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In Memoriam

ANDREW WILSON, III

Andrew Wilson, the son of Mrs. A. A. Wilson of Valencia, Kansas, passed away at St. Barnabas Hospital, Salina, Knsas, December 9th, 1920. Chronic diabetes caused his death. He had been ill but a few days, but the dreadful disease must have been performing its devastating work for many months. Andrew Wilson has been a cadet in St. John's Military School since September 1919. The Cadet Corps and Band escorted the body of their departed comrade from Smith's Funeral Home to the 11:50 Union Pacific train on Saturday, December 11th. Six of the cadets and Major Ganssle went to Topeka to attend the funeral. The six cadet pall-bearers were: Harold McBride, Andrew Wilson's room-mate, Corporal Wheeler D., Lieut. Harris K., and Captains Bigelow, Ross, and Lippincott. The cadets of the school sent a floral tribute in the shape of a spread-eagle. Interment was made with military honors. Cadet Capt. Bigelow sounded Taps over the grave.

Wilson A., as he was familiarly known at school, was the namesake of his grandfather, Andrew Wilson, one of the pioneers of Kansas, and one of the great cattle kings of this state. The name is an honorable and notable one in this section of the country. This boy was the third member of his family to bear it. The name appeared to be in trustworthy hands, and everyone expected that the bearer would add new honors to those already attached to it, and this anticipation made Wilson's early death deeply tragic.

Andrew had been a member of the Boy Scouts in his home town, and had always been a lover of outdoor life and activities. He was always kind, considerate and conscientious, and was well loved by all of his school mates. The faculty and cadets of St. John's Military School wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wilson and to all who knew and loved Andrew Wilson the Third.

JAMES PORTER HYDE

St. John's School has suffered another great loss through the death of James Porter Hyde. During the Christmas holidays, on the morning of December 24th James Porter and his brother Preston, and a boy friend were out hunting and skating. They were about to return home when one of the boys suggested to Porter that they have one more skate, a race along the ice. Just at that time Preston was firing at a target with his .22. As Preston pulled the trigger, Porter suddenly jumped up and skated across the line of fire. The bullet penetrated the back of his head and he was almost instantly killed.

The funeral was held Sunday, December 26th, at Reading, Kansas. Major Ganssle attended, and in the name of the Faculty and the Cadet Corps extended deepest sympathy to all the members of Porter's family. The floral tribute sent by the school was a flag, to commemorate the position of Color Guard which Porter had held so honorably the previous year at school.

Porter Hyde was the youngest officer at St. John's. Though only eleven years old, he held the rank of Corporal, and was in charge of a squad and of the dormitory in the north cottage. Everyone loved him and respected him. He was a help to others, a loved companion, and a trustworthy officer. His going has left a gap which cannot be filled in the affections of all who knew him. His memory will ever be cherished.

Mr. L. D. Hyde, Porter's father, is an "Old Boy" of St. John's Military School. St. John's grieves with him over the loss of a splendid son.

During the three years Porter had been a cadet here, his example had always been an inspiration to other small boys.

MANY CRACK PLAYERS DEVELOPED IN CADET LINE-UP FOR 1920

Fast Colorado Man Played Sensational Game in Backfield

The cadets were all proud of our Football Team which gave us a reputation for clean play and sportsmanship that is not surpassed by any other school in Kansas.

Skilling, fast backfield man from

Pueblo, Colo., walked through the line for touchdowns in every game. He weighed 190 pounds and his speed and playing were far above the average found in the teams we played. He was a clean fighter and a consistent ground gainer, making more yardage than any other man on the team. Skilling left the school at Christmas, and his going was a severe loss, as he is as fast at basketball as at football. Skilling is expected to show up well

on some university team next year.

Bigelow, Captain-elect, was an old player and was sure of his game. His playing at Center was steady, and his weight—204 pounds—brought him through for many a quick block or tackle. Bigelow will graduate this year and his loss will be felt next season.

