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Lieutenant Long Offers Safety Course

Not only uneasy lies the head that wears the crown, but also uneasy lie the heads of mothers and fathers whose sons have taken out the car. The course Lieutenant Long is conducting this year on Safety Driving ought to play a part in lessening the worries of cadets' parents. It may prove to be a matter of life and death to the cadets themselves.

The class composed of members of the upper school meets off and on after evening mess whenever a convenient time can be found. The boys study the chapters of the text book "Man and the Motor Car" and work out the answers to the sets of mimeographed questions with which they are provided. In the spring a Salina car salesman will furnish cars so that the cadets who need it may have actual experience in driving.

Lieutenant Long's talks and the discussions in class have proved most instructive and worth while. In starting out the course the boys learned some interesting statistics. Sixty-five per cent of the automobile accidents are caused by drivers alone and that thirty-one percent of these accidents are to cars driven by young people from the ages of eighteen to twenty-four. In 1937 ninety-three percent of the accidents causing death were in cars possessing no mechanical defects. In 1938 the number of automobile accidents diminished. This decrease has been partially attributed to the courses in Safety Driving now being carried on in many schools throughout the country.

Drawing Classes

The drawing class which the Reverend Mr. Moore organized a few weeks ago is proving to be most popular. It meets every Wednesday evening from the close of dinner until study hall.

The chaplain has been helping the members to sketch from real life or from pictures that interest them. Up to the present time there have been no drawings in color but these will come a little later on. In a recent contest Cadet Long drew a sketch which was judged the best among those submitted. His was given first place almost unanimously by the St. John's faculty who were asked to judge the sketches.

The cadets in the drawing class are: Austin, Barrett, Boehnke, Bradley, Clem, Goldberg, Johnson, Long, Lotker W., Marchington, Miller, Pade, Schoeb, Watson, and Yaryan.

Maker L.: My girl wanted to know how many quarters there are in a football game.

Maker H.: "That's nothing. Mine wanted to know if a football coach has wheels."

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Day and Night Service

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University Professor Talks to Cadets

At the chapel service one morning the middle of January the Reverend Dr. John R. McFadden, professor of sacred history at Kansas Wesleyan University, gave a talk on some boys he and his daughter had met on a recent European trip.

He first spoke of three Italian boys who had occupied the same compartment with them on the railroad trip from Naples to Rome. Miss McFadden conversed with them in French and served as interpreter for her father. In the course of the journey the boys sang their college songs, and one of them, who had spent a short time in England, made an effort to sing "God Save the King" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

The second boy Dr. McFadden told about was a Dutch boy whom he and his daughter met in Brussels. The lad was stopping off on his way to Amsterdam where he was to take his college entrance examinations. He knew four languages including English. Three languages were prerequisite before he could start a higher course of study. This boy showed them all over Brussels and extended to them many courtesies. A week or two later by strange coincidence they happened to meet him again at Delft, Holland.

The third and last boy Dr. McFadden spoke of was an Armenian serving as a hotel porter in Athens, Greece. He arranged to act as their guide. During the trips they took in and out of the city, he often spoke of his native country Armenia, from which he was a refugee and told of the hardships he had endured. To the accompaniment of a mandolin he often sang to them. On one occasion he sang one of his own compositions, an expression of the sorrow he had experienced in life.

Cracksquad Makes Appearances in Tulsa and Oklahoma City

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boys of that age could be trained to drill with such precision.

The new uniforms, which the members of the Cracksquad wore on the Oklahoma trip for the first time, are most unique. They are black with burnt orange trimmings. The blouse is ornamented with two rows of brass buttons extending down the front. There is a large lapel with a burnt orange lining. A burnt orange citation cord hangs from the left shoulder. The black trousers have a narrow stripe down the leg. The black and burnt orange shako style cap is topped by an orange plume.

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ALUMNI NOTES

William Branda, '30, is employed by the Allis Hotel in Wichita.

Lloyd Bigley, '37, is spending a few days at school.

Recent visitors at St. John's included: John C. Johnson, '04, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Grosvenor Barron, '16, Kingman, Kansas; Carson McCoy, '37, and Jack Thornton, '38, Colorado College.

Snyder Skeff, '31, Center, Colorado and Miss Genevieve Barrack were married in Trinidad, Colorado on February 5.

