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SALINA HIGH 36, ST. JOHN'S 7.

Wednesday night, January 23rd, the team met the local high school and was badly beaten, as we were unable to cope with the veteran aggregation of the High School. They started things with a bang and made eight points without any apparent opposition.

After this sensational start, the cadets tightened up to some extent and the high school was forced to try long shots, whereas before they had worked the ball down the floor until under the basket before shooting. The quarter ended 12 to 4 in favor of the High School.

The second quarter was a repetition of the first. The excellent passwork of the High School was too shifty for the guards. Although the cadets seemed to play hard, the teamwork was loose and the half ended 23 to 4.

At the beginning of the second half both teams came back hard, the cadets doing much better than in the first half. Swimmer starred at guard, following the ball in excellent fashion and blocked many of the High's good shots. The cadets' offense was very weak. Utterback made most of their points by long shots from the center line.

There were comparatively few fouls in the game, although of those, the High School made twice as many as the cadets.

A MUSICIAN IN THE SCHOOL.

Cadet Crow, who remained at St. John's during the Christmas vacation, began passing the time away by working at the Strand Theater. The manager in some way learned that Crow played the violin, and offered him a position in the orchestra during the presentation of "Rosita", the Mary Pickford feature film. Crow evidently did well, for he played during the rest of the holidays, and is playing every Saturday night now.

Fuhrman says: "The doctor turned a vital ray on my ear."

AWARDING OF FOOTBALL TROPHIES.

Wednesday evening, December the twenty-first, immediately following the distribution of the presents at the Christmas celebration in the dining hall, the football trophies were awarded. They were presented by Coach McGrew. These trophies are awarded upon the recommendation of the Athletic Board of Control.

There are different trophies given for every year of service. For three years of service a St. J. M. S. Football Blanket is awarded, a large black wool blanket with an orange football and the letters S. J. M. S. upon it. For two years of service there is a solid gold Football Fob, with S. J. M. S. and the player's name engraved on it. For one year of service the award is a heavy white sweater with an orange and a black stripe around the waist and the sleeves, and the school monogram on the upper left hand side. For those cadets who made the second team, a school monogram was awarded.

The following were awarded trophies for their respective years of service:

For three years—Captain Albert T. Freeman; First Sergeant Edwin R. Grant (football captain for '23).

For two years—First Sergeant Robert McCracken, Jr., (football Captain-elect for '24); Cadet Sundie Swimmer.

For one year of service—First Lieutenant Clyde N. Shaffer, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Wheeler, Sergeant-Major Dennis J. Phillips, Sergeant Reginald Hopper, Sergeant Davis M. Bland, Corporal Hal Heaton, Cadet Harry Fuhrman, Cadet Charles Blunt, Cadet Richard Boyer, Cadet Lloyd Hartman, Cadet Warren Berggren, Cadet Robert Paddock.

Those players making the monogram were: Corporal Earl Zellweger, Cadet Richard Brodie, Cadet Howard Fisher, Cadet Charles Manion, Cadet Warren Utterbach, Cadet James Price.

SWIMMING.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday some of the boys from the school go to the Y. M. C. A. to swim. Major Davies who is our swimming coach, holds a letter from the University of Wisconsin. He is trying to form a team from the material he has. We hope that later more men will come out. At present many men are taking some other form of sport. The fellows regularly out at present are: Linger, Wilson, Johnston, Crooks, Farnsworth, and Jackson. Others come occasionally, but not often enough to make any consistent improvement. Before basket-ball practice began, there were several more out. Harris was then one of the best members of the team.

As yet we have not gotten down to the steady grind of training, but spend a good deal of time playing tag and having fun in general.

We look back to last year with great pride. That was the first time Saint John's has had a swimming team and it made a remarkable showing. Our easy victory over the high school in the swimming meet pleased us greatly and makes a happy memory.

NEWCOMERS.

