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THE LINCOLN GAME

The game at Lincoln was a very hard fought game. Our boys went into the game with the fight and snappy team work which won them the game, and performed the extraordinary feat of rushing the ball down the field ninety yards for a touchdown. The whole of the first half was in our favor. We made both of our touchdowns in the first quarter.

Lincoln came back in the second half with a fight which nearly cost us the game, but everyone of our boys met them with hard hitting and low hard tackling. Sheets, their fast full-back, is Lincoln's best ground gainer.

On our team some of the boys should be congratulated on their excellent work. On the line, Freeman, McCracken and Blunt. In the backfield, Grant, Hartman, Shaffer and Swimmer. McCracken was easily the star

of the game says Coach McGrew. He was at the bottom of every play over or near the keystone position. His brand of defense if continued will make him a likely candidate for pivot man on the all-star state team.

The domestic science class of the high school showed a fine hospitable spirit, inviting the cadets to partake of a light lunch, which they all enjoyed.

LINCOLN LOSES TO ST. JOHN'S—16 TO 13

STATISTICAL CHART OF THE LINCOLN-ST. JOHN'S FOOTBALL GAME

	Totals		First Period		Second Period		Third Period		Fourth Period	
	St. J.	L.	St. J.	L.	St. J.	L.	St. J.	L.	St. J.	L.
Ground gained by rushing, yards.....	195	116	109	36	26	29	28	24	32	27
First downs	10	8	7	3	1	3	2	2	0	0
Punts	9	7	1	0	2	4	2	2	4	1
Distance of punts, yards.....	370	225	45	0	90	155	85	60	165	40
Average distance of punts, yards.....	41	36	45	0	45	39	42	30	41	40
Run back of punts, yards.....	37	57	0	0	21	0	6	7	0	50
Forward passes attempted.....	6	10	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	3
Forward passes completed	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
Ground gained by forward pass plays, yards.....	33	15	0	0	0	15	31	0	2	0
Opponents forward passes intercepted	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Number of penalties	7	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0
Ground lost through penalties, yards.....	75	45	10	45	5	0	30	0	30	0
Fumbles	4	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0
Own fumbles recovered	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Opponents fumbles recovered	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Goals from field attempted.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Goals from field scored.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Touchdowns	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	

ST. JOHN'S LOSES TO CHAPMAN—13 TO 0

STATISTICAL CHART OF CHAPMAN-ST. JOHN'S GAME

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CADETS AT CAPT. ALLEN'S TABLE ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

The cadets at table number two by the process of a spelling game, accumulated a sufficient amount of money to have light refreshments.

An appetite was whetted by playing games. Winners of a guessing contest were Olmsted and Thomas. Lieut. Wheeler C. won the candy hunt. Many other little games were enjoyed by all.

The radio came in handy. Music while they ate. The lunch consisted of chocolate ice cream, cinnamon buns, cookies, candy and salted peanuts.

All seemed anxious to have another lunch at the earliest date. Those present were Capt. and Mrs. Allen, Lieut. Wheeler C., Dickinson, Olmsted, Turner, Pratt, Shumata, Thomas.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving day was spent in various ways by the cadet corps and faculty, all parties meeting at the Bennington Mills for lunch and afterwards going on to the game. The school truck, under the care of Cadets Jamison and Schaffer, K., left at nine thirty and hunted the road sides up to the Mills. They bagged nineteen rabbits, one of which was an immense jack weighing nearly twelve pounds. Col. Ganssle piloted another party of hunters along the old Bennington road and found good shooting in the hedges. The results of this hunt brought the total number of rabbits up to twenty-nine. A box of shells has been offered to the cadet who kills the greatest number of rabbits during the Thanksgiving season. Hal Wilson and Schaffer, K., are tied for the prize. At one o'clock the cadets assembled at the mills and had a delicious lunch of hot chile which Major Perkins and his kitchen detail had prepared, and then every one went on to the game. Saint John's won 29 to 0. The day which had promised snow in the morning turned off fair, and the crisp air and fall colorings made the return ride a pleasure as well as an appetizer. Happy and triumphant Saint John's returned to school for dinner, where yells for the team, Captain Grant and Coach McGrew, showed the appreciation of the student body for the good work and spirit that has made our season end successfully. Passes were issued for the Shrine circus after dinner, thus ending a pleasant day.

ARMY AND NAVY GAME

Sunday, Nov. 11 the first and second classes of the Army and Navy teams met in their annual foot-ball conflict which ended in the defeat of the Navy, the score being 17 to 0.