Waldo Haythorn, '36, Ogallala, Nebraska, and Miss Anita Denison, Salina, Kansas, have announced their engagement. Miss Dennison is now attending Kansas State College. The romance had its beginning when Haythorn was a cadet at St. John's.

During the recent trip the Cracksquad took to Oklahoma the boys saw Orville Enloe, '38, and Otto Kreipke, '28, both from El Reno, Oklahoma; Gordon Arnett, '30, now assistant credit manager of the Skelly Oil Company, Oklahoma City.

Fred Beall, '30, is working for the government in Washington, D. C.

Richard May, '37, is attending the Coffeyville, Kansas, Junior College.

Two former cadets are now in the Marine Corps. Joe Keraus, '37, is located on the island of Guam; Bill Culp, '38, at San Diego, California.

Cracksquad Drills at Watson Theater

On the evening of January 21, 22, and 23, the Cracksquad gave drills at the Watson Theater. The feature picture shown at the same time was the film "Brother Rat" dealing with life at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia. The St. John's cadets put on their drill between the first and second show.

On the third night the entire school was the guest of the management at the performance. The cadets rode back and forth to the city in a large bus that had been specially chartered for the occasion.

Bishop Mize is spending a couple of months in Phoenix, Arizona.



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St. John's Cadets Entertain With Dinner Dance

On the evening of January 23 the faculty and cadets entertained with a dinner and dance in the school dining room. Attractive place cards and decorations of chrysanthemums were on the tables. The lighting of the room was softened by several floor lamps set up in different parts of the room.

At the conclusion of the meal the floor was cleared, and dancing took place for about three hours to music furnished by an electric victrola.

Faculty members and their wives present were Major and Mrs. R. L. Clem, Captain and Mrs. H. O. Tolbert, Lieutenant and Mrs. L. Rex Long, and Mrs. M. Ellen Prince. Guests were Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Cynthia Thorne, Miss Margaret Mary Reed, Miss Mary Cheney, Miss Naneen Hiller, Miss Judy Wood, Miss Peggy McAdams, Miss Clena Jean Larson, Miss Betty Williams, Miss Martha Ritter, Miss Vera Virginia Hiller, Miss Sara Mae Griffen, Miss Gwendolyn Dorsey, Miss Marian Hawkes, Miss Jean Moseman, Miss Bonnie Francis and Miss Lola Jones. Other school instructors and students present were Captain Brown, Lieutenant Evans, Lieutenant Mahoney, and Cadets Blomstrom, Lutz, Comin, McDowell, Davis, Henze, Lucas, Westbrook, Riley, Ireland, Moore, Lotker, Carroll, Punshon, and King.

Bishop R. N. Spencer Now Heads Diocese

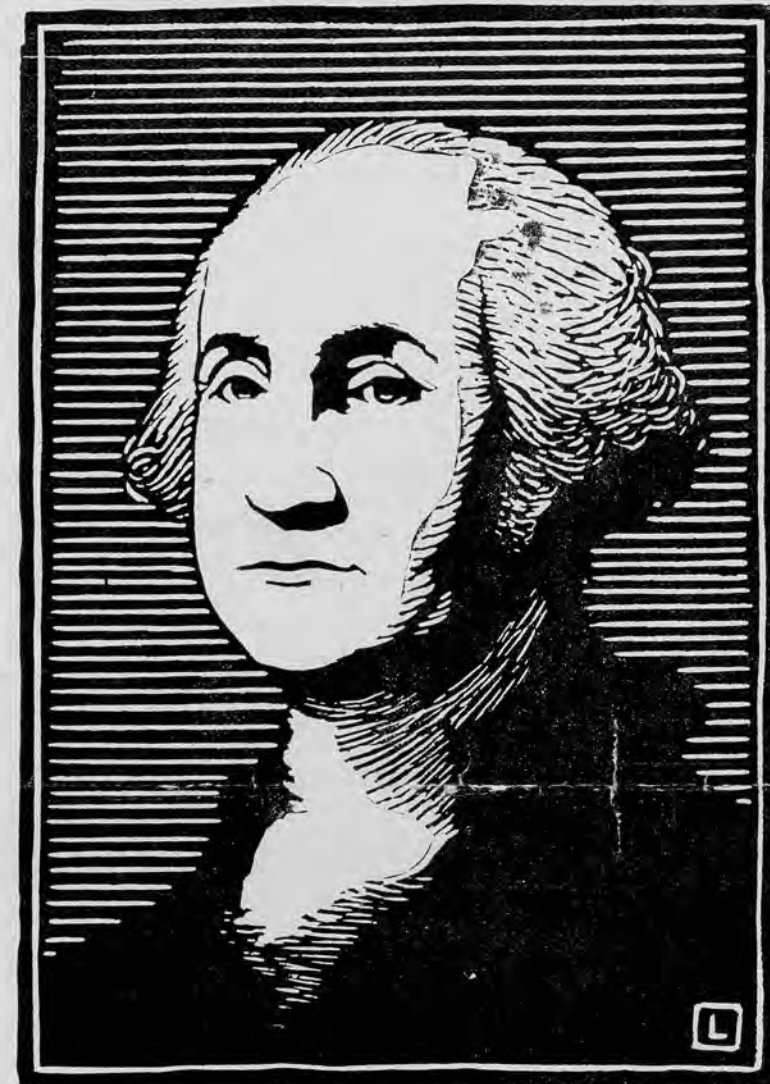
Bishop Robert N. Spencer of the diocese of Western Missouri has taken charge temporarily of the diocese of Salina. He received his appointment in December and entered upon his additional new duties on January 1, the time Bishop Mize's resignation became effective. He will continue in this office until the House of Bishop meets in 1940 and elects a permanent Bishop of Salina.

