

Merito Society

STUDENT ASSOCIATION BENEFITS ALL

A.A.S.A.--It looks like a tongue twister, but what it means is very far from something to twist your tongue over. It stands for "Arms Academy Student Association," the organization which does a great deal for each and everyone of us. It is the A.A.S.A. which pays for the dramatics, the all-important Freshman reception, all of the equipment used in our sports. It is not a matter of whether or not we want to pay our dues, it is rather that we should all feel it is part of our school life to pay them. This money, which we contribute, does things for the school which we all appreciate.

Yes, A.A.S.A. means much more than mere initials----it is the sum total of our combined interest, enthusiasm, and loyalty--it is an association of students planning and operating for the benefit of us as students. --Mathalie Lunardi

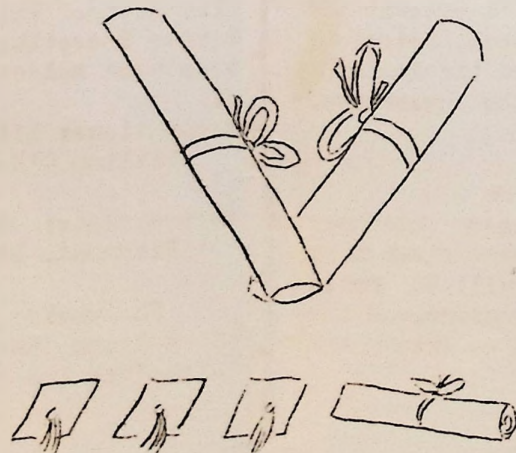
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The members of the Arms chapter of Future Farmers of America have shown much interest in their organization. --Virginia Oates

Arms is proud of the fact that so many of her former students and teachers are serving in the armed forces. The Army boasts of 78; the Navy, 40; the Marines, 3; and there is 1 in the Coast Guard.



A PLACE FOR STUDENTS IN THE WAR EFFORT

This year, more than any other year since 1918, there is an acute labor shortage prevailing throughout the country. The farmer, being asked to produce more and more products and being faced with this great labor problem, must depend upon other than skilled and trained men. He will depend on students to help out where they are most needed.

High school boys and girls can fill in many of the gaps in farm labor. They can drive farm machinery, work in the hay field, and orchards. The students might have to learn how to do the work but they will find it exciting and fun. Contrast the novelty and variety in a day's work on a farm with the monotony of the eight-hour shift in the factory.

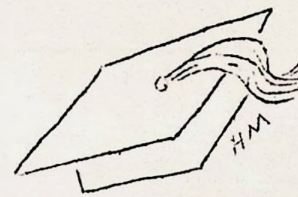
The importance of a farm program was so manifest in Germany that a dictator's order forced the farmer to work a straight seven-day week to produce more and more food greatly needed by the Rhineland.

Because the importance of the farmer is sometimes overshadowed by the more spectacular production tanks and flying fortresses, he is by no means unpopular. Think of what a food shortage would occur if the great American agricultural system was unable to feed twenty-two million Americans and millions of foreign people.

The farmers must have the help of boys and girls who wish to be patriotic and do healthful work. Although the boys and girls may not become heroes, they will be helping their country in its gigantic war effort.

--David J. Giard

The spirit behind the boys at the battle front depends upon our willingness to fulfill the necessary tasks at home. These tasks, though small, are extremely important cogs in machinery of war.



Vocational Pictures

Twenty-two years ago, the State Department of Massachusetts started, as an experiment, an agricultural course at Arms Academy. This experiment was made to determine whether or not a small highschool could carry the responsibility of such a worthy cause.

It proved successful, and the boys and girls who have taken the course have proved that they were interested enough to make this course one worthy to have a permanent place in the high school schedule.

About five years ago, Arms Academy was again picked by the State Department as an experimental station. This time it was for the purpose of seeing whether or not a shop course could be carried out successfully in conjunction with other regular highschool courses.

This course has not only been beneficial to boys taking the shop course, but to boys taking agriculture, since they learn how to repair farm machinery.

