

SCHOOL HONORS ITS FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Gold Footballs and Letters To Be Given; Former Capt. Butler To Receive Award

Bordentown honors its repeating M3A champs by awarding to the nineteen letter men gold footballs as well as the coveted football B. Of these, four are already proud possessors of the B; and three members of last year's championship team. Drake, Harris, K. Williams, and H. Tucker are lettermen; and all except Tucker were on last year's team.

In addition to those nineteen, who actually played on the team sufficient periods to justify the award, the Athletic Committee recommended that a letter and football be awarded to Ernest Butler, who, elected captain of this year's eleven last year, was forced to withdraw on account of illness.

Mr. Valentine, the principal, will make the award and Major Watson will comment on the season.

Variety Show Pleases; Pantomines Best

On December 2, a group of Ironsides girls presented a Variety Show under the direction of Miss Butcher.

The show was somewhat novel in that the only musical instrument used was the piano played throughout the show by Lillian Holladay, while orchestral and choral effects were done by a group of singers in the background. Those in the chorus were: M. Grogan, E. Williams, B. Tucker, V. Buffalo, M. Roach, A. Montgomery and C. Byrd.

The first part of the show, "The Great Kids", contained three scenes. Especially attractive among these was Jessie Shorts as "Small Fray" with Cornelia Grant as his "Maw".

"The Great Negro" followed with Mary Grogan's song "Summertime". Martha Roach sang "St. Louis Blues". Particularly good in this scene was a tap dance done by five girls called the "New Yorker". The tap scene of this part of the show was a caricature of an old Negro meeting house done by the entire group with Mildred Ward as the preacher.

In "The Great Waltz" eight girls did a waltz dressed in evening gowns. This scene was very colorful.

In the closing act, "The Great Love", Marlyn Anderson was the boy who met the girl, Alberta Walker. About half way through this scene six of the cast did a unique "Dance of the Urchins". Especially good were urchins J. Shorts, E. Battle and M. Nabors. Another group did a chorus dance, "My Walking Stick" and in the finale the words of "If I Loved You More" were changed to "Did You Like Our Show?"; and it seemed that everybody did.

Seniors Will Serenade Campus

Another of the Ironsides Christmas traditions will be observed on Thursday evening, late, when the members of the Senior class will serenade the campus with sweet music of Christmas carols.

This serenading will be the closing feature of a Christmas party in the Recreation Room of the Girls' New Dormitory from about 10:30 on.

Preparations for the evening are in the hands of a committee headed by Kenneth Williams.

Because of the extraordinary size of the class, it will make the circuit of the campus in two sections.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine will be hosts to the group after the serenading for sandwiches and cocoa.

Juniors Sponsor Quiz Senior Wins Prize

In a Current Events Quiz, sponsored by the Juniors on November 28, William Kearney, a Senior, was the winner of the first prize of one dollar, while a Junior, Paul Crusor, was the runner upper.

The Quiz was presented as a continuation of the Junior Quiz Contest of last year. Two boys and two girls represented each class of the Senior High School. Representing the Sophomores were Barbara Kerr, Claudia Jones, Thomas Freeman and John Miller; the Juniors, Eleanor Melvin, Jessie Shorts, Frank Greene and Paul Crusor, and the Specials and Seniors, Victoria Buffalo, Sarah Daymon, Russell Henry, and the winner of the contest. The Juniors presided with Vivian White as mistress of ceremonies and Paul Brown as chairman.

After each contestant had had a chance to answer a second question, the judges added up the scores and found a tie between Wm. Kearney and Paul Crusor. This tie was broken only when the Junior contestant failed to know the first name of General Francisco Franco, leader of the Spanish rebels.

William Kearney was announced winner of the 1938 Current Events Quiz and presented with the prize by the mistress of ceremonies, while a consolation prize of five cents was awarded the remaining contestants.

Graduate Prints School Paper

"The Sea Gull", school paper of the Ocean City High School, is published in the print shop of one of the graduates, Clarence Motley.

Motley's shop, known as the Century Press is located on 444 West Avenue, Ocean City, N. J.

Besides the school paper, Motley handles many of the high school jobs, does job printing in the community, gets out a paper himself called "A New Day."

Although Motley was in the school print shop but one year, he keeps in touch with the school and has seen to it that the Echo received a copy of the Ocean City high school paper.

Xmas Vacation Announced; Students Return January 4

The Christmas vacations begins this year on Friday, December 23, 1938, and ends Wednesday, January 4, 1939. Under no circumstances will students be excused before Friday, December 23, and parents and guardians are requested not to ask permission to have their children excused earlier. Students will leave Friday, December 23 from Bordentown by Pennsylvania Railroad. The railroad schedules are posted in the dormitories.

Girls leaving by automobile or bus must leave before twelve o'clock noon and boys leaving by automobile or bus cannot leave the grounds before one o'clock p. m. The school prefers students who are leaving by automobile be accompanied by their parents. If this cannot be done, then it will be necessary that the driver of the car present to the Principal a written authorization from the parent giving the student permission to travel with that driver.

Students are not compelled to go home for the Xmas vacation. They can be taken care of at the school. The school is very willing that they remain, and unless the parent is in a position to give the student the necessary supervision while at home, the school advises very strongly that the student remain here.

As usual attendance will be taken for return on January 4. Last year the Seniors who had led the school in attendance, led the school in this Christmas poll; it will be interesting to see whether the Specials, who so far have led the school, hold their own on this poll.

Y Boys Give Tree

As has been the practice for some years, members of the Y.M.C.A. will again donate a tree for the campus. The tree will stand in the center of the parade ground directly opposite Mrs. Davis' dormitory; and will be in place and lighted each evening after December 19. James Meadows heads the committee in charge, assisted by Bruce Walker, William Smith, and James Jefferson.

