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## DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS DEBUT

### Takes Part in G. A. R. Program

The drum and bugle corps made its first appearance in public at a recent meeting of the G. A. R. Post of Salina. The G. A. R.'s held this meeting for the purpose of celebrating the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

The program consisted of readings, songs, bugle calls, and selections by a colored quartette. Each bugle call was preceded by a short talk by Capt. R. R. Shideler, leader of the corps, as to the nature and meaning of the call. The following was presented by different members of the corps:

First Call—Winger.

Quick Step—All.

Reveille—Putnam.

Mess—Putnam.

Assembly—All.

Education—Shaffer.

Inspection—Linville.

Drill—Winger.

Adj. Call—Linville.

Guard Mounting—Wingar.

Recall—call to quarters—Shaffer.

Light refreshments were served by the Relief Corps at the close of the program. The cadets report they enjoyed the occasion very much.

### "What's the Attraction?"

One day last week, it is rumored that four cadets made a visit to the little white school house one-half mile north of the school. We know not the circumstances of the case, but we are almost certain that the cadets are not interested in the scholastic methods employed. There must be some unseen force which tends to draw the victims to the place, as one of the instructors was also discovered coming out the gate. Curiosity is getting the best of us, and each one has a firm resolve in mind to investigate and ascertain as to the nature of this lodestone.

Badger—How do you swim?  
Houser—Paddle.

## THIRTEEN AGAINST FIVE

### With Such a Number Salina Defeats St. John's

By one of the queerest streaks of luck ever seen in a Salina gymnasium the Salina High team defeated St. John's by the score of 19 to 13.

The first half was bitterly fought, but Salina led at the end of the period by one point. Immediately after the second half started Coach Bice of Salina put in his second string players. These players were hitting the basket and had easily defeated the St. John's second team in a preliminary game. For some reason or other, probably due to nervousness more than anything else, the St. John's boys were unable to hold the Salina seconds, and the score was soon 16 to 6. Then the Salina regular first team was put into the game. As soon as the firsts were in the fray the St. John's quintette rushed into action, and the firsts were unable to check the St. John's attack. A few moments after the first had entered the contest the score was 16-13. As the cadets were outplaying the High School from every standpoint of the game, it soon became evident that unless something was done the cadets would win the game. So the seconds were again sent to the first team's rescue. This time they were not as successful as they were at the beginning of the half; but they managed to hold the cadets to one free throw and one field goal, while they were making two field goals and two free throws. The game ended 19-13 with Salina on the long end of the score.

Hartman of Salina's second team was the outstanding player for Salina. He dropped the ball into the net three times, and McGuire followed him closely with two baskets. Pattison for St. John's connected with the basket twice, and Condon also dropped one through the ring. Hill at guard for St. John's played a fine game, but his repeated fouling spoiled his good record.

S. J. M. S.	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	2	7	0
Condon	1	0	0
Lippincott	0	0	2
Shiney	0	0	2
Hill	0	0	3
	3	7	7

Salina	FG.	FT.	F.
Herzig	0	1	2
Green	0	0	2
Corporon	1	1	1
Nesmith	1	0	2
Anderson	0	0	1
Engle	0	0	0
Nelson	0	0	2
McGuire	2	0	0
Gutch	0	2	0
Muir	0	0	0
Hartman	3	0	0
Salin	0	0	0
Brown	0	0	0
	7	4	10

Score by halves:

	1st	2nd	Total
St. John's	6	7	13
Salina	7	12	19

Referee—Quigley.

### Kansas National Guard

The 130th U. S. Field Artillery Batteries of the Kansas National Guard, under supervision of Maj. J. L. Wier, is well organized in Salina. It meets in the armory every Wednesday night for drill.

The most interesting fact to our cadets is that several of our boys are members. Shiney is of the signal corps of Headquarters' Battery. Linville and Hill are clerks in the offices of the Headquarters' Battery. Putnam is connected with the scouting section and is rated as a map maker. Condon is in the observation section.

