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CUMULATIVE ENDOWMENT STARTED

Beginning Small But Enthusiastically Received

In an effort to provide a means for the expression of Saint John's spirit among the alumni as well as in the student body, a Cumulative Endowment Fund was started during the last holiday season. The following letter sent out to the boys at their homes, has met with gratifying success:

Dear Sir:—

You have had a Merry Christmas? No doubt you have, and it is our sincerest wish that the New Year will bring you added happiness and abundant joy.

In this season of Christmas Cheer when all the world is rejoicing and glorying in the deeds of unselfishness and joyous giving, it seems especially fitting to call your attention to a plan that will brighten the lives of others and be a source of pleasure to you. Our acts and lives leave influences on those who come after us. The youth of each succeeding generation profits by the endeavors of those who have gone before.

St. John's was founded by a man who devoted his energies to boys' work with the assistance of other public spirited men of this community. For nearly two score of years it has given the broadening influences of boarding school life to thousands of boys at a moderate consideration.

Now we are endeavoring to establish a fund, called a Cumulative Endowment Fund, for the purpose of assisting deserving boys who otherwise might be forced to abandon their schooling. Our experience has shown us that there is great need for such assistance and in the past our limited resources often have proved a hardship.

The plan is to give every student or alumnus or other interested per-

son an opportunity to subscribe his mite for the Fund when and as he feels able. Records will be kept for each individual subscriber and a trust fund made of the donations, with the understanding that the interest alone can be used for loans at a low rate of interest to deserving students or for permanent improvements at St. John's if there is no such demand during that year. The principal will remain intact and be increased as additional donations are made at Christmas birthdays or other festive occasions.

It is the hope of those working on this plan that there will be a one hundred per cent. response to these letters, not that the amount of the gift is material, but that the committee may feel that every student is loyally back of this ideal. Whether you send a dime or a dollar in the subscription envelope, try to make this gift your personal donation, that you may take pride in the success of the undertaking.

We are endeavoring to get in as many names of subscribers as possible for the next issue of the Skirmisher, when all details will be more completely explained.

A very Happy and Successful New Year to you and yours.

Sincerely,

W. L. Ganssle, Supt.,
Capt. John F. Barker,
Cadet Lyman Linger, Bat. Com.,
Committee.

The committee hopes to gradually build up from a small beginning a fund that will help deserving boys to proceed with their schooling when they lack sufficient means. Many of the contributions that have already

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COLONEL PRESENTS FOOTBALL TROPHIES

Members of Squad Receive Sweaters and Fobs

The awarding of the trophies at dinner, February 12, brought to a close a most successful football season. Because of lack of material, a large number of score victories was not marked up for St. John's, yet the morale and sportsmanship was such that we ranked among the first teams in the league. The lack of sensational plays was very noticeable because of the way the players worked in unison. When a goal was made, the team made it by working together in short drives and line plunges and when a good tackle was made, it was so done by blocking and charging that every player had a part.

The first practice was started a few days after school opened in September, at which time all players were issued a complete uniform from the armory by Lieutenant Crooks, who was selected as manager. The fact that many new boys came out for practice showed that a splendid spirit was prevalent from the start. By way of diversion, several short order practice games were played during the season between the Army and Navy clubs, and still another game between the first team and the faculty.

No end of credit can be given Captain Small for his share in the training of the team, directing plays or participating himself in practice games; during one of these games he wrenched his knee and was forced to direct the playing for a time from the sidelines.

The following are the team, their positions and trophies won by each: Fuhrman—A contender in all sports is at his best in football. As left end and captain of the squad he well deserved the watch fob presented to him for two years of consecutive playing on the team.

Jackson—As left end checked many

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McCRACKEN MENTIONED

(Special to the Skirmisher)

Robert McCracken, Pvt., U. S. Marine Corps, former letter man at St. John's School, Salina, Kansas, and star center of the 1925 Parris Island football aggregation, was elected captain of the 1926 squad at the elections held at the Marine Post Gymnasium Sunday. McCracken was congratulated by General Harry Lee, Post Commandant, his team mates, and many friends at the Post, and promised their support during the coming season.

The announcement was made between halves of the Parris Island-Charleston Marine basketball game, which ended a three-game series, all won by Parris Island. The occasion was also notable in that the Commanding General presented block "M" sweaters to twenty-five members of the football team.

