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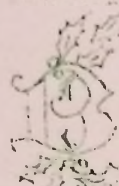
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AMERICA -- THE BEAUTIFUL


acorn sizzling in the pan; the thrill you get when you sing, "Oh, say can you see"; the invigorating air of a crisp, cold December morning; the funny movie you saw last night; eerie noises in the still of the night - that is America.

Coffee parking; the humid stillness of a hot day in July; the crowded city street; the shady country lane; "Mom's" good home cooking; Santa Claus on every corner - that, too, is America.

Turkey and all the "fixin's, come Thanksgiving"; "I pledge allegiance to the flag"; those Saturday afternoon "westerns" at the local theater; the "Private Life" of a movie star in your favorite movie magazine; curling up with a good book and something to munch on; the funny papers - all, America!

The "leafiness" of a blowy October afternoon; rain lazily pattering on the roof; "silly serials" on your neighbor's radio; firecrackers on the Fourth of July; the beauty of Christmas carols - America!

America! Our America, yours and mine—worthy of every sacrifice.

POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS

The Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs is offering the students of Arms Academy the opportunity to enter a Poster and Essay contest sponsored by their club.

The poster contest is open to all High School students. The posters are to be based on your "Reaction to Motion Pictures." The posters must be original and must be regulation size, which is 22" x 28".

For our writers, there are the essay contests. The essays must be based on "Motion Pictures and National Defense", not over 1000 words, and written on one side of theme paper—preferably typed.

The fifth annual National High School Oratorical Contest, a National Americanism activity of the American Legion, is soon to be sponsored by the Commission. There are departmental and a national contest, the participant who scores highest in the final contest being awarded a scholarship.

For further details concerning any of these contests, refer to the Main Room bulletin board.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE

Mr. Judson R. Butler, assistant professor of psychology at Boston University, spoke on the values of a higher education, on Monday, December 1. He enlivened his speech with specific examples of how various phases of psychology might be used to enable the students to "wake up and live." Usefulness of a large vocabulary was made evident by this scholarly man who used "big" words in an instructive, yet entertaining manner.

LARGE SUM GIVEN TO JUNIOR RED CROSS

The students of Arms Academy again lived up to their traditional spirit of loyalty by contributing generously to the American Junior Red Cross in its recent drive for funds. The sum of \$27.69 was contributed by 232 persons, averaging 11.9 cents a person.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY OBSERVED

The 150th anniversary of the Bill of Rights was observed at Arms Academy, December 15. At a special assembly, Grace Messer explained the significance of the day; William O'Neil read a section of Abraham Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation"; and Nerissa Peabody read the first ten Constitutional amendments which make up the "Bill of Rights."

SENIORS CHALK UP ANOTHER SUCCESS

A successful performance was given at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, December 9, when the Senior Class presented their annual play "Little Women" by Louisa M. Alcott. The story itself took place in the 1860's and stressed the feeling that should be shown between a mother and her daughters. Our "Little Women" managed to get themselves into a lot of trouble but it all turned out well with a happy ending.

Immediately following the play, Kenneth Herzig, on behalf of the cast, presented Miss Burkill with a bouquet of flowers and a five dollar bill, in appreciation of the hard work and patience she had shown in coaching them. Mr. Muir was next to be called on to the stage where Clayton Barry presented him with a gift from the Seniors who wanted to thank him for working backstage and handling some of their business arrangements.

The financial report of the play also turned out to be "pleasing to the eye" and reads as follows:

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Afternoon	\$ 20.33	
Evening	199.20	
Candy	18.10	
Miscellaneous	.07	
Tax		\$21.50
Royalty		15.00
Playbooks		5.50
Printing		12.15
Miscellaneous		19.34
Totals	\$237.70	\$73.49
Net Profit	\$164.21	

THE HOUSE OF HARROW

The highlight of Tuesday morning's assembly was a short skit presented in the form of a radio program under the supervision of Miss Flaherty. Various sound effects, controlled by Peter Ferrari, helped to make it a thriller for the audience. This play was to have been given over WHAI but, because of war conditions, was postponed.

