

974.905

NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY

THE IRONSIDES ECHO

PUBLISHED IN THE INTEREST OF THE BORDENTOWN MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

PROPERTY OF
RECEIVED
FEB 2 1939
NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY

Volume XXIII

BORDENTOWN, N. J., JANUARY, 1939

No. 4

SOPHS HONOR J. W. JOHNSON

Presenting songs that were the popular songs of the preceding generation, songs that have taken their place in the musicians' libraries of America, poems that will ever be an honor to their composer and a heritage to the literature of America, members of the Sophomore class will honor the poet, statesman, and diplomat, James Weldon Johnson.

Since Mr. Johnson's tragic death in the late summer, schools throughout the country have honored him with programs in his memory; and Bordentown has selected Friday evening, March 31.

First on the program will be a biographical sketch, touching the highlights of a distinguished career.

Many of the songs of Johnson's collaboration with Bob Cole, will be featured: "Congo Love Song", "Castle on the Nile", "Under the Bamboo Tree", "The Pussy Cat and the Bow-Wow", "Nobody's Looking but the Owl and the Moon". The well-known "Since You Went Away" for which he wrote the lyrics and his brother, Rosamond, the music, will be included.

Two patriotic songs, "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground", and "Lift Every Voice and Sing" will be sung.

Sophomores will recite a group of poems that came out of Mr. Johnson's Latin-America sojourn: "Down by the Carib". Individuals from the class will present in addition: "Saint Peter Relates an Incident", "Three Sermons" from "God's Trombones".

A speaking choir will render the most famous of the "Sermons", "Creation".

There are some successful recordings of these sermons by Mr. Johnson himself. One of these, the poet's own rendition of "Go Down, Death", will be presented with amplification for the audience.

Members of the Glee Club will assist in the presentation of some of the songs.

Stamp Sale Passes 5000; Junior P. O. Scores

Beating the last year record by over a thousand, members of this year's Junior Class shattered all records and set one to aim at when they ran the sale of Xmas Seals past the 5000 mark, 5400 to be exact.

The Library did a land-office business those last two days before the holidays, December 21 and 22, from four-thirty to five. Mail sorters and those who delivered the many pieces of mail all understood what is meant by a Christmas rush.

Started in 1928, the post-office project of the Juniors has steadily grown, fed on the inevitable rivalry of classes as well as the increased enrollment and increased interest and appreciation of the purpose of the seals.

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

- 1928—1,700 Xmas Seals.
- 1929—No Figures.
- 1930—2740
- 1931—2800
- 1932—3000
- 1933—3216.
- 1934—3430.
- 1935—3500
- 1936—3650
- 1937—4345
- 1938—5400

Continued on page 4

Mrs. Staats To Sponsor Hobbies

On March 22, Mrs. Theresa Staats will sponsor a Hobby Contest. All who have any kind of hobby that will give them something to exhibit are invited to enter.

The exhibitions are to be judged by a committee and a prize for the best hobby submitted by a boy. Then a prize will be awarded for the hobby that is considered the best of all. That gives one of the boy or girl prize winners the opportunity to win two prizes.

Note: Dust off your hobbies. If you don't have one, see what you can do between now and March 22. Let's have so many entries that the contest will really be worthwhile.

Editors-in-Chief Chosen

For the first time in two years, the Echo goes into the second semester with two editors-in-chief. Two Seniors, Joseph Hall and Walter Jacobs, have been appointed to this office by the advisor of the Echo, Miss Grant.

Both are working on the Echo for the second year; and both have shown originality, dependability, and initiative in their work on the paper.

Joseph Hall is an honor student in his trade as well as his academic work. He is a member of the Torchbearers and has appeared on their programs.

Walter Jacobs is a good student, especially interested in sports and Agriculture. His write-ups of sports events have won for him favorable comment.

N. Y. Alumni Entertain

The New York Chapter of the Bordentown Alumni Association recently sponsored a Tea, held at the Association of Trade and Commerce Building, 2370 7th avenue, in New York.

The Tea, which was given in order to add to the Scholarship Loan Fund administered by the New York Chapter, was very successful, both from the point of view of attendance and money made. Between 90 and 100 people were present during the afternoon. The majority of these remained for the program and many waited over for the teacup readings.

The program, arranged by a committee of the Chapter, was, with two or three exceptions, presented by Bordentown talent. Florence Owens, a product of the School's Music Department and Clubs, rendered two groups of two solos each. Her selections included "Still As The Night" and "I'm So Glad Trouble Don't Come Always". Samuel Bryant and James E. Beane recited, respectively, "The House by the Side of the Road" and the "Creation", the latter written by James Weldon Johnson. Mrs. Anna E. Nichols presented a piano solo and also accompanied Roland Minor in his vocal rendition of "Sylvia". The main speaker for the program was Attorney James Johnson, of New York, who spoke chiefly about the School and what it was doing to develop leadership in the race.

The hosts and hostesses were: Virginia Williams, Georgia H. Pressley, Lillian C. Smith, Daisy Jones, Maudie G. Skinner, Jessie McCoy, Jean Kemp, Anna Nichols, Beatrice Brown, Samuel Bryant, and James E. Beane.

AG EXPERTS VISIT SCHOOL

Bordentown played host to some of the outstanding agriculture workers in the New Farmers of America as well as in the State of New Jersey last week, who travelled here to make tentative plans for the Fifth National Conference to be held on the school campus this summer from the 6-9 of August.