The pictures being taken of pupils in these courses, including the Household Arts department show what the pupils do and how satisfactorily courses have worked out.

SHOP NEWS

Well boys and girls, the shop boys are off again. They have just completed forty more model planes which will be sent out sometime this week. The model planes have been on display in the window of the former shoe store.

Mr. Rolfe helped to ship the last twenty model planes sometime last week.

MISS STREETER ABSENT

Miss Hazel Streeter, the very efficient school secretary, has been absent now for about a week, having recently undergone an appendectomy. We hope she will soon be able to return.

Mrs. Walter Loomis is taking several of Miss Outhouse's classes during the first half of the day to relieve her for office work, while Josephine Payant, one of our senior commercial students, is substituting during the last half of the day.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Tickets for Graduation will be issued in the following order:

1. (Members of the Graduating Class. No tickets--caps and gowns admit)
2. Members of the three school committees--2 to each.
3. Members of the Arms Academy Trustees--2 to each.
4. Members of Faculty Superintendent of Schools Former Supt. of Schools.
5. Official guests, including donors of gifts.
6. Families of graduating class
7. Employed staff--2 each
8. Reporters--2 each
9. Members of student body who request tickets--1 each
10. Members of Alumni--1 each upon written request as long as they last.
11. If there are any seats after these people have been cared for, friends of the school may be admitted in order of application.



Sugar in your cup
Shows you up!

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES

Arms Academy - 1942

June 11, 12, 15, 16, Thurs., Fri., Mon., and Tues. - Final Examinations (Seniors begin Thursday, others Friday)

June 13 - Saturday Afternoon, 3:00 - Alumni Baseball Game

June 17 - Wednesday Morning, 8:30 - Senior Assembly
- Final Schedule of Classes; text books returned

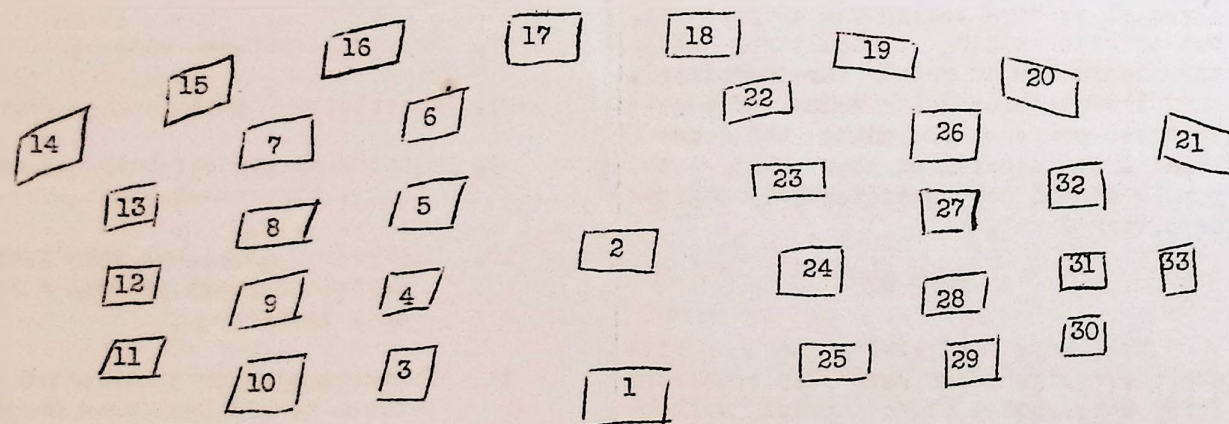
June 18 - Thursday Morning, 9:00 - Class Day Exercises
Thursday Evening, 5:30 - Senior Banquet
Thursday Evening, 8:00 - Graduation

June 19 - Friday Morning, 9:00-11:00 - Senior Report cards issued
Friday Evening, 8:00 - Senior Reception

June 20 - Saturday Evening, 8:30 - Alumni Dance

June 22 - Monday Morning, 9:00-11:00 - Undergraduates Report cards issued

Parents, alumni, and the general public are invited to the Senior Assembly, Class Day exercises, the Graduation exercises, and the Senior Reception; also to the Alumni affairs. Admission to the Graduation exercises and the Senior Reception is by ticket only; no tickets are required for the other exercises.



