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## ST. JOHN'S TO HAVE STRONG SWIM- MING TEAM

Under the supervision of Mr. A. M. Campbell, Supervisor of Red Cross Life Saving of Salina, Cadets are training for the swimming team in the local Y. M. C. A. pool. They have a certain time reserved each afternoon with the exception of Sunday and Monday, and are certainly making the best of this opportunity. Upon three Cadets our hopes are placed to make high marks this year. The first, "Gopher" Fuhrman, is a regular fish in water. He has been the fastest man of dashes in this district for some time and will undoubtedly do very well this year. His specialty is the forty and hundred yard dashes.

"Fitch" Whitehead is also very fast, but trains for the two hundred and twenty yard race. In the different track events he has shown that he is extremely long winded which is the main thing in long distance swimming.

"Kayo" Gibbs might be classed as "small but mighty." He isn't very large, but that doesn't handicap his form a bit. He is out for the dashes and has given Fuhrman several good races for his laurels. Gibbs is a new man here this year, so what he does in the line of athletics will be doubly appreciated.

With such good material to work with Mr. Campbell will probably develop one of the fastest teams in central Kansas. He himself is an expert swimmer and is able to give the fellows many valuable pointers. Working in conjunction with Mr. Campbell is Coach Small who is busy all the time with the team. Coach is quite a swimmer himself, therefore he can tell numerous little things which are a great help to the boys. When asked his opinion as to the coming year's prospects, he said, "If the boys will keep working as they have, each

## COLONEL GOES TO CHICAGO

Colonel Ganssle Attends Annual Meeting of Private Schools Association of America at Chicago

Colonel Ganssle went to Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the private schools association which occurred in the latter part of March. His trip was very enjoyable and of interest to the school because he was able to visit Major and Mrs. Weir at Lake Forrest. St. John's has the distinction of being the farthest distant school to send a delegate to this meeting. A few of the other schools represented are, St. John's, Delfield, Wisconsin; Wentworth, in Missouri; Culver, in Indiana, and Kemper, in Missouri.

## COLONEL PERKINS AT SCHOOL

Colonel Roy Perkins of Topeka, recently made a visit to St. John's, staying over the week-end, ending Sunday, the twenty-eighth. Colonel Perkins was commandant at St. John's for many years until in 1925. He was appointed assistant adjutant general of the state of Kansas, and had to leave the school to take up his duties in Topeka. He was accompanied by Mrs. Perkins and Dorothy.

## ST. JOHN'S HEARS GALLI-CURCI

A number of the students and most of the faculty attended the concert at Memorial Hall which was given by Madam Galli-Curci. The Cadets attending were, Reese, Houghton, Stotts, Abbott, Kreipke and Gibbs.

one will develop into a splendid swimmer, Fuhrman, especially. In the forty yard swim he made the two turn course in twenty seconds flat. This is very remarkable in view of the fact that the National Interscholastic record for a one turn course is eighteen and two-fifths seconds."

## ORANGE AND BLACK TEAM WIN SECOND PLACE IN DIS- TRICT MEET

Drops Game to Marquette After Defeating Tescott, Bavaria, Enterprise and Kipp

Any doubts held as to the St. John's team's ability as basketball players were decidedly expelled at the tournament a short time ago. Of course we expected our team to place high, it is an old tradition that they do so. But to defeat four hard teams in half as many days and to come within a breath of the championship—well it was entirely unexpected. IT all goes to show that in the long run the players with regular training hours are bound to come out on top.

The first two games, both of which were played in the King gymnasium, were apparently one-sided affairs. The first with Tescott, was played at one twenty-five Friday afternoon. Even though substitution was used to some extent that team was easily defeated with a score of 16 to 10. The second game with Bavaria, at eight o'clock the same evening proved even easier and ended with a score of 27 to 10. The game with Kipp, was also in the King gymnasium but was harder to win than any that had preceded it. Our team was beginning to show the effect of so many games hand-running, so the third game was no snap and it was won only with utmost effort. The team, however, was able to become again victorious, this time with the close score of 18 to 13.