Each summer the entire State force goes into camp at some government post. This year plans are under way for camp to be held at Fort Snell in Minnesota. This will be a very interesting trip for our fellows, and they are all anxious for plans to be completed.

**Ellsworth Defeats St. John's**

In a fast, hard fought game on Friday evening, February 17th, the St. John's cagers were defeated by the speedy Ellsworth team. Although both teams played without their regular centers, the game was intensely interesting from the start of the whistle until the final shot of the time-keeper's pistol. The loss was felt more by St. John's than by Ellsworth, because Gotte, St. John's center, was captain of the team and one of the mainstays of the team. Lippincott filled Gotte's place very creditably in spite of the fact that he had never practiced at center.

The game started with a rush, and after a few minutes of playing Schmitt of Ellsworth dropped the ball into the basket. A moment later St. John's was given a chance for a free throw, which proved successful. The score progressed slowly, and the outcome of the game was much in doubt during the first half, which ended 10 to 7 in Ellsworth's favor.

When the last half started the Ellsworth quintette completely out-played the orange and black, and ran up several baskets. This only lasted a few minutes, for our team soon recovered itself and was strong enough to meet the hard but clean playing of the Ellsworth team. The game then settled down to a real business-like affair with neither team being able to score. However, it was too late for St. John's to cut down the lead made by Ellsworth, and the game ended 22 to 11 in favor of Ellsworth.

Hill of St. John's made the only field goal for St. John's, and the rest of the points were made on free throws by Pattison. McCoy and Schmitt starred for Ellsworth.

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison	0	9	1
Condon	0	0	1
Lippincott	0	0	2
Shiney	0	0	1
Hill	1	0	2
	1	9	7

Ellsworth	FG.	FT.	F.
McCoy	3	6	4
Prochaska	2	0	0
Schmitt	2	0	1
Albright	1	0	6
White	0	0	3
Caswell	0	0	0
Hutchins	0	0	0
	8	6	14

Referee—Quigley.

**S. J. M. S. Defeats Minneapolis**

The St. John's basketeers defeated the Minneapolis five in the school gymnasium Saturday night Feb. 11. The game was hard fought and rather rough, many fouls being called upon both sides. The Minneapolis team scored the first point, a free goal by E. Feather. The cadets retaliated almost immediately with a field goal and a free goal by Pattison. Capt. Gotte then made a very pretty field goal, which was followed by a goal by Pattison. The cadets obtained a lead which they managed to maintain, ranging from 8 to 12 points. At the end of the first half the score stood in favor of the black and orange.

In the second half the cadets attained their full stride and made four goals in quick succession. Time out was called by Minneapolis and a substitute was sent in, in place of C. Feather. Pattison and Condon were withdrawn and Putnam and Hill took the vacancies. The game progressed and several more points were piled up by each side. The final score stood 31 to 21 in our favor. It was a hard, fast game throughout and exceptional ability was displayed by both sides.

The line-ups for the two sides were as follows:

St. Johns:	Minneapolis:
Gotte, (capt.).....C.....	E. Feather
Pattison.....F.....	Larzalere
Condon.....F.....	C. Feather
Shiney.....G.....	Shreve
Lippincott.....G.....	Borgeson
Putnam, S—2.....F.....	
Hill, S.....F.....	

**Frat. News**

Sunday evening, February 19th, a special meeting of the Kappa Delta Phi was held in the club room, for the purpose of electing new Frat. officers. The departure of cadets Jackson, Gotte, Sanders and Schaffner called for the election of a new vice-president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms. The new officers as they now stand are: MacDonald, president; McWhinney, vice-president; Kirkpatrick, secretary; Winger, treasurer; and Armantrout, sergeant-at-arms.

The ceremonial and club rooms of the Kappa Delta Phi are now going through a process of redecoration and will be finished in time for the initiation ceremonies, that will take place on February 27, 1922.

