

## DR. VAN ZANDT GIVES RECITAL FOR STUDENTS

### Echo Reporter Gets Interview With Famous American Pianist

Ironsides students were recently very fortunate in having a half hour concert by the distinguished Jmenzies van Zandt, pianist.

Dr. Van Zandt prefaced his playing by explanatory talks about the life of the composer and the purposes, themes, and treatment of each of the selections he played:

Story of Edward Grieg.

Solo: First Movement of the A-Minor Concerto.

Story of Christopher Gluck.

Solo: Ballet music from "Orpheus and Eurydice", arranged by Paderewski.

Story of Franz Liszt.

Solo: E-flat Major Concerto No. 1.

Dr. Van Zandt has an especially lyric quality to his tones, a heritage, no doubt from the great Paderewski under whom he studied for three years; and surprising was the strength and verve of the forte passages he played.

An unusually large chapel audience gave him rapt and sympathetic attention for three quarters of an hour.

All Echo-reporter interviewed Dr. Van Zandt during the afternoon and offers this additional information.

Dr. Van Zandt is the son of Joshua van Zandt, ambassador to Italy under ex-president Rutherford B. Hayes. His mother is Marie van Zandt, who is considered the greatest opera singer America ever produced. With this fame to inherit Dr. Van Zandt was born in Baltimore, Maryland, April 21, 1904. His mother gave him his education as far as ordinary school training goes. As he did not attend grammar or high school nor college. Then he started out on his musical career. First, he studied at the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore with Ernest Hutchison, who is now president of the Juillard Foundation in New York. He studied all his Liszt works under Randolph Granz who is considered one of the best interpreters of Franz Liszt. Then to top it off he studied under

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## Second Honor Roll Appears; Drop In Numbers and Grades

With the appearance of the honor roll for the second marking period, comes the opportunity for drawing more definite conclusions as to who the pure in heart really are. Many who were on the first roll are not on this; many who made averages of ninety percent and over have dropped in to the more conservative eighties. One class and one trade are not represented by any honor students.

The students names are arranged in rank order on the rolls, those on the academic roll having ninety percent averages and over are underlined:

### Academic Honor Roll

Specials: Cynthia Lewis, Edward Simmons.

Seniors: Frances Smythwick, Emma Cheatham, Edward Livingston, Frederick Richardson, William Mil-

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## Coming Events

On Thursday morning, Feb. 17, Cleota Collins, lyric soprano, will sing for the students at 11 o'clock. Miss Collins is in charge of the vocal music at Tuskegee Institute.

On Friday evening, Feb. 18, students from the Howard High School in Wilmington, Delaware, will present their school play in our auditorium. Students from Bordentown will present "The Bat" at the same school a month later, March 18.

## Alice Copeland Coaches Winning Play

On Friday evening, December 21, 1937, the Sunday School presented the Ironsides Progress Club in a Christmas play contest.

The contest consisted of three plays. The first was called "Christmas Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" which was coached by Beatrice Tucker. The characters of this play were: Valeria Wright, Victoria Buffalo, Leora Wright and Beatrice Tucker. The second play "Sensible Christmas" was coached by Kathleen Johnson and cast: Anna Montgomery, Sarah Daymon, Julia Baugh, Anna Fitzgerald and Dorothy Peek. The last play "Mrs. Santa Claus" was coached by Alice Copeland and featured as its characters Bernice Williams, Anna Fitzgerald, Pauline Brown, Lillie Young, Emma Rice and Alice Copeland.

All three plays were greatly enjoyed but the decision was narrowed down to the best play "Mrs. Santa Claus" as the winner of the contest. Characters in other plays to be commended were Julia Baugh, Anna Fitzgerald and Victoria Buffalo.

The judges of the contest were: Miss Grant, Miss Bird and Mrs. Staats. The prizes were awarded by Miss Grant.

## Printers Observe Printing Education Week; Awards Made

"The world honors its heroes with fitting celebrations", were the words that started off the printers' program in this observance of Printing Education Week. Each year the printers of Ironsides with thousands of others, do their part in the national annual week set aside for the printing industry. This year the beginning of the week came on Benjamin Franklin's Birthday and it was celebrated in connection with Printing Education Week. Like many other schools have possibly done, Ironsides printers presented a program to the student body, in which they brought out Benjamin Franklin's life in connection with the Printing Industry. They made the fact prominent that Printing and Education were great companions and that one could hardly be without the other.

