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## FOOTBALL

### BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING SEASON

St. John's is looking forward to a big season this fall, as a full eleven of last year's letter men are booked to return, besides several new men from whom some splendid football material can be selected.

Pattison, Captain of the Team for the coming year, will be back refreshed for the combat. Although he was the lightest man on the team last year, this did not detract in any way from his success at quarterback. He will have put on a few pounds by the fall, and this coupled with his fighting mettle will insure some fine playing from him.

Sanders, last year's left end, can be counted upon for some speedy work again. He is a fighter, and a good clean player, and will be a valuable man on the team.

Lippincott, who played full-back last year, will have gained strength for his punting, which will be a real asset to the team this year. We can confidently look to Lippy for some telling kicks and passes.

Schaffner, who did some fine work as a substitute guard and center, will doubtless develop into a first-rate line-man this season.

Harris played a good steady game at guard last season. Like Pat, with whom he has been visiting this summer, he has plenty of fight in him. This season he will probably be tried out at center on account of his size and experience.

Gotte played football for the first time last season and was a little handicapped by lack of experience. He is a hard worker, however, and toward the end of the season proved to be one of our most dependable men on the line.

Shiney, the fourteen-year-old wonder, will be back. He has given St. John's the distinction of being probably the only school in the state that has had a boy of his age playing

tackle. This year, with his added weight and experience, he should be one of our best men.

McDonald, our other tackle, was a giant on both defense and offense, and we are expecting much from him. In fact, we look to our two tackles to be our tower of strength on the line.

Hill showed possibilities of making a fine man in the back-field. He was handicapped last season on account of



CAPT. PATTISON

injuries which kept him out of several games; but he has size and speed and should develop into a first-class back.

Condon was our midget football player last year. What he lacked in weight he made up in fight and determination. We can count on him to do some good work this fall.

Johnson, our substitute end last year, was small but reliable. He proved to be one of the surest tacklers we had. He will have the advantage of the past season's experience and should make a valuable man on the line this fall.

With but two or three men missing from last year's line-up, and with the  
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## NEW HEADMASTER

### ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES THE REV. MR. HOWES

St. John's has been very fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Lyman Howes, who will succeed Mr. Newell A. Barker as Headmaster. Mr. Howes comes to us very highly recommended, having had wide experience in school work. He taught last year at Huntsville, Mo., his subjects being History and Sociology.

Mr. Howes is especially well equipped to take hold of the academic work at St. John's, as he has made special study of education and boys' work for a number of years. He is a graduate of Leland Standard University, has his master's degree from Columbia University, is B. D. of Union Theological Seminary of New York City. He has taken two years post-graduate work at Columbia, and is now a candidate for his Ph. D. degree at the University of Chicago. His specialties are Sociology, History, Religious Education and allied subjects. He has also had parochial experience in large churches in New York and as Rector of Grace Church Parish in Chillicothe, Mo., and Trinity Church, Kirksville, Mo.

Mr. Howes is deeply interested in De Molay work, a branch of Masonic work. In fact, had Major Gannslé not succeeded in securing him just in time, he would now be affiliated with that organization, as an attractive offer of the secretaryship of that order was made to him just after he had accepted the call to St. John's.

Mr. Howes visited the school during the week of summer camp, and after familiarizing himself thoroughly with conditions here, left on a business trip for the school through southeastern Kansas. He is expected to return the first week in September, and St. John's extends to him a cordial welcome.

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.—Anon.

### THE SUMMER CAMP

On Saturday July thirtieth the cadets loaded tents and other camping equipment into the truck and started out to Mr. White's farm for a ten days camp. By noon all tents were up and the necessary ditches and holes dug. After eating the picnic lunch put up by Mrs. Mercer, work was started in arranging the cook tent, which from that time on was the most popular place around the camp. By supper time the camp was in good order and all as hungry as bears; and after supper all went in swimming and were ready for bed by nine o'clock.

