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HAY KAY ROWER

Alias: Ray Kay; How-How; "Cap" and Raymond.

Uranium Mine Developed On St. John's Campus

P. Stappenbeck Uncovers Rich Uranium Deposit

by Doug Graves

Salina, Kansas, was on the tip of thousands of tongues this week when announcement was made of one of the richest uranium finds in the United States on the campus of St. John's Military School.

Hundreds of cars roared into this quiet central Kansas town to drive by the mine which was discovered by a brilliant young Cadet science student on his home-made Geiger counter.

While the world spoke his name, modest sophomore Cadet Paul Stappenbeck, quickly returned to his laboratory to do research on a new system of detecting gold-brickers. Stappenbeck is working on his latest project by special request of the Society for the Prevention of Gold Bricking in the Corps of S.J.M.S. Cadets.

The uranium mine is expected to go into full production sometime early next month. Meanwhile, young Stappenbeck is in daily conference with members of the Atomic Energy Commission on progress in the development of the uranium mine.

Junior School Cadets To Present Concert In K. W. U. Auditorium

by Comin Gettit

Three Junior School Cadets will present a concert at Sam's Chapel, Kansas Wesleyan University, Friday night doing the more outstanding works of Bach and Beethoven.

Darwin Shilling, Claude Torbit and Bob Hillard will also present six solo numbers each.

Shilling has a reputation for being one of the outstanding base soloists in this section of the country. Hillard is well-known as a baritone soloist, while Torbit is an up and coming monotonist.

These three famous young Cadets have been a great aid in teaching music to the St. John's Chaplain, Father Pratt.

Stan Musial Hired to Help Coach Cadets

by Bikle Burkle
Sports Editor

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., (PA) Apr. 1 — General Manager Frank Lane of the St. Louis Cardinals announced today that Stan (The Man) Musial, hard-slugging Card veteran, had jumped contract to accept a position as third base coach of the St. John's Military School Cadets in Salina, Kans.

Musial told a press conference that he was fed up with playing with a bush league club and was delighted to make the move to the powerful Cadet team.

Musial will move his family to Salina next week. They will occupy the penthouse suite in the H. Johnson apartments across beautiful Otis Boulevard from the military school campus.

Frank Lloyd Wright Hired to Plan New Staff Housing

by Seymour Houses

A mass faculty move will occur on Sept. 1, when members of the staff of St. John's move into 14 new mansions which are to be constructed around the campus.

World famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright has been retained by the Board of Trustees to plan the new staff homes.

Wright will move into one of the H. Johnson apartments across the street from the campus to do his preliminary sketches. He is expected to arrive in Salina on April 32.

IKE GUIDES CADETS ON TOUR OF WHITE HOUSE

On the recent trip to Washington, D. C. the Cadets were shown through the White House by President Eisenhower. After the tour of the house, the Cadets were invited to swim in Ike's private pool. A round of golf was also enjoyed. Lee Hales, Jim Ledgerwood, Bill Keith and Dan Keating all fired under par. Ike shot an eight over par 80.

S. J. To Have Daily Newspaper Next September, Breitweiser Says

by Iva Really Haddit

The Skirmisher will become a daily publication next September, Mary Breitweiser, business manager of the S.J.M.&S. newspaper, announced this week.

"In order to have a well informed Corps of Cadets at all times I feel that it is mandatory to 'go daily' at this time," Miss Breitweiser said.

The chic young business manager pointed out that many problems must be worked out prior to making the Skirmisher a daily publication, but feels

that "with the outstanding calibre of staff members, we can't go wrong."

She said that the publication would affiliate with several national news syndicates including Press Amalgamated (PA), Service News, Inc. (SNI), and Carrier Pigeon (CP). Teletype machines will be installed during the summer months in the unused locker room in the gymnasium because of their convenient location to the journalism room (wherever it will be stuck next year.)

Col. Clem's Life To Be Depicted In M-G-M Film

BULLETIN

Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer studios have announced plans to film the life story of Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's Military School, doing much of the filming on location on the S.J.M. & S. campus.

John Boyd from Albuquerque has been signed by M-G-M to play the part of Clem as a boy.

Further details about filming procedures will appear in the July edition of the Skirmisher.

