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START OUT WINNING

CADET BASKETBALL PLAYERS DEFEAT K. U. OF C. 50 TO 7

The St. John's Military School basketball team defeated the Kansas University of Commerce of Salina 50 to 7 in the opening game of the Salina City League Basketball Tournament last Monday night at the Junior High. The Cadets had things their own way from the start and at no time were the Commerce players able to prove dangerous.

Timothy, forward, did most of the scoring for St. John's and the excellent team-work of the five as a whole made it possible for Timothy to make use of his basket-shooting skill. He seldom missed a goal. Skilling, the other forward and the principal point-scorer of last year's team, fed the ball to Timothy and did not try so many goals himself. The two, Timothy and Skilling, made an excellent pair of forwards. Timothy made one sensational throw from the center of the court.

Muir played his usual good game at center and, just to show that he could do it, tossed a basket.

Umstot and Wagner, guards, showed that they will make good the loss of Oliver, Davis and Wyber of last year's team. They covered the opposing forwards well, blocking their passes and shutting them off from the goals.

The whole team played the whole game all the time. During the last of the second half, Johnson replaced Wagner at guard, but this was Captain Cannon's only substitution.

The teams lined up as follows:

St. John's	Position	Commerce
Skilling	Forward	Gorsuch
Timothy	Forward	Shaffer
—	Forward	Blenden
Muir	Center	Braner
Umstot	Guard	Patterson
Wagner	Guard	Laessig
Johnson	Guard	—

Summary. Goals: Timothy, 18; Skilling, 4; Muir, 1; Gorsuch, 1; Braner,

1. Free Throws: Skilling, 4; Braner, 3. Technical Fouls: Skilling, 1; Timothy 3; Wagner, 1; Shaffer, 1; Braner, 1; Blenden, 1. Personal Fouls: Timothy, 2; Umstot, 1; Wagner, 1; Shaffer 1; Blenden, 2. Referee: Palmer of the Y. M. C. A.

SAW OLIVER IN THE MOVIES

Donald Pattison Recognized "A. G." In An Illustrated Weekly

Donald Pattison, cadet at St. John's Military School, thinks he saw A. G. Oliver, last year's senior captain, at Wichita, Kansas, during the holidays. Not in person, however, but in the movies. No, A. G. is not an actor, although his skit with "Martha" Hart last year showed that he possessed talents in that line.

Pattison was at a picture show. When the Kinograms, an illustrated news feature, was flashed on the screen, one of the scenes showed an athletic tournament at the big stadium at San Diego, California. The picture showed the spectators pouring in. Pattison was watching with an impersonal interest when, suddenly, he saw the St. John's football emblem, worn by one of the spectators coming into the stadium. As the St. John's football sweaters are very distinctive and unusual, he could not very well be mistaken. To use his words, "some one about the size of Timothy was wearing one of our football sweaters."

As far as it is known, A. G. Oliver, who lives in San Diego, is the only S. J. M. S. letter-man in that city and he "was about the size of Timothy." Pattison was very anxious to stay for the second show, so he could be on the watch for the sweater-wearer and get a good look at him, but he had to leave to catch a train.

Bragassa Returns to School

James Bragassa, a former St. John's boy, has returned to school, entering after the Christmas holidays. Bragassa was formerly here in the school year of 1916-17.

TO SUCCEED DR. RUDD

THE REV. F. R. MYERS WILL BE CHAPLAIN—WAS IN ARMY

A minister and former member of Company E, Forty-first Infantry, Tenth Division, is now on the faculty of St. John's Military School. He will succeed Dr. E. H. Rudd as chaplain, who is going to take charge of a church in Iowa. He is the Rev. Frank R. Myers, who came to St. John's from Beloit, Kansas, during the holidays.

Mr. Myers will do active teaching besides his work as school chaplain. He has had considerable experience as a teacher, having taught in high schools in New York for seven years and later in the Western Theological Seminary at Chicago. He was principal of one high school in New York State for five years.

Mr. Myers did his college work at Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York, and later attended the Western Theological Seminary at Chicago. He left there to go into the army, entering a combatant branch, and being sent to Camp Funston for training.

Shortly after his arrival, he was made a supply sergeant in a recruit company. Foreseeing that his hitherto unsuspected ability as a supply sergeant was likely to keep him out of active service, he clamored for a transfer. He kept clamoring until he was transferred to Company E, Forty-first Infantry, Tenth Division, which expected to be sent overseas shortly.

He had just a few short weeks of the active military work that he really wanted and then, to his sorrow, he was made company clerk.

