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JUNIOR SCHOOL GETS LIBRARY

Valuable Gift—Mrs. Bivins Gives Set of Books of Knowledge

Among the most acceptable gifts received by St. John's lately is a set of the "Books of Knowledge" which has been added to the Junior School Library through the kindness of Mrs. Bivins of Denver, Colorado. Through the perseverance of Capt. Poggeman and Capt. Bailey, an excellent reading library has been established in the Junior School. At certain hours the reading room is opened under the supervision of the instructor on duty, and the boys make the most of their opportunity.

TRACK TROPHIES ARRIVE

The track sweaters arrived on the 28th, and Colonel Ganssle presented one of the three to Fuhrman. He received it for taking first in the high jump with a record of five feet and eight inches, and second in the broad jump. This makes the fourth sweater for Fuhrman, the others having been given for points in Football, Basketball, and track. Jones, R. and Alderson were the men who won the other sweaters.

Jones, R. got his for taking first in the mile and in the half-mile in a duel track meet. Alderson was high point man in the St. John's-Salina duel meet. He took first in the fifty-yard dash, first in the one hundred-yard dash, first in the two twenty-yard low hurdles, and second in the shot put.

COLONEL'S TRIP TO DENVER

Early in July, Col. Ganssle took a hurry-up trip to Denver. Never in his twelve years experience at St. John's has he met with greater response to his solicitations in the interest of the school. Old boys signified their intentions of returning to school in the fall, and many new boys were enrolled. He expects to return to Colorado in August in his car.

SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Instructors—Major Heller, Capt. Poggeman and Capt. McGrew

For the first time, courses in high school subjects are being offered in summer school. Captain McGrew has made it possible to make a credit in Chemistry. Kermit Farnsworth leads the class which is composed of himself, Fuhrman, Shields and Hurst.

Harry Fuhrman is at school in charge of summer school cadets. He has his hands full as there is a good sized enrollment this year. They are:

Lieut. Harry Fuhrman, ElDorado, Kansas.

Sergt. Kermit Farnsworth, Wheatland, Wyoming.

Cadet Wesley Shields, Hoxie, Kansas.

Cadet Wilbur Thompson, Fairview, Montana.

Cadet Vernon Frank, Topeka, Kansas.

Cadet Vann Hess, Manhattan, Kansas.

Cadet Harold Jones, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cadet Carroll Carpenter, Salina, Kansas.

Cadet Charles Hockensmith, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet Daniel Draper, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet Jack Voigt, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet Jack Firstenberger, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet Gerald Hubanks, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet Herbert Lindsley, Wichita, Kansas.

Cadet David Moore, Salina, Kansas.

Cadet Weldon Wallace, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Cadet Lawrence Hurst, Bethany, Nebraska.

Cadet George S. Keller, Kansas City, Missouri.

Jack Markley and Herbert King are working on a sheep ranch near Laramie, Wyoming.

TRIP TO CAMP ARCOLA

The cadets of summer school are enjoying many trips of interest, such as those to Rock City and Camp Arcola.

The cadets left about 2:30 with Capt. Shideler, Capt. Bailey, Capt. Poggeman, and Hart in their cars. The first stop was at Brookville, a town about 15 miles west of Salina. Here they filled the radiators and a water fight followed in which Jones and Shields succeeded in getting Fuhrman wet, also the coils of Capt. Shideler's car, so it was hard to start. The cadets were soon on their way, and reached Camp Arcola about 4:30.

All the boys went swimming in a lake fed by springs. After a good swim, everyone was hungry and went up to camp and had a real supper. Fried potatoes, tomatoes, fresh milk, and cold meat were served.

After they had washed their mess kits, the boys were allowed to look around for a good place to sleep. At dusk first call was sounded and fire wood gathered for a bonfire. When everybody was comfortably settled, and enjoying the glowing embers, Capt. Shideler read a story, "Silver Tip, the Bear."

