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ST. JOHN'S HAS NEW TRACK

The improvement of outdoor track facilities has been very marked during the last few weeks. With the help and co-operation of the Street Commissioner of Salina in sending a tractor and grading machine to facilitate the work, the school has been able to make an excellent quarter-mile track.

Heretofore a number of the less energetic members of the cadet corps have been known to remark that they would be willing to get out and show their ability in track if only we had a real one, etc. Not only has a splendid new track now been laid out and graded, but the other equipment, jumping standards, hurdles, etc. have been fixed up and painted, and jumping pit made; so that above cadets now have plenty of scope for their energies, and can be expected to turn out regularly from now on.

CRACK SQUAD

The Crack Squad is an organization that has been a feature of St. John's for a number of years.

Colonel Ganssle is the founder of the Crack Squad at St. John's and has trained the squad for some splendid exhibitions. The present captain of the Squad is Corporal E. R. Grant, of Wichita, who was elected by the members of the squad.

The Crack Squad affords wonderful opportunities for training the mental faculties, while at the same time equally developing the physical side. There is only one command given, which is "Hep", and every time the Captain gives this command the squad executes a different movement. The boys must always be on the alert to be ready for the next movement.

The members of the Crack Squad this year are: Grant (Captain), Hoskinson, Bland, Jamison, Phillips, Oehlmann, Rice, Zellweger, Hutto, Doran, Manion, Paddock, Clanin, Jackson, Thompson E., Wilson, Jacobson, and Shortt.

SALINA WINS AGAIN

For the second time this year St. John's has lost to Salina. The second game was played February 27, in the Kansas Wesleyan Gymnasium. St. John's were going strong in the first half of the game, but were unable to keep the good work up throughout the game. Perhaps if in the second half St. John's had played more of an offensive than a defensive game, they could have made a better record.

St. John's started off by scoring two free throws and one field goal. Salina soon retaliated with two field goals. For the rest of the half it was an exchange of scores with the game in the hands of fate.

In the second half Salina came back strong, and steadily pulled away from the cadets. Condon did some pretty floor work and several times managed to slip his guard for a field goal.

Blades was the outstanding player for Salina. Although guard, he scored four field goals from various points.

Score by Periods

	1st Half	2nd Half
Salina	14	28
St. John's	12	16

Line-up

SALINA	FG	FT	PF
Anderson, RF	1	0	0
Stephenson, LF	2	0	0
Corporan, C	3	6	2
Nelson RG	1	0	1
Blades, LG	4	0	1
ST. JOHN'S	FG	FT	PT
Lichty, RF	0	0	2
Condon, LF	4	6	1
Aldous, C	0	0	1
Shiney, RG	0	0	1
Dalton, LG	1	0	1

Referee: Mr. Sward, of Lindsborg.
Eubstitutions: St. John's none; Salina, Hartman, Ragle, Jung.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll for the month ending March 6 is as follows:

High School

	Average
1. Hoskinson	96.3
2. Chenoweth	88
3. Condon & Shortt (tie)	87.8
5. Wheeler, C.	86.8
6. Wheeler, D.	86.2
7. Wilson	86.1
8. Dalton	86
9. Linger	84.6
10. Edwards	84.4

Junior School

	Average
1. Bates	88.4
2. Jackson	86.6
3. Sawyer, M.	86.2
4. Sawyer, A.	85.4
5. Crooks	84.6
6. Riblett	84.5
7. Beasley	84.1
8. Sawyer, S.	83.8
9. Grayson, C.	82.6
10. Harman and Ripley, E. (tie)	81.3

STORK VISITS AGAIN

Captain Davies Has Son and Heir

In a former issue attention was called to frequent visits with which His Highness The Stork favored St. John's during last term. Lest this should seem an empty term, he has called again. The date of his visit was March 11th, when he brought to Captain Davies' home a bouncing boy weighing nine pounds. It is reported that Mrs. Davies and son are both doing nicely at the St. John's Hospital.

Captain and Mrs. Davies have named their son and heir Franklin Case II. The other instructors and all the cadets extend hearty congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Davies on the arrival of the new member of their family. The cadets, eager to share the joy of their instructor, said something about a holiday for March 12th, but the same was not forthcoming, as the weather was inclement.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**Cadets Lose Only In Finals**

St. John's missed winning the Basketball Cup, the coveted trophy of annual basketball tournament held at the Kansas Wesleyan University, by only one game, the final game played with Inman on Saturday, March 10th.

There were nine contesting teams in A class and 26 teams in B class, in which St. John's is classified, and of course, the competition is very keen.