After the armistice he applied for his discharge and received it December 11, 1918. He came to Salina and was connected with Christ's Cathedral several months before going to Beloit.

Cadet Gardiner Hart Back

Cadet Gardiner Hart has returned to school after a visit with friends in Salina.

CADET RICHARD JONES DEAD**Taken Sick While Visiting Relatives
—Ill Only Four Days**

The return of faculty and students to St. John's Military School after the holidays was saddened by the absence of one of the cadets, Richard Jones, whose death occurred during the holidays.

Cadet Jones did not go home with the others but remained for a time at St. John's, before going to visit his grandmother who lives near Kansas City. He left for Kansas City Monday morning, December 22. Captain and Mrs. Shideler, who were going to Topeka, went on the same train. The boy seemed in perfect health and was in excellent spirits at the thought of visiting his grandmother again.

He was taken ill December 25 and died December 29. His father was summoned and the body was taken to their home in Holly, Colorado, for burial. Cadet Jones was 14 years old. A letter, dated January 7, received from his father, Mr. Ed Jones of Holly, read, in part, as follows:

"Richard arrived at his grandmother's seemingly in the best of health and spirits. In the evening of the 25th he complained of not feeling well and kept gradually getting worse. He did not seem to suffer a great deal until the last.

"Ever since he was a small child his spleen had been enlarged. I had hoped he would outgrow the trouble and cannot understand why it should bother him at that time, when he was in such good physical condition."

JOHN HOWELL HIGHEST AGAIN**His Brother, Walter, Stands Third
This Time Also**

Cadet John Howell of the Lower School at St. John's again leads with the highest average made by any student in the entire student body for the second six weeks of work. Besides holding first place again, he raised his average, getting 95.4 this time against 92.8 for the first six weeks. The averages now published are based on the results of quizzes given December 16 and 17 and on the daily grades made in the second six-week period of school.

Verne Ross, a junior and winner of a football letter, made the highest mark in the Upper School and the second highest mark for the entire school. His average was 93, which beats his

mark for the first period by six points.

Walter Howell, elder brother of John Howell, also upheld the family record by landing third place again with an average of 91.7. This was a gain of 1.7 per cent. over the first period.

The new names in first and second place in each form show that several cadets made places this time, who did not get a first or second last time. Football seems to have agreed with Hayden and Johnson for they were first and second in the Sixth Form last time but were replaced by Lloyd Umstot and Belmont Rising this time. However, with the beginning of active work in basketball, maybe their stock will rise the third period. Another first team letter man, Verne Ross, raised his average six points after football season ended.

In the Fifth Form, Ross still holds first place, but Fleming replaced Brown as second. In the Fourth Form, Daniel Schaffner came up "from the ranks" and took first place. Gardiner Hart who held first place in the form before, dropped into second place.

Eugene Ward still keeps first place in the Third Form but Jefferson Schlesinger won the second position in place of Richard Ready.

Walter Howell was first again in the Second Form and Davis Bland took second place.

John Howell—for the second time making the highest average in school—leads the first form. William Bailey replaced Armour Loriaux in second place. The standings, tabulated, follow:

Sixth Form

- 1st—Lloyd Umstot, 88.5
2nd—Bellmont Rising, 87.4

Fifth Form

- 1st—Vernon Ross, 93.
2nd—John Fleming, 86.3

Fourth Form

- 1st—Daniel Schaffner, 86.
2nd—Gardiner Hart, 85.8

Third Form

- 1st—Eugene Ward, 87.2
2nd—Jefferson Schlesinger, 82.6

Second Form

- 1st—Walter Howell, 91.7
2nd—Davis Bland, 86.7



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- 1st—John Howell, 95.4
2nd—William Bailey, 90.2

Bishop Beecher, Col. Drummond Here

The Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, bishop of Western Nebraska and now also of the District of Salina and Col. Harry Drummond, head of Kearney Military Academy, were in Salina during the Christmas holidays and visited Major W. L. Ganssle at St. John's. Bishop Beecher and Colonel Drummond were out in interest of the Nation-wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church.

Colonel Drummond formerly was an instructor in St. John's Military School. While here during the holidays he and Major Ganssle talked over the possibilities of athletic contests between Kearney and St. John's. St. John's wished to schedule a football game with Kearney for last fall, but the Nebraska school wrote that they were unable to play St. John's this year. The poor train connection between the two places has so far prevented any contests but it is hoped that a game may be arranged on convenient neutral ground.

