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## JUNIOR PRIZE SPEAKING

## ALUMNAE NEWS

On Friday night April 16, at 8 o'clock in the science hall the Juniors held their annual prize speaking contest. Ten members were chosen to take part. The names of the selections, the authors, and the pupils are as follows:

"To My Lost Husband"	Mary Avery
"The Waltz"	Kathleen Dole
"Wake Up America"	Barbara Fitzgibbons
"The Little Hours"	Donald Finck
"Rebecca"	Virginia Crafts
"Lady With a Lamp"	Nathalie Lunardi
"The Last Leaf"	Betty Warner
"The Jukes Family"	Jean Davenport
"Assigned Theme"	Horace York
"The Snow Goose"	Anne Messer

The Judges found it hard to decide who the winners should be, but their final decision was as follows: Virginia Crafts took first place; Anne Messer, second; Jean Davenport, third; and Mary Avery, honorable mention.

The judges were Rev. Walter G. Couch of Ashfield, Mrs. Guy W. Downer and Mr. William Hunter, both of Shelburne Falls.

Miss Parvanian and Miss Kyles were each presented a gift from the contestants in appreciation for their untiring effort to make the contest a success.

The Arms Orchestra played several selections during the evening.

All together, the Junior Prize Speaking Contest was a success, even though the weather was stormy.

### STUDENT GOES TO PRESS

In spite of bad weather the final pictures were taken Tuesday for the Student. The deadline for all material is May 8. The Student Board has worked hard to make this book a success.

Two distinctions have come to one of our alumnae. Miss Olive M. Ware, '40, a junior at Smith College has just been awarded a prize of \$100 for obtaining the highest rank in a competitive examination in Greek. Miss Ware has carried this subject partly in regular courses and partly in outside work by herself as part of a foundation for training in English literature.

Also, she has been elected to membership in the Clef Society, one of the oldest and strongest college musical organizations in the country. Piano is her specialty.

While at Arms Miss Ware was a member of the Pro Merito Society, Editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff, a member of the Varsity basketball team; also, she won her Junior Prize Speaking Contest and took part in the senior class play.

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Five of our alumnae are now in the women's branches of the armed services or will be within a short time: In the WAVES: Catherine A. Burnham, '27; Carolyn Caswell, '30; Antoinette Burnham, '33; In the Marines: Sylvia C. Downer, '36; In the WAACS: June M. Gray, '39.

### FORMER TEACHER GOES MILITARY

Word has just been received that Miss Gracia M. Burkill, whom nearly all of us remember, has been accepted in the WAACS and will be called into active service later this month.

Miss Burkill came to Arms in November, 1936, as a teacher of history and English. Later she became head of the English department, a position which she held until last June when she resigned to go to Melrose High School. Miss Burkill was for three years in charge of dramatics and for the last two years was advisor of the senior class.

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## FLASH!!!

An exciting event is again taking place as usual this coming May 21. The Junior Prom! The first formal dance of the year—the Junior's dance.

Plans for this affair have been gotten under way in grand style. The committees have been very busy arranging everything for your good time.

The girls will be expected to wear their most exquisite evening gowns and the boys will certainly cut smart figures in their best suits.

Everyone will dance to the tunes of that top-notch orchestra, the Rhythm Makers.

Remember your manners, one and all, and help the Juniors make this the best dance ever.

## CAMERA CLUB

The first meeting of the Arms Camera Club took place Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 in Room 10 and 14. The officers were decided on as follows:

Robert Wilson President  
Jack Fontaine Vice-President  
George Needham Treasurer

Dues were decided on and a hike with all members bringing rolls of film and their cameras was planned for next Tuesday.

The meetings will take place on Tuesday afternoon every other week.

## EASTER PROGRAM

On Friday, April 30, 1943 an original Easter assembly was conducted by Horace York. The program was opened by York playing an organ solo and this was followed by the vocal group singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," Kathleen Dole next sang a solo and was accompanied by Miss Gross at the piano. Following the chorus, which sang "Easter Song of Praise," a duet was sung by Anne Messer and Jean Davenport—Miss Keyes playing the piano. "The Holy City" was played by Horace York after which Margaret Peck sang "What Would You Do." The very effective program was closed with everyone singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

