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## HOWELL J., 1st AGAIN

### LOWER SCHOOL BOY LEADS WITH GRADE OF 93.6

Figures recently given out by Mr. N. A. Barker, senior master, St. John's Military School, show that Cadet John Howell, First Form, again made the highest average for the entire school in the last examinations. His brother, Walter Howell, who heretofore has been third, has moved up to second place. However, he has to share this honor with Cadet Verne Ross, Upper School, as Howell and Ross tied for second place. Cadet-Lieutenant Lloyd Umstot made third place.

John Howell's place as first in the Lower School and first in the entire school seems to belong to him permanently. Walter Howell also seems to belong to own second place in the Lower School and to alternate between second and third for the entire school. Ross' grades entitle him to first place in the Upper or High School and this is his second time to win second for both schools. Cadet-Lieutenant Umstot holds second place for the Upper School.

Comparison of figures for the last examination with the one before show the following changes: Cadet-Captain Bruce Johnson replaced Cadet Rising as second in the Sixth Form.

Cadets Ross and Fleming still hold their same places in the Fifth Form, Ross first, Fleming second.

In the Fourth Form, Cadet Kirkpatrick has replaced Cadet Schaffner in first place. Cadet Gardiner Hart still holds second place in this form.

In the Second Form, Cadet Schlesinger moved from second to first place, with Cadet Leflang second.

In the Second Form, Cadets Walter Howell and Davis Bland are still first and second respectively, and John Howell and William Bailey keep first and second in their form, the First. It should be stated, perhaps, that unusually close grading is done at St. John's and, from a comparison with grade cards brought by cadets from

some other schools, a grade here in the eighties probably would be much higher in some other institutions. The standings and grades follow:

#### Sixth Form

1st—Lloyd Umstot, 90.5  
2nd—Bruce Johnson, 89.

#### Fifth Form

1st—Verne Ross, 92.2  
2nd—John Fleming, 86.

#### Fourth Form

1st—Robert Kirkpatrick, 84.2  
2nd—Gardiner Hart, 83.6

#### Third Form

1st—Jefferson Schlesinger, 84.8  
2nd—Chester Leflang, 82.4

#### Second Form

1st—Walter Howell, 92.2  
2nd—Davis Bland, 87.5

#### First Form

1st—John Howell, 93.6  
2nd—William Mailey, 88.

#### Receives Letter from Syria

A recent letter that Captain S. W. Small received from his mother in Beirut, Syria, said that 10 inches of snow had fallen there recently, the first snow "within memory of the oldest inhabitant." His mother is in Red Cross work. She also said that wolves and hyenas had come down into the town recently and carried off goats belonging to the inhabitants. It takes about a month and a half for Captain Small to get a letter after his mother mails it.

#### Enter Son Here

Mr. and Mrs. John Graybill of Newton were at St. John's Military School recently, entering their son Kermit as a Cadet.

## CAUSE FOR WORRY

### AN EIGHTH GRADE BOY IS PUT IN "FOURTH GRADE"

Cadets at St. John's are put in first, second, third or fourth conduct grades each week according to the number of demerits they receive. "Second Grade" or, whatever grade it happens to be, is perfectly clear in meaning to the cadet who says it and to the Cadet who hears him. But it is somewhat mystifying to an outsider to hear some big, strapping, young man say that he is in "fourth grade."

Recently one of a certain cadet's parents was in town. The son talked over the telephone and said that he could not come to town as he was in "fourth grade". The parent was very much disturbed, for, when the son entered the school, he was in eighth grade, nearly ready for High School, and now it would take him several more years before he got into the Upper School. (Business of hastily explaining the St. John's conduct-grade system over the telephone by one of the instructors).

#### Former Cadet Visits School

Albert W. Ritchey of Kansas City, a Cadet here in 1909-10 was a visitor at the school last week. After leaving St. John's, Mr. Ritchey worked with the C. B. & Q. railroad for six years. At the outbreak of the war with Germany, he enlisted in the army and went to France with the Twelfth Engineers. He left the United States June 30, 1917 and was across two years. For the first sixteen months his regiment was in France, it was brigaded with English troops. Mr. Ritchey was wounded twice and was gassed. He was in Salina on business, and may locate here.

