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ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, December 10, the Saint Mary's College Alumni elected a new slate of officers at their annual meeting which followed a communion breakfast held at the college.

The new executive is made up of Joseph Reardon, president; Lawrence Smith, first vice-president; Rev. J. P. Hayes, second vice-president; Eric Mullaley, secretary; H. J. Bartlow, treasurer and John Christian, William W. Downie and James Hammond, executive members. T. J. Moore and H. G. Beazley were elected auditors and Eric Mullaley historian.

Most Reverend John T. McNally, D.D., Archbishop of Halifax, was elected patron of the Alumni and Rev. P. J. McCarthy, S.J., as faculty advisor.

Jack Christian, as president pro tem in the absence of Rev. D. McPherson, who has been transferred to Bermuda, presided at the meeting. Mass was celebrated in the college chapel at 9 o'clock by the rector Very Reverend F. C. Smith, S.J.

Right Reverend W. J. Burns, V.G., rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, addressed the meeting on the history of the Catholic Church in Halifax, tracing its growth from the beginning, its periods of expansion and rest, up to the present time.

Monsignor Burns stated the church in this city was on the threshold of another great period of expansion and the next three years would see great strides in the three fields undertaken by the Archdiocesan Catholic Action Union. He asked the Alumni to assist the work in every way, especially in regard to the new college.

The representation of last year's graduates was small principally because of the number who have joined the armed services. Every Alumnus, however, is asked to assist in the undertakings of the Society during the coming year.

VALUE OF MASS EMPHASIZED

On December 1, the regular First Friday meeting of the Sodality was held. Father O'Donnell opened the meeting by giving the Sodalists the program to be followed on Dec. 8, the titular feast of the Sodality. Father Kehoe, then followed with one of his inspiring instructions. He spoke on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, telling the Sodalists of the importance and the spiritual value of the unbloody sacrifice. Quoting figures he said that there were three Masses a second being offered every second of the day, and that in the course of 24 hours, a total of 250,000 masses were being offered up. He further emphasized the value of the Mass when told the Sodalists that world peace would never be realized until Christ was restored to the lives of those who rejected Him, and that the Mass was the greatest means of achieving this goal. With these few inspiring and interesting remarks, he concluded his talk. Following his lecture, Father Kehoe gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which concluded the meeting.

The executive and members of the Sodality extend to one and all their wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THE ZOMBIES? THAT'S THE QUESTION

(By R. J. Butler)

On November 29th Engineers and Commerce clashed in debate over the topic, "Resolved that to send the NRMA (Zombies) overseas is in the best interests of the country." Bill Phillips and Jim Burke upheld the affirmative, the negative being defended by Joe Fultz and Bob Burns. At first things looked quite gloomy for the Engineers. Phillips was minus a partner so it was evident that he would have to call on a brother Engineer to help him wage "war" on the Zombies. However, Burkie came in, like a dandified prince to his partner's aid, a little late. But "better late than never." Joe Fultz was definitely the best speaker at the meeting. (Don't take that too seriously—one has to keep on the good side of the editor.) Burns, of course presents a difficult case at any time, and this was no exception; another one of our problem children. With the typical "commerceman glare" and "blood-thirsty approach" he bleated forth his dogmas in rapid succession, so rapid, indeed, that most of his con-

ceptions passed over the heads of the audience and sank deep into the plaster walls. With all his fighting fury, he and his colleague bowed low to their conquerors, the Engineers.

RUSSIA ALSO ON THE CARPET

On December 6th another debate took place between Science and Engineers. Topic — "Resolved that Canada's faith in Russia should be equal to her faith in other allies." Dave Allen and Ernie Pittard plugged away for the affirmative, while Brian Keene and Frank Wallace fought for the negative. The latter were unanimously victorious. Even after the debate was over Wallace was still in there punching away (not at Allen's bearded peasant or Pittard's Cossack on horseback) but everything in general. He was given the gong when someone moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Sodality Celebration Outstanding Success

Archbishop McNally Receiving Sodalists



Archbishop Receives Sixty Candidates

On Friday, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, His Grace the Most Rev. J. T. McNally, D.D. received thirteen college students and forty-seven high school students into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His Grace was assisted by the Very Rev. Rector, Father Smith and Father O'Donnell, with Father Carroll as Master of Ceremonies.

