

# The Sentinel

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## ARMS STUDENTS TAKE NAVY PHYSICALS

On May 9, 1943, four Arms students, braving the mobs and multitudes, started on their historical trip to Boston. Defying all hardships and laws of nature, Robert Coombs, Howard Binder, Phillip Smith, and William Dobias taught the Bostonians how the really socially elite carry on.

For instance, sleeping on railroad waiting-room benches is sometimes frowned upon by the upper crust. Our voyagers showed the Bostonians that besides being practical, this practice had its good points(?).

Also, our travelers taught the Bostonians that they expect service when they use the telephone. Talking about knowing Boston, Bill Dobias was asked by a woman to park her car for her. Maybe it was because he is so intelligent looking.

The boys saw some of the old relics, including the Old South Church, learned new ways to use pennies, and saw what they termed "the spice of life". One day, so the boys tell us, they took in six movies. I wonder if Coombs stayed awake through them all. At least everyone says he slept a good part of the time.

Maybe black-outs are dull in Shelburne Falls, but the dim-outs of Boston were certainly enjoyed by the boys.

The real purpose of this mission was so the boys could take their physical exams for the Navy. Those who passed the Army-Navy mental tests were Robert Coombs, William Dobias, Howard Binder, Phillip Smith, James Delaney, and Mark Burnham for the Navy and Jacobus Lankhorst, Herbert Purington, and Charles Purington for the Army.

These are all the people that have been notified of their passing. More will probably be notified in the future.

## CLASS DAY PRIZES

1. WASHINGTON-FRANKLIN MEDAL --- Presented annually by the Massachusetts Society of The Sons of The American Revolution for excellence in the study of constitutional history.
2. THE MAYHEW PRIZES --- three of five dollars each, presented by the Mayhew Steel Products Company  
For outstanding work in the new shop course (for purchase of tools)  
  
For excellence in the study and practice of Household Arts  
  
For excellence in the study of civics and citizenship
3. 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, but with the stipulation that it shall not be awarded to the same boy in consecutive years
4. THE "SENTINEL" PRIZE---For the best article written during the year for the school paper, two and one-half dollars.
5. THE FRANK E. CHAPMAN PRIZE---Given by the Shelburne Falls Kiwanis Club in recognition of Mr. Chapman's interest in schools, in music, and in the Kiwanis organization. To be awarded to the pupil who has shown the most improvement in music during the school year.
6. THE HALL PRIZES---Presented by Mrs. F. P. Davison 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.
7. THE PRATT PRIZES --- Two, of twenty dollars each. Established by the late Francis Pratt, for the boy and girl who have made the most of their opportunities while in school.

MRS. WARE SPEAKS

In an assembly held on Friday May 7, 1943, Mrs. Merritt Ware spoke to the teachers and pupils of Arms Academy about nursing. She told us the history of nursing from its early stages to modern times. Mrs. Ware very clearly pointed out the necessity of having more girls take up nursing as a life occupation. For any of the girls who were interested, she agreed to come back Monday, May 10, and answer any questions, which they might wish to ask.

There were three other nurses who accompanied Mrs. Ware. Mrs. Ware introduced them as Mrs. Arthur Eldridge, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Adler.



ARMY NURSE

corps

OUR MARINE

In the assembly on May 11, Platoon Sergeant Wallace McCloud, known to some as Wally, told us of his Marine life.

Wally was graduated from Arms in 1938 after serving as football captain and president of his Senior Class. He was also a winner of the Pratt Prize.

Enlisting in the Marines in October of 1940, he received his "boot" training while at Parris Island. From there he went to Washington, where he stayed for over a year. He was transferred to New River, North Carolina, where he is now an instructor.

His one great desire is to return home to the farm and we know he will.

SENIOR WEEK ACTIVITIES

June 17-28, 1943

Arms Academy

June 17, 18, 21, 22, (Thurs., Fri-Mon., and Tues.) -Final Examinations (Seniors begin Thursday, others Friday)

June 23 -Wednesday Morning, 8:30 - Senior Assembly

Final Schedule of Classes; text books returned

June 24 -Thursday Morning, 9:00 - Class Day Exercises

Thursday Evening, 5:30 - Senior Banquet

Thursday Evening, 8:00 - Graduation

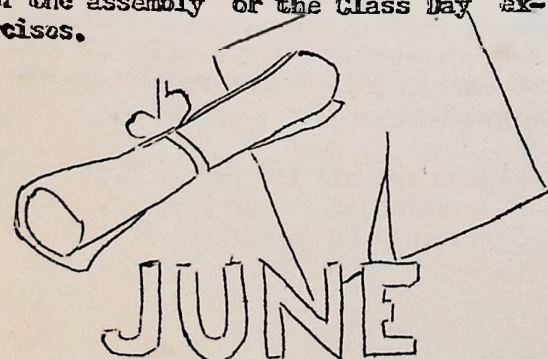
June 25 -Friday Morning, 9:00-11:00 Senior Report Cards issued

Friday Evening, 8:00 - Senior Reception

June 26 -Saturday Evening, 8:30 - Alumni Dance

June 28 -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. Because of the limited number of seats and the large number who wish to attend, admission to the Graduation, exercises and the Senior Reception is by ticket only. No tickets are required for the assembly or the Class Day exercises.



Stray bits ...

