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LETTER FROM "BIGGY"

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DEAR GANG:

Some kind hearted soul just sent me a "Skirmisher," I want to thank him kindly. The only things wrong with the paper are: it makes me homesick and stacks a blue mark up against us in football. I am sorry to read unfavorable reports but somebody has to lose. But not everybody can be good losers. What ever you do fellows, be good losers as well as good winners, keep the sportsmanship of S. J. M. S. clean. I still wear my sweater and can look to it with pride.

Because the teams I played with in Saint John's were clean sportsmen.

Beat Salina! I see in the promotion list several of my understudies, Bland and Harris. I want to congratulate them. I will say for the benefit of those who are starting that I am starting with you. I have just started with the Standard Oil Co., but find the steps of life exactly as I found them in Saint John's, you are all given a chance to do your duty, you all have a certain amount of responsibility, can you take it or are you a poor sportsman. My only hope is (at present) that I can prove my-

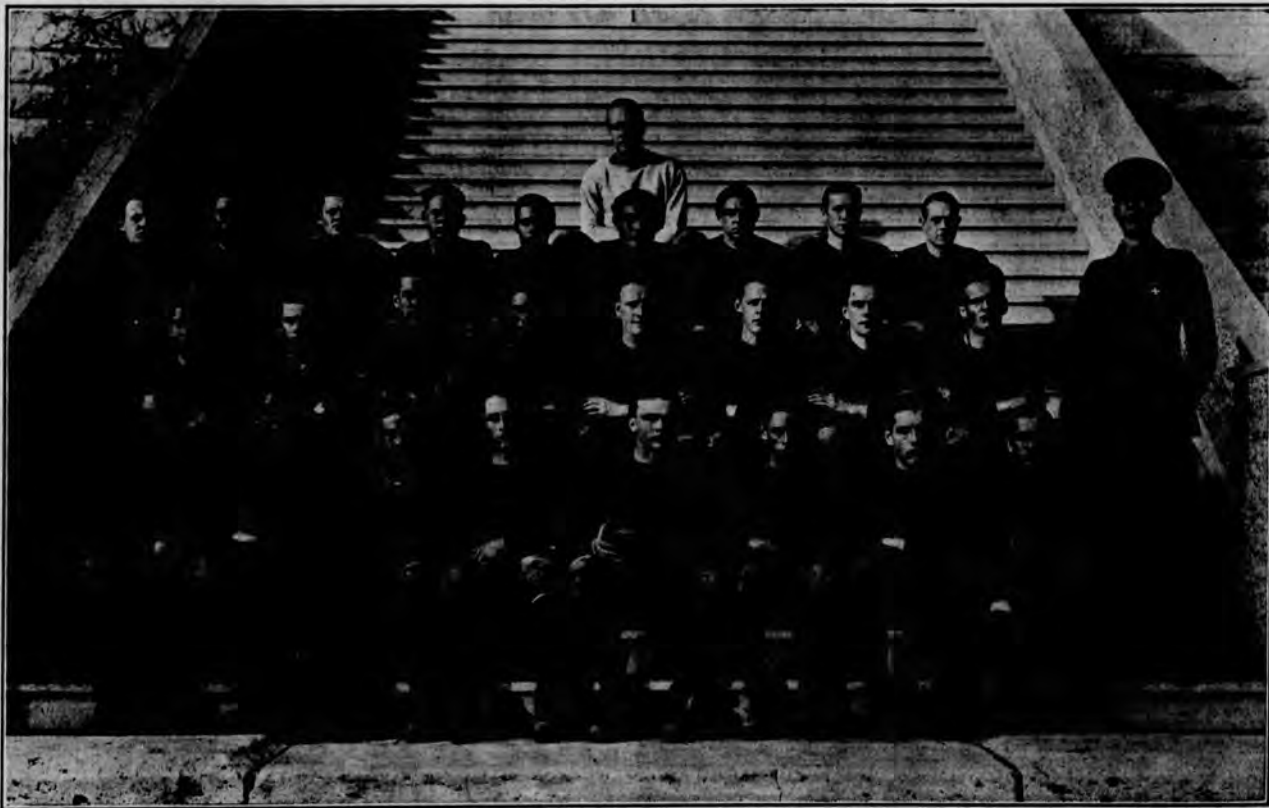
self with the Standard Oil Co. My S. J. M. S. training is my foundation and guide.

Luck to the Gang.