## THE MOST DISTANT TRIP I'VE MADE

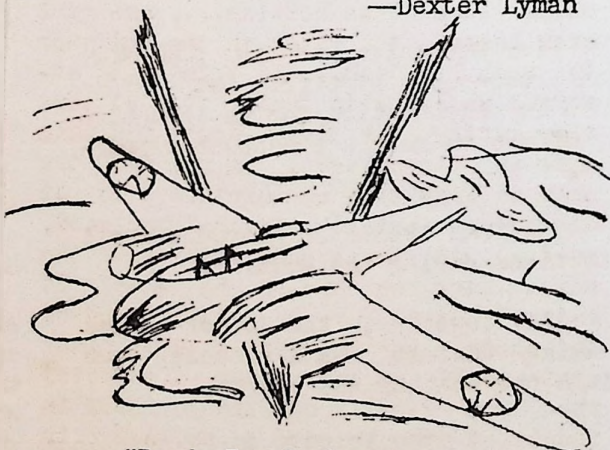
I'm a little ashamed to admit it, but the farthest from home I've ever been, is to Lewiston, Maine.

The first part of the trip was O.K. because there was plenty of beautified Massachusetts countryside to look at, but pretty soon we passed in to Vermont which wasn't bad either, but when we blew into Maine, I thought I'd surely die. What a bay! What scenery! What a state and above all what people! It was so bad that we went straight out to the sea coast where we wouldn't have to look at the horrifying sights, because the ocean is the same everywhere.

Well that helped our eyes, but even though we did have the newest and best springs and cushions; I thought sure I'd bound right through the roof every time we hit one of their mole-hills. That trip is one I'll never forget. And on the way back! They don't think the standard size railroad is good enough for them so they have invented a railroad, with tracks so close together that a snake can't crawl between them. Boy was I glad when we got out of that state and back to civilized country.

And to top it off I have just found out what it means when a person says that the devil will come and take you down. It means down to Maine.

—Dexter Lyman



"Bonds For Bombers"

## Modern Verse

Mary had a little lamb—  
Observe the tense, we pray—  
For with the rationing of meat,  
She has no lamb today.

The Balance Sheet

## "QUOTES AND QUIPS"

"In the spring  
a young man's  
fancy,  
Lightly turns to  
to thoughts of  
love."



## STRAY BITS

At last (and this moron hopes that this isn't said too soon) spring is here ... that sounds foolish when snowflakes and rain still float and fall, but after all, it is the 7th of May, which should signify something...note to the feminine students: the Junior Prom is the 21st of this month; this is to give you fair warning about finding a fashionable, exclusive gown to look your prettiest in.....better still, you seamstresses might think about making your "formal" out of a shower-curtain in case it rains! cross your fingers.....and right about here, the students would like to tell those who took part in the Easter program that they did a grand job, and their harmonious singing was enjoyed roughly.....the Main room presented quite a domestic scene the other morning....even the boys rolled up their shirt sleeves and scrubbed their own furniture.....as a result the desks shine like glass bottles....one girl even heated the water on the radiator to wash her desk...and this is to everyone who sits in Main room at some time during the day—don't you dare mark on those desks! if you feel the urge to draw some masterpiece, do it on paper instead of varnished wood, yes!.....it seems that every year the class pictures are to be taken, it rains, but be sure to grin from cheek to cheek, ear to ear, back to back (this could go on forever, I suppose) when you finally do find yourself in front of the lenses....Mr. Ashworth certainly gives his hat a work-out when he takes the photos: that same hat has "bit the dust" more than once. Cheer up! school is going to be over in a little more than a month...take a deep breath and shout "Amen!"...one last reminder—smile more often, every one of you, and notice the difference.

"For mine own part it was Greek to me."  
(French exam)  
".....sometimes from her eyes  
I did receive fair speechless messages."  
(With spring here you're apt to.)  
"He thinks too much! such men are dangerous."  
(I don't believe it)  
"The quality of mercy is not strain'd"  
(no, just squeezed)  
"A kinder gentle man treads not the earth."  
(Old man spring)  
"Immortal Love, forever full,  
Forever flowing free."  
(mushy mush!)  
".....an infinite deal of nothing."  
(space between the ears)  
"I saw a man."  
(tell me where)  
"The little toy dog is covered with dust."  
(case for the Household Arts.)  
"I saw a man pursuing the horizon."  
(used to be pink elephants)  
"Traveling is a fool's paradise"  
(something new—must be)  
"Here are a few of the unpleasant'st words  
That ever blotted paper."  
(need I say more)  
"Give thy thoughts no tongue."  
(Sounds like Chemistry class)  
"What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine."  
(Impossible)  
"Masters, spread yourself."  
(How? no meat.)  
"Though this be madness, yet there's reason in it."  
(rationing)  
"Man delights me not; no, nor woman either!"  
(doubtlessly, a moron)  
"Are you good men and true?"  
(quiet—isn't it?)  
"This was the most unkindest cut of all."  
(tuberculosis test)  
"I like men."  
(who doesn't)  
"His very foot has music in it  
As he comes up the stairs."  
(that isn't the way we hear it)  
"Brother, brother, we are both in the wrong."  
(History debate)  
"Tis woman that seduces all mankind"  
(they don't seem to mind)

