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FIRST SOLOMON GAME

The first game with Solomon was played at Solomon, Feb. 7th. The line-up was as follows: Right forward, Lichty; left forward, Aldous; center, Bowen; right guard, Condon; left guard, Hill.

During the first half Aldous did good playing, making four baskets, Condon did equally as well in the last half.

In the last quarter St. John's began to outplay the Solomon boys and continued to run the score up. Condon played a splendid game, and added three more goals to our score. Solomon played very hard during the last half but were not able to add much to their score. The score of each team was as follows:

SOLOMON:	G.	F.T.	F.
Sullivan, R. F.	2	1	3
Butcher, L. F.	1	0	0
Johnson, Sub.	0	0	0
Blackey, C.	1	1	0
Bancroft, R. G.	1	0	1
Kibler, Sub.	0	0	0
Brown, L. G.	1	0	1
	6	2	5

ST. JOHN'S:	G.	F.T.	F.
Lichty, R. F.	1	0	0
Aldous, C.	4	0	2
Bowen Sub.	1	0	2
Condon, L. F.	4	3	1
Hill, L. G.	2	0	0
Heaton, R. G.	0	0	1
	12	3	6

BASKETBALL

The remainder of the basketball schedule is as follows:

Feb. 20—Solomon at St. John's.

Feb. 23—Junction City at Junction City.

Feb. 27—Salina High School.

March 3—Ellsworth at St. John's.

March 9 and 10. Contest in the Tournament held by the Kansas State High School Athletic Association, under the auspices of the Kansas Wesleyan University; played in the Kansas Wesleyan University gymnasium.

SECOND SOLOMON GAME

The second game with Solomon was held in the St. John's gymnasium on Tuesday, February 20th. The teams were the same as in the first game with the exceptions of Shiney in place of Heaton and Binon instead of Lackey.

During the first half Condon scored 16 points. Aldous was withdrawn for fouls. Sullivan played a fine game for the Solomon team, making 9 points in the first half. Bowen took Aldous' place and played a good game, adding six points to our score. Wheeler, C., took Lichty's place in the last quarter and played a very good game, considering that was his first game.

The score of each team was as follows:

SOLOMON:	G.	F.T.	F.
Butcher, R. F.	0	0	2
Kibler, Sub.	0	0	0
Sullivan, L. F. (C) ..	3	7	2
Brown, C.	0	0	0
Bancroft, R. G.	0	0	4
Binon, Sub.	0	0	0
Blackey, L. G.	1	0	2
	4	7	

ST. JOHN'S:	G.	F.T.	F.
Aldous, R. F.	0	0	4
Lichty, Sub.	1	0	1
Wheeler C., Sub.	0	0	0
Condon, L. F.	3	12	0
Bowen, C.	3	0	1
Shiney, R. G.	0	0	1
Heaton, L. G.	1	0	1
	8	12	

Exchanges

The Skirmisher acknowledges receipt of the following exchanges during the past month: "The Habit" of Salina High School; "The Kansas Industrialist" from K. S. A. College, Manhattan; "The Patriot" of Leavenworth High School; "The Eagle" of Missouri Military Academy; "The Crimson Rambler" of Wellington High School.

THE SWIMMING TEAM

St. John's has added a new sport to the list of the student activities. While swimming is, of course, by no means new to the cadets, the organization of a real swimming team is new, and has made the sport immensely popular. Captain Davies, who won his letter on the swimming team of Wisconsin University, is the organizer and instructor of the team, and takes the fortunate members down town to the Y. M. C. A. pool three times a week to practice. The present members are Edwin Grant, Horace Winger, "Dick" Hopkins, Russell Noren, Lloyd McWhinney, Preston Hyde, Robert McCracken and William Jackson.

The squad is instructed in fancy diving, the six-foot, or American crawl, and the turns, which are very important in tank swimming. Some of the members are developing into regular "speed demons" who may yet make the famous Weissmueller" look out for his laurels.