They divided the program into two parts. Part I being given on Monday and Part II presented on Tuesday, January 17 and 18. The programs which were distributed to the students were designed and printed by the boys in the shop.

After the whole program was concluded Mr. L. J. Roberts, printing instructor presented awards of merit to two members of the printing class for work in the national I.P.I. Essay on Color Contest: Edward Jordan for the Junior High School and William Kearney for the Senior High Schools. There arose an amusing situation. A third medal was to be awarded. There were four boys in the contest; two of whom have been mentioned. Now the third medal was not to go to anyone in particular, so the third medal was to be split up between Leon Funderburk and Robert Puello. Everyone is still wondering how that is to be done.

Altogether the program was interesting and practical. The printers were met on all sides with words of congratulations. Both Mr. Valentine and Mr. Williams were loud in praise of the program, its scope, and execution.

### PROGRAM

#### PART I

Fred Richardson, In Charge  
Franklin and Us—A Comparison  
Eugene Kee and William Kearney

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## Echo Enters Contests

For the first time in its history, the Ironsides Echo will enter two school paper contests for criticism and rating. Copies of the paper and information about the circumstances of its publishing have been sent to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with headquarters at the School of Journalism, Columbia University; and to the National Scholastic Press Association with headquarters at the School of Journalism, University of Minnesota.

Ratings from Columbia will be made in the second week in March; while news from the West will not come to us until the first of April.

## Echo Joins N.S.P.A., Is Member of C.S.P.A.

Readers of the Echo may notice on the masthead of this issue a new emblem, reading "National Scholastic Press Association." The paper recently joined this association connected with the Dept. of Journalism at the University of Minnesota. The association is for the far West very much what the Columbia Scholastic Press Association is for the East although the former is older. Both groups draw on all sections of the country.

The Echo will have the opportunity to get the critical service of the N.S.P.A. as well as that of the C.S.P.A. It will enter into the contests conducted for both associations in order to get an impartial rating of the paper as compared with papers all over the country.

At the present time, 1005 high school papers, 800 college and high school yearbooks, and 160 college and high school magazines—all have membership in the N.S.P.A. The Ironsides Echo now takes a place in that group.

## JUNIOR POST OFFICE SHATTERS ALL RECORDS

### Sale of 4345 Xmas Seals A New High For School Project

The Junior Post Office, as a class project celebrated its tenth history this year and at the same time set a new high in the sale of seal. 4345 Xmas seals were sold on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23, between 4:30 and 5 o'clock. No figures for the actual number of pieces of mail handled were available.

Since its inception ten years ago, the P.O. has shown a steady increase in sales as the years went on; but the increase from year to year was in terms of one or two hundred. The enormous sale this year makes an increase over the ten year period of 2645.

The figures from 1928 are as follows as taken from Echo files:

1928.....	1700 Xmas Seals
1929.....	No figures
1930.....	2740
1931.....	2800
1932.....	3000
1933.....	3216
1934.....	3430
1935.....	3500
1936.....	3650
1937.....	4345

On Monday, December 21st, members of the class and the committee presented an amusing skit in chapel, advertising the postoffice and the services it offered. In the form of a broadcast, Jack Gibson was amusing and effective as the master of ceremonies; Francis with his nimble feet demonstrated the speed with which mail would be delivered; while Ernest Tucker with his mellow saxophone tones and a girls' quartette helped to round out an effective bid for the students' cooperation on a worth-while project.

## ALONZO ROBINSON AT TUSKEGEE INST.

Alonzo Robinson, a graduate of Bordentown and later of the Y. M. C. A. College in Springfield is the assistant director of Religious Activities and Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Tuskegee Institute.

## Westfield Negro Negro History Club Offers Prize

The Negro History Club of Westfield has offered a prize of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's "The Negro in Our History" as a prize to the boy or girl doing the best work during the year, the prize to be awarded at Commencement in June.

The secretary of the club, Miss Virginia Lockette, made the announcement to Mr. Valentine in a recent communication.

Westfield has already represented itself in the form of offering prizes by a men's club, the Mindowaskin Club.

It is hoped that the prize will stimulate an already keen interest in the study of Negro history.

## Are Boys Better Than Girls? - - - Figures Say So

The old adage about little girls being made of sugar and spice and everything nice may be true in some places; but if the conduct honor rolls issued by the Commandant and the Praeceptress are any indication, the boys have it all over the girls. Now, keep calm. We wouldn't think of making such a statement without a few cold hard facts to back it up. So, my friends, read first and then tell us what you think.

