitive manual of arms, in the Upper School and Junior School.

BUGLER'S CUP: Won by the bugler most proficient in the calls.

ROSE CUP: Given to the new boy who has made the most satisfactory record throughout the year.

LEADERSHIP MEDAL: Offered by an interested citizen of Salina, Kansas, to the cadet who by distinct leadership has promoted the interest in some activity or existing organization that concerns the welfare of the school.

W. W. WATSON LOYALTY CUP: Presented by Mrs. W. W. Watson, in memory of her husband, to the cadet who has shown a distinctly loyal spirit in supporting the ideal for which the school stands.

THESIS MEDAL: Awarded by the National Society Colonial Daughters, Washington, D. C. to the cadet writing the best essay on a patriotic subject.

CITIZENSHIP MEDAL: Presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1432 of Salina, Kansas, to the non-commissioned officer most outstanding in citizenship.

AMERICAN LEGION MEDAL: Presented by the Leslie Kreps Post, Salina, Kansas, to the Commissioned Officer with the highest academic standing for the year.

ROTARY CUP: Presented by the Salina Rotary Club to the senior who has had the longest service at St. John's.

CAMP CITIZENSHIP MEDAL: Awarded by Colonel Ambrose Deatrick, National Society of Sons of American Revolution, to the cadet who makes the most satisfactory camp record.

ACADEMIC PRIZES: A book to the head of each Class.

SWEATERS AND EMBLEMS: Awarded to the cadets representing the school in athletic contests with other institutions.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MEDAL: To the boy making the most satisfactory record in the Junior School.

ARMY AND NAVY MEDAL: Given each year to the captain of the victorious athletic club.

ATHLETIC MEDALS: Awarded to cadets scoring the most points in their respective classes on the annual field day.

MARKSMANSHIP BADGE: To the cadet making the highest score on the Course "D" range.

IDEAL girl of the men of St. John's will not be a blonde if statistics gathered in a recent survey can be accepted as authority. Popular characteristics, according to the poll, include moderate use of cosmetics, neat personal appearance, appreciation of boy friend's appearance, consideration of the expense item.

Brunettes, not blondes, in spite of tradition led the field in vote of preference. On other points there were many clashes of opinion. Floyd Lotker, Oberlin Kansas Junior, favored little use of cosmetics, not enough 'to show.' James McDowell, Denver senior placed no limit on the make-up, but insisted that the lipstick be kiss-proof. Clark Comin handsome Denver Casanova likes them "cute no matter how they get that way."

Girls who attract attention by loudness, confide too freely in other girl friends, rate the thumbs down sign. And the old-fashioned type who occasionally spends the evening at home with fudge, fireplace and radio are still tops.

Spring Cometh; Zephyrs Blow; Men Dance Jigs Stage Show

BALMY breezes put balmy thoughts in the heads of the cadet corps on Wednesday, April 19th . . . inaugural cafeteria style outdoor luncheon.

In many strange ways were the lads effected by the initial touch of spring fever. Moved by the musical muse, Keown, Cook, and Gibbs caught up a Jug and Harmonicas respectively to render (and render is the word) fifth movement from an Ozarkian Opera. Riley, and Hicks tripped merrily a la Virginia Reel. Morpheus claimed his share . . . for many snoozed peacefully till bugle call for study hall broke up their dream train.

While the small boys gamboled on the green, large boys gambled on the dirt . . . pitching sales tokens at a line. Finale to the impromptu program was written by Bazooka Cook's classical barrelhouse rendition of "Yankee Doodle."

KADET KAPERS

Captain Brown: "The horse and the cow is in the field." Mr. Stone, what is wrong with that sentence?"

Stone: "The lady should be mentioned first."

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Captain Simpson: "If you subtract fourteen from fifty-eight what's the difference?"

Manard: "Yeah, I think it's a lot of foolishness too."

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Lt. Mahoney: "Now, Miller, why did I call you a little idiot?"

Miller: "Because I am smaller than you are, sir."

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Dr. Hannon: "Mr. Cook, do you wish to leave the room?"

Cook: "Say, Dr. you don't think I'm standing here hitch-hiking do you?"

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"Ah, Mrs. Long, it is fine to be married to an officer—such a beautiful uniform, and so many decorations!"

