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JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM.

This year's Junior-Senior Prom was one of the most successful in the history of St. John's school.

The party was held in the guild hall of Christ cathedral where a new dance floor made dancing a delight. The hall was attractively decorated with school colors intermixed with the colors of the junior and senior classes. Floral decorations were also around the pillars and in the corners. A beautiful center light was constructed with Mrs. Ganssle's Egyptian jardiner as the main part. Powerful lights were hung below the ja'nier and shaded with orange paper and the jardiner was filled with a mass of flowers. The regular lights were attractively decorated and were augmented by candles placed on the tables.

The guests were seated at quartette tables, each lighted by a candle and decorated with tulips, narcissus and lilacs.

The dinner was prepared by the ladies of the guild and was served by cadets of the under classes. Pierce's orchestra played during dinner and for dancing between courses. About nine o'clock the meal was over and the regular dances started. Partners were chosen in several unusual ways, sometimes by matching pieces of paper, sometimes by catching septentines, and sometimes by a lottery of flowers with names attached.

At midnight the party was broken up and after taking their young ladies home the cadets returned to school much satisfied with a pleasant evening and vowing that there never was such a prom.

Those in attendance were: the Misses Helen Smith, Gladys Storey, Katherine Maltas, Alene Crook, Marie Moss, Eula Moss, Irene Austin, Geraldine Robinson, Dorothy Foil, Gert-rude Kirtland, Mary Bailey, Margaret Crawford, Helen Daggett, Grace Holmberg, Edith Mitchell, Pauline Layton, Marjorie Housel, Ida Mae Etherington, Bennie Hite; Cadet Cap-

tains Condon and Hyde, Lieutenants Hill, Winger, McWhinney, Freeman and Shaffer; Sergeants Aldous, Dalton, Shiney, Wheeler C., Wheeler D.; Corporals Grant and Hopper, Cadets Crow, Clanin, Bowen, Shortt, Bland Poindexter, Dixon, Cheneweth and Wilson; Doctor McKnight, Colonel and Mrs. Ganssle, Major and Mrs. Weir, Major and Mrs. Perkins, Captain and Mrs. Allen and Captain and Mrs. Davies.

The efficient force of waiters which served the dinner was composed of the following cadets: Phillips, Harris, Price H., Zellweger, Lieser, Hartman, Thompson, Edwards, Johnston and Linger.

The senior class expresses its hearty appreciation to the junior class and its president for a delightful prom.

THE LEAGUE MEET

A second track meet in which St. John's took part this spring was held at Kenwood Park on Monday, April 23rd. Various schools were represented, men from McPherson, Abilene, Dickinson County, Junction City, Salina, Ellsworth and St. John's participating in the meet.

Cadets from St. John's placing in the events were as follows:

Grayson, N., third in the mile run and second in the javelin throw.

Condon, fourth in the high hurdles. Aldous, second in the low hurdles.

McCracken, fourth in the half mile. Fuhrman, tied for fourth place in the high jump.

Freeman, third in the 100 yard dash. Clanin, fourth in the 100 yard dash.

McCracken deserves special mention for the excellent spirit with which he took part in the meet, as he was materially handicapped by his broken hand, an injury received while representing the school in the boxing tournament.

MOST HEREDITARY

Hill: Charles the Second was one of the most hereditary kings the world has ever known.

SPRING ENCAMPMENT

The spring encampment is an event the entire cadet corps look forward to. Just at the time every one begins to contract the spring fever the tents and other equipment are gotten out, put into shape, and taken out to "Whites Ford". There the entire organization enjoys a relaxation from gruelling reviews and tests in a life in the open.

The camp is located at Whites Ford on a beautiful meadow between the river and the rifle range. The river affords fishing and swimming and the rope swing of far-reaching fame will transport a man from one bank of the river to the other without getting him wet.