Jolly Sixteen Stage Social

Instead of presenting a movie as they did last year with "The Life of Emil Zola", the Jolly Sixteen will present a Christmas Social on Saturday, December 17.

The holiday spirit will be carried out in the Christmas decorations and the refreshments. There will be surprise a plenty to account for the fifteen cent admission.

Jacqueline Nichols is president of the club and Miss Gillespie is the sponsor.

Specials Lead Attendance

Keeping the lead established by its members in September, the Specials lead the school for best attendance for November.

Classes in order are:

1. Specials
2. Seniors
3. Freshmen
4. Sophomores
5. Group VII
6. Juniors
7. Grade VIII

Juniors Sponsor Post Office

For the eleventh year, members of the Junior class will sponsor the Xmas Post Office for the sale of the Christmas Tuberculosis Seals.

The Post Office set-up makes it possible for all to exchange greetings with each other at the mere delivery price of one Xmas Seal per card.

The Post Office will be situated in the Library; and will be open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22, from 4:30 to 5 P. M.

Further announcements will be made through the committee of Juniors headed by Alberta Walker: Clarissa Berry, Bernice Fletcher, Frances Hairston, Isabella Hammond, Anna Montgomery, Jessie Shorts, Frank Armstead, Joel Brown, William Calloway, Cranston Harris, Edward Jeffries, Horace Joseph, Edison McGuffin, Sylvester Pitts.

Last year over forty-three hundred seals were sold; and the committee hopes for an even larger sale this year.

Progress Club Presents Program

The service for worship on Thanksgiving morning was in charge of the Progress Club.

The program, planned and carried out by the members of the Club touched on all phases of Thanksgiving.

Victoria Buffalo was mistress of ceremonies and introduced the members:

Isabelle Hammond, Luella Lawrence, Dorothy Fitzhugh, Anna Fitzgerald, Julia Baugh, Wallace Mc-Ghee, Lillie Young, and Joy Anderson all read expressions of personal and general thanksgiving.

A quintet of Pauline Brown, Victoria Buffalo, Anna Fitzgerald, Beatrice Tucker, and Leora Wright sang two Thanksgiving hymns.

Beatrice Tucker, president of the club, read the President's Proclamation.

The reception of the numbers indicated the audience's appreciation for a well-planned and well-executed tribute to the spirit of the day.

Officers Entertain

Allowing the spirit of Xmas hospitality to enter the ranks of the military, officers of the Ironsides battalion entertained on Saturday evening, December 10, for their special guests and members of the faculty.

The gym was decorated in the spirit of the season. A new feature was the buffet serving of refreshments. Chairman of this food committee was Lieut. William Kearney. Captain William Walker headed the committee on decorations; while Captain Adj. Otho Ross was in charge of invitations.

Some forty officers, their guests, and many members of the faculty attended the function.

SCHOOL PLAY CAST SELECTED BY COMMITTEE

Six Juniors To Have Parts In "Apron String Revolt"

Having to make its selection from over sixty candidates who tried in some cases for more than one role, the play committee of the Senior, Junior and Special classes finally selected a tentative cast for the spring production of "Apron String Revolt": Mrs. Elizabeth Holt, an attractive young widow... Marlyn Anderson Annabelle Madden, Elizabeth's childhood friend... Elizabeth Scott Mrs. Alden, a neighbor,

Sarah Daymon Mrs. Lanigan, a cleaning woman, Vivian White David, Elizabeth's son Robert Puello Mary Lou, a fourteen-year-old,

Barbara Fletcher Henry Fenstermacher, a football coach... Russell Henry Miss Martin, reporter for the "The Blade"... Mary Grogan Mr. Wade, reporter for "The Gazette"... James Morse Jack Alden, David's teammate,

Solon Chamberlain Messenger Boy... Edwin Dorsey Grocery Boy... T. Richardson Officer Clancy... Roger Howard Robert Puello, as the troubled adolescent who is the cause of it all, has the lead and a difficult part.

The division as far as classes goes is: two Specials, four Seniors, and six Juniors. The fact that in last year's play "The Bat" while the Juniors has four members of the cast to the Seniors' three, no Junior girls were cast at all made the committee feel that whatever consideration was to be given should be given to the Juniors.

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Bordentown Contributes To Folk Art Exhibit

Bordentown is represented at the State Museum in Trenton from December 4 to January 22 in an Exhibition of American Folk Arts of Today.

The school is represented by exhibits from students and faculty members. Valeria Wright, a Junior, has exhibited a hand-blocked luncheon set; and Harry Collins, a former student, a clay bust. The Prevocational Department is represented by a wrought iron magazine rack.

Mr. Vernon Cuffee, who is known to many as the band instructor, but who is a woodworker of distinction, has a hand-carved chair, and a wood inlay jewelry box. Mrs. Theresa Staats is also represented by two pieces; a clay Negro mask and a plaster plaque.

Bordentown was represented at the December meeting of the New Jersey Conference of Social Work at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, Asbury Park.

The following departments of the school were represented in the exhibit: Administration, Academic, Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Prevocational, Printing, and Beauty Culture.

The exhibit was much observed by those attending the Conference meeting and comments were favorable.

Mrs. Staats assembled the exhibit and set it up.

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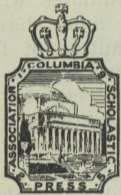
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We wish through these columns to wish all our subscribers, exchanges, and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAIL YE

M3A Champs of 1938, we salute you! At the end of an undefeated season with one tie, you again are to be wearers of the coveted crown of the conference.

For strength, we cannot hail you as the greatest of Ironsides teams; your goal line was crossed.

For experience, we cannot hail you as the greatest of Ironsides teams;—at the beginning of the season most of you were green and unused to playing with each other.