"Yes, and besides that, he'll have a band at his funeral."

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"Who are those people who are cheering?" asked the recruit as the soldiers marched to the train.

"Those," replied the veteran, "are the people who are not going."

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Captain Maker in the war of 1959: "Now then, my hearties, fight like heroes till your powder's gone—then run! I'm a little lame, so I'll start now."

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Westbrook: "Which one of these pictures of me do you like best?"

Gal friend: "The one with the gas mask on."

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And the Major was returning home from his hunting trip without a thing to show for his pains; when he suddenly spied a flock of tame ducks swimming in a little pond, with an old Scotch farmer watching over them.

"How much do you want to let me take a pot shot at those ducks?" he asked the old man.

"Two dollars," was the immediate reply, and the Major let fly with both barrels, killing ten or twelve ducks.

"Well," smiled the Major as he paid the farmer, "I guess I got the best of that bargain."

"Ah I dinna ken," replied the Scotchman, "They're not my ducks."

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FEDERAL INSPECTOR rates St. John's "above average"

Glenn W. Harper, Inspector of Ordnance Material for 7th Corps Area, listed the school as "above average" following the annual armory inspection held here the last week in April. Cadet Sergeant Paul Riley of Pratt, Kansas is in charge of the armory and is to be commended for his excellent work in that department.

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Junior School Track Team Takes Eleven 1sts, Seven 2nds, Two 3rds, To Win Second Annual Invitation Track and Field Meet, Set New Records

Clem, Durell, Austin, Gain Scoring Honors as Juniors Triumph

COACH Don Mahoney's grade school trackmen took twenty places and gathered 76 points to win the school's annual grade invitational track meet.

Gypsum, defending champions finished second with 44 points, Brookville with 41 and District 11 with 11 behind the little soldiers.

Four records were broken in the meet, three of them by cadets. Johnny West, competing in class A, put the shot thirty-six feet eight inches to beat the old mark of thirty-six one formerly held by Graham of Brookville, and threw the Hurl Ball eighty-eight feet six inches to better the record of sixty-seven one, heave of Martin of Brookville. Schoeb, competing in class C established a new Hurl Ball record of thirty-nine feet eleven inches to improve on the mark of twenty eight feet eight and one half inches set by Schoffner of Kipp. Bogart, Gypsum entry, class C entry extended the Broad Jump mark to twelve feet one inch. Clem of St. John's is the old title holder with a jump of eleven feet, one and one half inches.

Individual ribbons were given to the place winners in each even and the trophy awarded the first place team was given jointly by the Salina Chamber of Commerce and St. John's. Gypsum won the first meet a year ago.

Class A Events

50-yard dash—Won by Austin, St. John's; E. Graham, Brookville; Mason, Gypsum. Time, 6.8 seconds.

100-yard dash—Won by Durell, St. John's; Austin, St. John's; B. Ferring, Gypsum. Time, 12.8 seconds.

Broad jump—Won by Durell, St. John's; A. Bradley, Brookville; Jackson, Brookville. Distance, 14 feet, 4 inches.

High jump—Won by Bradley, Brookville; Malone, Brookville; Jackson, Brookville. Height, 4 feet, 9 inches.

Shot put—Won by West, St. John's; Durell, St. John's; Peck, Gypsum. Distance, 36 feet, 8 inches.

Hurl ball—Won by West, St. John's; Peck, Gypsum; Vogan, Brookville. Distance, 88 feet, 6 inches.

Class B Events

50-yard dash—Won by White, district 11; Pade, St. John's; R. Johnson, Brookville. Time, 7.2 seconds.

100-yard dash—Won by White, district 11; Boehnke, St. John's; Humphrey, Gypsum. Time, 15.2 seconds.

Broad jump—Won by Phelps, Brookville; Humphrey, Gypsum; Bradley, St. John's. Distance, 12 feet.

High jump—Won by Pade, St. John's; Fehring, Gypsum; Smar, Gypsum. Height, 4 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

Softball throw—Won by Haley, Gypsum; Martin, Brookville; White, district 11. Distance, 121 feet, 10 inches.

Hurl ball—Won by Martin Brookville; Graham, Brookville; Reese, Gypsum. Distance, 47 feet, 8 inches.