Three new boys have enrolled at Saint John's since the Christmas holidays. It is interesting to know that two of the three were influenced to come by cadets, while the other was brought by an instructor. Cadet Jamison succeeded in adding one Shirley Cronin, to the already large number from Denver. Cadet Farnsworth brought Robert Turpen from his own home town, Wheatland, Wyoming. J. B. Mourning hails from Wichita, and claims to have been recruited by Captain Charboneau, an instructor.

It is needless to say "We welcome you", for newcomers do not seem strangers at Saint John's; they are accepted as old friends.

ADVICE.

Dear Freshmen:

I am writing this in hopes that some one of you will not make the same mistake that I made.

I was a freshman in a rural high school. A few had taken the course in three years, why not I? The superintendent, who was a big fatherly, old gentleman, advised against it. When I pleaded he said that it could not be done. When I insisted he forbade it. Of course, I thought I was being imposed upon, and resented it. I felt quite as intellectual as any one. Later, I became disinterested and quit school. From then until the next fall, I worked at manual labor.

When I again entered school, in a different place, I was allowed to take as many subjects as I desired, so long as I kept up in them. Given this opportunity, I planned to make up for lost time by taking high school in three years. Then I would go to college and shock the world with my brilliancy.

My three years are nearly ended, and I think I will be graduated at the time for which I planned. Nor would I have it otherwise unless I had it to do over again. In that case I would take four years at it.

Why?

What have I gained? I have rushed through, giving my whole time to my school books, neglecting all forms of athletics, and failing to develop any of those characteristics so necessary to the companionship of men. And I am more undecided than ever as to the manner in which I am going to show up the rest of the world. I used to believe "I'm alright. The world's crazy." Now I wonder whether the reverse is not more nearly correct.

You have heard the story, perhaps, of the difference between the way of modern love making and the old fashioned process. Hiram used to go to see Sarah every Sunday evening. They sat on opposite ends of Pa's favorite sofa, now and then venturing forth with a sly piece of witticism or some of the latest news, while the old Grandfather's clock in the hallway cautioned:

"TAKE YOUR TIME, TAKE YOUR TIME."

Now the "Sheik" goes to see his "date" and they successfully sit on the same chair, or if riding, both drive the car, following closely the instruc-

tion of the Ingersol he carries in his vest pocket, calling:

"Get together, get together, get together, get together."

The old clock was the most reliable. Take its advice. Do not hurry through but live, it in full. If you do not you cannot help regretting it as I now regret my frenzied haste.

Hoping for you the best of success,

A SENIOR.

"AND HE TOOK THE CASTLE BY STORM."

As I have neither musical talent nor the ability to criticize music, I will not even attempt to pass upon the work of the genius who honored our school by playing to us in our own dining hall after dinner on two successive evenings this week. To say something of its effect is the best I can do. May I take the freedom to say that few are able to give a classical program before a mixed audience with success. Such, with the exception of but one or two pieces, was our entertainment. The enthusiasm with which he was recalled many times surely shows that he can appeal to every listener. The technique and exactness with which he played indicated long years of practice and hard study. He seems to have hardly reached the prime of life; yet he has accomplished much. The inspiration one receives while listening to him is perhaps worth more than we can as yet understand. The realization that to accomplish something worth while one cannot loaf or be "changeable", but that he must devote practically his whole life to it, may be a turning point in some of our lives. Then too, knowing the pleasure and comfort he gains from playing the piano, we realize that success in one's work is not merely a means of support, but that it is the foundation of one's happiness.

Mr. Brown, a personal friend of our new instructor, Mr. Leischer, recently returned from a trip to the Orient. He played in an orchestra on the steamer in which he took the trip.

On the first evening he gave "Stars and Stripes Forever", "The Rosary", and "The Russian Rag", with "The Parade of the Wooden Soldier", "Twelfth St. Rag" and "Combination Blues" as encores.

He also sang the Spanish song "La Paloma" in Spanish, playing his own accompaniment. By request he played on the second evening "Stars and Stripes Forever", "Russian Rag", and "Who's Sorry Now." The latter he

played first as a waltz, and without a break, changed it with pleasing effect to a fox trot.