#### Dinner Guests at St. John's

Among recent dinner guests at St. John's Military School were Mr. and Mrs. Evan Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bangs and two children, Dorothy and Frank, Jr., and Mrs. Dorothy Simrall.

## TEAM WINS TWO ON TRIP

Defeat St. John's High 34-25, Macks-ville High 41-20.

Shortly before the end of the basketball season, the St. John's Military School basketball team took a two-day trip, defeating the St. John's, Kansas, High School 34 to 25, and Macksville High School 41 to 20. This was the second time that the Cadets had defeated the St. John's High School this season, winning in Salina 45 to 24.

As in the St. John's game played in Salina the contest was exceptionally free from fouls. Only seven fouls were called on the entire High School team and only four on the Cadets. All of these were personal fouls. Aitken, the former Cadet, again played forward for his team. However, he did not show up as well as he did when playing here, as he made only two of the eleven baskets gotten by his team. The line-up:

Cadets	Pos.	St. John's High
Timothy.....	F.....	Aitken
Skilling.....	F.....	Way
Muir.....	C.....	Long
Wagner.....	G.....	Durham
Umstot.....	G.....	Garvin

Summary—Score: Cadets 34, St. John's High 25. Goals: Timothy 6, Skilling 9, Aitken 2, Way 3, Long 5, Garvin 1. Free throws: Skilling 4, Aitken 1, Way 2. Personal fouls: Timothy 3, Umstot 1. Aitken 3, Durham 1, Way 1, Garvin 2.

Cadets 41—Macksville 20

The night following the game with St. John's High School, the Cadets defeated Macksville High School 41 to 20. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Macksville
Skilling.....	F.....	Rolosen
Timothy.....	F.....	L. Wilson
Rising.....	F.....	Woulfe
Muir.....	C.....	H. Wilson
Wagner.....	G.....	Cunningham
Umstot.....	G.....	Johnson

Summary—Score: St. John's 41, Macksville 20. Goals: Skilling 12, Timothy 3, Muir 2, Rising 1. L. Wilson 5, Cunningham 1, Johnson 2, Woulfe 2. Free throws: Skilling 5.

## Rickenbacher In Topeka

Cadet Rickenbacher spent a few day with his parents in Topeka recently.

## VICTORS IN RETURN GAME

Cadets Defeat Dickinson County High 36 to 28

St. John's Military School evened up their score against the Dickinson County High School with a vengeance when they defeated the team from Chapman in the St. John's gymnasium by the one-sided score of 54 to 25. Chapman had defeated St. John's 36 to 28 when the Cadets made their trip the first of the season. The Cadets gave one of the prettiest exhibitions of team work that has ever been seen in the local court—team work that would have made them victors over Salina High had they been able to carry this style of play into those games.

The five cadets played together all the time. There was no attempt at individual work. They fed the ball to each other by short passes and when they reached their end of the gym, either Timothy or Skilling was right under the goal. A short, accurate pass and another score was added to the Cadets' side of the board.

The Chapman five—a heavy, fast team, by the way—was simply out-teamed. However, to their credit, it must be said that they did not quit fighting for an instant. They made eight baskets and nine free throws.

St. John's tossed twenty-five baskets. Of these, Timothy and Skilling got 12 each and Rising 1. Skilling made four of his seven chances at free throws. The line-up:

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

Summary—Score: Cadets 54, Chapman 25. Goals: Timothy 12, Skilling 12, Rising 1, K. Taylor 2, Phillippi 3, Miller 1, C. Taylor 2. Free throws: Skilling 4, Phillippi 9. Personal fouls: Timothy 3, Rising 2, Umstot 1, Wagner 4, Miller 1. Technical fouls: Timothy 2, Rising 1, Skilling 1, Umstot 2, Wagner 2, Johnson 1, K. Taylor 3, Miller 1, C. Taylor 2. Referee: Palmer of the Y. M. C. A. Timer and scorer: Small of St. John's Military School.

## Mrs. B. H. Lanham Here

Mrs. B. H. Lanham of Joplin made a brief visit with her son, Cadet John Hall, recently.