The fact that we were able to defeat Enterprise seems very remarkable, now that it is all over. The team from that little village had an enviable record and were recognized as experts in handling the ball. However, we had a few points in our favor, the team's spirit had mounted until

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### MAJOR HELLER MAKES SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BATTALION

Since Major Heller's arrival at St. John's about eight weeks ago, the Battalion has been making several noticeable improvements. Much progress has been made in the close order drill which is showing up considerably under the able leadership of the Battalion Commander, Capt. Linger. The army regulations have been changed on the movements of squads right and left, and it has been rather hard to get the change into the minds of the Cadets. Extended order has been another item that has been carried on considerably. It being essential in order for the Cadet Corps to put on the annual Sham Battle. The different squads were sent out under their respective squad leaders and taught the fundamental movements, and later were assembled in columns of squads and under Major Heller were given the finer points. Under his guidance and leadership the Battalion has gained considerable headway and much credit is due him for his interest in the work of getting as near a perfect Battalion as is possible.

Parades have been practiced the last two weeks, getting the Battalion in trim for the spring parades which are held every Sunday and Wednesday immediately following dinner in the evening. Friday, April 9th, the Battalion held a full dress parade, and judging from the compliments that have been heard it was carried over as well as could be expected.

Informal Guard Mounting, a ceremony which is new to St. John's, having never been used here before, has been held every evening just before dinner. This enables the Officer of the Day to check his guard more thoroughly and find out the flaws which need to be corrected.

Several promotions have been made at the request of the Commandant, Major Heller, which are as follows:

Sergeant Major Abbott to be 2nd Lieut. and Adj.

Corporal Kreipke to be Sergeant.

Corporal Woulfe to be Sergeant.

Sergeant Shortt to be Sergeant Major.

Cadet Paddock to be Cadet Corporal.

### THE BATTLE SONG

Detentions, detentions, yes we have detentions,

That's Captain Small's intentions,  
Yea! Geometry.

### BISHOP MIZE GIVES A FORMAL DINNER TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF ST. JOHN'S

On the evening of April the eighth, at Bishop Mize's home, the Seniors of St. John's were present in all dignity. As the different parties arrived they found everyone engrossed in Cross-word Puzzles, with everyone looking intelligent, or trying to.

Dinner was served at sharp six-fifteen. High tribute was paid to the Bishop's excellent dinner, which was cooked by two cooks who worked at St. John's when the Bishop was Superintendent. The Bishop got out a punch board called Coo-Coo and started the merriment. Each Cadet punched a hole in the board and whatever the slip of paper ordered he had to do. Many funny stunts were pulled. Mr. Paddock had to lay on his back and drink a glass of water. The Colonel had to snore five different ways and kiss every man with a mustache. He was very lucky as no one had a mustache—Mr. Paddock had just shaved his off. Mr. Blunt made love to Mother Abbott and Cadet Whitehead had to make love to a pillow.

In order that the cadets who were in the orchestra could get out to school for practice the guests departed at nine o'clock. Those who were in the orchestra went out to the school and the rest went to the second show of the Grand and Strand Theatres. The fourteen Seniors attending were as follows:

1st Lieut. Jamison  
1st Lieut. Cronin  
2nd Lieut. Utterback  
2nd Lieut. Abbott  
1st Sergt. Newman  
Sergt. Blunt  
Corp. Alderson  
Corp. Elkins  
Corp. Paddock  
Cadet Needham  
Cadet Armstrong  
Cadet Houghton  
Cadet Reese  
Cadet Whitehead

### CORPORAL MITCHELL RETURNS FROM TRIP TO ILLINOIS

Mr. Mitchell, accompanied by his son Cadet Mitchell, returned to St. John's on April 1st, from a week's stay in Illinois. Mr. Mitchell was called there by the death of his mother. Richard joined his father when he came through Salina from his home in Monta Vista, Colorado.

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BASKETBALL TEAM, 1926

Upper Row—Left to right: Coach Small, Mourning, Missimer, Mitchell, Farnsworth (Manager.)  
 Second Row—Left to right: Shortt, Holmes, Utterback (Captain), Fuhrman, Stotts.

### ORANGE AND BLACK TEAM WIN SECOND PLACE IN DIS- TRICT MEET

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they were just "rarin'" to go and on the side lines to cheer them on, a large part of the cadet corps gathered early Saturday afternoon. The game was close and the outcome for a time was doubtful in fact, that it looked several times as though we might lose but the boys rallied at the very last and brought the game to an end with a score of 20 to 21.