The game started as though it would be an equal contest but late in the first quarter Manion, the Navy fullback fumbled a punt and the ball rolled across the line. Before the fullback could recover, Utterback, the Army's left end fell on the ball. Harris, the Army's fullback made a nice place kick for the extra point.

After this touchdown the Navy team seemed to lose all their pep and for the rest of the game the Army continued to gain ground on them. Besides the Army's gains on passes, Shumate, the Army's left half, made from five to ten yards on end runs.

Hutto and Doran on the line and Wheeler C. at fullback did good work in covering passes and downing break-a-ways. The third quarter the Army made their place kick, and in the fourth quarter they scored their other touchdown and made the place kick for the extra point. The line up is as follows:

Navy	Pos.	Army
Hutto	L. E.	Utterback
Doran	L. T.	Shields
Littlehead	L. G.	Fisher
Andrews	C.	Wilson
Jamison	R. G.	Price H.
Conklin	R. T.	Schaffer, K.
Olmsted	R. E.	Thompson, E.
Wheeler C.	F. B.	Zellweger (c)
Crow	L. H. B.	Shumate
Johnston	R. H. B.	Price, J.
Manion (c)	Q. B.	Harris
Substitutes:—Navy, Riblet for Crow; Crow for Riblet; Army, Thompson E. for Schaffer K.; Linger for Price J. Officials:—Coach McGrew and Major Davies.		

Robert H. Mitchell ('08) visited Saint John's for the Thanksgiving holidays. He was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Ganssle at the Minneapolis game which he attended in preference to the K. U.-Missouri contest. Mr. Mitchell is an alumnus of Missouri University and is now the treasurer of the Minnequa Coal Company of Denver. After the turkey dinner on Friday, Mr. Mitchell left for Texas. We were very glad to be able to entertain him and hear tales of the old days at Saint John's.

SECOND ARMY AND NAVY GAME

The teams seemed to be about equal, neither having the advantage. During the whole game the ball was carried first to one goal only to be taken by the opposing team down the field to the other team's goal. Little kicking was done. The most effective plays on both sides were end runs and passes.

Both teams were somewhat hindered, the Navy losing Wheeler C., one of their best backfield men, because he was needed to play in the Lincoln game, and the Army missing three of their players, Price H., Price J., and Wilson.

Line-Up

Navy		Army
Dickinson	R. E.	Thompson R.
Conklin	R. T.	Linger
Jamison	R. G.	Schaffer K.
Andrews	C.	Thompson E.
Riblett	L. G.	Barnett
Littlehead	L. T.	Fisher
Hutto	L. E.	Utterback
Manion	Q. B.	Shaft
Doran	R. H. B.	Harris
Jeannen	L. H. B.	Zellweger
Johnston	F. B.	Shumate

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THANKSGIVING GAME

Saint John's 29—Minneapolis 0

The first half was in favor of the cadets, giving them two touch downs in the first five minutes of the game. End runs and line plunges carried the ball over the goal line, but the cadets did not complete a single pass. The first touchdown was made by Swimmer, and the second by Grant.

The second quarter was just a battle up and down the field, first one side taking the ball down the field and then the other bringing it back. Minneapolis found that they could complete passes, and they used this method in making most of their ground. At the end of the half the score was 13 to 0.

At the beginning of the second half Minneapolis came back fighting and once or twice came near scoring. At the beginning of the third quarter Hartman made a pretty place kick from the thirty-yard line. Minneapolis received the ball and was taking it down the field and gaining by forward passes when Swimmer intercepted a pass at the ten yard line. In an instant five men were around him for interference. Grant knocked down a man who was almost within tackling distance and with the help of the rest of the interference, Swimmer ran ninety yards for a touchdown.

The fourth quarter was the hardest fought of the whole game and physical condition began to tell. The cadets pushed over their last touchdown with a play straight through the center. Grant carried the ball over.

McCracken and Freeman did their usual good work on the line. Heaton did some good punting, making two fine punts of forty-five yards. Grant and Swimmer were the stars in the backfield.

We are glad to welcome Cadets Brodie and Roth back to St. John's. Both boys have missed school for some time on account of illness. Cadet Roth has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis, while Brodie has just recovered from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Both boys are now engaged in the school activities, and we sincerely wish them better luck for the remaining part of the year.

Elliot Putnam ('22) who is now attending Wesleyan University makes frequent visits to the school to say 'hello'. We all wish "Putty" success in his college work.