In the last two years the conferences have been held in Texas and Georgia respectively. Bordentown has represented the state well at these meetings; this year the honor of being host to this progressive group of young farmers has been bestowed upon them.

Some of the purposes of the meeting are: to promote better feeling of cooperation; to get acquainted with difficult agricultural problems; and to provide interest and close relationships between different agricultural groups.

Such events as judging contests, quartet and speaking contests, lectures, and demonstrations are carried on.

To draft in some detail these features into an interesting and instructive program for the Conference was the purpose of the visit of these experts. Dr. C. H. Lane and W. H. Elam were Federal agents from the Department of the Interior; Mr. Sampson is the State Supervisor under the Department of Public Instruction. The other two men in the group hold executive positions in the N.F.A.: J. R. Thomas is the National Administrator of the N.F.A.; and S. B. Simmons is the executive secretary.

Mr. Harrison Jacobs, instructor of Agriculture at Bordentown, and Mr. Valentine sat in on the conference to offer advice on local situations.

Y Girls In Tableaux

One of the many Christmas observances of the campus was the Christmas Tableau staged by members of the Y.W.C.A. in the Girls' Recreation Room the Sunday preceding the holidays.

A scene of the Nativity against a back-drop of blue sky greeted visitors as they entered the room. There was the Madonna sitting serenely by the manger, three Wise Men in adoration on one side and a some ragged shepherds stretched on the ground at the other side. The use of actual straw lent by appearance and smell the impressions of reality.

The tableau was flanked by two booths so arranged that the first impression was that of a triptych; in these sat the narrators, Jessie Shorts and Luella Lawrence.

As the program began, singers clad in white and bearing candles entered singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful!" Then the readers unfolded the Christmas story. At the close of each episode in the narrative an appropriate carol was sung; for example "We Three Kings of Orient Are" was sung after the story of Herod and the Wise Men.

Those taking part were: Shepherd—Edith Tyler, Barbara Fletcher, and Eva Hamlin.

Wise Men: Jacqueline Hale, Harriet Waters and Isabel Judd.

Madonna: Mayme Nabors.

Pianist: Lillian Halliday.

Singers: Marlyn Anderson, Carmen Byrd, Bernice Fletcher, Anna Montgomery, Charlotte Lancaster, Pauline Brown, Cornelia Grant, France Percy, Mabel Bailey, Lillie Baskerville and Edna Williams.

Mrs. Hendon and Mrs. Smythwick were in charge of the program.

Seniors Plan Negro History Week

Members of the Senior Class who take Negro History will be in charge of the program for the observance of the week which is February 5-12.

A committee headed by Ernest Tucker will plan for chapel programs on Wednesday and Friday of that week. Mrs. Staats will present a program in connection with Negro Art on the Monday of that week.

Other members of the committee are: Victoria Buffalo, Sarah Daymon, Ruth Smith, Walter Reed, and William Walker. Miss Echols is the teacher of Negro History and the sponsor of the school observance of Negro History Week.

Torchbearers Observe Emancipation Day

TORCHBEARERS CLUB observed the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by a chapel program.

The program opened with the flag salute and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Lawrence Towler read the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments, following Hall's explanation of the circumstances that led to the writing and execution of the Proclamation itself.

William Kearney, president of the Torchbearers presided and Alberta Walker recited.

The program closed with the school singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Changes Made In School Play

The Junior-Senior-Special play cast began rehearsals on January 9th. To date the original cast remains intact as announced before Christmas with the exception of Horace Joseph, a Junior, who has been given one of the leading roles.

Joseph will play the part of Fenstermacher, the coach; Russell Henry, who formerly played the latter role, is now cast as David Holt.

Frank Thompson and Clyde Bryant have been cast as alternates in two minor roles; and Lawrence Towler will understudy Joseph.

Echo Enters Contests

The Ironsides Echo has filed entry blanks and sent back copies of the publication to the two press associations to which it belongs for the annual judging and rating contests.

The deadline for newspaper entries for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association was January 14.

Reports on entries are made at Columbia when the Association meets in early March. Not until April will reports come from the N.S.P.A. with headquarters at the University of Minnesota.

Y.W.C.A. Tea

Members of the Y.W.C.A. were hostesses in the gymnasium on last Saturday at a tea-dansant for supplementing the organization's finances and program for the year.

The rather large attendance enjoyed refreshments that were on sale and danced to the popular tunes supplied by the well-known Mr. White's amplification service.

SIOUX INDIAN LECTURES

Isaac Greyearth, a full-blooded Sioux Indian of the Dakotas, spoke to the student body in the chapel period on Thursday last. His main topics for discussion were the primitive culture of the Indians and the position of the Indian in this country at the present time.

In his discussion, Mr. Greyearth said that the primitive Indian child had three different stages of training. In case of a boy there was the grandfather, who taught the rules of bravery and admiration for warriors; the father, who taught the religious rules; and last the uncle, who served as a companion for the boy in early manhood. Mr. Greyearth also told of some of the ills that the white's man civilization had brought on the Indian. According to his opinion, the life span of the Indian had been shortened. They are getting away from their basic teachings. Their language has become obsolete, and the Indians themselves are taking on the customs of the white man.