## SILVER "A"

During these last few weeks of school everyone seems to be acting their very best. Why? Well, you've guessed it. It's the Silver "A", awarded to the pupils, not for scholarship but for loyalty, attitude, character, disposition and cooperation.

The pupils receive these pins at the very last assembly given by the Seniors the day before commencement. No one knows, except the committees of the different classes, who the lucky persons chosen for the Silver "A"'s are to be.

The judges for the Silver "A" this year are as follows: Seniors: Mrs. Greene, James Delaney, Gloria Lunardi, Mr. Muir, Kenneth McCloud. Juniors: Miss Melnick, Anne Messer, James Galipo, Mark Purinton, Mr. Eude, Kathleen Dole, Roy Parker. Sophomores: Miss Chase, Marie Shippee, Russell Tognarelli, Winthrop Anderson, Mr. Tufts. Freshmen: Mrs. Halley, Robert Delaney, Betty Cardwell, Robert Johnson, Mr. Miller.

## GIRLS' TOURNAMENT

The winners of the A Tournament, Part 1, were the girls on Ruth Nichols' team. Lila Lawless' team took second place and they won 2 games and lost 1 game. In Part 2, Ruth Nichols' team suffered no losses at all. The girls on this team are Ruth Nichols, Helen Suprenant, Jeanne Peck, Marjorie Richmond, Polly Coombs, Bernice Chamberlain, Betty Cardwell, and Irene Houch. Congratulations!

The B Tournament was won by Helen Peck's team. They played five games, won 4 and tied 1. Members of this team are Janet Ball, Barbara Fitzgibbons, Marguerite Messer, Jane Peltier, Eleanor Thompson, and Betty Warner. Dorothy Deware's team took second place by winning 3 games, losing 1 and tying 1. Third place went to Dolores Putman's team. They won 2 games and lost 3.

Refereeing and umpiring was done by Dolores Putman, Ruth Nichols, Virginia Crafts, Marjorie Deveney, Marie LaPlant, and Alice Brown. Many thanks to the student coaches, and student officers for their good work. Hats off to you, Dolores Putman, for your excellent work in refereeing.

## INFORMATION, PLEASE

Miss Eunice Avery, a regular visitor to Shelburne Falls for several years, spoke Monday night, April 26 in the Baptist Church vestry. Her subject was "The World in War Time."

She pointed out in her speech that this war is not fought on a flat map of the world, which you find in most books, but a global map. On this latter map the half-way mark between California and Japan is not Midway, but Howland, a small island below Midway.

The world today is so integrated on a global map that a person is able to go anywhere in the world in a few hours and hear anyone speak half-way around the world in a few minutes.

Most of her talk centered on four countries of Europe, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, and Norway and their position in the war.

Spain is a neutral country governed by Franco. Both the Allies and the Nazis want Spain to stay neutral because she is an advantage to both sides. Italy is divided; her peasants hate Hitler but cannot oppose their stronger leaders, the anti-Nazis or they will be abolished. The Netherlands are under German rule but they will not leave their beloved land, nor will they turn against their queen whom the Nazis ridicule and mock. Norway has been taken by the Germans also but not one faithful Norwiegian will cooperate with their captors. Even the school teachers, when asked by the Germans to teach the Gestapo rule to the children, disobey and teach only the pledge of the Norwiegians.

Miss Avery is a remarkable speaker, well-informed about everything. She has spoken all over the United States about her tours around the world. Her speech Monday night was dotted with humorous incidents which had happened in these countries. A bit of advice that she gave to us and I pass it on to you-----"Keep your temper, no one else wants it." Also "The one who laughs last lasts."

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