The Altar Boys were under the direction of Frank Laba. The ushering was done by D. MacLean and George Moffatt.

A most inspiring sermon was given by Rev. Father DesLauriers S.J., Chaplain of the Merchant Marine, Halifax, in which he stressed the great dangers found on the modern screen and radio, and on the book shelves of uncensored libraries; it is the duty of all Sodalists to be on the alert for the modern "Turk".

Mike Carney, the Prefect of the college Sodality, was at the organ, while Father Kehoe ably directed the singing throughout the Reception.

At the conclusion of the Reception at the Seminary, all the veteran and new sodalists returned to the college where a buffet supper was served.

Due to the gracious dispensation of Archbishop McNally, meat was on the menu.

There was an abundance of everything. The parents of the boys who donated the food did not misjudge the appetites of the Sodalists. Here we must thank also Mike Weagle and Billy Burke for their help in catering. Supper being finished, all gathered in the Assembly Hall where a very enjoyable sing-song was held with Chuck Fahie as M.C.

To Jack DeLouchry and Mr. Devitt who were responsible for the song sheets we offer our thanks. This (Continued on page two)

Where There's Smoke There's Fire

Phillips Lights Flame

The Engineering Society held its first social of the year, the annual smoker, at Gorsebrook on December 2. All Engineers plus a few prominent men about college, were invited to attend. Bill Phillips, the President, and his able assistants, saw to it that everything was prepared for the event.

The boys soon became tired of smoking and a few decks of cards inevitably made their appearance. Everyone then sat down for a friendly game of poker, principally because the Engineers know of no other game. As usual, however, several friendships were broken, to say nothing of some of the pocket-books. The heavy veil of smoke undoubtedly accounted for some of the luck.

After the evening came to a close some of the boys were richer and some wiser for the experience.

Allen And Kelly To Attend National InterVarsity Conference

The Students' Council recently received an invitation to send a representation from St. Mary's to the National Inter-Varsity Conference to be held at the University of Western Ontario in London. At an informal meeting held last Monday the Council decided to send two delegates. Alex Allen, vice-president, and Stan Kelly were chosen and will leave for London on December 26.

The letter received by the Students' Council stated each university may send one representative whose accommodation will be shared by a plan to be worked out at the conference. Additional delegates may attend but their expenses will have to be borne by the college. Each university will have but one vote at the meeting.

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To the faculty, the student body, the readers of the Journal and all the friends of Saint Mary's, the members of the staffs of the Journal extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Our Educational System

The faults of our educational system are numerous and have a number of different aspects. Facilities are poor and teachers' salaries are ridiculously low. However, the aim of this effort is to discuss the standard of education, which after all is the most important point.

To say the standard is low would be to speak the truth. Proof of this fact is seen in the grammatical errors in the speeches and writings of a number of college and high-school graduates. By such mistakes I do not mean those of a minor variety, but rather those which should not even be made by children in the elementary grades.

Perhaps the construction of simple English is not taught correctly, or perhaps there is not enough emphasis placed on it. I think the latter view is closer to the truth. With the great variety of other subjects taught in the elementary schools, it would not be wrong to suggest that the teaching of grammar is slighted. To speak and write his mother tongue correctly is the first requirement made of any educated man. If he lacks this, then he is not judged as being highly educated by those who come in contact with him.

Another thing that tends to lower the educational standard is the practice of common school children who drop certain subjects if they so desire. The subjects dropped are not those of little importance, but rather those subjects, Latin and French to name a few, which should never be ignored. It is not uncommon that a student, having completed high school, is unable to pursue a college course in accord with his vocation because of some subject he dropped in public school. Some may say it is his own fault, but how can a boy of twelve be held responsible for omitting some subject he doesn't particularly favor. It is natural for children to avoid unpleasant things as often as possible, and school subjects are no exceptions.

The system of omitting certain subjects should be left only to the college and the high school. A pupil in the elementary grades should not be given the responsibility of choosing his own subjects.

There are we know a few faults in regard to the religious aspect of education. These must be remedied effectually if our educational standard is to go up. Religion after all is the most important subject, not only in education but in our lives.

