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## WIN RETURN GAME

### CADETS DEFEAT ABILENE HERE 33 TO 16

St. John's won their return basketball game from Abilene High School January 31, by the score of 33 to 16. The Cadets had lost to this team the week before at Abilene 28 to 30. The game was played at the St. John's gymnasium.

Abilene made only two goals the entire game, getting twelve points from free throws. For St. John's, Skilling made 8 goals and 7 free throws. Timothy made 3 goals and Wagner 2 goals.

When the game ended, only two first-team St. John's men were still in the game, Timothy, Muir and Wagner having been eliminated, the first two for four personal fouls and the last for disputing a decision by the referee. Two Abilene men, also, were disqualified during the game for personal fouls. Sixteen personal fouls were called on Abilene and the same number on the Cadets. Five technical fouls were called during the game, three on the Cadets and 2 on the visitors. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Abilene
Skilling	F	Oberhelman
Timothy	F	Krabel
Ross	F	Pritchard
Pattison	F	
Muir	C	Little
Skilling	C	Stevens
Umstot	G	Tudor
Wagner	G	Sullivan
Johnson	G	

Summary: Goals, Skilling 8, Timothy 3, Wagner 2, Oberhelman 2; Free throws, Skilling 7, Oberhelman 12; Personal Fouls, Skilling 2, Timothy 4, Muir 4, Umstot 1, Wagner 3, Ross 2, Oberhelman 4, Krabel 3, Little 4, Tudor 3, Sullivan 2; Technical Fouls, Umstot 1, Wagner 2, Krabel 1, Stevens 1. Referee, Jones, Y. M. C. A. Timer, Osborne, St. John's. Scorer, Small, St. John's.

The following extract is from the Salina Daily Union:

St. John's cadets evened the count

with the Abilene High School when they won a rough game from the Abileneites Saturday night by a score of 33 to 16. The fact that Abilene only won by a two point margin at Abilene and the cadets more than doubled the score here gives St. John's a technical victory.

Muir, St. John's captain and center, and Little, Abilene center, were the first to register the necessary number of personal fouls to put them out of the game. Ross went in for Muir, and Pritchard for Little. Wagner was replaced by Johnson when he protested a decision of the referee. Timothy followed soon after for personal fouls and Pattison went in. Oberhelman, the only Abilene man who scored a point during the game, was replaced by Stevens when he had registered the necessary four personal fouls against himself. Both teams were using their last substitute in uniform when the game ended. Umstott, St. John's and Sullivan, Abilene, both guards, played a clean game until late in the second quarter when they could not keep out and each marred his good record with a personal foul.

Abilene led in the scoring at the start but only held the lead few minutes when the cadets took it and never lost it again. Abilene only succeeded in getting two field goals during the game. Skilling got twenty-three of the St. John's scores. Oberhelman scored every point for Abilene. The guarding of Umstott for the cadets was a feature of the game.

### Major Ganssle Returns

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School, was in Topeka, Kansas, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, last week on business for St. John's. While in Muskogee he called on Gabe E. Parker, head of the United States Indian Service.

### Mrs. J. T. Harris Visits Here

Mrs. J. T. Harris of Eldorado was in Salina last week and visited her sons, Cadets Kenneth and John Harris at St. John's School.

## WON TWO, LOST TWO

### CADET FIVE BREAKS EVEN ON BASKETBALL TRIP

The St. John's basketball team won two games and lost two on their four-day trip last week, defeating Manhattan and Junction City high schools and losing to Abilene and to Dickinson County High School at Chapman. The scores were: Cadets 38, Manhattan High 26; Cadets 48, Junction City High 22; Cadets 28, Abilene High 30; Cadets 28, Dickinson County High 36.

Nine cadets and Captain Cannon, coach made the trip. The Cadets were Stanley Skilling, Greeley Timothy and Donald Pattison, forwards; Ralph Muir, center; Lloyd Umstot, Clarence Wagner, Bruce Johnson and Howard Hayden, guards; Gillmore Osborne, manager; Verne Ross, forward, was unable to make the trip, as he was ill and reported on the sick list the morning the others left.

St. John's lost the first game to Abilene by the narrow margin of two points. According to Captain Cannon, "It was anybody's game until time was called." Abilene won the first half 22 to 18 and the Cadets had the better of the second period, making 10 points to their opponents 8. The Cadets made 13 goals and two free throws. Abilene made 14 goals and two free throws. The line up:

St. John's	Pos.	Abilene
Timothy	F	Oberhelman
Skilling	F	Van Doren
Muir	C	Steele
Wagner	G	Sullivan
Umstot	G	Little

Summary: Goals, Timothy 8, Skilling 5, Oberhelman 6, Van Doren 4, Steele 4; Free Throws, Skilling 2, Oberhelman 2; Personal Fouls, Muir 1, Umstot 1, Oberhelman 1, Van Doren 1, Little 1; Technical Fouls, Steele 2. Referee: Van Trine.

