



Cadets On Eastern Trip Won't Return; Sail For England

25 SJMS Students Enroute To South Hampton On Queen Ship

By Kid Knapp

NEW YORK, N. Y., Apr. 1, (ISN)—A tired, but happy group of 25 Cadets from St. John's Military School in Salina, Kans., boarded the Queen Mary today just 28 minutes before the huge liner sailed for England.

The Kansas group was in New York for an educational trip and had planned to return to Salina this week.

A Good Idea!

However, a representative of the group suggested going on to England for a few weeks and the idea was unanimously accepted.

All efforts of officials back in Kansas to stop this move by the Cadets were in vain. Rumors were that Capt. and Mrs. Keith Duckers, chaperones on the trip, were being held as hostages by the Cadets.

A school spokesman said, "My, my!! What a naughty bunch of boys. What, oh what, shall we do."

"SJMS Forever"

Several attempts have been made to contact the Queen Mary by radio, but the only response was the loud singing of boy's voices of something about "SJMS Forever". It was feared that the Kansas Cadets may have taken over the ship and might be having a sing-fest in the ship's radio cabin.

The Civil Air Patrol radio station at St. John's, Post No. 39, has been on the air constantly since word was received of action of the Cadets. Lt. Gene Beaver, CAP radio station operator at the school, said that he hoped he could make contact with the ship so that he could give Phil Hendren his advanced math assignment.

Stappy Stomps Quiz Experts

Cadet Answers

\$888,000 Question

St. John's Cadets sat glued to their individual television sets last Sunday evening as Paul Stappenbeck proved himself to be an academic genius once again on the Phony Home Permanent sponsored \$888,000 Question.

Stappenbeck defeated the Charles Van Doren—Teddy Nadler team by answering correctly the question of who was buried in Grant's Tomb. Both Van Doren and Nadler were stumped when quizmaster H. E. Nuss fired the difficult question into their sound-proof, fire-proof, air-tight, pitch dark isolation booth.

But not Stappy. He slowly mulled the question over in his mind, knocked his stack of reference books off the desk, thumbed through a stack of papers and quietly blurted out the answer . . . GRANT!

Stappenbeck accepted the \$888 thousand check and announced he challenged the entire universe on next Sunday night's program. Don't miss it!

"Little Richard" To Appear At Lettermen's Party

"Little Richard", famed Rock and Roll recording artist, will entertain at intermission of the Lettermen's Dinner-Dance of April 27, Mrs. R. L. Guernsey, social directress, has announced.

Among songs to be sung by "Little Richard" are "Because", "I Love You Truly", "Home on the Range", and "Mary Had a Little Lamb". These will be dedicated to his fans in the "S" Club. If an encore is requested he is expected to vocalize on some red-hot number like "Bells of St. Mary's".

WHA' HOPPEN?

What happened to the inside pages of the Skirmisher, you ask?

It ain't got none, that's wha', hopen!!!

Movie Star Accepts Post At St. John's

Jayne Mansfield Hired To Teach Home Economics

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (PA) —Amalgamated Studios were stunned today when Jayne Mansfield, noted character actress, asked for her release so that



JAYNE MANSFIELD

she could accept a position on the teaching staff of St. John's Military School in Salina, Kans.

Miss Mansfield, best known for her ability to play the part of old witches in Amalgamated made movies, was not immediately available for comment.

Pangrac Speaks

Officials of the Kansas military institution were contacted by this press association and a spokesman, Lt. Ivan Pangrac, of the school made the following statement:

"On account of how we have had a pretty dull year around here, ol' Dick and Jack and me was talkin' the other night and we decided we oughta' jazz up the curriculum next year. (Pangrac was referring to Capt. Richard King, director, and Lt. Jack McCandless, instructor, of the St. John's Junior School staff.)

Much Interest Shown

"We come up with the idea of hirin' ol' Jayne to teach a course in home economics. When we made this announcement at least 22 senior Cadets led by Bill Beech, Tom Garrett, Bob Swan and Ronnie Simmons converged on the Rector's office to make application to post-graduate next year. It seems that all of these Cadets feel that they would not be completely ready for college without first taking the home ec course Jayne is going to teach."