In addition to being Bishop of the diocese of Western Missouri, Bishop Spencer is a figure of importance in other activities within and without the Church. He was former rector of Grace and Holy Trinity parish, Kansas City and is president of the southwest province.

Since the new year Bishop Spencer has not visited Salina. Sometime in the spring the St. John's chaplain hopes to present a class to him for confirmation in the school chapel. This will be the second class during the school year. In December Bishop Mize confirmed a group of cadets.

New Courses Start Second Semester

With the ending of the first semester on January 15 three half year courses came to an end. These were economics, Constitution, and general science. Four new half year courses were immediately started. Captain Simpson teaches solid geometry with a text book by Strader and Rhoad; Dr. Hannen teaches physical geography with a text book by Tarr and von Engeln; and Lieutenant Sanders teaches public speaking and economic geography with text books by Monroe, and Colby and Foster.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

CRACKSQUAD MAKES APPEARANCES IN TULSA AND OKLAHOMA CITY

The last five days in January were important ones for the Cracksquad. During that time they made a trip down into Oklahoma where they put on drills in both Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Leaving Salina shortly before midnight on January 26 in three cars driven by Major Clem, Captain Simpson, and Captain Tolbert, the group arrived in Tulsa a little after daylight and registered at the Hotel Tulsa. Later on in the day the cadets made their first appearance at the Plaza Theater.

The stay in Tulsa was a most pleasant one. During free time the boys took sight seeing trips around the town. Among other places they visited Tulsa University. The second day after the evening performance a number of them attended a professional hockey game.

In the mornings the boys studied on their class work as outlined by their instructors.

On the morning of January 29 the crowd proceeded on to Oklahoma City where they stayed at the Hotel Black. In the afternoon the Cracksquad put on its first drill at the Criterion Theater. Mr. B. F. Moore, manager of the theater, was so pleased with the exhibition that he wanted to increase the number of appearances daily from three to five. The Cracksquad compromised with him and put on four drills.

Though the cadets did not have as

much free time in Oklahoma City as they did in Tulsa, they enjoyed themselves just as much.

One of the high lights of the stay in Oklahoma City was the banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce. Here the boys met Mayor Frank Martin, City Manager W. A. Quinn, and a number of other city officials. Between courses the squad put on its drill.

On the morning of February 1 the squad left Oklahoma City. Late in the afternoon they arrived back in Salina.

All who took the trip cannot speak highly enough of the excellent treatment they received everywhere. In Tulsa Mr. and Mrs. F. Hickman, parents of Cadet Hickman, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watson, parents of Bill Watson, who was at St. John's last year, showed them a number of courtesies. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Walpole, parents of Cadet Walpole, did the same in Oklahoma City. Mr. Moore, manager of the Criterion Theater, gave each of the boys a free ticket to another theater in the city over which he had supervision, and presented each one with a picture he had taken of the squad on the Criterion stage. The press in both cities gave the drill most favorable write ups. As a caption to a picture it printed of the Cracksquad, one paper called the group "the precision squad." Below was the comment that it was remarkable that (Continued on Page 4)

Target Practice Now Taking Place on Indoor Range

Pop! pop! pop! These sounds, which are beginning to issue from the school basement, mean that target practice is under way.

