

## Decoration Day Featured Pageant, Competitive Drills and Track Meet Besides Choir Contest

Decoration Day was a full day on the Ironsides campus. The choir contest, the girls' gymnastic exercises, the boys' competitive drill and the track meet.

The track meet began at nine o'clock. The field events were held first and the track events held later. Totaled results appear elsewhere in this issue under last minute news. Much interest was centered in the showing of the Seniors since the class won the meet as Sophomores and Juniors. The Sophomores of this year seem to have things "sewed up."

In the afternoon came the drills for boys and girls. Owing to the fact that there was no baseball scheduled it was decided to put on the girls' exercises and the competitive drill at the same time as the choir contest. Since the boys needed the band and the girls had to have music, it was impossible to have the drills on the ground in center campus. They were moved to the old baseball and football portions of which are under process of construction.

Here Company A and Company B fought it out, with Company B finally being victorious. There was no drill last year on account of rain; it was held on Commencement Day instead of Decoration Day.

Following the drill came the girls' formal ones. Instead of a series of drills. There were the regulation fancy dances, the closing portion of the girls' program caught the spirit of the coronation and was called "The Crowning of the Spring Queen." Lillar Jamison was the queen. The idea was to show the queen reviewing her subjects as they awakened to a beautiful spring. With her two heralds, eight ladies-in-waiting, she viewed the little dancing snow-flakes, and whirls and swirls of the wind; the dancers with their umbrellas roaming gaily and daintily through the rain drops; then the rainbow appeared and the clouds departed. Following this came the sun to beam upon the flowers and the butterflies; the peacocks and frogs as they played; and upon the plowman as he begun his spring work. Thus came Spring. The pageant was most favorably received. The girls' exercises were, as usual, in charge of Miss Butcher.

## Lincoln Glee Club Sings At Bordentown; Former Graduate President of Club

On May 15, the Glee Club from Lincoln University gave a forty-five minute concert before a most enthusiastic group of students and faculty.

The program was varied and displayed to advantage the versatility of the group. The first selections were English lyrics; the second and third groups consisted of most original arrangements by the director, James Dorsey.

Perhaps an added interest for the students was the fact that Douglas Bush, a Lincoln Senior, who is president of the Lincoln Musical Club was a former Bordentown student, finishing in 1932. While at Bordentown, Bush was a football letter man, a lieutenant and a member of the Diogenian Club. In speaking to several of the students and faculty, he said that his extra-curricula activities at Bordentown had been of great help to him in his college career.

The Glee Club was giving a con-

## Last Minute Flashes From Decoration Day

Seniors make history in inter-class track competition by winning the Decoration Day meet for the third successive year, defeating their closest competition by a bare 2 points.

Events were won as follows:

100 yard dash: Herring, Sr.; Roulette, Sr.; Bryant, Fresh.

220 yard dash: Herring, Sr.; Robinson, Soph.; M. Johnson, Fresh.

440 yard dash: Robinson, White, and Bass, Sophomores.

880 yard run: White, Neil and Smith, Sophomores.

Mile: I. Smith, Soph.; K. Atterbury, Soph.; Travis, Sr.

120-yard low hurdles: P. Smith, Sr.; R. Roulette, Sr.; Mills, 8th grade.

Shot Put: Young, Sr., 38 ft. 10½ in.; Roberts, Soph., 37 ft. 6 in.; Bythewood, Sr., 34 ft. 4½ in.

Discus: E. Palmer, Sr., 85 ft.

Javelin: P. Smith, Sr., 131 ft.; F. Bass, Soph., 127.6 ft.; S. Smith, Fresh., 113.7 ft.

Broad Jump: R. Henry, Soph., 19 ft. 10½ in.; Collins, Sr., 18 ft. 2¼ in.; White, Soph., 17 ft. 5 in.

Relay (Mile): Sophomores, first; Seniors, second.

Note: Specials are grouped with Seniors for inter-class competition.

Total points: Seniors 54 points; Sophomores, 52 points.

Mr. John Morrow coached the Sophomores and Ashton Higgins the Seniors.

Company B as was expected, took the competitive drill on Decoration Day; what was not expected was the close competition Company A gave them. Captain Snelling, Sr., commands Company B, which is made up of the younger boys.

Captain Tucker, Sr., of Company A, was awarded the distinction of being the best company commander. Second Lieutenant Walker, Sophomore, of Company B, was awarded the distinction of being the best soldier on the field.

St. John's M. E. Church, of Newark, N. J., carried off the cup in the Choir Contest. The pastor of the church is Rev. W. R. Thompson and the chorister, Mrs. M. A. Henry.

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## JUNIOR EDITORS MAKE STAFF

From the Junior Staff of the Echo, Miss Scott, the sponsor, announces the promotion of four freshmen to membership on the Senior Staff. The four prospective Sophomores are Robert Puello, Mary Seamon, Alberta Walker and Leroy Hasbrouck. These students have been writing for the Echo two years and readers doubtless recall articles signed by them.

The Senior Staff for the fall will include at the present: Frances Smythwick, Senior; Meta Britton and John Holmes, Juniors; and Puello, Hasbrouck, Mary Seamon and Alberta Walker, Sophomores.

## RECEIVES HONORARY LLD



## Lincoln University Honors Mr. Valentine

A signal honor and most deserved recognition came to W. R. Valentine, principal of the school when he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Lincoln University Commencement.

The citation for the degree called attention to the growth and development of Bordentown under the leadership of Mr. Valentine, both as an educational institution and a social force in the State. Mr. Valentine's leadership in educational, civic and social enterprises were cited as invaluable to his race and the State.

Mr. Valentine was graduated from Harvard with an A.B. degree in 1904 a member of Franklin D. Roosevelt's class. He received an M.A. from Columbia in 1928. Lincoln's honorary L.L.D. came in June, 1937. He has been principal at Bordentown for twenty-two years.

