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SIX ATTEND PRO MERITO CONVENTION

On Saturday, October 18, five members of the Arms Pro Merito, namely; Clayton Barry, Josephine Payant, June Herzig, Alice Forgette, and Jeanne Fontaine, accompanied by Mr. Muir, journeyed to Williamstown where they were guests of the northern Berkshire section of the society.

Registration of delegates was followed by a business meeting led by Barbara Smith, president of the Williamstown chapter. She presented Rev. Noble, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, who addressed the group. He introduced the society to the word "odtaa", meaning "one d--- or *o-x?!;#* thing after another."

Sectional meetings in which various problems were discussed were held. Arms was the only school present having a formal induction ceremony.

After lunch the representatives adjourned to the football field where they were spectators.

Schools represented at the convention were Drury, Lee, Bennington, and Williamstown, and Arms Academy.

After the Arms-Williamstown game, the Arms Pro Merito group attended the Williams-Bowdoin game.

Our own district convention will be held Saturday, October 25, at Turners Falls, when a larger representation from Arms will be present.

COME ONE!

COME ALL!

HEAR

"BUD" WAITE'S LECTURE ON THE BYRD
EXPEDITION

Under the Auspices of the

ARMS ACADEMY TRUSTEES

Friday Evening, October 24, 1941

Science Hall

No Admission Charge

"ILE" PRESENTED

On Friday morning, October 17, a group from Miss Burkill's 2nd period English class presented "Ile," by Eugene O'Neill, to the entire school.

The theme of the play was Captain Keeney's desire to bring back a full ship of ile (oil, to you), and his desire to please his wife.

Once more Marion Lively scored with the best of them in the part of Annie, the captain's wife. John Fitzgerald ably played the part of Captain Keeney, supported by such famous people as Earle Lowell, Slocumb, the second mate; James LaPlant, steward; Roswell Miller, Ben; Charles Clark, Joe, a sailor; and Everett Coutu and Alan Fink, sailors.

The play was coached by Joseph Tetreault, assisted by Irma Gould, prompter; Josephine Payant and Evalyn Fitzroy, costumes; Ruth Leavitt and Jean Shaw, properties; Everett Coutu and Alan Finck, stage managers. Betty Lucier and Betty Supernant had charge of make-up; and Clayton Barry publicity.

NOTE: ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE NOW UNDER CONTRACT WITH AASA AND WERE GRACIOUSLY LOANED TO GMB FOR THIS PRODUCTION.

HIKERS ENJOY SCENIC

BEAUTY OF AUTUMN WEATHER

The Commercial Club swung back into routine last Wednesday, when the first regular meeting was held in the form of a hike with the Shelburne Falls Tower as a destination.

THE FRENCH CLUB TAKES TO SEA

The members of "Entre Nous" held its first meeting of the season Wednesday, October 22.

The program, planned by a committee with Lucille Burnap as chairman, was "Visiting the Ports of France" via the French Club's Private Yacht. There was fun on both land and sea, especially at the "Captain's Dinner."

HIGH STANDARDS TO BE RECOGNIZEDHI NEIGHBOR!

With football games; plans for the Senior party, October 30; two four-day school weeks within the same month; and the vision of first-quarter exams in a future that isn't quite so dim as it might be, the days have a way of slipping away from us before we know it.

According to circulating rumors, there is a possibility of a Dramatic Club being organized. In case anyone has talent in this line, he would have a chance to demonstrate it; and also it would be an interesting addition to the assembly program. Moreover, the audience might be educated so that it would know when any action demanded a laugh. Tragedies require serious understanding, not laughter, and the audience certainly didn't show this respect to the cast of "Ile," which was a one-act play given entirely by one of Miss Burkill's Senior English classes. The members of this cast deserve a great deal of credit for their able performance.

Alas! Our boys lost a football game. However, there are still three more to go, and here's hoping we come out on the leading end of all of them. By the meaning of that "snazzy" little "ditty" on the bulletin board, "We won't be beat!"

HALLOWE'EN

The witches and goblins are out on a spree,
And with them come ghosts for the gay jamboree,
The skies become darkened, the streets have no lights,
When all of a sudden, weird sounds fill the night.

Dark figures come and then disappear,
And no one can tell if they're there or here,
"Tis Hallowe'en," cries the leader of all;
"So come and be gay and rejoice in the Fall."

—Erna Francis

Annually, at Commencement, prizes are awarded to students who, during the year, have proved themselves worthy to be the recipients. Public spirited men and women, interested in education in general, and Arms Academy in particular, have made these possible. There follows a list of these and the purpose of each. There is always the possibility, and hope, that others may be added.

Washington-Franklin Medal - presented annually by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Mayhew Prizes - three of five dollars each, presented by the Mayhew Steel Products Company for outstanding work in the shop course; in the household arts course; and in the study and practice of civics and citizenship.