Cadet Major L. D. Bigelow ('21)
(Biggy)

P. S. I want to subscribe for the Skirmisher. I am behind the times.

Lieut. Heaton who has been home for the last ten days on account of his knee, which was injured in the Salina, and Saint John's football game. He will not be able to go out for basketball till after Christmas.

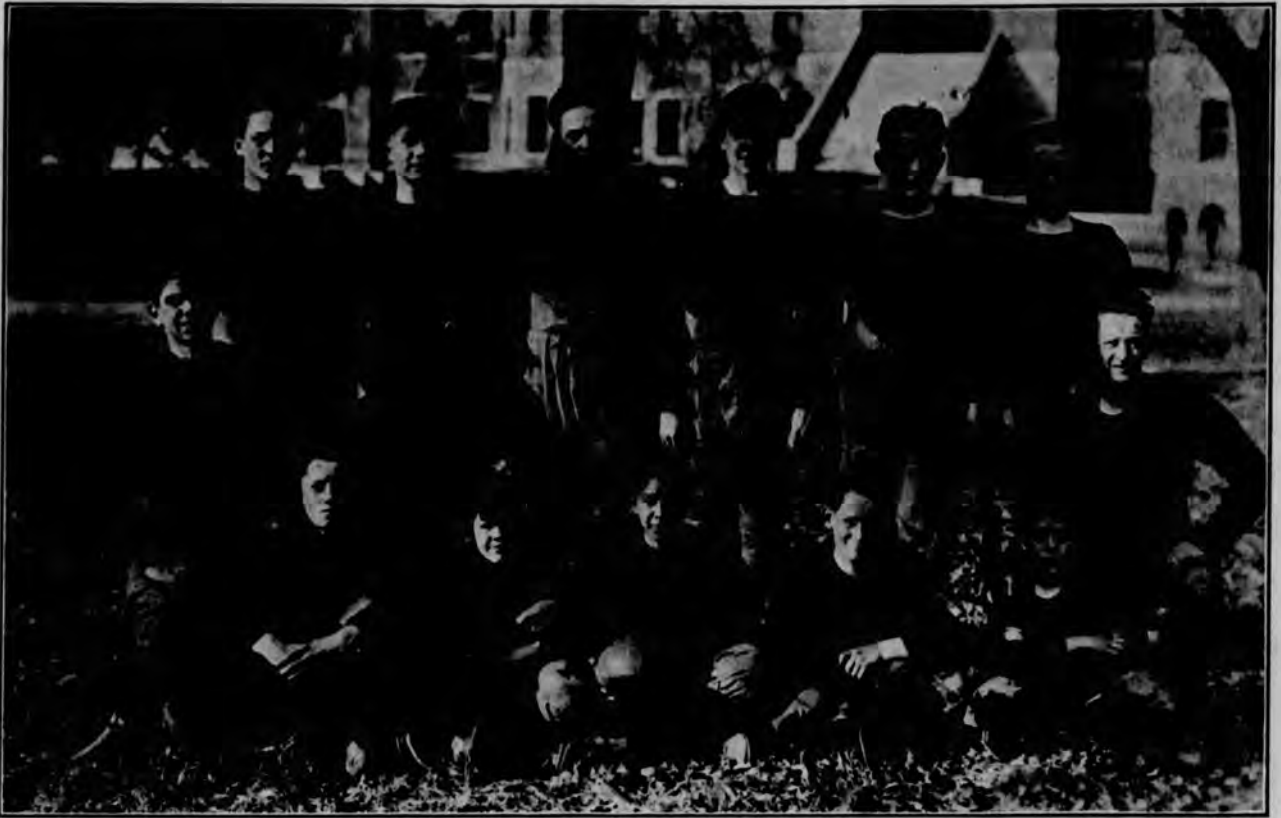


FOOTBALL SQUAD OF 1924

FIRST ROW—Blunt, Doran, Manion, Phillips, McCracken (Capt), Bland, Jamison, Edwards, Lieser, Mgr.

SECOND ROW—Crooks, Shortt, II, Mourning, Linger, Hartman, Holmes, Fisher, Myers.

THIRD ROW—Scott, I; Sawyer, Shortt, I; Berggren, Utterback, Swimmer, Furhman, Jackson, Paddock, Coach Zanoni.