To lower the standard of our intellectual training is to lower the standard of our civilization. If this comes about the blame lies on those responsible for the life of our educational system. Upon their capabilities and their actions depends to a large extent the progress or decline of our nation.

More About Sodality

(Continued from page 1)

year we had for the first time our own orchestra, with Mike Carney and John Martin at the pianos, Ken Davidson, guitar and Bill Browne, violin. All the very latest songs received the attention of the orchestra. Later in the evening the very entertaining movie "Here comes Mr. Jordan" was shown. The presentation of this movie was made possible by the generous donation of twenty-five dollars from Rev. Father Rector.

It is only appropriate that mention be made of the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady erected in the Assembly Hall. The idea was George Mof-fatt's and he enlisted the aid of Jerry Mackey and Albert Charbonneau. From multi-colored crepe paper, Father Filion's easel, and year's parlor drapes, was fashioned a simple but beautiful shrine of Our Lady.

The most successful Reception in years is in no small way due to the efforts of the two moderators, Frs. O'Donnell and Kehoe, and the splendid work of the Ladies Auxiliary.

On the Record

by "CHUCK" FAHIE

An album which will do justice to popular music has been placed on the list of reissues of Victor. That's the "Smoke Rings" album, which strives to present on eight sides, by eight swing bands, a cavalcade of ballads popular from 1936 to 1943.

Again in the highlight, and fast picking up followers is the "Warsaw Concerto." When the beautiful "Concerto for Two" (Tonight We Love) was written, some said it would never be surpassed. However this has happened, and "Warsaw Concerto" is, I believe, a masterpiece. At its presentation in the musical Hall in New York, it received four encores, and considering the length of its passages it must have some sort of a holding strain. It presents in music the feeling of a liberated people.

It seems that all the old pieces are coming back; whether it's the shortage of new ones or the ability of the old one to outclass them, I do not know. Two very fine "old" pieces appear this week on the Hit Parade, "Together," sung by Dick Haymes and "Always" which is not recorded in a "popular" version.

On the Bookshelf

by JERRY MACKAY

(By Captain William A. Maguire, (CHC), U.S.N.)

Father Maguire is the priest about whom was written the famous war song, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." But actually, as he relates, he neither manned a gun against the Japanese nor uttered the famous line. He speaks of the many inconveniences caused him by the spreading of the story; but he takes it all in good spirit.

This book is a sequel to Father Maguire's "Rig For Church." It is composed of a number of incidents in his life, mainly those concerning the attack on Pearl Harbour, where he was serving as Fleet Chaplain when the enemy struck on that fateful December seventh. He relates with accuracy of detail the Japanese attack on the American Fleet and the loss of so many of his friends. He tells too, of the men of the navy as he sees them and of the spirit that makes the U. S. Navy the great fighting force that it is.

The author is well qualified to write as he does of things naval. Fr. Maguire was ordained in 1915 after studying at Seton Hall College and at the Seminary in Louvain, Belgium. He joined the Navy in 1917 and has been with it ever since. He has travelled extensively and served as Chaplain in many campaigns. In 1918 he was awarded the Navy Cross for his rescue of three survivors of the "Florence H.," from a sea of burning oil.

Through the pages of the book pass the many personages and celebrities with whom he has come in contact as a result of his many and varied experiences. These people are viewed from a rare standpoint, not as the little painted gods that publicity has made of them, but as human beings. Father Maguire has succeeded in portraying their human side.

"The Captain Wears a Cross" is one of those rare books in which the author informally chats with his readers. His many stories are told in a very pleasant style and his humor is appealing. If you enjoyed his "Rig for Church," you should like this one too.

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On and Off the Campus

After reading the back page of the last issue of the Journal, I happened to glance over the rest of the paper. I noticed that Quiz Master, "Steve" Boyd, asked the sixty-four dollar question in that literary patch of his, "Quiz Quotes". A number of lame brains clamoured to be quoted in answer, just to get their names in the paper, if for no other reason. Several uninspiring opinions were expressed, but, unhappily for the publicity hounds, no pictures were printed beside the quotes.

