

# THE ARMS SENTINEL

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## Local Boy Makes Good

Deane Lee, a senior in the Agricultural Course, on March 15 once again brought Arms Academy to the public's eye by taking second place in the State Agricultural Speaking Contest. This contest was put on by the Future Farmers' Association of Massachusetts at the Jones Library, Amherst.

Lee's topic was "Milk Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." There were eight contestants representing different sections of Massachusetts. Lee took first place in the contest in Ashfield, thus making him eligible to enter the state contest. First place went to Christos Mpelkes of Essex County Agricultural School.

Arms Academy certainly should be proud of Deane Lee, as this boy has won fame for the Agricultural department of our school by winning many contests.

## Shop Going Full Blast to Finish Up for Exhibition

In preparation for the Household-Shop Exhibition on April 26, 27, 28 the shop lads are putting in much of their time in finishing up their display articles.

Some of this includes the completion of eight finished display racks for the Household Arts exhibit and a knee-hole desk. This latter article involves veneering and marquetry. This "five-dollar word" when defined means the inlaying of furniture with various color schemes. This is no easy task, and the boys are to be congratulated on this phase of their work.

Although the shop boys have not turned to serving coffee in the afternoon, six finished coffee tables are under construction.

## Junior Prize Speaking Contest

The Junior Prize Speaking Contest takes place Friday, March 29, in Science Hall. At the try-outs, which were held on March 20, the following people were chosen to speak; Helen Chamberlain, Cataracts by Leota Hulse Black; Henry Dandeneau, Pigs Is Pigs by Ellis Parker Butler; Peter Ferrari, The White Hands of Telham by Samuel Richardson Davenport; David Geddis, Don't Die on Third from the Detroit News; Eleanor Perkins, a selection from The Birds' Christmas Carol by Kate Douglas Wiggin; Jane Shippee, The Perfect Background by Leota Hulse Black; Katharine Smith, Peter Patrick by Sally McLean Greene; Charlotte Walden, The Wheels of Time by Florence Barclay; Arlene Wood, The Fifty-First Dragon by Heywood Broun.

These students are being coached by Miss Burkill, and the judges are as follows: Reverend Rolland Johnson of Ashfield, Principal Margaret Parsons of Conway Elementary School, and Mrs. Marianna Graves of Sanderson Academy.

## Conway Pupils Represent Arms in Conway P. T. A. Program

Four students who journey each day from Conway to their beloved Arms Academy took part in the program given by the Parents' and Teachers' Association of Conway. They were: Ruth Harris, '40, who gave a topic on the athletics at Arms; Deane Lee, '40, whose talk was on outside activities at Arms. The shop and "aggie" departments were explained to the public by William Fitzgerald, '40. Even the Arms alumni was brought to notice by Alice Forgette, '42.

Other pupils from So. Deerfield High School and Smith School took part in the program.

"LIBRARIANS"

This so-called editorial is dedicated to those students of Arms Academy who always make nuisances of themselves whenever they go to the library. To them I present the fitting title, "librats." Their belief is that a librarian is a living "information bureau." Of course, she knows where medieval pictures large enough to trace, books with good stories, ink, ruler, pens, Pinocchio books, names a "mile long", and such, are to be found. Can you imagine anyone looking all over for a medieval picture, which definitely has to be large enough to trace, just because a student is too lazy to draw a few lines? It is hard enough to merely find the picture, but this is the librarian's job!

Then there is another type of "librat." This one considers himself very important, and therefore, in his way of thinking, he should be waited on before anyone else. He clamors and clamors until finally the librarians are forced to wait on him in order to get rid of him.

To make everything fair, we should also take into consideration the other side of the case. Some librarians take their time about getting the books, then they may ignore one student if a more interesting student happens to be there at the same time. Also they may think the whole job a waste of time and, instead of working, spend the period laughing and giggling with a couple "pals" while others, with a more serious aim, are waiting to get books.

But, on the whole, I think that if the other students will be a little more polite to the librarians that the librarians will try to do right by them.

So — don't be a librat!

LET'S DANCE

If you have gone to our socials, you probably have noticed that only about half of the people there are dancing. Surely, everyone should know how to dance after all the dancing lessons which have been given. What's the matter with the boys? The girls won't bite them if they ask them to dance.