## Principal Addresses Seniors

I congratulate you upon your achievement up to this point. This ought to encourage and inspire you to achieve even more as the years come and go. This taste of success is very important to every individual. I am glad that you have had your chance. I shall be interested at all times in what you do and in your adjustments to life. Nothing will make me so happy as your continued success because then I will know that our work has been well done. That is the greatest satisfaction that we, as teachers, can get. I feel also that you are going to feel a compulsion to justify the faith that we have had in you and to make good.

I implore you to think of the things that we have said and the experiences you have had during your stay at the school and the precepts that have been laid down for you and the habits that have been instilled in you. If you think of these things and remember them and let them be your guide, I don't think you will have to worry about your future.

Sincerely yours,

Signed: W. R. Valentine,

Principal.

It is probable that there will be additions made to the staff in the fall.

## Commencement Events

June

12—Junior-Senior Reception

13—Annual Sermon, 3 P. M. Rev. William A. Epps

14—Faculty Reception to Seniors

17—Commencement Day

Exhibition in Gym

Commencement Procession 2:15 P. M.

Commencement Exercises, 2:30 P. M.

John W. Davis, President, West Virginia State College

## EXAMS BEGIN JUNE 7TH

## Academic Schedule Is Changed

The final examination period will extend from June 7-11. At that time examinations in trade and academic work will be held.

The academic schedule will be greatly changed this year. All exam periods will be of recitation length not one hour and a half; and all study periods preceding them will be the same length. Since this arrangement will leave recitation periods to be provided for, the schedule will read "Assigned Work" for pupils in certain rooms. That means that students will be working on exhibition work, on outside reports or discussion of previous exams.

## JUNIORS PLAN FOR PROM TO SENIORS

Members of the Junior-Senior Reception Committee are working hard to entertain the Seniors at the end of exam week Saturday, June 12. There have been rumors of the kind of entertainment planned, but nothing official is known. Members of the committee are as follows: Clarice Smith, chairman; Viola Bass, Bessie Conrad, Bernice Harris, Minnie Thomas, Mary Whiting, Merritt Bowman, James Dixon, Fred Richardson, William Tucker and Clarence Wilson.

## Torchbearer Negro Program A Success School Receives Piece of Sculpture

"Most interesting and delightful" seemed to be consensus of comment on the Torchbearers' program of Negro Poetry and Song, Friday evening, May 21.

From the applause the most liked numbers were Alberta Birkhead's "Talk about a child that do love Jesus", Ethel Jones' and Donald Williams' "Under the Bamboo Tree" and the Torchbearer Club's presentation of Vachel Lindsay's "The Congo." This latter gave some of the audience its first opportunity to hear a speaking choir.

Members of the audience who came to hear the Torchbearers' program were given another treat. Directly following the program the school was presented with a very beautiful plaster cast of "A Masque of a Faun," the original made by the well-known Negro sculptor, Richmond Barthe. The cast was the gift of Miss Dorothy Peterson, of New York, long a friend of the school and a person known for her interest in the arts.

In making the presentation, Miss

## JOHN W. DAVIS COMMENCEMENT DAY SPEAKER

## William A. Epps To Preach To Seniors

John W. Davis, president of West Virginia State College, at Institutes, West Virginia, will deliver the Commencement Address to the Seniors at exercises held June 17. On the Sunday preceding, Rev. William A. Epps of Zion Baptist Church in Jersey City will deliver the annual sermon.

The annual sermon will be part of a service that begins at 3 o'clock D.S.T. and the Commencement Procession begins at 2:15 o'clock and the exercises themselves at 2:30 p. m.

All parents of graduates are allowed two tickets to a reserved seat area. Reserved tickets will be honored until 2:15 Commencement Day.

## JERSEY CLUB OFFERS PRIZE

## Award To Be \$10 A Year; Many Other Awards

The Mindowaskin Club of Westfield, New Jersey, has given Bordentown fifty dollars for a prize. This club, of which Dr. Ernest B. Welmore is president, has stipulated that the fifty dollars be given at the rate of ten dollars a year for five years; that each year one boy and one girl meeting conditions set by the faculty be awarded five dollars. The club expressed the hope that at the end of the five years the gift would be continued.

The gift was brought by the secretary of the club, Dr. A. E. Robinson, veterinarian of Madison; Cornelius Braxton is treasurer; and the vice-president, David Talbot, is a former student of the school.

The list of prizes offered at Commencement Day is hereby increased

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Peterson showed the students photographs of other sculptural work of Barthe. Conspicuous among these was the head of John Gielgud as Hamlet. The New York Times some weeks ago carried an interesting item of the story connected with it. Gielgud had asked Barthe to make the bust. Barthe agreed and a time for the sitting was arranged. Between the giving of the commission and the date for the setting, the artist saw "Hamlet" once, talked with Gielgud back stage. When the young actor came to pose the statue was completed. When Gielgud came to pose and saw the statue, he was so pleased that he asked Barthe to let it alone, not to do more work on it, lest he spoil it. The original cast in bronze is in the New Theatre, London.

In New York the Museum of Modern Art has three of his works; he has executed two friezes for the court of the Harlem Housing Project; and has work exhibited at various galleries.

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## A FAREWELL TO THE SENIORS

At last the time has come! The day that you Seniors have waited for and eagerly anticipated so long is here. Your day, Commencement Day, and graduation have come at last.

Your school life may have seemed like a long hard voyage. But now that this trip is almost at an end, you can look back and see what a short distance you have really come. To you who are planning to continue your school life, graduation will be just another lap in your race.

Although you have journeyed this far, remember you have crossed only the hills; "the mountains lie before you." To you who are going out into the world to be confronted with difficulties, do not shun the struggles. Face life with that same determination that you needed to face those problems that once seemed so hard while you were in school.

Commencement Day is indeed a joyous one for you. It's a red letter day in your lives. On that day you won't find it quite so easy as you expected to say goodbye. Curious lumps will come in your throats when you leave the friends you have made and lived with, whose joys and disappointments you have shared. The teachers but for whose help you might not have reached this goal—yes, Seniors, it will be harder than you think to say goodbye.