McCracken is a member of the Post Basketball team, and connected with the Post Exchange. There is rumor of his being recommended for Second Lieutenant's School at Washington during the current year.

OLD BOYS VISIT SCHOOL

During the holidays, we were very glad to see several of our "old boys." Ralph Farley who was here 1920-21, 1921-22 and 1922-23, graduated from the Lincoln, Kansas, High School last spring. He is now associated with the Robin A. Walker & Co., Architects and Construction Engineers, Eldorado, Kansas. The Walker Brothers were in Salina on business, and Ralph accompanied them. We were very glad to know that Ralph is making good, and wish him continued success.

Another "old boy" who visited school during the holidays was Walter Miller, formerly from Tulsa, Oklahoma, but who is now salesman for the Marlin Oil Company, St. Joe, Mo. Walter tips the scales at two hundred and fifteen, and surely does not look like he is being mistreated very much.

Robert Ready of Hope, Kansas, who attended school at St. John's in 1919-20 was another of our "old boys" who visited the school during the holidays. Dick is now located at Gypsum, and is an operator for the Missouri Pacific.

The battalion has been moved back to its old position parallel with the barracks and facing south.

THE NEW BOYS

Eight or ten new boys have enrolled in St. John's during the last month. Most of them came in time for the opening of school in January, but a few did not arrive until some time later. There was Marshall and Barnett who came back from Oklahoma with Col. Ganssle. Hanna who hails from Denver, and still others who came in a week or two late. The names of the boys and their home towns are as follows:

Lawson—Topeka, Kansas.
Hanna—Denver, Colo.
Frisbie—Marysville, Kansas.
Prather—Topeka, Kansas.
Davies—Salt Lake City, Utah.
Parcell—Ordway, Colo.
Thompson, W.—Hugo, Colo.
Barton—Denver, Colo.
Milne—Denver, Colo.
Fishman—Salina, Kansas.
Weaver, T.—Wichita, Kansas.
Barnett—Sapulpa, Okla.
Marshall—Sapulpa, Okla.

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FOOTBALL SQUAD

COLONEL PRESENTS FOOTBALL TROPHIES

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end runs that came around his side of the line. He was an important help in keeping the opponents score down.

Alderson—Capably filled his position at left tackle and was presented with a sweater. "Cliff" is well remembered for his famous neck tackles.

Jamison—Made the visitors often wish that we didn't have such a big right tackle. He was one of the five players that received fobs.

Newman—Brought honors on the fair city of Hominy when he played the position of right guard. "Georgie" is wearing a monogrammed sweater now when he goes to see Bernice.

Shortt, G.—The heavyweight of the team, made left guard a dangerous position for all comers. "Tiny" is not at school now but a fob will be sent to his home.

Meyer—His good work at center has been attributed to the fact that he never neglects to eat heartily, however he may feel. LeRoy is a minute man having been in all games and not taken out of one. His sweater pleased him more than a good meal, which is saying a lot.

Linger—He is now wearing a foot-

ball sweater because of his splendid work at fullback.

Mourning—Played a backfield position and is now wearing a sweater.

Roth—Played a good game at quarterback and was presented with a sweater.

Holmes—At left halfback, Pete well deserved his watch fob.

Utterback is now wearing a gold watch fob because he had the knack of carrying the ball well from right halfback. "Nespit" is the only man in the school at the present time that possesses a track sweater. He is an all-around athlete and is our basketball captain.

GUARD DUTY

Much stress is being laid upon interior guard duty by Major Heller the past few days. This work is not only very interesting but is one of the most important phases of military life. Before one can properly perform interior guard duty it becomes necessary to know the "General Orders." The learning of these orders is the newest task of every cadet. In the future whether or not a cadet will receive a pass to town will depend on the knowing of the "General Orders." It is therefore to be supposed that everyone is busy learning them as no one wants to lose a pass by failing to know these orders.

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MAJOR CRAVENS TALKS

During the drill period while Capt. McGrew was acting commandant, Major Cravens gave us a short talk on military life, the salute and its origin. This talk was not only interesting but also instructive.