After the story was finished, the boys turned in, some around the campfire, and others roosting on top of the hill.

Hockensmith slept in a cave on the hillside with his buddy, Lindsley. Both boys said they would have had a good night's sleep if the rocks hadn't been so hard, but the rest of the bunch had their own ideas as to why they didn't sleep. The next morning pictures were taken, including an old cow, taken by Hockensmith.

Jones and Carpenter slept on top of the hill over Hockensmith and Lindsley. Jones complained of having quite a few chigger bites "on top of the hill." There was a herd of horses grazing close by. They got inquisitive and wandered over to see

what kind of animals were littering up their pasture. Finding Jones and Carpenter, they got disgusted and snorted, which awakened the boys. They drove them away and went back to sleep again. In a few minutes the boys realized something was pulling off their blankets. Carpenter thinking it was the horses, yelled whoa! About that time something snapped them on the leg, and they soon realized it was Capt. Shideler who had come to wake them for breakfast.

Fuhrman and Farnsworth slept near the campfire, and Capt. Shideler awakened them with a glass of cold water. Farnsworth said he had a good night's rest although he did sleep on an iron peg that gouged him in the back every time he moved.

Capt. Poggeman and Capt. Bailey slept in their cars, and seemed the liveliest the next morning. They must have slept in luxury compared to the rest of the bunch.

After all the boys were awakened and collected around the camp, Thompson blew first call and they had breakfast which consisted of bacon and fresh eggs and milk.

When breakfast was served, and the mess kits washed, the boys all took a swim.

About 7:30 they started for Palmer's cave which is about twelve miles from Camp Arcola. Capt. Shideler had the smoker's car. The occupant's were Fuhrman, Farnsworth, Jones and Shields.

They arrived at about 9:00 a. m. Pictures were taken of the cave and the cadets. After they had thoroughly inspected the cave, they decided to leave it behind as it was too big to carry. Jones thought he was a geologist, and carried off some round rocks, but has lately been seen playing marbles with the junior students. As the party started to return with careful checking up, they found Lindsley, alias "Speedy" was left behind. They waited about twenty minutes, when they saw their Nurmi trudging over the hill with his trusty camera under his arm.

The gang then went to Mushroom Rock which is about seven miles from Palmer's Cave. Mushroom Rock is a formation shaped like a gigantic mushroom about 15 feet high. At first nobody was very interested until an old timer, who was with them, said that he had never seen anyone on top of it. This awakened the enthusiasm of the cadets and they at once proceeded to climb to the top.

They built a pyramid and thus Daniel Draper scaled the rock. The rest of the cadets went hand over hand up a rope which was tied on the rock by Draper. "Speedy" who was the last to mount, took a picture of the bunch on top of the rock.

Another rock close by resembled a huge shoe. The "hard luck man" Voigt, had his picture taken in it, and it resembled the picture in the Mother Goose rhymes.

The bunch then started back to camp where they had dinner. After dinner the camp was cleaned up and everyone started back to school. They reached school about 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. A good time was enjoyed by everyone.

—By Shields and Fuhrman.

BOYS TAKE NOTICE

While in Denver, Colonel made arrangements with the Rocky Mountain News for insertion of several pictures of St. John's in the rotogravure section of their school issue of August eighth.

Mike—Let's go to a restaurant and eat, Pat.

Pat—All right. I want some corn on the cob.

Mike—I didn't know there was such a thing as corn on the cob.

At dinner Mike ate all of his and asked Pat to order some more "beans on the stick."

—Contributed by Vernon Frank.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP

The boys of the summer school were given a treat the other day in the form of a trip of inspection through the Kansas Ice and Storage plant, and the Belle Springs Creamery. The process of making ice and storing perishable food products was minutely explained. They watched butter making and saw tons of ice cream. Not only were the boys shown these delicacies, but generous samples of each were given to them. They had all they could eat of ice cream and milk. Such kindness is appreciated these hot days.