For brilliance, we cannot hail you, as there were few spectacular plays or players taking the season as a whole.

We hail you, Champs of 1938, for having ONE quality that we expect all wearers of the blue and gold to possess, fight; the willingness to go in and fight it out according to the rules, win or lose. Because we feel that in spite of many handicaps you were one of the gamest and scrappiest teams Ironsides has ever had, we salute you squad, letter-men, coaches and all!!!

WHAT PRICE VACATION?

Vacation for all of us is first a change from routine. We think of Christmas vacation as a time when we shall try to do everything that we cannot do at school. For too many of us, thought stops there.

Mother needs a vacation; will your vacation wreck hers? She will be glad to see you come. Don't make her glad to see you go!

The folks in the Community know you have been in school, training for life. Will the picture of you at home enjoying your vacation make them doubt what your training has been?

The folks here at school have seen the effects of training since September. Will they and you have to start at scratch in January?

Think it over! Have a good time, do a good turn, and enjoy your Christmas because you are not spoiling it for yourself and others.

AS THE YEAR ENDS - - -

Well, Christmas is almost here and that means another year is nearly gone. Perhaps 1938 has been a good year for some, perhaps not, but as the year ends one can hardly help reflecting upon the things that have happened during the past twelve months.

Thinking of the past year on the campus reminds us of the M3A basketball championship which Ironsides boys won this year and makes us wonder if history can repeat. We are reminded also of the success of the Junior-Senior play of 1938, "The Bat", and wonder if next year's "Apron String Revolt" will enjoy an equal acclaim.

During the past year, your own Ironsides Echo won first place in the National Scholastic Press Association and second place in the contest of the Columbia Press Association. Will it do as well this year, or will it do better?

In reflecting upon the happenings of the past year, we can easily remember the achievements which made the year a fine one, but perhaps it would be a better idea to dwell upon the mistakes and errors made which kept the year from being even better. After all, one profits by his own mistakes; perhaps as the year ends, we can remember the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats, and from them plan a better 1939.

Faculty and students extend to Mr. John Urquhart and his family sincerest sympathy in their recent bereavement.

EXCHANGES

"I would be some gift to g'ie us, to see ourselves as other see us, and from many a bluder free us and foolish notion" — (misquoted from Burns).

But let's try to realize how we appear to someone else and let's try to let that impression that someone else gets of us be a favorable one—Extract from an editorial in "The Virginia Statesman," Ettrick, Virginia.

To "The Collegian", Orangeburg, S. C., we say: What a coincidence! the Sophomore class of our school has also decided to give honor to the eminent James Weldon Johnson. Without the knowledge of any other school doing so, they have planned it since the beginning of the new term. It is to be presented soon.

He was a great man; he deserves much honor and reverence by all of his race.

To "The College Eye", Bowie, Md., we say: We're sorry that you have changed your athletics from football to soccer for the main reason that you do not compete with us in football. We hope that you keep basketball and be able to play our team.

"School Spirit", Worcester, Mass., is a beautiful and inspiring magazine edited by girls.

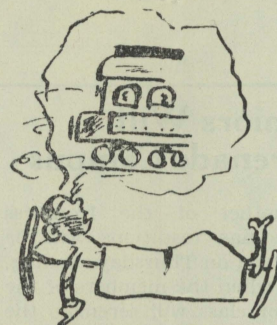
To the "Advance" Jamesburg, New Jersey, we say: The recreational and physical program which is told in your magazine should make a "Man Mountain Dean" out of a "Little Lord Fauntleroy". Scholarship is the thing stressed nowadays. Maybe if Physical Education were stressed a little more there would be a better chance for attaining scholarship. We like your motto saying: "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins."

What Do You Know About Christmas?

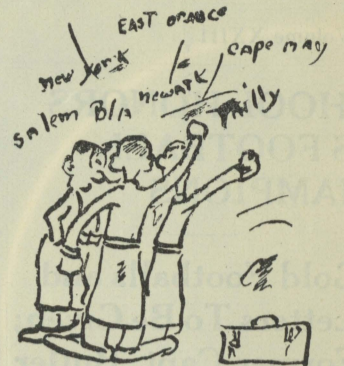
(Answers on page 4).

1. What does the name Bethlehem mean?
2. What is the most popular of the Christmas stories?
3. What Christmas theme has inspired artists more than any other?
4. What painting of the Madonna is the most famous?
5. Where is this work of art, now?
6. From what century does the first celebration of Christmas date?
7. From what source did the word Christmas, originate?
8. What Christmas greeting by a little boy is most frequently repeated?
9. What part of the United States celebrates Christmas with fireworks?
10. What is the French name for Christmas?
11. When and where were the first Christmas trees used?
12. What Christmas custom is becoming increasingly popular?
13. What is the Dutch name for Santa Claus?
14. What do the Scandinavian children call him?
15. Who brings gifts to the little German children?
16. What French custom is similar to the American children's hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve?
17. What four Christmas customs have come down from the days of paganism?
18. What English Christmas delicacy has been adopted by our country?
19. In what country do the people keep a strict fast until the first star appears?
20. What song of the angels does mankind need more today than ever before?

"Christmas Incident"



THE NITE BEFORE.



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THE JOYOUS HOME COMING.

Roger Howard '38

HERE 'N' THERE

Did you know that the movies of Jesse Owens winning the 100-yard dash in the Olympics at Berlin went into the time capsule, dropped at the World's Fair Grounds, to be opened thousands of years later?

Jerome Holland, star Cornell wingman, although he was not Grantland Rice's choice a second time for his All-American team, was the choice for the second time on the Associated Press' team, on the News Week team, and the choice of many sports writers as outstanding end of this season.

Police had to protect Symphony Hall in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York when Marian Anderson sang because the crowds were so large.

