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RADIO CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S

Cadets Enjoy a Sunday Evening Program—Weather Conditions Bad

On Sunday evening, April 9th, Mr. W. R. Weldon, of the Watson-Weldon Motor Supply Co. brought one of his outfits out to St. John's to try on our antenna. This outfit is a product of the Grebe Laboratories and is similar to the Westinghouse R. C., for which the school has placed an order.

While the results were not all that may be expected from this type of receiving set, the cadets who were on hand got a sample of what they will be able to enjoy when the set arrives.

Weather conditions in the country surrounding Salina were bad on that evening, and only a temporary ground connection had been provided for the antenna. This last condition will be remedied as soon as the weather will permit, and the cadets may be sure that everything will be in top-notch shape by the time our set arrives.

We enjoyed several musical numbers broadcasted by Mr. B. N. Winner at the Fitzsimmons Hospital, Denver; also the announcement made that it had been snowing in Denver that evening.

It is to be hoped that the next time we try to "tune in" conditions in general will be more satisfactory.

Though there have been rumors of St. John's having a radio receiving station for some time, many of the cadets were doubtless glad to see concrete evidence of the same on last Thursday, when the antenna was hoisted into position. While some have thought that we were a trifle slow in installing the set, any one who has investigated the wireless field in the last few months appreciates the conditions which exist. The demand for instruments has far exceeded the supply, and the popularity has been so sudden and widespread that factories are behind with their orders.

The school is indebted to Mr. Fegan of Junction City for the antenna wire

which he presented to us, and we take this opportunity of thanking him not only for his kindness, but also for the interest he has shown in the school. The wire which is government standard is composed of seven strands of number 20 copper wire. This wire is said by experts to be very highly satisfactory for antenna purposes. Our antenna, consisting of two wires to which more can be added easily, is 150 feet long and has an elevation of 65 feet.

In regard to the instruments an order has been placed for a Westinghouse set. This is composed of detector, receiver, and two stage amplifier on a simplified regulative circuit. This instrument will give us a range of upwards of 1500 miles under satisfactory conditions. With it we shall be able to get Chicago, Detroit, and other broadcasting stations. We shall also be able, by adding a loading coil, which is used to increase the wave length of the apparatus, to get government time signals from the government station at Arlington, Virginia.

It is to be hoped that by the time this issue is off the press that our set will be here and tuned up for the reception of concerts.

The plan at present is to install a loud speaker as soon as we can obtain it, so that the entire school may enjoy the set at the same time.

Battalion Movements

The St. John's battalion is again spending the drill periods on the field. The cadets are now learning to execute some of the movements, which they have been studying in the military science text during the past few weeks. Having received a little special instruction pertaining to the soldier and the squad, the cadets have now taken up section drill.

The battalion as a whole seems to be adapting itself unusually well to the new movements, and from present appearances should make a splendid showing by the end of the year.

HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT

Sawyer S., Defeats Condon and Wins Championship

The day for the horse shoe tournament was bright and sunshiny, and the games were played off with great speed. Many players were able to show their ability here, and exceptional skill was displayed by practically all ten players.

The semi-finals games were played by Condon, Sawyer A., Putnam, and Sawyer, S. The game between Putnam and Sawyer, S. was thrilling, and for a long time it was doubtful who was going to win. In the last part of the game the score was nineteen to sixteen in favor of Putnam, when Sawyer suddenly tossed a ringer and a leaner, making his score past the required number and ending the game real quickly.

The game between Condon and Sawyer, A., was not so thrilling, as Condon's shooting outclassed that of Sawyer and the game ended in favor of Condon.

Just then the chapel call blew and it was necessary to go. The next day it rained, and the final game had to be postponed. When clear weather finally did arrive, the contest between Condon and Sawyer, S., was pulled off. Sawyer used all the skill that he had gained through many hours of practice, and had the advantage of Condon in every stage of the game. It was a triumphant victory for Sawyer, and the pennant is his.