Mr. Leischer claimed that Mr. Brown had a girl in Salina (when he is here) and that he was fond of calling at her home. She once asked what his favorite overture was. After some meditation he replied, "Over-the-House". As a special favor Mr. Leischer asked him to play his favorite overture "The Poet and Peasant."

We can hope to express only the smallest part of our appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Brown for his gracious entertainment.

Cub—Is the editor particular?

Star—Is he! He raves if he finds a period upside down.

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"PUTTY" BEGINS THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

We were surprised and pleased, when upon returning after the holidays we find that our old friend "Putty" had married a charming young lady of Gypsum. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tinkler and comes from one of that prominent families in that locality. Mrs. Putman has been finishing her school work in Gypsum and Mr. Putman has been attending Kansas Wesleyan University this last fall. "Putty" graduated from Saint John's with the class of '22 and spent a year at Manhattan. Of course he is quitting school now. They are expecting to locate in Gypsum within the next few weeks where Elliot will take a position.

BASKET-BALL ACCIDENT.

The first casualty of basket-ball was reported Thursday afternoon when Davis Bland had his collar bone broken while practicing with the squad. His collar bone was broken in a collision with John Harris. Both men were trying to recover the ball after Coach McGrew rolled it across the gymnasium floor. John Harris' hip came in contact with Bland's collar bone in such a manner as to break it. Bland was helped to his room in the main barracks while Coach McGrew called a doctor. This unfortunate accident probably will keep Bland from his studies for quite a while, and out of athletics of any kind for the rest of the year.

ICE SKATING.

Since the return of the cadets after the Christmas holidays, the weather has been exceptionally cold and the ice has been in excellent condition for skating. Skating, in fact has been quite the sport around Saint John's. Grant, Phillips, Johnston, Jamison, and manion found a good stretch of ice about half a mile west of the school. The skating fans hope that February will continue to stay cold, so that they will be able to continue their favorite sport.

THE INDOOR RIFLE RANGE.

Saint John's has a new indoor rifle range which recently has been constructed in the basement. The range is used on cold days during the drill period for the instruction of cadets in rifle firing. The rifles used are the same make and model as those used on the outdoor range at camp, but are bored for the .22 caliber bullet. A



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squad, consisting of eight cadets, use the range each day. Each cadet fires five shots at a small target. An officer is in charge at all times.

SENIOR RINGS.

After much selection on the part of the Senior Class of '24, the rings were ordered and have been received.

The rings are a dull green gold bearing the crest of St. John's and the figures 1924. From the many compliments received, the ring is considered to be the most attractive that has been selected by an out-going class.

"OLD BOY" RECENTLY MARRIED.

Announcement was made December the twenty-second in Los Angeles of the marriage of Miss Eleanor Webster to Lydon Lippincott of Denver. The bridegroom is the son of C. C. Lippincott. He graduated from Saint John's Military School in 1922. Later he attended the University of Colorado. Then he moved to California and has decided to make it his home.

We all wish to congratulate "Lippy" and wish him great happiness and success.

TRACK POSSIBILITIES FOR '24.

The track possibilities at St. John's seem to be more promising this year than last. The captain of the track team is Cadet Captain Freeman, one of the best all-round athletes of St. John's. He is most capable to be captain of the team, because he is a very good leader. Some of the cadets who show possibilities are: Cadets McCracken, Grant, Wheeler D., Wheeler C., Hoskinson, Swimmer, Heaton, Shaffer C., and Jamison.

When the weather is a little warmer and permits outdoor practice, all the above cadets will be out on the track, working and training, doing their best to set a record for the old school.

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Boyer, Swimmer and Hartman will
all be back next year and we expect
great results from the trio in the
backfield.

Hal Heaton and Fuhrman at end
and Blunt, Paddock, Berggren and
Phillips on other line positions ought
to start the 1924 team with a bevy of
veterans.

In response to a question concern-
ing the train service through Scandia,
"Sweed" Berggreen says: "There is a
tri-weekly. They try to go up one
week and back the next.

