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## FARMERS' CONFERENCE HUGE SUCCESS

### Many Hear Interesting Programs At Session Here

The 7th annual Farmers' Conference held at Bordentown Manual Training School was a crowning success. These conferences which were started regularly six years ago by Mr. Harrison D. Jacobs head of the Agricultural Department of the School have grown steadily and consistently each year.

The last conference held here Friday, March 4, was divided into two sessions, the morning session being presided over by Mr. Jacobs and the afternoon session by Mr. Valentine.

The first speaker on the morning session program was Mr. Allen, State Secretary of Agriculture, whose topic was "Economic Outlook: What It Means To Farmer's Incomes and Their Farms." He suggested it was best not to increase the poultry flock because consumption had not become great enough. He emphasized the value of specialization and said that New Jersey offers better opportunities than any other state in the country, the average gross for New Jersey farms per year being \$5,000 as against \$1,000 per farm in other states. Mr. Allen pointed out that success in farming depends mainly upon two factors: weather, and individuality. His talk was followed by a discussion led by Mr. Chas. Thompson, extension worker for Burlington County and Mr. Henry White, extension worker for Cape May County.

The second speaker of the morning was Miss Inez Lee Bossier, extension specialist in clothing. Her talk was very enlightening to the feminine members of the conference. Her lecture was illustrative showing the amount the different members of the family spend on clothing. Her statistics showed that the father spends 35 per cent, the mother 30, per cent and the child 35 per cent of the amount allotted for clothing.

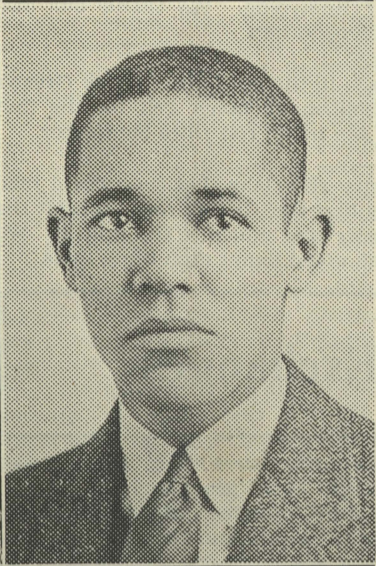
The conference was then dismissed to the school assembly, where they were entertained by the student body and quartet. Dr. L. E. Baxter addressed the student body his theme being "Get the most out of school"; after which the school assembly was dismissed and the conference picture was taken on the academic steps. Immediately after the taking of the conference picture, members went to the dining room where the annual conference dinner was being served.

At 2 o'clock the afternoon session got under way with Mr. Valentine presiding. The first speaker at this session was Mr. T. B. Patterson, Negro district agent for the State of Va. His lecture "Cooperative Extension Service: How It Has Helped the Farm and the Farm Family", was very interesting and enlightening. He cited examples of this by reading briefs from records of actual cases. He also added that the colored farmers in New Jersey would profit much more from the extension service if colored persons were placed in positions as county agents to work in close contact with the farmers. There are no Negro county agents in the state.

Dr. H. W. Beers, rural sociologist, assisted by Mr. Thompson gave a

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## Extension Worker Appointed



### W. R. Valentine, Jr., Succeeds Mr. Curtis

W. R. Valentine, Jr., has been appointed Extension Worker for the school to succeed Mr. Curtis who resigned to study law.

Young Mr. Valentine brings to the job experience and training in social work that should be of great advantage in the job. A graduate of Bates College, (which also gave us Mr. Ray), he studied at the New York School of Social Work. He has had active experience in New York City as an investigator.

He is sending out a questionnaire to all graduates and former students in order to make the school a clearing house for vocational information that will lead to placement.

Brought up on the campus, at one time a student of the school, young Mr. Valentine brings to the job both a background of association, interest as well as training that should make for success in this new post.

### Mr. Valentine Guest Of Alumni

The New York Chapter of the Bordentown Alumni Association invited Mr. Valentine, the principal, to be present at its regular bi-monthly meeting on Monday night, March 7, at the home of Mrs. Georgia Harris Pressley, class of 1918, of 75 St. Nicholas Place. The association's constitution, recently drawn up by a Constitution Committee, headed by Theodore Spaulding '18, of Philadelphia, was read and discussed for group approval before it was finally submitted to the alumni at their annual meeting next fall. James Beane '27, presided in the absence of the Chapter president, Mrs. Virginia Williams. Those present were: Ernest Johnson, Elizabeth Perry, Cuetta Jones, Lorainy Clarke, Douglas Bush, Lillian Gibson Smith, Daisy Morse Jones, Jessie McCoy, Paul Jones, Marie Dougherty Morse, Anna P. Nichols, Walter Jackson, James E. Beane, and Georgia Harris Pressley.

Meetings of the New York Chapter are held the first and third Mondays of each month. Graduates in and about New York are requested to get in touch with James Beane, 153 West 139th Street, Apartment B55, for further information.

## Beauty Culture Girls Present Easter Program

The Easter program this year will be in the hands of the beauty culture girls under the direction of Mrs. Mae Hendon. No definite information has been given to the public as to the nature of the program, but rehearsals are under way.

## "The Bat" Proves Real Thriller

Frances Smythwick, Jack Gibson, and Charles Dingus Star

The mystery melodrama "The Bat", by Mary Roberts Rhinehart and Avery Hopwood, superbly acted by the entire cast, treated an Ironsides audience to an evening of thrills, chills, gasps, sighs, and laughs.

The play whose plot hinges on the doings of an arch fiend known as "the Bat", the stealing of some money from a neighboring bank and the false accusation of the young cashier engaged to the heroine had romance as well as mystery. The three acts were crammed with murders, mysterious complications which kept the audience guessing who was guilty until the last curtain.