The Joyce Prize - five dollars, presented by Philip Joyce, for the boy who has done the most for his school in athletics and sportsmanship during the year. It is not to be given to the same boy in consecutive years.

The Sentinel Prize, for the best article written during the year—two and one-half dollars.

The Juliette Maxam Award, ten dollars, to the Colrain pupil in the senior or junior class writing the best historical sketch of Colrain.

The Jennie Walden Award, five dollars to the Colrain pupil in the sophomore or freshman class writing the best essay on the First Flag Raising on Cata-munt Hill. (These awards are given by Mr. Carl G. Smith of Boston, formerly of Colrain and Shelburne Falls, in honor of his grandmother and mother.)

The purpose of these awards is to encourage the pupils in Colrain to become familiar with the history of their home town. There may be a change in the subjects this year.

The Hall Prizes, presented by Mrs. S.A. Field in memory of her father, Captain Charles P. Hall, for many years superintendent of our schools. There are four prizes of five dollars each for the pupils who lead their respective classes in scholarship during the year.

The Pratt Prizes. There are two of these, of twenty dollars each, for the boy and girl who have made the most of their opportunities while in school.

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What a year! It's great! What a beginning! Not only has our football team got what it takes, but throughout the school there is a new feeling--a potential spirit waiting to be freed. Already it has begun to show itself. No matter where you go in school you can't miss it---students singing the Alma Mater as they go home at 1:35; students discussing school sports; cheering on their own; asking one another to pay their dues, sometimes offering to pay their dues for them. Surely this is the beginning of a new era, a great period in Arms' history. What has brought about this great change, you ask. The answer is YOU. Each and everyone of you has helped without even knowing it.

An example of your new spirit was shown at the Williamstown game. Although we had to travel over 30 miles to the game, our team had more supporters from its home town than did our opponents' who had the advantage of playing on their home field.

Don't let that spirit die a sudden death--let it blossom and flourish throughout the year and in spite of defeat or victory. Let's prove that Ira Arms did not found this school in vain.

Let's Surprise Ourselves

We have frequently heard about school spirit. What about a little class spirit! Let's make our classes something to look forward to rather than something we dread. Cooperate with the teachers. They are willing to laugh at something humorous; after all, they are only human. Join in with class discussions. It's fun studying and learning when we receive a little enjoyment along with this so-called "hard-labor."

If we have "tough-luck" on a test or an exam, don't let it get us down. There'll be A's, B's, C's, D's, F's; there always are, but don't think so much of what it might have been; think of what it can be and what it will be.

We hear a student say, "There is something else in this world besides books." True, we need association with others, diversions, common sense--but what could we do without some knowledge from books?

The point is, let's make this year successful in scholarship as well as in sports and social activities. Certainly Mr. Watkins wouldn't mind spending a few extra minutes making out the honor list, so let's make it longer that it ever has been before. Let's surprise our parents, our teachers, and ourselves.

---Contributed

ARMS USHERS IN HALLOWE'EN

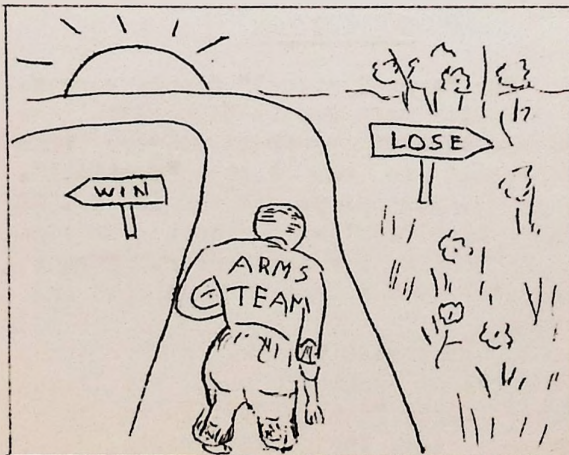
Arms Academy will celebrate Hallowe'en in true festive spirit by attending the Senior Party which will be held Thursday evening, the 30th, in Cowell Gymnasium, as school will be closed Friday to permit the teachers to attend the annual county convention.

A committee composed of the following members of the senior class is in charge of the arrangements for the social: Martha Stone, Virginia Upton, Diane Waste, Calvin Clark, Richard Long, James Graves, and James Dubois.

CORRECTIONS

The "Arms Sentinel" deeply regrets the omission of Joseph Giguere's name from the list of football players that was issued in the last "Sentinel". Joseph Giguere plays end and is No. 26. We hope that "Joe" will accept our sincere apologies for this error. Bernard Emerson's number has been changed from 23 to 6.

We also wish to make a correction in the school schedule that was issued in the first "Sentinel." There is no Lent Recess. The item should read, "Lent Begins."

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