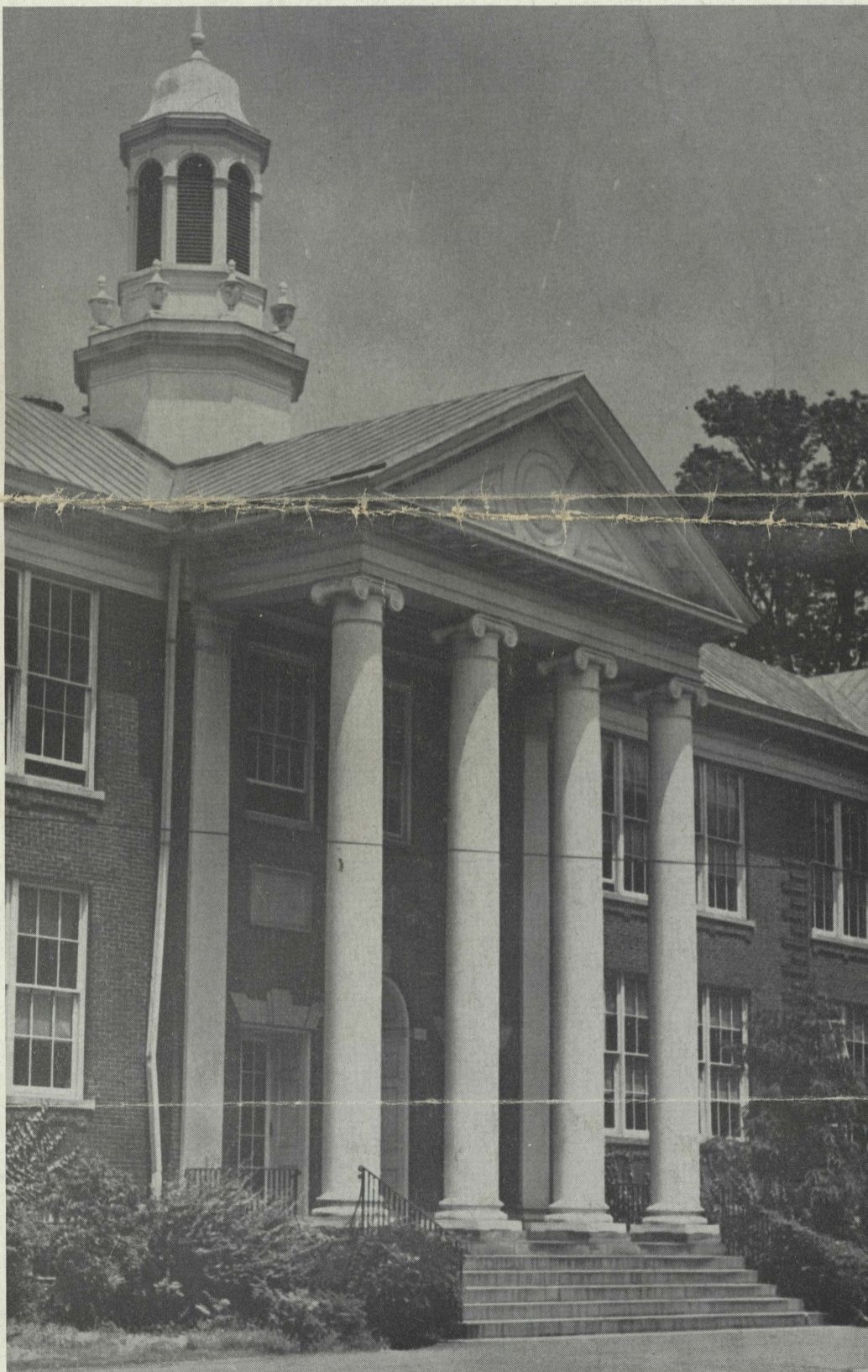


"At thy feet the Delaware flows by in silken grace."

CHRONOLOGY

- 1886**—Ironsides Normal School founded in Bordentown, New Jersey. Rev. W. A. Rice, A.M.E., the founder and first principal. Enrollment eight pupils.
- 1894**—School passes under control of State of New Jersey.
- 1896**—Parnell estate leased and school moved to "The Hill".
- 1897**—Annual appropriations to school increased to \$5,000 annually. James M. Gregory of Howard University appointed principal.
- 1898**—First Commencement. Ironsides graduates Sarah Morgan and Theodore Kershaw.
- 1900**—Ironsides passes under control of State Board of Education.
- 1903**—Administration Building completed. A modern building with six classrooms, an auditorium, a dining room and offices.
- 1907**—State appropriation gives school a girls' dormitory, a laundry, and an infirmary.
- 1909-1911**—Mr. J. T. Carruthers served as principal in the absence of Mr. Gregory due to illness.
- 1911**—Col. D. Stewart Craven, of Salem, becomes chairman of State Board's committee on Bordentown school.
- 1914**—Brick dormitory built for boys and named Gregory Hall.
- 1915**—William R. Valentine, former supervising principal in colored schools of Indianapolis, succeeds Mr. Gregory as principal.
- 1916**—School buys 59 acres adjoining school property on Burlington Road.
- 1918**—Boys' Trades Building erected and designated by Legislature as Samuel Gordon Trades Building. Seven double tenement houses purchased for removal and remodeling.
- 1921**—Campus relaid, giving school new entrance. Barns removed from campus proper to new location on Burlington Road.



"Proudly stands our Mother Ironsides framed against the sky."

1886-1955

- 1922**—New Assembly Building constructed, providing school with adequate dining room, gymnasium, and auditorium. Teachers' Cottage built by Carpentry Shop.
- 1923**—Original Administration Building remodelled, entrance facing campus instead of river.
- 1924**—Citizens' Gateway completed.
- 1927**—School's curriculum raised to four-year high school course approved by State Department.
- 1928**—First graduating class from new senior high school.
- 1929**—New Girls' Dormitory to house one hundred girls and ten teachers.
- 1931**—New Trades Building completed at cost of \$150,000. Appropriation of \$45,000 for remodeling old Girls' Dormitory. \$160,000 appropriated by Legislature for new Boys' Dormitory.
- 1932**—New Boys' Dormitory completed and ready for occupancy.
- 1937**—Steel Tube Works and Pottery adjoining property purchased by State.
- 1938**—New athletic field completed at cost of \$45,000.
- 1945**—School placed under control of the State Commissioner of Education subject to the authority of the State Board of Education.
- 1948**—By act of Legislature, school name changed to "The Manual Training and Industrial School for Youth".
- 1950**—Dr. William R. Valentine retired after thirty-five years of service. Mr. P. B. Hunt served as acting principal until February 1. Centralized heating plant begun at cost of \$92,000 to be spaced over a period of five years.
- 1951**—Mr. James E. Segear assumed office as principal on February 1. Title of Principal changed to Superintendent.