The Library Council wrote to distinguished Negro authors during Book Week for their reading preferences. Alain Locke, W. E. B. DuBois, Countee Cullen, C. W. Johnson, and others graciously answered; and strange to say the general trend of all the answers seemed to be: read, read, read, and then read some more.

The boys of the Senior Class sent a beautiful basket of fruit to Ernest Butler on Thanksgiving. Miss Grant took it to him in the morning. After the game, the team sent him a telegram with the score. The class plans to surprise him Xmas.

Three boys and three girls were the winners of prizes offered by Miss Grant for the highest grades on the final test on Burke's "Conciliation with America" speech. For the boys the prizes were replicas of the Pilgrim Contract, signed in the cabin of the Mayflower; for the girls, brooches with Priscilla Alden's picture. All were souvenirs of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Joseph Hall, Lawrence Towler, Mary Bunting, Walter Dutton, Lillian Butler, and Naomi Lee were the lucky ones.

The first year Latin class is learning three stanzas of "Adeste Fideles" or "Come, all ye faithful". They may sing it by themselves; but listen when the hymn is sung in the chapel and see if you hear strange words.

THE CANDID EYE

I am sure it would be appreciated if everyone would chip in and buy "Red" Wilson a new porkpie. Make him a Xmas present. If you want a good laugh ask him to show the picture of him, the hat, and a young lady. HE looks longer, IT looks smaller, and SHE looks at both of them with an amused grin on her face.

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I would really like to know how a friend of ours, who is a junior, would look with a little less lipstick.

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Well, at last the girls are through with their "Variety Show". Everything they did was "Great". There was the "Great Kid", the "Great Negro", the "Great Waltz" and the "Great Love". A teacher could hardly get homework from everyone before the presentation of this "Great" production. The excuse ran something like this; "You see, Miss X, I had to go to practice last night and it was almost 9:30 before I was through and I didn't have time to get my homework done." Poor dears, if they had stayed up a half hour longer to do their homework, they might have caved in from the exhaustion.

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Miss Grant had better crack down on her Latin pupils. Someone is trying to degrade her pet subject by quoting this fine thought:

Latin is a dead language
As dead as it can be;
At first it killed the Romans
And now's it's killing me.

H-m-m pretty clever.

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We're sure that when the Seniors sing Christmas Carols that night, that everyone will have his windows open and will be peering out listening to those beautiful songs of Yuletide. (Note sarcasm). Listen, fellows, don't throw any shoes out there; you might be in need of 'em this Christmas.

ECHOES OF THANKSGIVING

Ironsides Scouts' Camping Trip

Friday, November 25, the Boy Scouts of Troop 28, left Ironsides for their annual Thanksgiving camp trip to Camp Mahala. They left the campus about ten o'clock and arrived at camp at half past one. They immediately began their duties which were water carrying in charge of Charles Register, wood-cutting in charge of James Clinton, kitchen policing in charge of Thomas Freeman, and cabin cleaning, in which everyone had a part.

After the camp was cleaned up, Scout Wendell Barnes made a big fire in the main cabin. This fire was kept for three days. During the time the boys were busy cleaning up, the truck had gone after the food, and was on its way back. It had a little mishap and got stuck in the snow for two or three hours. The boys at camp were so used to eating their meals on time that they became very hungry. When they finally did get supper, they ate heartily. Scout William Walker was in charge of the cooking.

Some of the boys went back to their cabins, while others engaged in a lively snowball fight. When bedtime came, some boys were already in their bunks swapping jokes.

Saturday morning was clear and cold. Wood and water were brought to the cabins, and the rooms were cleaned up. After dinner some of the boys went to Wrightstown while others had the usual afternoon of fun in the snow. At four o'clock the truck arrived, and most of the boys came on back to the campus to the Thanksgiving social.

Sunday morning the campers returned to Mahala just in time for an appetizing breakfast of cereal, eggs, beans, French toast, and cocoa. The hours seemed almost to fly before the Scouts had to break camp to return to Ironsides. The truck arrived in the early afternoon bringing a group of boys, happy to have had the chance of going to camp, but just as happy to get back. The Boy Scouts wish to thank everyone who helped them have this trip, and particularly their Scoutmaster, Mr. Johnson. Charles Register, 8A.

First Snow

After such a clear week, the snow was certainly a surprise to the girls of Ironsides. Here's what happened. The girls were all lounging in their rooms and enjoying the contents of their Thanksgiving boxes. Suddenly someone exclaimed, "It's snowing!" There was a mad dash for the windows, and the room was alive with muffled squeals and laughter. The merry squeals, however, were coming from the old students. The new girls were afraid of what this sudden flurry of snow might mean. But the old girls could hardly wait until morning.

Finally the new day dawned. It was still snowing very lightly. The sun sparkled on the snow covered trees. The snowbirds flitted merrily in and out of the few bushes around the building. It looked as if some giant hand had spread a blanket over all the earth, but, in his dashing flight, had left the tops of a few trees uncovered. These dark spots stood out like sore thumbs.

The girls had to wait about twenty minutes before paths were cleared enough for them to go to breakfast. When they did get out, they preferred to race through the white snow. There was a sharp sting in the air that numbed the tips of their noses and fingers, but it made no difference.

All day the girls romped and played. New students were initiated and everyone was happy. Toward evening the sun blazed red like a ball of fire. It seemed very strange because it had shone all day with such a pale light. It was fascinating to watch

Thanksgiving Vacation

The Thanksgiving festivities really began Wednesday with the arrival of many heavy boxes filled with all kinds of good things for Thanksgiving. There was no study hour that night so the students busied themselves preparing their rooms for Thanksgiving Day company.

Thanksgiving morning they were given an extra hour to sleep, and although they expressed great joy, when the rising bell rang, there was hardly anyone left to get up. Almost everyone had risen earlier, excited and happy, for was this not Thanksgiving? Lines formed in the lounge, and silently each person said a prayer of gratitude.