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**St. John's Defeats Hays—17-14**

On Thursday, February 16th, the St. John's basketball team journeyed to Hays where a very interesting and hard fought game was played. The Hays' team seemed to have the edge on our boys during the first half, which ended with the score 7 to 5 in favor of Hays.

In the last half, however, St. John's began hitting the basket and soon pushed their way to the lead. Shiney, the star guard of St. John's, started the scoring by throwing a pretty basket from the center of the floor. Condon also managed to drop a pair of goals. In the last half "Pat" and "Lippy" loosened up and dropped in three and two respectively, all of them being hard shots. Hill also played a fine game.

The game was played in the college gymnasium, and the St. John's players were greatly handicapped by the large size of the floor.

St. John's	FG.	FT.	F.
Pattison, F	3	1	1
Condon, F	2	0	1
Lippincott, C	2	0	1
Shiney, G	1	0	0
Hill	0	0	1
	8	1	4

Hays	FG.	FT.	F.
Chittendon, F	2	0	0
Barry, F	1	0	1
Spencer, C	0	0	3
Rhoads, G	3	0	3
Taylor, G	0	0	1
H. Thompson, F	1	0	0
Jewell, G	0	0	1
O'Laughlin, G	0	0	0
	7	0	9

**St. John's Two Fraternities**

St. John's can boast of two fraternities, the Kappa Delta Phi and the Phi Delta Sigma, both local secondary Greek letter fraternities. The Kappa Delta Phi was organized in 1913 by Capt. A. G. Oliver. It was originally known as the Kappa Kappa Kappa, a vigilance committee; its main purpose was for the quiet handling of little difficulties that arose between the cadets and were too small to be brought before the notice of the faculty. This group of cadets soon caught the true spirit of fraternalism and decided to re-organize the Kappa Kappa Kappa into a constitutional fraternity under the Greek letters of Kappa Delta Phi. Because of the graduation of its noble

leader, Capt. Oliver, and numerous other members, the fraternity became inactive in 1916-19. Later in February 1919, it was re-organized by Capt. Blainey and Lt. Adj. Fulwider. A new constitution and ritual were drawn up and Capt. Bernard was chosen as faculty sponsor. Two rooms in the tower were secured from Major Ganssle and furnished into very attractive club rooms.

The Phi Delta Sigma was originated in 1914 by Capt. Bert Strom and Capt. T. Frye. Its first club room was in the present Skirmisher office, in which its constitution and rituals were drawn up. In 1917-18 the cabin, which is the present frat. house, was built by the hard labor of the members themselves.

The following are members of the Kappa Delta Phi:

Jackson, Armantrout, Benson, Condon, Dalton, Gotte, Harris, MacDonald, McWhinney, Putnam, Sanders, Schaffner, Snedden, Winger, Kirkpatrick, Freeman, Ryberg.

The following belong to the Phi Delta Sigma:

Lippincott, Hill, Wood, Aldous, Poindexter, Johnson, Grant, Shiney, McCracken, Pattison, Marts.

**Captain Gotte Leaves**

The loss of Frank Gotte, second lieutenant and basketball captain, has been a great disaster to our school. Gotte came to St. John's at the beginning of the 1920-21 term. He played on the St. John's eleven, making a sweater as a result of hard fighting and good spirit in his first season of foot ball. He then took up basketball, making his sweater as center of the team.

Shortly after the mid-term he was promoted to the rank of corporal, and in an unusually short time was made sergeant.

He left at the end of the year carrying off his warrant and high athletic honors.

He spent his vacation working at Kimball, Nebr., and idling away time at Denver, Colo. On returning for the 1921-22 term, he was promoted to the rank of top sergeant and shortly after the mid-term was made a second lieutenant.

On account of physical disabilities he was not able to play football; but was back strong as ever as captain and center of the basketball team.

His absence is felt by the school in general, but expressly so by the team.