MRS. GUERNSEY EXPOSED

Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social directress here at S.J.M. and S. was exposed today by her assistant, George Couvion, for using ideas she gets from magazines and store windows.

NEWTON TO LECTURE

First of a series of social lectures on the campus will be held tonight. "How to be High Falutin' with Ernie Newton" will be the topic of the talk tonight by the popular St. John's custodian.

How Disgusting Are You?

by I. Ben Hadd

Many of us are worried these days!

Our friends are going to psychiatrists and we aren't. Our friends are so pleasantly unhappy and we aren't. Just what is wrong with me? You ask yourself. Why can't I be a little crazy, too?

Well, maybe you are a bit off your rocker but just don't realize it. To help you find out, the Institute of Unspeakable Relations has devised the following two tests. (Actually it's just one test but since it's for men only

and we know the women will read it too, we'll call it two tests.)

Since the women are going to cheat and take the men's test, we've weighed the questions and answers to take this into account.

Take the test and see if you, too, are a misfit.

FOR MEN ONLY

1. Are other people's table manners usually worse than yours?
2. Do you like garlic and onions?
3. Do you "hook" every

chance you get?

4. Do you (if you're a faculty officer) flunk at least 89% of the class each month?

5. Are you really a poor loser?

6. Are you pretty much pleased with your own attitude?

7. Do you belch at the table when you feel like it?

8. Do you think Salina is a 'stinkin' hole'?

If you can honestly answer all of the questions in the affirmative, you have every right to consider yourself a top-notch disgusting heel. Other people certainly do.



SOMETHING FOR THE BIRDS

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL

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"April Fool!"

This is our annual April Fool's edition of the Skirmisher. You, no doubt, by now have realized that something is "screwy." Every article in this issue is designed to "pull your leg."

We hope you have had as many laughs out of reading this issue as we have had in publishing it. We also hope that no one had his feelings hurt over anything appearing herein. The stories have all been designed to be so absurd that you readers will soon realize that the entire issue is a joke.

We believe we are justified in using this one issue to publish an unusual edition in which the reporters can let their minds wander. We hope you agree.

The Washington Trip

St. John's Cadets who entrained March 23 for a 7-day trip to Washington, D. C. have just finished one of the most colorful weeks of their school year.

Interestingly enough, the train selected by the sponsors (the Baltimore and Ohio railroad) was one used by early Kansas railroad pioneers as a bunkhouse and dining room when those hardy individualists were spanning the continent with steel rails. Such souvenirs! The Cadets worked like beavers, carving out sections of the walls on which pithy comments of the 1860's had been scrawled with knifeblades. Some cadets, of course, had to volunteer to be thrown from the train in order to attract the attention of the genial hosts from the railroad company, but since the train was moving very slowly these victims were able to catch the next car after a diverting half-hour of rabbit-chasing.

(As it turned out, the railroad company was anxious to deliver the train in Washington in one piece, as arrangements had been made to trade it to the Smithsonian Institute for Lindbergh's plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis." A lynx-eyed curate at the museum noticed recently that several Spirits of St. Louis were on display, and the museum is in the midst of a campaign to get rid of the embarrassing surplus.)

Of course, the educational part of our trip was not neglected. The Cadets spent countless hours studying pamphlets extolling the wonders of Washington — the White House, the Senate cloakroom, and the lobbies in which the lobbyists live. Some Cadets carried history books, cleverly concealed behind comics.

Slide pictures of Washington natives (without the dollar signs on their vests) were flashed on a screen at regular intervals so the Cadets would be accustomed to the Washington scene and not make the usual mistake of tourists and act like tourists.

This, however, turned out to be an unnecessary precaution, as on the fifth day of the trip someone discovered that the train had been shunted to a siding outside Topeka, and the Cadets voted to spend the rest of their 7-day holiday hiking back to St. John's.

They learned a lot about Washington, though, from the pamphlets.

Cadets Shout Down Plea Of Staff For Equal Rights

by Ima Ike Mann

At a special assembly held in the chapel Major Jersey issued merits to his favorite Cadets. St. John's staff has felt that the high handed method of awarding these merits by Jersey has been entirely unfair and that the staff should have the privilege of earning merits the same as the Cadets. Of course the staff is out numbered 10 to 1 and their effort has had no effect.