Capt. Davies is planning to arrange for contests with the High School, the Kansas Wesleyan University and other competitors.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT MATCH

Between the halves of the McPherson-St. John's basketball game on Feb. 16th, a boxing match was staged between Edgar (Fat) Thompson and Mac Abbott (Hoppo), the two heavyweights of the school. McCracken was promoter, and Grant and Winger acted as seconds.

The fight was a four-round bout, and excited keen interest among all the spectators. Thompson seemed to be the aggressor most of the time, although Abbott got in some good punches. It ended without a knock-out on either side.

Chemistry Prof: You experiments should be written so that even the most stupid people can understand them.

Student: Yes, sir, What part don't you understand, sir?

MORE FORECASTS

The Mystic Astrologer informs us that the various occupations of the following cadets in TEN years hence will be:

FOSTER: Proprietor of a full-fledged chicken ranch located on the Smoky River about four miles from Solomon, Kansas. Also joint owner with Joe Dugan of the Bijou Smoker and Pool Hall of that city. Making money fast.

FREEMAN: In charge of a string of drilling tools for the Standard Oil Co. in Mexico, where his knowledge of Spanish comes in mighty handy. Still a bachelor, though it is reported that he has a hard time resisting numerous temptations to take unto himself a wife. Great man at handling the natives; developing political aspirations; may some day be Ambassador to Mexico.

GAY: Professor of History and Social Science at the University of Colorado. Chief hobby: collecting rare coins. Has in his possession a round piece of metal resembling a coin, said to be either a very valuable old coin or one of Paroh Tut-ankh-Amen's trouser buttons.

GRANT: Dog fancier and M. F. H. (Master of Fox Hounds) to Count De Ficit. Now on a world tour with the Count. His kennels said to be the most elaborate in Europe. Dresses in very latest style, and is a conspicuous figure at Ascot and the Derby, where his trips on the horses are eagerly sought.

GRAYSON, N: Coach of the football team of Haskell Institute. His squad of braves have never known defeat. Considered the best coach the Chiefs have ever had.

GRAYSON, C: Living on his meals and the income from his vast oil holdings in Oklahoma. Spends most of his time driving around his properties in a big Lincoln car. Married and has two children.

GILLIN: Celebrated Solo Cornetist in Sousa's Band. Doubles on bass horn. Owes success to the early start he got with the St. John's Bugle Corps. Some say he still shuts his eyes while executing difficult passages.

HARMAN: Up to last year was in charge of the animals for Bostock's Wild Animal Show. Resigned, however, after a narrow escape in a contest with an elephant with a mean disposition. Now plans to join the Beasley-Olmsted Travel Tours, Inc. His

extensive travels will make him a valuable addition to this firm.

HARRIS: Tennis Champion of the United States. At present in England contending against all comers for the Davis Cup.

HEATON: Motorman for the Salina Street Railways Corp'n. Favorite cars on his route are the "Jack Rabbit" and "Old Reliable" which were added to the service in 1910, but have since been fitted with the famous anti-rocking device, for which friend Heaton is justly celebrated. Now working on a patent device to enable him to ring the bell, stop the car, and open the forward door by one control lever. Watch the papers for this and other wonders he is likely to spring.

TRACK

St. John's is going to make her opponents realize that she has a real track team to contend against this spring. Already many of the cadets who can spare the time are turning out daily, and with hurdles and vaulting poles are doing their level best to coax spring here ahead of her regular schedule.

Anyone who has ever performed on the cinder path will readily realize that that is the one sport that calls for wholly individual work and is not dependent on the co-operation of several. To become a real track man requires strenuous training and lots of it. We are fortunate in having an ideal place for such real training, and every day the campus is enlivened by the springing, dashing figures of those who are eager to take advantage of the ideal ground and weather conditions now prevailing.

