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## 14 RECEIVE LETTERS

### FOOTBALL AWARDS MADE AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### 1st Team Letter-Men

Lawrence Bigelow  
John Bland  
Howard Hayden  
Glen Hepworth  
Bruce Johnson  
Lydon Lippincott  
Ralph Muir  
Gillmore Osborne  
Penn Phillips  
Verne Ross  
Waldron Sanders  
Stanley Skilling  
Greeley Timothy  
Clarence Wagner

Letters and trophies were awarded to fourteen first-team football men, and monograms were given eighteen second-team players and the student manager at the St. John's annual Christmas party the night of Wednesday, December 17. The cadets who received first-team trophies and monograms were:

Waldron Sanders, substitute left end who later became a regular; Glen Hepworth, left tackle; Penn Phillips, left guard; Bruce Johnson, originally a tackle, later drafted to the center position; Lawrence Bigelow, right guard; Ralph Muir, captain, right tackle; Clarence Wagner, right end; Stanley Skilling who alternated at quarter and half and finally became the regular quarter; Verne Ross, half; Gillmore Osborne, quarter; Greeley Timothy, half; Howard Hayden, full; John Bland, half; Lydon Lippincott, end and full.

The eighteen cadets who played for short periods with the first team and spent long periods in bucking the first

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## HIS TEAM SUCCESSFUL



MAJOR J. L. WIER

The wonderful playing of the St. John's Military School's 1919 football team was due to the successful coaching of Major J. L. Wier. "The best prep school team I've ever seen" was the comment frequently heard on the side lines during a game. With comparatively few men to work with and with several of his best men badly hurt and needing a rest which they were unable to get, his team won five out of seven games. Every game was a hard one except one.

Major Wier played four years at West Point and was elected captain in his senior year. As a result of his playing that year, he was picked on

## TIMOTHY IS CAPTAIN

### COLORADO BOY TO LEAD 1920 FOOTBALL TEAM

Greeley Timothy, a Colorado boy, will captain the 1920 St. John's Military School football team.

Timothy was elected captain at a meeting of this year's football lettermen, held shortly before school was dismissed for the holidays. Those besides Timothy who were entitled to vote by virtue of their being lettermen were: Cadets Lawrence Bigelow, John Bland, Howard Hayden, Glen Hepworth, Bruce Johnson, Lydon Lippincott, Ralph Muir, Gillmore Osborne, Penn Phillips, Verne Ross, Waldron Sanders, Stanley Skilling, Clarence Wagner.

Timothy is 17 years old, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 162 pounds. He played half for the Cadets in every game except the first. He did not arrive at school in time to get into the first game, an injury causing his late entrance.

He is exceptionally fast and has been unerring in kicking goals and throwing forward passes. His punting, goal kicking, his accurate shooting of passes and his running in a broken field have shown him to be a versatile player.

In kicking goals after touchdown he has the record of kicking twenty-two goals out of twenty-five tries.

the All-American football team. In addition to coaching army teams, he has coached at Texas and Drake Universities.

#### Now The Constellation Period

At various times cadets have been heard to give original names to the Consultation Period, frequently calling it the "Consolation Period." But the prize goes to the Corporal of the Guard who listed it as the "Constellation Period" in distributing duties for the members of his guard.

## TWO CADETS ARE PROMOTED

**Jackson and Gardner Now Corporals  
—To Fill Other Vacancies**

Special Order No. 82, dated December 12, made Cadets Melvin Jackson and Paul Gardner of Company A the latest corporals. There are still several vacancies to be filled. There probably will be several promotions shortly after the holidays. The present list of officers and non-commissioned officers follows:

**Captains**

Ralph Muir.  
Bruce Johnson.

**1st Lieutenants**

Stanley Skilling.  
Howard Hayden.

**2nd Lieutenants**

Frank Blaney.  
John Bland.

**Sergeant Major**

Henry Perry.

**1st Sergeants**

Penn Phillips.  
Howard Fulwider.

**Sergeants**

John Fleming (band).  
Lawrence Bigelow (band).  
Glen Hepworth.  
Lydon Lippincott.  
Robert Kirkpatrick.

**Corporals**

Clarence Wagner (band).  
Gillmore Osborne (band).  
Robert Bell (band).  
Kenneth Harris.  
Lloyd Umstot.  
Melvin Jackson.  
Paul Gardner.

**Lance Corporals**

Horace Winger.  
Henry Allard.  
Davis Bland.  
Preston Hyde.  
Porter Hyde.