Calvin Coolidge, our president, re-
cently said, "We do not need more
material development, we need spiri-
tual development. We do not need
more intellectual power, we need more
spiritual power. We do not need more
knowledge, we need more character.
We do not need more government, we
need more culture. We do not need
more law, we need more religion. We
do not need more of the things that are
seen, we need more of the things that
are unseen.

"It is on that side of life that we
desire to put the emphasis at the pres-
ent time. If that side be strength-
ened, the other side will take care of
itself. It is that side which is the
foundation of all else. If the founda-
tion be firm, the superstructure will
stand."

GUESS WHO?

"While I was enjoying my Christ-
mas vacation me and my grandpa
went down to prefest and eat ever-
thin."

CHAPMAN TAKES FIRST GAME FROM SAINT JOHN'S.

Our first basket-ball game was
played at Chapman Friday night, Jan-
uary 19, and ended with the score
Chapman 20, Saint John's 9. Chap-
man was in the lead when the half
ended, 10 to 3. Chapman's left for-
ward had the old eye working; that is
he made seven out of ten tries for
long underhand bank shots. Chap-
man was forced to take long shots
as they could not penetrate the Cadets'
defense.

Saint John's had many more chances
for shots than did Chapman but failed
to make them good. They were hand-
icapped by having a new team and
the fact that the floor was new to
them. In the second half the cadet's
offense strengthened and they ran up
three baskets in quick succession.
Only one foul was called on the cadets
while eight were called on Chapman.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Last Friday the Junior School ca-
dets dressed up in their best clothes
and went down to the poultry show
which was being held in the new Me-
morial Hall.

There were many different kinds of
chickens there, including: Buff Or-
pingtons, Barred Rocks, White Rocks,
Buff Rocks, Light Brahmas, White
Langshan, Dark Cornish (game),
White Wyandottes, Silver Laced Wy-
andottes, and many others in differ-
ent sizes and colors. Among some
amusing ones were two very small
black banty roosters, and a bird, a
cross between a turkey and a chicken.

In the basement were some incu-
bators, rabbits, and many booklets of
information on how to raise chickens.
Also there was on display a fifty
pound turkey.

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Barker took
prizes with their chickens at the show.
The St. John's cadets examined every-
thing and thanks to the supervision
and explanations of Captain Charbon-
eau they spent an interesting after-
noon.

The Junior School agricultural class
is planning to get an incubator and
raise some chickens, thereby putting
to practical use the newly acquired
knowledge. They have also sent for
some samples of feed for all farm
animals, which will no doubt prove
interesting to examine and study.

Freeman in inquiry to a report: "ear
drop suspended from blouse pocket"
says: "What are ear drops for? To
keep your ears warm?"

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NOTES FROM MR. ANDERSON'S ADDRESS

Mr. Anderson said he was glad to be in a country where the bankers take interest in boys and their education.

Boys have a wonderful opportunity if they only apply themselves and take advantage of it.

Some people think that the bank's duty is to lift everybody out of the hole when called upon. Banks must insist upon their customers doing his part and being able to help himself.

It is not generally understood that credit is a wonderful thing. Money itself is only a small part of the credit of any nation. Character is the great factor.

The breakdown of Germany is one reason for the banks putting on a campaign of education to give every citizen an understanding of the principles of modern banking.

A bank is organized under a state or a national charter. It is organized by what is known as capital, subscribed by the representative men of the community, who elect a Board of Directors, usually seven to thirteen. Before it can start business a representative from the State Bank Department visits the bank and gives it a permit to operate. He will check up your money, look over equipment inspect the building, etc., and see that nothing has crept into the business in the way of fraud.

Mr. Anderson wrote on the blackboard a typical statement of the assets and liabilities of a bank at time of opening, explaining very clearly each item and calling attention to the fact that 30 to 40 per cent. of the cash reserve is kept in the vault, the rest being sent to a Reserve center.