The camp swing was again put up by Farley, who had had many a wild ride on it during the Spring Camp and thought that it was worth the trouble of putting up again. The crowning feature of the swing this summer was when Cline, who was trying to "hop" a visitor, thought that he had the rope in his hands and jumped, but it happened that neither the visitor nor the rope was there and he landed in the creek. Every one had his share of duckings, but Cline, Herman and Billy Nettleton seemed to get more than their share.

Another interesting feature was when Cheney and Brazelton went out on a Snipe hunt and held the sacks. The hunt did not start until after dark because, as you all know, they can not be caught in the daytime. Cheney was placed in the corn field near the Spring camping grounds and Brazelton a few yards from him, while the rest went around to chase the birds toward the sacks and lanterns. After about ten minutes a lantern was seen coming from the corn field and after a little hesitation it started toward the river. Captain Small and White followed it across the meadow and when it got to the river they were only ten yards behind. Cheney, for that is who it proved to be, called out, "CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN," and when he received no reply, he thought that he surely was lost and began to wander up and down the river not knowing which way to go. After a few minutes Captain Small and White stepped out and asked him where his Snipes were but it seems that he failed to catch any or else he lost them. The hunting party waited patiently for quite a while for the other lantern to appear and began to worry when it did not. Soon it was deemed best that some one should go over to the corn field and call him out. They called

two or three times before they got an answer, and finally Brazelton followed Cheney's path and after wandering around for a while was brought in by the two who had followed him. When they all arrived at camp every one, laughed as they reviewed the events of the evening.

Still another feature of this year's summer camp was the S. J. M. S. kite, a big six-foot box-kite with the school letters painted on in large size, which made a very pretty showing when flying. Towards the last day of camp, however, when there was not very much breeze to keep her up, she struck a still pocket of air and nose-dived down onto the top of a big tree and came to grief. Plans are being drawn up for the construction of a successor to the camp kite, to be flown on the school grounds, and it is hoped that better luck will befall her.

Capt. Small and Allen acted as cooks this summer and, judging by the way the eatables disappeared, they did a fairly good job. Mrs. Allen rendered valuable assistance in the cook-tent.

The camp was broken on Monday, August 8, the party arriving at school in the afternoon tired out after a hard day's work of packing and unloading the equipment. Everyone, however, came in with a good coat of tan and a husky appearance, testifying to the beneficial effects of the nine days at camp.

Harold Brewer called at the school recently on his way home to Montana. He has been working in the harvest fields this summer.

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### THE ARMY-NAVY ANNUAL FIELD MEET

The Army-Navy Annual Track Meet was held on the campus on Saturday May 28th, and was witnessed by a large gathering of spectators from Salina and out of town. The meet brought out some fine athletes on both sides, and a large class qualified for the club trophies. In the First Class, Pattison carried off the honors for the Navy with 30 points to his credit. Mars A. led the Second Class with 35 points for the Navy; Linville and Parker tied for first place in the Third Class with 27 points each for the Army, while the honors in the Fourth Class events went to Smith A. with 31 points for the Army.

The results of the various events were as follows:—

#### First Class Events

50-Yard Dash—Ross (n), 1st; Sanders (a), 2nd; Pattison (n), 3rd.

100-Yard Dash—Pattison (n), 1st; Sanders (a), 2nd; Ross (n), 3rd.

220-Yard Dash—Pattison (n), 1st; Sanders (a), 2nd; Ross (n), 3rd.

440-Yard Race—Gotte (n), 1st; Brewer (a), 2nd; McBride (a), 3rd.

880-Yard Race—Brewer (a), 1st; Gotte (n), 2nd; McBride (a), 3rd.

220-Yard Hurdle—Pattison (n), 1st; Brewer (a), 2nd; Hines (a), 3rd.

Running Broad Jump—Sanders (a), 1st; Pattison (n), 2nd; McBride (a), 3rd.

High Jump—Sanders (a), 1st; Ross (n), 2nd; McBride (a), 3rd.