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RADIOGRAMS

Radio during the past month has been very good. Many new stations have been received. Many of which are new broadcasting stations. One of the features was an excellent speech given by Ex-President Wilson who spoke on "Armistice". He spoke from his private home in Washington and his speech was relayed to New York by phone then broadcasted. The speech was received by Capt. Allen and Wheeler D. Some of the stations received lately are:

W. O. A.—San Antonio, Texas.
W. T. A. M.—Elgin, Ill.
W. D. A. M.—Chicago, Ill.
W. H. A. Z.—Troy, N. Y.
W. I. A. Z.—Miami, Florida.
W. P. E.—Independence, Mo.
K. N. Z.—Salt Lake City, Utah.
W. H. A. S.—Louisville, Kentucky.
W. S. Y.—Birmingham, Alabama.

Capt. Allen has added another tube to his set which makes the music more clear. The station that is received most is the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., which broadcasts very good music.

The annual turkey dinner was served to the faculty, the cadets and their guests in the dining room of Vail Hall on Friday, November 30. There was a huge turkey for each table with mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, fruit salad, celery and olives. Mince and pumpkin pie, after-dinner mints and coffee were served for dessert. Not the least of the success of the dinner was due to the skill of our excellent cook, Mrs. Franklin, whose roast turkey and oyster dressing are not to be equalled.

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BASKET BALL HERE

The athletic world is now undergoing its usual changes. Basket ball days are here, just as welcomed by its ardent supporters as football was. Football will give us no more thrills until next year. A few post season games will not hold our interest as did those games on the regular schedule. By the week end after Thanksgiving football is something of the past.

Basket ball is a wonderful game. It has its thrills and its faults just the same as any other sport. It takes a wonderful constitution to play a hard, well fought game. Possibly this sport is second to no other sport in requiring utmost physical fitness. So when we all say goodbye to dear old football, we look forward to dear old basket ball. Grant.

Ralph Tompkins, an old friend of McWhinney's from Loveland, Colo., was a visitor at St. John's last Saturday. He is driving through the country and just stopped for a short time to see McWhinney.

Cadet Finch has returned to school after a prolonged illness. He underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Asbury Hospital and is now improving fast. He was able to ride with his parents last Sunday when they visited him and is now attending classes.

Gus Shinney '22, spent part of the afternoon at St. John's while here attending the Hutchinson-Salina football game. Gus is playing his usual star role in the football game for Fairmount University. We all wish him best luck in his school work and athletics.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions and appointments of cadet non-commissioned officers at St. John's Military School were announced to take effect on December 3, 1923:

To be Cadet Sergeant—Cadet Davis Bland.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet John Harris, in charge of bugle corps.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet Hal Heaton.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet Earl Zellweger.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet Gifford Jamison.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet George Nelson.

To be Cadet Corporal—Cadet Robert Crooks.

Up until this date different members of the Cadet Corps have been tried as non-commissioned officers.

The above cadets have been selected as the most competent. We hope that they will be worthy of their new rank.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

An order has recently been published to the effect that the calls in the morning will be one-half hour later than they have been in the past. The calls in the evening will be the same as usual.

Under this schedule the cadets are allowed to sleep one-half hour longer. This will probably remain in effect until late in the spring when it will be light enough at six fifteen to have setting-up exercises at that hour.

A RIDE

On Saturday, December 1, Major Perkins, Captain McGrew, Lieut. Conklin, Sergt. Linger and Cadets Hutto, Blunt, Wilson, Craven, Jackson, Whithead, Thompson E., Thomas, Stone, Andrews and Farnsworth, went to the Battery Stables and with the aid of the stable sergeant, saddled fifteen horses of the Battery and went for a ride. The troop in column of twos, then rode back to school to procure gloves and overcoats, as the weather had turned cooler. Lunch was rationed to each member of the party, after which the ride began.

Riding east on the U. P. Highway for about five miles, the party swung south and, later, west for some cross-country riding. Several old sand and gravel pits were explored, after which lunch was served and the party rode back to the Battery Stables, unsaddled their horses and returned to school, all having had a very pleasant time.

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THE SHRINE CIRCUS

From Friday, November 23, till Saturday, December 1, the Shriners held an indoor circus at the new Memorial Hall of Salina. Passes for the circus were granted to cadets who studied in the afternoon on the first five days. On the other evenings, passes were granted to all who desired to go. A large number attended, and all, especially the younger cadets, reported an unusually fine program.

CADETS AT HOME

During the holidays a number of cadets were given permits to be at their homes. A majority of the boys left in the middle part of the week, although some stayed until after the game which was played at Minneapolis.

In most all cases permits were extended until Sunday night, although some cadets who were up in their grades were allowed until Monday to return. All cadets who were home say that they have had a fine time during vacation and are ready to get back to the books again.