Although it is too early to point out the real stars of our track team, yet it is safe to predict that we have some men who will give a splendid account of themselves in any meet we shall have, with Salina High or other High Schools. Those who have so far been most faithful in turning out for track are Robert McCracken, James Shortt, Edwin Grant, Horace Winger, Eldred Dixon and Gifford Jamison. Others will doubtless join the team as soon as the basketball season is over.

An interesting sidelight was recently given by Harris on the character and habits of Frederick the Great. He says: "He was the first man that the people gave an accession. * * * Always at the table he would endanger the lives of his sister and himself by throwing plates." ! !

GOLDENROD

Over all the countryside,
From Michigan to Maine,
Once there were campfires
On hill and plain.
Once there were smoke-wreaths
Where fields lie now,
And flame in the forests
That knew no pest.

The red men built them;
Still there spills
The Autumn wraith of wood-smoke
Upon blue hills.
And white men, strong men
Laid them to rest
By fires in the wilderness
From east to west.

Campfires, campfires,
From Maine to Oregon.

The ash of their burning
Is scattered and gone.
But where flamed a campfire
And brave men trod,
Blooms in remembrance
The goldenrod.

—Hilda Morris in N. Y. Times.

Soldier: I lost my clothes last night.
Gob: Where did you put them?
Soldier: In the cupboard by my hammock.

Gob: You poor sap; that was not a cupboard; that was a port hole.

—From the M. M. A. Eagle.

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AFTERNOON TEA

Students of English who have been reading William Congreve's plays will be interested in the reference contained in a short article on "Afternoon Tea" published in the Manchester Guardian, one of the leading publications of England.

Congreve wrote about the manners and customs of the English people during the latter part of the seventeenth century. His plays were all written before 1700. One may conclude that afternoon tea was in vogue long before the Victorian Period:

Afternoon tea appears to be by no means a Victorian institution, although Frances Anne Kemble, writing of a visit to Belvoir in 1842, observes that "My first introduction to 'afternoon tea' took place in this visit. * * * I do not believe that the now time-honored institution of '5 o'clock tea' dates further back than this." Congreve, however, in his "Way of the World," admits that "To the dominion of the tea table I submit * * * but * * * I banish all auxiliaries * * * as Orange brandy, (and) all Aniseed. * * * Restrain yourself," he advises, "to simple tea table drinks as tea, chocolate and coffee."

But more than a century before Congreve's time the meal was spoken of as the "Bever" or "Boyer," and Marlow in his "Faust" makes mention of "thirty meals a day and ten bevers," whilst in 1602 William Fulbecke sets out the day's meals as "their breakfast, their dinner, their boyer, their supper, and their rere-banquet." In the middle of the eighteenth century a writer on the "Modern Husbandman" refers to the fact that "they eat, wholly on this (cheese) and bread at one time of the days which they call their bever, and this is commonly about four of the clock in the afternoon."

Mr. Swenson Leaves St. John's

Mr. Ollie Swenson left St. John's January 1st to take an appointment with the Hoffman Mills at Enterprise, Kans., as assistant in the Traffic Manager's Department. We are all very sorry to see Mr. Swenson leave St. John's. We hope he will like his position at Hoffman Mills and we wish him every success in his new endeavor.

This is the second column we have written in one week. Result: two columns, one weak.—Ex.

"Till We Meet Again"

The final exercises of the Christmas Celebration, of which a full account appears in another column, were rendered very impressive by the singing of the special song of farewell prepared by Colonel Ganssle for the occasion. The words were as below, and were sung to the tune of the well-known "Till We Meet Again" song hit, with hearty hand-clasps during the singing of the last two lines:

TILL We Meet Again I'll Say Adieu;
I've enjoyed this fellowship with you.
May the Christmas bring you cheer,
Happy blessings all next year;
May the days that we shall be apart,
Bring you peace, and joy, God bless
your heart.
So here's my hand Old Pal of Mine,
Till we meet again.

She hug me, an' she kiss me,
She wrung my han' an' cried.
She said I was de sweetes' thing
Dat ever lived or died.