### St. John's 38, Manhattan 26

The Cadets played at Manhattan the next day. They arrived there

about noon, and most of them took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Kansas State Agricultural College. The game that night with the high school was played at the Manhattan Y. M. C. A. Court.

The cadets got the jump on the High School boys, making 15 points in the first half while Manhattan was able to make only one goal and one free throw, a total of four points. The high school played a much better game in the second half, making 22 points, but the cadets still held their lead, making 23 points the second half themselves. Skilling was much surer of his free throws in this game. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Manhattan
Skilling.....	F.....	Currie
Timothy.....	F.....	Ball
Muir.....	C.....	Thomas
		Roberts
Umstot.....	G.....	Cuddy
Wagner.....	G.....	Johnston

Summary: Goals, Skilling 9, Timothy 7, Currie 5, Ball 3, Thomas 2; Free Throws, Skilling 6, Currie 6; Personal Fouls, Skilling 1, Timothy 1, Muir 2, Umstot 3, Wagner 2, Currie 3, Ball 2, Thomas 1, Cuddy 1, Johnson 1, Roberts 2; Technical Fouls, Timothy 2, Currie 1, Ball 2, Thomas 2. Referee Mike Ahearn.

#### Chapman 36, St. John's 28

The St. John's players spent the night at Manhattan and went to Junction City the next day, making this place their headquarters for their next two games. Eating an early supper, they drove to Chapman in automobiles, leaving Junction City about 5 o'clock and returning that night after the game. The Chapman court had a comparatively low ceiling and had walls for boundaries on two sides, and a staging for a boundry on another, having but one line boundary to the court. The Cadets lost in the first period and tied in the second, making 10 points to their opponents' 18 in the first half and each team getting 18 points in the second half. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Chapman
Skilling.....	F.....	K. Taylor
Timothy.....	F.....	Phillippi
Muir.....	C.....	Miller
Wagner.....	G.....	C. Taylor
Umstot.....	G.....	Scherer
Johnson.....	G.....	

Summary: Goals, Skilling 5, Timothy 5, Muir 2, K. Taylor 7, Phillippi

3, Miller 4, C. Taylor 2; Free throws, Skilling 4, Phillippi 4; Personal Fouls, Skilling 1, Wagner 1, Umstot 2, K. Taylor 2, Phillippi 1, C. Taylor 1; Technical Fouls, Timothy 5, Muir 2, K. Taylor 1, C. Taylor 1, Scherer 2. Referee, Scott.

#### St. John's 48, Junction City 22

The Cadets wound up their trip at Junction City, with a 48 to 22 victory over the local high school. The game was played on an excellent court at the Junction City Junior High School building. The Cadets, as in the Manhattan game, outplayed their opponents in each period, making 22 points in the first half and 26 in the second, while Junction City was able to get only 8 points in the first half but making 14 in the second. Captain Cannon and his players took the night train out of Junction City after the game and arrived in Salina at midnight Friday. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Junction City
Skilling.....	F.....	Robbins
Timothy.....	F.....	Clewell
Pattison.....	F.....	
Muir.....	C.....	Bentley
Umstot.....	G.....	Moore
Wagner.....	G.....	Gay
Johnson.....	G.....	Hogan
Hayden.....	G.....	

Summary: Goals, Skilling 13, Timothy 4, Pattison 3, Robbins 1, Bentley 7; Free throws, Skilling 8, Robbins 6; Personal Fouls, Skilling 1, Timothy 4, Muir 1, Umstot 1, Wagner 2, Pattison 1, Johnson 1, Hayden 1. Robbins 3, Bentley 3, Moore 2, Gay 3; Technical Fouls, Skilling 1, Timothy 1, Pattison 1, Gay 2. Referee, Morrilton.

#### Are Showered With Soup

While basketball players always welcome their hot shower after a game, Skilling and Wagner received hot showers before one game that were not so welcome. At a restaurant in Junction City, a waitress spilled a bowl of hot soup on these two cadets. Seemingly thinking she had not done a good job for Wagner, she brought in a second bowl of soup and spilled this on him, too. Wagner tried to get a hurry-up job of cleaning done, but when the uniform was returned, it smelled so strongly of gasoline that every one on the train that night made unfeeling remarks whenever Wagner attempted to be sociable.