**Will We Keep It?**

This question is being asked among the members of the cadet corps. What is it? The tournament cup of course.

This trophy is offered by the Stall and Dean Sporting Goods Co., and is a cup that any school would covet. It is necessary to win this cup three years in succession in order to keep it permanently.

St. John's has retained this trophy since 1920. We carried off the honors in B class that year, and last year we repeated our performance.

During the games on the Wesleyan gymnasium, which decide the winning of the cup, the judges pick a tournament team from both A and B class. There are several teams in each class, and it is an honor to be selected as a player on either of these teams. St. John's has had three players on the tournament team in B class each year that the cup has been won. The first year the following were selected by the officials: Timothy, forward; Skilling, center; and Umstat, guard. The next year Pattison was picked as a forward on the tournament team with Gotte at center and Shiney at guard. Considering the number of schools that play in the tournament and the number of cadets that play basketball at St. John's, this makes an enviable record.

Are we going to keep the cup?

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To the Editor of The Skirmisher,  
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## St. John's May Take Hospital

A tentative offer has been made by the Board of Trustees of St. Barnabas Hospital to St. John's to take over the building and equipment next fall with a view of using them for the boys in the shell or lower form. No final decision will be reached until a number of preliminary questions have been gone over, thoroughly discussed, and disposed of.

Ever since the close of the hospital there has been a growing feeling and desire on the part of the community for St. John's to take over this property. At the present time it does not appear likely that the property can ever be used for hospital purposes.

That the St. Barnabas building will be a great addition to St. John's cannot be denied. It will enable the school to house and take care of about forty additional boys, which will bring the enrollment up to the 150 mark. Under the present arrangement the school is pretty well crowded. Besides, the spacious grounds to the west of the hospital will be sufficient in every way for taking care of St. John's football games with visiting teams. Because of present conditions all games have to be played about two miles from the home grounds—much to the inconvenience of all.

If St. John's decides to take the building, the Skirmisher is at liberty to announce that Captain Newell A. Barker, who for six years was connected with this school but left last fall to teach in a Pennsylvania school, will return in the capacity of headmaster of the lower school. This in itself is an assurance of the future success of the new plan.

St. Barnabas Hospital was built in the days of Bishop Griswold, and the ground it occupies formerly belonged to St. John's. It was run by the Sisters of Consolation, an order which was founded by Bishop Griswold. Last November the sister relinquished possession and moved to El Dorado, Kansas, where they are now running a hospital under the supervision of the Rt. Rev. James Wise, Bishop of Kansas.

Here's hoping that successful arrangements can be made.

## Dean Hoag Speaks to Cadets

"Watchfulness" was the subject of a sermon that Dean Hoag preached to the cadets of St. John's at Christ Cathedral on Sunday morning, February 12. He took his text from St. Matthew 26:41, which reads, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." In part he said:

"Satan never sleeps. He never even takes a vacation. If Christians are to succeed they must be forever alert, on guard, watchful. Christianity conquers the forces of evil as long as it is awake, ready for every attack. We form our Christian characters by being always on guard against temptation. Nothing stays good. If we relax our care for a moment, evil comes in, like an enemy into the sleeping camp of an army.

"A watch is a symbol of creation. If a man picks up a watch out in the woods he may say, 'How wonderful. See how it measures the time. Surely this collection of wheels and jewels and springs is not an accident. As I look at this instrument, I know there must be a watchmaker,' and as I look at the world, with its order and system, day following day, and season following season, we are sure it is all not an accident. The world was made and set going by Someone. The wonderful world about us proves that there is a God, though we may never see Him.

"A watch is a symbol of vigilance. This is the time element in character. We live in time. We love and serve in time. And, also, our temptations come to us in time. In the moral world there is an everlasting NOW that calls us to do our duty. Putting off, delaying, procrastinating are habits that eat into our character and leave us soft and flabby. We must expect trouble at every hand. We must recognize evil when it first lifts its head, and hit it hard. We must watch and pray always that we enter not into temptation.

