

## Head Ironsides Officers' Corps



Captains Clyde Bryant and Sylvester Pitts of Company A and B.

Clyde Bryant and Sylvester Pitts, captains of Company A and Company B respectively, fill the top vacancies made by the graduation last June of almost every commissioned officer.

Promotions and additions to the officers' corps make this new roster unique in lists previously published by the Echo. To date no Senior Captain nor Battalion Adjutant has been appointed.

Captain Bryant of Company A has as his lieutenants: First Lieutenants Frank Thompson and Wesley Hicks; Second Lieutenants Clanson Robinson and Warren Allison.

Sergeants of Company A are: Frank Armstead, Frank Battle, Harding Brown, Paul Brown, Calvin Coles, Dempsey Dixon, Walter Dutton, George Johnson, Horace Joseph, James King, William King, Norman Powell, Charles Richardson, Lance- lot Riley, Ira Smith, William Smith.

Corporals of Company A are: Robert Baker, John Beecham, William Blake, Charles Canty, Robert Collins, Walter Cox, Edward Dowden, Clarence Ellis, James Hagans, Hugh Hairston, Albert McCreary, Horace P. Perryman, Benjamin Pierce, Victor Quinichette, Walter Reed.

Top Sergeant of Company A is Samuel Hall. Continued on page 4

## Bordentown Summer Host; 600 N.F.A.'s Assemble

Bordentown's summer program spread farther than usual; and the school played host to six conventions which brought distinguished men and women and groups of young people from all sections of the country.

Among the distinguished guests were Walter White, executive secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. Council; Max Yergen, lecture and former foreign secretary of Y.M.C.A. in Africa; C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.

The Baptist Young People's Assembly was the first to arrive. Their convention was held from July 4-15. Delegates from every Baptist Church in New Jersey were present. Their program included daily classes in Bible Study and inspirational meetings.

At the same time the Y.M.C.A. Chesapeake Summer School, Y.M.C. A. Laymen's Conference, and the

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## School Clubs Elect Upper Classmen As Presidents

If promptness is any indication of seriousness and well planned programs, all the clubs on "The Hill" are getting off to a very fine start. The news of the elections has revealed something very gratifying. All the boys' and girls' clubs have in- trusted their leadership to Seniors or students doing fourth year academic work.

The Torchbearers, only co-educational club in school conform to this tradition. Their officers elected for the year are: Horace Joseph, president; Effie Webb, secretary, and Walter Battle, treasurer. The function of this club is to search the literary annals to find the most important accomplishments of the Negro. Members also made a careful survey of what the Negro is doing or trying to do to acquire and safeguard his position in life.

Clanson Robinson heads the debating club of the campus, the Diogenians. Albert McCreary is vice-president and Frank Armstead is secretary-treasurer. This club is made up of boys who are primarily interested in public speaking and who hope to further their abilities along that line.

The I.L.L.'s, a club mainly interested in improving and beautifying the campus, will be led this year by Norman Powell, president; Heywood Robinson, vice-president; Clyde Justice, secretary; Calvin Coles, assistant secretary, and Wilbur Twitty, treasurer.

The Vigilants have selected Crans- ton Harris for their president, Sylvester Pitts, vice-president; Clyde Bryant, secretary, and Frank Thompson, treasurer. The purpose of the Vigilants, in the campus, is to act as official guides when visitors are present and also to park cars on special occasions.

Dorothy Fitzbush heads the Iron- sides Progress Club, the club that issues the attractive handbook given to the new girls each year. Other officers are: Leora Wright, vice- president; Lillie Young, secretary; Valeria Wright, treasurer. Jessie Shorts is chairman of the program committee.

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## Wins Award In Cultural Olympics

When the final awards in the last annual Cultural Olympics sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania were made, Bordentown had two winners in the persons of Valeria Wright, Senior, and Rebecca Small, graduate.

The Cultural Olympics sponsor a series of art exhibitions during each year. The Art Department of the school submitted material. From all this material submitted the best was selected for a final exhibition in May. For the final exhibition block prints by these two girls were selected.

From the articles in the final exhibition prizes were given for the best. In this very last test, Bordentown came through. Block prints from the school were considered the best in the exhibit and certificates of award have been recently received by Valeria Wright and Rebecca Small.

## Greets Students

This is the opening of a new school year. We trust that you had a good vacation and that you have returned with renewed vigor and with a greater determination to be somebody. I am sure you want to be somebody so badly that you are going to be willing to make the necessary sacrifices, work hard, and not be discouraged by failures or annoyances or difficulties. I know that you have returned with such a determination. My concern is that you keep that determination from the beginning of the year to the end. In that case, you will have a successful year, and you will grow in stature, in mind and character and vocational skill.

We greet you and wish you well.  
(Signed) W. R. VALENTINE,  
Principal.

## Beauty Culture Girls Stage Benefit

Members of the class in Beauty Culture sponsored a social in the Gym on Saturday, October 14, to raise money to get supplies for the department.

Contributions from faculty members of cakes and pies that were sold cut down the outlay and raised the profits.

No report has come yet, but a full attendance and fine cooperation from the student body resulted in a sell-out of all refreshments.

Louise Twisvan and Barbara Fletcher were the two who were heading up the girls. To them and to all the girls in the department, goes credit for a pleasant and profitable evening.

## New Students Entertained

New girls were guests Sunday afternoon, October 15, of the Jolly Six- teen, as a part of the club's regular program.

Tea was served in the Recreation Room of Mrs. Davis' dormitory from two until four-thirty.

During the afternoon a short program was presented by the members. Dorothy Drinkard and Mayme Nabors played piano selections. Barbara Fletcher read a poem; and Katherine Bruce gave two vocal selections. Guest pianist was Harriet Holmes.