Checks do not as a rule go directly to the home bank on which they are drawn, but to the Reserve Bank. There is very little shifting of actual currency. Advice cards of transactions pass between the banks.

Banks take time every day to collect the checks on the other banks of same city and representatives of the various banks meet at a definite time to exchange checks, paying one another any difference in accounts by a check or draft. It is possible that a bank, for instance a Salina bank, would have checks on 50 or 60 banks every day. More checks go to the Federal Reserve Bank now than ever before. Some send through the clear-

ing house and some send them direct.

Mr. Anderson wondered whether boys realized the necessity of looking problems squarely in the face, and called attention to the seriousness of the problems that are ahead. There were many students present, he said, of whom we shall be mighty proud to hear several years from now. It is interesting to look ahead about twenty years into the future and imagine the results of a roll-call of the students at that time. He said that one can have practically anything he wants by working for it. If you have good health, there is hardly anything that you cannot have; but you have to set your mark and forge ahead towards it. You may have opportunity to get things in a manner that is hardly fair. Whatever you have or get, be absolutely certain that the title is good. It is nice to feel that what you have has been earned by you without going over someone's head to get it.

It is no use waiting for something to turn up. A real American will go and turn it up. Never get the idea of being educated for an easy berth. The purpose of education is to make you better fitted to fight the battles of life. There is a hard fight ahead, and it is you who have to fight.

In conclusion, Mr. Anderson answered several questions on the subject of his interesting and instructive address.

JUNCTION CITY GAME.

The second game on the basket-ball schedule was played at Junction City, Saturday, January 19. The final score was 17 to 8 in Junction's favor.

The first half was very close as the cadets had greatly improved over their playing at Chapman. Although Junction had the advantage of big men, our defense, especially the guards, worked well. Another advantage for Junction was that they were used to a low ceiling, while all of our long shots hit the ceiling and were brought back to center. The half ended with the score Junction 4, Saint John's 1.

At the beginning of the second half, Junction City dropped two goals from long shots, and again, near the end of the third quarter, they made another long shot. In the fourth quarter the cadets started strong again, but could not keep Junction from making two more goals. The cadets made two goals just before the end of the game.

Three fouls were called on the cadets and seven were called on Junction City.

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Just what do we mean when we speak of cooperation? Cooperation is the concurrent effort of a group or an organization to accomplish an end.

Cooperation is essential in a club or organization of any kind if it is to progress. Many organizations have been killed by the lack of cooperation. A few ways to kill an organization are: Don't come out to meetings. If you do come, come late. If the weather doesn't suit you don't think of coming. Find fault with the officers and members in their work. Never accept any office, on the basis that it is easier to suggest than to do things. Nevertheless, get dissatisfied if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are don't attend committee meetings. If asked by the chairman to give an opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say, and after the meeting tell everyone how the matter should have been handled. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves willingly and unselfishly pitch in and make things hum, complain that the board is run by a clique. Hold back dues as long as possible or don't pay at all. Don't bother about new members, "Let George do it."

School life can be compared with an organization. We speak of "school spirit;" we mean cooperation. School life is just about what the students make it. It is possible for the students to make a school, also it is possible for the students to break or ruin a school. When you say to your fellow student "I don't like this school, I wish I was in some other, just hesitate and think who is the school. If you don't like the school you are in you have helped to make it what it is, and if you see that it is wrong you can't better it by complaining, furthermore no one enjoys to hear one "crab." You may help the school, in which you are, by exerting your every influence to better it. In furthering "school spirit" and bringing the students closer together, you are certain to raise the standard of your school.

—McWhinney.

Freeman, in undertone to Phillips during history class: "Is this Muscles Shoals a man, or who is he?"

Major (to Thomas) "How's the neck, Thomas?"

Percy: "It's better. The doctor said it isn't a boil, it's an Arbuckle."

POOL TOURNAMENT.

Recently the pool tournament, that was started last fall, was finished. During the tournament the recreation room was the scene of many exciting games. Gradually the cadets were eliminated until Cadets Shaft and McElhenie were booked for the finals. It was decided that the finals would be played, the best two games out of three. These games were very close, Shaft winning the first two games by a very small margin.