Class C Events

50-yard dash—Won by Clem, St. John's; Graham, Brookville; Urbanek, Gypsum. Time, 7.6 seconds.

75-yard dash—Won by Clem, St. John's; Bogart, Gypsum; Miller, St. John's. Time, 11.2 seconds.

Broad jump—Won by Bogart, Gypsum; Clem, St. John's; Tyler, Brookville. Distance, 12 feet, 1 inch.

High jump—Won by Miller, St. John's; Tilden, Gypsum; Everhart, Gypsum. Height, 3 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

Softball throw—Won by Bogart, Gypsum; Miller, St. John's; Roark, Gypsum. Distance, 105 feet, 4 inches.

Hurl ball—Won by Schoeb, St. John's; Banks, Gypsum; Roark, Gypsum. Distance, 39 feet, 11 inches.

440-yard relay—Won by St. John's (Austin, Clem, Pade, Durell); Brookville, second; Gypsum, third. Time, 1 minute.

Swordsmen Defeat Wichita East High; Moore Is Star

Avenging an earlier defeat at the hands of the Blue Guardsmen of Wichita High School, East, St. John's fencing team chalked up a 9-7 victory over their opponents from the southern part of the state on Thursday May 4th. The meet took place in St. John's gymnasium. Judges from Salina, Wichita, and Bennington made the decisions.

Each team consisted of four men, each of whom fought every other man on the opposing team in individual combat. The No. 1 man for St. John's was Moore who lost the first bout of the fencing meet to Rea by the score of 5-3. This score indicates that Rae's point made a direct touch upon Moore's torso five times. Moore's making but three touches in return.

Ferris and Keown then crossed blades and fell on guard. Both made four touches in rapid succession, the tie at four all requiring that the bout go on until one or the other contestant made six instead of the customary five. At this juncture Ferris pulled the old Italian trick of roaring at his opponent as he lunged. Keown was disconcerted and lost the bout 4-6.

The score was now 2-0 in bouts in favor of Wichita as St. John's fans began to make their wishes known in no uncertain terms. No. 3 man Hammer stepped up to Cope of Wichita and disposed of him easily 5-2. Hickman did the same with Durkin, tying the bout score at 2 all at the end of the first round.

Keown began the second round by dropping a bout to Rae 6-3. Hammer, Hickman and Moore beat Ferris, Cope, and Durkin by scores of 6-4, 6-5, and 5-2 respectively. The most thrilling moment of the round occurred in the bout between Hickman and Cope. With the score at 5-5 Cope lunged and Hickman, putting a "bind" on the incoming foil, diverted its point and scored with his own. At the half-way mark the bouts were now 5-3 in favor of St. John's.

The beginning of the third round saw Hammer and Hickman lose to Rae and Ferris, evening the score. St. John's surged ahead again however, when Moore outpointed Cope 5-3, and Keown dispatched Durkin 5-1. Keown was now using Ferris' trick of shouting and all but scared the little fellow out of his wits.

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Lettermen Hear E. C. Woodward At Annual Dinner

Honor guests at the annual lettermen's dinner and dance were Cadets Robert Blomstrom, Clyde Carroll, Clark Comin, Robert Davis, Clement Gibbs, Hugh Ireland, William Lucas, George Lutz, Harry Maker, James McDowell, Ernest Moore, John Tissaw, John West, and James Westbrook, all football lettermen, and basketball men, who included Cadets Carroll, Davis, Lutz, Tissaw, Lloyd Maker, Harry Maker and Chandler Punshon. Cadet Blomstrom was manager of both teams. A hanging ceiling of interwoven strips of purple and white crepe paper and a large insignia of the school set against lights at one end of the room were decorations for the gymnasium, lighted by a huge hanging chandelier of white touched with purple.

In the receiving line were Major R. L. Clem and Mrs. Clem, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Woodward, Cadet Captain Harry Maker, Miss Anita Denison, Lieut. Wilfred N. Sanders, and Mrs. M. Ellen Prince.

Major Clem made the introductions at the banquet, presenting Mr. Woodward as the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Woodward, personal friend of Dr. Naismith who originated the game of Basketball while at Springfield College, told of the invention of game by Dr. Naismith as it was related to him.

Difficulties of early games at the University seem humorous, for according to the speaker, steel posts which supported the roof of the gymnasium very often were in direct path of the players. The only possible result can be imagined.