Frances Smythwick as Miss Cornelia Van Gorder, an elderly spinster, gave a fine performance as the old woman with the hair-trigger brain who eventually aids in the capture of the bat. Her portrayal was most unusual. Jack Gibson, portraying the role of Anderson, the hardboiled "dick" from headquarters who is in reality the Bat, was splendid; and brought verve and gusto to a role especially suited to his talents. Charles Dingus, acting the role of Billy, the Jap butler, was excellent in his imitation of the sing-song Mongolian house-servant.

Some of the most convincing screaming heard since the days of "Spooks" issued from the throat of Lizzie Allen, Miss VanGorder's scary and superstitious maid, portrayed by Paloma Queen, who sent the audience into hysterics with her antics and wise-cracks.

Doris Owens as Dale Odgen, Edward Simmons as Bailey, Russell Henry as Doctor Wells, James Dixon as Richard Fleming, William Walker as Beresford, and Donald Williams as the real Anderson gave fine and well balanced performances.

The scenery for the sets and the lighting effects were managed by the members of the play committee, assisted by members of the Sketch Club and the Carpentry department.

The committee in charge of the production was as follows: Arlice Evans, chairman; Portia Thompson, Elijah Boyd, Clarence Wilson, James Dixon, Bessie Conrad, Donald Williams, Theodore Allison, Mary Bunting, Leora Wright, Edward White, Walter Reed, Grace Cain, Miss Echols and Miss Grant.

The cast gave a successful performance to an audience of 800 in Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday, March 18.

There will be at least four other performances of the play given: in Burlington, Camden, Newark and Jersey City.

## Guest At Senior Tea



## Echo Holds Second Place In Its Class In 1938 Awards

Many Exchanges Figure In Columbia Scholastic Press Association Ratings

For the second time in succession and the fourth in its period of membership the Ironsides Echo won a second place award at the 14th annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Echo competes under the class of Vocational, Technical, and Agricultural High Schools. The awards in this group included schools from every section of the country. The group is as follows:

First place: "Crane Tech Chronicle," Crane Technical High, Chicago. "The Technician", San Antonio Vocational and Technical High, San Antonio, Tex.

Second Place: "Ironsides" Echo", Manual Training School, Bordentown, N. J. "Tech Pep," Benson Benson Polytechnic School, Portland, Ore. "Young Apprentice," Boardman Trade School, New Haven, Conn.

Third place: "Bridgeport Artisan," Bridgeport State Trade School, Bridgeport, Conn. "Night Watch," William L. Dickinson Evening High, Jersey City. "Oracle," State School of Agriculture, Delhi, N. Y. "Tech Reporter," industrial arts division, Lyn Senior High School, Lynn, Mass.

Many papers on the exchange list of the Echo won places of honor. Two papers from Negro schools entered were the Yellow Jacket, Institute, West Virginia, and the Virginia Statesman, Petersburg, Virginia, which won third and fourth places respectively in the class of Normal school publications. School Spirit from the girls' trade school in Worcester, and Trade Winds from the boys' trade school in Worcester were awarded third place in magazines from trade schools. The State Signal from the Trenton Teachers' College was a medalist in the group of Normal School publications.

The Echo has been a member of the CPSA for ten years and has never gotten a rating below third place in that period.

## SENIORS MEET WALTER WHITE

### N.A.A.C.P. Sec'y Tells Of Anti-Lynching Fight

On Sunday afternoon, March 27, the Seniors and Specials were guests at a tea given by Miss Echols and Miss Grant to meet Walter White, executive secretary of the N.A.A.C.P., Spingarn medalist for 1937, and perhaps known best to the general public right now because of his fight for the passage of the Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill. While this bill met the fate of its three prominent predecessors, the publicity of the struggle in the Senate, the long filibuster staged by the Southern senators, all served to focus attention on a national evil that it is hoped is really on a decline. Mr. White is directly in charge of the campaign; for that reason he had a great deal of interesting information about the process of legislation, of interesting personalities in the Senate, and humorous and tragic stories.

Students and faculty turned out in large numbers to meet Mr. White and hear him speak. All were introduced to the guest, and enjoyed a short social period before he spoke.

Juniors presided at the tea table and served, while Miss Echols and Miss Grant made charming hostesses.

## Observe Vocational Opportunity Week

Speakers Offer Personality Hints In Addresses

The faculty and students of Ironsides observed National Vocational Opportunity Week (March 20-27) by a series of programs, beginning with a question box on Monday and ending with an address from Miss Allie Simms of the Employment Department of the 137th St. Y.W.C.A. on Friday, March 25.

On Monday questions on vocational opportunities asked by members of the student body were answered by Mr. Benjamin Jones, Superintendent of the Boy's Trades. The answers which Mr. Jones gave were partly from his own experiences and partly as a report on a Vocational Opportunity Conference which he had attended in New York recently. The questions were similar to those which follow. What is the difference between a Vocation and a Profession? What academic subjects are required for the accomplishment of any trade? And what Vocational

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## Seniors Still Lead Attendance

The record for February attendance finds the Seniors still in the lead with the Specials instead of the Freshmen at their heels:

1. Seniors
2. Specials
3. Sophomores
4. Juniors
5. Freshmen
6. Seventh Grade
7. Eighth Grade

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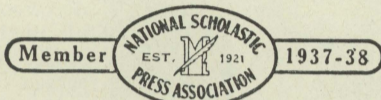
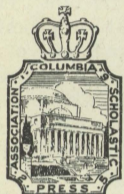
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## FEEL LIKE SPRING?

Remember a few weeks ago when the weather men were saying "Spring is just around the corner"? and the next day it snowed so beautifully? Well, the general feeling was that spring might have been just around the corner, but it must have turned around and gone back.

Spring must belong to the order of "woman" for it evidently changed its mind and decided to come after all.

So how do you feel about the whole thing? It seems it's about time for you to get your annual spring cold and go around informing everyone you meet that "Sprig it here".

And what about all the little flowers and plants popping up on the campus? Have you noticed them? Just take a look out there and see how green the grass is getting. (By-the-way, how about staying on the walk and giving the grass a chance?)