Following is the list of games played by the cadets, with results:

First Round: St. John's 20, Mankato 6. Played on Friday, March 9, at 10 a. m. Aldous and Condon each made four field goals.

Second Round: St. John's 9, Miltonvale 6. Played on Saturday, March 10, at 9:10 a. m. Lichty made 3 field goals, Condon 1 fg and 1 ft.

Third Round: St. John's 18, Hillsboro 15. Played on Saturday, March 10, at 12:40 p. m. (Hillsboro were the holders of the Cup until this tournament).

Fourth Round (Semi-Finals): St. John's 16, Assaria 12. Played on Saturday, March 10, at 3:45 p. m.

Fifth Round (Finals): Inman 22, St. John's 7. Played on Saturday, March 10, at 7:45 p. m.

If we had won the cup this year, it would have become our permanent trophy. Previous holders of the cup have been: Solomon 1 year; Assaria 1 year; St. John's 2 years; Hillsboro 1 year; Inman present holder.

The following were selected as All-district Tournament Stars by the coaches of the participating teams:

A Class

Showalter, McPherson; Forward, (Captain).

Byers, Abilene; Forward.

Weddle, Lindsborg; Center.

Taylor, Chapman; Guard.

Crumpacker, McPherson; Guard.

B Class

Condon, St. John's; Forward

Enns, Inman; Forward, (Captain).

J. Gaeddart, Inman; Center.

Martin, Assaria; Guard.

H. Gaeddart, Inman; Guard.

WITH THE ASTROLOGER

At the last session with the Mystic Astrologer ten more cadets were brought into horoscopic contemplation. Their futures ten years hence read as follows:

HILL: President of the Hill Talking Machine Co., one of the largest music firms in the country. Also inventor of the world-famous Hill Visigraph attachment, which enables the audience actually to see a lifesize electric photograph of the artists as they made the phonograph records being played by the machine. Now working on the application of his device to burglar alarms.

HOPPER: Proprietor of a convalescent home in Cripple Creek. Pet hobby—singing. He has greatly developed his famous "anti-depression" laugh to the point of perfection. This laugh of his was a real mirth-maker in the old days at school, and nets him considerable pin-money aside from his business. It is reported that he has received tempting offers from the management of "The Broadway Follies" and is seriously thinking of selling his hospital business to go on the stage and drive the blues from the big city. His fortune is as good as made.

HOSKINSON: Associate Dancing Master with Cameron in the Willis-Morris School of Dancing located at Backwater, Alabama.

HYDE: President of the Farmers Bank of Assaria, Kansas. Owes his phenomenal success to the training received in his younger days, particularly during vacations, when he acted as "draft clerk" in the Bank of Reading. He returns to the home town frequently and gives the boys a few pointers on the latest developments in the banking business and other matters. Spends much of his spare time reading Spanish authors.

JACOBSON: At Hollywood in the Movies. Usually takes the part of the rejected suitor, or the handsome hero. The way he bobs up at the unexpected moment, just in time to save the fair heroine has never failed to move the house to transports of excited enthusiasm and admiration. Been twice married and has five children.

JACKSON, W.: Drill instructor at Boston Military Academy. His Crack Squad at their last commencement

put on an exhibition drill that was pronounced by the judges the snappiest they had ever seen outside of West Point.

JAMISON and JOHNSON: Have had quite a career in the Ring. At present both in New Jersey training intensively to meet all comers for the light-weight world's championship.

JONES, R.: President of the Baker's Union; headquarters at Arcola, Kansas. Making dough fast. "That there" young man has a great future.

LIESER: Co-partner with Dixon in the Dixon-Lieser Powder Co. Their product is guaranteed to kill, bugs, roaches, beetles and other bric-a-brac at 50 yards. They have done such a large business the last two years that they are thinking of moving their plant to New Cambria (it was formerly located at Solomon). Send for sample.

Major Perkins Inspects National Guard Units

Major Perkins has returned from an inspection trip, having been detailed to inspect the Field Artillery units of the 161 F. A. and the 130th F. A. National Guard stationed at Salina, Lyons, Great Bend and Arkansas City.

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CADETS ADDRESSED ON FIRE PREVENTION

On Thursday morning, March 8th, as a part of the Fire Prevention Campaign the buildings of St. John's Military School were inspected by representatives of the Fire Department. During Fire Prevention Week these inspections were made of all public buildings, schools, etc., and the attention of everyone was called to the great necessity for the prevention of fires, the loss from which annually is most appalling. During the inspection fire call was blown, when all the cadets turned out of the barracks and class rooms in forty-two seconds from the time the first fire call sounded.