Warren Utterback, '26, plans to go to Wesleyan with Mac Abbott next year. "Utter" is a splendid Basketball player, and will make a name for himself in College athletics as well as those of Prep-school. Utterback was chosen as all-league Basketball forward last spring.

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THE UNWOUND MAN

By Charles Hockensmith

He was a tippler no doubt, the proof was because he staggered and staggered something terrible.

But the worst of it was that he never drank with anybody or accepted a drink from anybody, they also never could smell it on the breath of Mr. Shields.

Miss Mary Hockensmith first met Mr. Shields coming home from Europe on board a steamship. He was staggering then, but she thought nothing of it as everybody was staggering, even herself.

But when she discovered that he staggered on dry and steady land, she nearly passed out with the tide. The worst of it was that she was in love with him. Although they had met only two or three times he simply entranced her, and she affected him the same way.

"Oh father, don't you think that you can help get him going on the straight and narrow path again?" she asked her father that evening at dinner.

"Well, daughter, my line of business is to sell hats to rich men, but I shall see what I can do for you and also him."

"Oh father, I shall be so delighted if you do, for it will make my life so much happier, and I think it will make his also much happier. But how shall we begin with this queer case father?"

"Well, I think that a good beginning would be to invite him out to supper, and then I can talk to him alone and win his confidence."

That evening at about seven o'clock the butler announced that Mr. Shields had arrived.

A moment later a very fine looking, highly polished young gentleman of the evening came staggering through the door into the parlor.

"There's no doubt about it," thought Mr. Hockensmith, "He is surely highly intoxicated, now how can I talk to a man with any science at all when he is so highly inebriated."

There was a moment of surprise when a few minutes later the guest began to talk, there was no customary slurring and slicing of words with the common "hic". He talked softly, distinctly, and with a voice that many a speaker would give his right eye to own.

"And how are you feeling tonight

Mr. Hockensmith?" asked the gentleman as he stood swaying before him.

"Oh just wonderful, Mr. Shields, in fact, I never felt better in my life than at present. But how are you feeling? Don't you have a bit of a headache or eyeache?"

"Not that I can notice, Mr. Hockensmith, in fact I have felt exceedingly well ever since I met Mary."

After supper had been finished, Mr. Hockensmith told the rest of the company that he would like to have a private conference with Mr. Shields, and that he would not like to be disturbed if possible.

Arm in arm, Mr. Hockensmith helped the swaying Mr. Shields in to his private study.

"Have a drink Mr. Shields?"

"No, thank you sir, I never drink."

"Are you sure that you never drink?" asked Mr. Hockensmith.

"Positive, sir!" replied Mr. Shields. "around so much if you don't drink?"

"Well, you see, Mr. Hockensmith, it was this way. When I was a young boy, my father made some sort of a merry-go-round. I was playing on it by myself one day when some little neighbor boys broke the switch on one part of it, and it started going around at a high rate of speed. They were so badly frightened that they ran off. My father found me several hours later, and the result is that when he did take me out, that I couldn't walk straight, although for many a night I have turned around and around trying to unwind myself, but as yet I have never quite succeeded."

All the time Mr. Hockensmith sat listening with great interest and also great distress. "Do you want to marry my daughter young man?"

"Me marry your daughter? Why I was just going to propose it to you."

I should marry your daughter with the greatest of pleasure."

"Well we can't ruin her life if you must stagger around all the time. I think I have a fine plan to put into use, and it may turn out all right. I must talk to my wife, so good night."

(Continued in the next issue).

Rae Woulfe who is working on his mother's farm near Sulphur, Oklahoma, is spending his vacation chopping cotton and plowing corn. Of course he is returning to St. John's. That is one of the things he is certain of doing this fall. The other plan convinces one that Rae may be a globe trotter yet. He wrote Whaite Smith in Denver that his sister had a chance on a car in a raffle. If she wins the car, and if she would let him borrow it, he would pay Smith a visit.