Well, my faithful little cherubs (if you have come this far with me, you must be cherubs) here we are again, not that anything is liable to come of it, however ... how did you enjoy the Prom? ... the Juniors liked it anyway, especially after counting the "munya" that found its way into the "olde wishey welle" ... and it wasn't such a puny collection, either, I'll have you know ... it was cute to watch the folks shaking a hoof (alias, "kickin' a shin") doing the Conga ... this reporter wouldn't mind having a photo of the expressions on the faces while they were doing that "cannibalistic jive"! ... it might prove interesting (?) ... but it was fun, anyway ... it was too bad to have the pleasure-ban on, wasn't it, you-fellows-with-cars? I think the Bar-BQ would have had quite a profitable night ... somebody has been spreading some wickedly corny jokes (?) around. One of them goes like this: Did you hear about the moron who took a bicycle to bed so that he wouldn't have to walk in his sleep? That one is so corny it ought to be buttered! ... there's a new romance budding around school, which should bear watching, that is, if you can pick it out among the others! ... have any of you noticed the teachers playing softball on the campus with the little "shavers"?...gee! slacks!... need I say more?! .... you boys! what's the matter with you!?...at the Prom, there you sat, letting the winsome girls sit on the chairs and bleachers by themselves, when you could have danced a delightful waltz with your heart's delight!...there is a Senior Reception coming so be sure to do better, won't you?...well, I must waddle along, as there is nothing left to gab about...one last little thought, however: the people who get farthest in this world are the cheerful ones!

BUY WAR STAMPS

Jean Davenport, Dorothy Deware, and Virginia Crafts were the nucleus committee, and later were chairman of the ushering, refreshment, and decoration committee, respectively. Betty Warner, Donald Finck, Ann Messer, Nathalia lie Lunardi, Barbara Shippee, Lincoln Shaw, Donald Ballard, Edward Bardwell, and two Sophomore boys did a grand job decorating. They worked constantly the whole week before Friday night; that is during afternoons and nights..

It was decided to have something "different", so the idea of having a Conga line was born; it turned out so well that night, that a second one was held. And the Polish Polka was a very successful dance, too.

It was just by luck and good fortune that the Juniors were able to get ice cream and cookies for their Prom.

Jumping back to the decorations, here's something you might like to hear about. The dancers and others that came that night saw only the finished product, but if you could have seen that wishing well the afternoon it was brought up to the gym, you would have laughed as hard (and I do mean "hard"), as we did. It looked like a full-fledged hot-dog stand, and only until the decorators put a lot around it, did it have any resemblance to the "olde wishing welle".

There is only one thing that bothered the Juniors. And I imagine it bothers every committee that puts on a dance. Nobody seemed to have any enthusiasm for capering around the dance-floor. Heaven knows that Mr. Frude did a grand job of turning the lights low, but that didn't seem to have any effect at all. Gosh, you boys, snap out of it next time, will you? Dancing is a graceful art, you know. And there are some very charming young ladies for partners, if you would only open your eyes. Better luck, next time. Although I will admit that everyone "got hep" towards the end of the dance. Anyway, I'm sure everyone did have a lot of fun.

## CHIPS

(There's really something wrong with me, for one of my shoulders seems higher than the other. How can I make them even?)

The low one comes from carrying chips, my friend; chips which are easily knocked off. Chips should pass in the night, but you keep piling them higher and higher and you stoop under the weary load.

Pat and Nick played a trick on you, which you have never forgotten or forgiven. Addie got a new coat and you didn't, so you think your family is not fair to you. You continue wearing your old plaid coat and down goes your shoulder another peg, weighted under a pile of sharp little chips of self-pity, spite, or jealousy.

Now you're practically a case for surgery. It's time for a weight shifting operation.

For goodness sake put down your weary load and carry your shoulders higher and be happy.



JUST A MEMORY NOW—

## PRO MERITO PRIVILEGES

Beginning June first, the members of the Pro Merito Society receive some of the rewards for their excellent work in their studies.

For one thing, they will be at liberty during their study periods to go to study room or not as they please.

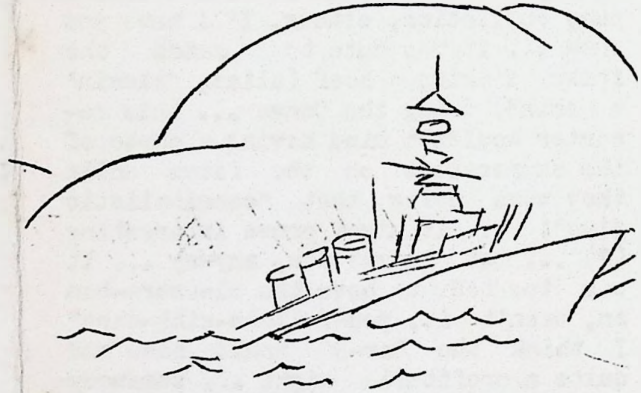
For another, they may be excused from their final examinations at the discretion of their teachers.

And on Class Day they will have the privilege of passing their honors on to a fine group of Juniors.

## CAMERA CLUB

The third meeting of the Arms Academy Camera Club took place on Tuesday, May 25, 1943. Members who were present developed and printed pictures taken below the dam at the last meeting of the club.

A darkroom has been arranged in the basement of the Science Hall Building and is now ready for the use of its members. Although the club has no equipment of its own yet, members who have equipment have loaned it.



KEEP EM SAILING

## OUR TASK

America! America! for justice will we fight,  
For freedom of our land so dear  
We'll fight with all our might;  
We'll strain our every effort too—  
So peace may with us stay  
It calls for help of you and me  
To bring a peaceful day.

We'll put our shoulders to the wheel  
And push with all our strength,  
To give the world a brand new deal  
And Victory at length,  
We'll do as much as we can do  
And every effort strain,  
To bring to folks like me and you  
Peace—over hill and plain.

And though the way is long and hard,  
So steep, so deep, so rough,  
We'll on to sing our victory song  
Until they've had enough.  
We'll not give up, or show detain  
But on we'll go with laughter,  
We'll echo every sweet refrain  
Of peace here—ever—after.

Jean Woodard