Students taking part in the skit were Harold Pyfrom, John Fitzgerald, Joseph Tetreault, Mathalie Lunardi, Martin Rancourt, William O'Neil, Virginia Crafts, and James Delaney.

STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

A convention for the Student Councils of Western Massachusetts was held November 28, at Amherst High School.

After registration, a mass meeting was held in the assembly. Representatives from several schools gave reports on accomplishments of their councils. Joseph Tetreault was our spokesman.

After a grand supper, the representatives returned home. Members attending the convention were: Mr. Watkins, Everett Coutu; president, Gloria Lunardi; vice-president, Dolores Putnam; secretary, Joe Tetreault, and Jeanne Fontaine.

A THREE-IN-ONE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Arms Commercial, French, and Latin Clubs held a joint Christmas party in Science Hall at 7:30 P.M. last Wednesday.

Entertainment was furnished in the form of a short play, presented by the Latin Club; Christmas carols were sung by members of the French Club; while the Commercial students did their part by conducting the games and decorating the hall.

Small gifts were exchanged. To top off a good time refreshments were served.

SENIOR SHORTHAND CLASS STRUGGLES ON

Charles Dicken's "Christmas Carol" may be enjoyable to read, but to derive the full benefit of its best qualities one should read it in shorthand. Anyone who doubts this statement can just ask one of the senior shorthand students, who are well qualified to know. So there!!

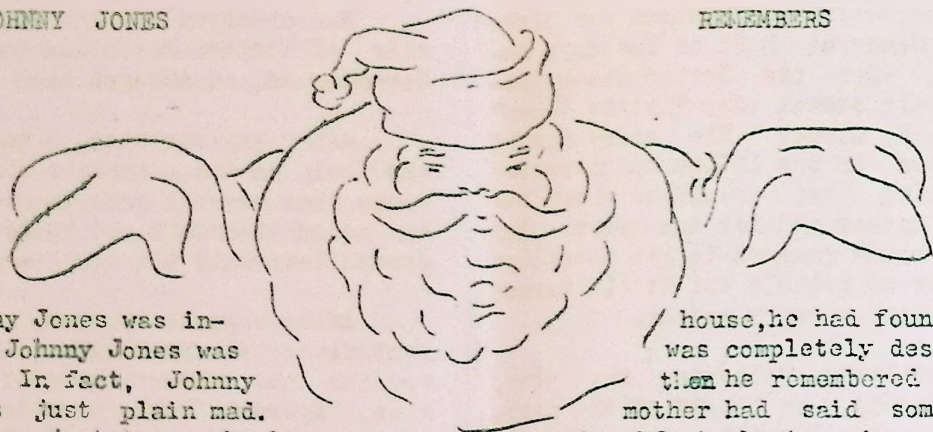
BANGLE PINS SOLD

As an aftermath of the skit presented in assembly on Tuesday, "bangle" pins were sold by Lucille Burnap, Martha Stone, and Evelyn Hall.

The proceeds from the sale of these pins are used for the prevention of tuberculosis throughout the country.

JOHNNY JONES

REMEMBERS



Johnny Jones was in-
ignant. Johnny Jones was
provoked. In fact, Johnny
Jones was just plain mad.
Here it was, just two weeks be-
fore Christmas, and he hadn't the
slightest idea what he was going to get.
True, he knew where all the family
presents were hidden, but after what had
happened the year before, he decided to
leave well enough alone.

Yes, every time he thought of that
fateful day, one year ago, a cold sweat
would break out on Johnny's brow. He
had learned a great lesson that day. As
long as he lived, he would never--under
any circumstances--open any package
marked "Do not open until Christmas,"
beforehand.