One sure sign of spring is the length of the days, and they certainly are getting longer. It used to be dark by the time we went to supper, but now, on a bright day, the sun is just setting as we leave the dining room.

Have you noticed any changes in the students yet? To some of us spring brings vim and vigor, and we want to get out and exert ourselves, like the man who insists upon going out to work in the garden, just because he happened to see a robin sitting on the back fence. (It doesn't matter that the temperature is 31 degrees and the weather man predicts snow any minute.)

To some of us, spring brings a daze; a sort of happy dream and we go about our academic and trade classes in a heavenly spell of sentimentality.

So if you notice any of your fellow classmates looking "bleary-eyed" or you happen to be the victim of that stunning question "Ain't love grand?" just remember that "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to love."

Yes, actual spring, with hot days and clear skies may still be three or four weeks away, but after all, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

## WHAT PRICE NOISE?

"It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles; the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out."—Pope.

Have you ever heard the students returning from the dining room? Have you ever listened to them as they come from Chapel, or get out of school? Or, in the quiet of the night, have you ever been startled by the shrieking of a few students coming from a committee meeting or a rehearsal? Have you ever realized how much of this noise is unnecessary? It seems as if everyone wants to yell a last minute reminder to his friend. The result is a multitudinous din of laughing and talking and acting which is quite unbecoming in many cases.

The next time you see a group of students making much unnecessary noise, refrain from increasing the volume by not taking part. If enough of us have the will power to keep our self-control at all times, the situation will become better. That "an empty wagon makes the most noise" is a fact which we cannot deny. If you wish to realize fully the truth of this proverb, look at the biggest noise-makers around us. If we wish others to respect our judgment, we must have an attitude of respect for ourselves. We attract attention when we are too loud. The attention received is generally unfavorable and is sometimes followed by the loss of better trained and more refined associates.

No one should purposely try to make himself conspicuous. The quotation, "They who govern the most make the least noise", is one which we would do well to consider. Take the leaders of our group here, for example. They do not exhibit their talents noisily most of them are mild-mannered, and refrain from being too boisterous and losing their self-control over small matters. Now the not-so-fortunate members of our group should learn from our leaders. There are, of course, those who don't care for they have little self respect. They like to be noisy and like to be seen. Perhaps that is the only way they can get in the limelight. But we should not copy them; rather, seeing them, we should try to be very different.

You can easily see by comparison and by observation how becoming refinement is. You are judged by your actions; so let them, not your noise talk for you.

## HOW ABOUT CLEANING UP????

This Spring sun really does wonders; and if we do not want it to reveal too much, its searching rays tell us to get busy. The campus is too full of odd scraps of candy paper, petty trash for the campus of a school that has many clubs as we have dedicated to purposes of civic pride. The Improvement League has done its annual repainting of the rails as many coats can testify; how about doing something about the trash? Perhaps we shouldn't leave it to the I.I.L.

Let each one of us resolve that we won't walk past, over, or, by any trash. In addition, we'll wait until we get to receptacles for trash before we throw it away. Let's welcome Spring on a clean campus.

The Echo wants to thank all those who contributed to making the paper such that it won a second place award at Columbia. We thank the Bordentown Register, which does our linotyping. We thank our own printer, Mr. Roberts, for his help and cooperation.

We want to rectify an omission made in the last issue. Frank Green's name should have appeared on the Sophomore honor roll for the first semester. He has been consistently on the honor roll since September.

We suggest that some of the students who claim that they would read "if there were something in the Library that they hadn't read" consult the lists of new books that they have recently been added to the shelves. We imagine there might be a title or so that would tempt even these souls.

## Notes From Exchanges

### MOVIE MANNERS

The conduct of any group in a movie should be representative kind, but unfortunately, this cannot be said concerning the entire group at Bowie. There are still those "kindly" souls who insist upon explaining the next act.

Then too, we have those who cannot suppress their laughter to the extent that the conversation cannot be heard above their yells. Again we have those who feel that applauding, rattling candy paper, and smacking their lips at the goodness of the candy are just some of those things to be tolerated. As if this isn't enough, we have those timid young ladies who become so emotionally upset that they just must scream. Perhaps all of this is a rather noisy way of expression used to imply that, "That was a swell movie," but I am wondering if the innocent soul besides you can say the same. Think it over.

"THE NORMAL EYE",  
Bowie, Maryland

### NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

Negro History Week was very effectively observed at State College with programs on some phase of our history, being presented each chapel day by the Junior, Freshman and Senior classes.

"THE COLLEGIAN",  
State Agriculture College,  
Orangeburg, S. C.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

1. Cheops, a Negro, built the Great Pyramid, one of the Seven Wonders of the world. It is 451 feet high, has 2,500,000 blocks of granite, each two and a half tons, covers 13 acres, took 100,000 men thirty years to complete it?
2. The founder of the City of Chicago was Juan Baptist de Saible, a Negro, in 1779?
3. The Negro was the first artist. The oldest drawing and carving yet

### Signs Of Spring

Girls flying around campus with coats on their shoulders.

The roller skaters, the bicycle riders, and the rope jumpers, thicker than ever on all the walks and drives.

The track boys (running or walking) around the long circle in the afternoons.

The resuming of outside drill after inside battalion meetings.

The last days of the basketball season.

Plans being made for Choir Contest and May 30th.

Improvement League painting the rails.

The forsythia in bloom on the campus.

discovered were executed by Negro people 15,000 years ago in Southern France, Northern Spain, Palestine, South Africa and India. The drawings are on rocks, the carvings on bone and ivory.

"THE STATE COLLEGE LANTERN",  
Dover, Delaware.

Other exchanges which we wish to acknowledge:

"THE HILLTOP," Howard University, Washington, D. C.

"HIGH SCHOOL TIMES," Hightstown, N. J.

"DOWNINGTOWN BULLETIN," Downingtown, Pa.

"THE PALMYRIAN", Palmyra High School.

"THE BRIDGEPORT ARTISAN", Bridgeport, Conn.

