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FRENCH CLUB

The Arms French Club held a meeting in Science Hall on February 19.

In emulation of the Mardi Gras, French Club designed and made appropriate (yea, fantastic) costumes, donned them, and paraded through the corridors of both buildings--to the surprise and amusement of all of us fortunate enough to be around.

Costumes of newspapers and colored tissues, and noise makers contributed to the carnival atmosphere. While we joined in the gaiety, we weren't asked to follow the paraders, nor to take part in the dancing in the "streets" of Science Hall--nor to share the coffee and cheese wafers!

GIFT FROM WOMAN'S CLUB

Together with the daily occupants of the reading room, we thank the Woman's Club for throwing a little light on the subject by presenting us with a reading lamp. It is at present standing on the reading room table waiting for our shop "electricians" to make the necessary connections before it can be put to use.

Arms Academy is indebted to the Woman's Club for its continual interest in the progress of this school, especially for its assistance and encouragement in building up our library.

WE WISH THEM LUCK

Five of our Senior girls will journey to Holyoke Saturday morning, March 8, where they will take an examination for state clerical service.

They will be given problems in arithmetic, filing, English, spelling, and probably a "follow instructions" test.

JUNIOR PRIZE-SPEAKING

The juniors, who will come into their own on the night of March 28, are in the first stages of preparation for their prize-speaking contest. Rehearsals started Wednesday, the 5th, with about thirty people participating. Try-outs will be held Friday, the 14th, when ten will be selected for the final contest.

So, if you meet any junior walking around with a blank look on his face, mumbling inarticulate sounds, don't get the wrong impression concerning his mental status.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GOES DRAMATIC

Six members of the Commercial Club had a chance to show their acting ability Tuesday, February 25, in assembly, when they presented the sketch, " 'To Err is Human'--But."

The sketch showed the trials and tribulations of a business man.

John Fitzgerald took one of the leads, playing the part of Thomas Hamilton, a middle-aged man in the contracting business. Raymond Burdick played the confidential secretary to Hamilton, and Betty Suprenant was the pretty "stenog." Janette Peters very capably portrayed the spoiled fiancée of Stanley, the confidential secretary. Lorraine Carter and Edith Scott were applicants for stenographic positions.

We quote the director, Eleanor Perkins, as saying, "We had a lot of fun doing it and I hope it went over. The cast all cooperated very well."

SANDERSON ACADEMY GAMES CANCELED

The remaining games scheduled with Sanderson Academy have been cancelled at Sanderson's request, due to its participation in the small school tournament and to the lateness of the season.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Each year, as you probably know, Arms is represented in the cheering contest at the Franklin County Fair--and each year, for the last three years, she has held second or third place. With only three schools competing, this does not sound very good for our Alma Mater as a cheering squad.

Here is the pay off!! Why are we always last? Why don't we win?

These are common questions, and the answer is this--there is not sufficient cooperation between the student body and the cheerleaders. This lack of cooperation is due to the fact that some of the members of the student body do not learn the cheers and songs. Also, those who do know them oftentimes don't join in the cheering and may be wandering all over the fair grounds instead of showing their loyalty by at least being in their seats in the grand stand.

Each year we have about two weeks in which to prepare for the contest. In that time we practice about three times. We are then supposed to compete with schools which have prepared their cheers the spring before. If they can get a headstart like that, so can we.

We suggest that as soon as basketball season is over, we have a few practices in the afternoon. During this time the present Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes should learn the new cheers and practice the old ones.

Without any more effort than just being present, we can come in third again this year; so, if by practice we can win, let's practice.

TO THE R. A. F.

"Always outnumbered, never outfought." In the atmosphere of peace and quiet which surrounds us we never stop to think about what is going on "over there." We shrug our shoulders and think "My isn't that terrible, five British fighters lost in channel fight," or something to that effect. To a Britisher that slogan above is something for which he can be proud.

For over a year now the Royal Air Force has taken the brunt of the task of defending the British Isles. Long grueling Channel patrols, convoying, bombing, observing, and countless other tasks have probably never given these gallant fighters a minute's rest. Most of them are but young men and older boys upon which a great portion of this responsibility has been thrown, yet they have heard of no such word as "quit."

Their indomitable spirit and fight is sooner or later bound to make right. Certainly everyone of us should feel proud to know that there is such will and spirit left on this universe. How about it?

THE PERFECT DAY

There is something about the twilight
That comes at the close of day,
As the shadows begin to lengthen,
And we watch the sun's last ray.

It reminds us of departing friends,
As they leave and we say good-bye,
And we feel a bit of sadness,
Though we know not the reason why.

But the sun will return in the morning,
To scatter the darkness away
And bring us the beautiful sunlight--
And the joys of another day.