"What shall we watch? Five things.

"First, for words. The front line trench of human encounters is conversation. Most of our influence in the world depends on our words. That is why it is so important to use the best words. Swearing weakens our power of prayer. Vulgarly cheapens us. A right knowledge and use of the English language makes us useful and influential in the world. Watch your words.

"Second, for actions. It is not so important what you do, as why you

do it. Every man must act in his own way; what we care about is whether he intends to help or hurt other people. Watch your actions, and be sure they are the expression of your best self.

"Third, for thoughts. Thoughts are the seeds of words and actions. Keep out the weed-seeds and poison seeds that your crop may be full and useful. Watch for the first appearance of bad thoughts and crowd them out at once with good thoughts. If you can't think a good thought, grab a book, or run around the block. You can't afford to let evil thoughts get settled in your brain.

"Fourth, for companions. We are all hungry for approval. Secretly, we want to be complimented by others. That is why so many people try to do just what their crowd seems to like. They want to be approved, they dread being thought 'different.' A man is letting the enemy into the camp when he does things just because of the opinions of other people. We must stand out from the crowd. Watch lest your companions drag you down to their dull, commonplace level.

"Fifth, for habits. If I tied a string around your arms you could break it easily. You could break two strands, or even five or ten. But the more strands we tied, the harder it would be to break them. Finally we would reach a number that you could not break. And all the time your arms would be getting more sore where you pressed against the string. Habits are like that. You can break off a few bad acts, but it gets harder and harder. Watch the start of habits.

"Finally, 'Watch and Pray'. Prayer is the secret of the Christian's watchfulness. Only as we are faithful in our prayers can we be forever on guard against the temptations that continually threaten our souls. Watch!"

## A Good Word For It

"Don't kick about our coffee. You may be old and weak yourself, some day."—Sign in a restaurant in Marion, Ohio.

A Dumbell is a person who thinks that:

Gum Arabic is a consignment of Spearmint for the Bedouins.

An Auto-strap is a Ford accessory. The proper floral piece at the funeral of a joy rider should be composed of Wild Thyme.—Ex.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Rev. J. L. Bovill of Coffeyville visited his son last week.

Cadet Dalton spent the week end at his home at St. George, Kansas.

Cadet Pratt received a week end visit from his parents. Mr. Pratt is the division superintendent of the Rock Island, and when he makes his visits to Salina, he is in a position to receive his friends in a nice private car.

Cadet Armantrout enjoyed a week end visit from his parents. Armantrout reports that he received good news from Wichita.

Mr. Oscar Williams, who was a student at St. John's in the days of Bishop Mize, is now president of a large bank in Kansas City and the directing head of a \$10,000,000 oil corporation.

Mr. E. L. Oldham, who was commandant in the days of Bishop Mize and was responsible for the St. John's Cadet Corps winning the drill banner at the Louisiana Exposition in St. Louis in 1904, is now connected with a large corporation in Cleveland, O. The Skirmisher learns with deep regret of the recent death of Mrs. Oldham.

Major Ganssle was one of the seven thousand Shriners that attended the meeting of the Shrine Directors' Association at Kansas City last week. He represented the Isis Shrine of Salina, of which he is the High Potentate.

Major and Mrs. J. L. Wier accompanied the basketball team on its recent trips to Hays and Ellsworth. While in Ellsworth, Major Wier signed two time leaves—one for making a call and another for playing pool.

Cadets McMurtrie and Russell recently gave a party in honor of Mrs. Mercer, the housemother of St. John's. Assisted by Herman and Boville they decorated the room with streamers of orange and black. Everyone had a thoroughly good time and regretted that the party had to break up at 9:30, the time for taps. The guests were Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ganssle, Mr. Russell, Major Ganssle; Cadets Nettleton, Robertson, Pratt, Ginden, Moe, Walters, Herman, and Bovill.