"SKEETER", Bordentown High School, N. J.

"THE JUNIOR CRAFTSMAN", Kansas City, Mo.

"NATIONAL BAPTIST VOICE", Nashville, Tenn.

"THE VIRGINIA STATESMAN", Etrick, Virginia.

"THE YELLOW JACKET", West Virginia State College, W. Virginia.

"THE PRAIRIE VIEW STAND-ARD", Prairie View State Normal and Industrial, Prairie View, Texas.

"THE NORMAL INDEX", State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Alabama.

"THE LINCOLN DIGEST", New Lincoln School, Trenton, N. J.

"TRADE WINDS", Boys' Trade School, Worcester, Mass.

"SCHOOL SPIRIT", Girls' Trade School, Worcester, Mass.

"THE FRANCIS MAGNET", Francis Junior High, Washington, D. C.

"THE WILEY REPORTER", Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

"THE STATE SIGNAL", State Teachers College, Trenton, N. J.

"THE CAMPUS MIRROR", Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Deacon Harris uncovering the flower beds and pruning the bushes.

Plans being made for summer.

Seniors counting the days to Commencement.

Juniors counting the days to the Junior-Senior Reception.

Others counting the days.

Some laggards suddenly deciding to study.

The girls lining up on the side of their campus nearest the boys' side of the campus.

The robins getting fatter everyday on the juicy worms around the campus.

That new feel of warmth and brightness in the air, that gives us all new life.

## March Winds

As we students stroll about our lovely campus this month, we will surely at one time or another be the victim of the capricious March wind. Although his frolicking may result in the ruin of some of our fancy coiffures, we accept it resignedly as something that must be endured during this month.

But the playful and changeable wind does not confine itself to the blowing of headgear, however. Often, in the stillness and darkness of the night, the tricky wind sends forth such wild, weird, melancholy notes that we draw the covers closer and try to smother our ears. The heart-rending tunes send chills down our spines, and we long for that tardy sandman.

Then, on a warm afternoon, the wind whispers taunting notes as he passes through the branches of the trees in the vicinity of the academic building. These sounds are like a tonic to us, weary youths who are struggling through a boring period of English or algebra.

Our minds are on the spring sports, and we look dreamily toward the open windows and wish that we, like the window, possessed the power to pursue our own courses without the restrictions imposed on children of school age. And perhaps we wonder why the wind pauses, then whispers again even more tauntingly.

But suddenly, in the midst of this diversion, our musing ends as disastrously as the blowing off of a new spring bonnet. Then we wonder if we agree with the poet who wrote that saucy March had a mellow heart in spite of his rough voice.

## Easter Symbols And Customs

Lent is the period of forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with the Saturday before Easter. It commemorates Christ's forty days of sacrifice and is observed with fasting and sacrificing.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection and is the happiest day in the Christmas year.

Good Friday, the Friday before Easter Sunday, commemorates Christ's crucifixion and is considered the saddest day of the Christian year.

Palm Sunday, the first Sunday before Easter, is said to celebrate Christ's triumphal march into Jerusalem.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten season. As a reminder that man is but dust, the Roman Catholic put ashes on their heads at their annual ceremony. This was done too, to show that the bearer repented for all his sins. The ashes used were the remains of burned palm branches used in the church the previous year on Palm Sunday.

The custom of using eggs at Easter originated with the Persians. All eggs bear the symbol of new life, but the blood of redemption is signified by the red eggs. The other colored eggs have no special meaning.

On Easter Sunday in Scotland young people used to amuse themselves by hunting for eggs of wild birds. These were expected to bring good luck. The same game of "egg rolling" that they enjoyed then amuses many annually on the White House lawn each Easter Monday.

Throughout the world, the hot cross bun is as well known as Easter itself. The Greeks, thousands of years ago, sacrificed oxen and cakes decorated with horns. Buns is the modified version of their word "bouns" which meant oxen. When the horn was later changed to a cross, some believed it signified the four quarters of the moon. Two buns recently found under the ashes of the great Vesuvius are believed to have been buried there by the Romans not long after Christ's death.

## HERE'N THERE

On March 2, some twenty senators and representatives were the guests of the chairman of the Board of the School, Senator D. Stewart Craven, at a luncheon. At this luncheon, the Senators discussed the new Senate Appropriation Bill No. 91, which will give the State of New Jersey two and a half million dollars to be allocated to four state institutions: the State School at Glassboro, the Normal School at Montclair, the School for the Deaf at Trenton, and the Manual Training School at Bordentown. If the bill is passed, the present gymnasium and auditorium building will be converted into a dining-room and cafeteria. The old machine shop will be torn down and a new building, housing boys and girls gymnasia, swimming pool, and an auditorium building will be erected. Also a new boys' dormitory will be built.

Members of the cast of "The Bat" were the guests of Miss Echols and Miss Grant at the performance at the Bordentown High School of their Senior play "O Susan". The cast enjoyed the performance and gained many points and suggestions for their own performance.

The boxing and wrestling matches devised by the ingenious Fess Morrow and Joe Roberts on Friday, March 5, hit the spot like a balmy breeze on a day in June. The faculty seemed to enjoy the evening as much as the students. There seemed to be not two groups, faculty and student body, but one happy family having a thoroughly enjoyable time. Faculty and students shouted for their favorites. Congratulations, Fess Morrow and Joe Roberts, on your splendid success. The students hope you assist in the Y in another such program.

The visit of the farmers for their conference gave the students one of their most interesting chapel assemblies. At the chapel period the students were addressed by one of the leading Negro farmers and veterinarians, Dr. Leroy Baxter. Dr. Baxter owns and operates his own dairy farm. He said to the students the fact that they were the coming generation and that they must get the training now that will enable them to get ahead.

The conference tended to change some of the attitudes toward Agriculture. One student said that in September he felt one trade was as good as another, but because he liked being out of doors, he took Agriculture. Now it's a very different story. He talks enthusiastically of farming and of the training needed. Farming is no longer an occupation anyone can follow successfully. Science and discovery have made it more complex and more interesting. If you want enthusiasm, talk to this first year student in Agriculture.