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## More To North Cottage

Owing to the increased enrollment at St. John's Military School, it has been necessary to move a number of cadets to the North Cottage, which has, since Christmas, been occupied by First-Sergeant Howard Fulwider and Cadet Hamilton Wilhite only, the rest of the space being used to house visiting basketball teams. Cadets who moved over to join these two last week were: Lance-Corporal Robert Linville and Cadets Robert Bell, Harold Condon, John Hardman.

## Duke Now Has a Rival

Duke's feelings are hurt. (Duke is the Cadet Dog). For, you see, when Sergeant Kenneth Harris and his brother, Cadet John Harris, returned from a recent trip home, they brought with them Dog Harris. The latter is a Boston Bull and has diverted some of the homage usually paid the Duke.



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### Third and Fourth Forms In a Tie

Although basketball season for the first team is over, a class championship remains to be settled. The Third and Fourth Forms have played two games, the Third Form winning the first 27 to 26 and the Fourth Form taking the second 28 to 21. Several of the class players are members of the second basketball team. The line-up for the first game:

Fourth Form	Pos.	Third Form
Pattison.....	F.....	Benest
Kirkpatrick.....	F.....	Condon
Wood.....	C.....	Gardner
Lippincott.....	G.....	Shiney
Herron.....	G.....	Hill
	G.....	Kemp

Summary—Score: Third Form 27, Fourth Form 26. Goals: Pattison 5, Kirkpatrick 1, Lippincott 3, Herron 2, Benest 3, Gardner 1, Condon 2, Hill 2. Free throws: Pattison 4, Benest 3, Gardner 6, Shiney 1. Personal fouls: Pattison 1, Kirkpatrick 3, Wood 1, Lippincott 1, Condon 1, Kemp 1.

The line-up for the second game:

Fourth Form	Pos.	Third Form
Pattison.....	F.....	Benest
Kirkpatrick.....	F.....	Kemp
Lippincott.....	C.....	Jack
Wood.....	G.....	Robinson
Herron.....	G.....	Gardner
	G.....	Bell

Summary—Score: Fourth Form 28, Third Form 21. Goals: Pattison 3, Kirkpatrick 4, Wood 1, Lippincott 6, Benest 3, Kemp 3, Robinson 3, Gardner 1. Free throws: Benest 1. Personal fouls: Pattison 2, Herron 1, Bell 1. Technical fouls: Kirkpatrick 1, Wood 1.

### Cadets Get Hard Knocks

Perhaps they had a wager concerning the hardness of their respective skulls. At any rate, within the last month, there have been three cadets who have tested the hardness of their heads. One matched his against a fellow-student's teeth. No, they were not fighting, merely had a head-on collision while playing one night after supper. Another was hurt by a radiator. According to reports, he was sitting in a chair, leaning back against the radiator. Said chair slipped and the cadet struck his head on the radiator. The third cadet fell while trying to go out a door in nothing flat. Fortunately, none of the hurts were serious, but it looked for a time as if there would have to be an issue of steel helmets.

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## COMPULSORY TRAINING LOSES

### Decision For Negative In the Fifth Form Debate

A decision for those upholding the negative of the question, "Resolved that Compulsory Military Training would be a Benefit to the Country" was given in a debate between members of Captain Vernon's Fifth Form English class recently. Captain Vernon and members of the Sixth Form were judges.

Cadets Lawrence Bigelow, Harold Brewer, and Edward Sudendorf represented the affirmative and Cadets Robert Kirkpatrick, Kenneth Harris and T. M. Wood had the negative and winning side.

Cadet Bigelow, the first speaker, argued that the army was a source of education, especially to the foreign born, that the German military caste system could not arise in this country and that compulsory service might have prevented the late war.

Kirkpatrick, for the negative, asserted compulsory service would eventually mean control of this country by the military men, and that this was opposed to the ideals of a democracy.

Brewer, the next affirmative speaker, asserted that compulsory service meant preparedness and that preparedness, in the long run, would be less expensive than going into a war, as the United States did in the World War. He also contended that military service would improve men physically.