The official score-keeper was Captain Allen and the referees were Majors Ganssle and Weir.

It Arrived at Last

After several days of drizzling rain, which made it impossible to have a holiday that was planned, it finally cleared up and the plan for a holiday was carried out. It was a successful day and was enjoyed by all cadets. A trial track meet was held in the afternoon and proved to be a source of great excitement.

PRIZES AWARDED AT COMMENCEMENT

On Commencement day medals are given to the cadets who distinguish themselves in the various phases of school life.

There is a prize given for Christian manliness—that is, the cadet who exemplifies a daily noble Christian life. A medal, presented by Mrs. John C. Sage of Chicago in memory of Rt. Rev. John C. Sage, late Bishop of the Diocese of Salina, is given the cadet, who has shown to the faculty the greatest development in the school year.

The athletic scholarship medal is given to the cadet, who wins his letter as a member of the first athletic team and has the highest academic standing.

The Commandant's medal is awarded to the cadet ranking highest in competitive manual of arms.

The bugler's cup is given to the musician most proficient in bugle calls.

Academic prizes are given to the head of each form, and suitable recognition to the second in each form. Sweaters and emblems are awarded to the cadets representing the school in athletic contests with other institutions.

A lower school medal is given to the cadet that makes the most satisfactory record in the lower school.

An army and navy medal is given to the captain of the victorious athletic club.

The athletic medals, gold and silver, are given to cadets scoring the most points in their respective classes on the annual field day.

Marksanship badges are given to the cadets that qualify on the rifle range.

School medals are presented to the cadets exhibiting the highest general ability, scholarship, athletics, military achievements, deportment and school spirit. Gold emblems are given to those making the highest number of points, silver ones for second place, and bronze for third place.

Commencement day is a day that all the cadets look forward to with great expectations. A feeling that one has a chance to win one of the several prizes renews lost vigor and starts him to work with a renewed effort and enthusiasm.

Willing to Provide

Teacher (sternly) — Willie, give that chewing gum to me.

Willie—I'll let you have half of it.

DUAL MEET DRAWS NEAR

April 21st is the day set aside for our coming dual meet with the Salina High School. The cadets have made up their minds to do or die, and as the dope favors both sides about the same extent it would be hard to list the winners in the various events.

The schools will only be allowed to enter two men in an event, because there will be only two places recognized—namely, first and second. One man may enter four events.

Although not much is known of the strength of the Salina team, it is generally thought that most of the field events will go to St. John's and the running events to Salina. However St. John's has two men who will probably give Collier, the Salina ace, the race of his life. These two are Pattison and Sanders. Sanders is also captain of team, having been elected by the members at a recent meeting. Maj. Weir is not giving out any information regarding his team, but he has strong confidence in several dark horses, who will prove to be formidable opponents to the Salina men. The men for the events are well placed according to their ability, and now we wait for the final outcome of the meet.

The relay team has not yet been decided upon. The following is the list of the various events and the men who probably will be entered in them:

50 Yard Dash—Pattison, Sanders.
100 Yard Dash—Pattison, Sanders.
220 Yard Dash—Pattison, Hill, Freeman.

440 Yard Dash—Condon, Linville, Freeman, Lichty.

880 Yard Dash—McCracken, Grayson, Linville.

Mile Run—McCracken, Grayson.

Running Broad Jump—Pattison, Lichty.

High Jump—Sanders, Lippincott, Grant.

Pole Vault—Sanders, McCracken, Grant.

Shot Put—Hill, McDonald, Lichty.

Discuss—Hill, McDonald, Lichty.

220 Low Hurdles—Aldous, Winger.

120 High Hurdles—Aldous, Winger, McCracken.

The Limit

"Bump is awfully henpecked."

"Yes; his wife lets him eat only the things which agree with her."

—From Judge.