## Boys Have Health Talk

Last week on Sunday, March 6, the Y.M.C.A. sponsored a lecture on Social Diseases. During the past year, there have been few topics as interesting and beneficial to the student body as this one.

The program was made possible through the efforts of our school physician, Dr. Mendenhall. The lecturer, Carl Doanes, State Supervisor of Social Hygiene, stressed the fact that although a healthy body for a man or a woman is his or her greatest asset, there is nothing more carelessly abused. After the lecture the boys were allowed to ask questions.

This meeting was presided over by Gordon Herring. Mr. Morrow introduced the speaker.

## Dressmaking Girls Offer Spring Advice

March 14, 1938, Mrs. Brown's Sewing Class presented a program in chapel dealing with what students should do to be well dressed and well groomed.

Alice Copeland introduced the program with a talk on how to brighten up and recondition our winter clothes now that spring is here. Fresh bright lounging clothes were displayed by Isabel Hammond, pajamas; Valeria Wright, housecoat; Mary Bunting, bathrobe. Next active sport clothes were shown. Barbara Fletcher wore the regulation gym suit over which she could place a blue skirt when walking about the campus. Marie Townsend wore a pair of green shorts with matching skirt which she had made in the sewing department. Anna Montgomery showed the skirt and blouse while Genevieve Allison wore a skirt and sweater and Frances Smythwick a basic woolen dress which she made with two sets of accessories. A wash dress was displayed by Vivian Black and a white Hoover apron by Gladys Johnson. Last but not least Lola Foster demonstrated how the regulation uniform should be worn. It should be worn plain without ornaments of any kind and with low straight heeled shoes.

A navy blue serge foundation dress was introduced by Bertha Dunlap who described its assets and was assisted in demonstrating its many accessories (nine in number) by Elizabeth Floyd. The dress was modeled by Bernice Fletcher and made by Bertha Dunlap and Alice Copeland.

The showing of this dress and its many accessories proved to the girls how many costumes can be had from one dress. It made them see that one can have many changes without a great deal of expense. Mrs. Brown proved her much voiced belief that it is better to have two good dresses or even one with numerous accessories than a closet full of cheap clothes.

## Vocational Week

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fields are open for girls? In answering these questions, Mr. Jones stated that the main difference between a vocation and a profession is that a profession in a more thoroughly developed vocation. Mr. Jones also brought out the point that the academic fundamentals up through High School are very necessary in all trades, not only because of their academic value and character training, but also because they help an individual to understand the basic principles of his trade. Girls are eligible for any trade that does not require masculine strength and endurance.

The second program was an address by Mr. A. M. Harvey, of the Newark YMCA. His address was mainly to the boys. He showed the importance of developing a high standard of character traits and preparing oneself to take advantage of any opportunity that might turn up. Mr. Harvey has been with the YMCA for quite some time and the information which he gave is very reliable.

The third and last program for the week was an address, chiefly for the benefit of the girls, given by Miss Simms of the YWCA of New York City.

## Farmers' Conference

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brief talk on New Jersey's Agricultural Extension Conservation program for 1938.

The last speaker was Dr. Robinson who gave the report of the resolutions committee.

## Diogenian Declamation Contest, April 9

The Diogenians have announced their annual Declamation Contest for Friday, April 9th. The members have issued the following rules:

No poetry can be used in this contest. Only speeches and addresses from famous authors may be used.

Each speaker will be allowed seven minutes.

No person holding a first prize from a previous contest sponsored by this club is eligible to enter. All other students of the school are eligible.

Contestants will be judged on the following points: Mastery of subject, interpretation, pronunciation, enunciation, poise.

First prize will be five dollars; second, two dollars and a half.

Students interested in competing are asked to give their names to Captain or Mrs. Eaton on or before March 25.

## Mathematics Club Presents Playlet

One of the recent chapel programs was an interesting playlet presented by Miss Gillespie's Freshman Mathematics Club. The playlet demonstrated the fun to be had through mathematics and its importance in everyday life.

The program opened with a talk by Lillian Ricks on the importance of mathematics in our present day civilization.

The playlet concerned five children and their uncle who was proficient in mathematics and on the particular evening of the sketch entertained them with numerous puzzles which had tricks to their solution.

Members of the cast were as follows: Edward Jordan, the uncle; Edward Easton, Wendell Barnes, Caroline Coy, Almata Corker, and Elaine Carter.

## LIBRARY COUNCIL COMMENDED

The Library Council, made up of members of the tenth grade, deserve commendations for the work they have done in the library this year. Their assistance in the afternoon is invaluable but there are certain ones who deserve special mention.

Valeria Wright and Gladys Neil have given most adequate service on the desk in the afternoons.

Viviana Black is responsible for the attractive bulletin boards, Elizabeth Farmer is valuable for filling into almost any place where she is needed, serving at times as monitor, on the door, and arranging the paper and magazines.

Dorothy Fitzhugh has been responsible for the magazine racks looking so attractive in the mornings.

Frank Armstead, Clyde Bryant, Edison McGuffin and Frank Armstead are indispensable on the door during the library period after school. They also keep the shelves in order.

I would ask for these young people your continued consideration and cooperation in doing the duties assigned them.

Can you please tell us why Brooks run past Barnes now?

It's Hale-ing so much around the Library?

Wadley has Binn so thrilled lately?

Elizabeth thinks he's a Prince?

Edith is getting T. B.?

A certain young lady was speechless at the Spring Hop?

Forbes has no one to "Hi-de-ho-Romeo" to?

## Glee Club Visits Vocational School At Bayonne

On a Thursday morning early in March, the members of the Glee Club with Mr. Work and Mrs. Calloway, set out for the Vocational High School at Bayonne.

The students were shown the different departments of this well-known high school and found them all interesting. The following vocations were offered to the boys: auto mechanics, printing, carpentry, electricity, gas and electric welding. Among the trades offered to the girls were: beauty culture, domestic science, and sewing.