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MOTHER IRONSIDES



Entrance to Campus

ALMA MATER SONG

I

Proudly stands our Mother Ironsides
Framed against the sky,
Overlooking field and river
From her hill-top high.

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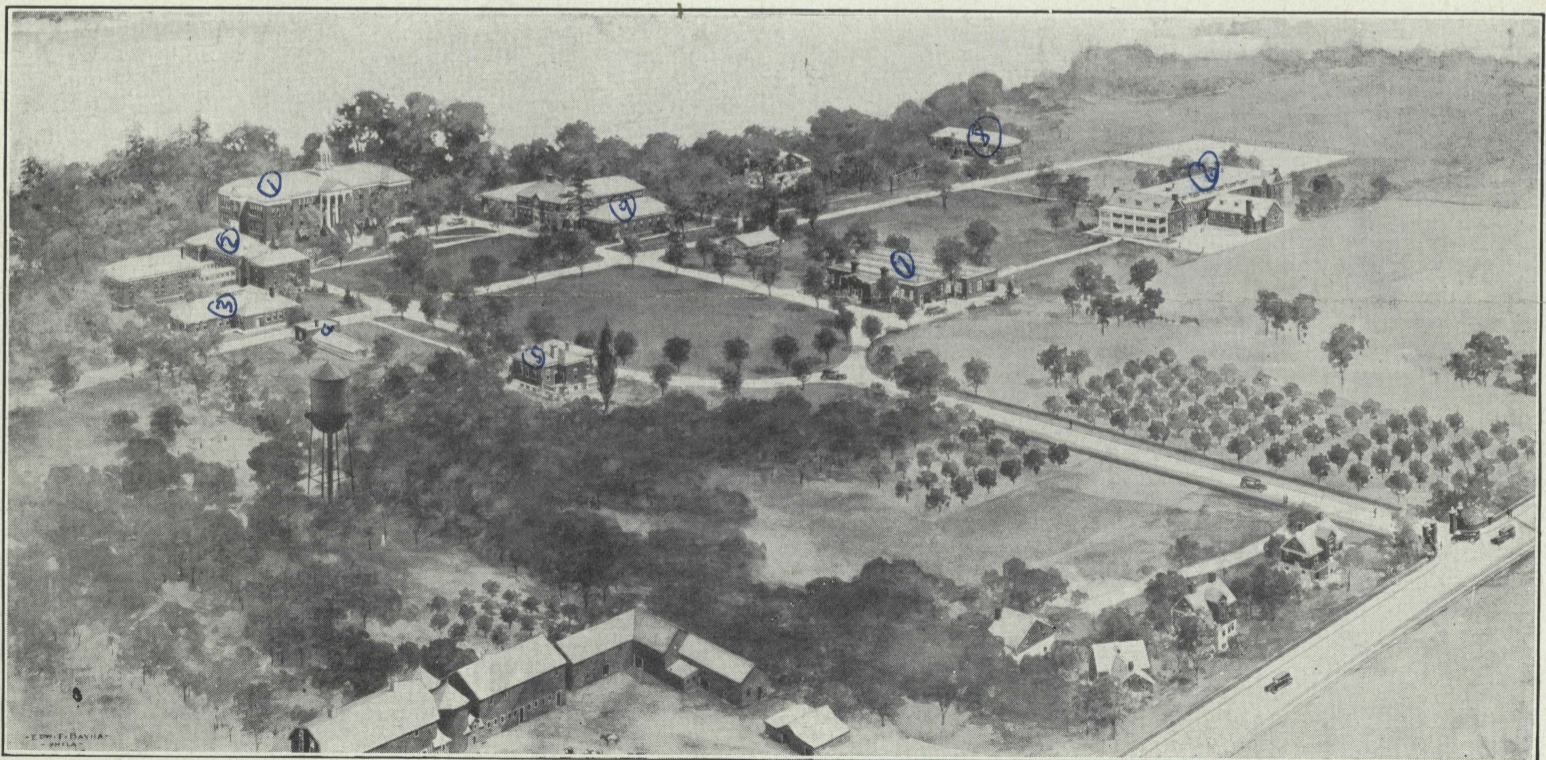
Ironsides, Mother, School we love!
Loud we sing to thee,
Pledging thee thru all the ages
Love and loyalty.

II

At thy feet the Delaware
Flows by in silken grace.
Overhead the silver moon light
Bathes thy radiant face.

III

Round thy campus, green and lovely,
Still our mem'ries twine.
So shall all our deeds of honor
Be forever thine.



Airplane View of Ironsides

HER LEADERS

REV. W. A. RICE
1886 - 1897



Rev. W. A. Rice, A M E Church, founded the "Ironsides Normal School" in 1886 in Bordentown, and became the first principal.