On these two honor rolls are the names of all the boys and girls in the school who have had no charges entered against their names from September 15 until December 23. Charges dated before Christmas but not handed into the office before the holidays are not counted. There were 81 boys and 48 girls. Now those raw numbers don't mean anything; but figuring the matter on a percent basis, we find that 31 percent of the boys are represented against 25 percent of the girls.

Just what leadership on the campus is represented might be interesting. The presidents of all the classes (who happen to be boys) are all represented except one, the president of the Ninth Grade. On the girls' side, there is not a president of a girls' club on the campus on the list. Presidents of the following boys' clubs are represented: Twyman—Improvement League; Kearney, Torchbearers; Snelling, Vigilants; and Henry, Diogenians. One football captain, no basketball captains; one member of the senior Echo staff; neither Y president.

If we consider the actual numbers as far as classes are concerned, we find an interesting situation. There are 6 Senior girls and 6 Senior boys, making 12 out of 40. There are 22 Junior boys and 10 Junior girls (Girls, this is terrific!), making 33 out of 99. Not bad at all, Juniors.

A look at the Officers' Corps also reveals some interesting facts. Of

the four staff captains and the sergeant major, two of the captains and the sergeant major are represented. Every officer of Company A is represented except the first sergeant; only four out of the seven officers of Company B are represented:

A list of students is never really just a list of students whether it be the honor roll or a list of students getting demerits. The list bears interpretation in terms of the persons who appear on it. In the trade and academic honor rolls, we find that some students will make it in one field and others in another; some rare souls appear on both. An honor roll representing conduct should include a large portion of the leadership of the school; if it doesn't, several questions arise.

Girls list: Marjorie Allen, Theodosia Alexander, Joy Anderson, Edith Battle, Clarissa Berry, Olive Bess, Mildred Binn, Amanda Boleware,

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Are you starting the New Year right? Are you determined to make the most of 1938's opportunities? If you are looking forward to success, you have started in the right way. Probably one good method to help you on this right road would be to look back over 1937, and with the lessons it taught you put into practice, this new year would have to be a better one.

The Roman god, Janus, gave this month its name. He was the guardian of the gates, both the entrance and the exit. He is always pictured with two heads. One looked backward, and the other forward. He was everlastingly on the alert, and did an efficient job. Let each person look back upon his year's work, his failures and his successes. If he has done well, let him continue. If he has failed, there must be a reason why. If the cause is his own fault, he will need to use a new method before he can go forward.

Sometimes one wishes he could turn the clock back and live his days over again. He would do so many different things. But really, he wouldn't want to go back to those. He needs to go ahead, but remembering, of course the reasons why he didn't succeed before. One feels reassured when he looks back upon the good things he has done. He feels as if he has made progress, and is encouraged to move on.

Each person should try to make this his best year. Everything he undertakes should be done as well as he can do it. A little less complaining, a little less blaming the other fellow, a little less making mountains out of molehills, might help. A little more honest struggling, a little more accepting responsibilities, a little more belief in ourselves, and a little more earnest endeavor would help too.

Let us remember Janus. Appreciate the past, but move on into the future.

Culture! Yes, you have heard this word before. No doubt it is something every youth strives to attain. It seems as if, on the whole, Ironsides students are no exception.

This happened in the lobby of the boys' Old Dormitory one day recently. A very small fellow bumped into a tall boy, and accidentally stepped on his shoes. He timidly offered an excuse, but the older boy broke out with such abusive language that all the boys in the hall were shocked.

Now, on the other hand, here is an account of another very recent occurrence. It happened that a boy was sent out into the gym to eat. He had heard some wild tales about the boys there. Someone had told him that if you didn't grab the food when it was passed, you were out of luck, and you just couldn't be cultured there.

It was at supper and a plate of doughnuts was passed. He immediately grabbed more than his share. The other boys just looked at him, amazed at this sudden show of greediness. Then several of them spoke to him about it. After two weeks, his table manners were much improved, and he turned out to be one of the most interesting boys at the table.

Most people seem to think that the boys who eat outside are usually ill-mannered, and have a lot of confusion during meals. But, on the whole, they show fine fellowship and good bringing up.

If the Ironsides boys and girls try to be cultured here even when they are not being supervised, they will find that they will be able to fit into other situations easily. And everyone must admit there is a great satisfaction in knowing you can cope with situations just as easily and comfortably as the other fellow.

We extend New Year Greetings to faculty, students, and exchanges.