Mrs. Allard Here

Mrs. H. W. Allard made a brief visit at St. John's recently on her way from Pueblo, where she and her son, Cadet Henry Allard spent the holidays, to Manhattan, Kansas.



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Captain Small's Mother In Syria

What would you think if you saw American army officers, decorated with medals and each carrying a string of bright beads in his hands? But that is what Greek army officers carry, according to a letter Captain S. W. Small has recently received from his mother, Mrs. Sophie Williams Small, who spent several days in Athens on her way to Beirut, Syria.

Mrs. Small sailed from New York November 5 on the Canada, to engage in Red Cross work. The ship encountered storms and when they arrived in Athens, the passengers learned that the ship had been reported lost. After a short stay at Athens—where, Mrs. Small wrote, she got a better conception of Greek history by a few days sightseeing than she ever had from books—Mrs. Small took a Greek steamer to Constantinople and from there to Beirut. A cablegram received here during the holidays announced that she had arrived in Beirut two days before Christmas.

Mrs. Small will engage in relief and educational work with her cousin, the Rev. James Nicol, a major in the Red Cross. They are under the direction of the Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee of New York City. Major Nicol is supervising the building of a village for orphans near Beirut. He has some five thousand Armenian and Syrian orphans to look after.

Disinfectant As Floor Polish

Oil and water do not mix. Neither does disinfectant make good floor stain. A certain member of the St. John's family who remained at the school during the Christmas vacation decided to give Major and Mrs. Wier a Christmas present and a surprise by staining their bed-room floor during their absence. He took pleasure in getting an extra good polish and triumphantly waited for the mixture to dry. When he came back to view the work, he found a beautiful polish all right, but a most peculiar odor. Investigation showed that somehow a can of disinfectant had gotten mixed up with the stain, and while it added luster, it would not dry. Business of hastily removing said stain and replacing it with the genuine.

How Greer Lost His Spear

There was a little boy named Greer, And he had both a bow and a spear.

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In the gym one night

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Former Teacher In England

During the holidays, Captain Hicklin received a Christmas card from W. Harry Allen, former instructor in St. John's Military school, from England, Mr. Allen's home. He and his wife and little daughter, Mary Virginia, are now living at 62 Miskin street, Cardiff, South Wales, England. Mrs. Allen was formerly Katherine Bromby, whose father was organist and choirmaster at Christ's Cathedral, Salina, for several years.

After leaving St. John's, Mr. Allen taught in Stuyvesant School, a private boarding school for boys, in Warrenton, Virginia, for several years. The card did not tell how long they had been in England, but did find space to ask for news of old St. John's.

Fry To Fort Collins, Colorado

Tinsley Fry of Denver, who was graduated from St. John's in 1916, is planning to go into business in Fort Collins, Colorado, selling automobile tires, as he has the agency for a well-known tire company.

Fry visited St. John's school last spring. While in school he took a prominent part in all activities and for two years won the Army-Navy medal, given to the cadet making the highest number of points in the athletic meet. He was the cadet who climbed the flag pole with a new rope when the lanyards broke and the flag could not be raised. He was in military service after leaving school and went to France.

Fay Smith, '03, Visits School

E. F. Smith, a graduate of St. John's, visited the school during the holidays. He was graduated from St. John's in 1903. He returned in 1906 as an instructor and taught Mathematics and English. Mr. Smith, perhaps better known to former cadets as Fay Smith, was a cadet officer, being captain of Company B his senior year. He also was a letter man in two branches of athletics, playing center on the football team and pitching on the baseball team.

COMPLIMENTS FOOTBALL TEAM

Theodore Tanner, Former Cadet,
Writes from Filer, Idaho

The following letter, dated January 6, was recently received at the school from a former cadet at the school, Theodore Tanner of Filer, Idaho. Tanner was in school last year and won the highest mark in the final Academic Honor Roll. This is composed of the ten cadets who make the highest grades for the entire year. Their names are published in the annual catalog. The letter follows:

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the school and faculty. In reading the Skirmisher, I find that St. John's did remarkably well in the football season. It made me feel proud when I read about the games which they played so well. Right here I want to compliment the team and its coach for the splendid showing they made.

"I was in hopes of returning to St. John's last September. If I had, I would have tried my best for a place on the team. Then a few things happened that made my return to St. John's impossible. But whether I am there or not, I want St. John's to know that I am still following the activities of the school and also to show that I am proud of it.

