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TO COLLEGE NEXT

ALL OF ST. JOHN'S CLASS OF
1920 MAY GO

CLASS OF 1920

HOWARD HAYDEN
ROBERT BRUCE JOHNSON
RALPH I. MUIR
HENRY C. PERRY
D. BELLMONT RISING
LLOYD S. UMSTOT

Four of the six Cadets who were graduated from St. John's Military School this year have definitely decided to go to college—three of them to the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan. The two others also probably will go to some college or university but had not definitely decided when they left Salina.

Bruce Johnson, Ralph Muir and Bellmont Rising have already made arrangements to enter the Agricultural College at Manhattan. Johnson and Muir will study agriculture and Rising engineering. Perry and Umstot had not definitely decided upon college before they left, but they had seriously considered going to Manhattan with the three other St. John's grads.

Howard Hayden will go to college but he does not know where yet. He has been thinking of Dartmouth. And yet Center College, Danville, Kentucky, his father's Alma Mater, may finally claim Hayden as its own, as the Haydens, though now living in Colorado, are Kentuckians. Sentiment for the state and the fame of the Center College athletic teams have already had considerable weight with Hayden.

Hayden, Johnson and Muir won their letters on Major Wier's crack football team last fall. Umstot was placed on the second team, but he

would have easily won his place on the first team if an absence from school had not prevented his playing regularly with the first team.

Rising won his letter in basketball and also represented St. John's in track, in the pole vault. Johnson and Muir also won their letters in basketball. Muir was captain of both the football and basketball teams. All expect to go in for college athletics. And as all were excellent students there should be no question of their keeping eligible.

Muir had been at St. John's four years, Johnson and Perry three years, Hayden, Rising and Umstot two years. Hayden's home is in Greeley, Colorado. The others live in Kansas, three of them, Johnson, Muir and Rising being from Salina. Perry and Umstot live in Hutchinson. Although he was graduated with the class at commencement, Muir had completed all the necessary work for his diploma at the end of the first semester.

A picture of five members of the graduating class will be found on page 5 of this issue of THE SKIRMISHER.

Frey Gets "N" for "Endurance"

The first award made to any Cadet at the Commencement Luncheon was a miniature "N" given to Cadet Frederick Frey. In presenting this letter, Major Ganssle said that the "N" was to stand for "endurance." Frey, the youngest and smallest Cadet in St. John's Military School, was the only one not in the first class to enter the mile run.

As he was so insistent upon entering this race, he was permitted to do so. He finished, as Major Ganssle remarked in the presentation, where you would naturally expect him to finish. But he ran the whole distance, and, what is more, he sprinted at the finish.

Mrs. Maurice Hicklin of St. John's entertained recently at the Salina Country Club in honor of her sister, Miss Pauline Jones of Kansas City and Mrs. Simrall of Boonville, Mo.

J. HOWELL HIGHEST

LOWER SCHOOL BOY HEADS
FINAL HONOR ROLL

In accordance with the custom at St. John's, the grades of the ten Cadets who made the highest average in all their work for the entire school year will be published in the catalog. This list is known as the Final Academic Honor Roll.

As was expected, Cadet John Howell of the Lower School leads the honor roll, having made the highest grades throughout the year. Howell was consistent in his work. After each period of six weeks, when the grades were given out, THE SKIRMISHER published the standings of the Cadets. Each time John Howell's name would lead the list. The names of the cadets and their averages follow:

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| John Howell | 94.7 |
| Walter Howell | 91.9 |
| Verne Ross | 91.3 |
| Ned Swenker | 91.2 |
| Howard Hayden | 90.08 |
| William Bailey | 89.9 |
| Bruce Johnson | 89.66 |
| Lloyd Umstot | 89.37 |
| Hamilton Wilhite | 88.7 |
| Bellmont Rising | 87.3 |

The average made by John Howell is 3.7 points higher than that made by Theodore Tanner, who headed the list last year. His brother Walter, who won second place, exceeded last year's high mark by two tenths of a point.

Bruce V. Davis, who attended St. John's Military School 1918-19, is now working with his father, selling insurance. Major W. L. Ganssle recently received a letter from Davis, written from Arkansas City, Kansas. His home is in Hutchinson.