Mr. Woodward stressed three great lessons that one might learn from athletics. To illustrate the value of headwork, he told of a game between Salina High and Junction City, in which the Quarterback called a pass play in a situation which would demand a punt. The opposing

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The Sports Spotlight

WHILE comparing records of junior school track meets, we noticed that many cadet winners in events this year did not better their last year's marks. No reflection on the boys, but rather that the competition did not push them quite so hard. Your sport page did not print a summary of record holders because in some cases the marks either were not kept or were lost. We suggest that for the sake of interest, these be accurately kept in the future meets.

AND interest in Quoits and Horseshoes, Badminton and other sports evidenced at Camp this year brings to our mind the Coach's statement that next year a complete Spring Sports Program will be offered that will appeal more generally to Cadet interest. If the County Schools continue their Base Ball, St. John's will enter a team in that league.

HERE'S predicting that if Johnny West develops more at the rate he has this year, St. John's will have a very capable Foot Ball player next year. Provided, of course, that parental objection doesn't prevent his participation in the game.

AND even if they didn't better the record of 56.2 seconds hung up by the Gypsum foursome last year, that junior school relay team was a pleasing sight to watch. Orchids to Coach Mahoney for such a splendid showing in all phases of the meet!

NEW Football equipment received by the Athletic Dep't. will make it possible to equip two teams in the new black gabardine outfits with special hooded warm-ups next year. Wouldn't those warm-ups have been appreciated in that Longford game?

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Lettermen Hear E. C. Woodward At Annual Dinner

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team were caught off their guard and Salina scored, thereby winning the game.

The story of Beach, a great Kansas blocking back who cleared the way for the ball carrier who gained all the glory, was narrated as an example of cooperation. And final story was that of a spirited Kansas Wesleyan team who, though they were the underdogs, scrapped valiantly to emerge the victors. This incident pictured the virtue of never giving up, of fighting till the last whistle blows.

Music by the school quartet followed Mr. Woodward's address and presentation of awards to the lettermen was made by Coach Sanders. At the dance which followed, the guest soloist was Al Jennings, trombonist of New York.

Other faculty members present and guests of the faculty and cadets were Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Denver, Colo., Miss Moser of Boonville, Mo., Mrs. R. L. Miller of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Goldberg and daughter and Miss Neita Heidtschmidt of Hutchinson, and Miss Cynthia Thorne, Lieutenant Don Mahoney, Captain William M. Brown, Captain Paul Simpson, Lieutenant and Mrs. L. Rex Long, Dr. Frank Hannen, Lieutenant George L. Evans, Miss Thelma Williams, Dr. and Mrs. George Stafford, Rev. John Moore, Captain and Mrs. H. O. Tolbert, Mr. Charles Shedden, Miss Dorthea Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hiller.

HEROIC PAST OF BASKETBALL

The Ancient Maya Game of Pok-Ta-Pok Was Fast and Deadly

The Mayas had their own calendar worked out 200 years B. C. and built 21-story temple pyramids. By the time the Spaniards arrived in the sixteenth century to take their country away from them there were perhaps 3 million Mayas.

They had a flock of towns and every town with civic pride had a basketball team. There must have been some A. A. U. rules even then. The players were divided into so-called Simon pures and simple pros.

The director of Tulane university's middle American Research Institute, Frans Blom, who helped dig up this information with some other scientists, calls the game pok-ta-pok from the sound the rubber ball, a foot thick, made when it hit the ground.

All the towns must have been well supplied with playing equipment for once, when two of them were charged with unneighborly practices, they were fined 15,000 rubber balls.

Two to 200 men could play the game in 200-foot courtyards with mortar-covered floors which made good bouncing but bad falling. They wore leather gloves and leather pants to keep from rubbing their skin off when they skidded. The players took their places on opposite sides of a line dividing the court in half, waiting for the toss-up. The referee tooted his whistle, threw out the ball, and away they went, trying to bump the ball into the baskets which were stone rings encircled by monkey-faced idols and set in walls twenty feet high.

If they could bump their way to a goal with their knees, thighs or the seat of their pants, the game was over. If they touched the ball with any other part of their bodies the referee called a foul.