The main attraction at camp however is the course of the rifle range which everyone is required to fire. The firing is done from four positions—standing, kneeling, sitting and prone. Five shots from each position. Rapid fire is also done from these positions. The cadets who qualify will be awarded the appropriate insignia of marksman, sharpshooter, or expert rifleman.

The "Isaac Waltons" are expected to supply the camp with fish at least once during our stay though it is difficult to see how any fish can be located while our own squad of human fish splash around in the water.

Along with the pleasures of camp are some duties which will be new to many cadets. Among these duties are K. P., guard duty, rifle pit detail and many others. The camp is never thought to be a complete success unless the corps has undergone the pleasure of one of the early spring storms to which Kansas is subject.

A VISITOR

Mrs. C. M. Beveridge of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, is visiting Captain and Mrs. Davies. Mrs. Beveridge is the mother of Mrs. Davies and has come to see whether or not "The General" is worth raising.

THE GANG GOES TO CAMP

Early Wednesday morning the bedding rolls started to accumulate on the old stone wall ready to be taken to camp. After a breakfast of corn flakes, scrambled eggs, toast and coffee the cadets returned to quarters to prepare for the march which was to start at eight-thirty. Rooms were straightened up, blankets were rolled, and cameras were gotten out. Soon after eight-thirty first call sounded and at assembly the battalion fell in all set for an outing. The hike started with the bugle and drum corps playing a lively march and with everybody in good spirits. Soon after leaving the school grounds route step was given and the march was continued at route step until the business district was reached. Down town the battalion was called to attention and the bugle corps played marches until the Kansas Wesleyan Business College was passed. At this point (a little over two miles from school) a halt was called for a ten minute rest. Many townspeople turned out to wish the cadets an enjoyable outing and to see them march past.

The march was resumed at route step another two miles to a point just beyond the Wesleyan athletic field where another halt was called. The cadets lost no time in finding seats at the side of the road where the shade trees protected them from the ever increasing heat of the sun. Most of the cadets were ready to rest but our ambitious adjutant, Hill, soon came to life and started throwing small chunks of dirt at other cadets. A battle royal soon ensued in which most of the corps were throwing at Hill who played Indian and dodged behind trees. At the end of ten minutes the march was resumed and a steady pace was maintained in spite of the calls for double time from some of the men in "A" company. Most of the smaller boys were willing to travel at an ordinary pace after having walked five miles. Before long the tents came in view and then the river was reached. The river had risen considerably and came almost over the single-plank bridge so several got damp feet in crossing. When all had crossed the march was resumed to camp where, after a short talk on rules of the camp by Major Weir, the cadets were assigned to their tents and received their mess kits.

It was not long after arrival that the first cadets were swinging on the

rope over the river and shortly after that the stream of wet and half-wet swingers started for camp. Some fell off the rope, some slid down the bank, and some were pushed. At any rate several succeeded in getting more or less covered with clay and water. Some of the more hardy went swimming in the river which was cool to say the least. Many went fishing—that is they hung lines in the water. So far there is no proof of any fish being caught.

At noon the cadets had the first out-door meal. They lined up with their mess kits and cups and filed past the cook shack where the cook and his assistants served the meal. It was a new experience to many of the cadets.

During the afternoon tents and beds were fixed up, some went for walks to explore the surrounding hills and woods, some went fishing, and others spent the afternoon on the river or pitching horseshoes. Two cadets who made the error of going to town without permission the night before, peeled potatoes and chopped firewood.

At night an excellent meal of roast beef, boiled potatoes with brown gravy, bread, butter, coffee, and pie was relished by the entire camp. An inspection was then made to see that all cadets had sufficient bedding and knew how to make up their bunks. It was a remarkable thing that the ones with two or three blankets were sure they had enough while those with six or seven thought they might possibly be warm enough.

After supper there was more fishing and walking until tattoo blew when all retired to rest up for the first day on the rifle range.