Johnny was remembering that day
now. It had started out as any ordina-
ry day, but--Johnny shivered as he
thought about it. He remembered how
his mother had called him three times
before he finally got up. He remembered
how he had poured his glass of milk
back into the pitcher when his mother
wasn't looking, and how he had almost
got out of the house without his loving
sister seeing that he wasn't wearing
his rubbers.

Yes, that day had indeed started
out like any ordinary day in the life
of Johnny Jones. School had gone on as
usual, too. Johnny had been caught the
usual number of times whispering, read-
ing a comic book, and throwing chalk.

It was when school was out and
Johnny had returned home that the day
had changed for him. Upon entering the

house, he had found that it
was completely deserted, and
then he remembered that his
mother had said something at
breakfast about going out to do
some Christmas shopping that after-
noon. He had decided that his sister
had accompanied her. After raiding the
cookie jar, Johnny had sat down and
tried to think of something to do. He
had suddenly remembered an old baseball
bat that needed mending and went in
search of it.

The trail finally led to the hall
closet, where, lo! and behold! lay a
stack of Christmas presents--all wrapped
in Christmas paper, with the stickers,
"Do not open until Christmas," on them.

Johnny's curiosity had gotten the
best of him, especially when he had
seen the package that was the exact
shape of a pair of skates. He had bo-
gun unwrapping this bundle when he
heard a loud exclamation behind him.
Turning, he had found his mother and
sister gazing at him in astonishment.

It is at this point that Johnny
Jones, recalling that hectic day, will
take out his handkerchief and mop his
brow. He doesn't remember the exact
words that his mother used that day,
but he does remember his punishment.
When Christmas Day arrived, he was made
to wait until the very last to open his
presents. Then came the final blow.
At Christmas dinner he had been allowed
only two servings of everything instead
of the usual three or four.

Yes, Johnny Jones was just plain mad.
But do you blame him?



TEACHERS' CHRISTMAS

We all wonder just what our teach-
ers will do during Christmas vacation.
Maybe here is what some will do. Miss
Burkill will take her little black
"Chevie" and head for the homeport,
which is Spencer. There she can forget
Shakespeare and Milton for two grand
weeks and just be herself, not the Miss
Burkill with all her dear students un-
der her heels. She will spend a good
deal of her vacation, undoubtedly, im-
proving her bowling ability.

Mr. Muir, the proud "papa," will
spend his vacation "cutting loose" with
his son. Don't you think that the role
of Santa Claus will be very becoming to
Mr. Muir?

Mr. Frude, we hope, will forget
chemistry, biology, and physics for a
short while and enjoy himself with his
family.

Mr. Avery, without a doubt, will
spend a good share of his vacation in
Sunderland, although we are positive
his home is in Shutesbury.

Miss Archibald will head for home-
port, Amherst, where she can sit back
and say, "Last year as a student I was
thankful for this vacation, but this
year as a teacher I wonder why I didn't
realize how lucky I was last year."
Maybe, for a Christmas present, Uncle
Sam will still come across with those
Christmas furloughs.

And so to the rest of the teachers
we say that we hope they have a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



DOWN THE CHIMNEY

"'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the" school, "not a
creature was stirring--not even a"
molecule! (Any reference to the teach-
ings of Mr. Frude is purely coinciden-
tal.) I imagine that on the night men-
tioned above, as well as on the six
nights preceding it and the ten nights
following it, our thoughts will be so
far away from school that our patient
instructors will throw up their hands
in despair and mutter, "What's the use!"

One thing, however, that we cer-
tainly won't forget for a long time is
the remarkable performance exhibited by
the seniors participating in "Little
Women." We hope by this time that
Miss Burkill and Mr. Muir have suffi-
ciently recovered from the trials of
play producing in order to look forward
to going through the same thing again
next year. Poor teachers--what a life!

By the way, I think appreciation
should be extended to the office prac-
tice class for their work in providing
the audience with programs for the
senior play production. No thanks are
extended for the disappearance of the
candy because we're on the receiving
end for that one--or, are the mothers?