After breakfast, the usual duties were performed. Chapel services were sponsored by the Progress Club. After the services, many of the students socialized with guests while others waited anxiously for their friends to arrive.

Shortly before dinner the hostesses went to the dining room to decorate their tables. When the rest of the students entered, there were many expressions of surprise, for the tables were so beautiful. The dinner was a real Thanksgiving feast from beginning to end, and all ate heartily. Just about time to attend the football games, it began to hail. But this couldn't stop the football fans. Before the first quarter was over, some of the girls returned to their dormitories, but many stayed until the half was over, and then went running to some warm place. About fifty girls remained to cheer the team until the end. Ironsides won, and the students were very happy.

Thanksgiving night it began to snow very hard, and by Friday morning the campus was a new and beautiful sight. Before the students could go to breakfast, paths had to be dug for the snow was deep. After breakfast the girls started their usual fun of dipping the new students in the snow, and of having snowball battles.

Friday afternoon the boys played an exciting and enjoyable basketball game. Friday night there was a very interesting movie in technicolor, "Robin Hood", starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland.

The usual schedule for Saturday morning was followed. In the afternoon there was a basketball game between the boys of the Old Building and those of the New Building. The game was exciting and interesting, and although the older boys won, the younger ones put up a very good fight.

Saturday evening almost everyone attended the social in the gymnasium given by the Vigilants. The Boy Scouts came in from camp for the affair. Two delightful hours were spent dancing and socializing, and when the closing came, everyone agreed that the evening had been a most pleasant one.

Sunday morning the chapel service was in charge of the Vigilants. In the afternoon a much needed rest period from half past two to four o'clock was spent in writing letters, reading, and listening to the radio. There was no study hour that evening, but there were many little get-togethers, finishing the contents of boxes, and ending happily a thoroughly enjoyable vacation. Bertha White, 9A.

the reflection of the setting sun on the waters of the Delaware.

After dark in the pale moonlight the snow shone like a billion tiny silver stars dropped from the sky. After taps the moon looked in the windows and must have winked as he looked at the many happy faces dreaming, perhaps, of that first snow-storm on the campus. Margaret Foster, 8A.

Basketball Schedule

(Tentative)

January	
6—Fri.—Orange Y	.....Here
13—Fri.—Plainfield	.....Away
14—Sat.—Delaware	.....Here
20—Fri.—Montclair	.....Away
28—Sat.—Plainfield	.....Here
February	
1—Wed.—Orange Y	.....Away
3—Fri.—Princess Anne	.....Here
11—Sat.—Storer	.....Away
17—Fri.—Montclair	.....Here
18—Sat.—Downingtown	.....Away
25—Sat.—Cheyney	.....Away
March	
3—Fri.—Princess Anne	.....Away
10—Fri.—Storer	.....Here
18—Sat.—Downingtown	.....Here
25—Sat.—Cheyney	.....Here
31—Fri.—Delaware	.....Away

Basket Ball Season Presents New Five; "Slim" Jones Only Vet

The basketball season which will blossom forth will introduce practically five new faces as a starting line-up. Only "Slim Jones" was left of last year's varsity array and M3A champs, which featured such rugged workmen as "Rene" Richardson, "Yo-Yo" Young, and "Chicken" Fowler. The men most likely to fill their shoes are: VanLeah Francis, Channon Todd, and Norman Powell, with Charles Lawrence a holdover from last year's varsity squad making the fifth man.

On the squad also will be "Sneak" Dutton, "Biggie" Robinson, and "Stretch" Drake, any one of whom threatens at any time to take over and replace some one on the first five.

"Butch" Polhemus, "Snuggle" Crawford, "Cap" Tucker, and "Lil" Allison, are all fighting to be heard and will undoubtedly make competition when the varsity roll call is made as the season ends.

Out of the fifteen or more boys who started practice early, seven remained on the varsity, while the others, disappointed but not discouraged, dropped to the Cubs' practice schedule.

Some say that Norman Powell plays better basketball than he does football. He knows how to handle that ball, all right.

VanLeah Francis and Channon Todd hail from Atlantic City. Anyone who knows anything about basketball knows that Atlantic City is a basketball city.

In the discussion of the main team, it will be well to remember the Cubs. When the call for players was given, forty-two answered the call. Since then, the number has been cut down to nineteen, and there are still some to go.

As soon as the team is selected, the names and the schedule for their play will be published.

SCHOOL PLAY "Apron String Revolt"

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The joint committee in charge of rehearsals and production is: Mary Bunting, chairman, with the following members:

James Guisard, Jacqueline Nichols, Joseph Hall, Richard Epps, Dorothy Fitzhugh, Anna Fitzgerald, David White, James Morse, James Jefferson, Edith Tyler, Clarence Wilson, Sooln Chamberlain.

Rehearsals begin directly after Christmas.

A second tentative cast has been selected in case replacement may be necessary. No students with demerits have been chosen; all choices must meet approval of Commandant, Matron and Nurse.

HINTS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas Customs

Have you ever stopped to wonder why we welcome each Christmas as if it were the first one, and why it all seems so new each year? It must be the happy, giving, Christlike spirit, because all of the Christmas customs date back to long ago.

The custom of giving started on that very day when Christ was born in that lowly stable in Bethlehem. When the wise men laid their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at the little Saviour's feet, they started the happy custom of giving. Perhaps today many people do not give with the same spirit, but surely giving is a big part of Christmas.

Sending Christmas cards is a practice that brings much joy. Some friends never hear from each other until this season of remembrance. This is perhaps the youngest of the Christmas customs, as the first card appeared less than one hundred years ago. In 1846, an Englishman designed some very attractive cards which he sent to his friends. Today millions of these messages carry the spirit of goodwill around the world.