But in spite of the sorrows of the day, it is a day that rewards you for your achievement. The school is proud to send you forth, proud to graduate this Class of 1937. The undergraduates are inspired by your success.

To you, Seniors of 1937, Ironsides proposes a toast—may prosperity, accomplishments, and joy be yours; and may be the spirit of Ironsides be with you always.

Students and faculty welcome Mrs. Smythwick to the campus after her long illness. We hope she continues to improve.

Students and faculty express sympathy to Mr. Work in his ill-health and wish for him a speedy recovery.

We are especially grateful to Miss Dorothy Peterson for her gracious gift of the cast of the Barthe head. We hope this may form a nucleus for a collection of sculpture by our Negro artists.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Everett and extend them both wishes for a long and happy life.

We want through these columns to express our congratulations to the members of the track team for their fine showing at Howard and Hampton.

We extend to the Seniors all good wishes for success. We especially want to express our thanks to our staff members who will leave us. Our editor-in-chief has been with us three years and has contributed much to the success of the paper. She is going farther in journalism and we wish her much success in her chosen field. Norman Coleman, Senior Class president and staff member, we also wish much success.

Two days which we consider among the most important at Ironsides, Commencement Day and May thirtieth, are at hand. With them, they bring thousands of people, cars, and children. Naturally, the campus and its surroundings will be crowded, and the unmindful boy or girl has an opportunity to do the wrong thing. The wise boy or girl considers the responsibilities of the school toward this large group of people. He understands how busy everyone is and what the school expects of him at such a time. If he is a true Ironsider, he cooperates.

Nearly every year so far, there have been one or two boys and girls who haven't been able to resist the temptation the days offer. Some have been sent home. Others have lost their positions on the campus, or have been given demerits. Why, after working ten hard months to obtain a position, should one throw it away in a moment of carelessness?

Before you do anything wrong, think twice, and let your second thought be wiser. Be foresighted; know what you are doing. The old adages, "Look before you leap," and, "Don't lock the stable door after the horse is stolen," are very wise.

One should learn lessons from the experiences of others. Were those students who couldn't accept responsibilities true Ironsiders? Did they show their appreciation for what the school had done for them? No, and neither will you if you don't do the best you can at these times when your cooperation is needed. Don't ruin your record, nor mar your character ratings. Don't fail those who trust you. Be a real Ironsider.

## EXCHANGES

Upon making the usual monthly exchanges of school papers, the Echo received:

School Press Review; organ of Columbia Scholastic Press Association—contains full report of the last convention held in New York, March 11-13, 1937.

The official publication from the David Hale Farming Trade School for Girls—carries most encouraging news about the employment of the girls who attend the school.

Local R. H. S. News—Windy Bloom's "Niagara Falls" was read and much enjoyed.

Junior Craftsman—Lathrop Polytechnic Institute—congratulations on your first prize award for the best newspaper in Class B.

Bishop Herald, Marshall Texas—The students like the idea of your African Culture Society and hope you continue to foster this much-needed work.

Bridgeport Artisan, Bridgeport, Conn.—The school members are interested in knowing who wrote the editorial "Courage" in the April issue. It was great.

The Francis Magnet—Washington, D. C.—It was a pleasure to read that the girls surpassed the boys in health. It knocks down a few ideas about the incompetency of the weaker sex.

We want to know more about the identical twins at Sumner High School, Kansas City.

Trade Winds—Worcester Boys' Trade School: Thanks for your congratulations; we congratulate you, too.

Tradonian—Atlantic City: One of the most interesting trade papers we have seen. The article by Elsie Robinson is the most interesting in the issue.

The State College Lantern, Dover, Delaware. Most interesting was the letter to the editor on Honor by Blanche O. Mills.

Frances Smythwick.

## Heard In Passing: - - -

Leon M. Snead, Bordentown, 1933, graduates from Virginia State College, June 7, of this year. Snead was editor-in-chief of the Echo during his last two years; and we were interested to know that he had continued his interest in journalism at Virginia State. He was also editor-in-chief of the school paper, *The Virginia Statesman*.

William Redmond writes to several of the folks at Bordentown from the Canal Zone. He is still interested in aviation and hopes to be a flyer. Many of us remember him as a startling end on the football team and as pretty a half-miler and miler as any track team could want. He was here from 1933-34.

Decoration Day was very much like "Old Home Week". Everywhere one turned, one saw former students. To name them all would be out of the question; but among the crowds we noticed: Agnes Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Pearly Scott, Leon Hallstock, Donald Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, St. Clair Rogers, Bill Kinney, Bert Williams, Arthur Freeman (who says he's married), Lawrence Chavis, Frances Ashby, Vernice Smith, James Marrow, Cleighton Mosely, Evelyn Hanna, Cuthbert Peterson, George Glasco, Grace Waters, John Marquess, Margaret Moody, Bernard King, Lillian Carter, Joshua Wright, Claude Simmons, Helen L. Williams, Albert Sparrow, Howard Taylor, Richard Hubbard, Percy Steward, William Davis, Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William MacMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Linton Hackett, Pearl Davis, Priscilla Pierce, Clarence Smith, Allen Butler.

When the track team went to Washington, three of the most enthusiastic rooters for the team were

## WHAT PRICE PROMOTION?

Promotion is something that every real person aims for. Whether it be promotion in school, on a job, or in social life, we are always aiming for something higher.

What is promotion? One definition the dictionary gives us—to exalt in station, rank, or honor. Another is—to elevate, as to promote an officer. So, you see that to be promoted means to be going to higher levels. But in order to go higher, you've got to achieve greater things. You just can't put on wings and fly to higher places. If you are on a job, and you work hard and do better than the other man, the boss will probably raise you. If you keep on doing better, you might be raised to a foreman. This would be an example of promotion.