Harris, for the negative, took as his principal objection, the item of expense. He also argued that army service would destroy the average man's initiative and make him a machine.

Sudendorf affirmative speaker, contended that our present and former military policy left us at the mercy of foreign nations and that we needed compulsory training for protection to the United States.

Wood, the final speaker for the negative, asserted that men would not be benefitted as much by compulsory service as the affirmative claimed, since they were opposed to it and would not take the proper interest. He suggested, as a substitute for military train-

ing, a system of military training given in high schools, along with other studies.

### Waitin' For the Jazz

St. John's now has about forty expert interpreters of the Terpsichorean art. They are the recent "graduates" of a course in dancing given at the school by a professional teacher. All the grads are looking forward to the time when they can "shake a wicked foot" in the next school dance.

### Arranges For Uniforms

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent, was in Kansas City recently, making arrangements with the Craddock Uniform Company for the uniforms for next fall. He plans to use the same style and grade of serge that the school is using this year.

### J. G. Huntington, '90, at Reno

John G. Huntington, St. John's graduate of 1890, is now located at 218 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. He is president of the Treasure Divide Mining and Leasing Company. He was formerly located at Tonopah, Nevada.

### Sergeant Harris, Corporal Sanders

By a recent special order, Corporal Kenneth Harris of Company A was made sergeant and assigned to Company B. Cadet Waldron Sanders was made corporal to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Harris.

### Locates In Salina

Dr. Ivy Titzell, who recently placed her son in St. John's Military School, has decided to locate in Salina. She has opened offices in the Nesmith building. Doctor Titzell came to Salina from Kansas City.

### Mrs. Fulwider Visits Son

Mrs. W. H. Fulwider of South Dakota visited her son, First-Sergeant Howard Fulwider at St. John's Military School last week.

### Visit in Wilson

Captain and Mrs. Charles Cannon and little son, Jack, and Mrs. Cannon's sister, Miss Alma Beadle, spent the week-end at Wilson last week.

Cadet Henry Allard spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. H. W. Allard of the Kansas State Agricultural College, at Manhattan recently.

Cadet Gus Shiney visited at his home in Hutchinson recently.

## HIS AUTO IS SPEEDY

### But It Broke Something Besides a Record

It has no brakes, it has no lights, it has no running board, it has no wind-shield but it is still "some" automobile, fast enough to break the town speed-limit and give its owner some anxious moments. First-Sergeant Howard Fulwider and Cadet Waldron Sanders drove to Sanders' home some time ago in Fulwider's car, leaving Salina early Saturday morning.

About 4 o'clock that afternoon there came a long distance telephone call to St. John's Military School.

"This is Sergeant Fulwider talking. I'm afraid that I may be a little late on pass."

"What's the matter? Have trouble with your car?"

"No, the car's all right—the speed-cop has got me."

It seems they wanted to make a grand entry into Sanders home and they entered in style. There was a reception committee at the other end of the street. He arrested them. However, they were not held and beyond some nervous moments, during which Fulwider telephoned, they were not seriously inconvenienced.

Fulwider's car is a new make. It probably will be named after its designer and maker, one First-Sergeant Howard Fulwider.

### Dr. Donaldson In Salina

Dr. L. D. Donaldson, former instructor in St. John's, was a recent visitor at the school. Doctor Donaldson taught here from 1911 to 1914. At that time his two sons, Alex and Louis, were students here.

Doctor Donaldson saw service in France as a medical officer, going there in August 1918 and returning to the United States in June, 1919. He went into the army from the Medical Officers' Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia and was assigned to Convalescent Camp No. 4.

His son Alex also was in the army. He served in the Medical Department of the regular army for two years, receiving his discharge last September.

Doctor Donaldson's home was formerly in Pennsylvania. He is planning to return there to practice and will locate in Stahtsburg.

### Condon Visits in Geneseo

Cadet Harold Condon spent the week-end at his home in Geneseo recently.

## LOSE SALINA GAMES

## Local High School Five Upsets Dope and Wins

Despite the fact that the Cadets had previously defeated basketball teams that had won from Salina High School, the local high school boys won both games when they met the Cadets. Salina took the first game 34 to 27 and the second 40 to 31. In both games St. John's was leading at the end of the first half but the High School Five "staged a come-back" in the second period, during which they had things their way.