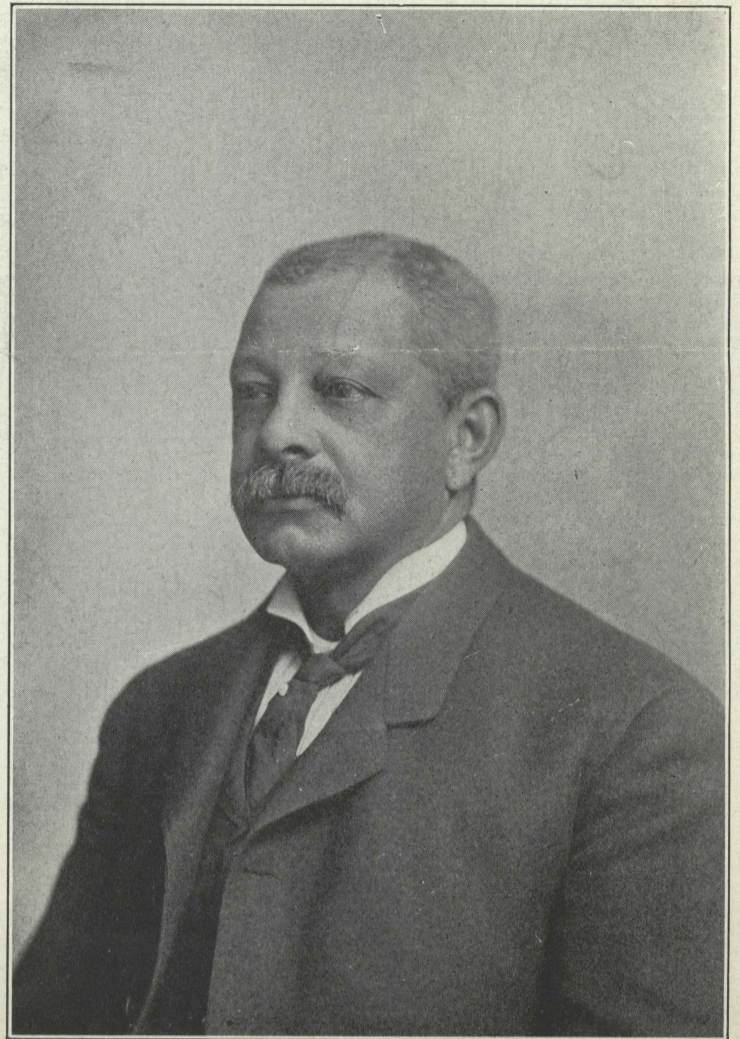
WILLIAM R. VALENTINE
1915 - 1950



William R. Valentine, formerly supervising principal in the colored schools of Indianapolis, assumed duties of principalship in 1915.

Mr. P. B. Hunt, Acting Principal from September, 1950 to February, 1951.

JAMES M. GREGORY
1897 - 1914



James M. Gregory, formerly a professor at Howard University, was appointed principal in 1897.

Mr. J. T. Carruthers, Acting Principal from 1909-1911 during illness of Mr. Gregory.

JAMES E. SEGEAR
1951 - 1955



James E. Segear, formerly principal of Maggie Walker High School of Richmond, Virginia, became principal in 1951. This title was later changed to superintendent.

1917 - Through the Years With the Echo - 1927

"Let Echo, too, perform her part,
Prolonging every note with art;
And in a low expiring strain,
Play all the comfort o'er again.

ADDISON

October 15, 1917, Volume I, No. I

3c per copy.
Frances O. Grant, Editor.
'The Ironsides Echo is an experiment; we should like to have it become a habit; to become much a part of this school that it would be difficult to remember when it did not exist.

"The editors of the Ironsides Echo respectfully submit to you the first issue of the paper, and sincerely hope that it will speak for itself."

Ironsides Military System
"In accordance with the provisions of the Morrel Act, military discipline at Ironsides is strictly recognized. All male students are members of the school battalion and drill daily at 11:30.

"A plan is on foot to have wooden guns to take the place of the Springfield rifles that were confiscated by the Government. Lt. Cleves will be Major Stockton's substitute this year. Lt. Cleves holds a commission with the U. S. Reserve Corps and comes to Bordentown to drill the M. T. I. S. boys once a week."

November, 1917

Ironsides School is proud of the list of students who have already rallied to the colors.

The music teacher at Ironsides, Eugene Francis Mikell, has become Bandmaster of the 15th Infantry Band. The members of the Band were picked by James Reese Europe, the famous conductor of the Castle House Orchestra.

On November 22, Group Three (Grade 6) held a meeting. The class motto was "Head not toward the dark sides of life, but travel toward the bright."

March, 1918

Ironsides appropriation was \$84,900. This is \$8,900 more than last year.

April, 1918

"Don't be a slacker,
Buy a ticket for the Junior play
And prove that you want
Ironsides to have a Victrola."

January, 1920

We are glad to announce that Mr. Fred Work is to take charge of the chorus work at the school this year.

February, 1920

Mr. Work has organized a Glee Club of twenty-two boys and girls. They are going to sing spirituals and pieces requiring more technique. The troupe will soon be able to appear before the school and in concerts.

May, 1920

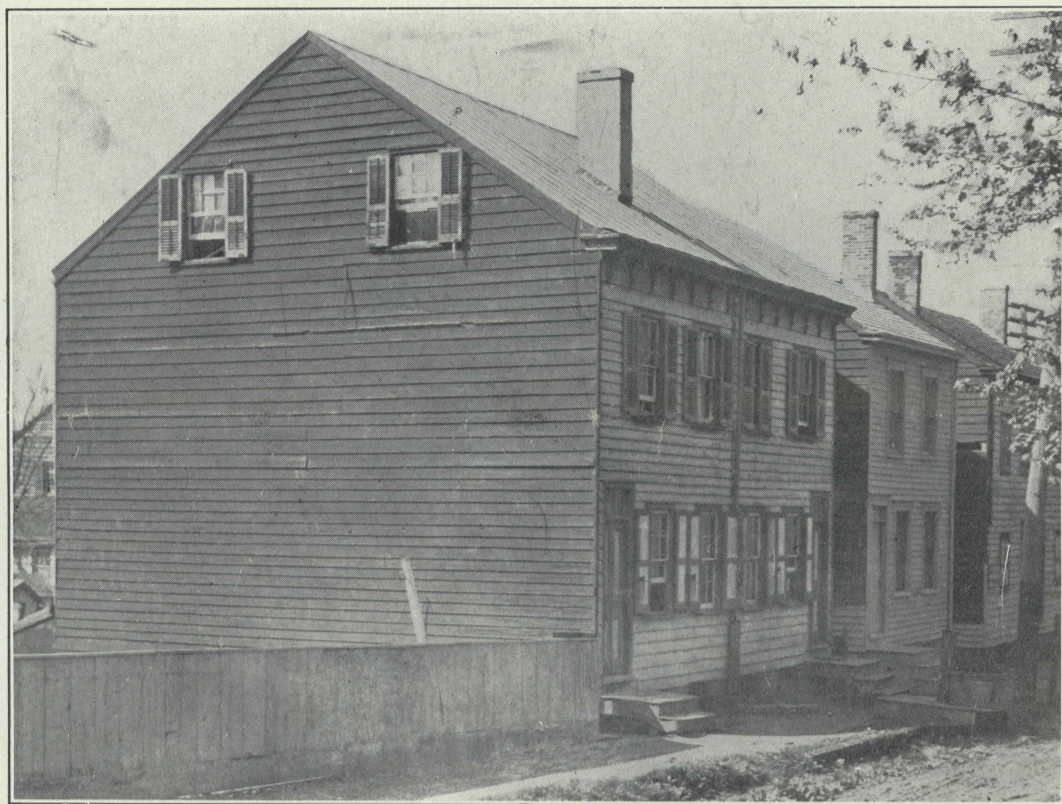
Senate Bill, No. 201, appropriating \$3,000 for the raising and improving the barns belonging to the school has been signed. The damage done by moving the barns from Cedar Lane has been repaired.