After lunch the whole school was favored with an address on the need for fire prevention by Mr. White of the Fire Prevention Society of Kansas City and Missouri. Mr. White was accompanied by Mr. Hall, of the local Fire Department, and Mr. Quinn, representing commercial and insurance interests in the city.

In his opening remarks Mr. White referred to Mr. Hall's duties on the Fire Department as opposed to the duty of everyone else present. The duty of all was to see that Mr. Hall would have no fire to put out. The speaker then told of the enormous loss to the country annually on account of fires, and began by stating that in Kansas alone in 1922 there was more money paid out on property destroyed by fire than it took to run the entire government of the state, including penal and normal institutions. In addition to that 74 people lost their lives, four of them in Saline County and two in Salina. As somewhat of an offset to this bad record, Mr. White said that during the past six years not a single child had lost its life through fire in the public or other schools of the state.

From a national point of view the statistics of fire losses are most appalling. For instance, fires cost the country annually more than it costs to run the entire postal department; more than it took to build the Panama Canal; more than is spent for the upkeep and maintenance of the entire public school system of the United States. Fifteen thousand people lose their lives annually in this country through fires, of whom 80 per cent. are women and children. 85 per cent. of all the fires occur in the homes; and 80 per cent. of all the fires are caused through carelessness. Dry cleaning in the homes was responsible

for the death of 887 women last year. The electric iron was cited as a very prolific cause of fires: negligence in the use of one had caused a fire resulting in a property loss of \$5,000,000.

In addition to the 15,000 people who lose their lives annually, 17,000 are injured. Over 880 fires occur daily in the homes, and an average of 35 fires daily caused by electric irons!

The above figures are indeed enormous. But when the total loss to the country is figured, including property loss, loss of standing timber that is of no further value, loss of life based on rating at \$5,000 per life, loss of earning and productive power of those injured, computed at \$2,500 per person, loss of factories, their production, wages, etc., it works out at the tremendous figure of ONE BILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR.

As to insurance, Mr. White stated that all of the insurance taken out by the various producers and middle men handling any commodity is paid ultimately by the consumer when he pays for the finished article.

Carelessness, he said in conclusion, was our worst enemy.

Some "howlers" recently made by English school boys appeared in a late issue of the Kansas City Star, as follows:

Palsy is a kind of new writer's dance.

Letters in sloping print are hysterics.

Etiquette is the noise you make when you sneeze.

The plural of forget-me-not is forget-us-not.

Things which are equal to the same thing are equal to anything else!

Oceania is that continent which contains no land.

The French Revolution was won violently, not by "freedom slowly broadening down from President to President."

The capital of Norway is Christianity.

Speaking of enemies, don't hate them. Don't fight. Don't get even. Ignore. Life is too short for grudges and vengeance. Go on. Let the other fellow stew. You keep sweet. Nothing can punish him worse. If a man doesn't like you, keep away from him. It's a large, roomy world. Be thankful there is always another side of the street.—Frank Crane.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Waldron Sanders writes from Manhattan to say that he passed in all of his work and can now be initiated into his Frat, the Delta Tau Delta. He says also that there may be possibilities of some track meets there that might interest us this spring.

Lloyd Umstot has been recently married, and two weeks ago paid a visit to the school accompanied by his wife. He is now owner of a large farm in the southwestern part of the state.

Harold Brewer ('21) is working for the Greta Northern Railway in Havre, Montana. He will be glad to hear from any of the old boys.

Melvin Jackson has gone to El Segundo, California, where he is working for the Standard Oil Company.

Ronald McDonald is working with his father on the erection of a large hospital in Denver.

Lydon Lippincott ('22) has joined the rest of the St. John's boys who have chosen California as the field of their activities. It will be remembered that Christensen, Marts, Watkins and Frederickson had previously migrated thither, and recently Jackson, making quite a little St. John's colony in the land of the Golden West.

John Fleming (Choke '21) and W. Green stopped at the school recently on their way from the East.

Frank Gotte is now Assistant Cashier in the Bank of Bushnell, Nebraska.

"The Business that Stays
Is the Business that Pays."