BUTTON BEAKS

SITTING—Eagle, Snodgrass, Bivens, Hickory (Capt.), Johnson, Kintz, McAnish.
STANDING—Anthony, Reese, Mitchell, Hawkins, Southmayd, Lockhart.

CRACK SQUAD AGAIN ORGANIZED

Now that the season of football is over, Lieut. Bland is making arrangements to start the Crack Squad for the first time this year. Prospects seem encouraging as there are eleven members of last year's team here now, as this number almost constitutes the full team. Practice and drill will start immediately. All the members are anxious for activities to start and the captain is looking forward to a very successful year. In the meeting that was held Saturday, December 6th, the officers were elected as follows: Lieut. Bland elected as Captain; Lieut. Manion elected 1st Lieut.; Sergt. Fisher elected as 1st Sergt.

The following are old members:

Linger
Jamison
Jackson
Doran
Cronin
Jeanin
Flanders
Harris.

Why is "Granny" chuckling so gleefully up his sleeve every now and then? Only a few are in on the joke and many are wondering what caused all the Haw Haws at Coach McGrew's table the other day.

The gist of the whole thing is this, the other night "Granny" stood at his window on the third floor and flashed a light on Jamison who was running around in the cold looking for his shoes.

The joke cannot be fully appreciated until one knows just why Jamison

was in a hurry to find them and get back inside the barracks.

Hartman (proudly): "I know the keenest woman at home who has two Essex automobiles and a Hudson, and I never walked to work once this summer.

After a Pause, "I rode a street car."

We wonder what Jackson meant when he said: "I've lost my Tale—of Two Cities."

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More than eighty percent of the population of Brazil cannot read or write.

Every boy and girl who is a member of the purebred sheep club of Big Horn, Wyoming, sleeps under a blanket made of wool from his or her own sheep.

Coach Zanoni seems to enjoy a picture show much more when he has his "old faithful" (pipe) in his mouth, even though there isn't any tobacco in it.

—ASK HIM—

The following was heard from a town girl, at Saint John's, one Sunday afternoon: "Where's Harry? Oh, is he playing basket ball? Won't he be able to come out at all this afternoon? Oh, shoot."

The call S. O. S. used by ships at sea as a distress call, is purely arbitrary in its grouping of letters and was chosen because of the unusual combination of dots and dashes which make it distinctive above all other calls. It consists of three dots, space, three dashes, space and three more dots.

Cadet David Barnett left for home last Monday morning. He was accompanied by Captain Shideler. Barnett was injured during football practice early in the season and is just recovering from an enlarged heart.

Many of the cadets who knew him last year will be glad to hear that he is a great deal better and is planning on coming back again next year.

An unusually prolific variety of cotton has been developed by Mr. P. Dan George, of Lamarque, Texas. Mr. George has grafted the regular cotton plant to the root of the mulberry tree, and a cotton tree growing eight to twelve feet high has been produced. The tree is now two and one-half years old and is growing rapidly. It has borne its second crop of cotton and has more than 900 bolls on it.

Recently two French soldiers were bathing in the Rhine River. Since they were unable to swim, the soldiers were in a serious condition. A young German, who was watching, swam out and rescued both of them. The French Tribunal, to reward him, promised that anything he asked would be granted. He asked that the lives of seven men, who had been condemned to be shot for causing trouble to the French authorities, might be spared. The request was granted.

Capt. Leisher's second year Spanish class is not satisfied with merely learning to speak the Spanish Language, but must sing it. They have been recently learning the famous Spanish song, La Paloma, with the intention of singing it for the amusement of the Cadets on the evening before Christmas Recess. This class sincerely hopes that at that time, the school will not take it as a funny joke, as there are some boys among them who are very bashful. Please translate the song for the good of your vocabulary and listen for the pleasant voices.

BEWARE OF SNAKES

The subject recently came up in the Senior Class about snakes. The discussion was growing very hot—then Hartman took the stand.

He stated that last year while he was at camp, he started to hunt squirrels. He had scaled one tree of two or three hundred feet height, and had just about reached the squirrel nest, when he came face to face with a snake ten feet long and as big around as the leg of a man. This snake cashed him down the tree and every inch of the three miles back to camp. Hartman does not wish to attend camp this year.

Dumb—Did you take a shave this evening?

Slime—No. is there one missing?

—Juggler.