Pole Vault—Sanders (a), 1st; Ross (n), 2nd; Pattison (n), 3rd.

Discus—Ross (n), 1st; Pattison (n), 2nd; Shinee (n), 3rd.

Shot-Put—Bigelow (a), 1st; Ross (n), 2nd; Pattison (n), 3rd.

Baseball Throw—Pattison (n), 1st; Ross (n), 2nd; Lippincott (a), 3rd.

Relay Race—Won by the Navy, (counts 5 points).

Tug-O'-War—Won by the Navy, (counts 10 points).

#### Second Class Events

50-Yard Dash—Marrs A. (n), 1st; Grayson (a), 2nd; Shields (a), 3rd.

100-Yard Dash—Marrs A. (n), 1st; Shields (a), 2nd; Smith E. (n), 3rd.

220-Yard Dash—Marrs A. (n), 1st; Shields (a), 2nd; Dougherty (n), 3rd.

440-Yard Race—Shields (a), 1st; Dougherty (n), 2nd; Grayson (a), 3rd.

220-Yard Hurdle—Marrs A. (n), 1st; Grayson (a), 2nd; Dougherty (n), 3rd.

Running Broad Jump—Grayson (a),

1st; Marrs A. (n), 2nd; Hyde P. (n), 3rd.

High Jump—Dougherty (n), 1st; Grayson (a), Marrs A. (n), tie.

Pole Vault—Hatcher (n), 1st; Hyde P. (n), 2nd.

Discus—Smith E. (n), 1st; Anderson (a), 2nd; Hatcher (n), 3rd.

Shot-Put—Anderson (a), 1st; Smith E. (n), 2nd; Hatcher (n), 3rd.

Baseball Throw—Grayson (a), 1st; Marrs A. (n), 2nd; Hyde P. (n), 3rd.

Relay Race—Won by the Navy, (counts 5 points).

Tug-o'-War—Won by the Navy, (counts 10 points).

#### Third-Class Events

50-Yard Dash—Linville (a), 1st; Shaffer (a), 2nd; Parker (a), 3rd.

100-Yard Dash—Linville (a), 1st; Shaffer (a), 2nd; Parker (a), 3rd.

220-Yard Dash—Linville (a), 1st; Shaffer (a), 2nd; Parker (a), 3rd.

440-Yard Race—Linville (a), 1st; Wheeler D. (n), 2nd; Barnett (a), 3rd.

Three-Legged Race—Parker and Bunnell (a), 1st; Schlesinger and Wheeler D. (n), 2nd.

Running Broad Jump—Shaffer (a), 1st; Linville (a), 2nd; Parker (a), 3rd.

High Jump—Parker (a), 1st; Wheeler D. (n), 2nd; Bland (a), 3rd.

Shot-Put—Parker (a), 1st; Shaffer (a), 2nd; Wheeler D. (n), 3rd.

Discus—Parker (a), 1st; Linville (a), 2nd; Wheeler D. (n), 3rd.

Baseball Throw—Parker (a), 1st; Shaffer (a), 2nd; Wheeler D. (n), 3rd.

Relay Race—Won by the Army, (counts 5 points).

#### Fourth Class Events

50-Yard Dash—Smith A. (a), 1st; Price T. (n), 2nd; Wiles (n), 3rd.

100-Yard Dash—Smith A. (a), 1st; Wiles (n), 2nd; Price T. (n), 3rd.

200-Yard Dash—Smith A. (a), 1st; Wiles (n), 2nd; Price T. (n), 3rd.

440-Yard Race—Smith A. (a), 1st; Price T. (n), 2nd; Wiles (n), 3rd.

Thre-Legged Race—Price T. and Wiles (n), 1st; Smith A. and Swanson (a), 2nd.

Running Broad Jump—Smith A. (a), 1st; Wilson (n), 2nd; Lander (n), 3rd.

High Jump—Wilson (n), 1st; Swanson (a), 2nd; Myers (n), 3rd.