**French as She Is "Spoke"**

One of this year's younger cadets at St. John's is named Amour Loriaux. And here is how the euphonious French name was pronounced by some of his class mates: A-mer Lø-ry-ax.

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team into shape were: Robert Bell, Vernon Benest, Frank Blaney, Harold Brewer, Harold Condon, Orlo Dove, Paul Gardner, Kenneth Harris, Melvin Jackson, Robert Kirkpatrick, Robert Linville, Ronald McDonald, Donald Pattison, Richard Ready, Daniel Schaffner, Gus Shiney, Lloyd Umstot, Horace Winger. These were awarded second team monograms. The student manager of athletics, Henry Perry, was also awarded a monogram in recognition of his work.

The cadets to receive the first and second team letters were chosen by the Athletic Board of Control, composed of three faculty members and four students. The members of the board are: Major W. L. Ganssle, president; Mr. N. A. Barker, secretary-treasurer; Major J. L. Wier, coach; Ralph Muir, vice-president and representative of the Sixth Form; Stanley Skilling, Fifth Form representative, Lydon Lippincott, Fourth Form representative; Penn Phillips, Third Form representative. Student members of the board are elected by their forms.

**Have You Seen It?**

Cadet McNall has a new whatisit. You can judge for yourself whether the whatisit was intended for Cadet McNall or whether some young lady should have gotten the whatisit he received—some young lady that probably has a present that is just as useful to her as this whatisit is to a cadet in a military school.

Cadet McNall recently received a package from a young lady friend. Judging from his acquaintance and from the season, he inferred that it contained a Christmas present. He opened it.

The box contained a filmly, lacy something. Open questioning of cadets who have sisters and indirect but none the less earnest questioning of faculty members who are married has caused Cadet McNall to come to this conclusion:

That the whatisit is an article without which no lady's wardrobe is considered complete but that precedents so far discovered have not justified its adoption as part of the uniform in modern military schools.

What is Cadet McNall going to do with his Christmas present? That is just what he would like to know himself.



*Heywards*

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CHRISTMAS**  
AND  
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**Eye-training:** By using my system of training, your eye becomes so accurate that you can break a window every throw.—A. Loriaux.

**Visit our Roof-Garden:** We have recently opened a modern roof-garden on top of our locker. Apply for reservations early, as accommodations are limited.—Wiley & Loriaux, promoters.

### Mrs. Schlesinger Here

Mrs. Sara Schlesinger of St. Joseph made a brief visit with her son, Cadet Jefferson Schlesinger, last week. Mrs. Schlesinger was on her way to California where she will spend the winter.

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### Are Spending Holidays Here

Although most of the cadets have gone home for the holidays, St. John's is not deserted by any means. Several cadets will not go home and some members of the faculty will remain at the school or in Salina. Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent, plans to go to Colorado in interest of the school shortly after Christmas. He probably will visit Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Greeley and perhaps Cheyenne, Wyoming. Major and Mrs. Wier are spending the holidays in Chicago. Captain and Mrs. Shideler will spend part of the time in Topeka. Captain Vernon will visit in Baltimore and other eastern points. Captain Hicklin plans to spend a few days in Kansas City. Mrs. Daisy Mercer, housemother, will go to Kansas City after Christmas for a short visit with her daughter.

Cadets who will not go home are: John Hall, Jefferson Schlesinger, Aubrey Greer, Walter and John Howell, Otto Kreipke.

### School Burning Wood

Thomas Park, the wooded strip north of St. John's which has been the playground and hunting ground for the cadets for a long time, has proved a source of warmth during the coal strike. Although there was sufficient coal on hand for immediate needs, it was thought best to save this as much as possible and burn all available wood. Many dead trees have been cut down and brought over to the school. Cadets "on squad" have assisted in sawing and chopping this wood for the furnace.

### Brothers In Close Race

It seems to run in some families. The Hyde brothers, Preston and Porter, are each lance corporals in Company B. The Howell brothers, Walter and John, have distinguished themselves in scholastic lines, John making the highest average and Walter the third highest average in school. All these cadets are in the lower school.

### Now He Is at Home

Perhaps the nearness of the holidays and thoughts of "her" did it. Anyway, after hearing strains of "I love you truly" coming from the parlors most of the afternoon, Captain Hicklin investigated and found two of the football players soulfully singing. It's a great life, if you don't weaken.

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