BOWEN A CHARTER MEMBER OF DE MOLAY

The De Moley members at St. John's were pleased to learn that Cadet E. E. Bowen was chosen as a charter member of the new chapter of De Moley recently started at Dodge City. Bowen was absent from school for several days during the installation of the chapter and the conferring of the degrees. The whole school feels that an honor has been bestowed upon Cadet Bowen in being asked to join such an organization—especially as one of the original members of a new chapter.

UPPER SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for the month ending May 1, 1923, is again headed by Hoskinson, with an average of 95.7. This is five points higher than the second man. The honor roll for the month follows:

Hoskinson	95.7
Linger	97.7
Shortt	89.8
Jacobson	88.2
Dalton	88
Lieser	87.7
Edwards	87.4
Wheeler C.	86
Phillips	85.7
Shaft	85.7
Spoelstra	85.7

ON THE HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for the junior school for the month ending April 17th is headed by Cadet Bates with an average of 86.1. Congratulations Bates! The rest of the honor roll follows:

Bates	86.1
Jackson	86
Jones	85.7
Riblett	84.3
Ganssle	84.3
Sawyer, A.	83.3
Beasley	82.8
Sawyer, M.	82.8
Crooks	82
Sawyer, S.	81.6

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WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Edgar Thompson is rejoicing in the fact that his sister, Margaret E. Thompson, has just been given a scholarship in a French school. The scholarship was awarded by the American Council on Education at Washington and includes living expenses and tuition for one year as well as one-half the expense of transportation.

Miss Thompson was an honor graduate of Central High School in Kansas City in 1921 and has spent one year at William Woods college. She has been attending Missouri University this year on a scholarship from Central High School. Miss Thompson expects to sail for France late in September.

A VISITOR

Miss Ida Mae Wetherington spent the week-end of May 5th with her cousin, Mrs. Perkins at St. John's school. Miss Wetherington was Lieutenant McWhinney's partner at the Junior-Senior Prom.

THE POINT OF VIEW

Morris—"How's business with you, Bernie?"

Bernie—"Oh, lookin' up."

Morris—"What do you mean, lookin' up?"

Bernie—"Well, it's flat on its back, ain't it?"—St. John (N.B.) Eve Times and Star.

EXCHANGE

The Skirmisher acknowledges the following exchanges:

The Onargosy

The Patriot

The Eagle

The Industrialist

The Habit.

POP KNEW

Kriss, Jr.—Pop, what is domestic science?

Kriss, Sr.—Trying to keep peace in the family.

WHEN HOSTILITIES BEGAN

From Numero Turin.

She—what was the date of the beginning of the war?

He—The day we got married.

Cap.—"What do you think of a man who would get up at two in the morning to go horseback riding?"

Sap.—"Who done that?"

Cap.—"Paul Revere."

TENNIS

Tennis has become an interscholastic sport this year. The different cadets that are trying out for the team have been working every spare moment that is available to perfect their playing. The tennis court at the first of spring weather was in a very run-down condition. The enthusiastic tennis players got together and with the aid of the squad succeeded in putting the court in good shape. There has been no election for the captaincy as yet. However, the team has a good bunch of players from which to pick a captain.

WE WONDER:

What Fuhrman meant when he asked the conductor at Florence which depot went to El Dorado?

What Schaffer K meant when he said Petrarch was the first one to awaken antiquity?

Who made the "howlers" found in another column of this issue?

HELPING HIM OUT

From the New York Sun.

Kriss—I am undecided about what I want.

Waiter—Try some hash. Then you will be undecided about what you are getting.

TEACHER'S MISTAKE

John—"Teacher, can any one be punished for something they didn't do?"

Teacher—"Why, no; of course not."

John—"Well, I haven't done my arithmetic."—The Boys Magazine.

FIGHT ON

Be strong!

We are not here to drift;

We have hard work to do and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle, face it!

'Tis God's gift. Be strong.