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Attempts to Break Into Hospital

Several attempts have been made to break into the hospital, which is situated on the southwest corner of the school campus.

The most exciting time was on Friday of last week. Six or seven times during the afternoon and evening a gang of men in a Ford car, parked in different places about the campus, had been shooed away by Condon and others. The last time did not prove to be very happy for some members of the gang. About 2 a. m. two men made an attempt to enter the building, one in front and another in the rear. This movement had been anticipated by Condon, Bowen, Winger, and Conklin, who had drawn down the dark shades and turned on the lights. Each one armed stood in readiness. Just as the man in front was making an attempt to enter, Bowen drew up the shade, which disclosed the light and disconcerted the former very much. In an instant he yelled to his pal in the rear of the building, "Better beat it quick, bo!"

The two simultaneously sprinted a hundred in ten flat for the car. In the meantime Condon, Bowen, Wing-

er, and Conklin rushed to front door. Just as they got outside, the men were already in their car and were prepared to speed away.

On previous occasions the same car, whose number is known to St. John's authorities, has parked about the campus. A week ago Sunday the hospital was entered, but nothing of any value was discovered missing. Entrance had been secured by the removal of a screen and the cutting of the glass near the fastening.

It is presumed that the members of this gang have a hunch that a lot of alcohol and drugs is stored in the building. Well, let them continue in their hunch, but let them beware of

some lead, which will not prove to be very healthy for their hide.

G. A. R. Program

The bugle and drum corps was asked to take part in the G. A. R. program Wednesday afternoon. They assembled at the G. A. R. hall and were given an excellent dinner by the members of the Women's Relief Corps. The cadets enjoyed themselves immensely. Those present were Captain Shideler, Cadets McWhinney, Putnam, Winger, Kirkpatrick, Armantrout, Grant, Shaffer, Kreipke, Linville, Poindexter, Farley, and Crooks.

Don't put things off, put them over.

Those who wish to be placed on the regular mailing list to receive the "Skirmisher" throughout the year will kindly sign and mail the slip hereunder, enclosing \$1.50 as their subscription.

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To the Editor of The Skirmisher,
St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas.

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed please find.....for \$1.50 as my subscription for the "Skirmisher" for the current school year.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Cadet Armantrout spent a week end at his home in Wichita. During his absence the S. P. D. man had a Sunday off.

Cadets Kirkpatrick, Wood, and Aldous dined with friends in town last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds, who is an assistant at Christ Cathedral, was a visitor at the school on Tuesday morning. He has many friends among the cadets.

Miss Joyce Ganssle and Miss Mary Allen entertained the boys of the lower school at a birthday party last week. Their birthdays were only one day apart. Miss Joyce celebrated her second birthday, and Miss Mary her third. The boys wish them many more.

During the past three Sundays the cadets have marched in a body to Christ Cathedral to attend services. It is not unlikely that they will attend on Easter Sunday.

In its last issue the "Skirmisher" forgot to acknowledge the remittance of Mr. W. O. Armantrout, Wichita, Kansas, for a subscription. Would that other readers expressed in the same way their appreciation of the tireless and hair-tearing efforts of the editorial board.

Captain Howes was a judge last week in a debate between Salina High and Junction City High. Salina won the unanimous decision of the judges.

Cadet Lamont Gaume, son of Dr. J. M. Gaume of Salina, is the latest one to enroll. He is a member of the lower school and rooms with Cadet Hartnett.

Captain ('Ole') Sanders, much to the delight of the student body, has returned for graduate work. Sanders is captain of the track team and expects to give the Salina High team a hard run for its money.

PROF. HEUSNER'S ADDRESS

At the weekly assembly on April 1st the faculty and cadets had the pleasure of hearing Professor W. H. Heusner, superintendent of schools for Salina, who favored us with a most interesting and helpful address. Professor Heusner is a speaker of the highest order, and is most keenly interested in boys and their problems, and, busy as he is with his important school work here, finds time to visit other communities in the interest of the great work he has so closely at heart. His coming out to speak to us, therefore, was a great favor and a real treat.