"I spent two terms at St. John's. The first year was not very good to me but the last year I was there I made the highest grade in the school and other things happened there that I shall never forget. I was looking over my memory book the other day and it made me feel a little blue in looking at the snapshots, names, memoranda and the different dances we had while I was there.

"And then when I read what the football squad was doing I could not help but feel proud of S. J. M. S. I played football here and we won five out of seven games. When you have the football pictures taken, Major, I want you to send two to me.

"Tell all the boys and the faculty hello for me. Wishing you a successful basketball season, I remain,

THEODORE L. TANNER,
Filer, Idaho."

Where Did It Go?

Major Ganssle, approaching cadets who should have been in their rooms: "Call to quarters has gone."

Cadet Frey, 8 years old: "Gone where?"

The Hook, Gerald, The Hook

As the SKIRMISHER threatened to do some time ago, there is now being exposed to the mercies of the Cadet Corps the works of a Cadet Poet. The following was written by one of the members of Captain Vernon's English classes. Each had been ordered to try his hand at writing poetry and the following is what one member turned in.

The SKIRMISHER has told the author that the paper cannot be held for any violence that may be offered him, should his name become known.

I stood on a bridge in the evening
When the sun was hanging low;
As I looked into the distance,
I heard a bugle blow.

There were boats upon the water
And they slowly drifted in
While boys on the farther shore
Had to stop their evening swim.

And there I stood a-dreaming
Of the happy days gone by,
When I was but a youngster,
A boy just finishing High.

A Cadet in a Western School,
A land that was free of care.
While now I'm but a hobo,
And ramble everywhere.

But I'll ne'er forget the days,
In Old St. John's, so true—
Where the boys were always brag-
ging
Of the things that they could do.

Will Play Against Their Coach

The St. John's basketball team will have a chance to play against two of their own faculty members. The Cadets are members of the Salina City Basketball League and Captain Charles Cannon, coach of the St. John's tossers, and Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant, are both on the Salina Y. M. C. A. team which is also a member of the league.

All games of the league will be played in January and probably will be held at the Junior High School. Each team will play one game with each of the others, five games in all. This will be in addition to the regular school schedule.

The teams in the City League are: besides St. John's Military School: Kansas Wesleyan University, the Y. M. C. A., the Salina High School, Kansas University of Commerce and the Salina Business College.

CADETS HAVE GOOD SCHEDULE

S. J. M. S. Basketball Team Will Have Busy Season

Besides their games with other teams of the Salina City Basketball League, the St. John's Military School Five will play a heavy schedule with high school teams from other towns. The first game with an outside high school will be played at home, in the school gymnasium with the Minneapolis High School.

Following this there will be a four-day trip on which they will play Manhattan, Chapman, Junction City, and Abilene.

The Cadets will meet their old rivals, Salina High School, again this year in a series of the best two out of three games. Last year there was no need to play the third game as the cadets won both contests. The first of this year's games will be played February 13th and the others will be arranged so as not to conflict with other games scheduled by either school.

The Cadets will also be contenders in the Northwest and Central Kansas basketball tournament which will be held January 20 and 21 at Wesleyan University. This tournament is held each year under the auspices of Wesleyan and draws many good high school teams. The winners will play in the state tournament at Lawrence.

Captain Cannon, coach, is also in correspondence with other teams and if the dates and terms can be arranged satisfactorily, his team probably will continue playing well into March. Games may be scheduled later with Lawrence High, with McPherson, with Kansas City, Kansas, and possibly with the Haskell Indian Second team.

The schedule will keep the players busy and they hope to come back with the long end of the scores in most of the games. The list of games that have been definitely scheduled so far follows:

January 17—Minneapolis High at Salina.

January 21—St. John's at Manhattan.

January 22—St. John's at Chapman.

January 23—St. John's at Junction City.

January 24—St. John's at Abilene.

January 31—Abilene High at Salina.

February 7—Junction City High at Salina.

February 13—Salina High School.

February 20 and 21—Northwest and Central Kansas Tournament at Wesleyan.

February 28—Manhattan High at Salina.

March 3—Chapman High at Salina.

WHAT A CLEAR MIRROR DID

Causes Trouble for Cadet in a Big, Big City

The SKIRMISHER does not vouch for the authenticity of the following story, but it's good enough to be true if it isn't. A certain cadet second lieutenant and a certain cadet first sergeant started from home in time for the opening of school after Christmas but arrived twenty-four hours late. As a result, they will have an opportunity to become familiar with the school grounds. It was strongly suspected that they were lost in Kansas City on their way here and the following story—if true—would seem to prove that something was wrong. But here's the story:

Between trains in Kansas City, the cadet lieutenant decided to buy stamps. Now every one knows that the proper place to buy stamps in a big city is at the largest hotel, so to the hotel went the cadet lieutenant and the cadet first sergeant. The cadet lieutenant walked in and in the lobby saw, by a wall, a man he supposed was one of the employers.