At the close of his talk, Mr. Greyearth gave a contrast of the manner in which the white man sings the Indian love song "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" and the manner in which the Indian sings the same song.

Mr. Greyearth, who received his education on a government reservation, has since that time been directly connected with Indian Hi-Y clubs in Montana, South and North Dakota.

Vocations Present Programs; Printers Laud Franklin

Boys and girls from the trades have appeared recently on programs in chapel and set forth for the benefit of the student body high lights of their respective vocational interests.

Franklin's birthday offered a timely opportunity for the printers who selected material concerning the great Philadelphian.

William Kearney who presided introduced the printers who opened the program with "The Printers' Prayer" recited in unison. Edward Jordan then spoke of printing in general and Franklin's contributions to its development in America. He was followed by Albert McCreary who expressed his ideas on the close association between printing and education. Louis Maples compared his attitude towards printing before he took it up as a trade with his present attitude.

John Miller brought the program into present day by suggesting that some of the ideals of the individualistic Franklin in the "Horse and Buggy Era" might be applied to the present stream-lined age.

Girls Show Shop Methods

Attitudes that make for success in shop situations were demonstrated in a recent program from the Beauty Culture Department.

In short playlets, two groups showed ethical and unethical attitudes in a Beauty Shop.

The result of the first was the satisfied customer; of the second, a dissatisfied and lost customer.

Girls taking part in the playlets were: Dorothea Ivery, Marie Townsend, Mary Grogan, Sarah Daymon, Marlyn Anderson, and Elizabeth Scott.

974.905

THE IRONSIDES ECHO

Published Monthly by the Students of the Bordentown Manual Training School
Bordentown, New Jersey

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Joseph Hall Walter Jacobs

EDITORIAL STAFF

Naomi Lee Jessie Shorts
Albert McCreary John Miller
Edward Jordan

Miss Frances O. Grant Faculty Advisor

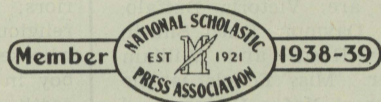
JUNIOR EDITORS

in Charge of Miss Catherine E. Scott

SUBSCRIPTION STAFF

in Charge of Miss Ethel M. Gillespie

Outside Subscriptions	\$1.00
Student Subscription50
Single Copies10



JANUARY, 1939

Faculty and students extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Morrell, who were married on December 31, 1938.

The Echo through its columns wishes to congratulate the Juniors on the success of their Christmas project, and the student body and all others whose cooperation made the sale of over five thousand tuberculosis seals possible.

"TO BOO OR NOT TO BOO . . ."

Major Watson made a much-needed talk on sportsmanship in the assembly recently. We wondered as we listened, however, whether the ones who needed it most were listening.

Some of us are just not good sports in any situation.

We go to basketball games not to see the game, but to be seen. We nurture some mistaken impression that we, not the players, should be the center of interest. Therefore we parade in and out of the gym, shout and squeal, and, in the various obvious ways known to most of us, try to attract attention.

Then some of us have the impression that we, not the officials, are handling the game; that our decisions, not theirs, are final. It never occurs to some of us that we are to abide by certainly, if we cannot always agree with, the decisions made by those in charge of the game.

If our disagreement or disapproval expresses itself in the form of boos and murmurs, then we stamp ourselves as being cheap, discredit the very team for which we are rooting, and make victory at all costs, not fine clean competition, the goal.

Most officials can handle the game and the players; it is too much to make them responsible for the audience as well.

Our manners in the gym at basketball games can stand much improvement.

"THE FOURTH AT FIVE"

There's been a lot of complaining going on among the students these few days right after the Christmas holidays. Teachers and persons in authority were a little too skeptical about excuses handed in as reasons for tardiness in returning to the campus **after five o'clock on January fourth.**

"Well, could I help it", one disillusioned youth mournfully inquires, "if my tooth waited until the day we were to return to start aching? I just had to get it fixed." And says another, "It really wasn't my fault that I happened to miss the 4:37 train". Another was heard to remark that the teacher didn't believe that her mother had gone to work and forgotten to leave her the carfare.

Well, dear teachers, please don't be too unappreciative of the hard thought up "alibis" which have been coming in. After all, history repeats itself; you mustn't demand too much originality from your students. Perhaps, some fine day, some brilliant student will think of some brand new excuse that you have never heard before. But these old ones will have to do, in the words of the popular song "until the real thing comes along".

And students, how about making up for the recent heart-breaking return from the Christmas vacation by getting everywhere on time?

EXCHANGES

"The Clarion,"—Stratford, Conn.
We liked your editorial on "The Spirit of Christmas" and the true meaning of charity.

"The Bridgeport Artisan,"—Bridgeport, Conn.

"State College Lantern," Dover, Del.
Congratulations on your football record. We can understand because we are mighty proud of our 1938 team too.

"The College Eye", Bowie, Maryland.
We reprint your list of twelve things to remember:

- The value of time.
- The success of perseverance.
- The pleasure of working.
- The dignity of simplicity.
- The worth of character.
- The power of kindness.
- The influence of example.
- The obligation of duty.
- The wisdom of economy.
- The virtue of patience.
- The improvement of talent.
- The joy of originating.