The team-work that the Cadets had displayed to perfection when they defeated Dickinson County High was lacking in both Salina games.

The first game was played at the Junior High School. The first score came on a free throw by Skilling for St. John's. Soon after, Salina made a basket by a long throw and Timothy then put one in for St. John's. Goals and free throws by both sides kept the score close, and the half ended 22 to 17 in favor of the Cadets.

Salina scored first early in the second half on a free throw. The Cadets however, kept the lead until about the middle of the second half. After that the High School took the lead. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Salina
Timothy.....	F.....	Gillman
Rising.....	F.....	Herzig
Skilling.....	C.....	McLean
Umstot.....	G.....	Niquette
Wagner.....	G.....	Brassfield
Johnson.....	G.....	

Summary—Score: Salina 34, St. John's 27. Goals: Timothy 6, Skilling 4, Gillman 4, Herzig 6, McLean 3. Free throws: Skilling 7, Gillman 8. Personal fouls: Timothy 1, Umstot 1, Gillman 1, Herzig 1, Niquette 1, Brassfield 3. Technical fouls: Rising 1, Skilling 6, Umstot 1, Wagner 1, Gillman 1, Herzig 5, Brassfield 1. Referee: Quigley, Kansas Wesleyan.

## The Second Game

The second game with Salina High was played the following week at the Kansas Wesleyan University gymnasium. Muir, regular center, who had been out of the game for some time on account of illness, played in this game. Skilling, who had been playing center in the absence of Muir, was returned to his regular place at forward. Salina won this game 40 to 31.

As in the first game, the Cadets out-played the High School in the first half, winning this 22 to 18. And also, as in the first game, the High School came back strong and won their game in the second period.

Salina started the scoring and, had their forwards been as sure of baskets in the earlier part of the game as they seemed to be later, they would have piled up a big score at once. However, the Cadets soon took the lead and kept it until shortly after the opening of the second half. Salina made 12 points in the second period and the Cadets made 9. The line-up:

St. John's	Pos.	Salina
Skilling.....	F.....	Gillman
Timothy.....	F.....	Herzig
	F.....	Bollen
Muir.....	C.....	McClean
Wagner.....	G.....	Niquette
Umstot.....	G.....	Brassfield

Summary—Score: Salina High School 40, St. John's 31. Goals: Skilling 3, Timothy 7, Muir 3, Gillman 6, Herzig 5, McClean 3, Brassfield 1, Bollen 2. Free throws: Skilling 5, Gillman 6. Personal fouls: Skilling 2, Timothy 1, Muir 1, Wagner 1, Gillman 1, Herzig 4, Brassfield 2. Technical fouls: Skilling 2, Timothy 1, Muir 1. Niquette 1, Brassfield 1.

## Hears From Hungerford, '18

Captain S. W. Small, assistant commandant at St. John's, recently received a letter from Becher Hungerford, a graduate of St. John's in 1918. Hungerford is now a sophomore at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich. He is very enthusiastic about university life and mentioned, incidentally, that he thought Michigan would have a great football team next fall as "Yost would be there with nine assistant coaches."

Hungerford was a former student at Racine, Wis. He left there and came to St. John's to finish after Major Ganssle, former commandant at Racine, had become superintendent at St. John's.

## Tents are Inspected

Cadets recently saw what, to them, was the first actual sign that spring is here. The tents used in camping were brought out of the armory last week under the supervision of Captain S. W. Small and inspected. "It certainly looked good to see those tents" a sergeant remarked next day."

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### SECOND TEAM WINS TWO

Defeat Bavaria High 29-22, Salina Junior High 15-8

Besides playing with the first team men, helping them in their daily grind of practice, the St. John's second basketball team found time to play games of their own. Towards the last of the season they played two games, defeating Bavaria High 29 to 22 and the Salina Junior High School 15 to 8. Jack and Pattison at forward and Ross at guard did most of the scoring for their team in both games. The line-up:

Cadets	Pos.	Bavaria
Pattison.....	F.....	Davis, S.
Benest.....	F.....	Davis, E.
Jack.....	C.....	Bacon
Shiney.....	G.....	Donnelly
Wood.....	G.....	Ringer
Ross.....	G.....	