When the orchestra plays a cut-out march, the floor is filled quickly — but, what happens when a waltz is played? A few brave couples start dancing, but it takes quite a few minutes before the floor is even partially filled. Then during most of the dances, a lot of the boys and girls are sitting down.

One way to get the crowd on its feet is to play cut-out marches, but we don't want to march all evening. (We could use a few more marches, though). If the boys won't ask the girls to dance, why not have more Paul Joneses to help them out so that everyone can have a good time?

At the next social, let's have everyone dancing and having a good time. As Kay Kysar says, "Come on, students, let's dance."

SENIOR BOYS' TEAM

Capt. A. Pratt and team consisting of D. Fitzgerald, H. Churchill, R. Rubin, R. Herzig, R. Farrar, J. Danderson, R. Finck, and H. Schechterle will receive their numerals for winning the class series. The team made an excellent record, playing and winning six games. This is the first time this team has won in its four years.

GIRLS' CLASS BASKETBALL

The junior girls ended a successful basketball season by defeating the sophomores last week. They came through the season without a loss. Receiving numerals are Claire Hebard, Captain, Jane Shippee, Jean Dunnell, Anna Hillman, Charlotte Walden, Lucy Bates, Arline Evans, Nathalie Smith, Kathrine Schechterle, Helen Shaw, Helen Chamberlain, and Mary Hill.



Pro Merito Service

Tuesday morning in assembly the Pro Merito Society presented an impressive induction service. This service was originated by George H. Froberger, former principal, and Miss Marguerita B. Ellis, former Latin and French teacher of Arms Academy.

The service was conducted by Marion Riel, the Emperor; Dorothy Peck, the Scriba; and Cecil Bellows, the Ductor. The virtues of the Society were given by Deane Lee, Betty King, Mary Myers, Marion MacDonald, Leona Racine, and Joan Davenport. Other members were Olive Ware, the pianist, Ruth Lawless, Mac Galipe, and three new members: Louise Folders, Jacqueline Mockler, and William Fitzgerald. After taking the oath, these new members received their Pro Merito pins.

Mr. Donald Stevens, principal of South Hadley High School, Miss Nellie M. Cross, faculty adviser, and members of the South Hadley Pro Merito Society made the trip to attend this service.

Commercial Awards

At the last meeting of the Commercial Club awards were given for proficiency in shorthand. For 100-word dictation: J. Clark, G. Lang, R. Lawless, M. MacDonald, and M. Riel. For 80-word dictation: B. King.

Typing awards were presented to the following: for 30 words a minute: J. Durand, S. Lowell, A. March, J. Spencer, E. Horton, J. Fitzgerald, A. Forgette, J. Tetreault, J. Scott, P. Gousses. Helen Wadham received an award for typing 40 words a minute without an error.

Brain Teaser No. 2

The winner this week will be the one to bring in the longest word in the English language which can also be found in one of our school dictionaries. All answers must be in by 1:35 Monday, April 1st.

Last week's answer: mother and son.  
Winner: Louis Caron

The "It" Parade

Careless	L. Brown
Do I Love You, Do I?	
	What do you think?
I've Got My Eyes on You	R. Rubin
Friendship	
	Miss Flaherty and Miss Burkill.
In An Old Dutch Garden	Kath. Koona
Drummer Man	R. Faldelli
Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me	
	Benny Francis
It's A Blue World	Ernie
He Wants His Mamma	Who does?
Ooo, What You Said!	Prize Speakers
Angel	Practy
In Spain They Say "Si, Si"	
	What has that got to do
	with the price of potatoes?
Oh, Yes - - - -	
	The Flowers that
	Bloom in the
	Spring - - - -

OUR CAPTAIN

Our Captain is a little chap.  
He is not very big,  
But when you see him on the field,  
You ought to see him dig!

He is a catcher, as you know,  
But it's a shame he doesn't grow,  
For when he bends behind the bat,  
The most you see is just his hat.

Signed,  
His Nephew.

Cadet Teacher

For the last two weeks, Miss Eleanor Parker, from Acushnet, Mass., a junior at the Framingham Teachers' College, has been assisting in the household arts classes.

Morning Devotions

On March 22 we were honored by a sermon from Rev. Fredrick Duplissey, pastor of the Congregational Church of Shelburne. The theme of his talk was on making good. Some of his Arms students could have taken a few hints from this interesting topic.