FENNEL ELECTS TO STAY WITH THE BOYS

What every member of the C.O.T.C. dreams about, actually happened to Fennel the other day. Or I should say, "It nearly happened to him." On parade Wednesday, Sgt. Murphy approached him and smiling sweetly he asked, "Have you made up your mind, whether you are staying in the C.O.T.C. or not?" Moose's jaw dropped so far he nearly bit Murphy on the left knee. Sadly enough, Murph had the wrong man. He had mistaken Fred for that "5 f-er" Chas. Reardon. I must admit, there is a disgusting resemblance.

THEY'RE WEARING THEM LONG THIS SEASON

Have you seen Fennel's ankle length great coat. It eliminates the necessity of polishing his boots or wearing anklets. That is, unless some officer is fussy enough to lift up the folds of the coat, to inspect his feet. Only Dinny Moore, himself, would do that.

I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Sergeant Major (until further notice) Dinny Moore is forming a ski-corps in the O.T.C. Dinny is now wishing that it would snow so he, and his men can work out on the staves. "Dinny" will be right in there with "Capa" on his ski harness, and heaven help the man who comes on parade without his skis polished.

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF OPINION

During one of the football games this season, Fred Fennel was in at "Left Bench Warmer," and with a spare football in hand, he wandered dangerously near the field. Art Fletcher waved him back with a warning, "Move away, the referee may think you're playing."

Note: If I discuss Fennel too much in this column, I apologize. You see, this column discusses unusual occurrences around the College, and . . .

Poor Charlie Reardon is having a hard time lately.

Brushed aside by the army medical board, he "walks alone", an outcast from the C.O.T.C. "I even offered to take their old stripes", said he, "but they still shun me". "Nobody loves me", says Charlie. (Nobody except those two young ladies whom he escorted home recently).

After a lecture on the Bren gun on Wednesday afternoon, Art Fletcher was heard to mumble, "What's the purpose of the Bren gun anyway?"

To which Janigan (that real gentleman) replied, "to mow down the likes of you". Fletcher threatened to trowne Jan on the spot but was reminded of his duties as a 'professional' boxer. He thinks that the mustache and the taxi go together.

Demon Burns is getting 'hissself' into a mess of trouble.

His latest encounter with the older generation (not Jim Turner) took place in the orderly room one morning last week. Reliable sources have it that the little man is thinking seriously about auctioning off his stripes. (Corporals are not excluded from the 110 hours training). Those same sources contend that Burns is lucky to be still alive. His behaviour even shocked the orderly room staff, who threatened to throw him out on his ear.

Jim Burke's 'late excuse' at debating class was certainly not original.

He thought the subject was at 4 p.m. instead of 3. (Come now, Jim, you didn't oversleep by chance, did you?). Some believe that he was detained by a visit to the Brigadier about the Zombies.

Speaking of stripes, 'Pretty Boy' Turner flashes into the limelight.

As a rustic member of the original platoon that was formed long before Fletcher's time, but since the last war, he has given up hope completely. Acting as marker now and again fills his soul with new life and a respect for the C.O.T.C., but this soon disintegrates and he is dashed headlong into the valley of despair. Jim is still trying to figure out the meaning of the insignia on the buttons of his great coat "Honi soit qui maly pense."

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SEISMOGRAPH

If you hear Bill Browne speaking of taking out brackets it isn't Algebra he's talking about. It gets them all sooner or later.

"Puddy" Reardon had something wrong with him the other day. He worked out several tricky Chemistry problems in his head. This I don't doubt, not everyone has that much space to work in.

Mike Kennedy tells this one: "I was returning home from a long hunt, when suddenly I came upon two rabbits about ten feet apart with a rock between them. Having but one bullet in my gun at the time, I shot at the rock, the bullet split, pieces of it hitting both rabbits. The recoil of the gun swept me off my feet and I fell into a stream behind me. I came to the surface with a beaver (no offense, Ed!) in my shoe lace and my pockets filled with fish. The weight of these, when I stood up, broke my suspenders, the buttons flying off and bagging a brace of partridge flying overhead. There, and if one word of this is untrue may I be struck down this very moment."—THUMP.