The boys who had participated in the tournament met and the subject of an appropriate prize was decided upon. It was agreed that a fine pool cue would be a fitting prize and something that a boy would greatly enjoy owning.

At the time our new table was secured, the cover was in a very poor condition, and due to the carelessness and negligence on the part of some of the cadets, the cover was badly torn and rendered nearly useless, except for shoe rags or mufflers for some of the Irish cadets. In view of this fact, it was proposed by the Recreation Room Advisory Board that the proceeds that had been accumulated from the nominal charge placed on playing pool should be utilized in replacing the old cloth with a new one. Hence we are now playing on a new cloth.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR MESS HALL.

1. Take charge of all gravy and spuds in sight.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for any sausage or ham that comes within my smelling.
3. To report all approaches of tactical officers to my friends.
4. To repeat all calls for extras.
5. To quit this table only when I am satisfied that nothing is left.
6. To receive but not to pass on to the next man beans, meat, or soup overlooked.
7. In case of fire from other tables to return the fire.
8. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of eats.
9. In any case not covered by the eyes of the officers to eat naturally.
10. To be especially watchful when Colonel enters the mess hall lest the battalion be forced to march out and go hungry.

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FOOTBALL RESUME.

GRANT—The 1924 squad will feel the loss of "Gimmie" very strongly. He has the experience and mellow judgment of a situation that only a veteran can possess. A fearless tackler and hard blocker, a plunger and open field runner. A man who both from the angle of captain and quarter was an excellent pilot; a man from whom we expect to hear next season in the faster company of collegiate ball.

FREEMAN—In Tolliver the squad is losing a veteran of three years experience, a rare combination of brawn and speed that made him a veritable bulwark-end-defense and an offensive man of the first water. Tolliver played every minute of every game for two whole seasons and is a consistent, dependable player; another of our men who expect to hear from next year as "the Frosh tackle."

WHEELER C.—Wheeler proved the exception to the adage that it takes beef to make a guard, handicapped by his lack of weight he made and held his position by sheer fight and hard accurate tackling and blocking.

SHAFFER C.—"Gump", the miniature half back and one of the surest tacklers on the team, and an open field runner of outstanding ability, is graduating this spring and will leave a hard berth to fill.

HOPPER—"Old Stoneface" Hopper commonly known as "Caesar", played his first ball this fall, a fighter from whistle to whistle, and a hard tackler, he was a valuable man on the primary defense.

McCRACKEN—"Possom" McCracken will be back at the keystone position next year and should be at the top of form.

BLAND—Bland we expect back to pilot the team as quarter, having filled the breach on occasion this season with the generalship of a veteran.

Judge—Did you or did you not strangle this man to death?

Sippy the Sap—Not guilty, your honor. In the scuffle he cut himself on the chin, and I wrapped a tourniquet around his throat to keep him from bleeding to death. —Sun Dodger.

CAPTAIN MCGREW'S TRIP.

While the cadets were at home enjoying Christmas vacation, Coach McGrew, one of the instructors at Saint John's was traveling in behalf of the school. He accompanied a few boys, on their way home, as far as Hutchinson where he stayed his first night out. On the following day he went to Wichita. The principal of the Wichita High School proved to be a fraternity brother, and we were easily convinced that Coach had a great time. Among his pleasures was the meeting of Superintendent Truesdale of Wichita.

He next "parked" at Enid, Oklahoma where some personal affairs were attended to.

Shortly after his return trip, he made visits to the high schools of Hays, Ellsworth, and Concordia. We understand that before the boy scouts of Concordia, he made his debut in oratory.

BASKET-BALL.

Since the Christmas vacation basketball seems to be getting into full swing. Although the first team has no letter men, a fast team is being developed. Wheeler C. and Heaton played in some of the games last year and they have regular positions on the team this year. The first league game for St. John's was on January 18, when we met Chapman on the Chapman floor. All other teams in the conference have played one or more games. Saint John's, on account of the late holidays, have not played any games so far.