She hug me an' she kiss me,
Oh Heaben! De touch o' her han'!
She said I was de prettiest thing
In de shape o' mortal man.

I told her dat I love her,
Dat my love was bedcord strong;
Den I axed her w'en she'd have me,
An' she jes say "Go long!"
—Fisk.

Properly Reproved

A Southern preacher said to his congregation. "My bredren, when de fust man, Adam, was created, he was made ob wet clay an' set agin de fireplace to dry."

Up rose a negro brother. "Den, if Adam was de fust man, who made dat fireplace, pahson?"

"Sit down, sah!" cried the preacher. Sich dog-gone questions as dat would upset any system ob theology."

In the Nick of Time

Bland: "I woke up last night with a horrible suspicion that my new gold watch was gone. So strong was the impression that I got up to look."

Price, J.: "Well, was it gone?"

Bland: "No, but it was going."

Student: "The more I read in chemistry the less I know."

Prof.: "You seem to have read a great deal."

—The Patriot, Leavenworth H. S.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. Floyd A. Flanagan ('18) was married recently to Miss Irene Howard of Topeka.

John Preston Pooley, who was a cadet at St. John's last year, is now located with the T. F. Harvey Company at Junta, Colo.

Donald Pattison (Pat '21), our star athlete of the class of 1921, played with the football squad of the College of Emporia last fall, and now writes to say that he is devoting all of his time to training for track. He has run the quarter-mile in 54 seconds, which ought to indicate a splendid record for him later in the season when he gets in better condition.

The old boys are following with interest not only Pat's activities, but those of all of the graduates, and your Skirmisher Board will be glad to receive information of this nature at any time, and often, as it is of interest to all.

Greeley Timothy (Ex. 1920) is playing with the Teachers College at Greeley, Colo. His star work on their basketball team was sufficient to defeat the Kansas Wesleyan University crack aggregation when they took their recent athletic trip through Colorado.

Lawrence Bigelow (Biggy 1921) writes to say that he has secured a good position in Brooklyn. He was much impressed by the "sights" and "rush" of the big city, and altogether he is having a wonderful time.

A peanut sat on the railroad track,
Its heart was all a-flutter,
The 3:45 came thundering past—
Toot! Toot! Peanut Butter.

CAPT. DAVIES INSPECTS BOY SCOUTS

Captain Davies and Lieutenant McWhinney were recently asked to make an inspection of the Boy Scout Organization of Salina.

The inspection was held at the Junior High School. All the scouts in Salina were present, and were accompanied by their chums, who were about to take the oath of allegiance and thus become scouts themselves.

The prospective scouts formed the larger part of the audience, although many other interested spectators were present.

All of the scouts were formed in Company Front, and after a short address by one of the Scout Masters a rigid inspection was made. Only a few minor corrections were necessary, after which the organization was pronounced perfect.

THE POINDEXTER CUP

Another cup has been added to the list of honors for which cadets may compete this year. The donor is Mr. C. H. Poindexter, of Kansas City, father of Richard Poindexter. A handsome loving cup, already selected by Mr. Poindexter, will be given at Commencement to the cadet who, in the opinion of the faculty, shall have been the most energetic in starting and developing a NEW student activity.

The cup has excited much interest among the cadets, who are striving to think up something new in the line of a student activity that can be worked up into a regular feature of the school life.

The Skirmisher takes this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of the whole school to Mr. Poindexter for his generous gift.

Phi. Delta Sigma

The Phi Delta Sigma held a meeting on Sunday, February 4, at which certain business matters were discussed. The meeting was followed by a very lavish supper, the principal item of which was squabs. These were supplied through the generous efforts of various members of the fraternity, who had spent a great part of the afternoon in catching them on top of the school. By the unanimous verdict of all, the supper was a pronounced success, and was declared one of the best the Phi Delta Sigs had ever put on, and all expressed an earnest desire that the good work be kept up.