"I want to buy some stamps" said the cadet. No answer.

Again: "I would like to get a few stamps." Again no answer.

Becoming angry at the poor service, the cadet, repeated "Stamps" several times in a loud voice. The man merely looked at him and moved his lips but made no sound. Disgusted, the cadet left and bought his stamps some place else, with a poor opinion of hotel employees.

But the story goes that he really wasn't talking to a hotel employee. There was merely a large mirror, with a very clear glass, and the cadet had been talking to his own reflection.

If you doubt this story, you can ask the cadet sergeant.

Buell Robinson Back

Buell Robinson, a student last year in the Lower School of St. John's Military School, re-entered St. John's after the holidays. Robinson's parents moved from Kansas to Texas last summer and he remained at his new home during the first semester.

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Basket-Tossers Practicing

Basketball practice started in earnest at St. John's School with the opening of the school after the holidays January 7. Coach Cannon has only two of last year's first team letter men back. However, he has some promising new material and a number of men who either made the second team last year or who came out for the teams.

All but one of the players who stand the best chances of making the first basketball team won their letters in football this fall. This one is Pattison, a new man, who entered school late. Pattison, by the way, would have made some one hustle for the football team had he entered school at the start. As it was, his late entrance handicapped him. He won his monogram on the second football team, however.

Captain Cannon's two regulars are Skilling, forward, who did most of the scoring for the basketball team last year, and Muir, this year's football captain, who played center on the basket-tossers last season.

The men who have been showing up best so far in practice are: Skilling, Timothy, Ross and Bigelow at forwards; Johnson, Umstot, Wagner, Hayden and Pattison at guards. So far, Muir is the chief contender for the center position. Coach Cannon, however, is planning to work one of his fast forwards as a substitute center.

South Cottage Officers' Quarters

The South Cottage has now been converted into quarters for the cadet commissioned officers. All of those who formerly were quartered in the barracks have moved over to the cottage. Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant, is the instructor in charge. The Cadets living in the cottage are: Captain Bruce Johnson, First-Lieutenants Stanley Skilling and Howard Hayden, Second-Lieutenants Frank Blaney and John Bland.

Mummah at Great Lakes

A recent letter received by Major W. L. Ganssle from the mother of Glade Mummah, says that Glade is now in the navy and at present is going to school at the Great Lakes. She writes that he is very much pleased with his new work. Mummah was a student at St. John's last year. He enlisted in the navy last summer. His home is in Colorado Springs.

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Rudolf May Enter West Point

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School, recently received a request from the father of Henry Rudolf for a list of the younger Rudolf's grades made while he was a student in St. John's, saying that he hoped to enter West Point.

Rudolf was a cadet at St. John's from 1915 to 1918 leaving to enlist in the Marines. He is still in military service but has received an appointment as first alternate to the United States Military Academy at West Point. His home is in Indiana Harbor, Indiana.

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Many Were In First Grade

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Skirmisher to England and Syria

The SKIRMISHER had quit boasting of its national circulation, for other publications have that to boast of, too. Its circulation now goes beyond the limits of the United States. Which means that one will go all the way to Beirut, Syria, to Mrs. Sophie W. Small, mother of Captain S. W. Small and another to Mr. W. H. Allen, Cardiff, South Wales, England, a former St. John's instructor.

Worley Discharged From Navy

Major W. L. Ganssle recently received a letter from a former St. John's cadet, Gordon Worley, asking that a catalog be sent to a friend of his who is interested in the school. Worley was a student here in 1916-17-18, leaving in 1918 to enlist in the navy. He had recently been discharged when he wrote to Major Ganssle. He can be addressed at his home in Marlow, Oklahoma.

Faculty Men Help "Y" Win

The victory of the Salina Y. M. C. A. over the Salina Business College, 36 to 18, was especially interesting to the Cadets as Captain S. W. Small and Captain Charles Cannon of the St. John's faculty played with the Y team. The game was played after the St. John's-Commerce game. Captain Small was forced to leave the game in the first half because of an injury to his knee but not until he had made 25 of the 36 points made by his team. He plays forward on the Y. M. C. A. team and Captain Cannon plays guard.

'Tis As Clear as Glass

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