Well it happened! Houlihan has been fired as Ten-A's weatherman. For months now he has complied with Pete Feron's every whim, opening and closing the window like a madman. The other day he made the fatal mistake of opening it up after one of the professor's jokes. What an inglorious finish for dramatic "Houlie".

38 TAGGERS

7.00 o'clock, Saturday, December 2nd found many sleepy Santamarians at 59 Hollis Street. There were 38 of them, a very good showing compared with the other schools. Tags were to be sold for the benefit of the M. A. H. A.'s Minor Hockey League which includes Banatam, Midget and Juvenile teams throughout the province. President Gary Garrison is to be complimented on the success of his undertaking.

Mike Murphy of Matric says, and we quote: "It was great; Vince Ferguson and Jim MacDonald were doing wonderful work running it. We got lots to eat; cocoa and doughnuts and stuff". They drove you anywhere you wanted to sell your tags. There were 40 or 50 fellows present, mostly from the College. It was fairly hard to sell all the tags but most of the boys collected quite a bit; one fellow got \$26."

As described by "Buddy Keith", "Not bad! I heard they made about \$760. Roger LeFrank sold \$21 worth himself, coming second highest. They didn't have enough fellows though, or they would have made even more." Nevertheless it was a good show in a good cause, and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Corridor Interviews

Question: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup?

Ed. Pittard: I don't imagine the Detroit Red Wings will be leading at the end of the scheduled league, but I do think they will get in the playoffs and cop the cup.

"Puddy" Reardon: Toronto Maple Leafs by all means. Their Shiner, Bodner, Carr line is really hot and though they may be in second place, behind Canadiens, I think they will come out on top in the playoffs.

Mr. Lynch: Well, I don't follow them too much this year, but from what I have seen I pick the Canadiens. They have an expert goaltender in Durnan and I admire coach Dick Irvin very much.

Fred Martin: The Canadiens of course. I think they'll sweep right through like they did last year now that they've got going.

Dennis Biggs: Oh Montreal. They'll brush everything before them in my opinion.

Or perhaps you didn't know, I come from Montreal.

Pat Crosby: It's pretty certain to be Montreal Canadiens. Harmon will be back on defense and with Lach, Blake, Richard providing the scoring punch they're all set.

Sportscope

ROBERT McNEIL

Ten-B have been crowned inter-class football champs. They defeated Stan Selig's Matric 10-0 in the final contest to take the three game series 2-1. This final game wound up the football season and was, perhaps, the best game of the entire schedule. Congratulations Ten-B!

Last Friday night Saint Mary's juveniles went into action for the first time. The game was fast and thrilling but not for a single moment was there any doubt about the best team. Final score, Saint Mary's 5, High Y's 0. Ray Sutton, who trained the College football team two years ago was overheard after the game, "You've got a championship team there." Star of the game? Well, take your pick of Hirschfeld, Naugler, Young, "Dugger" McNeil, "Our" Elmer, Frank Graves, Stan Selig. Stan was colossal between the posts.

Father McCarthy's leather pushers are busy getting into form. The turnout so far has not been great but some of the lads promise to turn into first rate boxers.

Reg Beazley's hockey school has begun. The number present for the first class was gratifying, and the class itself was very interesting.

Incidentally I'd like to add my congratulations here to those generous chaps who dragged themselves from their beds at the unearthly hour of 6.30 a.m. to sell tags for the M.A. H.A. It was a noble effort. We are proud of you.

Short Story Contest

Probably the High School Journal Staff will have complete charge of the next issue of the Journal. We want to publish the best short written by an S. M. C. High School student in this issue. Get your entries in early. The contest closes January 12. Remember your story must be original and about 700 words. First prize will be \$2.00. Second prize, \$1.00.

TEN-B THROWS PARTY

Perhaps the most successful party in the school was held November 29 by Ten-B. To the competent direction of John Duffy and the cooperation of all others is due this great success.

A quiz contest opened the night. A skit contest followed. Vaughan Lynch's "Chinky-chinky Chinaman" brought roars of laughter. "Eddie" Fagan's "Penny Serenade" won first prize. The next item, a sing-song, was apparently intended for the whole college. At least the whole college heard it. Jim Abraham, in an especially gay mood, attempted to dance on the stage.