WHO'S WHO IN THE ARMS ORCHESTRA

No.	Name	Instrument	No.	Name	Instrument
1.	Colin Richmond	Conductor	17.	Alice Donelson	Horn
2.	Jean Peck	Cello	18.	Marjorie Richmond	Horn
3.	Gladys Geiger	Violin	19.	Margaret Peck	Slide Trombone
4.	Betty Warner	Violin	20.	Jack Fontaine	Slide Trombone
5.	Mary Dole	Violin	21.	Kenneth Herzig	Slide Trombone
6.	Gertrude Peck	Violin	22.	Eleanor Goodnow	Trumpet
7.	Polly Coombs	Clarinet	23.	Kathleen Dole	Trumpet
8.	Mary Avery	Clarinet	24.	Jean Davenport	Trumpet
9.	Jeanne Fontaine	Clarinet	25.	Mark Purinton	Trumpet
10.	Donald Ballard	Clarinet	26.	William Dobias	Trumpet
11.	Frank Dewey	Clarinet	27.	Eleanor Mockler	Trumpet
12.	Lucille Coombs	Clarinet	28.	Winthrop Anderson	Trumpet
13.	Beverly Ward	Clarinet	29.	Marjorie Mirick	Bass Drum
14.	Roy Parker	Ten Saxophone	30.	Edward Bardwell	Snare Drum
15.	Robert Coombs	E ^b Saxophone	31.	Lois Wetherbee	Snare Drum
16.	Helen Dobias	Horn	32.	Helen Peck	Piano

IT WASN'T THAT WAY IN MY DAY

I was talking with my nephew yesterday. He is 16 years old and a Senior in high school. The conversation shocked me so much that I had to set it down in paper for posterity. It all started with the simple question. "Tell me, Ted, how's school?" What he told me follows in detail.

"Gee, Uncle Joe, it sure is swell. Today they put on the Shakespearian play, 'Hamlet.' It went over great. You see, it was held in the new auditorium. That was the first time they really put our revolving stage to work. This production was an experiment. Students from Greenfield, Turners, and Deerfield took part. We had the try-outs at Deerfield, but to our surprise, the leading parts were given to students in our school. But you can easily understand why the leading roles were taken by 'kids' in our school. The daughter of a former English teacher, who inherited much talent from her mother, is coach of the new dramatic course.

"After the play, the principal declared a two-hour recess so that the boys and girls could get acquainted with the 'kids' visiting from other schools."

Somewhat or other, this anonymous article found its way to Miss Stewart's desk, whether by mistake or for a purpose. We used it, anyway, veering from our usual policy of publishing no articles without signatures.

PICTURE SALE

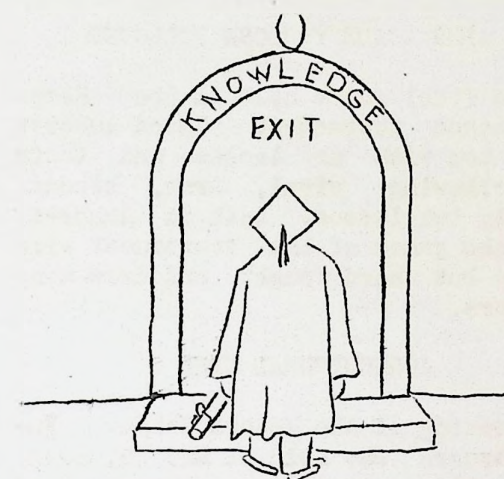
The group pictures that were taken for the "Arms Student", and that have been posted on the main room bulletin board for display, are on sale, and you may purchase them by giving your order to the Editor-in-Chief or the advisers of the year book, along with your ready cash.