People like Roland Hayes, Dr. Carver, Joe Louis, and many others have had to work to achieve small things before they could attain the positions they have reached. Work is the password to promotion. You've just got to see that you can't hang around doing nothing and get anywhere. If you have dreams of the future, of higher ideals, you mustn't let dreams master you. Dreams don't materialize unless you try to make them come true.

Too many people stay back because their work is not good enough. In schools, children are often left back because they have failed to succeed in the requirements for promotion. On the job men and women have wanted raises, but they have done nothing to deserve them. People want promotions, not only to make life easier, but to gain a feeling of success and to demand the respect of others. Work never hurt anyone. The world looks up to the man who works, and who through his own endeavors, achieves success.

## Editor-in-Chief Says Farewell

With the approach of Commencement comes the finish of three years of unforgettable association with the Echo. My two years as Senior editor only seemed to afford me that glorious experience that led to the year as Editor-in-Chief. I sincerely feel that what I have gained through my work here will ever be helpful. Had it not been, however, for the members of the staff and our sponsor, little of the experience, pleasure and help that I hold in memory never to release could ever have been gained. Those who are left to carry on the Echo, I hope, will enjoy their work even half as much as I have. For the new editor-in-chief, I can only wish success with a staff as cooperative and capable as mine.

Helen Armstead.

former Ironsiders now at Howard: Ethel Pruitt, of last year's class completing a successful year at Howard; Harold Franklin, a graduate of some years back, who went to C.C. N.Y. and is now a Junior in the Howard Medical Schools, and "Bob" Williams of the Class of 1934, a Junior at Howard, and an Omega.

Rumor has it that Edith Warren of last year's class is about to marry.

Sarah Ashby of 1933, who married a year after her graduation, is the mother of a second daughter. Her parents and her sister were on the campus Decoration Day.

When Mr. Valentine was at Lincoln, Tuesday, he noticed Douglas Bush getting his degree. Viewing the event with interest was Elizabeth Perry, of the same class, 1932, at Bordentown.

Lillar Jamison of this year's class will enter Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, next year.

Virginia State will garner many graduates of this year's class if the following boys who have announced their intentions to go there are accepted: Warrington Brown, Norman Coleman, Ashton Higgins, Percy Smith and Herbert Tucker.

Myrtle Bowers has plans to enter Spelman College in the fall. Dorothea Edmunds plans to enter Pratt Institute, N. Y.

Miss Walker has more jobs for beauty culture operators than she can supply. Several of the girls will have taken the State Board exam by the time this issue of the paper comes out. Among them are Elmira Jones and Helen Armstead.

Helen Armstead, editor-in-chief, of the Echo, plans to continue her work in journalism at West Virginia State next year.

## A Year In The Prevocational Shop

My first year in the Prevocational Shop has been very helpful, instructive, and interesting. I think this shop is far superior to the public school manual training shop. Here we have twelve hours a week of training. We have mechanical drawing also.

In our shop we are given a project to work on. This can be made of metal, wood, or metal and wood. It is worked on nine hours a week. The other three hours are for mechanical drawing. When the project is finished, it is shown to Mr. Cheatham, our instructor, who marks it. Some boys make two and three projects in a marking period; others make only one. If the project is particularly good, it is kept for the class exhibit. If it is not good enough to qualify for the exhibit, it is sometimes sold to the student.

One great aid in our shop is the use of machines. Some of these power-driven machines are the band saw, the wood lathe, the metal turning lathe, and the power drill. The students are taught by the instructor to use these various machines, which are very technical and difficult.

Mechanical drawing is my favorite subject in our shop. It is very educational to the student. In the drawing room, you aren't given a sketch to make. You are given a book in which there will be one view of an object, and you are supposed to draw the other two views from the one given. The drawings are all saved. Near the end of the year, the best drawings are selected for exhibition. These are inked in. Inking is very hard for some of the boys because you need to be neat and careful. Sometimes actual objects are drawn. The training one receives in the mechanical drawing room is very helpful to the student because he can learn whether or not he is fitted for higher training, as an architect or a draftsman. Many people like to while away time by mechanical drawing, and it becomes a hobby with them.

On April 23, our shop gave its annual chapel program. There was a display of lamps, letter racks, magazine racks, ash trays, and many other articles on the stage. The materials used in the making of these was namely copper, brass, and band iron. The objects were well arranged on a white stand. They were cleaned, polished, and lacquered. When the lights were thrown on them, they made a very impressive sight. The program was enjoyed by the whole assembly.

I think the students in the Prevocational Shop receive excellent training, and I am sure you will agree with me. John Miller, 8A

## Decoration Day— An Impression Of Last Year

When I was informed that I would not be able to take gym—my Waterloo—this year, I was completely overjoyed. Just think, no prone falls, no fairy dances, no roasting in the hot broiling sun.

Upon contemplating the joys of May 30th uninterrupted by any exercises, I immediately pictured myself over at the stand eating hot dogs, potato salad, ice cream and other confections that upset my digestive system for days after "The Day." Having eaten my fill or rather having spent all of my money I—figuratively wandered back to the campus just in time to see the end of the boys' drills.

The time is now about two o'clock and the green suits of the girls dart in and out of the vast crowds that make May 30th a real holiday. Finally, they are all collected and the first of the girls' exercises start. There are the very military marching, the swinging clubs—some one—or rather someone's—usually knocks herself or her neighbor over the head—the light fairy-like dances where the participants are the largest girls on the campus. Thus the exercises go. It has been my pet belief that these exercises are given as a kind of side show to the rest of the program, the most important part being the choir contest. Mr. Harry T. Burleigh, the famous Negro musician, is to be one of the judges this year.

Now that the exercises are over, I wander—still figuratively—overcome near the stand, my footsteps automatically turn toward it and, having wheedled some money out of my fond indulgent parent, eat again. Once again broke but happy, I go out to the baseball field. To see the game? Of course not. No game prove as interesting as seeing "the sights". I accidentally meet a friend and am invited to have a piece of cake. I have two pieces and a sandwich or two. I continue on my way contentedly.