Major is connected with the K. N. G. of Salina at the present. He served in the world war and while there gained many military honors. We all hope that Major Cravens will favor us with talks throughout the year.

MRS. GANSSLE VISITS HER HOME

Three days after Christmas Mrs. Ganssle and Joyce left for Chicago and Racine, Wisconsin, where they visited Mrs. Ganssle's brothers and uncles for a month. An additional two weeks' stay was forced by the illness of Joyce. On the return home they visited Major and Mrs. Weir, formerly of St. John's now of Lake Forrest. Mrs. Ganssle was graciously treated by the faculty of Lake Forrest, several teas and social functions being held in her honor.

Needless to say the faculty and cadet corps joyously welcomed them home.

A TRIP

Captain John Barker spent several days during the Christmas holidays visiting the cadets in Denver who were home on Christmas leave. Besides visiting the Denver boys he spent a day at the homes of cadets Hake and Alderson.

THE EXCHANGE

Just lately we have come across a novelty in school papers with the simple but mystic title of the "Bat" which is edited by the Lafayette High School. This paper is a mimeographed edition.

The Abilene Booster gives notice that a very clever impersonation of the fairer sex by boys in the play entitled "Dr. Cure All" was given.

The Russell High School Chatter-box says that they are planning to give an operata "In Old Louisiana," which will be given in February.

We see by the W. M. A. Trumpeter that they have fifty-four cadets taking boxing lessons. Several bouts with other schools have already been arranged.

A pre-lent dance was given by the faculty of St. John's for those who cared to dance. The dance was held in the Guild Hall after the Salina-St. John's game. Because of the informality and swiftness of which the party was gotten up, a panatrope was lent by the Brunswick people which furnished delightful music from nine o'clock till eleven. After the last dance the cadets were invited to a lunch at the Puritan Restaurant as guests of Col. and Mrs. Ganssle. Those present and their ladies were:

Col. and Mrs. Ganssle.
Capt. Barker and Miss Munsell.
Capt. Linger and Miss Martin.
Lieut. Cronin and Miss Muller.
Sergt. Newman and Miss Eaton.
Sergt. Hover and Miss Humbarger.
Sergt. Farnsworth and Miss Brown.
Corp. Elkins and Miss Cochrine.
Corp. King and Miss Surface.
Corp. Mourning and Miss Brunning.
Corp. Caldwell and Miss Foil.
Cadet Hake and Miss Stephens.
Cadet Paddock and Miss Spence.
Cadet Jones and Miss Winterbotham.
Cadet Kintz and Miss Cochrine.
Cadet Kinkel and Miss Olson.
Cadet Houghton and Miss Baber.
Cadet Gibbs and Miss Rathburn.

Mr. H. Jamison of Denver, spent Wednesday here with his son Gifford. Mr. Jamison was returning from the east where he has extensive business interests, and stopped at the school, on his way to Denver, to have a few hours with his son.

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been received are made by cadets from their weekly spending money. A contribution no matter how small shows that the plan meets with support.

Those who have contributed to the fund are:

Linger.
Davis Bland, Jr.
Newman.
Utterback.
Jamison.
Hake.
King.
Morrow.
Warde.
Markley.
Keller.
Shor.
Kintz.
Brach, I.
Brach, II.

The cadets who saw the St. John's game will long remember the two touchdowns which were made that day. The first was made by Roth and cannot be overestimated. K. C. snatched the ball out of the air on a pass from Utterback and took it in a thrilling forty-yard run through the opposing team's line and scored. The second goal even more imposing than the first one was made by Mourning. "Alibi" intercepted a Junction City pass, with just three minutes of play left, and tucking it under his arm carried it eighty yards for a touchdown. For weeks after the two backfield men were heroes at school and nearby.

DR. ROTHCHILD SPEAKS

The cadet corps listened to an excellent talk given by Dr. Alfred Rothchild on last Tuesday at assembly. The Doctor spoke on the care of the teeth and pointed out their importance as a factor in maintaining health. He said that ninety per cent. of the diseases of our body enter from the neck up, and that the mouth is the gateway to health. Besides being an excellent dentist, Dr. Rothchild possesses a fund of good stories full of philosophy, and his talk was greatly appreciated by all that heard it.

Coach Small got rough with a Salina basketball player and as a result of this mix-up, is unable to pronounce his s's.