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#### Blair Wilson, '02, Writes In

Among the letters from old boys that Major W. L. Ganssle has received recently is one from Blair Wilson, a graduate of the class of 1902. He requested a catalog of the school some time ago. This was sent him. Recently he wrote again and his letter, in part, reads as follows:

"Your letter and the catalogue of the school reached me safely and I thank you very much for them both, which I enjoyed immensely. I have just returned from two years service in France, have been discharged and am now busy trying to pick up the loose threads and readjust myself to the life of a civilian.

"I left the States before there was any marked change in business or prices, incident to the war and I return to find things topsy-turvy. I may take a trip West in the spring, and if I do I will route myself via Salina."

Wilson was the winner of the military drill medal in 1901. He was captain of the 1902 football team and played on the basketball and baseball teams.

His present address is: 409 Boto-tourt Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

#### W. W. Kemp Visits St. John's

Mr. W. W. Kemp of Colorado stopped off for a brief visit recently with his son, Cadet Vincent Kemp. Mr. Kemp was on his way to Chicago.



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**CADETS 36, MINNEAPOLIS 19**

**St. John's Wins First Game Played on  
Home Court**

The Cadets won the first game on the regular high-school schedule January 17, defeating Minneapolis High School 36 to 19. The game was played in the St. John's gymnasium.

Although the cadets won the first half 14 to 6 and the second half 22 to 13, the visitors were playing all the time and kept the St. John's players working to beat them. Minneapolis played a much better game in the second half than in the first period. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Minneapolis
Timothy.....	F.....	Feathers
	F.....	Beckwith
Skilling.....	F.....	Cooper
Muir.....	C.....	Elliot
Wagner.....	G.....	Barber
Umstot.....	G.....	Shrieve

Summary: Goals, Timothy 8, Skilling 6, Muir 1, Feathers 2, Elliot 2, Beckwith 3. Free throws: Skilling 6, Barber 5. Personal fouls: Timothy 2, Skilling 2, Wagner 2, Umstot 2. Feathers 1, Elliot 1, Barber 1, Shrieve 1, Beckwith 2. Technical fouls: Timothy 4, Cooper 1, Shrieve 1, Beckwith 1.

Referee, Coach Boyer, Salina High School. Timekeeper, Osborne, St. John's. Scorer, Small, St. John's.

**Third-Form Cadets Have Club**

Some of the Third-Form cadets have organized a club open only to members of that form. Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent has given them the room in Vail Hall formerly used as the kodak room. The present members are: Robert Bell, president; Paul Gardiner, treasurer; Harold Condon, Vernon Benest, Henry Allard, Richard Poindexter, Cecil Straub, Chester Leflang.

**Landers Runs Well**

Cadet Robert Landers of the Lower School has been showing surprising form as a long-distance runner. It is probable that a match will be arranged between him and Cadet Gardner Hart, the present record-holder.

**Here To Enter His Son**

Mr. A. C. Leflang of Omaha was in Salina recently and entered his son as a cadet in St. John's Military School. Mr. Leflang himself was a cadet in a military school for four years.

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## TEN NEW STUDENTS ENTER

### Five of the New Cadets Are Boys From Colorado

Since the opening of school at St. John's after the holidays, eight new boys have entered and two who formerly attended but were not here the first semester have re-entered school. Of the eight new boys, one is from Oklahoma, two from Nebraska and the others from Colorado. The new boys who have entered are:

Mosid Artusse, Oklahoma.  
Elmer Hill, Colorado.  
Vincent Kemp, Colorado.  
Chester Leflang, Nebraska.  
George Martindale, Nebraska.  
Ernest Rushmer, Colorado.  
Stuart Rushmer, Colorado.  
Meritt Stiles, Colorado.

The two former students who returned to school were James Bragassa of Oklahoma and Buell Robinson of Texas.

### Drop Two City-League Games

Although they started out in the Salina City Basketball League by defeating a team representing the Kansas University of Commerce 50 to 7 the St John's players lost their next two league games. Salina Business College and the Y. M. C. A. were the teams that got the long ends of the score.

The Cadets before Christmas defeated Salina Business College in a practice game but the town boys turned the tables in the regular game, winning it 18 to 15. Timothy, forward, for St. John's, was sick and did not play in this game.

St. John's had not expected to defeat the older and more experienced Y. M. C. A. five, but they did hope to hold down the score. However, the "Y" won 36 to 12. In this game, Skilling, the other regular St. John's forward, was on the sick list and did not get into the game.

Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant at St. John's played forward for the "Y" and made 16 of the points gotten by his team. Boyer, coach for Salina High School, played the other forward for the "Y".

## MEETS FORMER COMMANDANT

### Major Ganssle Sees E. L. Oldham Who Trained Prize-Winning Company

While in Denver the first of this month in interest of St. John's Military School, Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent, met Major E. L. Oldham, former Commandant of Cadets at St. John's. In addition to his work as commandant, Major Oldham also taught French and Mathematics.

Major Oldham was commandant and drill instructor when the St. John's company won the pennant at the World's Fair at St. Louis, in 1904. The pennant, in a big frame, still hangs in the main entrance in Vail Hall. With it is a clipping from the Globe-Democrat of St. Louis, telling of the contest, and a faded list of the names of the cadets who took part in the contest nearly sixteen years ago—before some of the present cadets were born.

The Cadets were in camp within the Fair grounds at St. Louis from June 9 to June 18. The competitive drill was held on June 11 and the St. John's Cadets, according to the Globe-Democrat of that date "gave one of the most faultless military exhibitions since the departure of the West Pointers." The cadets taking part were picked from the best-drilled in the cadet battalion and were as follows:

Company Commander: E. L. Oldham, Tenn.

1st Lieut. P. M. VanSickle, Neb.  
2nd Lieut. J. D. Rathbun, Colo.  
1st. Sergt. C. H. Talbot, Colo.  
Sergt. W. Y. Wetzell, Calif.  
Sergt. R. F. Fitzpatrick, Kansas.  
Sergt. O. M. Ladd, Colo.  
Corp. R. S. Pearson, Mo.  
Corp. D. M. Momeny, Ill.  
Corp. C. R. Johnstone, Kans.  
Corp. R. C. McConnell, Okla

### Cadets

P. A. Cooper, Missouri.  
O. D. Fair, Kansas.  
E. K. Hall, Kansas.  
W. B. Heywood, Kansas.  
T. A. Hurt, Kansas.  
T. S. Irwin, Colorado.  
N. A. Kidd, Kansas.  
C. A. Marshall, Colorado.  
F. L. Marshall, Missouri.  
C. A. Miller, Oklahoma.  
C. G. McCandless, Colorado.  
E. Nelson, Kansas.  
J. F. Noel, Texas.  
L. G. Palmer, Colorado.  
G. F. Porter, Kansas.  
W. H. Roddy, Kansas.

P. W. Root, Missouri.  
R. W. Shelby, Oklahoma.  
M. C. Sutton, Oklahoma.  
R. E. Talbot, Colorado.  
L. A. Watkins, Colorado.  
F. A. Wetzell, California.  
P. T. Westmacott, Kansas.  
C. F. Wilson, Colorado.

### Swept Them Off Their Feet

Because of inability to guard efficiently, the Manhattan high school basket tossers lost the game to St. John's last night at the Y. M. C. A. Gym. The cadets scored 15 points before the local team got started. In fact, they literally swept the Manhattan boys off their feet.

After the high school team really got into the game, scoring was a nip-and-tuck affair, with the local boys a little in the lead.—From The Manhattan Daily Nationalist, January 22.

### Cadets Learning Native "American"

Several cadets are learning the American language. No, this does not mean that they are learning the language commonly spoken in this country and usually called "the English language." They are learning the language of a native American, namely Mosid Artusse, a Cherokee Indian.

Artusse rooms with Cadet Dickens who has been learning phrases in Cherokee and repeating them to members of his table.

### To Have Gallery Practice Soon

Word has been received by Major W. L. Ganssle from the Rock Island Island that cartridge holders for the sub-caliber Springfield Army rifles have been ordered shipped. The school has had the sub-caliber rifles since last year but has been unable to use them through difficulty in obtaining the cartridge holders which were not sent with the original shipment. Herebefore only the rifles belonging to the students were available for .22 shooting.

### Football Picture Taken

A picture of the men winning the St. John's monogram for playing on the first football team was taken shortly after the cadets returned from the Christmas vacation. A picture of those who won second-team monograms also will be taken.

Sergeant Glenn Hepworth spent the week-end at his home in Manhattan last week.

## CLASS TEAMS PLAY TWO GAMES

## Third Form 18, Fifth Form 12—Second Form 22, First Form 5

Basketball at St. John's has not been confined to the regular schedule of the first team, as a team representing the Third Form recently beat the Fifth Form 18 to 12, and The Second Form defeated the First Form 22 to 5. The various teams lined up as follows:

Fifth Form	Pos.	Third Form
Sudendorf	F	Benest
Bigelow	F	Condon
Hepworth	C	Gardner
Sanders	G	Straub
Blaney	G	Shiney
Stiles	G	

Score: Third Form 18, Fifth Form, 12.