Along about four o'clock, I begin to hear inquiries of, "When do we get our sandwiches?" "I am hungry, aren't you?" I must confess that my voice can be heard. Finally the sandwiches are given out, but I have suddenly lost the desire to eat and wend my back back on the campus. The last of the visitors have decided or are deciding to depart and general socializing with the boys is over. Having ignored the regular social hour, I now stand on the edge of the campus while "He" does the same on his campus and we make up for lost time.

A bell rings and another. I realize that May 30th is over and I sigh; but the thought of the uneaten food in my room makes everything rose-colored again.

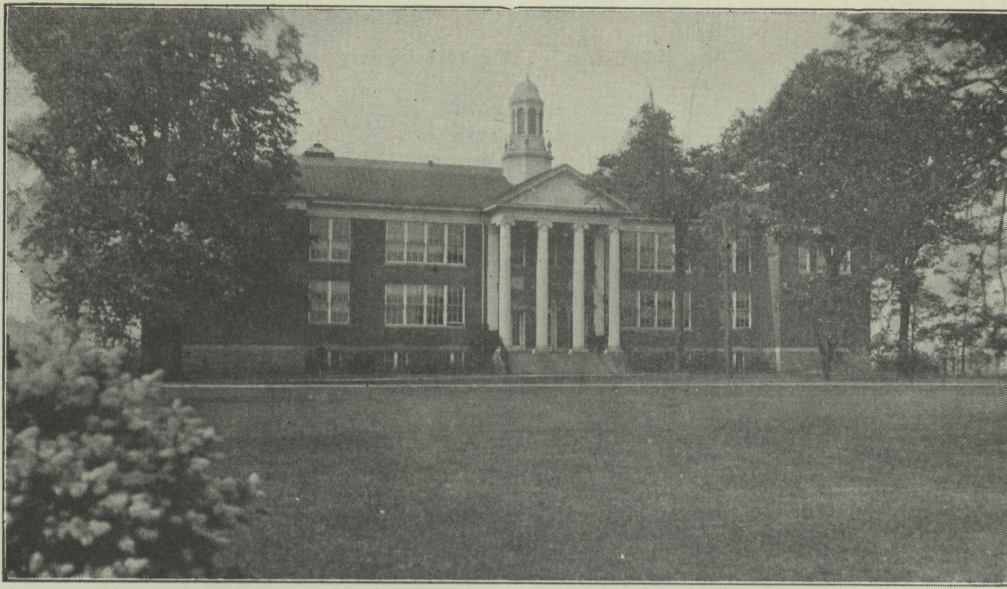
Thus I see May 30th.

A Senior. (Lillar Jamison)

## Impressions Of The Annual Club Social

The clubs of Ironsides held their annual club dance Saturday, May 15. Everyone waited in eager anticipation for eight o'clock. Upon entering the gymnasium, the first object to greet the eyes was an illuminated poster with these words shining forth in Ironsides' colors, "We, united, the clubs of Ironsides." In the center were two hands, tightly clasped.

The girls made a beautiful picture in their bright array of dresses. The social, too, revealed many new couples. Madame Keane and her orchestra provided the delightful music. The gymnasium was decorated with the colors of all the clubs.



The Main Building With Its Majestic White Columns

## May Queries

### May Day

It is very interesting to pick up newspapers and magazines and to read about various big colleges having May festivals and crowning May queens. Pretty girls dressed in long and beautiful gowns dance around flower-covered May poles. Is it any wonder that this month has been chosen for these festivities? Is it strange that the May queen should be selected for her charm and beauty? Is it not fitting that folks should go Maying in the beautiful season of Maytime?

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a day set aside to honor mothers. This day was first suggested by Mrs. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. Later Congress appointed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. The day is celebrated by special services, and by the giving of flowers or other gifts. A white flower is worn if the mother is not living; a colored flower signifies one's mother is alive. If only one could realize that the flowers and gifts mean so little. Does it take a Mother's Day to remind a son or daughter to honor his or her best friend?

### Peace Day

On the eighteenth of May, in 1899, the Czar of Russia called the first Hague Peace Conference. One hundred representatives met in "The Home in the Woods." For three months, they discussed plans for maintaining peace among nations. Over seventy judges were appointed to constitute the Court of Arbitrations to which nations were to bring their disputes to be discussed. Andrew Carnegie, American steel magnate, donated ten million dollars for a Peace Palace where the meetings were to be held. I wonder how pleased Mr. Carnegie has been with the results of that gift. Ten million dollars could do so much good.

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day! What a meaning those two little words have! What horrible thoughts must come to so many when they think of what terrible things war has done to once happy families! This day is celebrated all over our country.

Can these parades, these military salutes, these exercises, and these beautiful flowers atone for all the misery these wars must have brought?

In the middle of the dance, a reporter from the Afro-American took two pictures, one of the officers, and one of the whole scene.

Time flew by as if on wings. At ten o'clock came another treat of the evening. Delightful refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. Certainly everyone enjoyed this pleasant evening, and this gala affair.

## Spring Thoughts

Up hillside way a morn of May  
Wears sheen of white and pomp of green.  
And robins tilt on fence and spray,  
And friendly catbirds flute and preen.

Margaret Sangster.

In may, - - - you've summer all at once;  
In a day he leaps complete  
With a few strong April suns.  
Mid the sharp strong emerald wheat,

Scarce risen three fingers well,  
The wild tulip, at end of its tube,  
Blows out its good red bell  
Like a thin clear bubble of blood,  
For the chicken to pick and sell.

Robert Browning

Such a starved hank of moss  
Till that May morn,  
Blue ran the flash across,  
Violets were born!

Robert Browning

What is so rare as a day in June?  
Then, if ever, come perfect days;  
Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,  
And over it softly her warm ear lays.