Prof. Heusner quickly put his audience in the best of humor by referring at the outset to the nearness of the dinner hour and consequent anxious longing for that time, which would tend to make them pay little heed to any speaker called upon to address them at that "ungodly" hour. He reminded them however, that he, too, had not yet dined, thus establishing a fellow feeling, and remarked that he had little respect for a boy, who did not look forward to his dinner with a great deal more interest than to anything else, as that was natural.

Prof. Heusner chose as the subject of his address "The Most Powerful Thing in The World." He had on former occasions asked his young hearers what they thought this could be, and had elicited: an elephant, dynamite and other names of powerful things. He said, however:—"I don't believe dynamite is the most powerful thing in the world. I wonder if you know that these men and women here are trying to get you to get hold of what I think is the most powerful thing in the world and that is,—an idea? Many do not think about it. An idea is a funny thing; you cannot weigh it, or see it. One can attempt to express it, but cannot see or smell or taste it. An intangible, imponderable thing is an idea. I must make some effort to prove it. It is a most powerful thing provided it gets into the mind of a man or woman, but is of little value except as it is worked out through human agencies. Human agencies are the only agencies that handle ideas. It is not the ideas that a man gets hold of that transform the world; but the ideas that get hold of a man that transform the world. In these days we have a certain way of regarding the fellow with an idea; we walk by him on the other side and smile at him, and call him a "nut".

We have for him a sort of opprobrium. He may be preaching or inventing something, but I tell you, when an idea gets hold of a man, you want to watch that man. There is scarcely anything that we have but has been the result of the possession on the part of someone of an idea.

"Carlyle said: 'there is nothing in the world that the devil hates as much as a thinking man', and I think that is eminently true. Perhaps out of that there grew the expression: 'there is nothing the devil likes as much as an idle man'. I will illustrate by one or two of my own personal experiences.

When I was a small boy I lived in St. Louis. One of my earliest impressions was of a little fellow that ran around at dusk with a little ladder. He had his pocket full of matches. Several little fellows used to run around every evening with ladders and shin up the lamp posts and light the street lamps. I used to think that was the greatest occupation on earth;—a wonderful thing; just a boy's ambition. One evening my father came home excited and said: 'I want you all to go down town this evening. There is a wonderful sight down town.' We went down Broadway and found a mob of people gazing at something. It is wonderful what curiosity is. I looked and could not see anything. Dad said: 'You wait a little while'. Suddenly there burst forth an enormous light as big as many thousands of candles would make, a wonderful sight; the first electric arc light shown in the city. Some man had that idea back in his nut. That idea caught hold of a man; he worked over it and with it, with the wonderful result. That transformed the matter of illumination. It was quite an event.

"Somewhere about the same time my father, who was in the grain and flour business came home and said: 'I have quite a surprise for you. You need not go to school tomorrow. We are going over into Illinois, and leave on such and such train.' A great journey for me; I hardly slept that night. When we got to the station there were lots of people getting off the train. We drove a few miles into the country and arrived at a field around which were standing lots of buggies, lots of teams and wagons. I watched and then I saw a farmer come out with six horses driving up with some sort of contraption attached. A number of men were around it; they had

wrenches and other tools, and worked on it. Then they stood off and told the farmer to go ahead, and then there started such a noise! Then I realized they were cutting wheat. But this contraption they had was not only cutting the wheat, but binding it into bundles and kicking it out at the side. The people yelled with delight. The first self-binding harvester! McCormick was the inventor. An idea caught hold of that man, and he worked at it and with it. A wonderful thing! If it were not for that, these plains of waving grain would be an impossibility in human history. It opened the way for larger acres of wheat. The result of an idea that got hold of a man! It is remarkable what an idea will do!