CONTEST WINNER

The winner of the recent "Embarrassing Moment" contest is Barbara Fitzgibbons, who will receive her prize, a copy of the Arms Student.

CAROL McQUADE HEADS COUNCIL

Carol McQuade, a senior at the Lowell State Teachers' College, has been elected President of the Student Council.



Alas! Alas! the time is quickly drawing near when our present senior class members will receive their diplomas and become alumni of Arms. Perhaps many of them will be glad, but I imagine that at one time or another in their lives they will wish they were back again. However, that is a pro-and-con matter, and we will let time take care of the results.

One thing is certain--final exams must be endured before we can even think of vacation. Let that be a word to the wise!

Due to Mr. Ashworth's painstaking efforts, the group pictures are exceptionally good, even though some of the students are getting a good laugh out of them.

I think Mr. Merrill should be proud of his first year at Arms, especially in baseball--after all we lost two games, only. Perhaps the alumni will back out before the game even starts!

Incidentally, this is the last time I shall have to write this column this year, and I hope the paper shortage won't be so severe that I won't be able to write any more.

Good Luck, Seniors--You'll need it!



ARMS TAKES THREE OUT OF LAST FOUR BALL GAMES

Arms Defeated by Amherst

The Arms baseball players met with their second and last defeat, when they journeyed down to Amherst, May 25. The Amherst sluggers were missing five of their first-string players, but they were still nine strong. Much of the glory was given to the remarkable playing of the Amherst third baseman who executed two unassisted double plays. The final score left Arms behind by five runs, the score being, Amherst 6, Arms 1.

The last three games on the Arms schedule were all glorious victories--Deerfield, Smith School, and Smith Academy.

Arms vs Deerfield

The Deerfield team, as visitors, in spite of the handicap of several missing players, gave the confident Arms team some stiff opposition. The consistent hitting of the home team finally proved too much for the Riel-men who were able to chalk up only two runs, while the Merrill-men were raising their total to eight. Finck was the winning pitcher.

Arms vs Smith School

The next to last game was on the home field of Smith School. Neither side was able to smash the ball out of the lot and consequently both pitchers lasted the whole game. The runs for the visitors came slowly but steadily until they had reached six. Several good catches were made by the fielders who played in the center left field road and hay. Nine hits were made against the Smith twirler. The final score left Smith with a lonely 1 run to Arms' 6. Long was the winning pitcher.

Arms vs Smith Academy

The final game, once rained out, was played with Smith Academy. There were almost two distinct games in one. Until the seventh inning, the score was tied--1 to 1. but then the Merrill-men started to play ball. With a barrage of 4 consecutive hits and a total of 6 for the inning, the score was changed to 5-1 in Arms' favor. In the final inning the visitors raised their total to 9 and allowed Smith but 1 more run, Finck being the winning pitcher.

AMHERST WINS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

ARMS ACADEMY CLOSE FOLLOWER

The final games held in the Hampshire League tournament placed Amherst at the top with no losses and their close-following rival, Arms, second, with only two losses, both to Amherst. All of the games of the tournament were friendly but hard fought and drew many spectators.

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LICKETY-SPLIT

Commercial students are stepping up their speeds. Recent "climbers" are: Ruth O'Leary, who passed the 100-word dictation test and Joseph Giguere, Lois Wilde and Helen Dobias, the 60-word.

Speeds attained in typing were: Joseph Tetreault, 62 words a minute (the highest rate so far, though there is some competition); Virginia Beader and Raymond Burdick, 50 words; Jean Shaw, 42, and Shirley King, 32. The following are from the beginners' typing groups: Dorothy Deware with 40 words, Lawson Whitney, 39, Jack Fontaine, 32, and Anne Messer, 30.

HEATH, HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS

At a meeting of the Shelburne Grange, June 3, Donald Smith told some interesting facts about his home town. One of particular interest was that out of 44 men from there who served in the Revolutionary War, 11 became officers--a fine indication of the caliber of the inhabitants.