As you all know, it's the tradi-
tional custom to exchange gifts among
friends at Yuletide and even the Senti-
nel rated this year as the Commercial
Club provided slip sheets to lighten
the "burden" of the "runners-off-ers."
So, consequently, we bring a Christmas
gift to you--this eight-page, colorful
issue of the Sentinel. Needless to say,
the Sentinel wishes you a memorable
Christmastide and a profitable New Year.



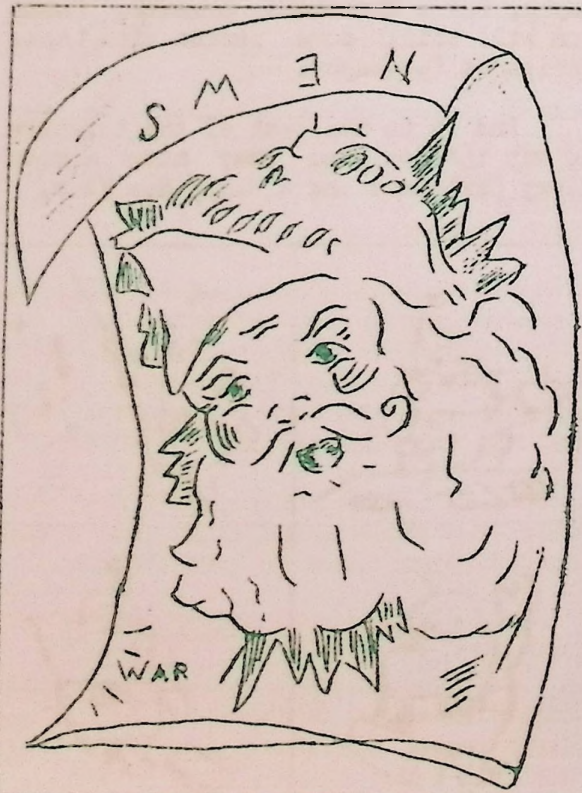
"JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS""AS GOOD AS I CAN DO"

Some of the typists and stenographers were impatient waiting for Santa Claus and decided to give themselves a present. The results: typing awards for 30 words a minute: Jean Shaw, Joseph Giguere, Virginia Reader, Mary Cummings, Kenneth Herzig, Helen Delaney, Marjorie Deveney, and Catherine Caron. Awards for typing at the rate of 40 words a minute were won by: Marjorie Deveney, Raymond Burdick, Joseph Giguere, and Ruth Leavitt.

Stenographic awards for theory tests were won by: Clayton Barry, Virginia Reader, Raymond Burdick, Edna Cummings, John Fitzgerald, Evalyn Fitzroy, Alice Forgette, Irma Gould, June Herzig, Ruth Leavitt, Josephine Payant, Joseph Tetreault, and Lois Wilde.

Those who won awards for taking dictation at 60 words a minute are Raymond Burdick, Edna Cummings, John Fitzgerald, Evalyn Fitzroy, Alice Forgette, and Ruth Leavitt.

An award for taking dictation at 80 words a minute was won by Joseph Tetreault.

"THE SITZMARKERS"

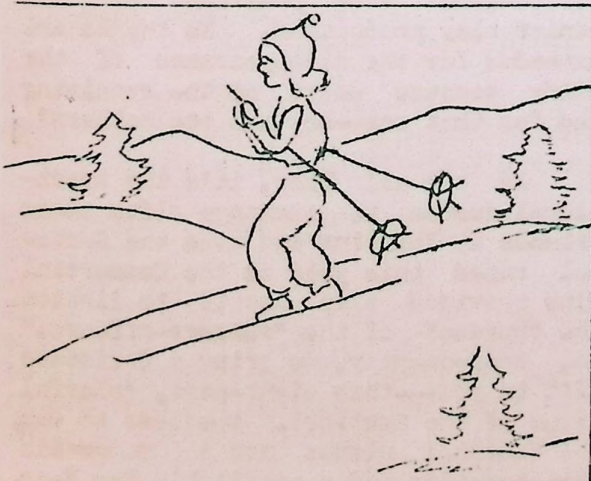
Recently a group of students, under the leadership of Mr. Avery, met in room 105; the results—a ski club was formed. Yes, that is what the name "Sitzmarkers" signifies.