There is no logical alibi that we have to offer for the final defeat we received from Marquette. They were fast and clever players and although our fellows played up to their usual standard they were outclassed and in a fair manner.

The cup presented to Captain Utterback—a beautiful silver trophy, is on display in the showcase in Vail Hall. Of course everyone is very proud if it for it represents hours of training and hard playing.

### A DEFINITION

"Detentions," says Sannon, "Is something you get when you don't work and something that makes you work when you get it."

### THE MIDNIGHT REVELRY

The cadets who room on the third floor are just "itching" to get their hands on the person who lited their hall up a short time ago. Not that they object to the dirty hall—Oh! No, nothing like that, but it is no fun to have to get up at midnight and put on a sweeping contest. Arrayed in their nighties, colored pajamas, the cadets soon had the corridor shining like the advertisement on a Dutch Cleanser can, but still they grumble.

Our idea of a dumb egg is the new boy who thinks Colonel (kernel) Ganssle is a new kind of breakfast food.—(With Apologies.)

### WEEK-END VISITORS OF MARCH THE TWENTY-SEVENTH

Mr. and Mrs. Buschow and daughter visited their son Cadet Buschow at St. John's over the week-end. While in Salina they made their headquarters at the Lamer Hotel and had as their guest Cadet Mourning. Sunday the party motored to Lindborg and attended the rendition of the Messiah, which is given each year by a chorus of 500 voices. Cadet Buschow returned to Salina by bus Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Beresford of Wichita was here visiting her son Cadet Beresford on Saturday and Sunday, the nineteenth and twentieth of March.

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## COMMENCEMENT OF 1926

The cadets of St. John's are all busy every day and they will be from now until school is out. The cause of this great outburst of enthusiasm is the coming of Commencement.

St. John's is planning this year to have the greatest Commencement that it has had for some time. This is to be in the form of Dress Parades, the Military Ball. The appearance of the Crack Squad and in general about all of its forces are to be mustered for the cause. There have been several suggestions as to the manner in which all of these maneuvers are to be worked out. First it has been suggested that the Military Ball be held in the Memorial Hall instead of the gymnasium which has been the scene of many Commencements heretofore held by St. John's.

This, if carried out, would be quite an elaborate affair, where the Crack Squad will drill and many other interesting things would take place.

Of course the regular Sham Battle will be fought between Companies A and B and this year it will be made more realistic as it is to be fought just at dusk and the flashes of the rifles will show up quite plainly. As has been mentioned before the boys are very busy and this is one thing that is keeping them so. The greater part of the drill period is spent in the learning of the Commands and what each cadet is expected to do when a certain Command is given, all of which is necessary in the Sham Battle.

In fact, if the plans work out right,

and everyone knows they will, St. John's will be the scene of its ambitions and will witness a great ending of the school year of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six.

The other evening one of the cadets on the third floor thought that he would give the barracks a little recreation by tying Coach Small's door to the window, thus making it hard for Coach to get into his room. The young gentleman with the brilliant idea hails from Abilene, the birthplace of many of our famous citizens. In order that the identity of the cadet will not be known, we will call him "Scoop."

On the evening of April the second, Scoop stealthily approached Coach's room. Trembling with fear and wonder at his own daring, he fumblingly fastened a rope about the door knob and tied the other end to the window that looks out over the west campus. As soon as he had finished tying the rope, his fear got the best of his courage and he ran to his room where he promptly hid under the bed.

About eleven o'clock Coach climbed wearily up the stairs of the barracks and upon reaching his room, endeavored to open his door. But Scoop had tied a sturdy knot around the knob and the door stood fast as a stone wall. After thinking for a moment Coach woke up all of the cadets on the third floor and had them stand at attention in front of their respective quarters. The object of this was to make the guilty one confess and thus save the rest a lot of misery. After the cadets had stood at attention for a brief period, Scoop approached Coach with a look of martyrdom in his eyes. "Coach," he said, "I cannot tell a lie, I am the one who tied the rope to your door." Upon the utterance of these noble words from Scoop's lips, the sleepy Cadets were allowed to go back to bed. Thus another milestone has been reached and successfully passed on the toilsome and perilous road traveled by those who live on the third floor.