Baseball Throw—Smith A. (a), 1st; Myers (n), 2nd; Wilson (n), 3rd.

Relay Race—Won by the Navy, (counts 5 points).

#### Open Event—Fat Man's Race

Shinee (n), 1st; Randle (n), 2nd;

Bigelow (a), 3rd.

#### Grand Totals

Navy 219 points; Army 205 points.

The Club Captains were: Navy—Ross; Army—Lippincott.

(A winner scores 5 points for his Club, second placeman 3 points, and a third placeman 1 point).

As a result of this field meet the following men qualified for letters:

#### Army Letter Men

Brewer 11 points.

Grayson 20 points.

Parker 27 points.

Shields 12 points.

Linville 27 points.

Smith A. 31 points.

Shaffer 21 points.

Anderson 8 points.

Sanders 24 points.

#### Navy Letter Men

Pattison 30 points.

Marrs A. 35 points.

Dougherty 15 points.

Ross 25 points.

Wheeler D., 10 points.

Wilson 10 points.

Gotte 9 points.

Price T. 11 points.

Wiles 11 points.

Hatcher 8 points.

Smith E. 11 points.

Pat and Fat (Harris) have been together all summer in Pat's home town, Breckenridge, Texas. Both have been working hard, and Fat has been doing some study between meals on his Spanish.

Kirkpatrick is coming back this fall, and a hearty welcome awaits him. He has been working for his father since leaving St. John's.

McDonald, Jackson and Lippincott, have all been attending summer school in Denver this summer in order to make up sufficient credits to enable them to graduate next June. This is an actual fact boys, as Major Wier was in Denver this summer and had a chance to verify the report.

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## CAPT. BARKER ACCEPTS CALL TO PHILADELPHIA

Capt. Newell A. Barker has accepted a call to a school in Philadelphia and will, therefore, not be with us this winter. Capt. Barker has been at St. John's for the past five years, during which time he has endeared himself to everyone by his most pleasing personality and his willingness to do anything whatever to be of assistance to anyone at any time. He will be sadly missed by the faculty and the cadet corps, who wish him all success in his new field.

In Philadelphia Mr. Barker will be associated again with one of his former colleagues and intimate friends, a fact which doubtless had some weight in his decision to accept the call to the east. It will hardly seem the same place without him, and his departure will leave a gap that will be impossible to fill.

## Dean Sizer Returns to the East

St. John's and the city of Salina suffer alike a sad loss in the departure of The Very Reverend Henry S. Sizer, Dean of Christ Cathedral, who left early in the summer with his family by automobile for Oswego, New York, his former parish. Dean Sizer came to Salina a little over a year ago, and quickly won the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. He will be especially missed at St. John's, as he visited the school regularly twice each week to conduct classes in Sacred Study. The Skirmisher extends to the Dean and his family the sincerest wishes of everyone at St. John's for their happiness in their former parish in Oswego.

## VACATION NOTES

Mrs. Gannse and Joyce left early in the summer for Racine, Wis., where they are spending their vacation with Mrs. Gannse's mother. We received disquieting reports of the temperature up in that part of the country some time ago. We hope that the heat has abated, and that they are spending an enjoyable vacation.

On July 10, Major Gannse and Capt. Allen left on a business auto trip through the western part of Kansas and into Oklahoma. They went first to Dodge City where they enjoyed a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty and the Rev. Mr. Botting, whose son was at St. John's nine years ago. They also visited Mr. Dougherty's wheat farm and saw Marion in action on the "combine". The novelty of seeing both the "combine" and Marion in action at the same time was so compelling that they followed the machine all round the field, getting a good idea of Kansas harvesting up-to-date. Marion expects to be back in the fall, which is welcome news to all.