The rich and poor played. Even the mayor, the governor or the king took a whirl at it.

The Mayas even bet their lives and wives on one goal. A lot of them got killed trying. Sometimes when a player caroomed a goal off the seat of his breeches the crowd gave a big cheer and left. There was a rule that a player making a goal could collect all the fans' money, jewelry and other valuables.

Now the Mayas's descendants, living in Guatemala, play rugby. —Kansas City Times.

The Road Ahead

Sometimes I think the fates must grin as we denounce them and insist
The only reason we can't win is the fates themselves have missed.

Yet, there lives on the ancient claim:

We win or lose within ourselves,
The Shining trophies on our shelves
Can never win tomorrow's game.
So, you and I know deeper down
There is a chance to win the crown,
But when we fail to give our best,
We simply haven't met the test
Of giving all and saving none
Until the game is really won.
Of showing what is meant by grit,
Of fighting when the others quit,
Of playing through, not letting up,
It's bearing down that wins the cup.
Of taking it, and taking more
Until we snatch the winning score.
Of dreaming there's a goal ahead,
Of hoping when our dreams are dead,
Of praying when our hopes have fled.
Yet, losing, not afraid to fall
If bravely we have given all,
For who can ask more of a man
Than giving all within his span,
That giving all, it seems to me,
Is not so far from VICTORY.
And so, the fates are seldom wrong,
No matter how they twist and wind,
It's you and I who make the fates,
We open up or close the gates
On the ROAD AHEAD, or the ROAD
BEHIND.

GEORGE MORIARTY,
Major League Umpire.

KEEPING BUSY

There seems to be little need for anyone to be told to keep busy in St. John's School, where life seems to be just one job after another, but there are times when idleness breeds mischief. Sunday afternoons, for instance, and week-day afternoons as well, when the "students" congregate, the idle hours cause more discontent than the hardest work we have to do. There's no better way to get an attack of homesickness than to sit around and think about home.

It's easy enough to avoid idleness. Get out on the athletic field. If you don't want to do that, stay inside and read a good book. There are plenty of them in the library. Or put in a little extra time on your school work and bring up that "D" you got last month. If you don't need that, shine your shoes, clean up your room, or try to write something for the Skirmisher. The great thing is to do something of a little benefit to yourself. Don't sit around and talk to somebody about what a rotten place this is.

You can get out of anything just exactly what you put into it. If you fill your daily life with tasks to be done, you will find that the day is more enjoyable.

EDUCATION

It is becoming more and more difficult for a boy to get a worthwhile business job if he has not a high school education.

Modern competition demands great efficiency. Employers cannot take the time to train young men as they did years ago. They demand that an applicant for work give proof of his school attendance.

Even our universities are deeply interested in this situation as their carefully organized schools of business administration show. These give a student the opportunity to acquire a degree of business information that the old-time businessman could accumulate only in the course of a long life, and his knowledge was rarely as exact and orderly.

THE SITTER

My boy, beware the easy chair
It's bad for brain and muscle,
Don't be a lout and loll about,
Get up and work and hustle.
You must compete upon your feet
To get most anywhere.
He never shines who long reclines
Upon the easy chair.
If you would rise and gain the prize
Avoid the sitting habit.
To win the cup, keep standing up
For you must run to grab it.
—Selected.

SPARE TIME

There is nothing in the world as precious as time, and yet there is nothing of which we are more wasteful.

We often hear people speak of the things they would like to do if they only had time. Nearly everyone has some spare time—a few minutes or hours each day away from the regular routine. There is a wealth of potential power hidden in these bits of time which are often idled away or gossiped away, or spent in useless or aimless pursuits.

Many noted men attribute their success largely to a wise and diligent use of odd moments. Often men of equal opportunities arrive at widely different destinies because one of them used his spare time to definite purpose while the other did not. And sometimes we see a genius sink into obscurity and a man of mediocre ability push up steadily to eminence and distinction, for no other reason than that the one thoughtlessly squandered leisure hours, while the other utilized every possible moment in definite, worthwhile endeavor.

Your character may be judged and your future foretold by the manner in which you spend your spare time.

"Won't you join me in a cup of coffee?"

"You get in first."



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Robert Blomstrom—1937-38-39 Brighton, Colorado

Cadet 1st Lieutenant.