At the first official meeting of the club, the following officers were elected: president, John Hoffer; vice-president, Aldo Lunardi; secretary, Helen Shaw; and treasurer, James Galipo. There will be several teams formed and it was voted in the last meeting to have Saturday, February 14, 1942, set aside as Carnival Day. The secretary is at present seeking information about other school ski teams. The president has not as yet announced the committee to be in charge of the Carnival.

Ski equipment, waxing, and turns have been the topics at the recent meetings. The group will leave the school today at 2:15, to go over the spots most likely to be used for the events.

Last Saturday, a group of boys went up on the trail and finished making it. That is apparently why some of the boys have a few?? blisters on their hands now. There was the grand turnout of 70 at the first meeting, and we hope that this number will continue to be interested in skiing.

There are a few students in the club who have either passed or studied for the Junior Red Cross certificate. These students are going to be asked to act as the Ski Patrol. Their duties are to patrol the trails in case of accident.



SPORT PAGE

TRACK AND FOOTBALL LETTERS AWARDED

On November 28, 1941, the track boys who scored points at the Greenfield Fair, way back in September, were awarded their track letters.

Those receiving the letters were: Alan Finck, James DuBois, Joseph Giguere, Kenneth Herzig, William Crofton, Mark Burnham, and Charles Alden.

At a meeting of the track team, "Jimmy" DuBois and "Pucky" Alden were elected co-captains to sign the certificates.

On the same day, the football letters were given out to the boys who had a very successful season on the gridiron. Those who were awarded varsity letters and will see no more football playing for Arms were: Everett Coutu and Alan Finck, Co-Captains; Joseph Giguere, Reginald Libby, James LaPlant, and William Crofton. Others who will be back again to win for Arms next football season and who received varsity letters are: Kenneth McCloud, John Hoffer, Charles Alden, James Galipo, Howard Binder, Duncan Upton, Thaddeus Samorski, Lawrence Caprari, James Delaney, and David Van Valkenberg, Manager. Junior Varsity letters went to John Evans, Clinton Stifford, Lyle Hall, Parker Gony, Francis Stone and Donald Finck, assistant managers.

"Johnny" Hoffer and "Kenny" McCloud were elected captains for next year's football season at Arms.

STUNNING STREAMLINED SNO-PLOW

The shop auto-mechanics are rejoicing over the final product of their efforts which is the very latest model 1942 snowplow. Super-streamlined to the limit and boasting the most modern inventions, it is absolutely stunning to one's sight.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON STARTS

Practice for the basketball season is under way, with a large number of students turning out for the initial session. It is a little early to say much about the team this year as only two games have been played. This year's team is being built around the Captain who is the only varsity man left from last year's team—Duncan Upton.

Last year, the varsity won 4 and lost 10 league games, and the second team won most of its games, so the outlook is good for victories for Arms. The coach expressed his desire to have a "hot" team this year representing Arms. Well, they've got the spark, and a spark in the right place could set the world afire—so here's hoping!

THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

No official list has as yet been posted as to the junior and senior varsity teams. The competition is so keen this year that it has been very difficult to decide on the material; however, after the next four games a list will be posted officially. Miss Archibald wishes to see the girls in action and then pick the team.

We have just acquired our actress-captain back again after taking the lead in "Little Women." Virginia Upton is a very speedy forward, and if the remainder of the team cooperates with her the team should come out on top.

The senior varsity of last year lost only three games; this year's team really has to work to beat that.

WITHOUT A STRUGGLE

A discouraged salesman recently wired his house as follows: "If Hitler wants more territory, he can have mine."