Mr. Valentine was present and greeted the new girls.

Louise Twisvan is president of the club and Miss Gillespie is the sponsor.

## Specials Lead First Attendance

Keeping up their record of last year, the Specials rank first this year for having fewer of their members absent or tardy during the months of September.

The standing is as follows:

- | Rank | Grade         |
|------|---------------|
| 1    | Specials      |
| 2    | Sophomores    |
| 3    | Freshmen      |
| 4    | Seniors       |
| 5    | Juniors       |
| 6    | Eighth Grade  |
| 7    | Seventh Grade |

Seniors and Juniors stayed far down on the list last year with Freshmen and Sophomores ahead of them. Whether history is to repeat itself remains to be seen. The start would seem to point in that direction.

## Bordentown Host To Alumni, Oct. 28; Senior Class To Act As Hosts

When Bordentown plays hosts to returning Alumni on Saturday, October 28, members of the Senior Class will act as hosts to the visitors in the dormitories.

The program in many respects will be the same. Registration will begin at one o'clock, at which time luncheon will be served until one forty-five for early arrivals.

A football game, christening the new field as far as many grads are concerned, will be played between the Bordentown warriors and the

This year following the game, the girls of the Senior Class will be hostesses to the feminine members of the Alumni in the Recreation room of Mrs. Davis' dormitory. Here from four-thirty until supper and after supper until the reception in the gym, tea will be served and opportunities made for the Alumni to meet and know prospective members as they share games and conversation. In the recreation hall of Captain Eaton's building, Senior boys will be hosts to their alumni friends at a smoker.

Supper will be served in the gym at quarter after six. Members of the Alumni will hold their meeting from eight until nine in the Library in the Administration building.

Members of the Senior Class and members of the football squad will be the guests of the Alumni at the reception beginning at nine o'clock.

## Y's To Celebrate Hallowe'en; Jessie Shorts Heads Girls

On October 27, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s on the campus will jointly stage a Hallowe'en Social in the gymnasium.

This entertainment is one anticipated by old and new students alike. The program carries out some of the traditional slants of the season. Students go in costume and prizes are given for the most original.

The refreshments are the traditional cider and doughnuts.

Members of the girls' Y are headed by Jessie Shorts, recently elected president for the current year. Other officers are: Vice president, Eleanor Melvin; secretary, Eva Hamlin, and treasurer, Pauline Brown. Chairman of program committee, Barbara Fletcher; chairman of entertainment committee, Louise Twisvan.

## Edward Jordan Head "Y"; Members Attend Princeton Game

The Ironsides unit of the Y.M.C.A. held its first meeting of the year on Sunday, October 15. The officers elected for the year 1939-40 are: President Edward Jordan; Vice- President John Miller, Secretary John McGee, and Treasurer Clanson Robinson.

The Y.M.C.A., in conjunction with its membership campaign, journeyed to Princeton on Saturday, October 7, to see Princeton University in its first football encounter of the season, against Williams College. The game was packed with many thrills; but the score did not indicate it for Princeton came out on the long end of a 26 to 6 score.

## Head Juniors And Seniors



Edith Battle and Frank Armstead, presidents of Juniors and Seniors, respectively.

Class elections held recently, revealed Frank Armstead, Sergeant in Company A and Edith Battle, of the opposite side of the campus, to be presidents of the Senior and Junior Classes respectively. Juniors and Eighth Grade chose the gentler sex as presidents.

Armstead is in his third year at Ironsides, is a prominent member of the Agricultural Class and a member of the Diogenian Debating Club. Seniors honored by representation are:

Marlyn Anderson, vice president. Inez Smith, secretary. Eleanor Melvin, girls' treasurer. William King, boys' treasurer. Miss Grant, sponsor. The following are chairmen of class committees:

Mabel Bailey, Christmas Party. Louise Twisvan, Junior-Senior Play.

Dempsey Dixon, Class Day. Edith Battle is also in her third year at Ironsides. She is a member of the Ironsides Progress Club and was secretary for her class last year.

Other Junior officers are: Edward Jordan, vice president. Olive Bess, secretary. Alda Proctor, assistant secretary. Muriel McNeil, girls' treasurer. Edward Easton, boys' treasurer. Miss Echols—Mr. Morrow, sponsors.

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## Classes Vote In Poll On Foreign Policy

That the outcome of the present war in Europe will be a matter of vital concern to the United States and that the foreign policy of the United States should be neutrality with the sale of goods only to nations that can pay cash and carry the goods in their own ships were overwhelmingly conceded in a poll made by Seniors in the Current Events of the faculty members and the upper classes.

The topic was divided into two questions: First—Is the outcome of the present war a matter of vital concern to the United States?—and second—The best policy for the United States will be (a) isolation, (b) neutrality under international law, (c) neutrality with the sale of goods only to nations that pay cash and carry the goods in their own ships, (d) aid England and France by all means short of war, (e) enter the war.

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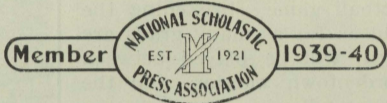
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### TO NEW STUDENTS

Welcome new students!  
 Your coming means new friends to us.  
 Most of you are willing to cooperate with us, and we hope you will continue to do so.  
 The old students will try to make good examples for you to follow.  
 You have chosen your class leaders, have faith in them, obey them, co-operate with them so that they make your class the best. It is with your co-operation only that they will be able to succeed.

Enter all activities you possibly can, for your outside work can also be of service to you. Enter these activities with a mind to help make them outstanding in all qualities. Co-operate with the members of these organizations. You will find your campus life much happier.

You will probably be learning new things each day. Some will be right some wrong. Follow the right ones and you won't go wrong.

Remember you came to school to learn, to make your whole life better and finer; take every opportunity to do this. Ironsides provides plenty.