Pattison, who played sensational football at quarterback, gained much ground by his quick start and speedy

dodging. Pat was the smallest and lightest man on the team, weighing but 150; but his talent for coming out on top of the pile carried him through the season without injury.

Ross, who played right-half, also did some brilliant running and repeatedly scored on passes from Lippincott and Pattison. Ross started the season by catching the first kick-off of the year and carrying it through the Lincoln Center team for a touchdown.

Lippincott played his second year with the cadets as left-half. Lippincott's specialty was punting and line plunges. He will be back next year.

McDonald, playing right tackle, put fear into the heart of more than one opponent this year. Mac's weight and fight made him a dependable man when a hole was needed, and he played good football throughout the season. McDonald will be here next year and a lot is expected of him.

Simmons who played right end, nailed more than one play before it was fairly started. When he came to St. John's, Simmons had had no football experience but soon caught up with the older men, and played a consistent game throughout the season.

Gotte, who played right guard, was another strong element in the line. Gotte played in nearly every game, and was only injured once. He will be here next season and will show up better than ever.

Harris K., left guard, showed fight in every game. He was hampered throughout the season by weak ankle, but was only taken out of one game on account of it. Harris will be here next year. His weight is 180.

Shiney, the youngest man on the team, won a sweater and played a strong game. He is only fourteen years old, but weighs 170 pounds and uses it to advantage. Shiney is good for two more seasons at St. John's, and at his present rate of improvement will be one of our best linemen.

Sanders, fighting Swede, played left end and played it well. He was one of our fastest men, and went through them all. His blocking and tackling helped make our record, and he played clean football in every game. Sanders will play for St. John's next year.

Hill, substitute backfield man, had bad luck with his right leg, but played in enough games to earn a sweater. Hill does not graduate and is expecting to return for another year at St. John's.

Clark, playing on line, had luck all season and escaped injury in every game. Clark weighed 170 and was a valuable man.

Condon, the smallest substitute, filled in on the backfield and did some good work in the games he played in. He will return next year.

Johnson and Schaffner made their sweaters, and played strong football whenever they were put in. Schaffner filled in at center and other line positions, and Johnson substituted on the ends.

Brewer, Benest, Hammitt and Christensen, although not winning sweaters were at every practice and their efforts were largely responsible for St. John's record for 1920 season.

Two candidates lost their prospects early in the season when Wood broke a collarbone in the Lincoln Center game and Smith broke a collarbone at practice.

Major Wier did wonders with the team partly composed of inexperienced men, and with such a small body of men to choose from. Major Wier was Captain of the 1907 West Point team, played right guard for four years at that school, and was chosen for the All-American Team. Without Major Wier the 1920 team would never have been what it was.

Bigelow was presented with a blanket awarded to four-year men, Lippincott, Ross, and Sanders won second-year gold fobs, and McDonald, Shiney, Harris, Schaffner, Condon, Clark, Johnson, Hill, Pattison, Simmons, Gotte, and Skilling were awarded sweaters at the close of the season.

The team was ably managed by Cadet Lieut. J. F. Fleming.

BASKETBALL

Frank Gotte, Company A Corporal, was unanimously elected Captain of the Basketball Squad, and a more consistent player and conscientious leader could not have been found. His playing has been noticeable in its record of few personal fouls and clean, sportsmanlike conduct at all times.

You can't drive a nail with a sponge, no matter how hard you soak it.

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Capt. L. Bigelow

The success of the 1920 football team was due in no small measure to the steady playing of Capt. Bigelow. Most of the plays were built around this 200-pound center. He was not only a good passer but was a power of strength on the defense; but few gains were ever made through the center of the line. St. John's will miss this popular leader who has been a regular member of the football team for the past four years.

Words Is Words!

The Spelling Game that forms a part of the bill of fare at Capt. Allen's table is a prolific source of new words, and all budding lexicographers would do well to note some of these in readiness for their next issues. No doubt the following will find their way into future editions of the dictionary: "Jumpingly", "Veryious", "popular-est", "Squeek", "Pettycoat", "Kettler", "Quanty", "Xyling", "Fatting."