Richard, (Richilieu) Poindexter, who finished his work at St. John's two years ago has been appointed student instructor in the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. His father, who is the donor of the Poindexter Cup, is making plans for Richard's graduate work at Oxford after the completion of his work at Sewanee.

A letter from Dick Mitchell says that he is in the hospital in Monte Vista to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Earlier in the summer he was working in the mines west of town. A letter addressed to Monte Vista, Colorado will reach him.

Ralph Caldwell writes that he has been working every day in Kansas City since the last of May, and is coming back in September.

John Hover is working in a garage at Eureka.

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Frank Whitehead visited St. John's
on the last day of July.

Mr. N. A. Barker is in Cambridge,
Mass., resting this summer.

Jeannin and Morrow are working
on a farm near Leavenworth.

Roy Wallace of Salina has been
working on a farm west of town.

Robert Paddock drove in from
Wichita on his way to Russell, July 4.

Harvey Moe and "Swede" Berg-
gren of Scandia drove to Salina for
the Auto races on July 4th.

Biggs of Kansas City is spending
his summer working on a farm in
Wisconsin.

"Scoop" Buchenau still wields a
wicked scoop shovel on his mother's
farm near Abilene, Kansas.

Paul Holland of Minneapolis, Kan-
sas, is planning on spending the com-
ing year with his father in California.

Bivins has been busy in his neigh-
borhood, the Park Hill District, get-
ting recruits for his famous football
team, the Buttonbeak Eleven. With
the assistance of Col. Ganssle, he has
secured three new men of the right
size that look like promising material.

REESE SINGS AT HORNER INSTITUTE

Allyn Reese, Jr., '26, of Denver,
drove through on his way to the Hor-
ner Institute in Kansas City where
his voice was given a test by some
famous music critics. Reese was the
winner of the first prize in the Fourth
Central Kansas League boy's solo
contest. Allyn was driving a car
given him for graduation, and he
took Capt. Shideler with him.

ST. JOHN'S CONTINGENT OFF FOR NATIONAL GUARD CAMP AT FORT RILEY

The coming of August brings with
it the National Guard encampment
and St. John's contributes its quota.
This year Capt. McGrew goes as
Second Lieutenant of Artillery,
Charles Blunt, '26, in the Head-
quarters department. Warren Utter-
back, '26, and Robert Paddock, '26,
will also be at the camp but not in
the Salina Outfit. Kermit Farns-
worth who has been here at summer
school received permission from his
father and joined the Guards last
week. He will be in Capt. McGrew's
command.

NEWMAN TO ENTER O. U.

George Newman, erstwhile ladies
man and Lieutenant at St. John's, is
busy washing, oiling, driving and
selling Fords for Shelly Motor Com-
pany in Hominy, Oklahoma. George
has enrolled in the University of
Oklahoma for the coming year. He
was complimented very highly on his
preparation for college entrance by
the University authorities. The re-
mark was made that so few high
schools compelled a student to have
the standard amount of solids for
graduation, and consequently they
came to college poorly prepared.
George had the required number of
solids and some to spare so did not
make any bones about saying that
he was from St. John's where a high
standard is maintained.

"Denny" Philips, '25, left early in
July to settle some of his father's
affairs in the oil fields in Texas.
While driving fast in Texas, Dennis,
who was trying to fix something on
the front of the car while it was go-
ing, fell and injured himself badly.
He has been in the hospital several
weeks. He intends to return to Den-
ver and go into the sheep business
near Thermopolis, Wyoming, with his
brother-in-law.

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CAPT. POGGEMAN

Shortly after Commencement, Capt. Poggeman made a trip through Southern Kansas to Wichita, Eureka, Emporia, Newton, and then into Southern Nebraska. He met a number of the boys and enrolled several for summer school. He is planning another trip into Western Nebraska and Wyoming after summer school, and hopes to meet with the same success that he had earlier in the summer.

Pat couldn't talk German—He told Mike about it.