Some poor disillusioned student at **William MacFarland High, Bordentown, N. J.**, got his thoughts published in the "Skeeter" when he wrote:

For twelve long years I have gone to school
And for just so long I've been a fool.
I should have studied by the teacher I'm told
But now look at me. I'm out in the cold.
So from this old town I go a-stray
And wind up somewhere in the W.P.A.

"The Junior Craftsman", Kansas City, Missouri.

"Bridgeton High Echo," Bridgeton, New Jersey.

"Campus Mirror," Atlanta, Georgia.

"The Berean Broadcast," Philadelphia, Penna.

"Downingtonw Bulletin," Downingtown, Penna.

"Jersey School News," Trenton, New Jersey.

"The Collegian, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

We've met some of the same Seniors—especially the Senior who likes to show the Freshmen girls a good time, and the one who is sure he will make his credits—but hopes for the best.

"The Francis Magnet," Washington, D. C.

"Wolves Journal, Swannee," Okla.

Love is a feeling you feel
When you have a feeling
You're going to feel
Like you never felt before
(from the Queel Weekly)

Welcome, 1939

The Old Year with its glories,
With every joy and tear,
Is gone forever, and proudly
We welcome a bright New Year.

Let everyone, with all his heart,
Welcome this New Year fair;
It brings new days of joy and peace
In which we all may share.

Last year's pains and woes have gone
The wrong's have all been done,
We pray the coming year will be
A brighter better one.

It brings us fresh beginnings,
And many a hopeful sign,
So gladly do we welcome you,
Dear Nineteen Thirty - Nine.
Marcus Battle, 9A.

Roger Howard asks his usual question. Where does a person's lap go when he stands up?

HERE 'N THERE

210 takes just everything that anyone says to him serious. It's probably a good thing that Gordon Herring was in the Class of 37-38.

A certain brick mason is a vender of candies in his spare time and he doesn't mind telling prospective customers that he will eat his own merchandise if they refuse to buy—He will need plenty of sympathy if he keeps this attitude and tries to sell a brick.

Our friend, Paul Mersereau, says that Sherwin Williams should change the motto on their paint cans. "Sherwin Williams Covers the Earth" but Paul Mersereau covers Sherwin Williams at least he did when he upset a can of it and Mr. Walker walked in.

What is your personal opinion of a fellow who will try to blow out an electric light as he would a candle.

Mr. V. G. is the most resourceful young man on the campus. After boldly declaring his affection for a certain young lady he told her that she had better see Mrs. Bryson, the nurse if she was shocked.

Every one knows that Mr. T. Allison expresses his opinion very often and quite a few of us heard him say that from the beginning of the year he was going to restrain himself somewhat. He thought that he was keeping his resolution until Mr. Godwin asked him to clean the chicken house when Mr. Allison had other plans. While working Mr. A. heard some remarks, looking around he saw a chicken which he promptly murdered. When asked why he had committed the crime he said that he would never allow anyone to say the things about his boss that this hen had just said.

Here is some real news.
Did you know that we have some "G" Men on the Campus. I know three without counting "Pop" Saunders.

Mr. Work is training TWELVE students to sing the SEXTETTE from "Lucia".

"Woodman, spare that tree!" has been a vain cry on the campus for the past few weeks because grim and determined foresters have been felling to the ground some of the stately old landmarks and replacing them with utterly inadequate saplings that may shade future generations, but won't help us at all. We are not sure that we like future generations as much as we thought, if we have to look across a campus and not have our vision blocked by the grandeur of those three majestic tulip trees, portions of whose remains are at this very moment probably crackling merrily in some fireplace and bringing cheer to others while we mourn. It just isn't right.

Boys and girls who made the Plainfield trip to play basketball with the Plainfield were unanimous in their praise of the sportsmanship and hospitality of their hosts. Let's hope after the return game the Plainfield folks can feel the same way about us.

The first half of the Senior Class, which had to be divided into two groups because of its size, arrived at the Principal's house on that cold December 22nd, fully a half hour before the second group. All the heavy eaters in the class must have been in the first group according to accounts; for those in the second group feel that had they not arrived when they did, sad would have been their fate.

Benjamin Franklin

Born in Boston on January 17, 1706, was a baby destined to become one of the most versatile Americans, Benjamin Franklin. He was one of seventeen children of a candlemaker. Benjamin's father was poor and not able to keep him in school long.

At the age of ten, little Franklin was obliged to select a trade. He seemed unable to decide, so his father set him to work in his candle shop until he had made up his mind. The boy hated the work of making candles and measuring wicks. He wanted to run away to sea, but his father seemed to sense his thoughts, and succeeded in getting him to forget it.

Finally, Benjamin decided he would be a printer, so he was apprenticed to his brother. He stayed with him for some time in spite of cruel treatment and a harsh temper. Finally Ben could not stand it any longer. He ran away to Philadelphia. It was a hard journey, and he was forced to walk the better part of the way because he had so little money.

In Philadelphia life was not easy. Many times Benjamin sacrificed bread to buy books. He saved money and he studied hard, and in his early twenties, he became owner and published of the Pennsylvania Gazette, and it was said to be the best paper in the colonies.

Besides the paper, Franklin turned out many pamphlets and leaflets. Chief among these was "Poor Richard's Almanac" which contained wise and witty sayings which interested people everywhere.

Benjamin Franklin was not only a printer and publisher, but he gave his services in many other ways. He founded clubs, organized many public improvements, was one of the signers of the treaty that ended the war with England in 1783.