November, 1920

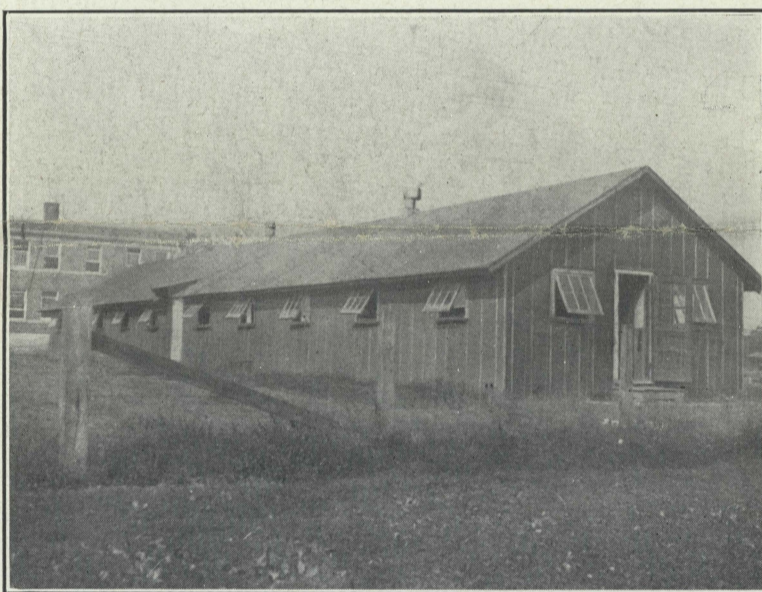
The Legislature has appropriated \$8,129 for the purpose of completing an addition to the Trades Building and for completing the principal's home.

October, 1921

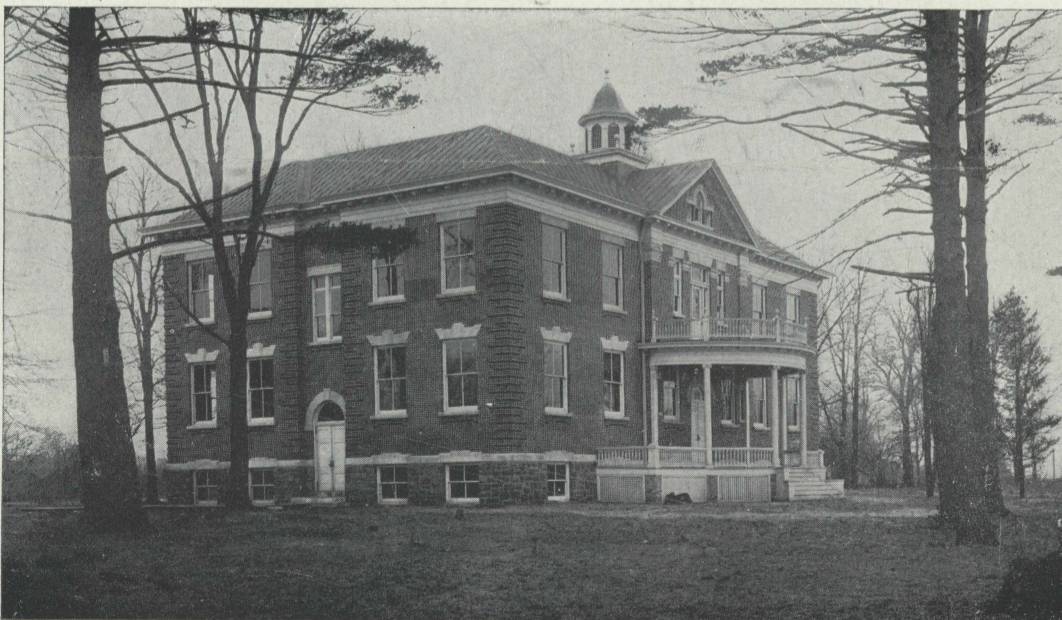
The real name of the school, that by which it is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, is "The Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored Youth." "Ironsides" is, however, its popular name. The fact is that the grounds upon which the school is situated were once the residence of Charles Parnell, the Irish patriot. One of his family married Commodore Stewart, in charge of the man-o'-war Constitution, or "Old Ironsides" as she was affectionately called. From that connection "Ironsides" came to be associated with the school that now stands here.



First Site of School on West Street, Bordentown, 1886



Old Barracks, 1921



Old Administration Building completed in 1903

November, 1921

Mr. Valentine was asked to be one of the speakers at the dedication of a building that his work had helped make possible, a beautiful new school building in place of P. S. 26 in Indianapolis.

Fifty dollars by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in honor of Musette B. Gregory is to be awarded annually to the most promising girl in the Senior Class.

December, 1921

Mr. Work called a meeting of all candidates for a debating team. A number of eager aspirants came out and the Ironsides Debating Team was formed. The following officers were appointed:

President, James Beane
Secretary, Lois Hunter

March, 1922

Because of the failures of the first term, the faculty has decided to impose restrictions upon those whose scholarship is so very much below par. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons until March 29, students whose names are posted in the Administration Building will report to Room 4 to study from 4:30 until 5:30.

Ironsides has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Lester B. Granger as extension agent. Mr. Granger is a graduate of Dartmouth College. Applicants before entering the school will be questioned by Mr. Granger, and ex-students will be followed up by him when out into the cities they go.

December, 1923

Through the coaching of Major Daniel, the football boys have gone through a fine season.

October, 1924

Many students were amazed on their return to school this fall at the amount of work done on the Boys' Building during the summer. This dormitory with its broad graceful lines and porches at each end will be one of the most beautiful buildings on the campus.

March, 1924

Gateway Fund in Sight

The parents and alumni of the school have responded so wholeheartedly to finish the Gateway Fund that over \$2400 is now in the hands of Dr. Cannon of Jersey City who is treasurer of the Fund.