At St. John's it is the custom to postpone the greater part of target practice until the second semester. Then all the cadets are given instruction in groups on the indoor rifle range. They first master the principles of sighting and of handling the .22 calibre rifle. After this they do a required amount of shooting from the prone, kneeling, and sitting positions.

Sergeant Riley is in charge of the range this year and gives the instruction. He takes every precaution to secure safety. He insists on absolute quiet so that any orders may be perfectly understood. At the command "cease firing" he requires the rifle to be locked and put down. The target is operated on a roller and can be brought to where the firing takes place without anybody having to go forward.

To the wall at the right of firing line a neat looking blackboard is attached upon which the scores are kept.

Here are the names of the cadets who have made the highest scores so far and from whom the rifle team will be selected: Blomstrom, Bundschu, Burg, Jenkins, Lotker F., Maker H., Manard, Moore, McDowell, and Tissaw.

Captain Brown Gives Enjoyable Party

Captain Brown, assisted by Lieutenant Mahoney, gave a party for the members of the freshman class and junior school on the evening of February 3. The affair, which started at seven-thirty took place in Captain Simpson's class room.

Numerous games were played and contests held. One of the most enjoyable events was the treasure hunt. This brought the boys into various rooms in Vail Hall.

The most unique game was the one in which the Jack Horner pie figured. This pie was not edible. It merely contained envelopes to which strings were attached. These extended through a paper top. By pulling a string at a given signal each boy secured an envelope which gave him a clue as to where a number of prizes were hidden.

"Marching to Jerusalem" and "Consequences" were other games played.

At about ten o'clock refreshments of soda pop and sandwiches were served.

Spring Furlough is Longer This Year

In a little over two weeks a red letter-day will have at last arrived. At noon on March 11 the spring furlough will commence and it will extend until noon on March 20. By shortening the Thanksgiving recess and by cutting down the number of other holidays, a longer vacation than usual has been made possible this spring.

The St. John's administration hopes that the greater part of the cadets will be able to spend the furlough at home. The change will do the boys good and enable them to commence the remaining two months of scholastic work with renewed vigor.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE
AT WAKEFIELD, VA.

A Great Statesman

George Washington united talents of the soldier with the qualifications of the statesman. He had the satisfaction of beholding the complete success of his great military and civil service in the independence and happiness of his country.

George Washington is noted for having not so much one great admirable quality as a combination of many good qualities. Washington Irving attributes the following traits to this great statesman: "Prudence, firmness, sagacity, moderation, an overruling judgment, an immovable justice, courage that never faltered, patience that never wearied, truth that disdained all artifice, magnanimity without alloy."

The fame of Washington stands apart from every other in history. Shining with resplendent glory, his memory remains national property. His teachings and examples speak to us, and his revered name forms a universal tie of brotherhood.

Washington Said

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

The Constitution is the guide which I never shall abandon.

Knowledge is in every country the surest basis of public happiness.

Ignorance and design are difficult to combat.

Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief.

The love of my country will be the ruling influence of my life.

There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet the enemy.

This winter whenever the weather permits Lieut. Evans plans to have the corps drill outdoors with extended order and scouting and patrolling.

LOCAL NEWS

A storm door was put at the south entrance of the barracks during the Christmas holidays.

Alan Clem recently received a nice letter from Albert Payson Terhune, the author. Clem had written him telling him how much he had enjoyed his book "Lad: the Story of a Dog."

Major and Mrs. Clem have recently started the custom of serving coffee for the faculty in their quarters certain evenings after dinner.

Captain Richard Evans, former commandant of St. John's, is teaching in junior high school at his home in Rockford, Illinois.