Football and Basketball Manager—1938-39; Glee Club—1937-38-39; Quartet—1937-38-39; "S" Club—1938-39; Crack Squad—1937-38-39; Lettered—1938-39; Communicants Club—1937-38.

Clark Comin—1937-38-39 Phoenix, Arizona

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

Football—1937-38-39; Boxing—1937-38; Crack Squad—1937-38-39; Lettered—1938-39; "S" Club—1938-39; Skirmisher Staff—1937-38; Communicants Club—1937-38.

George Lutz—1937-38-39 Denver, Colorado

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James McDowell—1937-38-39 Denver, Colorado

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant

Football—1937-38-39; Lettered—1938-39; "S" Club—1938-39; Communicants Club—1937-38; Skirmisher Staff—1937-38; Editor of Skirmisher—1939.

Karl Henze—1937-38-39 Des Moines, Iowa

Cadet Sergeant—1938-39.

Glee Club—1937-38-39; Crack Squad—1938-39.

Patrick Grattan—1938-39 Jay, Oklahoma

Glee Club—1938-39; Quartet—1938-39; Camera Club—1938-39; Skirmisher Staff—1938-39.

William Jenkins—1938-39 Bucklin, Kansas

Camera Club—1938-39; Skirmisher Staff—1938-39.



Seniors Lead Field In Scholastic Race

HONOR student for the year is the diminutive James McDowell, Denver Colorado Senior, who leads the scoring with a year average of 88.31; William Jenkins, Bucklin Kansas Senior, rates second with a mark of 88.28; Third place honors go to Robert Blomstrom, also a Denver Senior, who gained a straight 88; Fourth place was captured by Herbert Burg, sophomore representative, Denver, Colorado.

High averages for the year, for the eighth month of school, and for highest in each class during the year are tabulated below.

| Highest Average for the Year | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------|------|
| Upper School | | Junior School | |
| McDowell | 88.31 | Clem | 90.9 |
| Jenkins | 88.28 | Long | 89.5 |
| Blomstrom | 88 | Schoeb | 89.2 |
| Burg | 86.9 | Durell | 86.4 |
| Davis R. | 86.7 | Bradley | 85.1 |
| Hickman | 85.7 | Barrett | 84 |
| Bundschi | 85.6 | Marchington | 83.4 |
| Lotker F. | 85.5 | Leichter I. | 83.2 |
| Grattan | 85 | Pade | 82.4 |
| | | York | 82.4 |

| Highest Average for the Eighth Month | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------------|------|
| Upper School | | Lower School | |
| Jenkins | 90.6 | Clem | 94.4 |
| McDowell | 90.8 | Bradley | 91.8 |
| Lotker F. | 89.5 | Schoeb | 91.6 |
| Blomstrom | 87.8 | Long | 90.3 |
| Carroll | 87.8 | Durell | 88.3 |
| Davis R. | 86.5 | Pade | 87 |
| Henze | 85.8 | Marchington | 86.7 |
| Gibbs | 85.5 | Boehnke | 86.5 |
| Stone | 85.5 | Barrett | 86.4 |
| Bundschi | 85 | Johnson | 86.1 |
| Burg | 85 | York | 85.7 |

| Highest in Each Class for the Year | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| English I | Bundschi—88.8 |
| English II | Burg—91 |
| English III | Lotker F.—87.9 |
| English IV | McDowell—90.3 |
| Public Speaking | Stone—91.5 |
| Latin I | Gibbs—88.6 |
| Latin II | Burg—84 |
| Spanish I | McDowell—87.9 |
| Spanish II | Blomstrom—90.1 |
| Ancient History | Bundschi—93 |
| M. E. History | Burg—90 |
| American History | Blomstrom—87 |
| Constitution | Stone—84.7 |
| Economics | McDowell—89.6 |
| Economic Geography | Lotker F.—91 |
| Physical Geography | Henze—95.8 |
| Physics | Grattan—90.5 |
| Chemistry | Blomstrom—93.8 |
| General Science | Pade—89.4 |
| Business Arithmetic | Tissaw—82.1 |
| Algebra I | Bundschi—86 |
| Algebra II | Davis R.—88.6 |
| Plane Geometry | Burg—82.5 |
| Solid Geometry | Davis R.—82.4 |

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