RADIO

At present there are six radio sets in the barracks. Capt. Allen receives from all over the country. Wheeler D. says his three tube set can't be beaten for clearness. Harris has a single circuit set with which he seems to have much trouble.

Doran says his is the most expensive of all, but that it will not work. Flanders is constructing a two tube set. He has had much experience in this line. Shaffer C., with his home built box has the most complete set in the school. He reports receiving messages from both coasts; Texas, Iowa, and Ohio, are among his every day program. He says he has received one station that has not been heard by the other boys—Portland, Oregon.

Linger, reading a maxim signed Anonymous, pipes up with "Hoskinson, who is this guy, Anonymous?"

"I went to a stag party last night."
"Yes, I saw you staggering as you came in."
—Stone Mill.

Frat—We have a new dishwasher at the house.

Frater—How so?

Frat—I noticed the difference in finger prints on my plate.

—Black and Blue Joy.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK

During the week starting November 19, all of the schools gave their assembly periods to the observation of Educational Week. Short talks were given by different members of the student body and also by many prominent business men of the country. The subjects of these talks dealt with different phases of the national problem of education and with illiteracy as a menace to national life. The program, as carried out at St. John's was interesting and reflected credit on those who took part. On Thursday of the week Mr. Anderson, a well known banker of Kansas, explained to the student body the secrets of running a bank, and offered much excellent advice for a student who is going into business after finishing school. The cadets who spoke at St. John's are as follows:

1. The Teacher as a Nation Builder—Lieut. Wheeler D.
2. The School Influence on the Coming Generation—Cadet Crow.
3. The School as a Productive Institution—Lieut. Wheeler C.
4. The School Needs in the Community—Sergt. Phillips.
5. Illiteracy—A Menace to our Nation—Sergt. Grant.
6. An American's Duty Toward the Uneducated—Corporal Heaton.
7. Let Every Citizen Teach one Illiterate—Sergt. Linger.
8. A Public Library for Every Community—Sergt. Hopper.
9. Children Today—Citizens Tomorrow—Sergt. Bland.
10. The Country's Need for Conservation of Forests, Soil, Roads and other Resources—Cadet Wilson.
11. Life, Liberty and Justice—Sergt Edwards.
12. How the Constitution Guarantees These—Cadet Dickinson.
13. Revolutionists and Radicals a Menace—Cadet Shields.
14. Security and Opportunity—Captain Freeman.
15. The Flag—The Emblem of the Nation—Corporal Crooks.
16. Help Immigrants and Aliens to Become Americans—Captain McWhinney.
17. Take an Active Interest in Governmental Affairs—Lieut. Liesser.

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Newark—"Bomash smashed Grebe on the nose, which brought the sap."

Zion—"This is our regular Lord's day service."

Newark—"Grebe replied with a vicious uppercut to the chin."

Zion—"Behold how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Newark—"Bomash knocked Grebe through the ropes. Grebe came up smiling with a bloody face for more punishment."

Zion—"It is like the oil which runneth down the beard, even Aaron's beard."

Newark—"Fourth round: Bomash sent a left to Grebe's head, which he dodged, only to receive a smash on the jaw, which came near putting him to sleep."

Zion—"Even to the hem of His garments."

Newark—"Both men bleeding freely and they have each received about all the punishment they can take."

Zion—"The choir will now sing 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.'"
—Radio Digest.

SHINEY STRONG IN FAIRMOUNT LINE

The best offensive and defensive man in the Fairmount line is Shiney. Shiney breaks the enemy's line and is in every play. At practice the big boy seems to get into every play, tearing through the second team line and tackling backs before they can get started. His enthusiasm was reflected in the playing of the rest of the line, and he is proving more valuable each day as a Fairmount defense.

THE BONFIRE

On the night of October 31, the annual Halloween bonfire took place. It was a very spectacular affair and lit up the entire field.

Many days were spent in gathering wood for the bonfire, and on Halloween eve, under the supervision of Col. Ganssle, the wood was placed on a scaffold which had been built for that purpose, by a disciplinary squad. At eight o'clock that night the bonfire

was lighted, and the fun started.

Games such as Crack the Whip, Devil Crack Whip, Tag and Banner Leader were played. Cadets enjoyed toasting marshmallows around the fire.

Salina must have thought that St. John's was burning as they sent out their entire fire department. They were soon informed of what was really happening, and returned to the station.

The bonfire was enjoyed by everybody, and to avoid any trouble, lots were drawn by some of the cadets to see who would sleep out near the fire and watch it. The two cadets who drew the lucky numbers were Thompson E. and Newton.

