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"WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE"

On Friday, March 13, the assembly committee of the Commercial Club presented a patriotic program on the subject of our flag. First the Star Spangled Banner was sung by the school to put everyone in the right frame of mind. The history of the flag was then given by Virginia Amidon. Next were demonstrations of how to show proper respect to the flag on various occasions. The program ended with a flag salute.

Pupils who participated in the program were as follows: Virginia Amidon, Harold Pyfrom, Marjorie Deveney, Edna Cummings, Catherine Caron, Lois Wilde, Joseph Giguere, and Raymond Burdick.

Other members helping with the assembly program were: Ruth Leavitt, Mary Munsinger, Helen Dobias, and Mildred Bruffee.

MOHAWKS HOLD POTWOW

The meeting of the Mohawk Valley Future Farmers Club was held last Friday, March sixth. It was decided that they would send in another seed order, having already sent in one. Orders will still be accepted from outsiders for at least the next three weeks.

A very interesting program was given by Mr. J. H. Putnam, head of the Franklin County Extension service who showed two films and gave a short talk on soil improvement and other agricultural enterprises.

JUNIOR PRIZE SPEAKING

Announcement of tryouts for the annual Junior Prize Speaking contest was greeted with enthusiasm, about thirty members of the junior class going out for some of the cash awards.

The first elimination contest took place yesterday, March 12, with the finals being held on March 27, with Miss Burkill again doing the coaching.

HONOR SOCIETY TAKES NEW MEMBERS

Four Seniors Made Members

The mid-year Pro Merito induction was held in assembly on Friday, March 6, when Virginia Beader, Virginia Amidon, Evalyn Fitzroy, and Marjorie Mirick were made members. The latter was eligible for membership in June but was absent from school at the time of the ceremony.

The ceremony used was written by former members of the Arms faculty, Principal George Froberger and Miss Marguerite Ellis, and is being used more and more extensively by the Pro Merito chapters throughout the state.

Those taking part in the ceremony were:

Joseph Tetreault	Imperator
Jeanne Fontaine	Ductor
Diane Waste	Scriba
Irma Gould	Scholarship
Janette Peters	Loyalty
Lucille Burnap	Honor
Josephine Payant	Dependability
Alice Forgette	Leadership

Other members are Lois Wilde and Clayton Barry. Helen Shaw and Peter Ferrari, post-graduates, also took part.

In June, there will be an induction of those juniors who have earned their membership by maintaining a high scholastic average, and have evidenced the qualities commensurate with the standards of the Pro Merito Society.

FRENCH CLUB TO "VISIT" PARIS

A really "bang up" affair is going to be held by the French Club sometime in March. Two committees are putting their heads together and are planning to make the fictitious trip to Paris one to be remembered. "Jimmy" Dubois is the general chairman of the committee. At other meetings, imaginary trips were taken to the important seaports of France, with interesting facts concerning these being related by club members.



Russell Delane Chamberlain
Class of 1939

The "last full measure of devotion" that his country might live was given, February 28, 1942, by Yeoman Russell D. Chamberlain, when the destroyer, Jacob Jones, was torpedoed off the New Jersey coast by an enemy submarine.

Russell, one of 87 former students of Arms Academy in the service of our country in this second World war, is the first from Franklin County to be killed in the line of duty. A smiling, happy lad, Russell will be remembered for his quiet efficiency and his willingness to stick to a task until it was completed.

His answer to the Supreme Call may well be a challenge to us to "carry on."

The Debt Unpayable

What have I given,
Bold sailor on the sea,
In earth or heaven,
That you should die for me?

What can I give,
O soldier, loyal and brave,
Long as I live,
To pay the life you gave?

What tithe or part
Can I return to thee,
O stricken heart,
That thou shouldst break for me?

The wind of Death
For you has slain life's flowers,
It withereth
(God grant) all weeds in ours.

F. W. Bourdillon

Loyalty

One of the requirements in the character of students who receive Silver A's is loyalty. Each and everyone of us should realize all the meaning behind this one little word. Let us turn the matter over in our minds and decide if we are standing by our school in the proper way.