### CLOUDY HORIZONS

The new school year is off to a good start. Already we have settled in our classes and are fortified for a winter of industrious study.

Activities on the more pleasant side of campus life are off to a good start, too. Clubs are seeking new members and planning big things for the ensuing year. Already there have been hops, movies, and interesting chapel programs, not to mention victories by the football squad. In fact, all signs point to a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable year in all phases of school life.

Despite these symptoms of success, however, clouds hover on the horizon, and the question of their approach or retreat is grave. The clouds are those that too often loom up in the path of man's progress, to deter his advance—the clouds of WAR. WAR with all its horrors and curses lurks in the menacing clouds which gather on the horizon of our new school year.

It is easy to say that War is three thousand miles away; that we are protected by a powerful navy, a conscientious executive and legislative body, and the miles of the wide ocean. Sturdy though these barriers undoubtedly are, they nor any other human power can possibly erase the fact that we, high school students of September 1939, with all the other persons in these United States, will be greatly affected by the conflict that wages in Europe.

This reminder is not designed to create a feeling of dread or insecurity, but rather to establish in each and every one's mind the added responsibility that has suddenly become his; to make each one realize that while on the surface events seem to be progressing as they have in other years, this period, this year is not the same as other years.

We are in a period during which history, world history is being made; during which nations are destroyed and millions of peoples moved like pawns on a chessboard over which men, mere men, sit occupying the seats of gods with the destinies of nations in their palms.

What part any or all of us may be strangely called upon to play we do not know. This, however, we do know: It is our duty to enter this school year with a certain degree of seriousness; to resolve to use to the full extent our every opportunity; and to keep forever close the thought that in our greater preparedness may lie the fate of us as a race and as a nation.

### School Calendar For 1939-1940

**September 11, 1939**  
 Registration of New Students.  
**September 12**  
 Registration of Old Students.  
**September 13**  
 Regular Class Work Begins.  
**September 15**  
 Condition Examinations for Old Students.  
**October 28**  
 Alumni Day.  
**November 2**  
 Parents' Day.  
**November 23**  
 Thanksgiving Recess Begins.  
**November 26**  
 Thanksgiving Recess Ends.  
**December 22**  
 Students Leave for Christmas Vacation.  
**January 2, 1940**  
 Students Return from Christmas Vacation.  
**January 25-31**  
 Midyear Examinations.  
**February 1**  
 Second Semester Begins.  
**February 12**  
 Lincoln's Birthday.  
**March 22**  
 Easter Recess Begins.  
**March 25**  
 Easter Recess Ends.  
**May 4**  
 Old Students' Day.  
**May 30**  
 Memorial Day.  
**June 3-7**  
 Final Examinations.  
**June 9**  
 Annual Sermon to Graduates.  
**June 13**  
 Commencement Day.

### We Must Stay Out Of The War

Here are the reasons why I believe every American should work to stay out of the war.

1. War causes hatred for other nationalities.
2. War brings destruction to cities, and bloodshed to men, women, and children.
3. War causes the breaking up of families.
4. War costs millions of dollars that might be used to help people live better.
5. War causes prices to go up, so that people at home suffer from too little food and clothing.
6. War puts people to work on making guns and ammunition, when they could be making furniture, homes, and other things people need.
7. War makes fighters of men who love peace, and hate what they are made to do.
8. War sets people and nations hundreds of years back from the goals for which they were working.
9. War prevents people from traveling and studying in other countries.
10. War is not in keeping with Christianity.

Thomas Robinson, 8A.

### PERSONALS

Miss Thelma Burgess, our dietitian, is ill. Her address is 2104 Jefferson street, Philadelphia, c/o Dr. Helen Dickson.

Mrs. Mae Hendon, instructor in Beauty Culture, is ill. Her address is the same as that of Miss Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conwell (Mildred Jones) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter this summer. This makes Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jones join the ranks of grandparents, an honor belonging formerly to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Valentine, principal and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams, vice-principal.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Morrell are the proud parents of a daughter.

News has come to this column of the death of Delia Weeks, Class of 1937. Delia was an excellent scholar, salutatorian of her class.

### BOOSTS 'N' BOOTS!

In a school of this type and size, there are many things happening; some of which are commendable and some which should happen but once. We feel it is the duty of the Echo to let you know what is happening and where. We will give our opinions and you, of course, are constitutionally privileged to express yours.

This year, as in many others we have a promising and interesting group of new students, one of whom Fess Work was speaking to me about the other day. He claimed that William Tompkins, a new student, and a Junior, is the most promising bit of material in the Glee Club this year. Orchids to you, Bill! Because, coming from Mr. Work, this is a real compliment.

We were speaking to Major Watson recently, in reference to the football squad. "How is the group shaping up?" I queried.

"Well, they look pretty good for so early in the season," he said thoughtfully, "I hope that isn't a bad sign." Judging from the score of the first game of the season, I wouldn't place much faith in signs. 26-0 is a pretty good sign if you ask me.

Sitting in Fess Ray's classroom one morning, we heard him ask Eleanor Melvin what the physical properties of water are. In the "demure" manner so typical of Miss Melvin, she announced, "Water is a colorless odorless, tasteless, liquid."

"And —," prompted Fess, expecting her to mention the boiling and freezing points of water, "what else?"

"Oh," she said suddenly remembering. "It is slightly soluble."

This is a hint to some of the boys. Clyde Bryant, Wesley Hicks, Frank Thompson and yours truly have formed an ANTI-OBSCENCE LANGUAGE LEAGUE. This group is a living protest against vile language being used in the dormitories. Whenever a member is guilty of using foul language, he is given the maximum penalty: namely, a swift kick in the pants. Yes, we are having a membership drive!

A personal message to Miss Burgess. Hurry and get well. We miss you.