Chief among Franklin's scientific inventions was the result of his famous experiment in a thunder shower when he identified lightning as electricity. He also invented a portable fireplace called the Franklin stove.

Franklin died on April 19, 1790, but his deeds will never be forgotten. Probably no one else has had so many monuments to his memory. Many cities and towns bear his name, and many books have been written about him, statesman, diplomat, philosopher, printer, scientist, writer, publisher, social figure—Benjamin Franklin was truly a versatile American.

Questions

1. Who founded the first public library in America?
2. Who formed the first Union Fire Company in America?
3. Who first started the movement that grew into the present police force system?
4. Who started a high school which now stands as the University of Pennsylvania?
5. Who helped to start the first hospital in America?
6. Who initiated the idea of using stamps on letters?
7. Who said, "We must all hang together or certainly we shall all hang separately"?
8. Who established a paper which later became The Saturday Evening Post?
9. Who invented the first copper plate press in America?
10. Whose reprint of "Pamela" in 1744 was the first novel printed in America?
11. Whose autobiography ranks among the few greatest ever written?
12. Who was the first great American economist?
13. Who received degrees from five leading universities in America and abroad?
14. Who was the publisher of "Poor Richard's Almanac"?
15. Who is known as the "typical American"?

Christmas On The Campus

The Christmas vacation that was spent on the campus was my first one away from home, but it turned out to be a very pleasant one.

Friday was rather an unhappy day for me watching my roommate, my classmates, and my schoolmates saying goodbye. I felt a bit sad, and I wished I were going home. Friday evening seemed very long and boring, but after that, there were so many things to do and our time was so fully occupied that I didn't have time to think about those who had gone home, nor time for wishing I had gone too.

We were allowed to sleep an hour later than usual each morning. We attended the movies twice in Trenton; the theatres were the Stacy and the Lincoln. Both times the pictures were very enjoyable. They were "A Man to Remember" and "Angels with Dirty Faces."

Twice we attended churches in Trenton. Christmas Sunday we attended Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church and New Year's Sunday we attended the Baptist Church. Our Christmas dinner deserves mention, too. After coming from church, we went to the dining room to decorate the tables. There were so many things to eat, and everything was so attractive, we again forgot we were not at home.

Friday we visited the Walker-Gordon Dairy. It was interesting to see all of the modern equipment used, and the size of the dairy. Monday we visited the airport at Lakehurst. This was particularly interesting to the boys. We saw the hangars, the dirigible, and a piece of the Hindenburg, but, since the authorities feared spies, we were not allowed to see many of the planes.

Tuesday happened to be the most exciting day of all for we were going to Philadelphia to that well-known theatre, the Nixon Grand. Since most of us had never been to a Negro theatre, we were particularly thrilled. We saw Louis Armstrong, comedians, singers, and dancers in enjoyable vaudeville.

In spite of pleasant times, we were very glad on Wednesday to welcome the returning students, for after all, school days are the best days.

Edna Williams, 9A.

Emancipation Echoes Since 1863

In keeping with the usual custom of commemorating the emancipation of Negroes slaves in the United States the Echo presents a few statistics on the Race.

Most of the facts dealing with the actual Emancipation Proclamation are generally known. Yet there are some interesting records of Negroes who were free before the Emancipation which can be compared with the present conditions.

Statistics show that the free Negro population in this country in 1860 was 488,070. Of this number 45.5 per cent were in the North, 54.2 per cent were in the South, and 3 per cent were in the West. These people were employed in more than 100 of the skilled and semi-skilled occupations. Most of them lived in the large industrial centers such as Charleston, St. Louis, New York City, and New Orleans. The reason for the free Negro population being mostly urban and not rural can be found in the fact that the cities offered greater opportunities for employment than the rural districts where slave labor was used to a greater extent than in the cities.

The number of free Negroes in the United States in 1860 constituted a very small part of the entire free population. From a rather insignificant group, today, seventy-nine later, Negroes are the largest minority group in this country and also form one-tenth of the entire population.

SNOW SENTIMENTS

The period of snowy weather which has followed the advent of the new year is being welcomed by the students almost as joyously as was the tot, 1939. Though the change of weather has caused the discarded galoshes and mittens to be hunted up again, the pleasure of the pure virgin snow on the fields and campus is well worth any discomfort which might result.

For instance, the feminine side of the campus seems to derive more pleasure than the masculine; for groups of well-bundled femininity are to be seen at all times galivanting about destroying in their sport both the beauty and virginity of the snow. The boys, on the other hand, become a trifle irked because their sport of snowballing has been prohibited because of its danger. Nevertheless, the more venturesome manage to squeeze time from a well-filled schedule for tramps through the woods or sledding on the hills around the campus.

For those who haven't proven active it might be said that there is many an hour of enjoyment to be had for even familiar paths are lent added and invigorating charm by a well applied coat of snow. It seems that the fields around the campus which are so admirably adapted to hikes are sadly neglected and there shouldn't be much difficulty in securing the necessary permission.