"I used to go to visit my grandmother. I used to like to go because I could have all I wanted to eat. I can see that old woman stitching away now; she had no use for sewing machines or stitching by machinery. Innumerable millions of women have spent hours upon hours stitching away by hand. When Elias Howe was taken with the idea of inventing the sewing machine, he revolutionized the whole matter of clothing of the human race. One of the most marvelous things in the world is when a man is taken possession of by an idea!

"I have confined myself to trying to give a little glimpse of the power of an idea in so far as it relates to material things. But there is another side to it. A man and wife were waiting to welcome the daughter home from Europe. Upon her arrival they said to her: 'You have graduated from college and had a good time; now tell us what you saw.' 'Well, mamma,' she said, 'I saw a young man.' No room for anything else when that idea gets into the mind of a young man or woman. And it is not to be laughed at. When it has possession of them, it has possession of them; that is all I can say about it. (laughter). Now I have you in a good humor I want to carry it a bit further. That is just a type of this thought: there is nothing more important than the ethical and moral ideas that get a grip of you now, because upon the growth and development of those ethical, moral and spiritual ideas, that do not affect material things immediately, upon the growth of the ideas, which these men are trying to plant in your minds, depends the outgrowth of conduct and attitude of those things that go to

make up life. That is why fundamentally you are here; why your parents send you here; why these men and women are giving their lives to this thing—to plant in the minds of growing boys and girls those seeds of ethical, moral and spiritual ideas and nurture them in order that when these boys and girls grow up there shall be a fruitage of right attitude and conduct and right thinking towards life. It makes no difference how skilful you are in your studies; all these are used to help you to break up the soil of the mind so that the seed can be planted. The important thing is the planting of these seeds after the soil has been broken. And the most important thing, the most powerful thing in the world is the idea that gets possession of a man."

SOME FORECASTS

Linville. Training to meet Gilberte, the great, in the prize-ring for the heavy-weight championship of Bulgaria.

Lippincott. Calling every evening at the home of "Her", in Denver, usually accompanied with a big bunch of roses and a box of Baur's best confections.

McDonald. Back in the old country hunting up his ancestors who fought in the Scottish wars; living on his income.

McWhinney. David Griffith's most hated rival in motion picture production, featuring the Mack Sennet and Al Christie beauties, Combined.

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Putnam. Consulting attorney with numberless hypothetical cases at his command.

McCracken. Teaching others "to get next to themselves."

Farley and Schlesinger. Respectively editor and advertising manager for a large Baptist publication.

Condon. Large railroad builder and contractor with offices at Lincoln, Nebraska, and Geneseo, Kansas.

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Some come to see their lonesome sons,
Some make a business call;
Still others come to peddle ice,
We meet and greet them all.

However welcome is the guest
Though governor or lord;
There's none who rate receptions
Like the postman and his Ford.

Someone will see him stopping
By the hall that's known as Vail;
And half a dozen make a rush
Midst cries of "get my mail."

And little can we wonder
When we diagnose the case,
Like postum "there's a reason"
For this wild stampede-like race.

As each cadet leaps down the stairs
At that most threatening gait,
His thoughts are on that pack of
mail,
He's praying hard to fate.

His hopes are high, his prayer is this,
"Oh! fate do please be kind."
"I hope it's perfumed—yes and pink,
Or else enclosed please find."

But oh! the poor misguided lads
Have reached the scene too late;
Their hopes are turned to anger
When they find they will have to wait.

"It's years till mail formation comes"
Some one of them will say.
"We'll Chester that ungrateful bum,
Who's Ryberged us this way."

WOOD.

Appointment of Non-coms.

The appointment of several non-commissioned officers was made on Wednesday, April 5th. Corporal E. Smith of San Louis, Colorado, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Albert Freeman, El Dorado, Kansas; Preston Pooley, Leavenworth, Kansas; L. A. McWhinney, Loveland, Colorado, and Willis Hoskinson, Turon, Kansas, were elevated to the rank of corporal. A request has been made for all shoe horns not in use to be turned in, as they must be supplied to these boys in the future.