Be Strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong;

How hard the battle goes; the day how long;

Faint not; fight on! tomorrow comes the song.

—Babcock.

Paw Knows Everything

Willie: "Paw, what does flattery mean?"

Paw: "Flattery is when some liar tells you the nice things you have always thought about yourself, my son."

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Mrs. Wier is looking forward to a visit from her mother, Mrs. Gates. Mr. and Mrs. Gates left Los Angeles on the eighth and are driving to Salina via the Southern route. It is expected that they will arrive in Salina in time for commencement.

HIT THE BALL

Reviews are in progress and examinations are just around the corner. The opportunity to sum up and thoroughly establish the year's work is now ours to grasp. If every man will enter into the daily review with the determination to understand everything that is mentioned and to make the information in each of his text books his to keep, no one will fail.

Every text book represents the effort of a specialist to convey his hard earned knowledge to us in a way that will save us years of effort and permit us to go on from where he left off. Each instructor, likewise, is a specialist in his work and can give us information in its best form in a fraction of the time it took him to get it. If we could get all the knowledge we have available could we not start where our informants leave off and in time become greater authorities than they have been? There is no doubt about it, we could. Such has been the path of knowledge from its first beginnings. Ever since men learned to communicate with each other, the old, wise, and experienced men have given their accumulated knowledge to the young and inexperienced men who in turn extended that knowledge until it came their time to pass their accumulation on.

The man who lets his studies push him is forming the habit of being a failure. The man who grasps his work and takes it to him and makes it his is, by that attitude successful—a conqueror.

WITH THE RADIO BUGS

The school receiving set is working night and day and the radio enthusiasts are receiving concerts from all over the United States. Our regular entertainment comes, of course, from the near-by stations of Kansas City—the Kansas City Star and The Sweeny Automobile School. Concerts are also received from the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., stations in Atlanta, Ga., Los Angeles, Calif., Madison, Wisconsin, and numberless intermediate stations. A favorite amusement is the Kansas City Star's Night Hawk program broadcast from the Hotel Muebach by the famous Coon-Saunders orchestra.

Dave Wheeler has assembled a good three tube set out of parts he obtained from Chicago. It was equipped with a spider-web coil but something refused to work so Dave replaced the spider web with a vario-coupler and now gets results. He claims he can hear everything obtainable with the regular school set, the only difference being that his set will not tune as finely as the school set.

Hoskinson stepped out and bought himself a set the other day. He investigated all available sets and selected a single tube set which is set up by the salesman and guaranteed to work. He thus saved himself all the bother of constructing the set and of shooting trouble to make it work. He has it set up in the lower school building and is greatly pleased with it.

The greatest source of difficulty to the Radio Club is keeping the "A" battery charged. The rectifier is on for such short periods of time that the current is used up faster than it is put in.

RETREAT PARADES

Now that the weather has turned toward the warm and balmy, Retreat Parade and Formal Guard Mounting will take place every Sunday evening. Major Weir has been whipping the cadet corps into shape and they will make a fine showing in the new uniforms. Every afternoon parade and guard mounting has been drilled. At present the Parades are executed with only a minor mistake made now and then. In a short while it will be faultless.

SCIENCE IN POLITICS

President Harding has installed a radio outfit in the White House. The next thing in politics will be wireless-pulling.—Life.

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SALINA-ST. JOHNS DUAL TRACK MEET

The first track meet of the year for St. John's was with Salina high at Oakdale Park. The cadets did not do so well in the dashes but in most of the other events they displayed excellent ability. The meet was won by the high school.

Two cadets won the number of points necessary to receive their letters: Hartman by his good work in the weight events and Grayson by his fast work in the distance races and the javelin throw.

50 yard dash—First: Jones (S); Second: Brown (S). Time: 5:4.

100 yard dash—First: Jones (S); Second: Brown (S). Time 11:00.

Mile—First: Grayson (M); Second: Myers (S). Time 5:34.