ST. JOHN'S WINS FIRST GAME

St. John's opened the season by defeating Chapman by a score of 42 to 34. The game was fast and furious with both teams displaying some fine teamwork at all times. However, neither team had a cinch on the game at any time. The score at the half stood, St. John's 19—Chapman 11. The latter half of the game was somewhat closer especially in the last quarter. Utterback furnished twelve field goals for St. John's while Scripster and Huston each caged six for Chapman.

SKIRMISHES

Holland—"Say, if a burglar crawled into the coal bin, would the coal chute?"

Jennin—"No, but the kindling wood."

SALINA WINS FROM CADETS— INFORMAL DANCE AFTER GAME

On Tuesday evening, February 16, St. John's went down to defeat before the Salina quintet by a score of 43 to 30. Although the Salina team held the lead throughout the game, it was fast from start to finish. Utterback, center for St. John's was high point man, with 18 points.

The lineup and score:

St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	1	....	1	2
Holmes	1	1	....	3
Fuhrman	2	3	2	7
Utterback	9	....	....	18
Stotts	1	....	1	2
Missimer	....	....	1	....
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	14	4	5	32

Salina	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Jay	4	....	1	8
Gross	4	....	....	8
McIntire	6	1	1	13
Oberg
Still	5	2	10
Stuck
Shade	1	2	2
Loganberg	1	2
Total	—	—	—	—
Salina	21	1	6	43

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Holmes	2	4
Fuhrman
Shortt	2	...	3	4
Utterback	4	8
Stotts	1	...	1	0
Missimer	2	4
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	11	...	4	22
Total	—	—	—	—
Sacred Heart	24	3	4	51

ST. JOHN'S—McPHERSON				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	4	2	1	8
Holmes	2	...	...	4
Fuhrman	...	...	...	8
Utterback	4	...	...	...
Stotts	...	...	...	...
Missimer	...	1	...	1
Paddock	...	...	...	...
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	...	...	...	21
Total	—	—	—	—
McPherson	...	...	...	43

CHAPMAN GAME				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	3	...	1	6
Holmes	4	...	1	8
Utterback	6	2	2	14
Stotts	...	...	1	...
Fuhrman	...	...	1	...
Missimer	...	...	1	...
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	13	2	7	28
Total	—	—	—	—
Chapman	12	8	3	32

ELLSWORTH—ST. JOHN'S				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	...	...	...	...
Holmes	...	...	1	...
Fuhrman	4	...	2	8
Utterback	5	...	1	10
Stotts	...	...	2	...
Missimer	...	1	1	1
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	9	1	7	19
Total	—	—	—	—
Ellsworth	16	2	4	34

ST. JOHN'S—JUNCTION CITY				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	1	...	...	2
Holmes	...	1	...	1
Fuhrman	4	1	2	9
Utterback	5	...	...	10
Stotts	2	2	1	6
Missimer	1	...	2	2
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	13	4	5	30
Total	—	—	—	—
Junction City	14	...	6	28

ENTERPRISE—ST. JOHN'S				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Fuhrman	...	...	1	...
Holmes	...	...	1	...
Stotts	...	...	...	...
Utterback	9	1	1	19
Roth	1	...	...	2
Missimer	...	...	1	...
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	10	1	4	21
Total	—	—	—	—
Enterprise	13	2	4	28

ST. JOHN'S—SALINA				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Fuhrman	2	...	2	4
Roth	...	1	2	1
Stotts	...	...	2	...
Shortt	...	...	...	...
Utterback	5	2	...	12
Missimer	...	...	1	...
Holmes	3	...	...	6
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	10	3	7	23
Total	—	—	—	—
Salina	23	5	10	51

ST. JOHN'S—ABILENE				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	...	...	1	...
Fuhrman	...	2	1	2
Utterback	1	...	1	2
Roth	1	...	...	2
Stotts	1	...	...	2
Holmes	1	...	...	2
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	4	2	3	10
Total	—	—	—	—
Abilene	25	3	12	53

McPHERSON—ST. JOHN'S				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Fuhrman	1	...	...	2
Shortt	...	1	...	1
Utterback	7	1	...	15
Holmes	2	...	...	4
Roth	1	...	...	2
Stotts	...	...	...	...
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	11	2	...	24
Total	—	—	—	—
McPherson	16	2	6	34