May, 1925

Four new tennis courts are about complete. With the two old courts now in use, we have on the campus six tennis courts.

February, 1926

The Student Council formed last year of nine boys elected by the boys themselves, has reorganized this year. The Council hopes to be able to handle successfully cases of misdemeanors among the boys, and in this way, register student opinion.

June, 1926

An eleven-year research has just been completed by Mr. Granger. It shows that 50 per cent of the graduates have followed trades they learned here; four per cent have followed related trades; and 12 per cent have continued in school.

October, 1926

Carl Van Vechten, music critic and author, and James Weldon Johnson visited Ironsides for the day.

October, 1927

Bordentown is sending five of the prize Guernseys to the State Fair at Trenton, to be held from September 26 to October 1.

1928 - Through the Years With the Echo - 1939

March 1, 1928

Military companies have been organized among the girls, and officers for these companies selected from the ranks. The three companies are known as Company V, Company M, and Company H. Drill takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

October, 1928

School Wins Twenty Ribbons at State Fair. Ten Are First Prizes

George Doshier, a former graduate now on recital tour in England, sent a British money order for five shillings for a yearly subscription to the Echo.

May-June, 1930

Echo Receives Press Award

This medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association is the first medal for literary merit of any sort that has been won by the school.

November, 1931

The Seniors have again been granted the privilege of walking to the gate unchaperoned.

October, 1932

The town of Bordentown celebrated its 250th anniversary from October 8-16. As one of the episodes in a pageant, students from Ironsides depicted the evolution of Negro education in Bordentown from 1840 on. The pageant was presented at the Bordentown Theatre.

May-June, 1933

Twelve choirs, the largest entry ever, will compete in the annual Choir Contest on May 30.

October, 1933

On Friday, October 13, Charles R. Scott, State Secretary of Boys' Work, awarded formally the plaque won by the quartette for rendering the best service to the school last year. The quartette broadcast over WOR on Thursdays from November 1 to the middle of June. Mr. Ira Godwin directs the quartette.

December 1933

Football Team Wins M3A Championship

February, 1934

James A. Curtis, the new extension worker at Manual Training School, was appointed on February 15 to succeed Lester B. Granger, who gave 12 years of outstanding service to the State and students.

March, 1934

Bringing down the curtain with 20 straight victories, the Wildcats closed the basketball season on March 10 undefeated.

May, 1935

On May 17, the track team went to Hampton to compete in the CIAA meet. They won the scholastic division of the meet by the narrow margin of one-half point.

Band Ties for Third Place in New Brunswick

On previous occasions, the band has won first place twice and has taken second and third places.

October, 1935

Bordentown graduate, Charles Williams '27, got the contract to paint the woodwork of the Administration Building. He is a contractor in Plainfield, and is employing three men on the job with him.

November, 1935

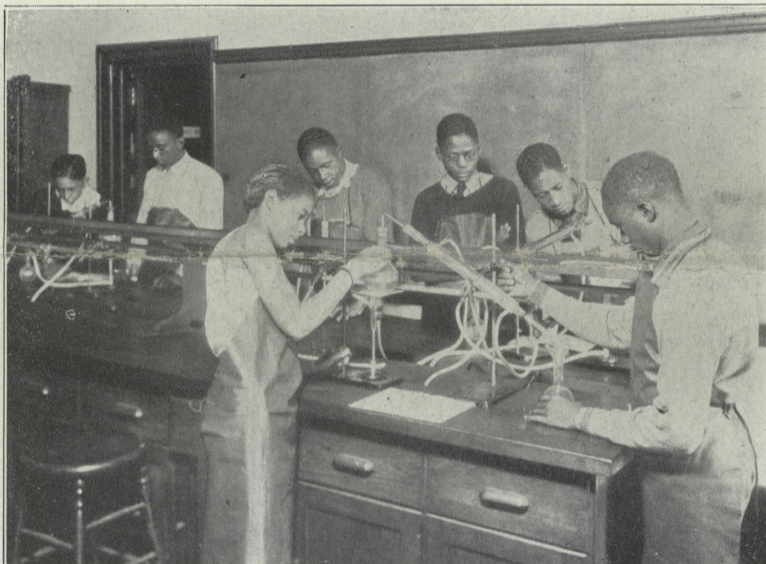
Art work of fifteen girls was selected for exhibition of American Art at Trenton Teachers College.



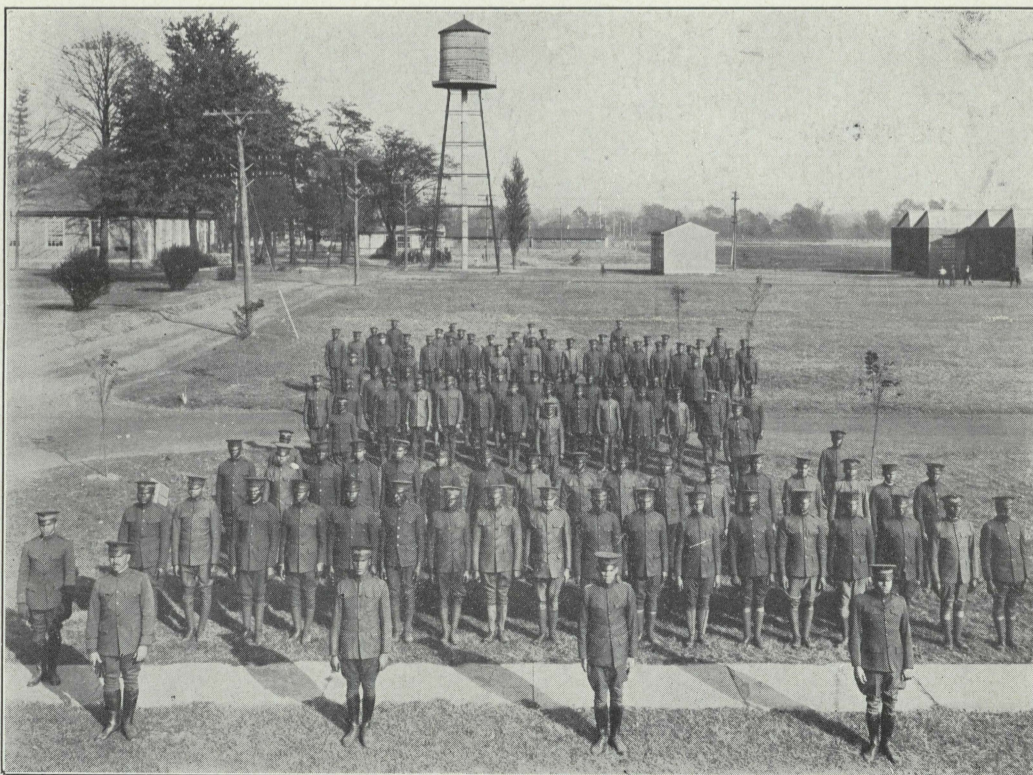
Teachers' Cottage



Cow Barns and Dairy



Class in High School Chemistry



Battalion Formation of Years Ago

February, 1936

The Trenton Symphony Orchestra presented "Suite Negre," a composition by Mr. Frederick Work, music instructor at the Manual Training School, last evening.