440 yard dash—First: Terry (S); Second: Hurling (S). Time 58:00.

120 H. H.—First: Corporan (S); Second: Condon (M). Time 20:00.

220 H. H.—First: Terry (S); Second: Brown (S). Time 23:02.

880 H. H.—First: Grayson (M); Second: McCracken (M). Time 2:16:04.

220 L. H.—First: Jones (S); Second: Aldous (M). Time 27:2.

Mile Relay—Salina.

Shot Put—First: Hartman (M); Second: Lichty (M). 37 feet.

High Jump—First: Hartman (S); Second: Fuhrman (M). 5 ft. 1 in.

Pole Vault—Corporan (S) and Grant (S) tied. 9 ft. 9 in.

Discus—First: Hartman (M); Second: Corporan (S). 99 ft. 6 in.

Javelin—First: Corporan (S); Second: Grayson (M). 133 ft. 4 in.

Broad Jump—First: Lichty (M); Second: Rhodes (S). 17 ft. 1½ in.

(S) indicates Salina and (M) indicates St. John's (Military).

Johnny (sniffing): "Teacher licked me 'cause I was the only one who could answer a question."

Mother: "That does not sound reasonable, dear. What was the question?"

Johnny (between sobs): "Who put the bent pin in teacher's chair?"

WESLEY'S RULE

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

BASE BALL SEASON OPENS

The Salina Millers formally opened the season last Friday with a big parade and a game. Many of the stores and factories were closed and the entire town turned out. The feature of the parade was the cadet corps from St. John's, led by the drum corps. The cadets were in dress uniform and under arms and they put up a snappy appearance. The color guard of the local battery (mounted) led the procession, next came the St. John's drum and bugle corps, followed by the battalion. The Salina municipal band followed the cadets and automobiles carrying the baseball players made up the rest of the parade.

The game was between Salina and Topeka and was won by Salina with a score of six to three. The baseball management in appreciation of the services of the cadet corps presented the cadets with complimentary tickets to the Saturday game. Many of the cadets took advantage of the management hospitality and enjoyed the game.

SOME MORE HOWLERS

"Getyburg invented movable type "

"Hallam invented movable press "

"Italia Irridenta was a union between the Balkan States."

"Gutenberg invented the type-writer "

"Boccaccio was one of Petrarch's faithful flowers "

"The Hague Conference met in Hollywood."

THE PANTS THAT FAILED

Sir Lancelot, in days of old,

Wore armor made of steel.

And everywhere this knight did go.

Right noble did he feel.

He was invited into court

To dine with Lady Hausers.

He spilled some water on his suit,

And rusted his best trousers.

—Fun.

COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT

A darkey was asked by a school teacher whether he had been through algebra. "Yes," was the reply, "but I went through it at night and could not see much of it "

There was a young man from the city
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He gave it a pat, and soon after that,
He buried his clothes. What a pity

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Certified reports from the last solemn conclave with His highness the Mystic Astrologer have recently come to hand, and include glimpses into the future of the following cadets, who are destined to be ten years hence:—

LICHTY—Leader, at the piano, of the famous "Cow Punchers Orchestra" with headquarters at Kipp, Kansas. His chief hobby is the training and education of his justly celebrated moustache, which has grown to be the despair of the cake-eaters. Old St. John's boys who knew him in his school days would scarcely recognize him now as he tintinabulates the ivories while beating time with occasional twirls at his moustache.


LINGER & WOLFE are together in Europe with the American Polo Team. Very glowing accounts are received of their prowess, more than one victory of the American Team having been due very largely to their superior horsemanship. Immediately upon their return to the States they plan to visit old St. John's, where they will present the prizes for cavalry drill and horsemanship.

MANION—President of the Solomon Electric Light and Gas Company. Married twice and has a large family. Now working on a patent flash-light battery that never gives out. Has already several patents to his credit, mainly on electric vibrator and permanent wave devices.

