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A WON OF A POW-WOW

About 150 squaws and braves of the "Arms tribe" attended the entertainment sponsored by the F. F. A. and Commercial Club and put on by Miss Inez Barrington, "The Indian Lady", in Science Hall, April 17.

The first part of Miss Barrington's lecture was the relation of interesting incidents of life among the Indians. This was supplemented by beautifully colored pictures which she had taken during the six years spent among various Indian Tribes.

Very amusing were the native Indian dances she taught several volunteers from the audience. There were several squaw dances, but the more laugh-provoking dances were executed by the Indian chiefs and braves with their brilliant feather headresses and bustles which swished very realistically!

SAFETY FIRST

At a special assembly on Tuesday, April 29, a program on safety was presented with Mr. Axel A. Manning, motor vehicle investigator from the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Boston, giving a brief talk on safety in driving.

Officers McLane and O'Keefe accompanied Mr. Manning, and Mr. McLane spoke about using care as pedestrians to walk on the left-hand side of the road, in order to avoid accidents.

Following this, Mr. Manning showed movies entitled: The Land Of The Free, A Chance to Lose, and Horse Sense And Horse Power. These were both instructive and entertaining and were much enjoyed by the students.

The Student board is taking orders for "hard-bound" copies for this year's edition. Those wishing copies are making reservations in Room C today.

HOME DEFENSE

Mr. Harry P. Shaw, head of the National Defense Board in this vicinity, gave an interesting talk in Science Hall on April 15, on "How Youth Can Help in Case of National Emergency."

Mr. Shaw described the conditions which exist in Europe and the United States today and of the possibility of the United States having to fight Hitler alone, if Britain should fall. He stated that as a purely precautionary measure, the leading men of our state thought it wise to organize, in all communities, Voluntary Home Defense Units that could help if the United States ever should be attacked.

He expressed the hope that every boy or girl in this community who possibly can, will sign up for voluntary service of some sort, such as volunteer seaman, civil engineer, auto mechanic, truck driver, tractor driver, or typist on the part of the boys; and accountant, cook, typist, nurse, stenographer, or public entertainer on the part of the girls.

PRO MERITO NEWS

The Arms Chapter of Pro Merito held an induction ceremony in Science Hall on April 18, at which time Peter Ferrari was inducted into the organization. After being instructed as to the aims, requirements, and pledges of the society, he was awarded the gold Pro Merito pin by Robert Haberman, president of the society.

"FLOWER" GIRL

Virginia Oates, our only "farmerette", has been appointed gardener of the Bridge of Flowers by the Shelburne Falls Woman's Club. Her work will be considered as a project and will be under the supervision of Mr. R. Miller.

"Ginger" is the first girl to enroll in the Agricultural Department since its organization 17 years ago.

In Memoriam

Arms Academy is saddened by the tragic death, Friday, April 25, of Donald Brooks, as the result of a fall from a cliff.

Donald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Brooks of Shattuckville, was a member of the sophomore class and was enrolled in the commercial course. He was born in Charlemont and attended grammar school there until his parents moved to Shattuckville.

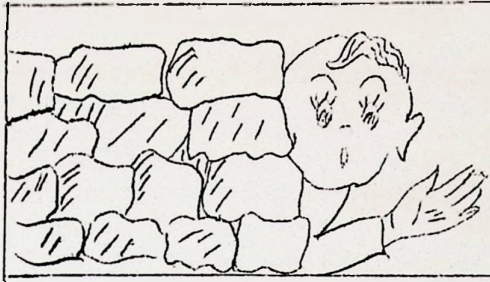
Funeral services were held in Shelburne Falls, Monday, with the burial in Leavitt Cemetery, Charlemont.

A special memorial assembly was held at the opening of school Monday morning. After an appropriate scripture reading, Mr. Watkins quoted Charles Frohman, who lost his life on the Lusitania, as considering death as "life's most beautiful adventure." He spoke of Donald as being a "quiet, unobtrusive, friendly lad" who never gave anyone the least trouble--the kind of lad who makes up the folks who do nine-tenths of the work of this world.

Rev. F. W. Smith, officiating at the services, spoke of Donald's place in the church and the school, with an allusion to the soldierly spirit with which those who mourn his loss must fill the vacant place and carry on--living purely, working quietly and peaceably together.

The faculty and students of Arms Academy extend to Donald's family their sincere sympathy.

Donald Brooks



BEHIND THE WALLS OF ARMS

Howdy, folks! Here we are back at the "old drag" again after a week's vacation, but cheer up! this is the last lap so don't let up on the work. Another season th the traditional "1-2-3 strikes and you're out" has definitely opened at Cricket Field. Here's a gentle reminder.....You'd better polish up on those favorite dance steps because in three weeks the Juniors will sponsor their annual Promenade. If you don't go, you'll miss the time of your life because it promises to be a "hunderinger." As for the yearbook, now you are talking! You boys better start saving your pennies because the sports section has been increased. All material was handed in this week and the written natter has already gone to press. You might be interested to know that the Student will be for sale early in June. Say! How about beginning the practicing of cheers so that we will stand an even chance of being the victors at the Greenfield Fair in the fall? Even though the time will more or less drag between now and June, show some pep because when you stop and think what the reward will be, I'm sure you'll think it's worth the effort.