At the special assembly an eloquent plea was made by Colonel Hardhead for equality in the matter of these merits, this plea was backed by Captain Duckling and the rest of the staff. Major Jersey took the stand that there would be no use in such action as no staff could earn any merits anyway. This was highly resented by the staff, who felt that Major Jersey is just trying to hang on to his high-handed control of the merit system.

When the question was placed before the Cadets, Major Jersey, with his crude sense of

ridicule, made very derogatory statements and the proposition was shouted down by the Cadets. In an interview with Col. Hardhead and Captain Duckling, both said: "We have just begun to fight, we will have our rights."

Browning Replaces Star Globe Trotter; Will Play Center

NEW YORK, N.Y. (PA) Apr. 1 — Abe Saperstein, manager of the world renowned Harlem week a desegregation movement that will place a white player on his famous basketball team for the first time.

Dale Browning, counsellor at St. John's Military School, has been signed to a six year contract, Saperstein said, that calls for a monthly salary of \$1,234.56 for the lanky 7' 3" ex-Cadet star.

Browning will move into the post position vacated recently by Goose Tatum.

School Gets 3 Obsolete KC-97's

by Hi Flyer

Aviation Editor

OMAHA, Nebr. (PU) Apr. 1 — Strategic Air Control announced the assignment of three obsolete KC-97 aircraft to St. John's Military School in Kansas this week.

The obsolete planes were assigned to the military institution for use in hauling precision drill units and the school's famous boy's choir.

"There is too much danger in flying these old crates with our own men in them," Gen. Cartus A. Leetelway, SAC commander said, "so we don't mind giving them to those marchin' kids down there in Kansas. If they've got guts enough to fly in these old buckets of bolts, we sure as heck don't give a dawggonned."

Hovey Was Bugler In Academy Award Film "From Here to Eternity"

HOLLYWOOD (NIS) Apr. 1 — Axis Artists studio in this movie capital made a startling revelation this week when they revealed that a Wyoming Cadet attending St. John's Military School in Salina, Kans., did the bugling in the academy award winning film "From Here To Eternity."

Roy Hovey, forged a special Sunday girl-friend pass and flew to California on six different Sunday afternoons to do the bugling.

Hovey blushed when he was hoisted to the shoulders of 15,000 screaming St. John's Cadets and carried down Santa Fe avenue in the central Kansas community in a wild celebration of the honor to the Cadet. "Twern't nothin', Hovey commented, "that any red-blooded go gettin' Kaydet wouldn't a done."

Aero Class Completes Work on Space Ship

The Aeronautics class plans to complete work on their space ship very soon, and in all probability it will be finished by the time this special bulletin reaches you.

The crew will consist of Dave Connell, Glen Hays, Kemper Wilcox, Frank Pyle, Ron Neely, and Gail All Bright and Dan Cool Jacket as pilot and co-pilot respectively.

Although the Aeronautics class builds a rocket ship every year, this one is very exclusive in design because it uses All Bright's invention for propulsion, the J-47.

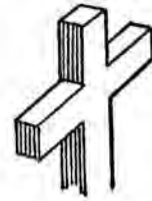
(Editor's note: The J-47 would be explained, but we know all Skirmisher readers already completely understand it.)

Three Officers Busted For Lousy Cooperation

Major Guernsey has issued a special order reducing three high ranking Cadet officers.

Among the three was former Major Al Ransom, who was reduced to the grade of private for insolence to privates, lights on after taps, drinking 3.2 Coca-Cola, and late on pass (.0348 seconds).

The other officers who were reduced are Cadet Pvt. Tom Schuler and Cadet Pvt. Fritz Handy. Schuler and Handy were both guilty of being out of uniform in the showers.



Chapel Notes

By Father Pratt

Ten little Christians standing in a line,
 One disliked the preacher; then there were nine.
 Nine little Christians stayed up very late,
 One slept on Sunday morning, then there were eight.
 Eight little Christians on the road to Heaven,
 One took the lower road; then there were seven.
 Seven little Christians got into a fix,
 One disliked the music; then there were six.
 Six little Christians very much alive,
 But one lost his interest; then there were five.
 Five little Christians wishing there were more,
 But they quarreled; then there were four.
 Four little Christians, cheerful as could be,
 But one lost his temper; then there were three.
 Three little Christians knew not what to do.
 One joined a sporty crowd; then there were two.
 Two little Christians — our rhyme is nearly done—
 Differed with each other; then there was one.