Summary—Score: St. John's Seconds 29, Bavaria 22. Goals: Ross 2, Pattison 5, Jack 4, Wood 1, Benest 2, Davis S. 3, Davis E. 1, Donnelly 1, Ringer 1. Free throws: Pattison 1, Davis S. 9. Personal fouls: Ross 1, Pattison 1, Jack 1, Shiney 3, Wood 4, Benest 1, Davis S. 1, Davis E. 1. Technical fouls: Ross 3, Jack 1, Shiney 3, Wood 3, Benest 3, Davis S. 1, Davis E. 1.

Cadets	Pos.	Junior High
Pattison.....	F.....	Green
Ross.....	F.....	Aimes
Jack.....	C.....	Kane
Wood.....	G.....	Cantrell
Shiney.....	G.....	Johnson

Summary—Score: St. John's Seconds 15, Junior High 8. Goals: Pattison 2, Ross 2, Jack 3. Green 1, Johnson 1. Free throws: Pattison 1, Green 3, Kane 1. Personal fouls: Wood 1, Shiney 1, Green 2, Kane 1, Cantrell 1, Johnson 1.

### Mrs. Linville Dies

Cadet Lance-Corporal Robert Linville was called to his home in Wyoming recently by the fatal illness of his mother. Mrs. Linville visited at St. John's Military School last fall, coming here to enter her son in school.

### Team Guests at K. W. U. Game

Members of the St. John's School basketball team were the guests of Coach Quigley recently at the basketball game between Kansas Wesleyan University and Cooper College. Wesleyan was the victor.

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Change of Insignia: I would like very much to have suggestions as to adopting a different style of insignia for commissioned officers, as the present style is very destructive to hair-nets. Lieutenant A. Cadet.

Exhibition Matches: Slugger Shinee and Slédge-Hammer Schaffner are now open for engagements in exhibition boxing-matches. We guarantee to give you your money's worth in an eight-round bout. No knock-outs, but good sparring exhibitions. Address Slugger & Sledge, care of St. John's School.

To Trade: I will exchange my red lantern for a speedometer. Reason: I no longer need the red lantern but I do need a speedometer so I can ride with Sgt. Fulwider.

Reward: I will pay \$1,000 for any one who can show me any wall I cannot climb or tight rope I cannot walk. Jackson, the Human Fly.

To Exchange: One case of Light Duty that gets you out of drill for a pair of weak lungs that takes you to the doctor's office down town. A. Cadet.

Wanted: Just one little merit that will put me in first grade, this week. She probably will have another engagement next week. T. M. W.

To Exchange: Will be glad to exchange my deserts with other Cadets or with Instructors—latter preferred, especially if they are a little late coming to the table. Sgt. Lippincott.

### Cadets Take a Hike

Major W. L. Ganssle, superintendent of St. John's Military School, recently took some of the smaller boys on a hike to the country. They cooked their supper out there and returned to the school about 9 o'clock that night. Those who took the hike were Cadets Walter and John Howell, Porter Hyde, Otto Kreipke, Amour Loriaux, Albert Smith and Robert Wiley.

### Visit Cadet Hardman

Mr. C. W. Hardman and Miss Margaret Hardman, of Wakeeney, were recent visitors of Cadet John Hardman.

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### Mrs. Rushmer Visits Sons

Mrs. Gorton Rushmer of Colorado was here last week visiting her sons, Cadets Stuart and Earnest Rushmer. Mrs. Rushmer entertained her two sons and several St. John's cadets at the Lamer with a dinner, March 24, in honor of the birthday of her son Stuart. The Cadets were James Bunnell, Henry Allard and Morris Cameron.

### Buys Fulwider's Car

Captain Charles Cannon was so impressed with the recent speed performance of Sergeant Fulwider's car that he has bought the car from Fulwider. He intends using it this summer taking oil, gasoline and other supplies to his farm. The speed record referred to was the one made in the car by Sergeant Fulwider and Corporal Sanders, in the latter's home town.



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