Chaplain Gubbins was called away to Chicago very suddenly and will not be able to return to St. John's again this school year.

We are all very sorry to have him away and hope he will return again next year.

Chaplain Alter of Greeley, Colorado, is conducting his work at present.

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**"A" COMPANY VS. "B" COMPANY**

Since the organization of the Battalion into two apparently equal companies or as nearly equal as can be ascertained without competition to determine the better company, competition has been very great. The two competitors being "A" and "B" Companies.

The members of the bugle corps have also been assigned to the companies so they can take part in the different contests.

During the past few weeks at drill the companies have been checked on to determine which is the most efficient in drill.

The number of reports and squad also, are a great factor in the contest. Just at present, Baseball seems to be the great sport. A series of three games is to be played, each game counting a fixed number of points. To this date only one game has been played, it ending in an 18 to 18 tie. The two remaining games will be played sometime in the near future. After this series a track meet will be held. The company winning the meet will of course be awarded a set number of points. Other games such as Volley Ball, Tennis, Horseshoe, Etc., will be carried on later in the school year.

At the close of the year, it is the plan at present, to give to the company which has proven itself most fitted for the Honorary Position, a banner for its efforts and superiority in drill and athletics.

The Geometry class had a problem the other day in which—2b or not 2b—that was the question.

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Armstrong—"They tell me rubber tires."

Aldrich—"Yes, that's why it stretches."

Where is my Lima Bean?  
In Boston van camping.

You can string beans and kid gloves, but you can't bull-frogs.

The Major—"Nutsie, why are you late "

Nutsie—(looking hungrily at the meat plate, and not understanding the question)—"Oh! It doesn't make any difference."

**EGG BREAKING CONTEST**

The Annual Egg Breaking Contest which is participated in by the Faculty and Cadets at St. John's every Easter morning caused much merriment this year. Enough eggs are hard boiled to allow each cadet four. Armed with these he starts breaking his eggs against that of his neighbor to see which has the toughest shell. At each table a champion is soon brought to the front and they in turn compete with the champion of the neighboring table. In this way a champion is found for the whole school. Cadet Lieut. Abbott won the contest by breaking the eggs of the runners-up, Cadets Elkins and Biggs.

Although there was no regular Easter holiday several of the Cadets received passes to be at home. Following are the names of the Cadets who received passes and the places to which they went:

Lieut. Fuhrman—El Dorado, Kans.  
Sergt. Major Shortt—Wamego, Kansas.

Corp. Alderson—Wamego, Kansas.  
Corp. Mourning—Wichita, Kansas.  
Cadet Farnsworth—Wichita, Kans.  
Cadet Buschow—Wichita, Kansas.  
Cadet Moe—Scandia, Kansas.  
Cadet Weaver, T.—Wichita, Kans.  
Cadet Boatright—Kansas City, Kan.  
Cadet Prather—Topeka, Kansas.  
Cadet Missimer—Russell, Kansas.  
Cadet Fishman—Tribune, Kansas.

Mrs. Frank of Topeka, Kansas, visited her son Vernon for a short period this week.

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## GRADE HOLIDAY

Monday, April the fifth, was declared a grade holiday by Mr. Barker. The Cadets earning grade averages above eighty-five for the two months of January and February were permitted to miss all classes. The Honor Roll is as follows:

## Upper School

1. Shortt .....	88.8
2. Houghton .....	88
3. Woulfe .....	86.8
4. Hake .....	86.4
5. Utterback .....	86
6. Morrow .....	84.5
Linger .....	84.5
7. Newman .....	84.3
8. Needham .....	83.5
9. Abbott .....	83.3
Dis Muke .....	83.3

## Junior School

1. Shor .....	86.9
2. Thompson, R. ....	86
3. Beresford .....	85.9
4. Kintz .....	84.9
5. Fishman .....	83.5
6. Wilcox .....	82
Campbell .....	82
7. Weaver, T. ....	81.7
8. Jeannin .....	81.4
9. Frank .....	81
Brach II .....	81

Cadet Shor's mother made a visit to her son for a few days last week.

## JOKES

Professor, to third floor Cadet: "What time does taps blow?"

Cadet: "About twenty minutes before the lights go out."