WHAT HAPPENED?

One lone Christian won his neighbor true,
 Brought him to the church, then there were two.
 Two earnest Christians, each won one more,
 That doubled their number, then there were four.
 Four sincere Christians worked very late,
 But each won another, then there were eight.
 Eight splendid Christians—but nothing rhymes with sixteen;
 So we simply note that in four more rhymes,
 There would be 1,042, which would be quite a church-full.

DENNIS THE MENACE SAYS

Some kids say their prayers by the side of their bed,
 And some kids say their prayers inside their bed.
 This doesn't make any difference to God.
 Some kids don't like to say their prayers, but I do.
 It gives me a swell chance to get a lot of things off my chest.
 And I always feel clean afterward.
 It's better than soap.

Henderson Makes Two Bullseyes With One Shot; Ruse Ruled Legal

by Bulls I. Jones

Our crack marksman, Cadet Dudley Henderson, demonstrated the other day how he can make more count on the target than is ordinarily possible. He has a method of scoring the slug in a shell that will make two bulls eyes on one target with one shot.

No other marksman in the world is able to do this. Henderson, therefore has been the means of winning more matches for St. John's than ever before. Many protests have been filed against this method of shooting, but a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that it is strictly legal.

In a recent match with the U. S. Marines, where St. John's won by a good margin, the Marines were pretty chagrined over their defeat. Henderson, with such crack shots as Boyd, Nims, Gannaway, Moore, J., Ellifritt and Beck to help him carry the load, are really making a record.

Some of our boys who have not shot so well, such as Masten, Schram, Schmitz, Keith, Streigel, Keating, Beech and others are learning a lot by watching the work of Henderson, et al. St. John's is looking forward to world championships in the near future.

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Junior Cadets Trounce Uppers In Cage Game

High School Team Blasted Out of Gym By Red-Hot Junior

by Ivan Issue

In a post-season basketball game Tuesday night the St. John's Junior School whizzed by the out-manned Upper School by a 97 to 23 count.

John Maultsby, Bill Griffith and Co., really poured it on the high school boys as they whipped in 57 points between them. Dave Todd made the outstanding shot of the evening when he fired a one-handed shot the length of the court at the final gun.

Other standouts for the Junior School were Jerry Scott, Jerry Collins (no relation to Tom), John Scott, Mike King and Jeff Pongrac.

Officials were Jeff Guernsey and Doug McCandless and they did an outstanding job calling 68 fouls on the Upper School and 2 on the Juniors.

Gary Moore and Al Ransom paced the Upper School with 3 and 2 points respectively. Eighteen other high school Cadets scored one point each.

Swimming Team To West Indies

The St. John's swimming team is planning a trip to the West Indies to gather fish for Lt. T. O. Carlquest and his biology class.

The swimming team is headed by Guy Benitez and Jerry Paugh. Other members of the squad are Lee Hales, Everett Beck and Kirk Maslin.

The team's coach, Jerry Luton, said that after final plans are made he and his boys would leave.

Transportation for the trip is by T.W.A.

CHAPLAIN TO RIDE IN NEW YORK RODEO

Father Pratt, a lanky former Rodeo Bronc Rider has been chosen the greatest bronc buster in the United States and Mexico. Father Pratt will ride in the Madison Square Rodeo on June the tenth. The chaplain said, "I'll ride the broncs and do a little bull-doggin' in the Garden." Last summer Father Pratt rode 105 broncs and wasn't thrown once.

Board Holds Dinner In Honor of Bishop At Cozy Inn Emporium

A special meeting of the St. John's Board of Trustees was held last night in the Cozy Inn Ground Beef Emporium to welcome the arrival of the Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, new president of the Board.



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A ten course meal was served at the three long banquet tables which had been cleverly installed in tiers in the famous Salina eating establishment.

New Equipment In Surgery Department

St. John's infirmary has added to its new operating room, a super deluxe X-Ray machine, Mrs. Brundage announced recently. It will enable her and her staff to tell more about the patients she sees. Also a lie detector was donated to her from the Chief of Police of Salina.