In addition to its regular mailing list, THE SKIRMISHER will be distributed from hotels in Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs this summer, by the Peck-Judah Company of Denver.

ARMY WINS MEET 282½—150½

Annual Track Event Interesting Despite Score

The Army Athletic Club of St. John's Military School won the annual meet held with the Navy Club Saturday of Commencement, by the score of 282 1/2 to 150 1/2. This lead of 132 points, with the points gained throughout the year made the Army the winning team for 1919-20. As a result, Ralph Muir, captain of the Army team received a gold medal at commencement and Lloyd Umstot, captain of the Navy, presented Muir with the Army-Navy cup at the Commencement Luncheon.

In the Army-Navy meet, first, second and third places count as usual, 5, 3, and 2 points respectively. In addition, one point is given for fourth place. The events, with the names of the Cadets in the order in which they finished, first, second, third and fourth, follow:

High Jump

First Class—Timothy (a), and Sanders (a), tie for 1st place; Harjo (n), Ross (n).

Second Class—Winger (a), Hall (a), and Robinson (a), tie for 2nd place, Kemp (n).

Third Class—Condon (n); Allard (n); Linville (a) and Greer (n) tie for 3rd place.

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Bunnell (a); Howell J. (n) and Hardman (a) tie for 3rd place.

Standing Broad Jump

Third Class—Condon (n), Parker (a), Linville (a), Schlesinger (n).

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Howell J. (n), Bunnell (a), Howell W. (n),

Running Broad Jump

First Class—Skilling (a), Timothy (a), Ross (n), Jack (a).

Second Class—Dearing (a), Poindexter (a), Benest (n), Stiles (a).

Third Class—Condon (n), Allard (r), Linville (a), Parker (a).

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Bunnell (a), Hardman (a), Howell W. (n).

Javelin Throw

First Class—Timothy (a), Muir (a), Skilling (a), Ross (n).

Second Class—Robinson (a), Hall (a), Stiles (a), Kemp (n).

Third Class—Condon (n), Greer (n), Parker (a), Anderson (a).

Discus

First Class—Skilling (a), Muir (a), Rising (a), Ross (n).

Second Class—Stiles (a), Condon (n), Hall (a), Poindexter (a).

Shot Put

First Class—Skilling (a), Timothy (a), Jack (a); Harjo (n) and Muir (a) tie for 4th place.

Second Class—Condon (n), Robinson (a), Dearing (a), Hall (a).

Fifty-Yard Dash

First Class—Skilling (a), Ross (n), Timothy (a), Harjo (n).

Second Class—Benest (n), Winger (a), Poindexter (a), Hall (a).

Third Class—Linville (a), Allard (n), Parker (a), Hyde P. (n).

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Hardman (a), Smith (a), Bunnell (a).

Hundred-Yard Dash

First Class—Skilling (a), Ross (n), Timothy (a).

Second Class—Benest (n), Kemp (n), Winger (a), Hall (a).

Third Class—Condon (n), Linville (a), Allard (n), Cameron (n).

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Bunnell (a), Hardman (a), Smith (a).

Two-Twenty Yards

First Class—Skilling (a), Ross (n), Timothy (a), Schaffner (n).

Second Class—Benest (n), Poindexter (a), Hall (a), Kemp (n).

Third Class—Condon (n), Linville (a), Allard (n), Greer (n).

Fourth Class—Bland (a), Bunnell (a), Hardman (a), Smith (a).

Four-Hundred-Forty Yards

First Class—Jack (a), Brewer (a), Schaffner (n), Harjo (n).

Second Class—Benest (n), Hall (a), Grayson (a), Kemp (n).

Third Class—Condon (n), Linville (a), Parker (a), Hyde P. (n).

Eight-Hundred-Eighty Yards

First Class—Jack (a), Harjo (n), Rising (a), Muir (a).

Second Class—Poindexter (a), Grayson (a), Robinson (a), Wilson (n).

Mile Run

First Class—Brewer (a), Jack (a), Harjo (n), Schaffner (n).

Two-Twenty Hurdles

First Class—Jack (a), Timothy (a), Harjo (n).