They next went to Liberal and spent a pleasant time with Mr. Evans, and with John Fields. John is working on a farm near Liberal. He was pleased to see Major and to have news of St. John's. The motorists stayed overnight at the farm, and shared the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Heaton, the owners. The visit to the farm is memorable because it was there that the visitors made the acquaintance of "Jimmy," the pet ram, and made a close study of his crafty wiles and playful mannerisms. His movements have a meaning all their own, and he is particularly fond of putting on an exhibition for the benefit of strangers, especially when they arrive late at night. He would make a splendid instructor for the guard, as his eye is like a hawk's and always has that "they-shall-not-pass" look in it. John expressed a wish to be back at St. John's this fall, and it is to be hoped this materializes, as he is in fine shape for football. They also saw Aubrey Greer, and he, too, may be back at school in the fall.

The next objective was Enid, Okla. which was reached after sundry (and sun-dry) experiences with tires, awful roads, etc. Major met George Zacharias, cadet captain at St. John's eight years ago, who entertained the visitors to dinner. "Zach" and Capt.

Allen talked over old times, "Zack" took them driving around the city. They saw Parker, who is working in a drug store this summer, and also enjoyed a pleasant visit with his mother and sister. Charles will most likely be with us again this fall, and may be able to induce one or two more Enid boys to enroll.

Major Gannse and Capt. Allen returned via Wellington and Wichita, arriving at the School Tuesday evening, the 19th of July.

On Saturday, July 23, Maj. Gannse left Salina for Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been spending a few weeks at the Sanitarium in order to effect a cure for the malady which has been bothering him for a long time. It is in the nature of poison ivy, and has been very hard to combat. However, the rest up north is having its effect, and indications are that Major will be rid of it by the time he returns at the end of August.

During summer camp Mr. and Mrs. Shideler and Raymond Jr. went by auto to spend the week with their relatives in Topeka, Mr. Shideler returning August 8th. Mr. Shideler left again on August 20 to rejoin his family in Topeka and Silver Lake. He will return to school Sept. 1st. As summer school was over on the day Mr. Shideler left, he took Cline to Topeka in his car. Frank Somers also made one of the party, going just north of Topeka for his vacation.

Captain Small, who has been at St. John's again this summer in charge of the barracks and some of the classes in summer school, recently received a letter from Kenyon College advising him that he had been appointed to the Kirke Cushing scholarship at that College. This will be worth more than \$400 a year to Capt. Small besides exempting him from certain fees and charges. St. John's congratulates Capt. Small on his achievement, and wish him every success in his work. Capt. Small will have some classes in Chemistry at Kenyon during the coming year.

Major and Mrs. Wier left the second week in June on an auto tour to Des Moines, Iowa, where they attended the Imperial Shrine meeting. They visited Iowa City, Rock Island, and then went on to Chicago, where they visited for three weeks with Mrs. Edward Cook Moore. They returned over



the Lincoln Highway to Omaha, and thence on to Salina. They were fortunate in finding good roads generally; in fact, in Illinois they met with 100 miles of concrete and brick pavement. They were also most fortunate in that they traveled the whole 1500 miles without a single puncture.

Shortly after their return they started on a short business trip for the school to Wichita, where they were the house guests of Mrs. Sybil Harris for a few days.

Major and Mrs. Wier again left Salina on July 25 on an extended business trip through Colorado. Driving northwest by way of Hastings, Nebraska, the Lincoln Highway was reached at Kearney and followed across the state to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Cadet Frank Gotte, whose home is in Kimball, Nebraska, joined them when they reached that city and went on with them to Cheyenne. They all attended the "Frontier Days" celebration and enjoyed the various exhibitions of western life.

Three weeks were spent in Denver, where they were guests at numerous social affairs. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDonald gave a basket party at Elitchie's Gardens, at which all the St. John's cadets residing in Denver were present. After the picnic lunch had been enjoyed on the lawn beneath the trees, dancing and other entertainments filled the balance of the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Jackson honored Maj. and Mrs. Wier at a beautifully appointed dinner at their home on Sherman Street, followed by a swimming party and later dancing, entertainment and refreshments for over forty guests.

Several other very enjoyable dinner parties were given in Major and Mrs. Wier's honor; also an informal tea at the home of Captain J. S. Smith.