She now has the rule of the school in her hands and by next week all Cadets will be attending classes.

A special gift to the school recently was 500 sugar-coated aspirin.

Ann Elmborg Is Selected As "New Girl" of Month

by A. Stork

Miss Ann Elmborg has been named "New Girl of the Month" by the Skirmisher staff. She was chosen for this honor for being so "prompt."

Her name was submitted by Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Elmborg. (Editor's note: This is no April Fool's joke.) Captain and Mrs. Elmborg became the proud parents of a seven pound, two ounce daughter on Friday, Mar. 16. The young lady made her first appearance at St. John's hospital here in Salina and has been given the name of Ann.

Miss Elmborg has a "big" brother James Kent (Bimbo) Elmborg, 2, to help keep watch over her.

St. John's Movie Takes Top Awards Given by Academy

Academy awards were given to the best movie and actors, and the School movie was picked as the number one movie of the year. "This is St. John's" was awarded the Oscar.

Other Oscar winners were: Best Actors . . . Cadet Corps; Best supporting actor . . . David McClanahan; Best Actress . . . Pat Moode; Best Supporting actress . . . Mrs. Clem; Best Producer . . . Capt. Elmborg; Best assistant producer . . . Capt. King; Best Story . . . Capt. Duckers; Best costume design . . . Nick Robson; Best Song . . . "SJMS Forever;" Outstanding work in photography . . . Bill Crews; and Best Director . . . Fritz Handy.

HANDY

The Mechanical Arts building is being converted into a club house for the new Key club, president Fritz Handy announced last week.

All the machinery and desks will be moved to "C" floor wing where Lt. H. E. Nuss will hold his class until the basement can be pumped free from water, the result of a recent plan of Capt. King's to make it into a swimming pool for the junior school.

The new club house will be furnished with TV, easy chairs, and Oriental carpets.

The club also plans to have a dance once a week (for members only) in the club house.

PULITZER PRIZE AWARDED TO HARDY FOR POEM

The Pulitzer Prize has been awarded to Lt. Col. A. Y.

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Hardy for his classical poem "A Dream." This poem was first published in the Skirmisher in February of 1956. Col. Hardy modestly commented that he thought that his poem really deserved the prize.

Cadets Will Star In Huggins-made Movie Of Life in Army

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., (PH) Apr. 1—RKO studio announced today that they have just seen the St. John's film and they will hire Bill Huggins to shoot their new picture with Dave McClanahan to star and Roy Hovey to bugle.

The new movie will be about life in the army as seen through the eyes of a recruit.

Filming will begin as soon as possible on location at Camp Gordon in Georgia.

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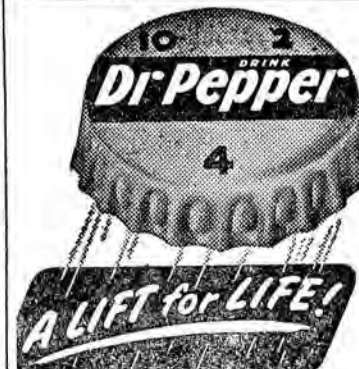
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Chuck McCarthy Named "New Boy" Loves S-J Except For Few Things

Recently enrolled in S.J.M.S. is Cadet Charlie McCarthy. McCarthy has a slight impediment and has to have the help of Edgar Bergen, his guardian, in speaking.

But despite this handicap he has made remarkable progress since he enrolled. Charlie is out for track, tennis, baseball, basketball football and the Crack Squad.

Charlie's favorite meal is eggs and bacon. During free time he likes to play pool and poker. The new cadet expects to continue his studies at S.J.M.&S. for at least 6 or 7 years.

When he discovered that he was elected new boy of the month he was too overwhelmed to speak.

Charlie said the only things that he doesn't like about S.J.M.&S. are the officers, food, barracks, rat system, the Cadets, military life, the people, Salina, getting up in the morning and going to bed at night.

Otherwise, the entire program is "very appealing" the block-head said.

SPECIAL NOTICE SENIORS!!
 E. R. Newton has informed the Skirmisher staff that due to improper conduct and actions all Senior privileges as of this date are cancelled. It is not known for just how long this will last, but fellow Seniors, we have to act now and get this under control. It could be disastrous to us.

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