We congratulate the Juniors on the amazing sale of stamps and the school on the cooperation that made so large a sale possible.

We commend the leadership of the boys as shown by the analysis of the first term conduct honor roll. Prove that the roll is right by continuing the good work.

We want especially to commend Edward Jordon who is on the academic honor roll with an average of ninety, on the trade honor roll with an A, on the "Work for School" roll with an A, and on the Commandant's honor roll!

## January Birthdays

1, 1735—Paul Revere.  
4, 1642—Sir Isaac Newton.  
6, 1412—Joan of Arc.  
11, 1757—Alexander Hamilton.  
12, 1729—Edmund Burke  
14, 1741—Benedict Arnold  
17, 1706—Benjamin Franklin  
18, 1782—Daniel Webster  
19, 1736—James Watt  
19, 1807—Robert E. Lee  
19, 1809—Edgar Allan Poe  
21, 1821—Stonewall Jackson  
22, 1561—Francis Bacon  
23, 1737—John Hancock  
27, 1832—Lewis Carroll (pen name of Charles Dodgson).  
29, 1843—William McKinley  
30, 1862—Walter Johannes Damrosch  
30, 1882—Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
31, 1797—Franz Peter Schubert

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Some students on the campus didn't make any resolutions this year because they didn't feel it necessary. For them, the following are suggested:

C.W.—Practice what you preach.  
V.B.—Do unto other others as you wish them to do unto you.  
E.B.—Let your fingernails grow. Biting them doesn't solve problems.  
J.S.—To have a friend, be a friend.  
K.S.—See yourself as others see you.

F.G.—Don't try to sing so high.  
V.C.—Confine your conversation to your own table, please.

S.C.—Live up to the best that is in you.

## New Year Resolutions That Will Never Be Made

Mr. Morrow letting a week go by without capturing somebody's gum.

T.A. without a combat in History. Miss Redmond giving a social in the Library.

Miss Grant never giving a test in Latin.

T.B. giving up chewing gum.  
B.D. agreeing to stop playing note.  
F.B. agreeing to stop being a bully.  
M.D. resolving not to play second fiddle.

Miss Butcher deciding to pick the team a day ahead of a game.

J.G. deciding not to have a girl.  
F.S. promising not to know all the answers.

## New Year Resolutions That Have Been Made

E.B. and B.W. have resolved to eat more fish (brain) food.

M.W. has resolved to stop forgiving J. D. so easily.

C.W. has resolved to make himself into a bigger and better Casanova.

T.B. has resolved not to Neil and cry because now he's Mary.

L.E. has resolved to detest "Bass".

C.S. has resolved to get to meals on time.

C.B. has resolved to get K.S. out of his head by calling her his daughter.

B.W. has resolved to stop fighting with "JOE LOUIS".

R.J. has resolved to keep his Olive at any Price.

W.H. has resolved to catch a Roach and he has!!!

## Dedicated To You

To the following people, we dedicate these songs:

T.S. "A Little Chap with Big Ideas."  
E.B. "The Girl You Used To Be."

F.G. "You're Gonna Wake Up Some Day."

V.B. "Getting Some Fun Out of Life."

B.B. "I'm Just a Country Boy at Heart."

C.T. "Gone with the Wind."  
J.M. "He Ain't Got Rhythm."

F.S. "Smarty."  
M.B. "You're Looking for Romance."

C.B. "Peckin'."  
B.W. "Little Old Lady."

I.J. "You Can't Have Everything"  
R.T. "Mission Bells".

## The Man Of The Month

### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

The life of Benjamin Franklin is a lesson for every boy and girl. He was born in Boston on January 17, 1706. He was the fifteenth of seventeen children. The family was poor so all the children had to learn to work. Ben loved to read, and his mother encouraged this habit.

At the age of ten, his father was unable to continue his schooling, so Ben was told to select a trade. He visited the tradesmen with his father in order to determine which one he wanted. He didn't seem to be greatly interested in anything, so his father, who was a soap and candle maker, made Ben his apprentice. He didn't like this at all and he made up his mind to run away to sea. His father put a stop to this plan because he had already lost one son in this way.

Ben decided to become a printer. His oldest brother was one, and he could learn the trade from him. For nine years he worked with his brother who treated him very unkindly at times. In his brother's absence, he set type and soon became the best typesetter in the shop.

While he was setting type one day the idea came to him that he could write as good a copy as the one before him. After in the evenings he had practiced writing. So that night he wrote an article and slipped it under his brother's door. James Franklin was delighted with the copy which he though had been written by some important person. Ben kept right on writing at night, and pushing his copy under the door early in the morning.