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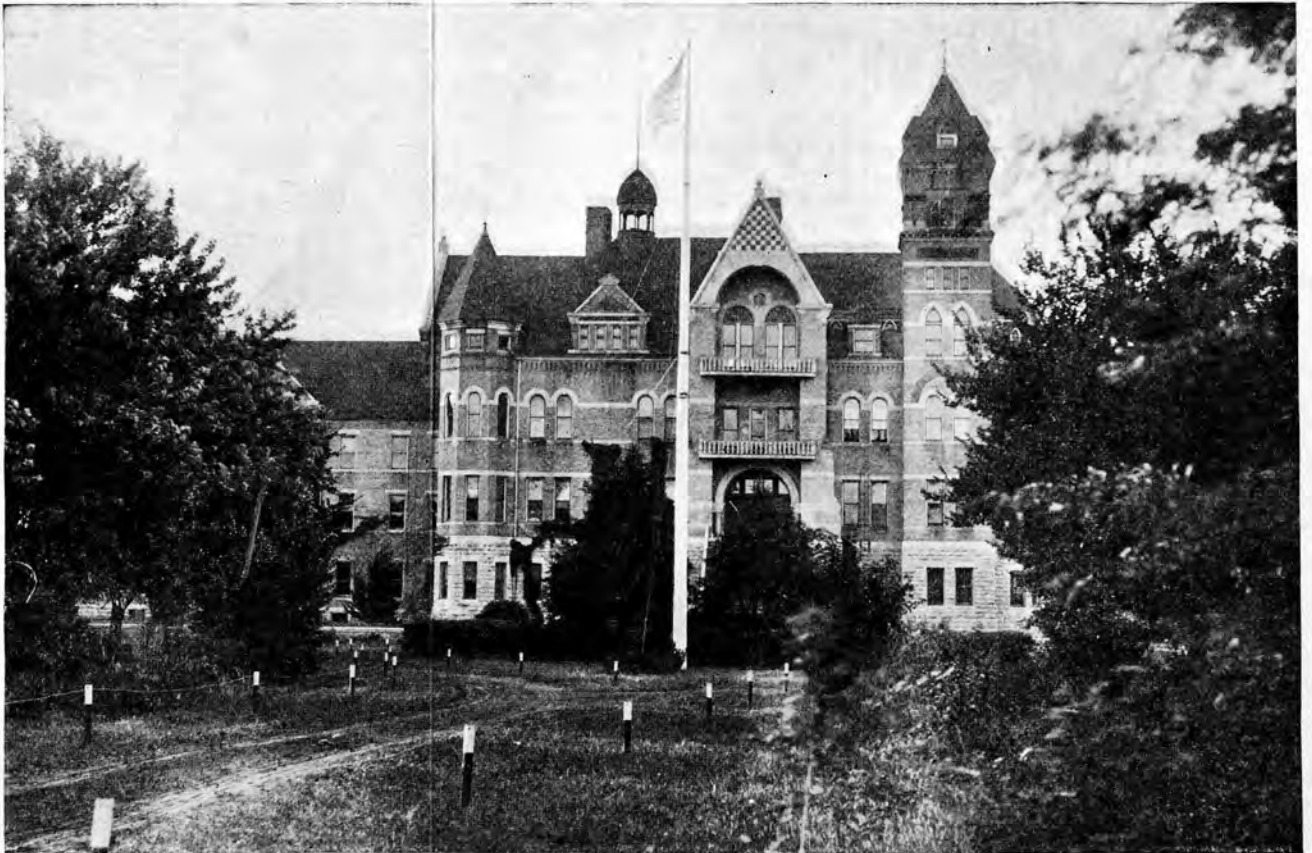
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