It would not seem like Christmas without the carols that fill the air throughout the holidays. These carols come from many countries, and express the joy of people all over the world. The most popular is "Adeste Fideles," a carol coming from Italy and written the latter part of the seventeenth century.

Children would not find Christmas complete without a big evergreen tree, often decorated by Santa Claus himself. Germany began this custom when, in 1605, the evergreen was used in the holiday festivals.

The use of holly may be traced back to the Romans who sent holly boughs to their friends during the feast of Saturnalia which occurred about the same time as Christmas does now. The early Christians began to fashion the holly into wreaths symbolic of the cross of thorns with the red berries representing the drops of the Lord's blood. The holly wreath also symbolized eternity.

A familiar holiday plant is the poinsettia, which came from the hills of Mexico where it grows plentifully. Joel Roberts Poinsett, the American envoy to Mexico in the early eighteenth-thirties, is responsible for its popularity in the United States.

These are but a few of the customs and symbols of Christmas. No matter how old they are, they add so much to the joy of the season that today, no Christmas would be complete without them.

Margaret Tucker, 8A.

Some New Year Resolutions

Some New Year Resolutions we hope will be made:

"Fat" Hanson: To take one deep breath after every paragraph just to please Miss Echols.

T. Allison: To stop dealing in generalities and start looking for facts.

L. B.: To change her style or lift the jinx she has over her S. P.'s.

F. Green, W. Jacobs, C. Wadley: To pay more attention to their work and less to the girls while they are working around the campus.

W. H.: To get a reliable book on "The Object of Argumentation."

H. Robinson, 210-lb. tackle: To put away his shy ways.

E. Washington: To stop reading "True Romances".

B. P.: To put a silencer on his clarinet so the New Building boys can rest peacefully after 10 o'clock.

R.H.: To put his name up for the National Society for Telling Tall Stories!

R. H.: To find a hat to fit his head.

Buy Xmas Seals

The students of Ironsides must do their share this year to see that the sale of Christmas seals surpasses that of any other year. They will want to do their bit to help the Juniors in a very worthy cause. Christmas is a giving time. Most of us don't give because we say we haven't much. Here's our chance. Each stamp costs only one cent.

These Christmas seals were introduced in 1907 by Miss Emily Bissell, of Wilmington, Delaware. Miss Bissell proposed the idea, drew the design, and had them printed. The first sale brought in three thousand dollars.

Miss Bissell became so interested and so enthusiastic about her work that, with the aid of the American Red Cross, she put on a universal sale in the fall of 1908. From 1910 to 1920, the National Tuberculosis Association and the American Red Cross conducted the sale together.

In 1920, the Red Cross withdrew from the National Tuberculosis Association, wishing to concentrate on its own membership. Miss Bissell is to be commended for her activity and sincerity in carrying out the fight against a terrible disease.

Now the use of these seals has become a part of the tradition of the Christmas season. So let us heed the little verse that Miss Bissell used on her first envelopes.

"Put this stamp with message bright
On every Christmas letter,
Help the Tuberculosis fight
And make the New Year better."
Robert Hundley, 9A

Former Student Writes Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Marion Brown, instructor of Dressmaking, received a letter from St. Louis recently from Ruth Scott, a teacher in the Washington Vocational High School, there.

Miss Scott was a student here in the early days, and has occupied many positions in the teaching profession since graduation.

Her letter really speaks for itself; and Mrs. Brown has graciously allowed the Echo to print portions of it:

... Mrs. O'Leary of the New Jersey State Department of Instruction came in to visit my classroom this morning (she is attending a Vocational Conference) and we talked of you and Bordertown... Often my mind returns to Bordertown, the faculty and its student body of several years ago. I like most to remember those four happy years spent with you in the Dressmaking Department.

I am now head of the department of Vocational Dressmaking here in St. Louis. It is a grand position and to you, Mrs. Brown, I certainly owe a tremendous vote of thanks for the foundation I acquired at Bordertown.

Since leaving you, I have attended several institutions of higher learning; but in none of them have I found a course as complete as the one offered by you at Bordertown."

When the Bordertown warriors returned to the lockers after the victory over Storer, thirteen boys (eleven of them Seniors), hung up their football togs for good; they had played their last game for Ironsides. They are: Theodore "Windy" Allison, Walter "Duck" Jacobs, Kenneth "Bull" Williams, Robert "Fats" Harrison, George "Mule" Johnson, Knowlton "Julia" Atterbeary, Joseph "Briny" Hall, Samuel "Two-Point" Arrington, Russell "Roaming" Henry, Robert "Slim" Jones, Herbert "Cap" Tucker, Wayman "Rabbit" Taylor, and Larry "Coach" Towler.

CHEYNEY TIE, STORER DEFEAT CLINCH GRIDIRON CROWN

A 6-6 Tie With Cheyney And A Decisive Storer Defeat Make Ironsides Once More Wearer of the M3A Gridiron Crown.

At the new Cheyney Stadium on Saturday, November 19, Bordentown and Cheyney, two old traditional rivals, fought through mud, rain and hail to a 6-6 draw.

For true appreciation of the exciting clash you would have had to be part of the courageous crowd who braved the cold and rain to witness the traditional encounter. The gridiron was a mass of mud. In fact the field and the adverse weather condition made playing a difficult task. But both teams, trying to uphold the honor of the Alma Mater, soon forgot about the weather and played a brand of football which kept the excited fans on edge from the opening whistle until the final play.

The first period got off, rather slowly due to the coldness; but after a couple of plays the teams seemed to gain new life and spirit. Bordentown received the kick-off and C. Harris, Ironsides fleet-footed quarterback, carried the pigskin for a considerable gain before being stopped. After a series of plays the Wildcat found gaining difficult and were forced to kick.