Saint John's has ten games on the season's schedule. It looks now as though the first team will consist of: Wheeler, C., Wheeler, D., forwards; Utterbach, Hartman, guards; and Hal Heaton, center. One of the new rules in basket-ball is that each player has to shoot his own foul. The first game on our own floor is to be January 25, when Abilene comes here.

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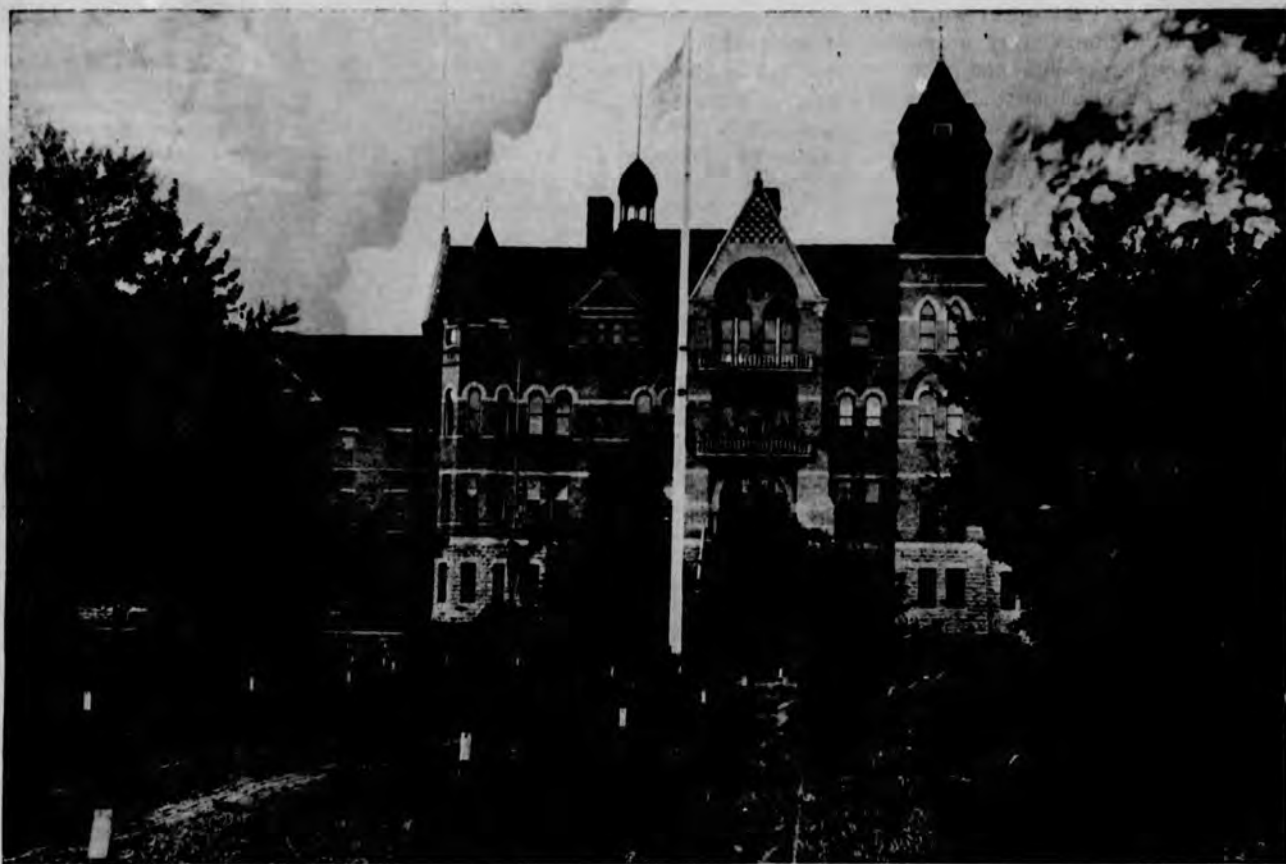
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