A tip to old students as well as to the new: Join all the extra-curricular groups you can. We don't realize what a small portion of our lives is spent or should be spent, in high school. As Miss Grant says, "Time is a premium. Make it a paying one." Not only that, it is a good way to keep busy, thus keeping out of trouble.

I hear tell that Misses Olivia and Helen Grooms are a dancing team. I am sure we are all awaiting the time when these girls will be given the opportunity to express themselves in their art, The Dance.

Although many of us do not know it, Norman Van Dunk is a mandolin and guitar player of mean ability.

Harold Tildon is one of our more interesting new students. His main ambition is to be a musician. When asked why he picked this school he frankly replied, "Because I think that Mr. Cuffee is the most well-versed musician in the state". And I thoroughly agree with him. His favorite orchestras are Jimmie Lunceford's and Charlie Barnet's. Tildon is studying the trumpet. He is a right guard on the football team and has a weakness for baseball and softball.

Ernest Williamson is also one of the better liked new students. "Mon," as he is almost universally called, hailed originally from the Island of Trinidad, where his father has a large garage. Ernest, as we will call him, has a particular craving for swimming and is the proud possessor of a beautiful gold medal which he won doing the 100 yard free-style, in record time. Ernest

### N. J. Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 23

New Jersey has decided to observe Thanksgiving Day on the new date, November 23.

Most states have announced their decisions; and the Echo reprints the findings of the Association of National Advertisers as printed in the papers.

States observing November 30 are twenty-three in number: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

States observing November 23 are twenty-one in number: California, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, NEW JERSEY, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

To observe both days: Texas (an important turkey-producing area.)

Undecided when the survey was made: Georgia, Maine, and West Virginia.

### Vacancies On Echo Staff Announced

With the graduation of two Seniors and the promotion of only one member from the Junior staff, the Senior editorial staff finds itself beginning the new school year with some vacancies.

The most urgent need is that of a sports editor. Readers of the Echo for the past two years may have noticed the sport write-ups, which in many cases brought favorable comment. They were the work of Walter Jacobs, co-editor in chief last year. Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in allowing the mantle of Jacobs to fall upon them are asked to talk with Miss Grant. Seniors are not wholly ruled out of consideration; but the training of a person whose services on the staff will be only for the year is not according to the best newspaper policy.

In addition to the pressing need for the sports editor, there are vacancies for students who are interested in writing news or personals, and those who feel that they could make a contribution to the improvement of the paper.

Requirements for consideration are: the submitting and acceptance and printing of articles for THREE issues of the paper; indication of ability to work to a deadline; willingness to do extra work when a rush period comes.

### Marking Periods

For the benefit of new students, the Echo publishes the closing dates of the six-weeks marking period system. Marks for each period are complete with these dates. They are handed into the office and transferred to reports which the student sees in his home-room before they are sent to his parents.

- First Period closes October 27.
- Second Period closes December 8.
- Third Period closes January 26.
- Fourth Period closes March 8.
- Fifth Period closes April 14.
- Sixth Period closes May 31.

has a sense of humor which is amazingly convenient for him at times. However, he wants to be a successful auto-mechanic. I can truthfully say, 'wish these two gentlemen all the luck and success in the world.'

And if I don't stop gossiping and study Miss Echols history, somebody is going to have to wish me all the luck in the world. So until the next issue. Au Revoir. Horace Joseph.

## Girls Visit The Trenton Fair

On Monday afternoon, Sept. 25, Mrs. Staats, our crafts teacher, took the girls of the seventh and eighth grades to the Trenton Fair. We arrived there about half past one. First Mrs. Staats took a picture of the girls in front of the Grange Building. After the pictures were taken, we went into the building to see the beautiful display of vegetables and flowers. We were most interested in the flower exhibit of the colored Y.M.C.A. They had already won several prizes.

After we left the Grange Building, we entered the New Jersey State Building. Here we were interested in the clever arrangements of the vegetables. Two were especially well arranged. One was a little farmhouse made of lima beans with a roof built of string beans. The fence was made of cucumbers and string beans. Leading up to the door was a path made of potatoes. On the other side was a stairway made of tomatoes. The other arrangement was made with red and with white onions. The idea came from the World's Fair, and the red onions were built up to make the perisphere while the white onions formed the trylon.

In the same building there were articles made by the members of the different state institutions. These included the blind, the deaf, inmates of the State Hospital, and those from the Home for Disabled Soldiers. It was very interesting to see how afflicted people have learned to work as well and better than some people who are not physically handicapped.

The Domestic Art Building was next on our list. Here we saw a big display of afghans, quilts, embroideries, and beautifully crocheted and knitted articles. In the food department, we saw large varieties of cakes, preserves, canned goods, and other foods. There were demonstrations of methods of cooking, and of new electric cooking appliances.

About a half hour before time to go home, we visited the New Jersey Game Building, and saw different kinds of birds and fish. It was a small building, and there weren't so many fish, but the brightly colored birds were attractive. The golden and the ring-necked pheasants, the quails, and the ducks seemed to be most numerous. There was a cunning little deer that liked to lick people's hands.

Now came a big treat for we were allowed to visit the amusement area. We saw the animal show. There was a monkey with a little baby monkey, and a big ape with overalls, shirt, and shoes on. He had been trained to dance, drink through a straw, and to tie his shoes. There were many types of amusements, such as chance games, airplane rides and the whip, but the funniest of all was the jitterbug. A few of the girls rode on this, and screamed lustily as they went up, down, around, back and forth. We bought candy, ice cream, soda, and potato chips, and had an exciting time. We got back on the campus in time for supper very tired, but very grateful and happy.

Tecora Felton, Grade 8A.

## SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Rev. Wm. Roundtree opened the Sunday services on September 17. He stressed the necessity of planning the school year and making resolutions for progress.