The climax was reached when "Puddy" Reardon, Alan Abraham, John Duffy marched into the Boarders' Social Room, where everyone had gathered. Sandwiches, cake, ice cream disappeared in record time and in record quantities. Mr. Drake closed the evening with a few words complimenting the lads for the initiative shown and care taken to make the evening successful.

BOOK REVIEW

KEPLER AND THE JESUITS

by

FATHER BURKE-GAFFNEY S.J.

This book, written by our own Father Burke-Gaffney, is well worth reading, even if you only want to acquire a good style of writing. It is the story of Johann Kepler's public life and especially his relations with the priests of the Society of Jesus. Father shows how Kepler, though he lived in a time of religious tumult, carried on his studies and observations with the patience and carefulness of a really great man.

The author's style is concise and clear, though I found it a bit heavy in parts. The impression he conveys to his readers of the character of such a great thinker and a very shrewd man in itself makes the book worthy of the highest praise. Don't think me over-enthusiastic when I say that in interest it cannot be surpassed by many of the best-sellers to today.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Words lose their strength with constant use. They become worn like tools.

Christmas is here—the time for "Best Christmas wishes". We see Christmas "wishes" splashed in shop windows across the pages of our newspapers. But how often these words are empty. Who sees the story behind these words? When the Editors of Journal Junior wish you a merry Christmas, they mean the words to have all their power. Our wish is not the pagan convention, but it springs from a Christian faith and love. "A Merry Christmas" and we mean "The Peace of the Christ-child and His Blessed Mother be yours; be merry in Christ and with Christ".

WELDING A NATION

Most of our daily newspapers are prejudiced. In nothing does this prejudice show itself as much as in their attitude towards French Canadians.

If the truth were known, there are no more French in the Home Guard army in proportion to Quebec's population than there are English-speaking. The French are as brave and as willing to fight for Canada and freedom as any other section of the country. But the problem is more complex than the journalists make it out to be. If the French could forget the methods of enforcing conscription in the last war, and the present extreme views of some other sections of the country, they would be whole-hearted supporters of the struggle.

Rarely do our papers give both sides of this question. And the reason they do not is that they are not honest but biased. We need honest, unprejudiced journalists. We Santamarians can take a step forward in solving the problem. We can train ourselves now to become the journalists of tomorrow. Perhaps when we are ready to take our places we will still have the opportunity to weld this Canada of ours into a united nation.

PROFILES

Frank Barton is quiet and unassuming in class—a model student whose strong, clear voice can be heard all over the room, even when he whispers.

We hear that Frank is interested in the medical profession, so much so that he is taking night classes at a nearby hospital.

Why then, if he is so meek and mild, is our Frankie so attractive to the "ladies with the lamps"? Does some strange transformation come over Barton that gives him magnetic properties.

The answer is simple; Frank has "IT" — that unquestionable (?) quality which skyrocketed another Frankie to fame has taken Barton under its wing. Whether it will take him we know not, but we trust that when Francis is considered "out of this world" he will not forget his classmates—his fans.

A strange incident was brought to our attention recently and we would like to pass it on to you.

It seems that one of the faculty had tucked all the boarders in bed, turned out the lights, waited for the laggards and finally retired to his room.

At ten-thirty, baritone snoring issuing forth from the dormitories assured him that all were in the arms of morpheus.

At ten to twelve, the drowsy sentry returning from the library, made his way cautiously up the stairs, along the corridor, and into the wash room to put out the light.

His weary eyes were soon opened however, for he beheld the supposedly sleeping Vaughan Lynch clad in a pair of shorts, standing before the mirror applying Palmolive Brushless Shaving Cream to his face. The ear to ear grin on the "bakery boy" faded behind a mask of fluff.

Suddenly aware of the "intruder" Vaughan turned, faltered for a minute, and realizing that some explanation was necessary ventured, "I'm shaving, Father."

"As any fool can plainly see!" agreed the astonished prefect, "but why at midnight?"

Wonder if Lynch was on his way in or preparing to go out?

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Lieut. Felix Quinn



Lieut. George Somers

Lieut. John A. "Scotty" MacDonald who was previously reported missing is now a prisoner of war in Germany, according to word received last week.