The fine equipment of the institution and the excellent care given it called forth much admiration.

There is one advantage that the students of Ironsides have over the students at this school; when a student gets a certificate in his trade, he is capable of going out and setting up his own business if he chooses or can work for others. At Bayonne when a student has graduated, he is still an apprentice.

The recreational features of the two schools were quite similar. Bayonne possessed a very fine swimming pool, however, that drew forth oh's and ah's.

Most of the courses are two year courses with two or three trades in a course. This is a public vocational high school; therefore the set up would vary slightly from the program here.

All who made the trip expressed themselves as having thoroughly enjoyed seeing another school, doing the same kind of work as Ironsides.

## Growth of Basketball

As everyone knows, basketball is the sport of the season. It is a very fact and interesting game, that brings enjoyment not only to the players, but to the spectators also. If a person likes this sport, there are many interesting facts about it that will help him understand the game better. The game is often interesting to those who don't understand it, but their enjoyment is not nearly so keen as that of those who know the game.

Basketball is played by boys and girls, and by men and women of all nations. Although it is played indoors, it can be played on any flat even surface available.

The game has a very unique history. It was thought out and all of the rules made before any tryout of the game was executed. Thirteen rules were made, and of those thirteen, twelve are still used. In 1891, the game was originated by Dr. James Naismith, an instructor at the YMCA, and at Springfield College. The school decided that they wanted a new game in which none of the players would be injured. Through his knowledge of different sports, he began joining certain parts of different games together and hit upon the idea of basketball. The game was first played in a gymnasium and peach baskets were the goals. These gave the game its name.

The spread of basketball was very rapid, for the men who first played left the school and took the game wherever this went. Now it is played by clubs, organizations, and schools everywhere, and there is just as much enthusiasm and vigor displayed as there was forty-five years ago. Basketball not only brings enjoyment to the players, but it quickens the eye, and strengthens the mind and muscles.

Basketball ranks second among the leading sports of the world. Some day in the near future, if it continues to attract the interest of so many players and spectators, it may soar to the heights of America's A Number One sport.

## Interesting Sport Flashes

### The Season's Resume Of Indoor Track Meets

On Saturday, March 5, at the IC4A track meet in Madison Square Garden, Ben Johnson, the sensational lad from Columbia University, won the sixty yard dash in 6.2 seconds and was acclaimed intercollegiate champion. He bettered his own IC 4A record by one-tenth of a second and equalled the record held jointly by seven stars, including Jesse Owens and Eulace Peacock.

One of the greatest upsets of the IC4A meet was the defeat of Jim Herbert in the 600 meter event. Herbert, a Sophomore at New York University, was formerly world record holder in this race. He won eleven of his thirteen starts, and was a relay ace beside.

Jim Smith, a lanky lad from Indiana University, set a new Armory meet record by winning the race in 9 minutes and 15.4 seconds. Smith is the first Negro to become captain of a track team at the Indiana University.

By the way, Ben Johnson is captain of Columbia's relay team. At the K. of C. meet in Madison Square Garden on March 12, Ben Johnson who has won twenty-four straight heats, semi-finals and finals and broken or tied sprint records eleven times at forty and sixty yards, was defeated by Herbert Thompson, a Negro youth from the New York Pioneer Club. Thompson, who is the Metropolitan 100 yard champion, tied the listed world record of 6.2 seconds in the final of the 60-yard dash.

The field event performances were not as good as usual. Mel Walker, Dave Albritton, and Corny Johnson are all 6.9 jumpers, but this season neither has equalled his own best record.

Jimmy Herbert and Ben Johnson, with Glenn Cunningham and Allan Tolmich are the "Big Four" of the season and will long be remembered by the 65,000 fans who witnessed their thrilling and record-breaking performances.

EDWARD JORDAN, 9B.

## CAMPUS CLICKS

Poor G. W.—and just think—his life used to be one sweet song of Joy.

R. C. has lost his foothold on Pike's Peak, but S. S. has reached the top.

R. J. surely thinks Olives are worth a high Price.

L. F. got a pair of slippers for Christmas and he uses them regularly now.

T. J. says when he gets sick to send him to the Ward and give him a nurse called Mildred.

We've heard of folks being blue but little M. T. is surely Red lately.

Speaking of colors, White is Butler's favorite and Doris surely likes Green.

J. H. should become a great musician because he's always playing note.

Little S. E. has been wandering around the Hall quite a bit lately. Watch, he'll soon be on duty there.

H. C. just will stay small, won't she?

W.M. doesn't like a Battle because there's a Black cloud hanging over it.

H. R. seems to think that being a Coleman is a pleasant business, but the campus knows C. G. has all the Coles.

Boys, the girls are to be forgiven for being nutty during Lent. They gave up candy and are now living on peanuts.

B. G. says his no-starch diet is over and it's Rice for him.

# Double Victory Over Dover Closes Season

## VICTORIES, UPSETS FEATURE CLOSING SEASON GAMES

As the curtain begins to fall on another basketball season, we see that the blue and gold are still on top in the race for the M3A championship. True this season's team is not as great as the wonder teams of previous years, but no other quintet to wear the blue and gold has possessed more fight and determination when the going was the toughest and that's the stuff that makes champions.

### Cheyney Upsets M3A Champs

In a hardfought contest which saw neither side asking or giving quarter, the Cheyney wolves in their own den clawed the fighting Wildcats into submission. An inspired Cheyney team was determined to snap the blue and gold's undefeated championship march and this they did after a tremendous struggle. From the opening whistle to the closing the game was fast and furious.

But a team that won't be beat, can't be beat. The first half found Cheyney steal out in front 4-0 on two sneak plays, but they were gradually overhauled by the Wildcats; from then on the half was nip and tuck and the half ended with the score deadlocked 10-10.