Pangrac went on to inform this reporter that arrangements are being made in Salina to rent the municipal auditorium to have space available to accommodate all of the student wanting to enroll in Miss Mansfield's course.

Anderson Tops Honor Roll

Only three Cadets earned a position on the Rector's Honor Roll this past grading period. Again young genius Ted Anderson had the highest average with an undisputed 99.6. The others on the Honor Roll were Glenwell Hayes and John Benne. Both had an academic average of 90.1.

An unusual thing happened during the last week. Col. Clem misplaced his grade book. Also Mrs. Hardy, Capt. Loy and Lt. Beaver. Since Anderson is in all of their classes a conference was held and it was decided that an average would be taken of his past grades, thus arriving at the 99.6. They have each asked that their apologies be made to him here in print so that the other Cadets would know why he received the low grade.

Only seven Cadets failed to make the Honorable Mention. This is the first month since the Board of Trustee's decision to lower it to include all with an average between 35-90. They were Masten, Hendren, Stone Swartzendruber, Stiteler, Satterfield and Bacon.

KINDERGARTEN FOR FACULTY CHILDREN

The Kindergarten on the southwest corner of the St. John's campus has been returned to the military school from the Salina school board, it was announced this week.

The Kindergarten was reclaimed by the military school because it is needed as an education plant for faculty children, a St. John's official revealed.

According to a recent survey it was proved that faculty kids will outnumber Cadets at St. John's by 1960.

Bowling Team For S.J.; Hazel Fonck To Coach

St. John's will field a bowling team next year for the first time in history, according to Capt. Steve Crocker, newly appointed director of athletics.

Hazel Fonck has been named head coach of the Cadet kegglers.

Mrs. Fonck will conduct try-outs for the team during the next few weeks in preparation for inter-scholastic competition beginning next September. Among standout prospects for the team are Bill Story, John Howard, Vicki Beaver, Jane Harvey and M. F. Kilgore.

Swimming Pool In Barracks Basement

A big surprise awaits all Cadets when they awaken on the morning of April 2. What was thought to be a new QM is actually a swimming pool.

Ed Kliem thought it would be a good idea to tell the Cadets this was going to be a QM while the construction was in process. A championship match in the new pool is being planned for the near future. Esther Williams will probably be here to give a diving exhibition for the grand opening of the pool.

Wright To Plan New Parent Lounge

Noted architect Bill "Frank Lloyd" Wright has been asked to supervise the renovation of the old Q.M. into a parent's lounge, according to directors of the St. John's Foundation.

Contract for woodwork in the new lounge was awarded to Harlan "We Rip Planks" Johnson. Head carpentered for the project will be John Dawson, to be assisted by Oldrich Kvasknicka, Ed Kliem, Sterling Silver, Bill Fitzgerald and Joe Hazelton.



One of the newest additions to the school staff is this B-47 crew. They were assigned to this C.A.P. unit as a part of the Air Force's new disbursement of forces.

Shown here in the school pool hall are the aircraft commander, Capt. Johnny Carson, co-pilot, Capt. Georgie Akers, and the navigator, Maj. R. L. "Allen" Oliver. The three were formerly stationed at S.J.M. & S.A.F.B.

Mary Signs Cage Contract

Mrs. Mary Andersen, former secretary to Colonel Clem, has signed with the Boston Celtics, professional basketball team. She will be the first woman ever to play with a pro cage team.

SURPRISE

Mrs. Heywood has a surprise for members of her foreign language classes to be presented during classes next Sunday evening. She will give each member of the class a rare white orchid raised in her husband's green house.

Shorter Chapel Services

Due to the resignation of Father Pratt, chapel services at St. John's will be shortened to one hour daily. Tentative plans call for the chapel services to be held from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. since most Cadets are up that early and are in a cheerful mood which will be conducive to good singing. Attendance will be optional for all Cadets except those in grades four through twelve.

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Mickey Mantle To Speak Here

Yankee Slugger To Address Athletes

The pride of the New York Yankees will speak at the annual



MICKEY MANTLE

lettermen's dinner-dance.

Mickey Mantle, star center-fielder of the World Champion Yankees, has accepted an invitation as the after dinner speaker.