ST. JOHN'S—ENTERPRISE				
St. John's	G.	F. T.	F.	P.
Shortt	2	...	...	4
Holmes	1	...	...	2
Fuhrman	3	...	...	6
Utterback	4	2	...	10
Stotts	1	...	2	2
Missimer	1	...
Total	—	—	—	—
St. John's	11	2	3	24
Total	—	—	—	—
Enterprise	12	4	3	28

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Icthus Club is a young people's club that meets in the Guild House every Sunday evening. They have a light lunch and then study some lesson from the Bible or the Bible itself until about Eight-thirty.

NEW CHAPLAIN

When the cadets arrived after Christmas, they found that our chaplain, Mr. Botkin, had been called away and that we had a new chaplain to take his place.

Chaplain E. B. Gubbins comes to us from Cimmaron, Kansas, where he has been for the past few years. He is well liked by all. We hope him a very happy and successful time while at St. John's.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL MEDAL

A medal will be given to the cadet who writes the best and most interesting essay on Lincoln. This essay is to be judged by some outside and disinterested person. To the person who writes the best essay will be given the Lincoln medal, made by the Illinois Watch Company. The contest started February 14, and ended February 22. The medal is on display in the trophy case in Vail Hall.

ALDERSON ELECTED TRACK CAPTAIN

The track team held a meeting Feb. 12, to elect a captain for the coming season. Clifford Alderson of Lafayette, Colorado, was elected. Alderson is a good track man and made a track letter at Lafayette High School. He is an all-around athlete and played tackle on the football team, making a sweater. He is out for the sprints and the broad jump. In the annual Army-Navy track meet last year he was high point man, making nineteen and one-half points out of a possible twenty, winning the first-class athletic medal.

CADETS APPRECIATE DOUGH-NUTS

A very pleasant surprise came to the cadets from Mrs. A. R. Reese of Denver, Colorado, in the form of 350 doughnuts which were consumed with much delight.

THE HOLIDAY

Just before the Colonel went to Topeka, he promised the cadet corps a holiday, if the cadets did not break any of the rules or regulations of the school while he was gone. He also said that a banquet would be given to the football men and the presentation of the trophies would be made. The Colonel returned the night of the eleventh, and a holiday was declared for the next day.

First call was sounded at 7:45, the same time as on Sunday. After breakfast, assembly was held in study hall and the Colonel gave the cadets a short talk about the co-operation that the cadets had given to the faculty during his absence. When dismissed, some of the boys went horseback riding, others played basketball, while still others wandered around the campus in search of diversion. It was a fine day for a holiday and the barracks were silent, which seems rather strange. However, if one looked in certain rooms, he would see the occupants in the arms of Morpheus.

The Colonel made the presentation of the trophies to the players in the dining hall at supper, and the holiday was over and the cadets were ready to get to work on their lessons. The holiday was a great success from the viewpoint of the faculty as well as the cadets, as the cadets showed unusual willingness to abide by the rules and regulations of the school.

CHANGES BY MAJOR HELLER

From this date on, the officer of the day must appear in full dress uniform with his saber at his side. This has been ordered by Major Heller, our new commandant. The sergeant of the guard is to wear a cartridge belt with bayonet, while the color guard carries guns with fixed bayonets. This looks more military than the system used before, and the improvements in the appearance of the battalion are very noticeable.

Mr. George Shor, of New York, was here visiting his son cadet Shor on Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31.

Captain and Mrs. Shideler and family spent the Christmas holidays with their people at Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Shideler's mother, Mrs. C. Henry returned with them, and visited for a two weeks period.



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DR. BELL VISITS THE SCHOOL

Dr. Bell visited the school some time ago and gave the cadet corps a short talk on the imagination. He advised the cadets to give their imagination as much thought as possible and to increase it as it will give a great help in future life. Dr. Bell was in Salina on a very important mission as he came here in order to help those who have faith and that were sick or diseased in any way he could cure them. Some of the persons were healed and were very thankful for his coming.

MR. BARKER ILL

We were all very sorry to hear of the illness of our headmaster, Mr. N. A. Barker, during the past few days. The cadets of the Junior School have been cautioned to keep very quiet, as Mr. Barker has his room in the Junior School. His illness is caused by bad teeth. Capt. Shideler has taken charge of the quarter-master's department during his absence.