Second Class—Benest (n), Poindexter (a), Winger (a).

Half-Mile Relay

First Class—Won by Army team, Skilling, Timothy, Jack, Brewer.



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Third Class—Won by Navy team,
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Fourth Class—Won by Army team,
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SCHOOL MEDALS ARE AWARDED

St. John's Rewards Cadets Excelling
In Various Activities

St. John's Military School has made it a custom, as at other similar schools, to reward Cadets who are proficient in their studies, in military drill and who are successful in the annual field meet and on athletic teams. Other medals, too, are given in recognition of work, services or general attitude of the various Cadets. These honors, with the Cadets who received them were given as follows:

Gold School Medals: Howard Hayden, Belmont Rising; Silver School Medals, Stanley Skilling, Henry Allard; Bronze School Medals, Ronald McDonald, Paul Gardner. These medals, also, are given to the Cadets showing the highest general ability; scholarship, athletics, military efficiency, deportment and school spirit form the basis for this selection. The gold medals are awarded the Cadets receiving the highest number of points, silver for second place and bronze for third.

Athletic-Scholarship Medal; Verne Ross, Howard Hayden. This is given annually to the Cadet who wins his letter as a member of a first athletic team and who has the highest academic standing. Ordinarily only one medal is presented and at Commencement time this medal went to Lieutenant Howard Hayden, an excellent athlete and student. However, when the grades were again gone over after commencement to determine the ten students on the final honor roll, it was discovered that an error in calculation had made it appear that Ross had a lower grade than he really should have received. His final average showed him higher than Hayden and as both received their football letters, both were eligible. Ross has been notified and he will also be presented with a medal and his name carried as one of the winners.

The Sage Memorial Medal, presented by Mrs. Sage, wife of the late Bishop Sage, Bishop of the District of Salina and rector of St. John's Military School. This was presented to G. Kenneth Harris. It is given to the Cadet, who, in the judgment of the faculty, has shown the greatest development in the school year.

Christian Manliness Medal, to Henry W. Allard. This medal is for the Cadet who exemplifies by his daily life the truest and noblest christian manhood and who best uses his religion to improve himself and others.

Thesis Medal, to Howard Hayden; presented to the Cadet who submits the best thesis on a specified subject.

Lower School Medal, to John Howell. This is given to the boy who makes the most satisfactory record for the entire year in the Lower School. Howell not only was the highest in his own class and in the Lower School, but for the entire school, both lower and upper.

The foregoing medals, with the athletic medals, the bugler's cup, the competitive drill prize, the Army-Navy medal and cup, and the academic prizes were presented by various members of the faculty at the annual commencement luncheon. This luncheon is the last of the commencement program and is held in the gymnasium. More than two-hundred and fifty guests were present at the luncheon.

Commencement Program

The program, in detail, for the 1920 commencement was as follows:

Friday, May 28

Afternoon: preliminary events for Third and Fourth class entries (the smaller boys) for Army-Navy Track Meet.

Saturday, May 29

9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., Army-Navy track meet.

5:00 p. m. Battalion parade.

8:30 p. m. Commencement Dance.

Sunday, May 30

9:30 a. m. Inspection of quarters.

11:00 a. m. Commencement Sermon at Christ Cathedral, Salina, by Bishop Thomas of Wyoming. Presentation of diplomas to graduates by Bishop Thomas.

4:00 p. m. Band concert by Cadet Band, directed by Mr. P. M. Richardson.

5:00 p. m. Battalion parade, with presentation of commissions and warrants.

5:30 p. m. Formal guard mount.

Monday, May 31

9:00 a. m. Cadets take part in Decoration Day parade in Salina.

10:30 a. m. Competitive Drill.

11:30 a. m. Contest for Bugler's Cup.

12 Noon: Formation for presentation of "A's" and "N's."

12:30 p. m. Commencement luncheon and presentation of medals and prizes.

2:30 p. m. Final retreat.

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TWENTY-ONE GET LETTERS

"A's" and "N's" Are Presented To Winners In Meet

In addition to the medals which are given to the Cadets who win the greatest number of points in their class in the Army-Navy meet, the letters "A" and "N" are given those who win a specified number of points in the meet. In addition, ribbons are presented to the first and seconds in each event.