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THE NEW GATEWAY FOR SAINT JOHN'S

The new gateway has at last been started. After much thought some of the older boys of Saint John's decided that it would be a good plan to erect a gateway as a gift from the class of 1925. The subject was brought to the Colonel's attention for his approval. Every one seemed willing and anxious to take a hand so the Colonel agreed to the plan.

On the second day of our Thanksgiving holiday, McCracken called for volunteers. There seemed to be a quick response on the part of all cadets. The following were chosen: Lieut. McCracken, Sergt. Jamison, Corp. Cronin, Corp. Doran, Corp. Fuhman, Pvts. Jeannin, Stone, and Farnsworth. This party started out about ten o'clock with the school truck. They went seven miles out of town on the Meridian Highway north of school. It was a very pleasant day for such a trip, and everyone enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

Jamison or "Red Hot," got a little hungry about the second trip the truck was going to make and suggested that everyone should go on in with this load. This move seemed to be unanimous and rock hauling stopped for that day, for fear the workers might miss the Thanksgiving dinner. The work was not hard and the boys seemed to get lots of fun out of it, also a keen appetite, which they needed especially on this day. The stones which were gathered were of various colors, and will make a very striking gateway.

Sergt. Jamison has offered to get some petrified wood from his father's ranch to make an arch over the gateway. It seems that the work is going to progress very nicely if every one keeps up as much interest as they have started out with. Here's to the success of our new gateway from the class of 1925.

SHRINE CIRCUS

The Isis Temple of Salina, Kansas, recently held a "Shrine Circus" in Memorial Hall, at which the Cadets were given pass, each evening. One of the outstanding features, this year, was the "Flying Miller Troupe." Tight rope walking, stunts on the trapeze, and various other aerial stunts. It is interesting also, to know that Mr. Miller performed the act of swinging and leaping from one trapeze to another in mid-air, blind-folded, with a sack tied over his head and

shoulders. Mr. Miller is one of three men in the United States that can successfully complete this feat.

Other stage acts were very good. Concessions of different forms were in progress. A dance was held in the basement of the hall, which was enjoyed and patronized by all.

Colonel Ganssle, Major Perkins, Captain Shideler and Captain McGrew, who are Shriners, participated in different events, and could be found at the circus, somewhere or other, every night.

The circus lasted eight nights from November 21st to 29th, excepting Sunday.

Special Pass Thanksgiving

Special passes were granted to Cadets who were up in their work and who desired to spend the Thanksgiving week-end at home. Those cadets who were granted passes were:

Lieut. McCracken,
Lieut. Manion,
Lieut. Bland,
Lieut. Phillips,
Sergt. Hartman,
Corp. Lester,
Cadet Sanders,
Cadet Newman,
Cadet Hover,
Cadet Holmes,
Cadet Hawkins,
Cadet Mourning,
Cadet Abbott,
Cadet Shortt, I.,
Cadet Shortt, II.,
Cadet Putnam,
Cadet Buchenau,
Cadet Johnson,
Cadet House,
Cadet Flanders,
Cadet Reese,
Cadet Meyer,
Cadet Utterback,
Cadet Berggren,
Cadet Scott, I.,
Cadet Scott, II.,
Cadet Paddock.

Some of the boys left immediately after the Ada game, Thanksgiving day. The cadets who stayed at school enjoyed the annual feast of turkey and all the fixin's that go with it to make a Thanksgiving dinner a success.

All the cadets were granted passes Thursday, Friday and Saturday, most of them going to the Shrine Circus and dance, held at Memorial Hall, others going to the Strand and Grand theatres.

"I stood up for you yesterday."

"Thanks, old man, I appreciate your kindness in not allowing people to slander me."

"The prof was taking a vote on the dumbest man in the class. And I stood up for you." —Record.

Hort. Prof.—Where did you get that black eye?

Student—I raised it from a slip.

—Orange Owl.

It isn't necessarily the right road because it is well beaten.

—Anonymous.

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Army and Navy Club Election

On December 4th, the two opposing clubs of the school, the Army and the Navy, had an election of all new cadets having entered Saint John's this year. The respective Captains are Lieut. McCracken and Lieut. Bland. After Colonel Ganssle had explained the rules, by-laws and regulations, the election began. The Navy Club having the preference of the first choice, since the Army Club had chosen first last year. The following were elected.