Spain, of Cheyney, received the ball, but was hit almost immediately by two alert Ironsides ends. From this point on until the latter part of the second quarter the game developed into a see-saw battle with neither team getting the advantage. During this period there were some beautiful runs made by backs from both squads; but the defense work was their most outstanding factor. Hard, strong tackling and spectacular blocking won the cheers of the fans on many occasions. In the latter part of the second period while the ball was in the "Wildcats" possession they totally fooled the "Teachers" as C. Harris dashed through a hole off-right tackle and streaked 65 yards for the Ironsides first and only score as the half ended.

The second half seemingly started off with a thrill right from the start. Only this time Cheyney was the aggressor. Bordentown kicked off to the Pennsylvanians and McGibbeney, substitute quarterback, cut and twisted his way through the entire Wildcat squad for Cheyney tally. Extra point failed.

The rest of the game Bordentown with new determination played Cheyney off their feet, but some how could not produce that last bit of punch for a score. Russell Henry, small hard driving back of the New Jersey grid-ders, gave the Cheyney fans the jitters every time he carried the pigskin. The game ended 6-6 with the ball in possession of the Wildcats near the Cheyney goal line.

Storer Trounced

Thanksgiving Day, saw the "Wildcats" chalk up their fifth victory and at the same time capture the M3A conference title for the second consecutive year as they trounced Storer College of West Virginia, by the overwhelming score of 34 to 0 on the Ironsides gridiron.

Although the field was rather muddy, the New Jersey boys showed their superiority from the start. The powerful Watson-coached aggression moved with ease and precision as the helpless, but trying boys from Harper's Ferry struggled courageously to no avail. It was a great victory for the powerful Ironsides grid-ders and climaxed a season of successful achievements in a field of stiff competition. The Storer squad was not up to its last year's form due to loss of football material by graduation, and was truly outclassed in every department during the game.

Bordentown played an excellent

Varsity Letter Men

Former Captain Ernest Butler
Acting Captain Robert Drake
Theodore Allison
Warren Allison
Samuel Arrington
Knowlton Atterbeary
Hugh Hairston
Cranston Harris
Russell Henry
Walter Jacobs
George Johnson
Charles Polhemus
Norman Powell
Heywood Robinson
Ira John Smith
Walter Spicer
Wayman Taylor
Herbert Tucker
Kenneth Williams
Manager Lawrence Towler

To Captain Butler

Although the Wildcats were forced to go through the season without the services of the popular and fighting Captain Butler, who had to withdraw because of illness, his spirit and courage were a great asset and inspiration to the team. Despite the fact that he was unable to show his great leadership ability on the gridiron, the boys worked extra hard to carry on the work as he would have done. Butler played gallantly for the Wildcats for three years and on several occasions won recognition as all M3A tackle.

Too much credit and honor cannot be given this courageous son of Ironsides. His past achievements are all ready written down in the book of fame.

It is impossible to make any satisfactory summary of the football season without including him.

The Athletic Committee is to be heartily commended for its action in awarding him a letter and gold football.

We Can't Forget

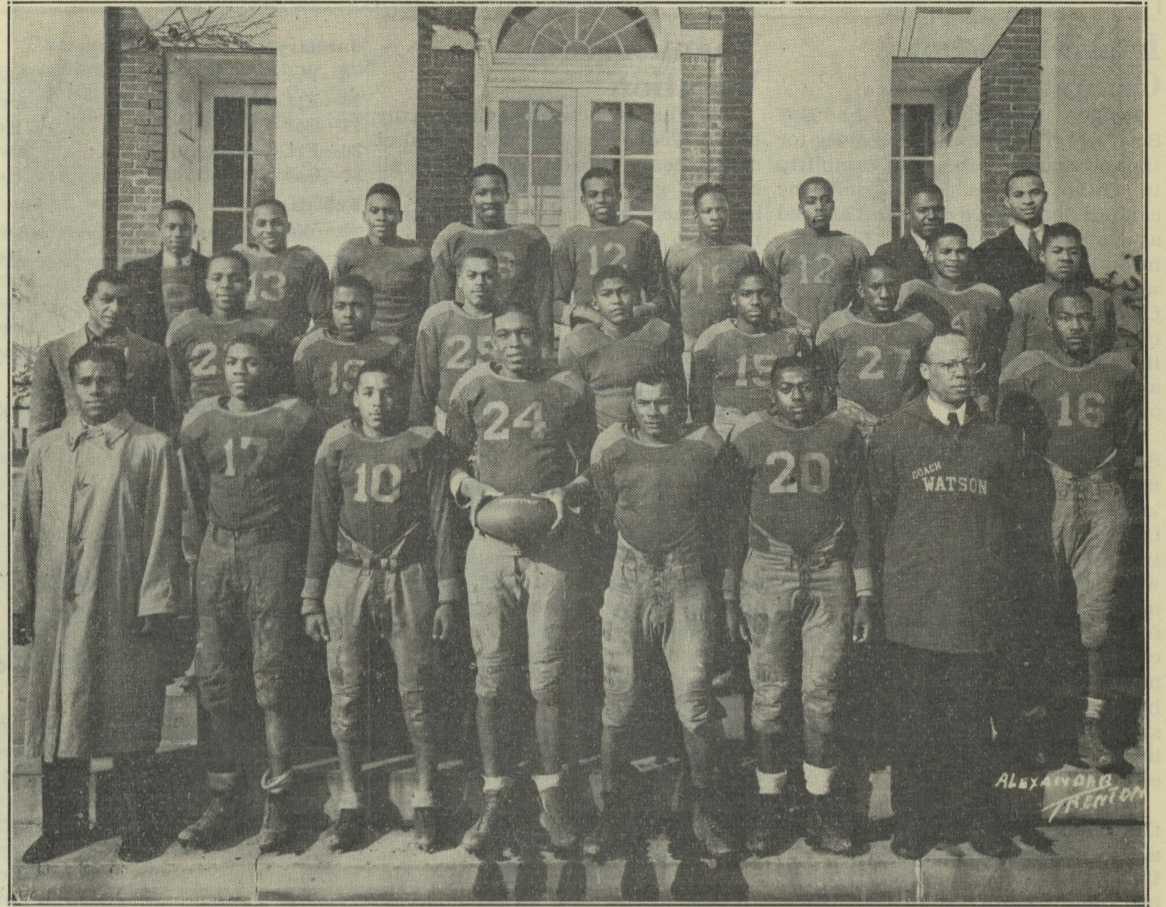
Mr. Morrow and his training sessions.
The warm Southlands (Br-r-r-r).
The Cheyney-Bordentown mud battle.
Biggie's famous yell, "Stand aside, Ref."
Dinner at Dover.
The Princess Anne Cheerleaders.
Spicer's first love.
Downingtown's last stand.
The Storer College massacre.
Big Powell's fear of hills and curves.
Towler's great coaching ability.
Leo Holmes in a football suit.
Jacobs' peg leg.
Paul Brown's first quarter.
Twilight at Cheyney.
T. Allison wooing.
Atterbeary's "Julia".
Those inspiring locals
The Major-King Conflict
Good Old Ironsides.