April, 1936

Harry T. Burleigh, distinguished Negro baritone and composer, will be one of the judges at the annual Choir Contest.

June, 1936

School exhibit representing Education of Negroes in New Jersey, to be shown at Great Exposition in Dallas as part of Texas Centennial.

October, 1936

Judging team from Agricultural Department won the national championship at the Second Annual Convention of the New Farmers of America held at Hampton Institute, Virginia.

November, 1936

Mr. W. R. Valentine appointed to the National Board of the Y. M. C. A. to take the place left vacant by the late John Hope, president of Atlanta University.

February, 1937

First Term Honor Roll Largest Ever. Many Ninety Per Cent Averages.

A conference of Negroes engaged in trade occupations was held at the school on February 28.

April, 1937

Agricultural exhibit won second prize at New Jersey Science Fair in Newark.

The girls' basketball team has won this year's crown, and Ironsides girls are the champs for the second time in four years.

June, 1937

The Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Principal William R. Valentine by Lincoln University, Oxford, Pennsylvania.

October, 1938

The girls' new uniforms have come. Do they look good! They are most attractive—a white blouse (tucked in) and the blue fitted skirt zippered. (Farewell to placket gaps).

November, 1938

Ben Johnson, track star, replaces Mr. Fuller.

December, 1938

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

Gold footballs were given to the Wildcats in Assembly today. The Wildcats are M3A champs again.

March, 1939

"Apron String Revolt," a comedy presented by the Seniors, will be given at the Howard High School in Wilmington, Delaware on March 17, and at New Lincoln School in Trenton, on March 30.

April, 1939

Basketball Team M3A Champs for Fourth Successive Time

May-June, 1939

Saturday, May 20, was a day never to be forgotten on the Bordentown campus, for visiting were Albert Einstein, distinguished and world famous scientist; Thomas Mann, Nobel prize winner; Dr. Albert S. Barnes, head of the Barnes Foundation; Dr. Erwin Panofsky, authority in Mediaeval Art; and Dr. Hans Sharwenski; Efren Zimbalist, the violinist; and George Agnew Chamberlain, author.

1940 - Through the Years With the Echo - 1941

February, 1940

W. R. Valentine becomes trustee of Penn Normal and Agricultural School in South Carolina.

Echo second at Columbia.

May-June, 1940

The Bordentown staff gave a banquet in honor of Mr. Valentine on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his principalship.

Ironsides Echo was one of 48 publications at Columbia Scholastic Press Association honored for excellence in typography.

At Camden County Horse Show, Ironsides Gaylass, two-year-old, won first prize among percherons.

October, 1940

Congratulations to the Ironsides Progress Club for its issuance of the first handbooks on the campus.

January, 1941

Modern Dance Group wins an award of merit for its excellent performance in the Cultural Olympics sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania School of Education.

March, 1941

Marcus Battle was the winner of a speech award of merit at the Cultural Olympics for his rendition of "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson. Miss Bird was his coach.

Defense Trades Courses Started

John McGhee is the first member of the Senior Class to be called to the colors. Fourteen other boys have registered for the various branches of the service.

April, 1941

Bordentown is offering further courses in Automobile, Truck, and Tractor Maintenance for rural out-of-school youth between the ages of 17 and 24. These courses are sponsored by the Federal Security Agency.

June, 1941

Ironsides was the recipient of four awards of merit and an honor award of participation at Irvine Auditorium on May 24. The students excelled in these entries: Graphic and Plastic Arts and Crafts, Reading of Non-Original Poetry, Dance and Dramatics.

October, 1941

Mrs. Minnie Davis, for twenty-one years matron of the older girls' dormitory, resigned because she felt that the duties of her job were too heavy for her.

Major Lewis Watson, for thirteen years commandant of the boys, left on October 8 to establish headquarters with the USO at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Major Victor H. Daniel, who nineteen years ago had been in charge of the Ironsides obys, took over the duties of Major Watson.

Miss Ethel Gillespie, for twenty years a teacher of mathematics here, died Tuesday, October 28.

According to the recommendations of Commissioner Howard Dare White, the following changes have been made in the course of study: American History in the Junior year, Problems of American Democracy in the Senior year, Modern European History in the Tenth grade, Biology in the Tenth grade, and General Science in Grade Nine.