To win a letter, a Cadet in the first class must win at least 8 points for his team; in the second class, 11 points; in the third class, 7 points; in the fourth class, 8 points. These letters and ribbons were presented by Captain S. W. Small at the formation on Monday morning of commencement week. The Cadets who received 'A's' were: Greeley Timothy, Lolly Jack, Harold Brewer, Ralph Muir, Stanley Skilling, of the first class; Richard Poindexter, Horace Winger, John Hall, Buell Robinson of the second

Get Commissions and Warrants
Commissions and warrants were presented to the cadet officers and non-commissioned officers at the battalion parade Sunday of commencement. The commissions presented to the officers were signed by Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas. Those Cadets who received commissions were: as Captains, Bruce Johnson, Ralph Muir; as first lieutenants, Stanley Skilling, Howard Hayden; as second lieutenants, Frank Blaney, Belmont Rising, Lloyd Umstot.

Those who received the non-commissioned officers' warrants were: Sergeant-Major, Henry C. Perry; Sergeants, Lawrence Bigelow, John Fleming, Howard Fulwider, Paul Gardner, Kenneth Harris, Lydon Lippincott, Verne Ross, Edward Sudendorf.

Coporals Melvin Jackson, Robert Linville, Ronald McDonald, Waldron Sanders, Clarence Wagner, Horace Winger.

Lance-Corporals, Henry Allard, Davis Bland, Porter Hyde, Preston Hyde.

Bugler's Cup to Bigelow

This year's contest for the bugler's cup had only two entries, as four of the six buglers decided that the cup lay between Cadets Belmont Rising and Lawrence Bigelow of the band. Both are solo cornetists in the band.

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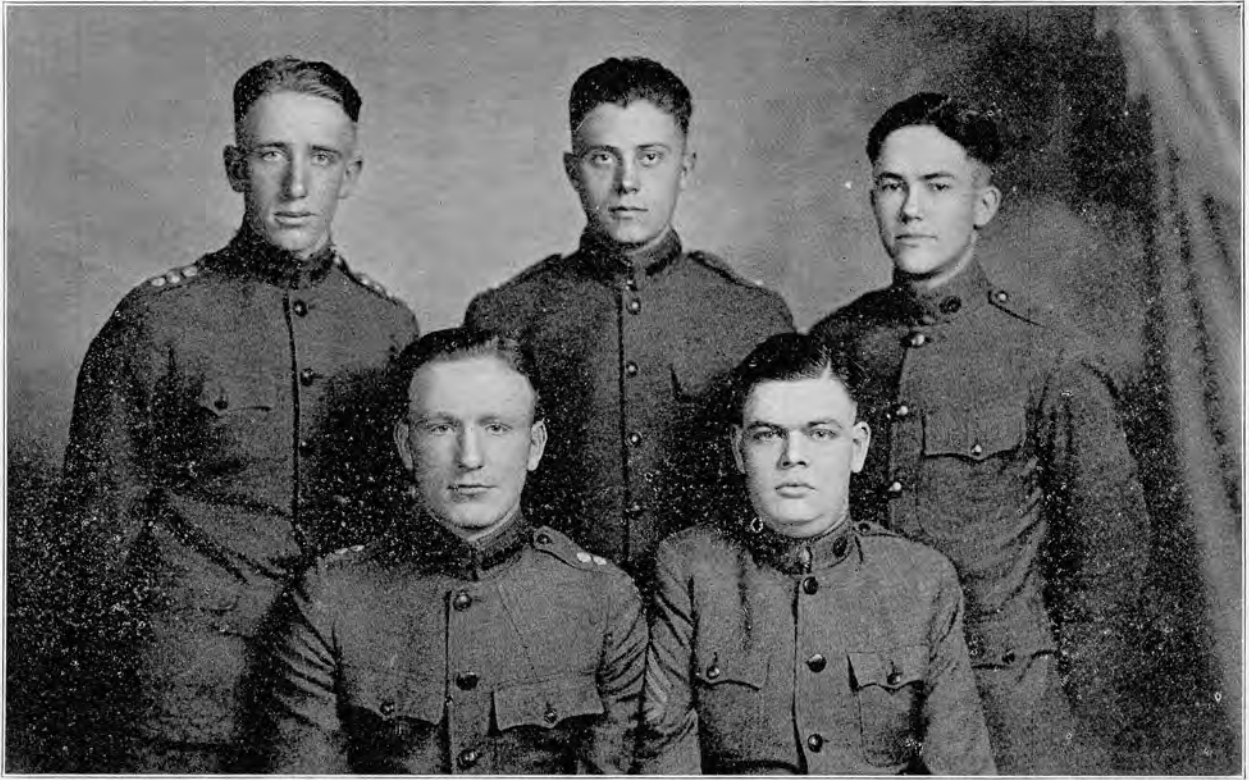
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BOTTOM ROW—Howard Hayden, Henry Perry.