Young man in college sends following telegram to his dad:

"Dear Dad, Please send me \$50.00. I'm broke."

Dad's immediate reply: "So's your old man."

Man to drug store clerk:

"I want some powder."

"What kind, face or foot?"

"Yes, face."

"O, Mennen's?"

"No, Vimmens's."

"Do you want it scented?"

"No, I'll take it with me."

Five babies are born in the United States every minute and Henry Ford turns out at the same time a rattle for each one.

—Pittsburgh Post.

You don't have to be a football player to receive physical injuries. Open up a package from home and see.

## HOVER IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Cadet Color Sergeant John Hover will return to St. John's from his home in Eureka, Kansas, some time this week. John was stricken with appendicitis some time ago while at school and underwent an operation at a local hospital, which was very successful. For the past two weeks he has been at home recovering strength and spirits.

Mrs. Hover was at St. John's during the illness of her son John Hover.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson of Topeka, were guests at St. John's, where they visited their son Cadet Lawson.

## ASSEMBLY PERIOD

Starting this week, the periods are to be shortened ten minutes on every Friday in order to have an hour's assembly in the study hall right before lunch. This period will be given over to the students and will be along the same lines as the high school assemblies are. Each class will take charge of this assembly in their respective order and will put on a program of their own. This is a very good idea as it gives the cadets recreation and also takes the place of public speaking and helps the cadets conquer their self-consciousness and shyness.

## CRACK SQUAD

Since the election of the new members of the Crack Squad, great improvement has been shown in the drill. Some new and different movements have been introduced into the drill by Captain Linger. These movements are being rapidly perfected by the Squad. The Cadets who accepted the Crack Squad's invitation to become members of the club are as follows:

Cadet Sergt. Blunt  
Cadet Corp. Elkins  
Cadet Acting Corp. Roth  
Cadet Reese  
Cadet Jones, R.  
Cadet Houghton  
Cadet Farnsworth  
Cadet Bugler Whitehead

Cadet Bugler Kintz was unanimously elected as Bugler of the Squad because of his ability to blow the calls.

## FAMILIAR EXPRESSIONS

Kinkel—"Ah! Well Dumb!"  
Gagan—"Oh! Oh! Thirty Hours."  
Alderson—"Lemme at 'em."  
Shortt—"For that, it gives moider."  
Elkins—"That ought to cost ya."

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### CADET TEAM MEETS SALINA RIFLE TEAM

Major Heller organized a match between the St. John's Rifle Team and the Salina team which is composed of business men and members of the National Guard. The match was shot Thursday night and the Salina team was victorious with a score of 524 to 503.

Following is the lineup:

Salina	
Monohan .....	98
Dale .....	95
Houghton .....	94
Chambers .....	83
Moyer .....	82
Harris .....	72
St. John's	
Paddock .....	95
Jamison .....	89
Farnsworth .....	89
Holmes .....	85
Linger .....	80
Blunt .....	68

### TRACK

Under the auspices of Captain Alderson, track work is progressing rapidly. Besides a great number of men being out there seems to be a splendid spirit prevalent. Track practice started a few days after basketball. At this time the weather was very agreeable to outdoor athletics, but the past week the weather has been very disagreeable for track work, especially.

Coach Small seems to be taking an active part in promoting athletics and is devoting all of his spare time in preparing rules for training. Every afternoon he can be found on the field aiding the track men to iron out their difficulties and help them to become better athletes.

Among the old men left over from last year are, Captain Alderson, Uterback, Fuhrman, Shortt and Mourning. These men combined with the new men among whom is apparently some very good material, this year's track team should make a good record. Let's all get behind Captain Alderson and his track squad and give them our undivided support.

### SPRING FEVER

At the present time the Cadet Corps almost to a man is seriously ill with Spring Fever. Not that this isn't a natural thing, it happens every year, but how, we ask you, can a fellow do any school work when he is dreaming of dafodils and poetry?

### ENROLLMENT IN CUMULATIVE ENDOWMENT GROWS

The list of contributions to the Endowment Fund continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Many of the Cadets have pledged small amounts on their spending money and several contributions have come in from outside sources. The fund is a permanent feature of the school and is always open for new or further subscriptions. Those contributing since the last issue of the Skirmisher are

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