The spelling game not only proves a source of endless amusement to the players, but it cannot fail to have a salutary effect upon the English grades at the end of the month. However, the excuse for it is not to be looked for in the general uplift of grades, as the game was instituted at said table with the sole end and purpose of providing funds necessary to finance an occasional pie-feed. Each player is charged for his errors, or rather for the failures to continue to spell words by the addition of a letter to a word already started.

For instance, any boy is called up-



Capt.-Elect D. Pattison

Donald Pattison was unanimously elected Captain of the 1921 football team at a meeting of the letter men shortly after the close of the season. Pat was not only a hard consistent player, but had the rare distinction of never having time taken out for him, and was never replaced by a substitute in any game. St. John's is looking forward to another successful season under the leadership of its popular captain.

on to begin the game by starting a word with any letter he chooses. The boy on his right adds a letter with some definite word in view, his neighbor adds another, and so on until a word is spelled, no plurals or proper names being allowed. If a player at any time suspects his neighbor of bluffing, or adding a letter without having a definite word in mind, he challenges him to name his word, and on his failure to give a sensible word, the neighbor scores an "out". Two "outs" add a penny to the pie-feed. The next pie-feed is expected to synchronize with this issue of the Skirmisher.

Once more the Cadets can breathe. The second of the monthly exams are over and things have begun to move again as usual. According to Rev. Dr. Myers the grades average higher this month than last but many of the cadets can't seem to get rid of that uneasy feeling.

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In this issue you will notice several advertisements in addition to those with which you are familiar from past issues. We hope that these will call your attention to your needs and the responsibility that rests upon us all. It is our advertisers who make this publication possible, and we should, therefore, show our appreciation and good judgment by patronizing them whenever possible. Tell them you saw their advertisement in the Skirmisher, so that your patronage will convince them that their investment is sound and mutually beneficial.

Major and Mrs. Wier entertained the football squad at a birthday party, Oct. 21, in their quarters at St. John's.

The men had a good time listening to Major tell of his football experience at West Point. Refreshments were served at nine and were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Wier has brought out an original idea in the form of a football poster. It is a Kewpie in football garb holding a ball with S. J. M. S. on, which was surrounded by a white margin of card board having the names and scores of each year's teams.

The Cadets present were Stanley Skilling, L. Lippincott, W. Sanders, V. R. Ross, F. H. Clark, R. B. McDonald, Donald Pattison, K. Harris, Frank Gotte, A. Shiney, Harold Condon, Elmer Hill, Dan Schaffner, Marvin Simmons, L. D. Bigelow, M. Wood, Lynn Christensen, Dee Hammett, Carl Johnson and Jay F. Fleming (Mgr.).

ALUMNI NOTES

Norvin Gable, ex-'19, of Chicago, drove to Long Beach, California, with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pribble, the parents of John Pribble, another former St. John's cadet. They expect to return in their car about the middle of March.

Bruce V. Davis ('16-'19) better known as B. V. D., is working in the Assistant Manager's office of the Chamber of Commerce at Hutchinson. Major Ganssle saw him while attending a Rotary there during the past week. Bruce is First Sergeant of one of the batteries of the Kansas National Guard.

Sam Sabor ('16-'18) returned for a short visit to St. John's with his father. Mr. Sabor is the President of the Missouri-Kansas Chemical Corporation, and Sam is on the road for that Company. We all wish him success and hope that he will have to make this territory frequently. His headquarters are in Kansas City, Mo.

A letter was recently received from Gordon Oliver, former cadet Sr. Captain, stating that he is enjoying his work at the University of Michigan, but has been very busy and did not have time to go out for athletics as yet. He is rooming with another graduate of St. John's, Becher Hungerford (class of '17).

John Fields (ex-'19), will graduate from the High School at Liberal, Kansas, this spring. The old boys are glad to hear that he is getting along splendidly.

A check for \$1 was recently received from Cecil Straub ('19-'20) for a subscription to the Skirmisher. Straub is still living at Lenape, Kansas, and will be glad to hear from any of the cadets.