ARMY	NAVY
Holmes	Myers
Reese	Gilbert
McAnish	Warde
Johnson	Sanders
Shortt, II	Newman
Austin I	Hawkins
Scott, I	Anthony
Southmayd	Kintz
Austin, II	Miller
Lockheart	Jordan
King	Mitchell
Buchenau	Hover
Houghton	House
Boatright	Snodgrass
Needham	Hattenback
Scott II.	Merritt
Swartz	

Various contests are staged between these opposing clubs, such as basketball, football and track. The election ended with the rival teams cheering their newly elected companions.

MEETING OF BASKET BALL COACHES AT SAINT JOHN'S

Schedule For This District Complete

On Saturday, November 22th, the Coaches from the surrounding towns who represented the schools with whom Saint John's clashes in Basketball, met in Salina to determine the details of the schedule for the coming season.

After the conference in the morning the visiting coaches were the guests of Colonel Ganssle at luncheon at the school. Those present at the meeting were: Mr. White from Ellsworth, Mr. Smith from Abilene, Mr. Chandler from Chapman, Capt. McGrew of Saint John's. The schedule will be announced later.

Edwards: "We surely had a fine game of pass ball this p. m., didn't we Coach."

Coach Zanioni: "Yes, we did."

Kintz: "What do you mean by p. m. —Postmaster?"

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HONOR ROLL**Honor Roll of Upper School for November**

1. Phillips	93.5
2. Shortt, II	93.
3. Utterback	92.2
4. Jackson	91.
5. Reese	89.6
6. Fisher	89.
7. Newman	88.5
8. Jeanin	87.3
9. Hartman	86.
10. Scott, I	85.9

Honor Roll of Lower School for November

1. Austin, I	89.5
2. Scott, II	85.
3. Kintz	84.3
4. Mitchell	83.9
5. Hickory	82.6
6. Warde	82.3
7. Ripley, E.	81.8
8. Bivens	81.7
9. Snodgrass	81.1
10. Johnson	78.9

Country Girl: "What do you college men do all year?"

College Youth: "Well, in the winter we learn and love."

Country Girl: "And in the summer?"

College Youth: "It's too hot to learn."—Puppet.

Phillips: "Say, Heaton, what is a hypocrite?"

Heaton: "I'll bite."

Phillips: "He's the fellow that sprinkles gasoline on his clothes to make people think he has a Ford."

His Neighbor: "Why are ye wearing so many coats on such a hot day?"

Pat: "Well, ye see, I'm going to paint me barn; and it says on the can, to obtain the best results put on at least three coats."—Ex.

Patient (dashing madly into the infirmary holding tightly to his head)—Give me something for my head, Doc, quick; give me something for it.

Busy Doc—I wouldn't take it as a gift.—Wasp.

Bolshi—"Wanna go on a sleighing party?"

Viki—"Who are we gonna slay?"—Medley.

Yesterday is dead—forget it. Tomorrow has not come—don't worry. Today is here—use it.—Anonymous.

Mr. Barker: Were you able to see Major Davies about the algebra detention?

Stone: Yes, sir.

Mr. Barker: What did he say?

Stone: I haven't seen him yet.

Hal's fair partner—"I surely wish I had learned to dance when I was younger."

Hal (enthusiastically)—"I do too."

A budget is a habit stern when once you do begin it, its hard to live without it, but its fierce to live within it.
—Ex.

We Wonder

Just what Farnsworth was thinking about, when at the breakfast table he set the coffee-pot on the table cloth! "IN LOVE" is the most probable answer.

Crooks (At Table): "My grandmother's throat was paralyzed once and it took her a half an hour to eat a cup of broth."

Utterback: "Didn't it get cold?"

Fuhrman (Book on head in Eng. class): "Capt. John I am beginning to like English."

Capt. John: "Why do you keep your book on your head?"

Berggren (To no one in particular): "He keeps it up there so the English will soak in."

"I can't sleep with the shades up."
"Why don't you pull 'em down?"

"I can't reach way across the street."
—Peek-a-boo.

(This is told of two New York street sweepers who were discussing a co-worker who had gone the way of all flesh.)

"Well" said one "he swept a clean street."

"Yes" said the other "but between you and me he was just a little weak around fire-plugs."

—Kansas City Star.

Heard in History Class

Abbott: (In charge of class): "What is the king's proclamation?"

Fisher: "What king do you mean?"

Crpnin: (Sarcastically): "The King of Spades!"

Capt. John (To Jamison): "What are the five senses 'Jamie?'"

Jamison (Thinking as usual): "The five senses is, a nickel."



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