BIBLE READINGS FOR LENT

Mar. 16—Fri., I Cor. II: 23-27.
Mar. 17—Sat., Rev. 2: 12-17.
Mar. 18—FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, St. John 8:46—end.
Mar. 19—Mon., Isaiah 53: 3-8.
Mar. 20—Tues., Romans 8: 1-5.
Mar. 21—Wed., Heb. 2: 14—end.
Mar. 22—Thurs., II Cor. 5: 17—end.
Mar. 23—Fri., I Peter 2: 21—end.
Mar. 24—Sat., I John 3: 1-8.
Mar. 25—SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER.
St. Matt. 27: 36-43.
St. Matt. 21: 1-11.*
St. Luke 1: 26-38.
Mar. 26—Mon., St. Mark 14: 32-42.
St. Mark 21: 12-17.*
Mar. 27—Tues., St. Mark 15: 8-15.
St. Luke 20: 1-18.*
Mar. 28—Wed., St. Luke 22: 54-62.
St. Luke 22: 3-6.*
Mar. 29—Thurs., St. Luke 23: 1-11.
St. Luke 22: 7-20.*
Mar. 30—Fri., St. John 19: 17-22.
Mar. 31—Sat. St. Matt., 27:57—end.
April 1—EASTER DAY, St. John 20: 1-10.
April 2—Mon., St. Luke 24: 28-35.
April 3—Tues., St. Luke 24: 36-48.
April 4—Wed., Exodus 14: 13-22.
April 5—Thurs., Job 19: 23—end.
April 6—Fri., Psalm 16.
April 7—Sat., I St. John 3: 9-14.
April 8—FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, St. John 20: 19-23.
April 9—Mon., Psalm 122.
April 10—Tues., Isaiah 9: 1-6.
April 11—Wed., St. John 14: 27—end.
April 12—Thur., I Cor. 15: 20-26.
April 13—Fri., I Cor. 15: 51—end.
April 14—Sat., Rev. 21: 1-7.
*Alternate readings give the event of each day.

Warned

The newly elected president of a banking institution was being introduced to the employees. He singled out one of the men in the cashier's cage, questioning him in detail about his work, etc.

"I have been here forty years," said the cashier's assistant, with conscious pride, "and in all that time I only made one slight mistake."

"Good," replied the president. "Let me congratulate you. But hereafter be more careful."—Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Henpekt: And these cigars are very mild aren't they?

Clerk: Why, mister, the plants they were made from were so meek they didn't dare push through the ground!

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A real thorough-going Radio Club has been organized through the efforts of Captain Davies. The purpose of the club is to promote knowledge and interest in radio. The officers and members are as follows:

President—Shaffer, C.

Vice-President—Wheeler, D.

Secretary-Treasurer—Hoskinson.

Sergeant-at-arms—Abbott.

Members: Bates, Conklin, Fuhrman, Gay, Harris, Jackson, Jacobson, Jamison, Johnston, Doran, Lieser, Moe, Noren, Riblett, Speolstra, Shaft, Thompson, E.

The articles of the constitution of the Club provide for regular meetings every Friday, when all members are required to be present.

The committee on examinations examine members in the manipulation and care of the instruments, etc., conferring the title of "Operator" (with permission to wear Operator's insignia) upon members passing satisfactorily.

A second examination covering radio in general is given, and operators passing this test earn the title of "Electrician" with permission to wear the distinctive insignia of electrician.

Lectures are delivered at each regular meeting by some member of the club, some faculty member, or by some outside lecturer.

Wheeler, D., has succeeded in constructing a splendid long distance radio receiving set. It is a tube set, web-coil type, with one stage of amplification. Dave intends to add to it one or two more amplifications, so that he will then have a set capable of picking up and bringing in clearly all broadcasts in the country.

Needless to say Wheeler's success has added greatly to the interest in radio among the cadets, and several have registered their intentions of emulating his achievement by making similar sets.

Condon Second in League

In the Central Kansas League standing of players (basketball) as of March 2nd, Condon and Corporan tied for second place, with 103 points. Corporan is Salina High's tall center; Condon plays left forward on the St. John's team. Condon has since played another game with Ellsworth—scoring six additional points, so that his total is 109, placing him six points ahead of Corporan, who has no more games to play.

THE BABY DONKEY

Little black Joe, hanging around his mammy begging for a donkey until in an impatient tone his maternal relative exclaimed: "Now, Joe, yo' jes' go right out dar, set on dat pumpkin and reckon y'll hatch out a little donkey 'fore long."

Small Joe duly set until his patience was exhausted. Then seizing the obstinate pumpkin, he threw it down the hill. At the foot it struck a stone and broke into a score of pieces.

Started by this unexpected object, a hare bounded out from a clump of neighboring bushes, apparently from among the pieces of pumpkin, and scampered away over the fields. "Hi, hi, dar!" shouted the excited Joe, "come back. Don't you know dat I've yo' mammy?"

"What is an epistle?" asked a Sunday School teacher.

There was a pause and then one tiny hand went up.

"I know, teacher."