Mike said, "If anyone asks you anything say yes."

Pat went down the street and met a prizefighter. The prizefighter said, "Do you want to fight?" "Yes," said Pat, and the prizefighter beat him up. Pat went home and told Mike about it, and Mike said if anyone said anything to say "No." Next day Pat met the same prizefighter. "Did you have enough?" asked the prizefighter, "No," said Pat, and got beat up again.

—Contributed by Vernon Frank.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that Howard Lockhart met with a serious accident about a month ago near his home in the oil fields at Fall City, Oklahoma. Howard had been acting as an assistant to a truck driver. They were hauling a large steel tank on the Philips lease. Lockhart was on top to lift the telephone wires over the tank. A hidden wire caught him when the truck was moving at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour, throwing him twenty feet. He was rushed to the hospital where it was found that his arm was broken in two places and that he was bruised and skinned severely. He was in the hospital a month and may not be able to return to St. John's until late in the term.

Mac Abbott is making his home at St. John's this summer and doing the heavy out at the country club golf course. "Ma" intends to enter the Wesleyan University this fall and still live and work at St. John's.

"Casey" Roth has not been heard from. Must be a good indication that Kermit is rustling freight or using a pitchfork somewhere since his mother promised him a summer at hard labor.

Willis Hoskinson, Cadet Capt. and Adjutant '24, visited St. John's on July 21. "Hoskie" has finished his second year pre-medical course at Kansas University. He has a new Food and intends to travel for a year before starting the heavy grind of four years medicine. "Hoskie" left the morning of July 22, as he expressed it, for "a year's trip with points and destinations unknown."

Our handsome Bob Crooks is traveling in the East with his parents. He left school and went directly to Washington, D. C., where he met his family. The last heard from Barker in Cambridge, Mass.

Clifford Craven is checker of material on the new Continental Building in Denver.

Gilbert Smith of the class of '21, is now in newspaper work with the Capper publication, "The Kansan." He graduated from the School of Journalism of Kansas University in 1924.

While in Tulsa, Capt. John was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Davis Bland at their home at 405 North Santa Fe. They have a new Packard Brougham, and Davis says if his wife would let him drive it, he would make a good car out of it in a week. Those of us who used to be acquainted with Davis' fords hope Mrs. Bland will continue to keep her hand on the wheel of the straight eight.

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Other out-of-town guests were:

Col. and Mrs. Roy Perkins, Topeka, Kansas.

Miss Dorothy Perkins, Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moe, Scandia, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastman, Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buchenau, Abilene, Kansas.

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Abe Giltner Shortt, Belvue, Kansas.
Dr. Z. A. Wade, Belleville, Kansas.
Mrs. C. E. Riddlebarger, Belleville, Kansas.

Then there is Kreipke, "the handsome Otto" who is enrolled for the coming year. He is working for his father in Chickasha helping to build a church. Maybe he will appear in Colorado, too, in the latter part of vacation, but he isn't nearly so certain as Woulfe.

Reginald Amerman visited the school on July 11. He is planning to enter Princeton this Fall.

Floyd Flannagan, a former Senior Captain at St. John's visited the School on July 4 with his wife and her mother and father of Silver Lake, Kansas.

Whaite Smith, whose father is owner and manager of the Model Cleaning and Dye Works of Denver, Colorado, is driving a truck at one of the affiliated companies, the Panatorium.

Elbert Snodgrass is in Denver this summer. His father, Mr. Snodgrass of the Snodgrass Products Company opened main offices and a retail store in Denver, and Elbert is working there. He is starting from the bottom, sorting eggs in the basement.

John Kinkle, with two other boys from Fort Morgan, visited Hake and Alderson of Lafayette on July 4. John is working for his father this summer.

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Dear Friends:—

I suppose this will be quite a surprise to most everyone but I have been thinking that I had better write and tell you that I often think of the times I had at school.