AN INFORMAL HOP

On Saturday evening of November third a number of young ladies were invited out to school for dinner. After supper, which included gossip and talk the tables in the dining room were moved aside so that the dance could take place. The party was made very interesting by circle dances and favor dances.

Refreshments were served about ten o'clock, after which the dance was resumed. The party was enjoyed by all, and every one was sorry to see it break up.

Those present were:

Colonel and Mrs. Ganssle
Major and Mrs. Perkins
Captain Barker and Mrs. Davies
Captain McGrew and Miss Francis Felt

Captain McWhinney and Miss Mary Goodall

Captain Charboneau and Miss Mary Bailey

Lieutenant Hoskinson and Miss Martha Eberhardt.

Lieutenant Wheeler D. and Miss Gertrude Kirkland

Sergeant Johnston and Miss Mary Francis Mitchell

Cadet Bland and Miss Helen Stanford

Cadet Zellweger and Miss Bennie Hite

Cadet Shields and Miss Helen Smith

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HAYS AND ST. JOHN'S MUD FIGHT—SCORE 0-0.

The Cadet team and the Hays High School team fought a muddy game on the Wesleyan field, Friday, November second. The mud was four inches deep in places, and it was practically impossible for the players to run.

The ball was in the center of the field most of the time, although the cadets had the ball near to their goal line three or four times. On one of these incidents Hartman tried to place kick but the mud covered ball fell short.

At the end of the half the Cadets had the ball on Hays ten yard line and were determined to put it over but failed. Hays tried to punt, but the ball was blocked and recovered by the cadets.

On the cadet team Heaton, Freeman and McCracken did very good work in the line. Hartman and Swimmer did most of the ground gaining. For Hays, Campbell played a very good game.

Hays	Pos.	St. Johns
Corder	L. E.	Furhman
Green	L. T.	Berggren
Runion	L. G.	Hopper
Billions	C.	McCracken
Waltz	R. G.	Phillips
C. Ellis	R. T.	Freeman
Fick	R. E.	Heaton
Chittenden	Q. B.	Bland
Hawks	L. H. B.	Swimmer
Spencer	R. H. B.	Grant
Campbell	F. B.	Hartman

Substitutions for Hays:—Mullins for Corder; R. Ellis for Chittenden; St. John's—Paddock for Phillips; C. Shaffer for Bland. Officials, Ivy and Poort.

THE NEW RIFLES

St. John's has recently received new rifles from the War Department. They are of the Enfield type called the Eddystone rifle. The old ones are known as the American magazine rifle, model 1898. The new rifles were made during the war for the French army, but due to the early signing of the armistice, were not shipped. The Enfields were made of very fine materials, tested to a great accuracy. The bore is of a standard size which will allow standard shells of England and France to be used. The old ones are of a particular bore, and only a certain size shell made by the U. S. can be used.

The Enfield rifle will be used as

soon as the cadets have mastered the close order drill and the manual of arms.

SHAPING BATTALION INTO PERFECT FORM

Major Perkins is doing a wonderful work in executing his duty as commandant. Not only the drill and uniformity show great improvement, but also regulations which tend to help every one have been issued.

The old guns will be used until the cadets have perfectly mastered the art of handling the piece. To hasten familiarity with the piece, Major Perkins is drilling the battalion in the Butts Manual. The new guns will not be issued until after Christmas.

Competitive drills shaping into the form of a contest have been in existence between the two companies. This not only keeps up the morale of the companies but encourages the smaller ones who can easily see how much they must improve.

THE ATHLETIC BOARD OF CONTROL

With the coming of a new school year comes the task of the school body in electing their representative in different athletic activities and clubs. The power of regulating school activities and awarding of athletic trophies is vested in a body representing the faculty and the students, known as the Athletic Board of Control.

The new board is composed of Col. Ganssle, faculty representative; Major Davies, Secretary; Coach McGrew; Capt. A. T. Freeman, 6th form representative; Sergt. McCracken, 5th form representative; Swimmer, 4th form representative; Lester, 3rd and lower forms representative.

FATHER AND SONS BANQUET

The annual father and sons banquet was held Friday evening, November ninth, at the First Methodist Church. An excellent dinner was served by the ladies of the Church. During the dinner songs were sung, and every one enjoyed himself immensely. After dinner short talks were made by prominent business men of the city. Those from St. John's were: Capt. Charbonneau, Sergts. Edwards, Linger and Johnston, Cadets Jackson, Riblett, Abbott, Nelson and Lester.

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