For those persons who desire to obtain enjoyment from a less vigorous source, the river even in spring, cannot possibly appear in more beauty or grandeur as it fights victoriously against the persistent clutches of the ice which tries in vain to span its channel. Further description of the snow covered ice which on either side is eaten by the hungry, ever moving current had better be delayed. For since the best view of this sight is from the windows of the Academic Building, too vivid an account might influence an indolent student to assume the personality of a lover of nature and appreciate the river's beauty instead of the unquestionable beauty of Latin or geometry. Such untimely appreciation might go unappreciated and therefore end disastrously.

Albert McCreary.

Our Resolutions

We tried very hard to find out what some of the folks on the campus had done in the way of resolutions. Either they hadn't made any; or if they had, they didn't want to tell us. So, undaunted, we offer a few general ones for the good of the country.

Resolved That:

All football lettermen will try to the best of their ability to hold on to their gold football and not grow weak every time a fair maiden looks their way.

All boys will not get themselves hooked so badly that they can't eat their meals and then complain about being hungry.

A certain friend be given a pair of big ears so that he can continue to thank that he is Clark Gable.

Every member of the Senior class, if still possessing the power, will make one final attempt to pass Miss Gran't pet subject, English Literature—(so help so - - -).

The Junior class be given credit for having the best quartet on the hill.

Fat Hanson will forget his grievance against lettermen and not put any sign on his door forbidding them to enter.

P. L. will always remember that a box of candy a week will not keep the perfect romance.

Major be given the Nobel Peace Prize for 1938.

Craft Classes Visit Trenton Museum

A few days ago the Eighth Grade received a great surprise. They were taken by Mrs. Staats, their Art instructor, to the State Museum in Trenton to an exhibit of crafts. The class left the campus Tuesday morning at eight-thirty in the school bus, and arrived at the Museum soon after nine o'clock.

A very kindly and genial guide took the girls around, and offered interesting information about all they saw. First they saw the exhibits of animal life. Beavers, raccoons, squirrels, and opossums are just a few of the animals exhibited. Among the most interesting was the beaver. They build their homes in ponds or streams and the entrance is usually underwater. They use sticks from small trees, and stick them in mud, and as the home grows, it takes the shape of an igloo. A large reproduction showing the beavers at work in a natural setting for them looked very real.

Next they saw different animal and plant fossils. There was on exhibit also a plaster cast of the bones of a real dinosaur. The guide told them much about dinosaurs, and said that the real bones were exhibited at the museum in Philadelphia.

In the next room was the crafts exhibit. In addition, there were show some original Walt Disney drawings of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. They were on exhibit in the Trenton museum only temporarily. In the crafts showing there were scarfs, spreads, towels, rugs, blankets, and many other things. Very interesting was a woolen coverlet tacked on the wall. The lady who sheep, had sheared the sheep, had washed and dyed the wool, and then woven it into this beautiful coverlet.

Of course there was a thrill of pride when the girls saw the contributions made by our group. There was a group of wood carvings depicting the days of the week made by Mr. Weaver, of Richmond, Va. Ironsides was well represented. The Art Class exhibited a handblocked print doilie set made by Valeria Wright; a clay bust of a Negro made by a former student, Harry Collins; a metal rack from the prevocational shop, a hand carved chair and a jewelry box made by Mr. Cuffee, and a plaster plaque of an elephant and a clay mask made by Mrs. Staats.

After enjoying the exhibit, the class visited the State House. They went to the Governor's office, the Senate Chamber, and the Assembly rooms. There was a quiet dignity about these rooms that was very inspiring. In the hall encased in glass were many flags used by the New Jersey regiments in the Civil War. They were tattered and torn, but they gave one a feeling of pride! A large painting of Sheridan's ride was on one of the side walls.

The class had seen and learned so much it was hard to believe their time was gone. After thanking their gracious guide, they were off again, this time for Ironsides.

Margaret Foster, 8A.

Horace Joseph, our Teddy Hill, be given a better chance to present his fine ripples before the student body.

"Red" Wilson will long remain as King of the Shirt-washers" while at school.

Students of Ironsides be schooled upon the subject "The value of the agricultural department to Ironsides".

Students will remember that "Time" is the most important factor to remember when returning to school—(Oh for a walk to town!!)

Seniors will conquer Miss Echols' P.A.D., and refuse to admit that a little thing like history can floor them.

CASE FOR CRAFTS

There are many kinds of interesting subjects, trades, and classes, but the class I like best is Arts and Crafts. Here we learn many things that it would be difficult to tell you all about. And we plan to complete several other problems before the year is over.

One of the projects the 8A division is working on now is making raffia pocketbooks. The raffia is dyed into several colors, the chief ones being red, natural, yellow, green, blue, and orange. The girls who wish to make these bags have to make their own designs. No two are alike. They are made by combinations of squares, circles, lines, and diamond shapes. Our instructor, Mrs. Staats, always shows us some beautiful models made in the same way, and we try to make ours as good as those.

Some of the girls have just completed linen handkerchiefs. No work is accepted until it is cleaned and pressed. We make other things, such as baskets, afghans, guest towels, bath sets, potholders, tea towels, rag dolls, and dresses for dolls. There are so many things made in our classes, I can only tell you to visit our department and see some of them. There is always some work on exhibit. Many of the articles made are sold to outsiders.

If any of you boys and girls have an art or craft hobby, why not join the Hobby Show sponsored by Mrs. Staats, and to be held on March 22? Prizes will be awarded for the best hobby exhibits. Let me urge all of you to become interested in something. Art, like music, is one of the fundamentals for appreciating and enjoying much in life. Why not become interested in our Arts and Crafts department?