ALUMNI NEWS

William Buker has made the varsity tennis squad at Bates College. Last year, as a freshman, he saw considerable service.

Mr. Watkins received a post card from Alvin Pratt who is in Brisbane, Australia. This is the message:

"I thought I would drop you a card to let you know that I still remember Arms Academy. David Baker is here with me in Brisbane, Australia. It seemed good to see a friend when one is so far away from home. I didn't think he was within six thousand miles of me. How is everything going?"

Prattie

STUDY HALL NEIGHBORS

Did you ever look around you in the study hall and observe your neighbors? Try it some time!

A few things you will see are: here and there a couple buzzing away to each other; someone earnestly doing a job on a piece of gum; another person sitting and staring into space.

Then there is the library pest and the reading-room bug.

About once every quarter you will see someone mumbling away to himself trying to learn a memory passage.

Once in a while, if you happen to glance around at the right time, it is possible you might see someone who is studying.

It's fun to watch your study hall neighbors. If you find a "rare specie" in your study hall, report it to the editor-in-chief of this paper.

A SOPHOMORE BOY'S IDEA OF AN IDEAL "BIG SISTER".

One whose boy friends let him take his car.

One who has a job and isn't Scotch when you ask her for a little financial help.

One who doesn't try to boss him around.

Wouldn't we all be happy if we had a sister like that?

A FRESHMAN GIRL'S IDEA OF AN IDEAL "BIG BROTHER".

One who doesn't call you "Kid" and "Pest".

One who brings around his good-looking friends.

One who doesn't crab when you ask for a little cash now and then.

One who doesn't mind when you tag along to the beach or show with him.

Wouldn't he be wonderful?

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

Harper Gerry Jr., pitching for the Holy Cross Freshman, hurled a superb game of baseball for a victory over Brown Freshman in Providence, Rhode Island to the tune of 7 to 0, on April 23.

Gerry did not allow a single run or hit while he fanned 16 of Brown's Freshmen.

Harper was graduated from Arms in 1939, and while at Arms he was one of our greatest athletes, pitching his Alma Mater to the Hampshire League title in his Senior Year.

Harp loves to play baseball, practices consistently, and keeps training rules. Because of his calm and diligent effort, Gerry has been able to live up to the expectations of his many friends and followers.

ARMS WINS FIRST TILT

The Arms nine nosed out the Smith School baseball team Wednesday afternoon, at Cricket Field, 7 to 5.

Smith took the lead in the first inning by scoring one run, and at the end of the fifth frame Smith was ahead 3 to 1. Arms came back with 3 runs in the seventh to lead 4 to 3. As the eighth came up, Smith scored 2 runs, but the Arms boys came back to score 3 runs. "Bob" Goodnow held the visitors scoreless in the first of the ninth.

As the game started, we saw Alan Finck on the mound--Robert Goodnow coming in in the eighth; Kenneth McCloud behind the plate; Everett Coutu at the initial sack; Arthur Brown at second; Captain Gerald Shippee at shortstop; Wilfred Coutu playing the hot corner; and Richard Long and Alan Finck coming in the last few innings. William Croton, Phillip Shuida, and Benjamin Francis started in the gardens, with Roland Walden and Peter Ferrari playing in the last couple of innings. "Bob" and "Finckie" did some good pitching.

MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

Doris Tyman, 1939, served on one of the committees in charge of Health Week, held at Bates College where she is a sophomore.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Annually, at the commencement exercises, awards are presented to those students who have been outstanding in various phases of school life. The generosity of organizations and individuals gives to Arms Academy students an unusual opportunity. A list of these follows.

The Washington-Franklin Medal---presented by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for excellence in history.

The Mayhew Prizes--given by the Mayhew Steel Products Company to three people for outstanding work in the shop course, household arts, and excellence in the study of civics and citizenship.

The Joyce Prize--presented by Philip Joyce to the boy who has done the most for the school in athletics.

The Sentinel Prize--for the best article written during the year.

The Juliette Maxam Award--to the Colrain pupil in the Senior or Junior class writing the best historical sketch of Colrain.

The Jennie Walden Award--to the Colrain pupil in the Sophomore or Freshman class writing the best essay on the First Flag Raising on Catamount Hill.

The Hall Prizes--presented by Mrs. S. A. Field to the pupil of each class who leads in scholarship during the year.

The Pratt Prizes--for the boy and the girl who have made the most of their opportunities while in school.

CALENDAR OF COMING BASEBALL GAMES

The following baseball games will be played before the next issue of the Sentinel:

May 2	Amherst HS	Away
May 7	Hopkins Acad.	Home
May 9	Deerfield HS	Home
May 10	Deerfield Acad. JV's	Away
May 14	Smith Acad.	Away