Whether we look, or whether we listen,  
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;  
Every clod feels a stir of night,  
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,

And, groping blindly above it for light,  
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

James Russell Lowell

## Salt In Your Character

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world. It is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher. There is a nobler character than that which is merely incorruptible. It is the character which acts as an antidote and preventive of corruption. Fearlessly to speak the words which bear witness to righteousness and truth and purity; patiently to do the deeds which strengthen virtue and kindle hope in your fellowmen; generously to lend a hand to those who are trying to climb upward; faithfully to give your support and your personal help to the efforts which are making to elevate and purify the social life of the world,—that is what it means to have salt in your character. The men that have been happiest, and the men that are the best remembered, are the men that have done good.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

## Favorite Campus Scenes

My favorite campus scene is the little tree in front of the academic building. It is a beautiful tree with its green leaves now pushing away the bright pink flowers and taking their places. I could hardly wait until spring was ready for this little tree to bloom. It is in a very prominent spot. All of our visitors admire its delicate beauty. Yes, of all the campus scenes that I love, this little Judas tree is my favorite. Long after I have left Ironsides, this picture of dainty pink and fresh green will remain in my memory.

Virginia Chandler

My favorite campus scene is on May 30. I love to watch the people who come from all over the state to see the school and to enjoy the exercises. Girls dressed in brightly colored costumes doing interesting drills and dances, boys in uniform marching to the time of martial music from the band, bleachers filled with appreciative observers, and crowds standing all around—this makes an exciting scene for me. It is a picture of people who are care-free for the time, a picture of happiness and pride.

Edith Hodge.

My favorite scene is on Commencement Day in June when the graduation exercises are going on. The campus is green and beautiful. The senior girls in their long white dresses and the senior boys in uniforms lead the rest of the student body in the march around the circle. The river looks bluer than ever, and the skies seem clearer as the Commencement exercises go on. It all makes me feel more determined than ever to take part some day in a Commencement of my own.

Arthur Johnson.

What a beautiful sight it is to watch the Delaware as she flows lazily on her way! This river is my favorite picture. On clear days I like to sit on the banks and look at the peaceful Delaware, as smooth as glass and shining like polished jewels. Every once in a while the tiniest ripples reflecting the golden rays of the sun dance along. It gives one a feeling of peace. It makes him want to lie on the grassy banks and dream. No wonder a river is one of the favorite subjects of the poet.

Eugene Kee.

About six o'clock every morning when I start out for the dining room, I always like to stop when I get in front of the chapel and look around in all directions. The sun is just coming up over the trees; the birds are singing gaily; and the beautifully colored blossoms against the fresh morning green make my favorite scene. I have often said that if I were an artist I would paint this picture for my masterpiece because it is a picture of happiness.

James Hagans

## Ranking Seniors In Academic Work

The five Seniors who on rating of three years and a half (i.e. to end of first term of this year) lead the class are as follows:

Lillar Jamison, Valedictorian  
Delia Weeks, Salutatorian  
Myrtle Bowers  
Helen Armstead  
Carl Taylor

All five have had or do hold executive positions in club and organizations on the campus and are active in all school interests; at the same time they have kept their level of scholastic achievement high.

## Marian Anderson

I was very proud when I read the May 15th issue of Scholastic and saw Marian Anderson's picture among the twelve women selected from the various walks of life who are setting the pace in science, education, law, and in the arts. I was proud not only because she is a Negro, but because I realized the greater achievement of rising above prejudice and poverty to the position which she now holds. The story of her life is well known.

Marian Anderson was reared in the over-populated areas of South Philadelphia. Her parents saved enough from their meager earnings to buy her a piano. Her mother couldn't afford to give her vocal lessons. At the age of six, she started singing in the children's choir at the Union Baptist Church. Later she joined the Senior Choir.

Her unusual voice attracted the attention of the People's Choral Society in Philadelphia. They gave a benefit concert for her, and she was able to engage her first teacher. At the age of seventeen, she was chosen from a group of three hundred to sing with the Philharmonic Orchestra. She always remained modest and unassuming, accepting each opportunity gratefully, and doing her best.

Very soon after this she made her first European tour. Here she was coached by outstanding teachers. She has since toured many foreign countries, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Russia, England, and Holland.

In 1932, Marian Anderson sang with the Hall Johnson Choir at Convention Hall in Philadelphia. At that time she was acclaimed a second rate artist. This season, in less than five years' time, her concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York were sold out weeks in advance. Late purchasers were turned back in Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, and other large cities. She ranks today with the great American artists of our time.

One critic has written, "Her voice is a natural, and has a gloriously musical quality. Her intonation is almost perfect. She sings Negro spirituals with a beauty with which they are seldom heard." Arturo Toscanini, the great conductor, said, "A voice like yours comes once in a century."

Marian Anderson is indeed a woman whom all Negroes are happy and proud to call one of their own.

Mary Semon, 9A.

## HONESTY

Do what conscience says is right;  
Do what reason says is best;  
Do with all your mind and might;  
Do your duty and be blest.

## Track Team Wins At Hampton And Howard; Leads By Wide Margin; No Records Made

The gold and blue clad sprinters who represent Bordentown on the cinder path proved in no uncertain terms to competitors at Hampton and Howard that history can and does repeat itself.

In spite of the handicap of only two quarter-milers, the team journeyed to Hampton on May 8th and there won the scholastic meet without competing in the mile relay. Points made in various events were as follows:

100-yard dash—George Johnson, first.

220 yard dash—Tucker, 1st; Johnson, 2nd.

440 yard dash—Drake, 2nd; Tucker, 3rd.

880 yard run—A. Washington, first.

Mile run—A. Washington, first.

220 yard Low Hurdles—D. Johnson, 1st; A. Higgins, 4th.

High Jump—H. Washington, first.

Javelin—D. Johnson, 1st; H. Washington, 2nd.

Discus—D. Williams, 2nd; D. Dixon, 3rd.

No entries in pole vault, shot, or mile relay.