Margaret Tucker, 8A.

A Movie Letter

"Listen Darling,"

"Thanks for Everything." In hope that we will always remain "Friends." Do you remember that day at the beach? How like "The Beachcomber" you looked with your tousled hair. That day was one "Grand Illusion". Too bad "You Can't Take It with You" always.

Will you ever forget the night when we went to the casino and saw "The Cowboy and the Lady" dance "The Great Waltz"? Everybody seemed to mingle there, "The Duke of West Point" right along with the "King of the Underworld."

I'll never forget the races we attended. Those horses were certainly "Fighting Thoroughbreds", and I heard they were "Stablemates" too. On our way home, do you remember the little "Orphan of the Street" we passed? You gave the poor "Tough Kid" a dollar to buy something to eat, and how he did run to find his brothers! They looked like little "Angels with Dirty Faces."

'Oh, I almost forgot! Do you remember the Hardys, the family with the "Four Daughters" and a son, Andy. Won't it be funny when "Love Comes to Andy Hardy" because he's thumbs down on girls now? Well, Mrs. Hardy is planning to leave him at "Boy's Town", so he won't be "With the Hardys Out West". I bet that kid will be "The Great Citizen" some day.

As you know, I'm in "Dramatic School" now. Maybe some day I'll be a grand "Ballerina". I'll have to stop writing now. "Why Is It Always Goodbye", but "Thanks for the Memory" anyhow.

Your pal,
"Small Fry".

Kitchen Kataklysm

The new theme song of the girls in the dish pantry is: Heigho, heigho, then off from work we go. Smiling faces are the fashion of those assigned to the dish pantry. Why, do you ask? Ask any one, and she will tell you that the hard old days of dish-washing are gone forever.

Since streamline apparatus in all lines is the word, Miss Burgess has fallen in line and the new kitchen equipment is the last word.

First, and by all means the most important, is the new dish-washer, already known affectionately as Big John. Big John has a place of honor in the kitchen. Approach to him (for the dishes) is by way of long metal trays or tray-topped tables. On these the dishes (all of them, mind you) are racked; and with the help of hooks are automatically pulled in slowly, and past the wash and rinse compartments, whence they are shoved out by rollers into the hands of a receiver who stacks them and runs a perfunctory towel over them to make, like Macbeth, assurance double sure.

Under the dish racks are stationary strainers. These serve to catch any large food particles which the scrapers may have overlooked. They occasionally suffer from optical delusions.

In previous years, the girls assigned to the dish pantry washed bowls, cups, and silver. Now, with the help of Big John and the regular pot-slingers, they have to wash only the silverware and pitchers. And are they glad? Are you, girls?

The second attraction in this new kitchen reformation, and perhaps just as important as the dishwasher to Chef Roy and Chef Williams, is the giant streamlined oven which has two very definite advantages: first it cooks faster; and second, it cooks the food more thoroughly.

Then there's the new steamer, used for the cooking of potatoes, carrots, turnips, and the like.

Perhaps the most delicate of the new apparatus is the toaster, which is a combination of gas and electricity. Ten pieces of bread may be inserted in the brackets. These rotate around the lit coils with the help of a handle which is turned gently by the driver. After this operation, rich brown toast slides into a small holder and bracket. The student gets it later covered with creamed beef.

Not for many years have the helpers in the kitchen enjoyed such a complete kataklysm. Was Miss Bruggess tickled? Was everybody tickled?

Solon Chamberlain,
Robert Drake

Herring Writes School

Gordon Herring, outstanding Ag student who ended his days at Ironsides last year, writes from West Virginia State, where he is now enrolled, and tells us that everything is going smoothly. He has been getting good academic grades and has made the football team.

As many of the students perhaps know, Herring while he was here last year set a record for his efficient and effective work in the Poultry Department. "Fish", as he was called, will continue in this line of poultry raising down at State and expects to break his old time record. To the Agriculture boys he said, "Have faith and stick; don't give up too quickly, because the victory is yours in the end."

Students at Ironsides extend to Herring their sincere hopes for success and progress in this new venture.

WILDCATS JUMP INTO EARLY WINNING STREAK; LEAGUE AND CLUB TEAMS SUCCUMB

Trenton Trojans Threaten Wildcats Win, 44-38

The Wildcats travelled to Trenton last week where they clashed with and finally defeated the highly rated Trojans 44-38.

The game began with speed and clever deceptive passing on the part of players on both teams. With lightning precision the ball flew up and down the court with first one team and then the other having the advantage. There was very little scoring; both teams played air-tight ball.

Knight, of Trenton, opened the scoring with a quick follow-up shot off the backboard. Powell, dependable Ironsides forward, then looped one in from center court to knot the score.

Action became speedier as Copper of Trenton again pushed the Trojans in the lead. The Bordentown defense tightened and for the rest of the period there was little chance to score. The period closed with Trenton leading 5-3.

The second period saw the teams knot the score at 12-12; then with a spurt Trenton forged ahead to lead at half time 19-14.