G. Lake Imes, formerly connected with Tuskegee Institute and now at Lincoln University, was the chapel speaker Sunday, October 1. His theme was the rich young man's question: "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

## PREVOCATIONAL CLASS AT FAIR



## New Ironsiders Write Home

Dear Joe,

From all outside appearances, life on the male side of this campus would seem to be pretty dull. But don't you be fooled by this apparent calm, as some folks have been. We boys are active from reveille to taps performing such ceaseless tasks as homework, trade jobs, or just regular work-day duties.

But let's leave this topic of work and discuss something more pleasant. For instance, there's football. That comes first in our list of entertainments, recreation, or amusement, and it is quite the topic of the day. There are plenty of debates, free of charge, as the football experts try to prove the unexcelled merits of this sport. From our point of view as students, the team looks very promising, but it is probably the source of Coach Watson's chief worry. Personally, I think the team is a good one.

A favorite pastime has been going out to the orchard for a couple of apples and returning with all pockets bulging with the delicious fruit. Consequently, this type of fun is over, and those trips prohibited without special permission.

Night life on our side of the campus is amusing, too. On different evenings during the week the members of the band try their hand at swing selections. Naturally, this automatically becomes the signal for some stag jumping, and the fellows grab partners for a grand time.

On certain nights, too, a belt line is held in the corridors for the benefit, and discomfit too, of rule violators. Although this form of discipline is not approved by some, and may seem rough, we fellows think it for the best interest of those on the receiving end.

Well, Joe, you can see that life is by no means dull, and don't let anybody fool you about it, either.

Your pal,

OLIVER.

Oliver Grooms, 9A.

## CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS

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The Jolly Sixteen, a club whose purpose is to promote socialability among the girls on the campus, are represented by Louise Twisvan, president; Eleanor Melvin, vice-president; Barbara Fletcher, secretary, and Norma Holcombe, treasurer.

Marlyn Anderson heads the Agenda Club, the club whose urpose is get needed things on the campus done. She will be assisted by Gladys Neil, vice-president; Ella Hill, secretary, and Cornelia Grant, treasurer.

On Sunday, October 15, John Redmond, Y secretary at Princeton, spoke to the students, and chose, a most interesting coincidence, the same text as that of Rev. Imes. Both treatments were interesting and original.

Dear Cuz: Well, here it is over a month that I have been at Ironsides, and I am just finding time to write you. I must begin by saying that boarding school isn't at all as I imagined it. The campus itself is like a large park with buildings in it. And girls! I had never seen so many girls in one place before as there seemed to be in our dormitory. My room is on the front of the building, and I can look over most of the campus.

It's such fun living here although it does seem odd sometimes to eat, sleep, go to school, go to ball games, movies, and socials, and go to one's club meetings all in the same place. To be everywhere on time, we have bells to help us. We eat and sleep by bells; we go to school and come by bells; and sometimes we get very tired of hearing bells.

Our days are divided into halves. We go to school half a day, and to trade the other half. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we have chapel for twenty minutes. Every evening from seven until nine, we have a study hour; that is every evening except Friday and Saturday.

On those nights we have movies, socials, or some form of entertainment. There are many clubs formed on the campus. Some are the hiking clubs, library clubs, musical clubs, art clubs, and social clubs.

We girls have the privilege of going to town on Saturday mornings. The boys go more often than we do. We all enjoy going for we have a chance to buy whatever we need, and we stop in the restaurants for lunches.

We eat in a very large dining room filled with many tables. Some of the older girls act as hostesses, and the older boys are the hosts.

We have many rules to remember, but we learn them quickly. If we keep them, life at Ironsides is very happy. So long until I see you again.

Your cousin,

Shirley.

Shirley Rock, 9A.

## CHOOSE LEADERS

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The following are officers of the Sophomore Class:

Marcus Battle, president.  
 Marv Brooks, vice-president.  
 Bertha White, secretary.  
 Corrina Heath, girls' treasurer.  
 James Freeman, boys' treasurer.  
 Miss Bird, sponsor.

The Freshmen also held their elections, with these results:

William Johnson, president.  
 Mavme Nabors, vice president.  
 Hayden Swiggett, secretary.  
 Bernard Williams, treasurer.  
 Miss Gillespie-Mr. Johnson sponsors.

Eighth Graders have:  
 Geraldine Campbell, president.  
 Carlis Eldridge, vice-president.  
 Elsie Nixon, secretary.  
 Jesse Jackson, treasurer.  
 Miss Scott, sponsor.

## 10 Commandments For A Good Roommate

1. Thou shalt like no other room better than thine own.
2. Thou shalt not treat thine own possessions better than those that are thy roommate's.
3. Thou shalt not try to rule thy roommate nor in turn, shalt thou allow thyself to be ruled by him.
4. Thou shalt not use unbecoming language nor speak unseemly in the presence of thy roommate.
5. Remember the hours that hath been assigned thee to visit, to clean, and to study, and keep all these laws pertaining to thy room.
6. Respect thy roommate and his wishes, and observe them even as thou would'st wish thine own to be observed.
7. Thou shalt not betray thy roommate's secrets.
8. Thou shalt not gossip about thy roommate, nor about anything that is thy roommate's.
9. Thou shalt not steal nor borrow anything that is thy roommate's.
10. Thou shalt live in friendship, peace, and honor with thy roommate, that thy days may be pleasant in the room that hath been assigned thee.

Evelyn Mull, 9A.

## Campus Changes

September 12 brought the old students back to school and to a campus changed in several ways. Some of the changes were slight, but all caught the attention of the observing girls and boys.

One of the biggest changes and improvements had taken place in the girls' dormitory. The rooms had been repainted! That was a truly grand surprise. The rooms sparkled with pride in their new coats of paint and the radiators fairly shone with a brilliance that they had not had for more than nine years.