Several letters have been received from Gardiner Hart ('17-'20), alias "Martha." Gardiner was married in Cheyenne lastsummer and was on his wedding trip in New York City when last heard from. He will long be remembered as the Julian Eltinge of St. John's.

No matter how high the cost of living goes, paper will always remain stationary.

The New Bishop—Consecration Ceremony at Topeka

At last the Missionary District of Salina and St. John's Military School have a bishop of their own again. The Rev. Robert H. Mize was consecrated third Bishop of Salina at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, on Wednesday, January 19th.

Bishop Tuttle was the consecrator, and the co-consecrators were Bishop Griswold of Chicago, formerly Bishop of Salina, and Bishop Beecher, who has been Bishop-in-charge of the District since the death of Bishop Sage; the presenting bishops were Bishop Longley of Iowa and Bishop Wise of the Diocese of Kansas. Bishop Thomas of Wyoming preached the consecration sermon; the attending presbyters were the Very Rev. Francis S. White of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Very Rev. Henry S. Sizer, Dean of Christ Cathedral, Salina.

A choir of seventy voices furnished the music. A majority of the clergy of the Diocese of Kansas and all of the clergy of the Missionary District of Salina marched in the procession. The following were present from St. John's School: Major Ganssle, the Rev. Frank R. Myers and Mrs. Myers and the Bishop's two sons Edward and Robert, who are students at the school.

The Sunday following the consecration, January 23rd, Bishop Mize was formally installed as Bishop of Salina in Christ Cathedral. The School attended this service in a body.

Famous Sayings by Famous Men

Price, J.; "Bein' as if I never been there."

Kirk, "I'll knock you for a loop."

Major Ganssle, "SEATS."

Shelly, "Where's Woodie?"

Major Wier, "Watch the ball!"

Brewer, "You Tell 'em."

Putty, "I'll have the money next week."

Hart, W.; "Gimme——."

Holdren, "How perfectly horrible!"

Winger, "I'm goin' to be busted tomorrow."

Jackson, "Loan me f-f-f-four bits."

Randle, "I'm agoin' home next week."

Hopper, "Kin I have some Zup?"

Captain Barker, "I know it, ect."

Captain Allen, "Good."

Dr. Myers, "I'll Kill you next time."

Hill, "Alice."

McDonald, "How do I know?"

Sanders, "I'll wear cit's pants after the game."



The bugle sounded assembly. Each cadet was in his place. The first sergeant yelled "Fall in!" then after the preliminary movements Capt. Bigelow stepped forward to make the announcements. Every cadet heartily wished he had his overcoat for the weather could not be called warm.

Then Capt. Bigelow heaved his mighty chest, took a deep breath and bawled out, "All cadets having O. D. sweaters must wear them and them only, to these formations."

A petition is being circulated around the school for permission to wear put's also.

Ross is declared to be the champion heavy-weight of the school. While walking down the street in Salina the other day Capt. Ross came upon a man ferociously pounding a small boy. Ross stepped up and said angrily, "Say you big stiff, I'll dare you to strike that boy again." The man lifted the bleeding urchin from the ground and Ross said, "Just hit him once more!" The man did so and Ross swung a wicked haymaker at the ruffian's nose and you should have seen him run. He ran his best but he couldn't catch Ross who kept two jumps ahead of him all the way back to school.

A. Say Doc. can you give me something to keep my hair in?

B. Yes, a little box.

Jackson: Can I get a room here?

Randolph: I am pretty full.

Jackson: You look it.

Randolph: With or without a bed?

Jackson: With a bed of course.

Randolph: I am afraid I hav't one long enough for you.

Jackson: O that's all right I add two feet when I get in.

A. Do you serve lobsters in this hotel?

B. Yes if we did not we would go out of business.

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Capt. Thompson: Where is Mexico?

Nelson: On page ten in the geography mam'.

Hart: This match won't light.

Marrs, A.: That's funny it did a minute ago.