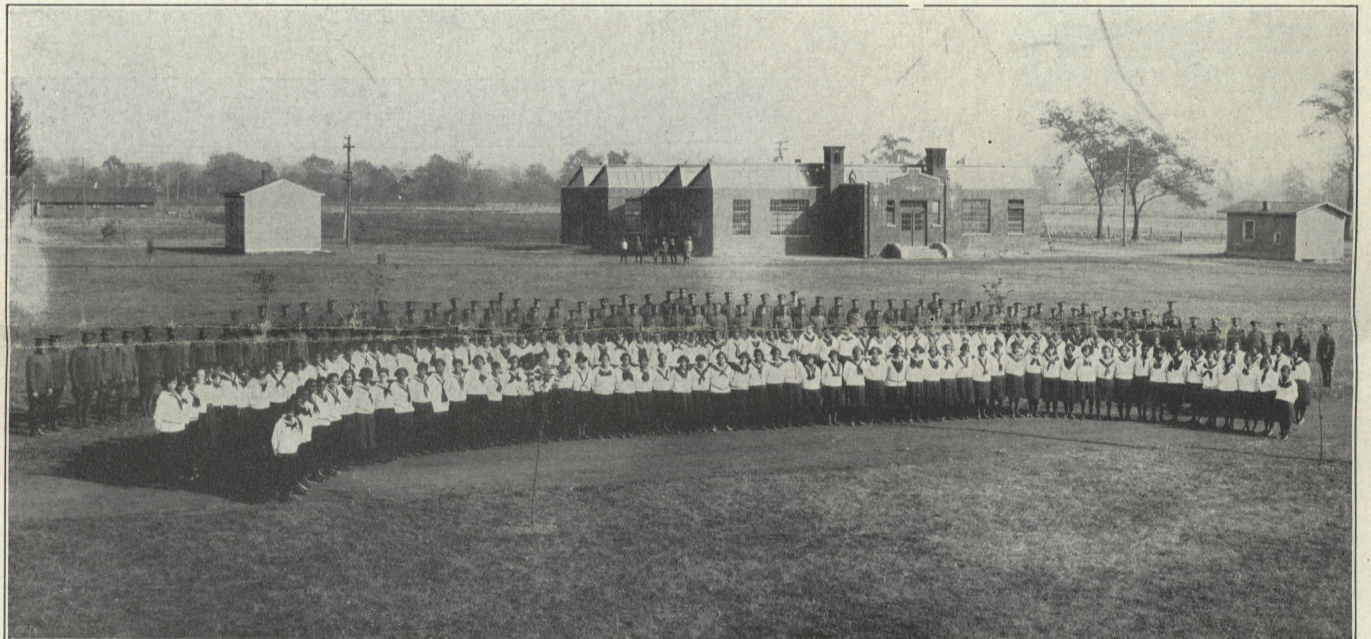
Ironsides Defense Club Organizes

December, 1941

Boys lead in saving light.



Boys' Dormitory, 1925



Entire Student Body at Early Commencement Exercises



Girls' Old Building and Laundry Remodelled in 1931

1942 - Through the Years With the Echo - 1946

January, 1942

Defense Stamps will be sold on the campus twice a week. Mrs. Smythwick is chairman of the stamp committee.

Defense Club sells paper—donates funds to provide milk for six needy children in Bordentown.

Death of Mr. Frederick Work Shocks School

A Sophomore project has become a reality. The Browsing Room in the Library for recreational reading has been opened, and all who wish may use it on those afternoons when the Library is open.

February, 1942

Airplane Spotters—Blackouts—Fire Drills—Ironsides All Out for Defense

The Seniors presented "The Haunted House" at Fort Dix for the soldiers who frequent the USO on Rifle Range. Miss Grant was the coach.

April, 1942

As part of the Defense program, Bordentown is offering a Nutrition Course to any members of the faculty and women in the community who are interested.

Principal W. R. Valentine has been appointed a member of the State Committee to supervise USO programs throughout the State.

Bordentown won the quarter-mile relay when the team made the second fastest time in its race at the Penn Relays. The record time was 43.6; Bordentown's time was 43.7.

Valedictorian, Marcus Battle, received a scholarship for Fisk University.

May-June, 1942

The chemistry students of William McFarland High School in Bordentown have been having their Lab classes in Ironsides biological laboratory since fire damaged their building in September.

Mr. Valentine received the award from the New Jersey Organization of Teachers of Colored Children as the person born in New Jersey having made the greatest contribution to the youth of the State in the field of education.

On May 6, Mrs. Sara Morgan Warren, a member of the first graduating class (1898) died in St. Paul, Minn.

October, 1942

Mr. Charles Higgins, a graduate of the Westminster School in Princeton, is now in charge of the music department here at Ironsides. Mr. Higgins is organizing an A Cappella choir.

War Efforts Continue
20 Senior Girls Toke Home Nursing Scrap Drive Nets \$98.00
Bordentown Organizes Victory Corps

Staff Sponsors Cookie Jar for USO
Boys Make Airplane Models

February, 1943

Boys Actually Produce for War Plants

The boys are on their second assignment making drift pins for the Navy.

March, 1943

Sixty faculty members and students are enrolled for the First Aid course.

April, 1943

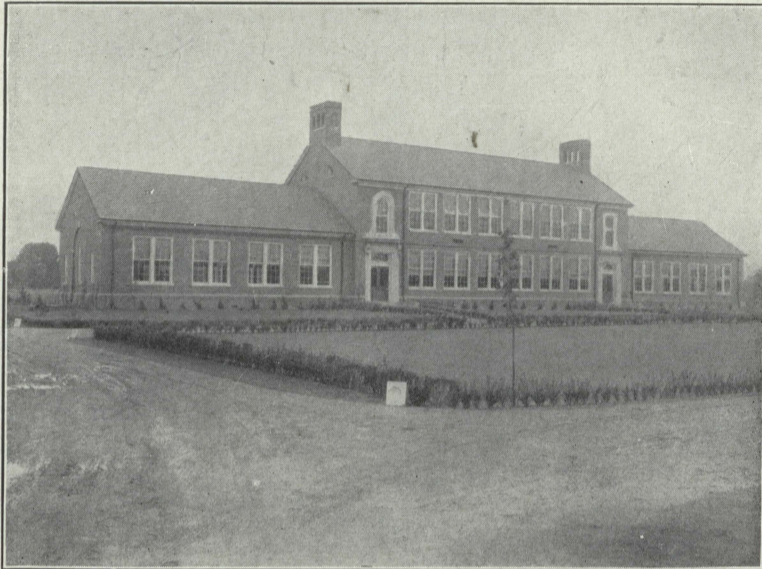
The regular weekly meeting of the Radio Communications Club was held Wednesday night. Raymond Lett has completed a receiving set.

S. A. Haley, instructor in Agriculture, resigned to become Farm Labor Service officer under the Federal Farm Security Administration.

Dr. Harold Franklin, former Bordentown graduate, is Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service, of the State Department of Health.



Principal's Home



Boys' Trade Building, 1931



Dining Room



Girls' New Dormitory, 1929
Name changed in 1951 to Grace B. Valentine Hall

May-June, 1943

Paul Robeson Delivers Commencement Address

November, 1943

Mr. W. R. Valentine has been elected a member of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.

February, 1944

Bordentown received an award from the U. S. Treasury Department for distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Savings program.

March, 1944

Alexander Hoff was elected president of the Older Boys' Y. M. C. A. Conference in Newark. He was the first young person to preside. Heretofore, that position has been held by an older person.