Another pleasant change was the grass meekly peeping up along the girls' walk to the dining room and chapel. (Don't tell me, girls, that you thought there had always been grass there). And no sooner did the girls arrive than a quaint little green fencing was placed around each corner of that section of the campus (Incidentally the grass is doing very well, thanks to the fence.)

In chapel there was a change. The group of plaques, each a portion of the Triumph of Alexander into Babylon as conceived by the Norwegian sculptor, Thorwaldson, had two additions. Both of these donated by a women's club of Asbury Park and presented to the school at the Commencement exercises have been hung on the boys' side in chapel; and add much to the appearance of the auditorium as a whole.

On the platform was to be seen the beautiful school banner of blue and gold silk presented by the graduating class of last year. William Walker, president. Take a good look at these additions when your eyes begin wandering away from the stage. (Shame on you.)

The biggest campus change, some think, is the change in the chapel schedule. Assembly is held only three times a week instead of every day—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Formal flag salute takes place on Wednesday; and each time is in charge of a different member of the Officers' Corps.

## Some Boners

Langus Dass was a character in An Elephant Never Forgets.

O. Henry is a box of candy.

O. Henry wrote "The Gift of the Magede Eye" (Magi).

A student asked to fill in the following blanks for the motto of the French Revolutionists: E—, L—, F—, or D —, suggested "Eat, Live, Fight, or Die."

## Ironsides Boy Scouts Organize For Year

The Boy Scouts at Ironsides started the new school year with great enthusiasm. There are already thirty-six members, and by next month the full quota is expected.

During September three council meetings were held. On October 3, a meeting was held to get the scouts arranged in their respective patrols. At present, there are seven active officers. These are:

David Byrd, Assistant Scribe.  
 Thomas Freeman, Senior Patrol Leader.

Robert Murphy, Quartermaster.  
 Henry Lane, Quartermaster.  
 Henry Robinson, Scribe.  
 Emery Banks, Patrol Leader.  
 Marcus Battle, Patrol Leader.

The program for the year promises to be a full and interesting one. Projects planned up until Christmas include a chapel program on October 27 to commemorate the great Theodore Roosevelt, a three day camping trip in November, and a Christmas party before the holidays. Both the scouts' sponsor, Mr. Johnson, and the boys anticipate a very profitable year.

George Cox, 9A.

## What Do You Know About Your Paper?

In spite of the fact that the Echo, like the poor, is with us always, we are rather inclined to take many interesting features of the paper for granted. With an idea of informing those who feel that getting out a paper once a month that covers the news of the campus is easy, there will be articles describing the many and varied processes involved.

The Ironsides Echo has enjoyed regular publication since September 1917, with the exception only of the year of the First World War when our printer, Mr. Leander J. Roberts, service over seas.

Beginning as a small three-column paper issued twice a month, the Echo has twice changed its size.

It is a member of two press associations: The Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Press Association.

It is the only school paper edited and published by Negroes listed on the Honor Roll for ten years' consecutive membership in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

It has been a member for only two years in the National Scholastic Press Association, but has received a first class honor rating both times.

It has received awards every year of membership in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; and for the last two years has won a second class honor rating.

Many of the students who have received the training and experience of working on the staff have continued this work in colleges and other places. One excellent example is Leon Snead, who was the editor-in-chief of the Echo his Senior year. He went to Virginia State, where he went out for the paper, made the staff, and became editor-in-chief his last year. Last June, Snead covered our Commencement exercises for the Afro-American.

## VOTE ON FOREIGN POLICY

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The second question which contains the highly controversial subject of the whole neutrality issue showed no such weight of opinion in any one direction. The Isolationists constituted fourteen percent of all those voting. About five percent favored the policy of strict neutrality under international law; while fifty-nine and seven-tenths percent favored the well-known "cash and carry" policy now under consideration in the called session of Congress. Some twenty-one percent were in favor of helping England and France in every way short of war. There was not a single vote in favor of entering the war.

## CLUB AND LEAGUE VICTORIES OPEN GRIDIRON SEASON

### Wildcats Tame Boone Bombers And Storer By Identical Scores, 26-0

A 26-0 victory over the Brown Bombers of Beverly, in one of the earliest season games ever scheduled for Ironsides gridgers, put the Wildcats in a winning frame of mind Saturday, September 30. The Beverly visitors proved no real match for the Watson-coached footballers; for the home team scored early and played many substitutes.

Henry Singleton, one of the team's newest recruits and former triple-threat halfback for Camden High, set the pace with two dashing thirty-yard sprints in the first quarter of the game.

The first quarter opened with Haywood Robinson, veteran full-back, kicking off to the Bombers. Mose, Bomber fullback, received the punt on the two-yard stripe, and was downed after advancing the ball about ten yards. A series of line-bucks failed to gain through the Ironsides forward wall, which held through Nicholson, former All-State tackle from Wildwood, and Arthur Wells, sturdy guard from Princeton. Schaffer, Bomber halfback, got off a hurried kick for sixty yards. Harris, Bordentown quarterback, ran the ball back to midfield.

Here the Ironsiders began to demonstrate their power and reeled off yardage deep into the Bombers' territory. The Bombers were doing their best to hold when Singleton on a short side play scampered thirty yards to score standing up. Norman Powell, veteran halfback, plunged over center for the extra point.

A few minutes after the kickoff, the ball returned to the possession of the Ironsides and history repeated itself. Singleton again by the identical play that had resulted in the first score chalked up the second tally of the game. This time Harris made the conversion.

Fourteen to nothing apparently aroused the Bombers; they definitely tightened up on the defense; and while Ironsides sent in subs, Beverly was able to hold the Wildcats to a scoreless second period.