In the next game Bell and Condon, two Third Form Cadets, played with the First Form and Robinson and Hyde P., Third Formers, played with the Second Form. The line-up:

Second Form	Pos.	First Form
Harris, J.	F	Condon
Robinson	F	Bell
Hall	C	Greer
Cline	G	Hyde, P.
Howell, J.	G	Parker
Hyde, J.	G	

Score: Second Form, 22; First Form 5.

## Cadets Appear on Stage

Cadets at St. John's took part in the "Passing Show," a home-talent production put on by the Women's Guild of the Episcopal Church recently. The Cadets were: Melvin Jackson, Laurence Bigelow, John Fleming, Gillmore Osborne, Clarence Wagner, Kenneth Harris, Greeley Timothy, Gardiner Hart. Cadet Hart gave a female impersonation, singing and dancing.

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## Many Inspired To Poetry

Inspired by the publication of the work of the Great Unknown Cadet Poet, several cadets have handed in poems, principally limericks, to the SKIRMISHER. These, however, cannot be published, as either they were too personal, or did not rhyme properly, or had faults of meter that could not be overcome—or were not poetry. The Unknown, at present, still holds the championship belt.

## Hold Parade on Sundays

Formal parade has been held Sunday afternoons, during pleasant weather, since the Christmas holidays. The parade will be held from now on every Sunday afternoon. First call for this formation goes at 5 o'clock. Each afternoon there has been a number of spectators from Salina.

## Squad Men Clean Guns

Ordinarily, the squad-walkers do not receive many words of appreciation from their fellow students, but those working off demerits last week have the sincere thanks of the other cadets. You see, Major Wier put them to cleaning all the guns.

## Indian Agent at School

Mr. Thomas Roach who is connected with the United States Indian Service, with headquarters in Muskogee, Oklahoma, was at St. John's last week. He arranged for two Indian boys, Lolly Jack and Noche Grayson, to enter St. John's School.

## Mrs. Hicklin Returns to St. John's

Mrs. Maurice Hicklin, wife of Captain Hicklin, commandant of St. John's Military School, has returned to St. John's from an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. J. Carver Jones at Kansas City, Mo.

## Cadet Frey's Mother Here

Mrs. W. M. Black of Tulsa, Oklahoma was here this week, visiting her son, Cadet Frederick Frey. Cadet Frey is the youngest student at St. John's Military School.—number four in the rear rank of the last squad.

## Ralph Dodge, '19, Visits School

Ralph Dodge, of Great Bend, a last year's graduate, visited at the school last Sunday.

## Osborne At Home

Cadet Corporal Gillmore Osborne is visiting at his home in St. John's, Kansas.

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##### Soot "Blow-Out" Makes Desperate Character of Skilling

Just because the furnace at the officers' quarters in the South Cottage, recently became choked up, "cleared its throat and coughed," Lieutenant Stanley Skilling changed color with a vengeance, Lieutenant Hayden was afraid to tell what he had seen, Captain Johnson thought he was seeing things, Cadet Gardiner Hart thought a colored man had come to room with him.

Skilling's bed is near an unused vent in the chimney. During the night the furnace evidently had puffed out, causing soot from the chimney to blow out the vent. This covered Lieutenant Skilling, still asleep, blackened his face thoroughly.

When his alarm aroused him, Lieutenant Hayden got up, turned on the light, took one look at Skilling, thought he, Hayden, was still asleep or dreaming, turned out the light and went back to bed without saying a word to anyone.

Captain Johnson, awakened either by the clock or by the bugler blowing first call, also got up, turned on the light again and saw Skilling. He could not believe his eyes, and thought that he was seeing things and was afraid to make any remarks until the others assured him that it was really Skilling.

When he found out what was the matter, Skilling hastily put on his clothes and ran over to the barracks to take a shower. He went into the nearest room, that of Cadet Hart. When Hart, just waking up, saw him, he thought a colored man had come to rob him and to be on the safe side, pulled the covers over his head to let the intruder do his worst.

#### And Now Come the Letters

It is predicted that the incoming mail to St. John's Military school will be heavier for some time, due to an increased number of letters coming to the school from Junction City and points east. Captain Cannon was worried at Junction City for fear that several of his players would not make the train. However, they arrived in time to pull out for Salina with the rest of the players.

#### Hiked During Cold Weather

The snow did not interfere with drill last week. Although too cold for manual of arms, Major Wier took the battalion, wearing overcoats, on hikes.

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