Three Days Here

The winner of the American League triple batting crown will spend three days in Salina. So that he will not be too far removed from athletics while here, Ed Kliem is remodeling a suite of rooms for the young slugger in the St. John's gymnasium.

Arrangements for Mantle to come to St. John's were made by members of the "L" Club, Junior School lettermen's society.

Griffith Speaks

Bill Griffith, spokesman for the "L" Club said, "Since the "S" Club never does accomplish anything, we decided to take the program into our own hands and do something spectacular for a change."

Griffith said that plans now were for Jimmy Staudacher to introduce Mantle to the large group expected to attend the dinner. He said that Staudacher was chosen to make the introduction because Staudacher and Mantle are both "Okies."

Consider Others

However, Griffith pointed out that there was a move on by a group of Upper School Cadets to have either Gary King or Allen Oliver make the introduction of the Yankee star because they are also from Oklahoma.

"This may develop into quite a battle," Griffith said. He expressed confidence that Staudacher would win out, however.

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APRIL FOOL

Here it is!

The annual April Fool edition of the Skirmisher may have shocked you. But, don't be alarmed. It's all a joke. In fact, about the only thing printed herein that has any semblance of truth is this brief editorial and the advertisements.

The April Fool edition of the Skirmisher has become a tradition at St. John's. You may think it's a bit foolish and maybe it is. But each year the old boys look forward to the "shock" the new boys will get when the paper is passed out.

And the new boys aren't the only ones fooled. Not a few letters have been received from alarmed parents wanting to know "just what's going on down there in Salina".

Sometimes someone has his feelings hurt over something printed in the April Fool edition. We surely hope this doesn't happen this year. That isn't the intent. We just want to amuse you and we hope this does it.

The ads printed in this issue are all authentic. Read them. Ads of the remainder of the Skirmisher advertisers will run in another one-page edition in about two weeks.

In stead of printing just an April Fool edition for the month of April, we decided to print one sheet to "fool" you and another later on with straight news. This will make nine editions for the year instead of the usual eight.

Pratt, Scott Have Own Show

The Rev. C. W. F. Pratt, St. John's Chaplain, and John Scott, 8th grade boy treble vocalist, failed to return from spring furlough. They were snow-bound in Texas and were such a smashing success on a Texas radio show that they were hired on the spot.

Father Pratt will do a western style radio show daily to be known as "Tex Pratt and His Sons of the Praries". Scott will be a featured fiddle player on the show.

Dr. E. Harvey To Teach Surgery

Appointment of Dr. Ernest Harvey to the St. John's teaching staff has been announced by Mrs. Ernest Harvey, director of hirin' and firin'.

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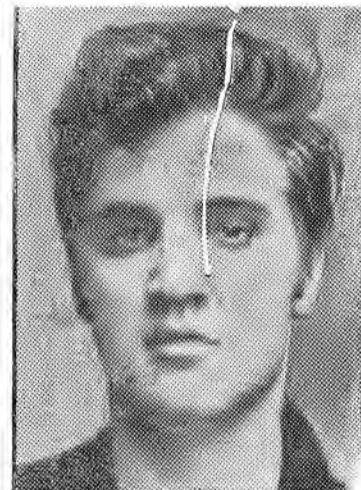
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Is John Carson Elvis Presley?

Cadet May Have Been Operating As Singer

TEXARKANA, TEX., April 1, (PU)—The big secret, "who really is Elvis Presley?" was re-



ELVIS PRESLEY

vealed here today when the Rector of a local Episcopal church announced that his son, John Carson, is really the rock and roll singer operating under the name of Presley.

He said that he had sent his son to St. John's Military School in Salina, Kans., when he learned that his son was singing and playing a guitar in Texas night clubs more than a year ago.

The Episcopal clergyman said that he learned only last week when his son was home over spring furlough that young Carson was still operating under the name of Elvis Presley.

Meanwhile, in the central Kansas community of Salina where John Carson is a military school Cadet, the switchboard of the school was swamped with telephone calls. A crowd estimated at something over 1,500 screaming teen-age girls was standing outside young Carson (Presley's) window, while he strummed his guitar and sang the popular ballad, "Over There".

His (Carson - Presley's) only comment was: "Shuckins"!



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