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THE HONOR ROLL

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

Upper School

	Average
1. Hoskinson	95
2. Wheeler, C.	89.8
3. Chenoweth	88.4
4. Phillips	87.7
5. Shortt	87.4
6. Linger	86.
7. Zellweger	85.4
8. Condon	85.2
9. Price, H.	84.7
10. McWhinney	84.5

Junior School

1. Bates	88.9
2. Jackson	85
3. Beasley	84.8
4. Sawyer, A.	84.7
5. Crooks	84.3
6. Sawyer, M.	84.3
7. Riblett	83.9
8. Sawyer, S.	83.4
9. Ripley, C.	82.4
10. Bergren	82.4

From now on a separate Honor Roll will be given for the two schools, as above.

CADETS SHINE IN NEW HEAD BANDS

Miss Eloise Heaton of Larned, Kansas, has been initiated into the realms of St. John's Good Sportsdom. Miss Heaton is sister of Hal Heaton, a member of the St. John's basketball team. Recently Miss Heaton made ten nifty head bands for the members of the St. John's basketball team. These head bands are black interwoven with some gold material, which makes a very attractive and useful article for the players.

These ornamental bands were worn in the McPherson game Friday, Feb. 16th, for the first time.—From the Salina Daily Union.

Capt. and Mrs. R. R. Shideler and family left on Wednesday morning February 7th, for Topeka, making the trip by auto. The occasion for their visit to Topeka was the marriage of Mrs. Shideler's brother, Mr. Burton Henry, of Topeka. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry on Wednesday evening. The Reverend John M. White officiating. Capt. and Mrs. Shideler and family returned to Salina on Thursday, Feb. 8th. While in Topeka Capt. Shideler took advantage of the opportunity to make some business calls for the School.

BIBLE READINGS FOR
MARCH 1-15

LENT: March 1st, Thurs.—St. Matt. 18: 10-14.

March 2, Fri.—St. John 3: 14-18.

March 3, Sat.—St. John 10: 1-11.

March 4, THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT—St. Luke 11: 14-28.

March 5, Mon.—II Kings 6: 8-17.

March 6, Tues.—Daniel 3: 13-25.

March 7, Wed.—Psalm 46.

March 8, Thurs.—St. John 12: 23-32.

March 9, Fri.—Romans 8: 31-end.

March 10, Sat.—St. John 4: 1-9.

March 11, FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT—St. John 6: 1-14.

March 12, Mon.—Gen. 45: 1-8.

March 13, Tues.—Exod. 16: 11-15.

March 14, Wed.—I Kings 17: 1-6.

March 15, Thurs.—St. John 6: 47-58.

KAPPA DELTA PHI

The Kappa Delta Phi fraternity has existed at St. John's for quite a number of years. But since its recent reorganization in 1920 it has risen to be an order commanding the high esteem of the whole school. Its membership includes men well qualified to represent the various branches of the school activity. In its President, Lieutenant L. A. McWhinney and Vice-President O. F. Armantrout, it has two very capable leaders. It is a "peppy" organization with a real program, and can certainly be said to be an important feature of the school life.

Lieutenant O. F. Armantrout was recently called home on account of the illness of his father, who was suffering from complications following an attack of the grippe. After an absence of ten days Orris ran up with his cousin by car on Feb. 20th and called in to tell us that his father was improving somewhat, and that he himself hoped to return to school within a few days. We all hope that Mr. Armantrout will speedily recover.

Carfare

For hours they had been together on her front porch. The moon cast its tender gleam down on the young and handsome couple who sat strangely far apart. He sighed. She sighed. Finally:

"I wish I had money dear" he said, "I'd travel."

Impulsively, she slipped her hand into his: then, rising swiftly, she sped into the house. Aghast, he looked at his hand. In his palm lay a nickel.

—From the Harvard Lampoon.

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The 12th of February being Abraham Lincoln's birthday, it was decided by the faculty that the suspension of scholastic activities would be quite appropriate, and a holiday was declared accordingly.