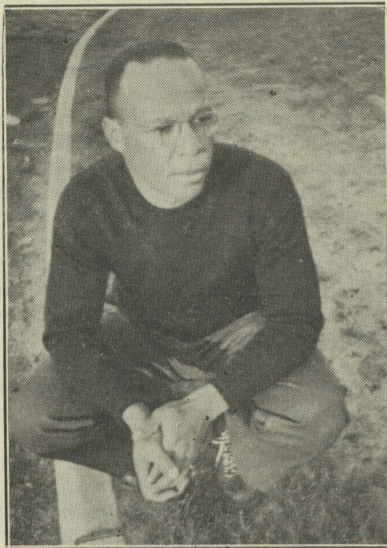
The third period continued the pace of the second. There was no scoring done on either side. Even though neither side threatened, most of the playing was in the Bombers' territory after "Biggie" Robinson's beautiful 60-yard punt.

The Wildcats opened the final stanza with another touchdown march. A series of off-tackle plays netted four first downs. The payoff came when "Biggie" Robinson crashed over center from the ten-yard stripe for the third tally of the afternoon.

The Bombers after the kick-off began a passing attack, threatening to invade the Wildcat territory when Warren Allison, former scrappy end of last year and substitute center this year, intercepted a pass intended for Daniels, a Bomber, and raced sixty yards untouched to score. Fine blocking on the part of his teammates was no small help in this last score.

In the line-up for Bordentown were: McKinney, Spicer, Brown, Polhemus, Wells, Nicholas, McNeill, Harris, Powell, Singleton and Robinson. Subs who saw service were: Smalls, Tildon, Cox, King and Allison. Dwight Boone, coach, manager, and player on the Bombers was a former Ironsides football star, and was easily the strongest man on his team.

## The Coach



COACH LOUIS WATSON

As he crouches, in this snapshot, the Coach watches his boys go through their paces and has this to say of the coming season:

"The 1939 football squad at Ironsides is better in many respects than the Champions of 1938. This does not mean that we shall win all of our games, because our opponents may have made improvements than we have. It does mean, however, that Bordentown will be well represented on the gridiron; and with a reasonable share of the "breaks", the team will bring glory to its Alma Mater."

### Bordentown Power Downs Storer 26-0

Storer College contributed to the second consecutive season and first league victory for Bordentown's Wildcats when the West Virginia Tornados finished on the short end of a 26-0 score made on the home ground, Saturday, October 14.

The game opened with Bordentown kicking to Storer. The lads from Harper's Ferry ran the ball back and were held for downs and Bordentown received the ball on Storer's 40-yard line. Starting a series of line bucks and off-tackle plays, Ironsides advanced to the 30-yard line. On the next play, Powell rifled a 30-yard pass to "Biggie" Robinson for the first score. Towards the end of the quarter, Ironsides found herself again in scoring position on Storer's 20-yard stripe. On a short side play, Singleton skirted the end to score the second Wildcat tally.

In the second period, the home team made a strong bid for a touchdown with Captain Deoring, Storer's flashy back, and Tappen, plunging fullback, trying to penetrate the Wildcat wall. This bid was cut short, however, by Drake, Wells, Nicholas, Polhemus and McNeil. The first score of the second period came when, after Storer had been held for downs, Powell faded back and heaved a sixty-seven yard pass to McNeil that carried the Wildcats to the 15-yard line. On an off-tackle play, Harris galloped the rest of the distance untouched for the third of the game. Robinson crashed through for the extra point.

After the kick-off, it took the Watson-coached lads a mere matter of an exchange of punts to advance within a few yards of Storer's goal line. Again Singleton struck over tackle to score the last touchdown of the game. Small bucked over center for the extra tally. Score 26-0 in Bordentown's favor.

This game, usually a feature of Thanksgiving Day, was moved up because of the change in dates of Thanksgiving. It was the first time in many years that a Bordentown team had journeyed to Harper's Ferry for a football game.

## Thanksgiving Change Confuses Football Schedule

The shift of Thanksgiving from November 30 to the 23 confused the schedule of the Bordentown squad as well as that of the larger schools because while many schools could play games on the 25th and 30th with ease they found games on the 23rd and the 25th a schedule only supermen could meet. That fact meant that if games scheduled for the 25th were to stand, a game on Thanksgiving would be out.

As the Bordentown schedule originally stood, Storer was scheduled to play Ironsides on the 30th; and the annual clash with Cheyney came on the 25th. The Storer game now will have to be played at Harper's Ferry and the date will be the 14th of October.

As Cheyney wants to play a game Thanksgiving Day, there is the chance that the date of their game with Bordentown will be moved up.

Downingtown has notified the M3A that she will not have a team this year because of the extreme youth of her students. That fact takes another game from the schedule.

As the paper goes to press, a schedule that must certainly be regarded as tentative is printed.

### October

7—Beverly Team, Brown Bombers .....Home  
14—Storer College .....away  
21—Delaware State .....home  
28—Andalusia A. C., Bucks County Champions .....home

### November

4—Vagabonds .....away  
11—Princess Anne .....home  
18—Cheyney .....home

There will be no football game on the campus Thanksgiving Day as affairs stand at the present.

## Downingtown Out Of M3A

Because of the youth of its student body, Downingtown has notified the M3A officials that the school will not be represented in football competition this year.

For the past two years, teams from the school have been quite light, and no match for the much heavier teams of most of the league members.

Downingtown will undoubtedly compete in basketball where she holds an enviable record in competition, and where lack of weight will be no handicap.

Bowie, which had cancelled football from its sports program last year, has not resumed her place as a competitor.

Now league competition in football is narrowed to Delaware State, Storer, Princess Anne, Bordentown.