JUNIOR SCHOOL CADETS GET HOLIDAY

On every Saturday at the Junior School the cadets who have been up in all subjects and whose conduct has been good during the past, will receive a holiday. In case that three-fourths of the cadets are eligible, the Junior School is closed for the morning.

MEN ATTENDING OTHER CHURCHES

For the past few Sundays passes have been granted by Col. Ganssle to men whose grades are up and wish to go to another church. Men attending other churches are: Whitehead and Linger, Methodist; Reese and Newman, Lutheran, and Gagan and Keller, Sacred Heart.

CAPT. JOHN GETS CAUGHT IN A SNOW STORM

On the night before the big snow Capt. John bravely set out for his home 10 miles north of town, in his little Ford roadster. He arrived safely, but when he got ready to return he found that Capt. McGrew would have to take care of his classes for the next few days. For, lo and behold, there stood face to face with him many, and deep snow drifts, which his runabout failed to shove out of the way.

A PARAGRAPH FROM ADVENTURE

The unexpected has happened! A short time ago the second floor was aroused from drowsy slumber by a mighty crash. Jumping from their beds, the sleepy cadets cautiously peeked out of their rooms. A terrible struggle was taking place in our noted botanist's room on the wing. Chairs and tables crashed to the floor and the din was terrific. Shrieks and groans rang through the still barracks. Finally the more courageous cadets grabbed their rifles and cautiously approached the room of horror. From the Stygian-like darkness of the interior of the room came the sounds of mighty antagonists in combat. Then four brave cadets leaped into the room and tore the combatants apart. A flash of light quickly revealed their identity and showed that they were both wounded. One had a black eye and the other one had a bloody nose. They glared at each other and struggled vainly with their captors. Just then an officer appeared upon the scene and the spectators silently vanished. He led one of the participants out of the room, and as they came out of the door the captive snarled to his late adversary, "You will call me Suzanna, will you?"

THE ORCHESTRA

Captain Shideler has recently started work with a group of Cadets which he hopes to turn out an orchestra. The cadets who have started so far are:

Cadets—

Utterback.
Brach, I.
Parcell.
Jones, R.
Lawson.
Kintz.
Needham.
Armstrong.
Moe.
Davies.
Elkins.

THE DANCING CLASS

The dancing class originated by Captain John has been re-opened and is going down town one night a week for instruction. A number of cadets have enrolled and are studying in the afternoons so as to have their evenings free to practice. It is hoped that even more will join so that a dance can be given occasionally for the beginners here at school.

BASKETBALL MEN PRACTICE IN MEMORIAL HALL

A new floor was laid in Memorial Hall which enables the schools and colleges playing here to use it as a basketball court. St. John's has arranged to hold its games there and to also practice there, and scrimmage with Salina and Sacred Heart. The Hall will hold five thousand spectators and is an excellent place for games and in fact for exhibitions of all kinds.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE BATTALION

During the drill period one day last week, Major Heller re-arranged the battalion into peacetime formation.

The officers and non-commissioned officers were also assigned to the companies permanently.

The two companies are evenly divided, both in number and in size. Before this, all of the larger men were in A Company and the smaller ones in B Company.

Under this new method of formation the Battalion is now permanently fixed and should show great progress within a very short time.

JOKES

Prather—Say, Nutsie must be awful rich. He always has at least three or four dollars in his pocket.

Biggs—Yeh, it's always the same three or four dollars, too.

Crooks—"You are the fire of my soul, you have set my heart aflame and my eyes burn with love for you."

Voice from the stairs: "Go on, I'll put cha out."

Missie—"Her complexion is ruined. Must be too many cigarettes."

Riley—"Well, you know that smoke is hard on paint."

Farnsworth—"Why do they call Sally 'Pretzel' and Harry 'Beer?'"

Hover—"Because they used to go together."

Our exchange editor has started a new thing in exchanges. We hope some of the editors on other staffs will answer his love letters.

(Wife)—"John, you're breath smells like you have been drinking, it smells like cider."

(Husband)—No, dearie; it is this tight tie of mine pressing on my adams apple."