Many cadets who were suffering from the lack of sleep—evidently due to their ardent studying—were allowed to make use of the morning to regain what rest they had lost. Others arranged to spend the greater part of the morning hunting.

A part of the evening was devoted to a program of declamations on the life of Lincoln.

Aldous gave in detail a very vivid account of Lincoln's life. Dalton delivered a very minutely arranged history of Lincoln's political career. Lichty gave a most vivid account of Lincoln's assassination. Chenoweth recited the poem "O Captain, my Captain." Shortt chose Bryant's "On the Death of Lincoln", and the expression and emotion with which he delivered his oration made his audience visualize the scene in all its grim reality. Winger gave the famous Gettysburg Address.

Colonel Ganssle gave two prose readings, one from the "Eastman Kodak Salesman Pamphlet" entitled "Discouraged?" This was thought to be very applicable at this time as it told how Lincoln was ever being confronted with discouragements, disappointments and failures, and how in spite of all these he finally achieved his ends and won for himself a place among the greatest men in history.

The other was written by Henry D. Esterbrook, and seemed to be especially significant and symbolic. The reconciliation between the North and the South is depicted so strikingly by this remarkable paragraph that the Skirmisher Board thought it advisable to reproduce it here as of special interest to all at this time. It reads as follows:

"In the War Museum, in Chicago, is a strange and impressive object. It was found on the battle field of Shilo, where the fight raged fiercest, two bullets had met in mid air and the force of their meeting had fused them into a star-shaped disc. It is only a leaden star, but my imagination made of it a star of glory, portending a new birth of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." One bullet was of the North, the other of the South. Each went out with its message of death. I seemed to see them hurtling through



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"Among the Greeks"

If a Theta meets Beta
With a Gamma Phi,
If a Theta meets Beta
Need a Kappa Psi?
Every Theta has a mate
None, they say, have I;
But all the boys they smile at me,
'Cause I'm a Hunka Pie.
—College Humor.

Mr. Jones at a dinner party had been trying to say something nice to his hostess.

"What a small appetite you have Mr. Jones," she remarked.

"To sit next to you, Mrs. Smith, he replied, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

And then he wondered why he wasn't invited to her next dinner party.—From the Minneapolis Tribune.

Love is jes a thing o' fancy,
Beauty's jes a blossom;
If you wants to git yo' finger bit,
Stick it at a possum.
Beauty, it's jes skin deep;
Ugly, it's to de bone.
Beauty, it'll jes fade fade 'way;
But Ugly'll hol' 'er own.
—Fisk.

A youth just out of college sought the advice of a hardheaded business man.

"Tell me," he asked; "how I should go about getting a start in the great game of business."

"Sell your wrist watch, and buy an alarm clock," was the laconic answer.—The Rotator.

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Say it!
Do not stammer "if" or "but"
Courage takes the shortest cut.
When your task is hard to do;
Grit your teeth and see it through!

Life is just a prize to get;
Get it!
If the stage is not well set;
Set it!

Men of mettle seldom find,
What they're looking for behind.
Fate is passing down the street;
Follow him with nimble feet.

—Anon.

RING TRUE

Don't be what you ain't,
Jes' be what you is.
If you is not what you am,
Then you am not what you is.
If you're just a little tadpole,
Don't try to be a frog.
If you're just the tail,
Don't try to wag the dog.
You can always pass the plate,
If you can't exhort and preach.
If you're just a little pebble,
Don't try to be the beach,
Don't be what you ain't,
Jes' be what you is.

There Are Lots Like Her

Bishop Hoss, of Nashville, Tenn., told this story concerning the most popular use made of the Bible. He says, "The religious knowledge of too many adults resembles, I am afraid, the religious knowledge of little Eve.

"So you attend Sunday School regularly?" the minister said to little Eve.

"Oh, yes, sir", said she.

"And you know your Bible?"

"Oh, yes, sir".

"Could you, perhaps, tell me something that is in it?"

"I could tell you everything that's in it".

"Indeed!" And the minister smiled. "Do tell me, then".

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