As students of Arms Academy, we have a chance to show loyalty in all the school activities in which we participate. Sports of any kind, Sentinel and other school organizations require earnest, loyal, hardworking students.

All those who do not take part in these activities can still show their loyalty by supporting those who are doing their best to make Arms a top-ranking school.

Then, too, we have a chance to show loyalty in the field of scholarship. By this I mean to attend school in a sincere effort to learn, not just to pass the time away. In future years we may need all the knowledge that we now have the opportunity to gain, and all the control of mental faculties which correct habits enable us to acquire.

What about it, Arms students? Is loyalty one of our goals?

Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of editorials suggested by the Student Council in an effort to acquaint the students with the significance of the Silver A's which are awarded by the classes and Student Council at Commencement time each year.

ARMS STUDENTS ASSIST IN HOUSING SURVEY

Solicitation of the residents of Shelburne Falls village for available space and equipment to be used in case Boston and other "dangor" points have to be evacuated was made this week by a corps of high school girls. The canvass was made under the direction of Mr. Buker who is chairman of the Evacuation Committee. A summary of this information will be compiled by the members of the office practice class and submitted to the Massachusetts Council for Public Safety which is working in collaboration with the American Red Cross.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
March 12, 1982

Dear Friend,

Yesterday, I visited my Alma Mater, Arms Academy. How things have changed since I was there last, forty years ago! There are moving stairways now—just imagine that!! The enrolment is now nine hundred—pupils coming from Heath, Halifax, and other suburbs.

There are two more buildings than there were when I was there last. The auditorium is even larger than Memorial Hall.

Instead of our reading room with about 400 books, there is a huge library with several thousand books. Wouldn't that please Miss Flaherty, if she were there, to know that the students had so many good books to read?

As for curriculum—they offer every thing imaginable, including many foreign languages and science, social, physical, and biological. The only teacher who is still there is Mr. Avery, who is now professor of psychology and economics.

Arms Academy is noted for its dramatics, the study of which is done in the ultra-modern auditorium.

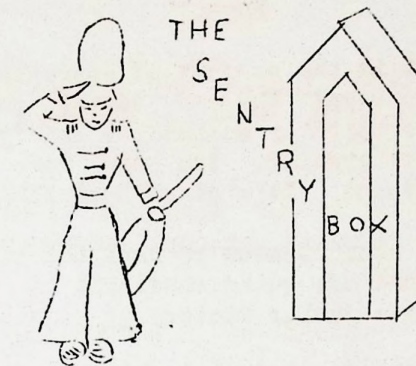
Tommy Muir is principal of Arms Academy. His father, who taught us the difference between a square and a triangle, retired several years ago.

The school paper still has the same title, "The Sentinel," but consists of twelve pages instead of four, and is run off by the shop boys in the print shop which is a feature of vocational work.

And last but not least, there is a very efficient system of signals instead of bells, which, as you will remember never seemed to ring no matter how much we concentrated on the clock.

One thing remains the same at my Alma Mater, however, the same friendly atmosphere and good school spirit still exist.

Sincerely yours,
Anne Alumna



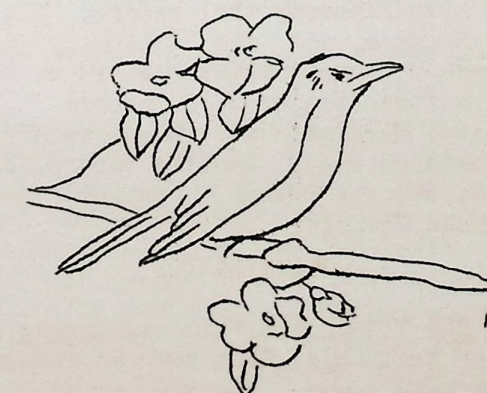
Anybody who says that the month of March isn't a busy one certainly doesn't attend Arms Academy, what with class basketball, prize speaking, and the year book to prepare, besides plenty of homework.