Recent visitors at school included: Mrs. R. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wortman and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Leichter, Mrs. C. J. Lucas, Mrs. Viola M. Hammer, Mrs. J. D. Mason, Miss Snyder, Mr. Henry Leavitt, Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. James I. Cook, Miss Jean Cook, Mrs. Madeline Giliam, Tarkio, Missouri; Mr. Frank C. Gibbs, Topeka, Kansas; Mrs. Eva A. Barrett, Mrs. Atwill, Mrs. Blanche D. Long, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Goldberg, Mr. Dick Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moore, Mr. Harold Knott, Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. W. M. Jenkins, Bucklin, Kansas; Mrs. Carrie Carroll, Russell, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Keown, Pratt, Kansas; Mrs. E. H. Walpole, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. F. L. Lorcker, Oberlin, Kansas; Mrs. Clara Yaryan, Kansas City, Missouri.

While the Cracksquad was in Tulsa, Maker H. and Maker L. took Henze to their home in Hominy, Oklahoma for over night.

Recently the members of the Cracksquad were the guests of the Watson Theater at the showing of the picture "Angels with Dirty Faces."

Riley was called to his home in Pratt early this month by the serious illness of his little sister. In a day or two she was better, and he was able to return to school.

Let us have more music in the dining hall after meals. The improvised quintet composed of Lutz, Bloomstrom, Carroll, and Tissaw, assisted by Gibbs as soloist, made a big hit the other night.

One day when the Cracksquad was in Oklahoma City, the audience must have thought Jessie James had broken loose again. By mistake Tissaw had fired his rifle back stage.

In Oklahoma the Cracksquad boys met several girls. Lucas, who used to live in Tulsa, introduced them to a number of his lady friends. At the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Oklahoma City a number of visiting motion picture actresses were present. They were in Oklahoma City advertising the picture "Tailspin."

HIGH AVERAGES

5th Month of School

Upper School	Lower School
Hickman88.3	Clem89.6
Blomstrom88	Schoeb88.3
Gibbs87.8	Long88
Grattan86.5	Durell87.5
McDowell86.3	Barrett85
Davis R.86.2	Marchington 83.8
Watson86	York83.3
Henze85.8	
Burg85.3	
Stone85.3	

Preaches in Chapel

In a sermon he preached in the chapel the first Sunday after the Christmas vacation the Reverend Mr. Moore used this text from St. Luke's gospel: And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The chaplain mentioned that the passage combined joy and sadness. In the first part we are told of the birth of Christ. This event was to bring joy to the world and change its entire history.

In the second part there is an intimation of something sinister to happen later. There was no room for Christ in the inn. As time passed by there was still no room for him in the hearts of many of his fellowmen. This failure to accept him resulted in the tragedy of his crucifixion.

The chaplain devoted the greater part of his sermon to showing how we at the present day are not finding room for Christ in our lives. He spoke of the ways in which pride, vanity, cruelty, lust and fear are crowding Him out. Jesus is continually knocking at our hearts, and we must let nothing keep Him from entering.

New Boys Enrolled

St. John's has gained seven new cadets who enrolled at the beginning of the second semester or shortly thereafter.

Four of these boys come from Wichita. Joe Hammer, seventeen years old, is a junior and attended the East High School. Joe Wortman, sixteen years old, is a sophomore and also attended the same institution. Erwin Leichter, eleven years old, is in the seventh grade and attended Robinson Junior High School. His brother Earl Leichter, eight years old, is in the third grade and attended A. A. Hyde Public School.

James Long, thirteen years old, is in the eighth grade. His home is Kansas City where he attended the Westport Junior High School.

Leon Goldberg, thirteen, is in the sixth grade. He is from Hutchinson, Kansas, and attended the public school in that city.

Thomas Johnson, nine years old, is in the fifth grade. He is from Denver and attended the Park Hill School.

Cadet Jenkins Makes Small Radio Set

William A. Jenkins, a member of the cadet corps and a student in the science department at St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas, has designed and constructed the smallest complete radio receiving set ever made of standard parts, according to Frank S. Hannen, who was formerly a member of the Greeley high school faculty.

Jenkins' accomplishment was learned of here when John Henry Shaw, director of publicity at the Colorado State College of Education, recently received a letter from Hannen, who is now in the science department at St. John's Military School. —Clipped from the Denver Post.

Letter from Life

LIFE writes St. John's a very encouraging double-headed letter, acknowledging a compliment paid by Cadets and faculty, and recognizing the news value of Cadet Jenkins' record-making radio.