## Cadets in DeMolay

Up to the present time quite a number of St. John's boys have either joined or made application to join "The Order of DeMolay," through the Salina chapter. Before the close of the year it can be safely said that about twenty cadets will be wearing the pin of that order.

Two had previously joined before entering St. John's, Pooley of Leavenworth and Poindexter of Kansas City, Kansas. McDonald, Harris, Johnson, and Armantrout were initiated in the early part of the winter. Applications have been filed by Cameron, Wildes, Snedden, Bland, Wood, Kirkpatrick, Condon, and McWhinney.

The Salina Chapter, since its installation last August, has grown quite materially. A careful selection of initial candidates was made, which has served as a high standard for the admission of new members. Under the leadership of Mr. Jerry Parks, who has just released his charge, the chapter has done very good work and been instrumental in instituting several new chapters.

"The Order of DeMolay" originated in a very unique way. It began as a boys' club at the Scottish Rite Temple under the leadership of Mr. Frank S. Land. In the course of time the boys suggested that an organization with a ritual be devised. The ritual was written by Mr. Frank A. Marshall, an editorial writer on the Kansas City Journal. The work proved to be so successful in Kansas City, that Mr. Land and several other masons conceived the idea of carrying it out along national lines. So in 1920 a Grand Council was organized, which immediately set to work in drawing up a national constitution with by-laws. In March 1921 the order began installing chapters in various states. Since then pretty close to a hundred thousand DeMolays have been initiated.

The order has two degrees. The first tries to inculcate the ideals of the order; the second is historical and dramatic in character.

## Making Him Toot

"Willie!"

"Yes, mamma."

"What in the world are you pinching the baby for? Let him alone!"

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Who joins the grand discord,  
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Where once were dreams and snores,  
The crys of Scouty are faded  
By that harmony of roars.

As each cadet turns on his light  
And gropes for pants and shirt,  
He swears he will choke that yapping  
hound  
And plant him in the dirt.

And still they do not mean a word  
Of all this base rebuke,  
For Scouty takes the place you know  
Of dear departed "Duke."\*

T. M. WOOD.

\*Duke was Scouty's predecessor  
and was greatly loved by all the cadets.

**Powder River**

The entire cadet corps marched to town for the purpose of seeing the "official" picture "Powder River," taken by the Signal Corps while the troops were fighting in freedom's cause. The picture was secured by the local post of "The American Legion."

The pictures were very interesting, although they did not show any actual fighting. They showed several air battles in which the "Boche" flyer got the worst of the encounter, and also several of the large guns which hammered away at the "Hindenburg Line." There were troops advancing and troops on the firing step of the front line trench; also there were men camouflaged so that they could advance into "No Man's Land" and act as snipers.

On the whole the pictures were very good, and every cadet appreciated them.

**The Benefits of History**

In mediaeval times did the Pope always wear a hat?

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Dear Sweetheart:

The great love I hitherto expressed to you is false, and I find my indifference towards you increases daily. The more I see of you, the more you appear in my eyes an object of contempt. I feel myself every way disposed and determined to hate you. Believe me, I never had an intention to offer you my hand. Our last conversation had left a tedious insipidity, which has by no means given me the most exalted idea of your character. Your temper would make me extremely unhappy, and if we were united, I shall experience nothing but the hatred of my parents, added to everlasting displeasure in living with you. I have indeed a heart to bestow, but I do not desire you to imagine it at your service. I could not give it to anyone more inconsistent and capricious than yourself, and less capable to do honor to my choice and my family. Yes, I hope you will be persuaded that I speak sincerely, and you will do me a favor to avoid me. I shall excuse you taking the trouble to answer this. Your letters are always full of impertinence and you have not a shadow of wit and good sense. Adieu—Adieu, believe me so adverse to you that it is impossible for me even to be your most affectionate friend and humble servant.

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"No, I don't. But if I marry your daughter, sir, I don't very well see how I can get out of it."—Weekly Telegraph.

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