Jack Campbell, after completing his radar course at St. Hyacinthe, has been posted to a ship and is now doing sea duty.

Pte. Jim Gay is stationed at Debert with the Ordnance Corps. He has been in the army over a year.

Lieut. Felix Quinn is in the Infantry fighting in Belgium.

Cyril Hoganson and Terry Corbin have graduated from Brockville with their commissions.

Ptes. "Bus" Flinn and Dinny Moriarity, after two years in the Air Force have transferred to the Army.

We received a Christmas card last week from Captain Bill Dalton, who is in Holland with the 3rd Infantry Division.

Lieut. George Somers is at present in England serving aboard an aircraft carrier.

Tom Sullivan has seen heavy action in Belgium during the past months.

O/D Bob Sullivan is now at St. Hyacinthe taking his course in Wireless Telegraphy. He recently completed his basic training at Winnipeg.



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From where I SIT

by O. T. McCARTHY



From all appearances at present, this should certainly be a banner year in Junior hockey for Halifax. The Minor Hockey Association has taken definite steps to bring out all hockey talent in Bantam, Midget, Juvenile and Junior classes. Minor Hockey is finally getting the "boost" it needed so badly around here for the past number of years.

Four complete sets of gear have been obtained and the "Kids" are to learn the game thoroughly through coaching by National League Pro's, at present playing here in the City Senior League. This farm system, whose purpose it is to develop talented young hockey players into polished seniors in years to come, is a great idea. Let's hope it won't be abandoned or broken up through lack of interest on the part of the Association Managers.

Here at St. Mary's things are starting to shape into what looks like a promising season. Eager to reap the benefits of the Association, the College and the St. Mary's Winter Gardens Club have joined forces to send strong Midget and Juvenile squads into the league. The S.M.C. Juvenile aggregation, in my estimation, will be the team to beat in that class. A strong well-balanced team that plays well and plays hard. Last Saturday night they started off the season by setting a fast pace when they downed the Hi-Y Grads 5-0. The team is made up entirely of last year's veterans, with the exception of two or three new members.

During the past two weeks Coach Beazly has been over at the Arena off and on with Mgr. Boyd, trying desperately hard to pick an Intercollegiate Hockey Championship team. Crossing off the undesirables, keeping a watchful eye on the likely prospects and beaming hopefully at last year's stand-ins, was his setup. A goodly number of last year's team is back, and in looking over the stock I'd say the chances for a squad as good as, if not better than last year's, is very high, once the coach gives the nod to one of the many students who are after the position between the pipes.

Last year's College Service League is going to be dropped this year in favor of an Intercollegiate League. Looking back at last year's final series between King's and St. Mary's brings to mind one of the best series St. Mary's ever played, even though we lost by one goal in a total score of 13-12 for a four-game play-off. If we had been playing that style of hockey before the Intercollegiate playoffs started with Acadia, I'm sure we could have reversed the score with them and then taken St. F. X., but that's like talking about last winter's snow. This year when the proposed league between Dal, Tech and St. Mary's gets underway. If we show a spark of enthusiasm now, when the League starts, we might have a flame, and then in the not too distant future they can watch our smoke. You may rest assured that we'll be right in there to take back that old "mug" that St. F. X. has held in the past few years.

Any noise you heard or activity you might have seen on the Campus in the last week is only Mr. Crowe and his busy help-mates out to set up the rink which is to be built and run under the joint command of the College and the Winter Gardens Club. The rink is being constructed now and at the first visit from Jack Frost the hose will be out, and the ice will not be long after that. I might give a little plug and say that anybody who is handy with a hammer or saw might get in touch with Mr. Crowe and offer his services; now don't everybody run, because we don't want Mr. Crowe to get killed in the rush.

Father McCarthy's boxers are hard at it at last, with Johnny Wall serving up the counsel and encouragement. This season there are more College men interested in the sport, whereas last year the boxing class was all high school except for one member. As yet there are no definite engagements planned for the team but after the holidays it is expected that some meets will be arranged.

There is some talk around the College of an Interfaculty Hockey League. Last year the same topic was up for discussion but nothing ever came of it. And should it come through this year let's show more spirit than in the football season just completed. Mr. Allen will co-operate to the best of his ability, I'm sure.