I received the "Skirmisher" last evening and I enjoyed reading it very much and I hope to receive them in the future for it makes me feel so good to see what the different athletic teams are doing.

As you will remember I went out for almost every sport even though I didn't make all of the teams. I am mostly interested in the Swimming Team and the Football Team so any time that you can give me any information about either of them I will be more than glad to hear it.

Will not be able to return to the States this year as I had planned but I will be back for sure in the middle of 1927 and it is my plan to be there for commencement if possible.

Now about the Navy, I like it fine and I am progressing just as fast as possible; at the present time I am working in the pay office and my rate is Storekeeper second class, that is the equivalent of a sergeant in the army so you see I haven't any room to kick about not being promoted. I hope to be first class by April next year and that will be with the rank of a staff sergeant.

We are now at the rendezvous of the Asiatic Fleet in the north, all of the ships are preparing for short range battle practice and they are all trying to beat the other for there is prize money for the gun crew that makes the highest score. The U. S. S. BLACK HAWK will go out for her trial practice to-morrow and then in a couple of days we will go out and shoot the bulls eye out of the target.

There hasn't been much trouble this year with the Chinese but there is still some unrest in the interior, but the Marine Guard at Peking and the Army takes care of that, however, if it wasn't for some of the blue jackets being around once in a while with some big guns there would be more trouble.

The U. S. S. BLACK HAWK is a supply ship and is also the mother

ship for three divisions of destroyers, each division having six destroyers. She was bought in 1918 by the Navy at a cost of \$1,900,000.00, is 413 feet in length, 53 feet 9 inches in breadth. Has four five inch guns that can shoot seven and one-half miles and a saluting battery of three pounders. Normally the BLACK HAWK carries about one-half a million dollars worth of stores for the Destroyer Squadron.

Some of these times I am going to sit down and write a little story about the American blue jacket ashore in the Far East and I will send it to the "Skirmisher" and maybe they will print it for me.

Well, Colonel I guess I have written about all I can think of for this time so will close hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain,
HORACE E. WINGER, (1923).

P. S.: Give my regards to all of the faculty and tell Captain Small that I would like to go home over Easter and see if I could get about one hundred hours extra duty to work off. I'll never forget that time if I live to be as old as Father Time himself.

Edmund B. Lester, has just returned from a six weeks trip to Florida. He is sold on the subject of the south and expects to spend his life in Georgia.

Walker of '10-'13 stopped at St. John's with Mrs. Walker and family for a short visit on their return trip to Denver.

Buce Edwards was back for Commencement and spent several days in Salina.

Floyd Hartman is again life saver at Municipal Pool in Wichita.

Paul Jeannin is on a cattle ranch near Trinidad, Colorado.

Linger, our versatile Cadet Major of '26, has been working on the family ranch near Hooper, Colorado. "Limo" will enter some University this fall.

Robert McCracken, Cadet Major '25, returned to his old haunts and visited St. John's on July 15. Mac is doing well and looks fine, and wishes to be remembered to all the gang. This is his first furlough since joining the Marines a year ago.



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ROCK CITY TRIP

On July 8th, Captain Shideler and Captain Poggeman took fourteen of the summer school boys to Rock City. They all packed into a coupe and a touring car so you see they were pretty close together. They started out singing "Show Me the Way to go Home," "Always," and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." After they had gone a few miles, Charles Hocken-smith was so affected by the phrase, "I'm tired and I want to go to bed," that he dropped off to sleep. As the car was going along at a good rate of speed it struck a raised place in the road, and the sleeper found himself rudely awakened on the floor of the car.

When the company arrived at Rock City, the cameras were unpacked and many snap shots were taken of the queer rocks. After an hour or so, the crowd was assembled ready to start for Bennington Mills, but as usual Lindsley was missing. After quite a wait, he was seen galloping over the hill and the company now being complete, a start was made. Minneapolis was soon reached where they crossed the muddy river which was full of sticks and brush and logs. Capt. Shideler's car needed a drink so when a filling station was reached, they gave it one. The journey from there to Bennington Mills was one of few events.