At Howard, Washington, D. C., the next Saturday, the tracksters entered fewer events. There was no pole vault, discus, or javelin in the scholastic division; but instead of the mile relay there was a medley relay. The boys here made the following record:

Broad jump—H. Washington, 1st; Drake, 2nd.

High jump—H. Washington, 4th, tie.

440-yard run—Drake, 1st; Tucker, 4th.

100-yard dash—G. Johnson, 2nd; A. Higgins, 3rd.

880-yard run—A. Washington, 1st

220-yard dash—Tucker, 1st; G. Johnson, 3rd.

120 yard low hurdles—Chamberlain, 1st; D. Johnson, 2nd.

Medley Relay—440, 220, 220, 880—Won by Drake, Higgins, Tucker and H. Washington.

For the last five years in ten meets at Howard and Hampton, the track supremacy of Bordentown has been challenged seriously only twice; those two challenges came the same year 1935. The team played a close third at Howard; and won the Hampton meet by a ½ point decision over Douglas High of Baltimore.

Previous records for the last five years are:

1932 Penn Relay—Equalled meet record—Mile Relay, 3:28

Hampton—Won Scholastic Meet. Set new mile relay record, 3:33.

Howard—Won Scholastic Meet.

1933 Penn Relays—Placed Third.

Howard—Won Scholastic Meet.

Hampton—Won Scholastic Meet.

1934 No team at Penn.

Hampton—Won Scholastic Meet.

Howard—Won Scholastic Meet.

1935 Penn Relays—Did not place.

Howard—Placed third.

Hampton—Won Scholastic Meet by ½ point.

1936 Penn Relays—Placed second.

Howard—Won Scholastic Meet.

Hampton—Won Scholastic Meet.

Atlantic City Carnival. Set carnival record in medley relay.

The team this year loses Tucker, Higgins, Dewey Johnson, and A. Washington. C.I.A.A. rulings will probably eliminate H. Washington and others.

## IRONSIDES TO GET ATHLETIC FIELD

On Monday, May 17, preparations were actually made and work begun on the construction of a new athletic field for Ironsides. The work is to be done under the Works Progress Administration.

The general lay-out consists of a football gridiron surrounded by a quarter-mile cinder track with a 220-yard straightaway. The track on the straightaway will be twenty feet wide; for the rest of the course it will be fifteen feet. The course will be bound on both sides by concrete poles.

In addition there will be jumping pits for the pole vault, high jump, and broad jump. The tennis courts already behind the boys' buildings will not be injured.

## Library News

Most of you have seen the beautiful book truck that has recently been added to the Library. Do you know where it came from? The Sophomore Class each year conducts a project to raise money for the Library. The money received last year enabled us to have a book truck with Gaylord Pneumatic tires, made by the Carpenter Shop. It has already proved to be a time-saver and a most useful article in the Library. This year the money raised by the Sophomore Class for the Library is to be used in enlarging our Negro Collection.

We sincerely thank the Sophomore Class for their generous contributions.

Mrs. Iris Prouty O'Leary recently gave several books to the Library. They were books from the Library of her late husband Mr. Wesley O'Leary.

One of these books was Rudyard Kipling's, "Captains Courageous." The fact that it has just been released by the MGM Motion Pictures makes it a very popular and timely gift. "Captains Courageous," is the story of a spoiled son of an American millionaire who falls from the deck of an American liner and is given us for lost . . . He is picked up off the New Foundland banks by a fishing schooner and much to his amazement is forced to share in the hard life and labor of the crew. This experience makes a man of him.

In the picture Freddie Bartholomew plays the part of Harvey, the spoiled son. Spencer Tracy and Lionel Barrymore play the parts of fishermen, Manual and Disko.

There has been a great increase in the use of the Library by the students. This has been shown through the circulation records. 327 of the 470 students had borrowers cards and the total circulation of the year was 4135. As our collection grows and our facilities increase our reading, we are sure, will exceed our expectations.

## Last Minute News From Decoration Day

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Other choirs competing were: Mt. Zion Baptist, Newark; Mt. Zion A. M. E., Trenton; Bethany Baptist, Newark; and last year's winner, Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange.

Judges for the contest were: Harry T. Burleigh, music reader at Ricordi, N. Y.; former N. J. Supreme Court Justice, Godfrey Schroth; and Dr. Roy Harris, of Westminster Choir School.

The contest was so close that no second place was picked.

## Seniors:— Future Alumni

As you reach the last milestone of your journey through Bordentown, your thoughts should naturally turn toward the Alumni. It is my personal privilege to tell you that we await you with open arms. The Alumni Association looks forward to the time when you will become one of that great body which has been affiliated with Ironsides for so many years. You will come to us with new ideas, hopes and aspirations and will bring us to greater heights. We in turn will try to enrich you with our knowledge and experience founded upon the years away from Ironsides. We want to welcome you into our—and your—Association. We want you to join the ranks of the older brothers and sisters and carry this great fraternity onward. So I say, Seniors, be assured of a hearty welcome into the Alumni Association of Ironsides.

CLIFFORD S. TRENT, President.

## Alumni Ass'n Plans Program

The Alumni Association of Ironsides under the presidency of Clifford Trent '32, of Philadelphia, has been actively interested in extending the membership of the association. The Alumni Association admits to membership those students only who have received diplomas from the school (i.e. 4 years of academic work plus a trade certificate) or that having received a diploma from an accredited high school have completed a trade at Ironsides.

The annual meeting is held the first Saturday in October. Different groups give affairs during the year to raise the scholarship awarded by the association each year.

The president, Mr. Trent, hopes to meet the Seniors and speak to them before the close of the year.

## Old Students Meet

Old Students' Day, May 1, saw the return to Bordentown of students from over a period of nineteen years. From the registration conducted by Mr. Curtis, a check-up on the various occupations was made which showed a wide range of activity. From a total of eighty-two registered, six were registered as housewives. Those who were engaged in some form of railroad service or were porters also numbered six. The rest of the list showed: six auto mechanics, five clerks, four students at other institutions, four undertakers, four chauffeurs, three musicians, two newspaper reporters, two janitors, two beauticians, two electricians, two teachers, two domestics.