Glad to see Ray Sutton back here again. Ray was overseas for the last two years in the Navy Commandos in charge of an invasion barge. Two years ago when St. Mary's had a team in the Senior Canadian Football League, Ray was line coach, and a fine job he did.

Now to all my friends and readers of this column I extend a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Basketball Under Way

Now that the pig-skin has been placed away for another year, Saint Mary's have moved into a new field of sport, basketball. Under the guidance of veteran Russ Webber, assisted by Dave Allen, a number of players have been attending the bi-weekly practice sessions. Although handicapped to a certain extent by the lack of a gym, they have been successful in obtaining St. Patrick's Home on Wednesday evenings, and the Tech gym on Saturday evenings. With the talk of an intermediate league consisting of Dal, Tech, Acadia, and Saint Mary's, the players have been coming to the practices regularly, and are quickly rounding into shape.

Most of the players have had some experience at the game before, and this, coupled with Webber's coaching, should develop them into a well-oiled machine. Of the men attending the practices, Stan Kelly, Joe Wade, and Dave Allen have been showing great form, and will likely form the nucleus around around which Webber will form his team. Odie McCarthy, Don Boyd, George and Ernie Theriault, Bill McCoombes, Malkie Janigan, Len Trainor and a few others are also developing rapidly.

Thus, after being away from the game for a number of years, Saint Mary's have returned to this popular sport. Let's hope we have a successful season.

COACH



Mr. H. G. Beazly

Mr. Beazly has been coach of Saint Mary's Intercollegiate Hockey Teams for the last four years and he again assumes that position this season. During those four years Mr. Beazly has produced four city champions and one provincial champion. In his first season, he brought his team to the provincial semi-finals where they lost out to St. F.X. by a one-goal margin after a hard fought series. The second year 1941-42 was more successful, however, with Saint Mary's taking the Nova Scotia title after two thrilling series with St. F.X. and Acadia. In 1942-43 Mr. Beazly's team was knocked out in the finals after dropping Acadia in the semi-finals. Last year S. M. C. failed to eliminate Acadia in the semi-finals after a great comeback in the total-goal series.

This year the college team will be minus three stars in the persons of Bun Mulcahy, Hugh McDonald and goalie Jim Pineo. However, Mr. Beazly has the ability of forming a fighting squad from a few stars and a number of average players. This year will be no exception, for already a team is taking shape worthy of the tradition of all former S.M.C. teams.

With Mr. Beazly's coaching, the players' cooperation and full backing by the student body, this year's team should reach success. Good luck to you, coach.

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Defence Particularly Strong

With two weeks' of practice behind it in preparation for the proposed City Intercollegiate League, the College hockey team is rapidly rounding into shape. The original group of aspirants for the squad, composed of nearly fifty members, has been whittled down practice by practice, and the team is now being organized, with Mr. Beazly again holding the coaching reins.

Although three former mainstays have departed, Coach Beazly still has remaining a number of experienced performers—men like "Axle" Allen, "Dinty" Moore, Ed Goodwin, and Joe McLellan—and is using them as a nucleus around which to build this year's team. Men like Jim Pineo, Burny Mulcahy, and Hughie McDoaald are hard to replace in one season, but the 1944-45 edition of Saint Mary's should fare well in the league with Dal and Tech.

Out of a group of nine trying for the goal spot, Joe Wade looks like the best bet, and will no doubt be guarding the twines this season.

Forming the defence in front of Wade is a mixture of veterans and rookies. Allen, a seasoned performer, has been working with McLellan, while newcomers Bob Ross and Frenchy Keddy have been teaming up nicely together. Tusker O'Neil, who broke into Intercollegiate ranks last year as a defenceman, has been alternating in practices between the rearguard and the forward line.

Up front, the team features an experienced first-string trio. "Dinty" Moore is a third year man, while Hyland and McCoombes have one season's play behind them. At the present time, no definite players have been chosen for the second line, but the coach has five forwards from which to choose. Veteran Godwin will, no doubt, be one forward, while among Doug. Flemming, Fred Fennell, "Doc" Veniot, or "Ace" Mulrooney will be the other two linemen, although O'Neil and McLellan have been putting in some time on this line.

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