-- A Sophomore E.F.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AT ARMS

The following graduates and former students are taking advantage of the vocational training course given at the shop under the program for national defense:

Carl Connelly, William Fitzgerald, Robert Lively, Everett McCloud, Kenneth Stetson, Leo Tetreault, Roland Tetreault, Francis Wilder, and Russell Zraunig--Automobile Course.

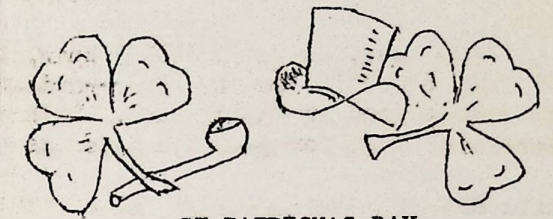
Howard Ballard, Merton Batchelder, Harlow Churchill, Ralph Dickinson, Donald Fairbanks, William Meyers, and Stewart Wetherbee--Electrical Course.

"YAHOODIE"

(Copied from "The Craftsman," issued by the Trade School, Springfield.)

Maybe some of you fellers n' gals have asked this question time and time again, "Just who is this guy "Yahoodie" anyhow?" Well, I have taken a census and I will endeavor, after a long and tedious survey (dictionaries obtainable at the library), to give you his I. Q.

1. Who are his father and mother?
Evaporation.
2. Who is his best friend?
The little man who isn't there.
3. What does his diet consist of?
Sliced doughnut holes and vanishing cream.
4. His occupation?
He shuts out the light when you close the refrigerator door.
5. Closest relative?
The shadow.
6. His favorite drink?
H₂O
7. His favorite color?
Sky blue pink.



ST PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many different ways. Some people attend dances, parties, and carnivals. Gay, green shamrocks brighten many a merchant's windows, and white clay pipes and small, green silk hats decorate tables and lend atmosphere to a festivity.

In some universities, the engineering students have chosen St. Patrick as their patron saint, declaring a holiday for the engineering department on March 17.

It is usual, in the college town where this originated, to see, early in the morning of St. Patrick's Day, small green snakes painted on sidewalks everywhere, but headed toward the engineering building.

Later, there is an elaborate parade led by St. Patrick himself (?) in a long, green velvet robe, followed by the senior engineers in their caps and gowns. When the parade ends on the college campus, these seniors are made Knights of St. Patrick, whose identity is not made known until this time.

These "knights" must, as part of the ceremony, kiss an imitation Blarney Stone, which is then carefully hidden from the eyes of covetous campus rivals so that it may be preserved for use another year.

There is nothing that costs so little and goes so far as courtesy



RESUME OF RECENT BASKETBALL GAMES

BOYS--FIRST TEAM

Deerfield High 39 Arms 31 Home A hard-fought game in which our worthy foes proved the better.
 Smith School 32 Arms 27 Away "Close, but no cigar"--marvelous for both teams.
 Amherst High 29 Arms 23 Home A brilliant game of basketball, both teams can't win.
 Orange High 25 Arms 27 Away

GIRLS--FIRST TEAM

Deerfield High 20 Arms 32 Away Behind in first quarter.
 Turners Falls 19 Arms 12 Away A very clean, hard-fought game!!
 Orange High 17 Arms 19 Away

BOYS--SECOND

Deerfield High 26 Arms 28 Home A rally in the closing minutes wins game
 Smith School 31 Arms 26 Away Our boys had a bad night, consequently were not playing up to par.
 Amherst High 25 Arms 27 Home Victory number seven for the scrubs, with only four losses.
 Orange High 15 Arms 24 Away

GIRLS--SECOND

Deerfield High 11 Arms 9 Away Close game!
 Turners Falls 25 Arms 17 Away
 Orange High 11 Arms 15 Away

UNDER THE FLAG

Arthur Gould, Class of '40, is stationed at the United States Naval Training station in Newport, Rhode Island.

Harold Caron, of Shattuckville, is now at Camp Devens.

Raymond Mayhew, Roy Richardson, and Earl Marsh are also stationed at Devens.

Arthur Seward was called with the National Guard, and is now at Camp Edwards.

Robert Williams is stationed at the air base in Savannah, Georgia. He is with the 90th Bombardment Squadron.

Please keep us informed of facts concerning the graduates and former students of Arms who are helping in the defense program. Our list is still incomplete.

ARMS GIRLS SHUT OUT DEERFIELDERS

The Arms girls got off with a bad start, but gained it back for a 32 to 20 victory. The game was played at Deerfield, with Miss Lynch "reffing." The seconds lost 9 to 11.

High scorers for Arms were, first team, Miss Cress, 13 points; second team, Miss Wetherbee, 4 points.

SHOP NEWS

Several masters of the art of skiing are making ready for next winter by making and repairing their skis.

The auto mechanics are happy over the arrival of another tractor. This noble vehicle, once brilliant pink, was built from a Dodge of disputable age.

Henry Giguere has not signed up for household arts, boys--his interest in the girls' department was in repairing drop-leaves on the sewing tables.