The second half found Cheyney steal ahead again with a fast break and two score 3 field goals in rapid succession; from then on the scoring was on fairly even terms, but the boys from the hill were unable to overcome the lead. The play increased in speed and spectacular shots and passing brought the crowd to its feet time and time again. But that night was Cheyney's night and when the final whistle blew, they were leading 32-23.

Capt. Richardson was outstanding for the home boys while Spain and Locklin starred for Cheyney. This is Bordentown's first league defeat in three years.

### Wildcats Conquer Storer, 35-26

On Saturday, March 12, the scrappy and aggressive Storer College cagers fell after a hard but losing fight to the fast moving Bordentown Wildcats by the margin of 35-26. The first half saw first one team and then the other jump into the lead. No. 7, Jackson, of the W. Virginians, played inspired ball as he sank shot after shot to keep his team in the game. He set a fast pace from the opening whistle to the end of the first half. Young of the Wildcats was also outstanding in his clever and deceptive floorwork. The first half ended with Storer leading, 13-12. In the second half the Ironsides slowly pulled past their fighting opponents as a result of some beautiful shots by Richardson, Jones and Fowler and were never again headed. This was a fast, exciting game from start to finish and kept the fans on edge at all times. The final score was 35-26 in the favor of the boys of Ironsides.

### Bowie Taken Into Camp By Ironsiders

On Friday, March 18, the mighty Bowie Bulls fell under the pressure and spectacular playing of the Wildcats and were trounced by the overwhelming score of 55-36.

Bordentown started off the fireworks as "Yo Yo" Young playing at his position, left forward, took a sharp pass from Johnson and looped in a duck shot for the first score.

Coming along right behind him "Rene" Richardson got set, and let a long one fly from mid-court which swished through the basket and put Bordentown in the lead by four points. Then Pashields, Bowie forward, opened the scoring for the visitors by sinking a sensational shot from the left side of the court. Jones of the Wildcats was then fouled and decided to make good both tries for extra point. Young again came through, and dodged and twirled his way up the court and sank two consecutive baskets before being stopped by a scrappy Bowie quintet. J. Bryant and Harvey sparked the Marylanders onward with their excellent teamwork and dead shooting. The game from here on until the end of the first half turned into a seesaw battle, seeing first Bordentown and then Bowie taking the lead. The score at the end of the first half was 21-16 in favor of the Ironsiders.

The second half, although starting off with the same fire and spirit combined with exciting play, which made the first half outstanding, did not last long. The big guns of Bordentown turned on the pressure with Richardson, Young, Johnson and Fowler shooting from all angles of the court. The Ironsides student body came to life and cheered as they never have cheered before as their boys in blue and gold continued to march up and down the floor. It was a great sight for spectators, but damaging to the scrappy Bowie squad. The game ended with the Ironsiders way out in front by the score of 55-36.

### Wildcats Annihilate Downingtown 62-18

A blue and gold team fresh from a brilliant victory over Bowie continued on its winning ways to submerge Downingtown under a barrage of baskets.

Coming out of a slump that had seen them lose their first league game to Cheyney in three years, this team instilled with the fighting spirit of old, went to work from the opening whistle to the closing.

Playing with the grim determination of the champion on the comeback trail, the blue and gold went to work. The first five minutes found a Downingtown team, inspired by a surprise Downie lasses' victory over the Wildcat lasses, playing over their heads and the score stood at a called time out, 4-3 in favor of the lads from the hill.

But with the resuming of play the Wildcats with the accuracy and devastation of Big Bertha made the nets sing with the familiar swish as they scored again and again, at the half the Wildcats were leading 35-8 and still going strong.

The second half was a repetition of the first half, the Wildcats scoring at will. The game ended with the Blue and Gold on the long end of a 62-18 score.

### Soft Ball Teams To Compete

There will be no regular baseball team this year. Instead there will be intra-mural competition among softball teams. These teams may be organized by classes, clubs, trades, or by another group. Captains of the teams are asked to give their names to Lorenzo Brooks, Senior, as soon as possible.

### Flash! Flash!

In the last games of the season, the girls and boys who wear the blue and gold gained two victories over Delaware State. The girls defeated Dover lassies, who never did get an eye on the basket by a 31-13 score. The boys' task was not so easy; leading at half-time 15-11 in a game that had seen almost a quarter with no score at all, the Ironsiders came out victories 38-29 over a Dover team that constituted a threat until the last whistle blew.

## WRESTLERS AND BOXERS HOLD FORTH IN GYM

### YMCA Sponsors First Exhibit In Manly Art Of Self Defense

March 5th was a battling night in the Madison Square Garden of the Ironsides Gym. Exhibitions on the mat and in the ring showed that in the manly art of self-defense the boys are really coming along.

In the preliminaries (if that is the correct term to use), the crowd saw the future Henry Armstrong in Charlie Faust who showed a keen right uppercut and an amazing coolness in doing away with his opponents (he had two—one round for each). Everybody seemed to think that Bobbie Watson looked like Maxie Baer: his moss was covering his left eye—and by the way, that's the one Maxie couldn't see with one night. Yup! Bobbie even put in a grin for the audience. The "track" man hooked up with the "Ladies" man that night as C. Robinson and D. Bartley, respectively, fought a thrilling draw. (P.S. Clanson was running track before the season started.)

Out of the echoes of the rumbling applause and cheering came the clarion call of the Joe Humphries of the evening, Fats Livingston, for the pretzel twisters to come and get salted. Daly, a boy from up state, showed fine technique if not strength in subduing his opponent. Some folks think that the fight between Freeman and Holmes was out of proportion; but Freeman was giving some nice retaliation to Eddie, who had one of those Harlem guards. Joe Hall, honor roll student, (think of that), out-pointed Robert Cook in a battle in which he did most of the weaving. Cook looked as if he had a haymaker there, but Joe threw some Latin on it and the show was over. If Cook had thought to sing a song or play a tune, Joe might have gone to sleep.