Finally it became so difficult in the shop that Ben ran away to New York. Here he had such a hard time that he decided to try Philadelphia. When he arrived there, he was ragged, hungry, and exhausted. Going into a bakery he purchased three large rolls. With one under each arm and eating the other, he went his way. As he passed a certain house a pretty young girl came to the door, and laughed at him. Seven years later she became his wife.

After much studying and hard work, Franklin became owner and publisher of the Pennsylvania Gazette. He started advertising in it, and this made the paper a financial success. In most homes there was an almanac. Franklin decided to make one that was really worthwhile. He called it "Poor Richard's Almanac." People everywhere repeated his proverbs.

He founded the Leather Apron Club. This group brought what books they could to the club and borrowed from each other. This gave Franklin the idea of a public library, and he founded the first one in America. Other towns copied the idea, and libraries began to spring up everywhere. He also helped start the first public hospital; he started a Fire Insurance Company, and he improved the streets of the city by having them paved.

Next he became interested in the study of the weather, and finally became sure that lightning and thunder were caused by electric currents. Wise men laughed, but Franklin proved it. He drew electricity from the clouds by means of a silk kite, a hemp string, and his door key. He was happy over his discovery, which placed him among the great scientists.

Franklin died on the seventeenth of April in 1790. His last public act was one of service, a letter to Congress to abolish slavery.

C.G. "All You Want to Do Is Dance."

G.F. "Broken-Hearted Clown."

J.W. "Everyone's Wrong But Me"

H.C. "In Your Own Little Way"

J.S. "Cross Patch".  
G.W. "Here Comes the Sandman".

## 1937's Best

### Best Speakers—

Oct. 6, 1937—Dr. Grafflin (Theme—"One doesn't have to leave home to have a great experience.")

Nov. 8, 1937—Dr. Green (Subject—"Can I Make It?")

### Best Dinner—

Nov. 25, 1937—Thanksgiving Day.

### Best Movie—

Dec. 18, 1937—"Emile Zola".

### Best Class Assembly Program—

Nov. 5, 1937—Question and Answers Program. (Juniors).

Nov. 30, 1937—Spelling Bee (Tenth Grade).

### Best Day—

Dec. 23, 1937—Beginning of Christmas Vacation.

### Best Friday Night Program—

Nov. 12, 1937—"War Is Over" (Sr. Program).

### Best Mid-week Program—

Dec. 21, 1937—Play Contest. (Ironsides Progress Club).

### Best Organization—

Band.

### Best Football Game—

Nov. 20, 1937—Cheyney vs. Ironsides.

### Best Class Project—

Dec. 21, 22, 1937—Junior Post Office

## Quips From Our Exchanges

A program of music from the Russian School was presented to the student body on November seventeenth, by the Trenton Band—"High School Times", Hightstown, N. J.

The elimination of the center jump this year after every two points will result in a game that is fast and furious every minute and well worth your while—"State Signal", State Teachers College of Trenton, N. J.

Members of the first and second year journalism classes toured the Evening Ledger plant, November 22.—"The Palmyrians", Palmyra High School, N. J.

Jeni Le Gou, international song and dance star and Buell Thomas, famed tenor and former student of Los Angeles Junior College, appeared on the program of the second assembly of that institution—"The Yellow Jacket", West Virginia State College.

Salutations from IRONSIDES ECHO to "Trade Winds"

Your item on Safety First surely will mold a concrete will to prevent accidents in everyone's mind who reads it.

### "The Yellow Jacket"

The "Student's Constitution" has all the points in it that tends to make it a smooth working organization.

## Vacation Questionnaire

Well, it seems as if school is in full swing again. But didn't you enjoy your Christmas vacation? Wasn't it grand to go to bed when you were good and ready and get up when you felt like it? And wasn't it comfortable to lie around reading a book or listening to the radio blasting away at your side? Wasn't it simply delightful to find your favorite dishes waiting for you? And didn't you and your pal have fun those afternoons at the movies?

After supper didn't you enjoy not having to do the dishes unless you wanted to? And after you offered to help, weren't you happy if you were refused? Wasn't that New Year's party fun? Didn't you sort of hate to have the last day of vacation come?

But wasn't it fun meeting your roommate at the station? And didn't you have a good time coming down on the train? Boy, didn't you have fun at the social Monday night? But wasn't it hard to get up the next morning? And now isn't it hard to get down to business?