After Dinner

A. That is a keen tie.

B. Yes and it would make keen soup if boiled.

1st. Sergt. to man on duty: Go outside and see that the bear don't hibernate.

Casulty List

Priv. G. R. Smith, Co. A, Broken collar bone and torn ligaments. Result of valiant attack at practice. Cited for bravery in action and awarded the V. C.

Sgt. McKinley Wood, Co. A; broken shoulder. Result of sudden contact with opposing full back. Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor.

Lieut. Kenneth Harris, Co. B; badly dislocated ankle received in attack against Lincoln Center.

Sgt. Clarence Wagner, Band; broken ribs. Result of attack on left flank of the Abilene team.

Capt. V. R. Ross, Co. A; sprained ankle, badly bruised. Awarded one pair of crutches and a quart of iodine.

Sgt. McDonald, Co. A; Internal injuries received in battle with Lindsborg. Dislocated hips, bruised jaw, sprained shoulders. Distinguished Service Medal and Croix de Guerre.

Corp. Mell Jackson, Co. A; broken wrist received in a direct front charge on a Tin Lizzie. Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism.

Priv. Elliot Putman, Co. A; broken collar bone as result of rapid fire from a Henry four-d. Awarded Congressional Medal for heroism.

Priv. Frank Gotte, Co. A; shell shocked by direct contact with a size fifteen football shoe. Given citations and V. C.

A few weeks ago there was a rather acute shortage of non-coms. but it is now somewhat relieved. Cadet Shellenger being appointed Sergeant; Cadets Jackson, Hammitt, Shiney, Kirkpatrick, Winger, Simmons, and Benest, Corporals, and Cadet Walsh, Lance Corporal.

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Hyde P., "I'll knock you down again."

Harris K., "Who's got their Spanish?"

Captain Barker, "Go to work."

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 And perhaps 'twill make you strong,
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You've counted on the afternoon
 When you're free to run and play,
 But the O. D. spoils your dream too
 soon
 By marching you away.

If the faculty showed common sense,
 They'd really figure out,
 That they could save a pretty pence
 If they'd stop walking you about.

For when you've walked a thousand
 miles
 For not doing anything,
 You'll eat the food in piles and piles
 No matter what they bring.

About the circle with a gun
 A funeral dirge you sing,
 The rifle weighs about a ton
 Seems a mile around the ring.

If mother ran a school like this,
 Of course, you would have to mind,
 For she would punish with a kiss,
 Her disposition's kind.

She'd give you permits every night
 And let you sleep next day,
 She'd let you take in all the sights,
 And advance your next week's pay.

Perhaps that is the reason why
 You've come out here to school,
 And it, no doubt, is best to try
 To have a stricter rule.

Don't ever blame the ordained fates,
 Don't take the time to pout;
 Just look for many manly traits
 The Bull Ring's bringing out.

New Cadets

The usual quota of new cadets came
 in at Christmas and seem to be a like-
 ly bunch of fellows. So far they have
 all managed to keep off the Bull Ring,
 but all things come to those who wait.
 However, we all wish them success
 and hope that they will find the life at
 the school a pleasant and profitable
 experience. The new men are Thom-
 as, Brazleton, Houser, Snedden, Hen-
 dershot, Mize, E. and Mize, R. The
 last two mentioned are the sons of the
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Hatcher, "Have you any Skirmish
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Capt. Shideler, Salina, Kans., 1st Cornet.

Cadet Senior Capt. Bigelow, Augusta, Kans., 1st Cornet.

Sergt. Shellenberger, Lyons, Kans., Baritone.

Corp. Brewer, Havre, Mont., Trombone.

Pvt. Ellison, Loveland, Colo., Alto.

Pvt. Becker, Hutchinson, Kans.,

Clarinet.

Pvt. Gray, Platte, So. Dakota, Piccolo.

Pvt. Shiney, Hutchinson, Kans., Bass Saxophone.

Pvt. Benson, Denver, Colo., C. Melody Saxophone.

Pvt. Putnam, Salina, Bass.