"Well Dick, tell us."

Dick—"The wife of an apostle."

Epworth Herald.

"That Jones boy that used to work for you wants to hire out to me. Is he steady?"

"Steady! If he were any steadier he'd be motionless."

—Lutheran Young People.

There once was a solem old deacon,
On temperance he always was speakin'

Till the freight agent wrote

This short little note:

"Get this package of "Books", fer they're leakin!"

He Knew

Teacher: Who can tell me the meaning of the word "leisure?"

Little Boy: Please, Miss, it's a place where married people repent!

—London Telegraph.

For the Man Who Thinks He is Abused

Elbert Hubbard, who went down on the Lusitania, once said: "Do not lose faith in humanity; there are over one hundred and five million people in America who have never played you a single nasty trick."

The Post of Duty

The traveling salesman had four minutes in which to catch his train.

"Can't you go faster than this?" he asked the street car conductor.

"Yeess," the bell ringer answered, "but I have to stay with my car."—Life.

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THAT HOLIDAY PETITION

Again the St. John's trick holiday petition has gone the rounds of the cadet corps, and again the unwary new boys have been eager to sign away their heads under a paragraph the most prominent word in which is HOLIDAY. For the benefit of said new boys we reproduce below the petition they signed, as a warning to them hereafter to read carefully before affixing their signature to anything:

A HOLIDAY

We, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully submit the following petition:

That in view of the fact that the cadet corps has been unusually conscientious in the performance of its duties and obligations, and that the school spirit heretofore displayed has been a great credit to the institution, and since the officers have been very punctilious in the discharge of their duties to the great assistance and relief of the faculty,

Be it hereby respectfully petitioned that if

A HOLIDAY

be considered on Saturday, February 10, the faculty postpone the same indefinitely as an unworthy reward for the above mentioned excellencies and virtues.

As a more fitting recognition of our achievement we beg that something be granted that will not soon be forgotten. On the date aforementioned we request that we, the undersigned, be conducted to the rear of the gymnasium and there noisily decapitated.

The formality of notifying our parents can be done away with, as it will not be worthwhile. All our books, belongings, such as old shoes, pants, jerseys, kite-strings, photographs, marbles, and shinny clubs, pennants, paper airplanes and chewing gum, we dedicate to the school, hoping hereby to preserve the memory of otherwise useless lives.

All of the above we humbly petition.

The cadets who signed the petition this year were:

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Thompson, E.
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Kappa Delta Phi

The Kappa Delta Phi have finished their fraternity room and the final touches have given it the appearance of a real college den. Quite a number of feeds have been given there, and on March 1st, four new members were initiated, namely: Hugh Lieser, Bruce Edwards, Byers Price, and Edgar Thompson. Sandwiches and coffee was served after the initiation ceremony.

Needless to say, the members are proud of their frat room, and its coziness lures many to spend the afternoon or evening there—in study (?), reading, eating, ectetera.

Named Fifi

"The baby specialist is in high dudgeon."

"What's wrong?"

"A woman of fashion summoned him to attend her 'baby'."

"Well?"

"The cute little animal has four legs."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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A mother said to her little girl one evening:

"It's bedtime, dear. Run and kiss nurse good night."

"No," said the little girl. "No, I'm afraid to."

"Afraid to? Goodness gracious, why are you afraid to?"

"Because nurse slaps you if you kiss her now."

"Oh, you silly little story teller. She does not."

"She does, too," said the little girl. "You ask papa if she doesn't!"

In the geography game now in progress at mealtimes at Captain Allen's table some fine spelling "howlers" are developed as the plot thickens. For instance, who do you suppose said the following:

For a town beginning with C—Seattle!

For a town beginning with O—Austerlitz!

For a town beginning with U—Eureka! Euphrates!

For a town beginning with S—Cheyenne! Chanute!

For a town beginning with F—Phillipines!

For a town beginning with E—"Elevenworth"!

Expects Too Much

First Farmer—There goes my favorite hen. She can be trusted to lay one egg a day.

Second farmer—Lays one egg a day, does she? She ought to have been born a bricklayer.

Precisely

SUITS Ready to Wear Out.—From an advertisement in the New York World.

We Wonder—

What Lichty thought he was saying when he was talking Spanish in his sleep the other night?

Who eats the most potatoes, Spud Aldous or Murphy Poindexter?

The Difference

"What little boy can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead?'" asked the Sunday school teacher.

Willie waved his hand frantically. "Well, Willie?"

"The 'quick' are the ones that get out of the way of automobiles; the ones that don't are the 'dead'."—Philadelphia Record.

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