## OFFICERS' ROSTER OUT

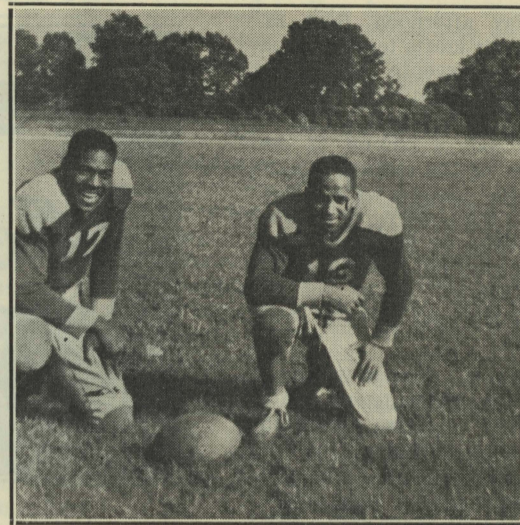
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Lieutenants for Company B in charge of Captain Pitts are: First Lieutenants John Miller and Edward Jordan; Second Lieutenants Harold Brown, Edward Caston, and Glenwood Forbes.

Top Sergeant John Fleming, of Company B has for companion sergeants: Wendell Barnes, Marcus Battle, Joseph Brinkley, David Edmonds, James Freeman, Thomas Freeman, William Johnson, Donald Moore, Alex Reynolds, Kenneth Sandiford, Kellice Swaggerty, Claywell Turner, Frederick Van Liew, Bernard Williams.

Corporals of Company B are: Basil Bunting, Kenneth Clarke, Isaac Harrison, Herman Haskins, Wallace Hill, Isador Jones, Jesse Jackson, Robert Hundley, Junious Johnson, Paul Merseu, Charles Porter, Henry Robinson, Leon Swan, Hayden Swigget, Arthur Vann.

## THE FOOTBALL CAPTAINS



Captains Norman Powell and Cranston Harris

## News From The Gridiron

As the roving reporter has roved and tried to get the "low-down" on the prospects for another successful football season he offers the following tidbits for your consumption.

The present football squad really has the pounds. Believe it or not, the combined weight of the squad is TWO and ONE-FIFTH TONS. In case you have forgotten your tables of weights and measures, my friend, that means 4296 pounds.

Some of the new additions to the squad have already established reputations for their prowess on the gridiron. To wit, one Henry Singleton. This gentleman has played on the Camden High School squad and has already shown his skill in the double scoring of the season's opener.

Arthur Wells, from Princeton, Small, McKinney, and Nicholas from Atlantic City are among other newcomers who have already shown form and promise.

Coach Ray, who is usually taciturn, volunteered this statement: This year we are hoping for great things from the squad that will represent the school on the gridiron. While we will have few replacements in one or two key positions, the squad as a whole has something that will not allow defeat without first giving up its all. We have more potential power than ever before, and once power is harnessed with an unbeatable spirit, you have a winner.

Trainer Morrow, he of the exercises, has this to say: If the appearance of a football squad in its pre-season training period has any significance at all, this year's squad at Ironsides should have a successful season. The boys are large, rugged, and willing. As a group, they seem to be in fairly good physical condition after the first few weeks' grind of back-breaking, leg and stomach strengthening exercises. Although there were some protests heard from the creaking bones and joints of a few of the warriors, there was nothing that good hard work could not cure—and we did work hard.

Of the fifteen letter-men of last year, six graduated and nine remained: Heyward Robinson, Walter Spicer, Warren Allison, Norman Powell, Cranston Harris, Robert Drake, Charles Polhemus, Ira Smith, George Johnson.

Ira Smith, will not be playing football this year. We can count on him as an ardent rooter. We shall miss him.

Dempsey Dixon is the manager of the team this year.

The new football field was christened September 30. One advantage quickly noted was the fact that the spectators were not the victims of the wind from the river.

## SUMMER HOST

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New Jersey Federation of Colored Women's Club were also present.

The Chesapeake Summer School was held exclusively for Y.M.C.A. secretaries and men directly connected with the work of the Y.M.C.A.; while the Laymen's Conference was open to all persons interested in any phase of Y.M.C.A. work.

The N. J. Federation of Colored Women's Clubs held their convention from July 12-15. This group is part of a national unit which promotes racial pride by bringing to the attention of the members and friends achievement of the Negro and by planning social programs for racial improvement through local branches.

The climax of the summer came with the New Farmers of America, an organization of Negro students of vocational agriculture, designed to stimulate an interest in scientific agriculture and to promote increased agricultural educational opportunities for young Negroes. It is made up of affiliations of 17 Southern States and New Jersey, the only unit of which is at Bordentown. The organization held its fifth annual conference from August 6-10, and 600 delegates and teachers from many sections of the country attended the parley.

The most popular event during the four-day conference was the Produce and Livestock judging contests in which the prospective farmers had the opportunity to put to practice the knowledge acquired in the study of vocational agriculture. The herds and crops used for the contest were those of Rutgers University.

The Arkansas judging team took first honors, while second and third places went to Georgia and Alabama teams respectively.

They also sponsored other contests such as public speaking, quartet singing, and presented an achievement award "to the boy who in the estimation of a special committee had achieved most during the year."

The public speaking contest was won by Willie Hopkins, of South Carolina. The quartet contest was won by the quartet from Florida and the achievement award went to W. S. Davis of Tennessee.

The prospective farmers visited many places of interest to farmers namely, the Walker-Gordon Dairy at Plainsboro, N. J. They also toured the World's Fair on August 9. While at the Fair they appeared on a radio program over station WJZ in which Mr. S. B. Simmons, executive secretary, broadcast the objectives and accomplishments of this organization.

It has been reported that last summer was the most successful in the history of the school because its summer programs touched the lives of more people than ever before.