This reporter found a great deal of similarity between Jimmy Meadows and Ted Allison. While they're wrestling with history, listen; they are both Juniors; both are farmers; both room in the same building; both have rooms with odd numbers. "Bone-crusher" Physic did not have any ashcans falling on his head this time, but he made Eddie Barnes think that a boiler blew up. Eddie would be a good wrestler if he knew the rules. Better study, Eddie. Everyone would like to know what would have happened had "Mule" Johnson landed that roundhouse on Buggs' beard. It seems as if Atterbeary should be called the "eel" from the way in which he slipped in farmer Cranston's guard, and after striking slipped out again.

## News From The Cinder Path

With the coming of the spring weather and the nice warm days, the mighty sons of Bordentown are now thinking of the cinder path. This reporter risks the guess that many of you track fans at Ironsides have been wondering just what the prospects of the 1938 season are.

Although there are only four lettermen from last year, Coach Watson seems to feel that if the boys come out, stick, and put everything they have into it, we should have another team which will not let Bordentown down. The four letter men left are: Robert Drake, quarter miler, Solon Chamberlain, hurdles; Dewey Johnson, hurdles; and Donald Williams, discus.

There will be in all probability four major meets this season: At Virginia State, at Howard, at Hampton, and at Morgan. The meet at Morgan will take place on May 14 and will be a CIAA open championship, inaugurating the college's new track. Ironsides boys will also go to Virginia State, where they will compete in order to qualify for the Penn Relays, which will take place on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, April 20 and 30, 30th.

Captain Drake and Co-Captain Chamberlain show in statements to the Echo reporter that they have high hopes for a good season.

Says Captain Drake: Of the 68 boys who reported for action this season nearly 40 seem to show the kick and endurance which is necessary. . . . If the fellows continue to show the fine spirit they have shown in previous workouts, we should look forward to just as good a team if not better than we have had in the past.

Co-Captain Chamberlain issued the following statement: This year's track team shows fine promise in spite of last year's losses. It seems as though it will be a case of the survival of the fittest because of the large number of boys who have come out. We expect to see Captain Drake come through in the quarter, 220, and the broad jump, while Gibson, in spite of the injury sustained, will turn in creditable performances in the hurdles. Pete White, Richard King, and Ira Smith will probably come through this year.

You should have heard the noise. Nobody needed to introduce them. Why? They were the two biggest men on the campus. Yup! This reporter means "Scoop" Butler and "Fish" Herring. Butler wanted to "scoop" a "fish" that night on to a his glove in "Scoop's" face and held him off while "Scoop" was swinging at air, he saw a coffin not a matter. Then, all of a sudden, something happened to "fish" in the next two rounds and he let Ernest slap all over. Lifesaver Drake had to throw in the towel for poor "Fish". And, believe it or not, "Fish" went to his corner and swounded!! Ernest had to run all the way across the ring to see what was the matter with his opponent.

Those girls!!! They make you mad sometimes. "Fats" hollered in his clearest tones that the bout between Joe Roberts and Clyde Justice was an exhibition bout; yet, those sweet young things gave vent to inhuman noises when Justice slipped a left jab to Joe's nose.

Mr. Morrow was the cause of much concealed laughter and giggles (from the gals) when he had to tell Gibson that the next move in their exhibition wrestling match was a "headlock" and so forth, because that wasn't the only time. The two might

## GIRLS' GAMES VICTORIES AND DEFEATS

### Bowie Breaks Winning Streak

The last games, especially those in league competition, have revealed skill and fight in a team green at the beginning of the season, but one having made tremendous strides.

Victories over Dover, Cheyney on the home court and on theirs made the game forfeited to Bowie and the one-point loss to Downingtown on their court almost upsets.

The girls defeated Dover 29-21 on February 25 on their court. The quarter saw the score 5-5; and the half saw Bordentown leading 13-10. The second half showed Dover unable to slow up the shooting of Olive Price.

Two thrilling games were played with Cheyney, ending on Bordentown court 33-21 and on Cheyney's court 50-25.

Defeat loomed high for Bordentown at Bowie on March 12, when they forfeited a game to the Maryland lassies when three of the players were fouled out. The return game at Bordentown evened the score because the Bordentown team won 51-29.

In all of these games the regulars saw service, starting usually and seeing service at least for half of the game. Mary Stevens, Tabritha Hicks, Ruth Lee, Olive Price, Valeria Wright, Julia Baugh, Norma Holcombe, and Beatrice Tucker have seen service in all the games.

The girls did not make the trip to Storer with the boys; therefore, they met Storer for the only time during the season on their own court where they won from the West Virginia team 40-25.

The heartbreaker of the season, without a doubt, was the 19-20 loss to Downingtown at Downingtown. Up to the last whistle practically, Bordentown had led. Downingtown again and again threatened the Ironsiders' lead. The starting lineup was Ruth Lee, Mary Stevens, and Olive Price as forwards; Julia Baugh, Valeria Wright and Norma Holcombe as guards.

The game got off to a slow start, each team feeling out the other. Olive Price, Bordentown forward, who had scored over thirteen points over Downingtown, was amply and completely guarded. Many difficult attempts were made at baskets, but none seemed to be successful. The first quarter found Bordentown on the short end of a 2-3 score. The second quarter saw Bordentown take the lead with a score of 10-5 at half time.

In the second half Downingtown became a team that refused to be beaten. Each team made basket for basket. At one time Bordentown established a ten-point lead, but did not hold it for long. With one minute to play the score was 19-18 in favor of Bordentown. A Downingtown girl got the ball—aimed for the blew and Downingtown won 20-19.

be on the mat feeling each other out and Mr. Morrow seeing that Gibson's antedeluvian memory had gone back on him slightly, would say something confidential? Some folks thought that Mr. Morrow was singing to assure Gibson that he was in a good silver platter, but when "Fish" stuck humor and would not break one of his limbs.

The gym was arranged to look like a ring with a floodlight from above. The seconds, Drake and Tom Johnson, the announcer, and all the trimmings lent atmosphere and color to a gay evening.