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That good athletes can be good students is shown by the records of four boys at St. John's Military School. The first and second places in the Sixth Form, which corresponds to the senior class in high school, and in the Fifth Form, or junior class in regular high school work, were held by Cadets who had won their letter on the football team. In addition, one of these, Bruce Johnson, won his basketball letter and Verne Ross made the second basketball team.

As the grades for the entire year are taken into consideration in determining the first and second Cadet in each form, it is evident that a "slump" during football season would have put the cadet out of the race. The four Cadets were: Sixth Form, Hayden 1st, Johnson 2nd. Fifth Form, Ross 1st, Sanders 2nd.

The Cadet winning first place in a form is given a silver loving cup and a book goes to the Cadet who is second. Hayden and Johnson, first and second respectively of the senior class, held the same real relative position last year. Hayden was the first in the Junior Class, or Fifth Form, with Johnson a close second.

Jefferson Schlesinger, who led the Third Form this year, also had a high mark last year, winning second place in the Second Form.

Davis Bland, who was first in his form last year, was "nosed out" of first place this year by Walter Howell. Bland got second place. The names of the Cadets whose averages for the year entitle them to first and second place follow:

Sixth Form

1st—Howard Hayden
2nd—Bruce Johnson

Fifth Form

1st—Verne Ross
2nd—Waldron Sanders

Fourth Form

1st—Robert Kirkpatrick
2nd—Gardiner Hart

Third Form

1st—Jefferson Schlesinger
2nd—Richard Poindexter

Second Form

1st—Walter Howell
2nd—Davis Bland

First Form

1st—John Howell
2nd—William Bailey

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Condon Wins Most Points

The highest individual point winner in the Army-Navy meet was Harold Condon of the Navy Club who led with 36 points. Each year four medals are presented to the high-point winners in each of the four classes. The two clubs divided honors in this respect this year, the highest in the first and fourth classes being from the Army Club and in the second and third classes from the Navy Club. The Cadets, with their class and number of points won were: First class, Stanley Skilling, Army, 33 points; Second class, Vernon Benest, Navy, 27 points; Third class, Harold Condon, Navy, 36 points; Fourth class, Davis Bland, Army, 31 points.

Pattison Sees the Governor

Cadet Donald Pattison called on Governor Allen during the tour of the Capitol made by Cadets who attended the dance at Bethany College, Topeka. The governor was very much surprised. So was Cadet Pattison. Pattison, with several other Cadets, had been taking in the Capitol from top to bottom. They had become so accustomed to opening doors and walking into various rooms of interest that Pattison, in his curiosity, failed to notice the sign "Private" on one particular door.

Open Amusement Park

Just what their persuasive powers were they did not divulge, but four Cadets who took the trip to Topeka are said to have induced the manager of an amusement park to open the park for them and to show them the sights. This park was not supposed to open until after supper. However, with the training they have had of talking for a town-pass when they are below grade, it is not surprising they induced the manager to open up for them.

Umstot Presents Cup to Muir

Lieutenant Lloyd Umstot and Captain Ralph Muir, the first the captain of the Navy Club, the second the captain of the victorious Army Club, went through the annual ceremony of the presentation of the Army-Navy cup. Umstot, as captain of the losing team, presented the cup to Muir, who heads the winning team, at the Commencement luncheon.

Mrs. L. F. Pierce of Racine, who made an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, has returned home. Mrs. Pierce was met

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