May-June, 1944

Rev. Franklin Jones, associated with the Manual Training School since 1889 as student and teacher, died at his home in Wrightsville early May 30. Red Cross Drive Nets \$337.00.

January, 1945

Maida Stewart Springer '26, has been chosen as one of two women representing the AFL to tour Great Britain under the OWI and explain the ideas and ideals of American women.

March, 1945

Mrs. Teresa Staats, art teacher at Ironsides, has a "One Woman Show" in the Public Library in Madison, New Jersey. The exhibit will be there during the month of February.

April, 1945

The students and faculty held services in chapel in memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, thirty-first President of the United States.

May-June, 1945

The Band, Choir, and the student body joined in the observance of VE Day on Monday, May 7.

The Merit System was selected as the most beneficial innovation of this school year.

October, 1945

Mrs. Marian Brown, for twenty-seven years in charge of sewing and dressmaking, resigned in June.

Mr. John Morrow, teacher of English and sociology, resigned to become head of the Department of Romance Languages at Talledega College.

Mr. Percival Hunt, formerly an instructor at Downingtown, and more recently in war work, has been appointed as an instructor in mathematics.

"VJ Day was one of the happiest days I've ever seen".
Ronald Hamlett, Grade 8

November-December, 1945

Alexander Hoff '44, Killed in Action on Okinawa in September.

Bordentown Wildcats ended their first unbeaten football season since 1937.

February, 1946

Captain H. C. Strayhorn comes to us straight from Germany by way of the Separation Center at Fort Dix. He will be assistant commandant in charge of the older boys.

April, 1946

Nathaniel Stephens received from Dr. Jerre Moreland, principal of the Florence schools, the plaque indicating official membership of the Ironsides Hi-Y group in the Burlington County association.

1946 - Through the Years With the Echo - 1955

October, 1946

Bordentown begins a new school term with many new faces in the faculty. Miss Vivian Clayton is the new school nurse; Miss Doreen Jolly, the new instructor in sewing; Miss Ella Boyd, the new supervisor of foods; Mr. Wilbur Holmes, the landscape gardener; and Mr. W. F. Williman, instructor in auto repairing and mechanics.

November, 1946

Ironsides Barns Razed by Fire

Thomas Calvin Williams, since 1918 assistant principal at Bordentown, was the guest of honor at a reception tendered him by members of the staff on his retirement on November 15.

March, 1947

175 supervisors and principals of the New Jersey Council of Education held their annual meeting on the campus on May 19.

April, 1947

The Choir sang the second half of Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday afternoon. There were many visitors and friends out to hear the first presentation of program that bids fair to become another Ironsides annual tradition.

(The Ironsides Echo was not published during 1948 and 1949. Illness forced the resignation of Miss Birdie O. Bird, who had been a teacher of English here for over twenty-eight years.)

May, 1950

Mrs. Grace B. Valentine passed away on May 29 after an illness of two years. Mrs. Valentine was Dean of Girls from 1915 until 1950.

June, 1950

Mr. John Urquhart, oldest member of the Ironsides faculty, resigned this month.

October, 1950

Mr. William R. Valentine retires after thirty-five years as principal of the Manual Training School. Mr. Percival B. Hunt will serve as acting principal until further notice.

February, 1951

Mr. James E. Segear, former principal of Maggie Walker High School of Richmond, Virginia, has assumed the position of principal of Ironsides. Mrs. Henrietta Segear is the new Dean of Girls.

June, 1951

Mrs. Harriet Granger resigns after 35 years as bookkeeper.

October, 1951

Classes in First Aid are being held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 until 9:30 for volunteers from the faculty and staff members.

Mrs. Henrietta D. Segear passed away early Thursday morning, October 4. Memorial services were held for her in the chapel on Friday.

Mr. Douglas B. Lett, former employee at the Division of Employment Security in Newark is now the Business Administrator here.

The Girls' New Dormitory is now Grace B. Valentine Hall.

December, 1951

The girls in the Old Building have sold candy in their building and have enough money now to buy a television set for their recreation room.

The Choir will give its annual presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah".



Assembly Building, 1922



Administration Building
Remodelled in 1923



Boys' New Dormitory
Completed in 1932

February, 1952

School to Have Snack Bar

Twelve educators, representing the American sector of Occupied Germany, visited the school on Wednesday, December 18.

The sale of tuberculosis stamps was the highest yet, 6,789.

Miss Mary E. Johnston was appointed Dean of Girls to begin her new duties on February 1.

April, 1952

Ironsides has been assigned custodial care of the Clara Barton Schoolhouse by the State Board of Education.

The girls of Grace B. Valentine Hall have a new television set.

October, 1952

The Student Participation Association is planning an active year. The Student Council will be the law-making body of the new S. P. A.

Mr. Ira Godwin retired after thirty-seven years of service as poultryman and as director of the Ironsides quartette.

The Snack Bar opened on Oct. 27.

December, 1952

The Ironsides delegates to the Human Relations Conference presented the play for the evening program.

February, 1953

Emmett E. Spurlock resigns to become Field Representative with the Division Against Discrimination.

The Omegas awarded a medal to Mr. Benjamin H. Jones in recognition of his forty years of service in the field of education.

April, 1953

Ironsides ranked first in the amount of money raised by the schools in the Bordentown area for the Heart Fund campaign.

A new project, the Student Bank, opened this month. The Bank is sponsored by Mr. Allan Gaskins.

October, 1953

Grade Eight has been eliminated. This has caused a smaller enrollment than in previous years.

Sunday School Organizes

February, 1954

The Ironsides Echo became a charter member of SPANJ, Scholastic Press Association of New Jersey.

Mr. Everett received the State's Safe Driving Award for his excellent record in driving the school's vehicles. Mr. Everett is the official driver of the school bus.

May, 1954

A certificate of merit was presented Philip Madden by the New Jersey Industrial Arts Association for outstanding work exhibited at the annual convention. Madden exhibited a chair made in the upholstery department.

October, 1954

Ironsides Barns Razed by Fire

December, 1954

For the first time in nine years the Choir did not present the "Messiah" on the campus, but did give a performance in Trenton.

Former Principal Succumbs

The passing of Dr. William R. Valentine on Monday, November 1, 1954, brought grief to the thousands of parents, students, and friends who knew him during his thirty-five years of administration at the Manual Training School.

April-May, 1955

Future of School in Doubt