The truck with the supper aboard was waiting and while the cook was arranging things, explorations were made and games were played. At six o'clock, the boys went over to the spot picked out and began to devour the meal which was prepared. Just as soon as one sandwich was finished they would line up again so that there was a circle going around all the time. Jones and Shields were first in the sandwich race.

Before the boys could get their dessert, which was watermelon, they had to follow the leader, Capt. Shideler, through a number of movements. Thompson and Carpenter took first in this race, each eating four large pieces of delicious mello. After the mello had all been devoured, the group played around for a while and then started for School. There was more singing and this time Keller and Firstenberger fell out of the truck and had to be waited for. St. John's was reached in time for study hall and thus ended an almost perfect day.

By HURST.

Summer School visitors have been Mrs. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. Hurst and daughter, and Mr. Firstenberger.

Our junior Lance Corporal, Edward Warde, age almost eleven, has been walking the streets of Denver looking for a man size job.

Edward and Charles Ripley are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ripley, in Duxbury, Mass. Mr. Ripley is the brother of the former president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. We hope to see the Ripley boys back at St. John's soon.

Cadets Fuhrman and Farnsworth put on a fancy diving exhibition for the Shriners at their picnic which was held in Oakdale Park on July 27.

Colonel Ganssle met Cecil Straube who is clerk at the Muelbach Hotel during the summer. He has finished his sophomore year at K. U.

Shirley Cronin, '26, is working at the Kenmark Hotel in Denver until college opens. "Gentleman" Shirley is planning to enter Boulder.

Audrey Greer visited the school this summer. He was on his way back to California where he is engaged in Artistic illustrating.

"Pete" Holmes is busy doing a Red Grange for the Ice Company in Eureka.

Dale Prather has enlisted on a farm and is putting his small feet behind the plow this summer.

Pat Manion '25, plans to enter Manhattan State Agricultural College this fall.

Armstrong '26, has enrolled at the Kansas State Agricultural College and will take his chemical ideas and musical notes with him to enliven the college.

Herbert Hake is working on his father's farm and hopes to return in the fall. Col. Ganssle was entertained at dinner at the Hake home recently.

Charles Blunt '26, was at school August 4 on his way to Fort Riley where he is in training with the National Guard.

Charles Elkins is "snapping" to it for his father in the Concrete business.

John Frisbie is working at the Flour Mills at Marysville, Kansas, of which his father is Superintendent.

Clif Alderson, '26, otherwise known as the "Big Swede" is running a tractor on a farm south of Lafayette, Colorado.

Lloyd Gibbs is working at a notion store in Denver until St. John's opens in the fall, when he will return to Salina and hunt up his Skirmisher pin.

Howard Fisher, '25, who has been in the hospital for several weeks this past spring, is now working in a bank in Alamosa, Colorado.

Gifford Jamison, '26, is on his father's thirty-five thousand acre ranch near Navajo, New Mexico. "Nutsie" is learning the rudimentary principles of the cattle business, and driving the ranch cook crazy with over work.

Chris Needham has been working in Wichita this summer.

Lester Hammers, "Jelly" has been laboring on the Carter Oil lease near Duncan, Oklahoma.

Roy Doran, '25 is still in the running. "Granny" successfully finished the year at Colorado Springs.

Blunt—"I bet on a brave horse today."

Pete—"Brave?"

Blunt—"I should say so. He chased the other horses clear around the track."

"Got a trade for you, Mary."

"Let's hear it if it's nice."

"Oh, it's nice, all right."

"Shoot."

"Fred said that you aren't so rotten looking as you used to be."

The commercial arithmetic class was working a problem pertaining to the fire box of an engine, when Elkins pipes up: "Capt. Shideler, where is the hot box of a train?"

Capt. Shideler: "Why, isn't your experience sufficient to tell you that?"

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