MILES—Chief of Police at Hays, Kansas. Also runs the postoffice and grocery store. One of the most efficient chiefs of Police Hays has ever had. Got his start as traffic cop at Bennington.

MILLER—Janitor at the Mission Church at Sleepy Hollow. Sweeps the church every Monday after the Sunday Service, then takes a nap in the furnace room until Thursday, when he wakes up, fixes the fire, dusts the furniture, sweeps the sidewalk; then goes down for another well earned rest until Sunday morning, when he wakes up in time to open the doors for service. It's a strenuous life he leads.

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McCRACKEN—Proprietor of the "Success Osteopathic Institute." He says the secret of the "Success" is in the tactful way in which he induces patients to pay their bills. His method is simple but effective and consists in suggesting payment to the patient at the time when he is least likely to refuse such as when the doctor has a sissors on his stomach. Other appropriate times are when the patients neck is twisted to the breaking point or during Dr. McCracken's famous baseball-bat hair treatment. The patient is found to be unusually receptive at these times and takes kindly to suggestions. Dr. McCracken's organization is remarkably complete. He has a highly trained corps of assistants—most of them ex-prixe fighters, who stand around with sand bags and ball bats and reassure the patients with friendly remarks. They are always anxious to hear the patient's opinion of the treatments and to make appointments for further treatments. Under their friendly urging the patients always praise the work of the Institute, write testimonials for the papers, pay their bills in advance, and declare themselves completely cured.

McMURTIE—Head Master of large correspondence school which teaches the art of being a successful waiter. Has compiled a set of rules without which no waiter can be a complete success. Some of the outstanding rules are: When you find you cannot pass another waiter it is better to go around a few tables than to go

between his legs as he will probably step in the soup. 2. Do not drop more than six dishes per day lest the manager think you are doing it on purpose and stop your pay. 3. Do not drop things on the floor after you come in sight of the customers as many object to eating off the floor. McMurtrie claims that much of his profound knowledge of the subject was gained in his younger days when he used to drop the bread before he got it to the table in order that he might learn the attitude of eaters. He often says: They don't know the difference if they don't see it.

McWHINNEY—Easily the most popular movie hero of the year. The way he beats up whole gangs of ruffians is wonderful and his lovemaking is an inspiration. He loves his work but does not care for women he stated in an interview. In fact the knowledge that "Hansome Mac" is a woman hater has caused more sighs than anything since the world war.

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The annual Easter egg-cracking contest was held during the breakfast meal on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Before the contest took place much mirth was occasioned by one or two slight differences noticeable in the menu, a special April 1st menu having been put on which reflected great credit upon the culinary experts. One trick was the substitution of salt for sugar in the sugar bowls, and another the mixing of two or three uncooked eggs with the supply of boiled eggs at each table. But the crowning feature was the trick pancakes, which defied all efforts to cut them. After much honest effort had been expended in sawing at them, it was found that there was a reason for their stubbornness that morning, and further investigation revealed that the secret of their strength lay in a special patent armoured shirt that each one wore skilfully concealed beneath its harmless innocent surface.

After the merriment had subsided somewhat, the traditional egg contest was announced by Colonel Ganssle, who read the rules governing the contest. Each table cracked eggs around until a champion was declared, after which the table champions cracked around to establish the champion egg-cracker of the dining hall. The table champs were as follows:

Major Wier's table—Cadet Grant.

Capt. Davies' table—Grayson, N.

Dr. McKnight's table—Doran.

Colonel Ganssle's—Wheeler, D.

Capt. Allen's table—Edwards.

Capt. Hass' table—Foster.

Capt. Barker's table—Barnett.

Major Perkins' table—Winger.

The finals were between Dr. McKnight's champion Doran and Edwards, the champion of Capt. Allen's table. Doran succeeded in cracking Edwards' egg, and was proclaimed champion of the dining hall.

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