According to speculations, class basketball promises to be a competitive event—at least as far as the girls' games go. We haven't heard too much about the boys'. As usual, they "ain't talkin'," but just watch 'em play! Oh, Boy!!!

If any of the student body happens to notice a Junior member murmuring queer sounds and making faces, give him the benefit of the doubt. He isn't ready for Northampton yet—Oh, no! He's just rehearsing for Junior Prize Speaking.

From all accounts, Mr. Nadeau's bus-trip to M. S. C. last Friday "nite" was a huge success. That was one night when Pa's tires didn't catch it!

Well, the basketball season has come to and end once again, so now there will be a lull in homework. What do you think???



First Day of Spring March 21

ARMS GIVES AMHERST SCARE

Surprising almost everyone except themselves, the fast-breaking Arms team chalked up 26 points against the undefeated Amherst five. Close for at least three quarters, Arms gave Amherst a good scare.

In the final quarter, however, the Amherst team shot enough baskets to give them a safe margin--35 to 26.

Unable to cope with their opponents, the Arms second team also lost.

SMITH OVERCOMES ARMS
IN SURPRISE VICTORY

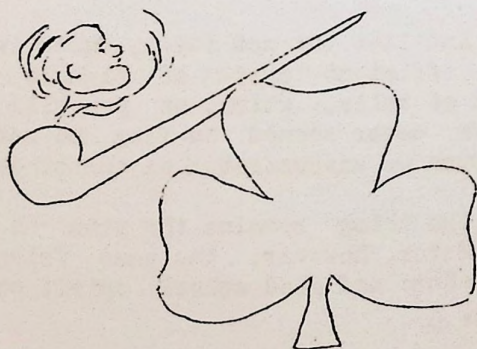
In the next to the last home game, played with Smith Arms succeeded in gaining a seemingly safe lead on its opponents. Then something happened. Nearing the time for the final whistle, the score began to reverse, with Smith creeping ahead by 2's. The disgruntled Arms team failed to regain ground, and the final score was: Arms 28- Smith 31.

FINAL GAME SEES VICTORY

Through the season, the Arms team has shown a decided improvement, and thus redeemed themselves with a 31-27 victory over Orange High.

Gaining most of their points in the odd quarters, Arms led at the half by only one point. The third quarter gave them a safe lead.

Almost deafened by the tremendous roar of the excited spectators, the teams remained in a dead-lock for the last 4 minutes. The final whistle left the Orange five exactly four points behind, the score being 31-27.



St. Patrick's Day

March 17

CLASS BASKETBALL TO THE FORE

Boys

What is the subject of conversation among the boys? Why are certain junior and senior boys or sophomores and freshmen always arguing. You may have already guessed. It's class basketball.

The seniors seem to have the stronger team and are quite confident of victory, but a junior victory is possible.

In the two lower classes, most of the players are inexperienced, so it is hard to predict how they will work out, but the seniors, of course, expect that the teams will finish in the same order--seniors down to freshmen.

On the bulletin board will be found a schedule of the games.

Girls

The girls' class teams have been showing up twice a week for practice, and Tuesday brought out a strong freshman team to win over the seniors 20-13.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 6-6, the freshmen making the first basket; 10-6, second quarter, the freshmen still ahead; 12-7, third quarter, freshmen leading.

At one time in the last quarter, the seniors brought the score up to within one point; but baskets by Lee and Canedy gave the lead to the freshmen. Elaine Martin scored the most points.

Winners of the class team contests will play the senior varsity for the final girls' basketball game of the year.

Miss Flaherty will referee the official games, and the following girls, who are very much interested in so doing, will referee the practice games: Lila Lawless, Virginia Oates, Marjorie Mirick, Marjorie Deveney, Lucille Burnap, Doris Mills, Dolores Putnam, Virginia Upton, and Ruth Nichols.

A COMPLIMENT

The Wilmington, Vermont, Mirror says of the Sentinel: "You have an interesting little paper, clearly printed, and well arranged. Your articles are all good, especially 'Hi, Neighbor.'" (This is now "The Sentry Box.")