Of all the magazines in the library, cadets call for LIFE first of all. Faculty members even go so far as to cause it to be A W O L. Librarians suspect it is the pretty pictures on the cover.

"We are very much interested in the small radio Mr. Jenkins designed," says the letter from the editor of LIFE.

Lieutenant Mahoney: "There are two words you must not use. They are 'lousy' and 'rotten'."

Schoeb: "What two words are they?"

JOKES

Coach Sanders (entering restaurant): "Do you serve lobsters here?"
Waiter: "Yes, sir, come right in and have a seat."

Train Conductor: "I am sorry, sir, but I'll have to ask you to take your two suit cases out of the aisle."

Gibbs: "Suitcases, nothing. Those are my feet."

Mrs. Prince: "Yes, a few lettuce leaves without oil, a glass of orange juice, and a dry piece of toast. That is your diet."
Captain Brown: "Thank you very much, ma'am, but do I take this before or after the meal?"

We Want to Know—

Did the orchestra temporarily disband because a certain distinguished member hocked his musical instrument?

Was the dog Inky sent away because he insisted on being vocal solist for the orchestra?

When is Jenkins going to pass around some more cider in his room?

Has Snow White yet got a date for the lettermen's banquet?

Did Captain Tolbert take his camera to Oklahoma to use as a football or a door mat?

Why a certain faculty member at our own dances is the last word in dignity but at a Shrine dance is a regular jitterbug?

"Magpie" is a name some of the boys are thinking about calling Marchington. He chatters so much.

Henze plans to take a beauty course as soon as he leaves St. John's. Sometime he wants to be the glamor boy of Broadway.

Baby Dumpling (in book store): "Have you the book called 'Cadet Days, the Happiest in a Boy's Life?'"
Clerk: "Fiction department on the other side, sir."

Lutz: "Did you know that Blomstrom is going down town every day to study singing?"
Comin: "How thoughtful of him!"

Lieutenant Long: "My shaving brush is very stiff. I wonder what is wrong with it?"

Mrs. Long: "I don't know, dear. It was all right yesterday when I painted my flower pots with it."

Lieutenant Evans: "Let's you and I have a game of building and loan."

Johnson: "That's fine, sir. When shall we start?"

Lieutenant Evans: "Right now. You go out of the building and leave me alone."

Often when the cadets have gone skating, they have taken West along to test the ice and see whether it was strong enough to bear their weight.

King: "I hear we are going to have a lot of things for lunch today."

Walpole: "That's great. What are they?"

King: "Beans."

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Team Defeated by Narrow Margin

The St. John's basketball team motored up to Lincoln, Nebraska on January 19 to play the University of Nebraska Teachers' High School. The boys stayed all night at the Hotel Cornhusker. While in Lincoln they had time for a number of activities. A group went on a sight-seeing tour, visiting among other places the Nebraska State Penitentiary. A few of the cadets attended a dance at the Students Union Building. The entire team saw a basketball game between Nebraska University and Kansas University.

The St. John's team displayed some nice ball handling and were a real threat in the annual game with the Nebraska Teachers' High School, but the marksmanship of L. Donley proved to be the stumbling stone to a Soldier win.

The cadets led 12-13 at half time, but the large floor seemed to take a lot of steam out of the hoopsters, and the final quarter found them on the short end of a 23-18 count.

Floor work of Captain Maker was outstanding, with scoring honors going to Punshon for two field goals and a gift toss.

The cadets presented a tight defense to the Teachers. Their ten points in the last half all were made from beyond the foul line. Stanard turned in a nice performance as guard.

ST. JOHN'S	FG	FT	P	T
Bradford	1	2		
Maker	1	1		
Tissaw	2	3	1	
Lutz	1	3		
Punshon	2	1		
Maker H.	1	1	1	
Stanard				1
Gibbs				1
TEACHERS HIGH	FG	FT	P	T
H. Donley		1		
C. Burgess				
H. Sayur		1		
J. Dier	4			
L. Donley	6	1	2	
W. Rawson			2	

Gift to Library

The Rev. Victor G. Menard, former rector of the Church of the Apostles, Ellsworth, is indeed a good friend of St. John's. Last year he entertained many boys at his home and donated his car for transporting members of the team to games played away from Salina. Last fall, just before he left Ellsworth to take up work in the Diocese of Fon du Lac, he presented the school with over a hundred volumes from his library. Many of the books are very useful to the instructors and cadets. Everyone at St. John's is grateful to the Rev. Mr. Menard for his generous gifts.