offensive game and their strong defense allowed the visitor only one first down throughout the game. The backs composed of C. Harris, G. Johnson, T. Smith, R. Henry, S. Arrington, Hairston, N. Powell and W. Jacobs drove hard and displayed fine football while the line stood up against the Storer attack like seven blocks of granite.

For the Wildcats it was a great finish of a grand season.

Those who started were: W. Allison, H. Robinson, Atterbeary, T. Allison, Spicer, Drake, Tucker, Powell, Henry, Harris, Smith. Substitutes during the game were: W. Jacobs, P. Brown, Arrington, Johnson, Hairston, Jones, Polhemus, K. Williams.

BORDENTOWN—M3A CHAMPS AGAIN



Championships are becoming bad habits for Bordentown teams. Here are the football warriors who gave Bordentown the M3A football championship for the second successive year.

FIRST ROW: Towler, manager; Powell, Jacobs, Drake, T. Allison, Hairston, Coach Watson.

SECOND ROW: Coach Ray, Williams, Henry, Hanson, Polhemus, Atterbeary, Spicer, Tucker.

THIRD ROW: Arrington, Harris, Pendleton, Robinson, Johnson, Hall, Jones, Taylor, W. Allison, P. Brown, Trainer Morrow.

The Coaches Speak

The loss of Capt. E. Butler at the beginning of the season was a serious blow to the squad; but the boys knowing that his loss meant a great deal took on a new spirit and determination to produce a winner. At any rate, the squad pulled together and everybody worked hard for the championship. Tucker rendered good service as field captain during games; but perhaps the biggest factor was the fact that all but four boys were non-lettermen, which left all positions wide open; and it was not until the Cheyney game that we had determined upon a real first team. Naturally while every position was so uncertain, every player worked hard all the season. Work and enthusiasm produced the championship.

Coach Watson.

a man deserving of high praise. His running mate "Biggie" Robinson was perhaps the most outstanding down-field blocker that Bordentown has ever produced.

The outlook for next year I would say is very bright; for although several Seniors will be lost, the leftovers give us a fine nucleus to build on for the next season.

Coach Ray.

Although physical fitness is an important factor to any team, credit should be extended to Coach Watson and Ray for their untiring efforts to produce a winning team. The spirit and enthusiasm of the team also was a great asset in their climb for the championship.

Trainer Morrow.

Answers To Questions On Page 2

1. "House of Bread" or "Home of Plenty".
2. Dicken's "Christmas Carol".
3. Mother and child.
4. Sistine Madonna by Raphael.
5. Royal Gallery, Dresden.
6. Fourth Century.
7. Christ's Mass, the Mass said in honor of Christ's birth.
8. And, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us, everyone."
9. South.
10. Noel.
11. 1605, in Germany.
12. Community Christmas trees.
13. Saint Nicholas.
14. Kris Kringle.
15. Fairy Befana
16. Setting wooden shoes on the hearth.
17. Giving presents, use of holly, use of mistletoe, and burning the Yule logs.
18. Mince pie.
19. Poland.
20. "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The Players Speak

As a member of the Championship team of 1937 as well as of that of 1938, I can't help making comparisons. The 1937 team was stronger on the defense while 1938 was stronger on the offense. Last year's team was not scored upon; this year's team had its goal line crossed during the season.

To comment on special players, I would praise Harris for his excellent generalship at quarterback. Powell and Johnson for their running ability; Tucker and the younger Allison as ends; and Robinson at tackle.

As acting captain, I want sincerely to congratulate the team of 1938 on its success; and the letter-men for their distinction.

Acting Captain Robert Drake.

The 1938 Wildcats were truly champs in competition and sportsmanship. There was always joy in being one of their number and as the season closes, I have only one regret and that is that I have played my last game of football for Dear Old Ironsides.

As I go back over the entire-up and think of individuals, there are some four outstanding players on the line, Drake and Robinson were almost invincible at tackle; and the baby of the team, Warren Allison, was a terror at end. Among the backs, Harris and Powell were by far outstanding players.

Certainly we cannot forget Major Watson and "Fess" Ray as coaches, two fine ones if there ever was a pair.

My best wishes go to the 1939 team. May they continue the good work.

Field Captain Herbert Tucker.

We wish you a Merry Xmas
And a Happy New Year, too;
But be on time on January fourth.
When the roll is called for you.