Unfortunately their plans for visiting Pueblo and Alamosa had to be abandoned owing to recent heavy rains which had washed out many of the temporary bridges in southern Colorado, so after several days at Colorado Springs, during which they visited the many points of interest, they started back to Salina, taking two days for the return trip of a trifle less than five hundred miles.

Several new applicants for enrollment were received from Colorado, among them three or four that give promise of being mighty good football material. It is very gratifying to know that every St. John's cadet of

last year that Major Wier saw while on his trip, with the exception of the graduates, is returning to school this year.

Mr. Allen left on August 13 for Marysville, Kansas, for a few days visit with Mr. M. K. Brooks, formerly an instructor at St. John's. Mr. Brooks had recently returned from the east, where he had been teaching French at Harvard University and doing some post-graduate work. Mr. Brooks accompanied Mr. Allen back to Salina August 17 and visited at the school until the 20th.

Mrs. Mercer left early in June for a ten days visit with her sister in Ada, Kansas. The rush of commencement had had its effect upon her, and she had not been feeling well; but she returned greatly refreshed by the pleasant change.

Mrs. Mercer has recently enjoyed an extended visit from her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. Peterson and family, who returned this spring from the Phillipines, where Mr. Peterson had been engaged in missionary work. On August 22nd Mrs. Mercer left for Ada again to spend the remainder of her vacation with her sister. She will return to school about the first of September to prepare for the opening of the fall term.

Robert Linville spent about a month after commencement with James Bunnell at his home in Arkansas City, Kansas. He then returned to St. John's shortly after the opening of the summer session, and remained at school all summer helping with the interior decorating of the building.

Edward and Robert Mize went to New York early in the summer with their father Bishop Mize, who went east in order to receive his Doctor's degree.

Parker has been working as soda clerk in a drug store in Enid, Okla., his home city. Major Ganssle and Mr. Allen surprised him one day by walking up to his counter and ordering sodas. They report that he is a speedy man at his job. He, too, is a booster.

Albert Smith has been visiting in Houston, Texas, this vacation. We hope the Texas climate has not been above baking temperature, as we would hate to see him come back "hard-boiled."

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Webb has ben attending summer camp at Camp Pitts, Colorado. He wrote for a catalog in order to try to interest a boy friend in St. John's. He called at the school recently while on his way home.

Willard Bovill has been spending his vacation up north in Sturgeon Ray, Wis. He writes to say that he is having a dandy time and raising "old Nick." He is still collecting stamps; says he has some old stamps that are worth more than he is.

Titzell has been spending the summer in Jamestown, North Dakota, where he has attended summer school. On his way north after commencement he stayed for one week in Iowa City, Ia. He wrote to say that he had been driving his father's car all over the country, so we can only hope that he lands back at school whole and in one piece.

Harry Gray wrote to say that he has been clerking in a store all summer in Platte, South Dakota, his home town. He expects to go to Minneapolis, Minn. this fall to stay all winter. He misses the orchestra, and wishes he were going to be with the old bunch again.

Mr. Shideler reports that he saw Coach Clarke, of Minneapolis, Kans., and learned that he was married and going to work in a hotel in Denver. St. John's hates to lose him, and wishes him all happiness and success in his new sphere. 'Twas ever thus with youth,—alas! a lass,—forsooth!

Horace Winger is in the Army at Langley Field, Virginia, with the 96th Squadron (Bombardment). He has been learning to fly, so we may expect him to land on the campus at any time. He may be back with us this fall. Here's hoping he is.

Hendershot has been spending the summer with his uncle at Dawson Springs, Ky.

Jay (Choke) Fleming writes to say that he is going to Colorado University this fall, but that he would like to be coming back to St. John's. He has been working in a saw-mill most of the summer at Red Cliff, Colo. He saw George Harris in Rifle, Colo. George was most interested to hear news of St. John's and said he would try to pay us a visit next spring.

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