## Trenton "Y's" Present Program

On Sunday, May 17, the combined Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., of Trenton, N. J., presented a program of the Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. here.

The first number was a piano selection by Miss Lottie Patterson. It was followed by a trumpet solo by C. Jensen.

A duet was then given by Howard Gibbs, who played a clarinet and Tom Holmes who played a saxophone.

Mr. Harold Johnson, who was the master of ceremonies, then led the students in a group discussion on, "Taking Our 'Y' Influence Home." A number of students gave very in-

## Jersey Club Presents Prize; Many Prizes In All Fields Of Endeavor Offered For Commencement

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by two. For the benefit of new students and as a reminder to the old, the list of prizes awarded last year is printed. As the paper goes to press, this list will probably be the same for this year.

### 1. Musette B. Gregory Memorial Scholarship—\$50.00

Given by the N. J. Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in memory of Musette Brooks Gregory. To be awarded the most promising girl.

### 2. New Jersey Girl Friends' Scholarship—\$50.00

Given by the New Jersey Branch of Girl Friends to the member of the Junior Class attaining the academic average.

### 3. Alumni Scholarship—\$25.00

Given by the Alumni Association to a promising boy or girl from the standpoint of scholarship and character.

### 4. Torchbearers' Club Prize—\$20.00

Given by the Torchbearers' Club of the Manual Training School. to be awarded (a) to the member of the Senior Class having the highest average in English for four years, \$10.00; (b) to the student having the best record in extra curricular activities during the past year, \$10.00.

### 5. Play Square Club Prizes—\$10.00

Given by the Play Square Club of the Manual Training School to the student: (a) Who has done the best work in first year plain sewing, \$2.50; (b) To the girls who have done the best work in arts and crafts, \$2.50 each.

### 6. Boys' Trade Prize—\$10.00

Given by the Ironsides Improvement League to the boy in the Senior Class having the best trade record for the past four years.

### 7. La Porte Cachee Prize—\$10.00

Given by the La Porte Cachee Club of Jersey City to the girl making the highest academic average during the year.

### 8. George Clark Memorial Prize—\$10.00

Given by the Bordentown Manual Training School in memory of George Clark, a beloved alumnus and teacher, to the best all around student in agriculture.

### 9. Hospital Department Prize—\$10.00

Given by Dr. C. D. Mendenhall, of Bordentown, N. J., to the student rendering the most helpful and efficient service to the school nurse.

### 10. Girls' Room Prizes—\$10.00

Given by the Principal for the best kept room in each girls' dormitory.

### 11. Boys' Room Prizes—\$5.00

Given by the Commandants for the best kept room in each boys' dormitory.

### 12. Jersey City Prize—\$5.00

Given by the Jersey City Mothers' Circle to a deserving girl from Jersey City to encourage her in her studies.

### 13. Sunday School Prizes—\$5.00

Given by the Superintendent of the Sunday School to the student teachers who have rendered the most efficient service to the school during the year.

### 14. Manual Training Prize—\$2.50

Given by the Wetherill Paint Company to the student doing the best work in manual training.

interesting points on the subject. After a ten minute discussion the program was continued.

"Trees" was then sung by Mr. Hargett, followed by a series of French songs by Miss Patterson. In conclusion Mr. Johnson and a member of our own faculty, Mr. Morrow, sang a duet, "Home Beyond the River."

## BORDENTOWN WINS JUDGING CONTEST

### Victory Breaks Dover's Winning Streak; Robinson High Scorer

The Bordentown judging team smashed Dover's winning streak when its members won the fifth annual dual contest between the two schools, held the third week in May. Bordentown has not won since 1933.

Mr. Howard Thompson, Burlington County Extension Worker, and Mr. R. H. Gaunt from the New Brunswick Experimental Station were the official judges. All details of the contest were in the hands of representatives of Dover and Bordentown.

The teams judged in the following fields: Guernsey and Holstein cows; brown and white eggs; Rhode Island Red and Leghorn Chickens, Corn, Potatoes, and Pigs.

In the contest there were seventeen boys judging: six from Dover and eleven from Bordentown. There were, however, only four men on a team. The extras were judging to make a place on an extra team that will represent their respective states at the national N.F.A. Contest to be held in Prairie View, Texas, this summer. Those judging were: For Dover—Brown, Palmer, Morris, and Gibbs; for Bordentown—Robinson, Farr, Travis, Herring.

As a result of the judging Bordentown was the victor. The highest individual scorers were: George Robinson, Bordentown, 711 points; Clifton Brown, Dover, 685.8 points; John Farr, Bordentown, 670.2 points.

The individual scoring sheets showed excellent ability in the contestants' judging in special fields; and also revealed that many who placed very high, in the one field dropped low in another. Thus George Robinson who received highest award in no individual field yet amassed the highest composite score for judging because he was consistently good in all divisions; while C. Brown, of Dover, who beat all comers in judging swine, the most difficult class of all, finished second. Travis who placed second at the N.F.A. Meet at Hampton (won by Bordentown last summer) got only a fifth rating on scores made in this contest, and George street, who finished third at Hampton placed fourteenth.

After the judging was over, the agricultural class and the Dover team with judges and other officials enjoyed a delicious meal in the gym. After the meal the medals and cup were awarded. Mr. Williams, assistant principal and Mr. John Urquhart, Senior and Junior, gave brief talks. Final team scores were: Bordentown 2703.4 and Dover 2624.6.

### 15. Service Shield

Given by the State Y.M.C.A. to the club, team, or organization rendering the most outstanding service to the school during the year.

### 16. Faculty Cups

Given by the faculty of the school and awarded to the class making the best record in attendance, scholarship, achievement, and conduct.

### 17. Farmers' Conference Prizes—\$15.00

Given to a boy outstanding in agriculture, and to a girl outstanding in domestic science.