The volumes include: Wordsworth's Poems, Tennyson's Poems, Burns' Poems, Guy de Maupassant's Works, Anatole France's Novels, Hawthorne's Works, Colliers' History of the Nations, Reminiscences of St. Augustine, Erskman Chattrain's Novels, Archibald Marshall's Novels, A Library of the World's Best Orations, H. G. Wells' Outline of Man's Work and Wealth, Bacon's Works, Volumes of Best Sermons, Masterpieces of Humor, and Emerson's Essays.

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Junior "L" Club Acquires New Club Room

The ghosts of the thousands of tropical fish formerly occupying tanks in the room at the far south-east corner in the basement of Vail Hall must be more or less surprised when they return to their former environment. When Captain Tolbert abandoned the hobby of raising fish and took up photography instead, the hatchery was abandoned, and now the "L" Club, the organization of junior lettermen, have taken possession of the room. Tanks and incubators have been replaced by furniture and equipment that go to make up an attractive club room.

The junior school "L" Club is a live wire organization. With the help of their supervisors, Lieutenant Mahoney and the Reverend Mr. Moore, they have introduced an appropriate ritual. At their meetings they discuss such questions as to how they can improve their own games, and how they can further fellowship and sportsmanship at St. John's. They also practice songs and cheers.

As soon as the basketball season is over, a number of new boys will be taken in. Already the prospective candidates for admission have gone through a preliminary initiation. Sweaters with the "L" emblem may be secured by all the boys entitled to wear them. Later some picnics, hikes, and parties will be held for the members.

The officers of the organization are: Austin, president; Clem, vice president; Marchington, treasurer; Dove, treasurer; Miller, reporter; and York, sergeant-at-arms.

A Brain Twister

Each of the items below is answered by the last name of a cadet in school. For example, the answer to (1) "Small bird" is Dove; and to (2) "Side of a room plus a long slender piece of wood" is Walpole. See if you can figure out the others.

(1) Small bird, (2) Side of a room plus a long slender piece of wood, (3) Chef, (4) Christmas song, (5) Monarch, (6) A piece of rock, (6) Hawkshaw the Detective's friend plus fourteenth letter of the alphabet, (7) Marsh or water plant, (8) Maker of flour, (9) An implement for driving nails, (10) Crown of the head, (11) Capital of a southern state, (12) Last name of the president of the Confederacy, (13) Where the sun sets plus a small stream, (14) Popular bugle call, (15) First word of the title of an old Scottish song in which rye is mentioned, (16) Not so heavy, (17) First name of a movie actor who played in "The Champ" and "Vive Villa," (18) Not short, (19) Last name of a movie actress who said, "Come up and see me some time," (20) European country with the last letter omitted, (21) Last name of a movie actress who is also an opera star, (22) Latter part of the name of a very large American city, (23) Last syllable of the former name for Leningrad, (24) Animal that give us milk plus fourteenth letter of the alphabet, (25) Fowl that gives us eggs plus last letter of the alphabet.

Boys Enjoy Hiking ank Skating

It can not be said that many of the boys at St. John's are the "sit by the fire" type. Nearly every afternoon when classes and drill are over groups leave the grounds for expeditions into the open. Occasionally an instructor may accompany them, but more often they go alone.

Some boys are content merely to tramp through the woods, climbing up and down the banks of the meandering dry creek and seeing whatever there is to see. A few boys have their own shotguns which they keep in the armory as required. These they check out, and go hunting. Now and then they are able to scare up a rabbit or two.

However, the sport that the boys seem to enjoy most of all is skating. There are one or two ponds not far away, and these they seek whenever the weather is cold enough to freeze them over. One farmer has made the cadets understand in no uncertain terms that they are not welcome on his land. But he does not have a monopoly on the country side, and there are other places to go.

The boys have been hoping that sometime it will be possible to flood a portion of the campus so that they may have a skating pond of their own. On account of the shortness of the cold spells it has not been deemed practicable to do this.

Workmen have been busy the past two weeks trimming the trees on the school grounds.

The St. John's basketball team has scrimmaged a number of times with the Salina National Guard.

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