Pvt. Dougherty, Dodge City, Kans., Snare Drum.

Pvt. Christensen, Platte, So. Dakota, Bass Drum.

Several other cadets are now taking lessons and working hard with a view of gaining membership in the band.

The band furnishes music at Retreat, Parade, Inspection, and on all special occasions when music is needed. The band practices four times each week, during the evening study periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays and during the drill hour on Mondays and Fridays.

It has taken much practice to work up a band this year because so many of the last year's band men failed to return and an entirely new band had to be recruited. Hard practice has made up for the inexperience of the men, however, and now, thanks to this and the efforts of Mr. Richardson, we have a band that will compare favorably with any amateur band of its size to be found.

Personal

Would the persons knowing the fellow at Lucas who built the garden of Eden please notify me as to where he gets that stuff?—A dry cadet.

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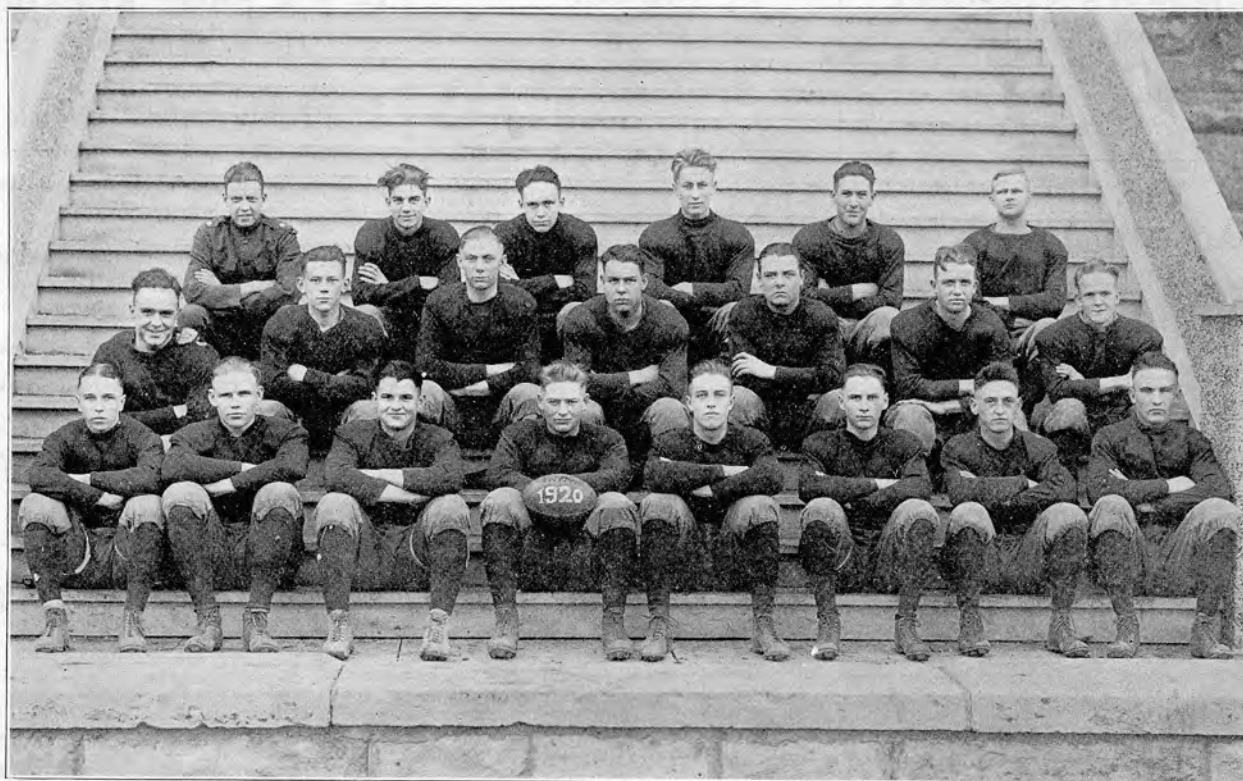
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