Mindful of their defeat at the hands of the Trojans last year, the Wildcats came back after half time with new determination. It was in the last half that the battle was really fought, Ironsides slowly pushed the veterans until someone had to break. Three times the score was knotted. The Cats finally got a lead but as the game drew to an end, the Trojans tied the score at 34-34 with two minutes to play. Page Horatio Alger or any of those other writers of miracles of youth. Francis from center floor dragged his team from defeat. Thompson, Powell, and Todd ran circles around the Vets. Thompson, fouled twice, sank two consecutive field goals in this tense and exciting session. The game closed with the score 44-37, Thompson scoring 16 points for the team.

This clash was easily one of the hardest and most grilling matches which either team has seen this season. The fans were kept on edge until the final whistle sounded to end the game and leave the audience in a state of hysteria.

Coach Ray did not have such old stars as Richardson, Young Fowler, and Livingston who so efficiently roamed the court last year's championship squad; for with the exception of the dependable Slim Jones, of last year's team, the fate of the Wildcats was in the hands of the new men. This game was their test and they met it nobly.

In a pre-Xmas game, the Wildcats tried their strength against the local Springfield Club and won an easy 25-15 victory to open their cage season.

The game on the whole was slow; the local lads were no match for the fast, team-working Wildcats. Powell, Ironsides forward, making his debut on the basketball floor after a successful season on the gridiron, provided the thrills of the evening with sensational shots from almost anywhere on the floor. Fifteen points was his individual tally for the night's work. The floor work of Jones and Robinson must also be mentioned as outstanding.

Bordentown Edges Out Orange By 7-Point Margin

After trailing the Orange Y boys for the first half, Bordentown's Wildcats came back to take a close victory over the visitors by a 35-32 score. The game, played on the 16th of January was one of the first after Christ-

mas and really opened the season. The teams were very evenly matched and played a most exciting game from start to finish.

Raymond of Orange, led the scoring for the visitors; while Powell, Thompson, and Jones led the scoring for the home team with seven points each.

Plainfield Y Bows To Wildcat Fury 35-32

In a blinding snow storm, the Wildcats journeyed to Plainfield to meet the boys of the Y.M.C.A. and returned still in the storm with only a three-point lead over their opponents to show for the trip. In spite of the very close score not once did the Plainfield boys get into the lead, though they certainly kept the Ironsides rooters in jitters. Thrice they tied the score in the third quarter; and twice in the last—only to be turned back by the two trusty forwards, Powell and Thompson. As the final whistle blew, Bordentown had edged to a decisive three point lead.

Hopson and Taylor led Plainfield's scoring with 13 and 9 points respectively. For the Wildcats Thompson and Powell shared honors; the former with 16 points to his credit; and the latter, with 14.

Top Coppin Normal 46-31 Coppin Victory Decisive

The Bordentown Wildcats entered the M3A competition as defending champions by taking into camp the boys from Coppin Normal, Baltimore. The game started rather fast, but for the first few minutes of play there was no score; each team shot rapid passes back and forth, looking for a hole in his opponents' defense; and it looked as if there would be little scoring.

Then Thompson, Ironsides forward, was fouled and sank his try to give Fess Ray's boys the lead. No sooner had this been done than Jones dropped a beautiful shot from center court to widen the gap. Turner, of Coppin, came through with a flip from the left side to put his team back in the game.

The pace then got thicker and faster. Sensational shots by Thompson, Francis, and Powell, put the Jersey boys way out front and widened the lead as the quarter drew to a close. Augustus and Brown were the only Coppin leads who could get near the basket. The period ended with the score 17-7 in favor of the home team.

The second quarter was all Bordentown with Coppin Normal able to tally not a single point, while the home team garnered nine to leave the score at half time at 26-7.

The second half brought the scoring on a more even basis. Although they were unable to forge ahead, the visitors really played hard, sound, heads-up basketball. Brown, Turner, and Hayes, of Coppin, gave all they had for school and team, but it was too late. The final whistle found the visitors from Baltimore trailing on a 46-31 score.

Nothing To Do

What shall I do when I have nothing to do? When you have nothing to do, do that nothing well; invest in some sleep, healthful recreation, or helpful reading. To tell the truth, there really is never a time when you have nothing to do.

Copied from "The Silent Partner"

Captains Interviewed

Captain Julia Baugh

I have great hopes for a successful season. The girls have been showing steady progress right along and I feel that each game has given them more assurance.

The team's aim is the M3A Championship and I sincerely hope that the team will come through with flying colors for 1939.

Co-Capt. Beatrice Tucker

Our goal is the M3A Championship for 1939. It will probably be a hard struggle, but we shall make it a good fight to the very end.

The girls all seem to have an interest in the games and are willing to take the practice that will make them better. With everyone's co-operation and Miss Butcher's coaching we can hope for no less than a banner season.

Cheer The Cubs!

Basketball is in full swing. The Cubs have organized, and their schedule is already well on the way. While the Varsity is stealing the glory and taking the limelight with their bullet passes, dead basket aims, and star players, the Cubs are surely creeping along like the fabled tortoise. Certainly we're proud of the big team, but let's give a hand to the young fellows who will be varsity men someday, and who are doing a good job now.

The Cubs won their first game, but lost last week's game to the Orange Y team. The return game should be interesting, for the Cubs have learned a great deal, and have practiced conscientiously.

Here is the Cub lineup:

First Team

Ralph Crawford, (Coffee)—r. f.
James Nicholson, (Jimmy)—l. f.
William Blake, (D.D.)—c.
Robert Watson, (Bobby)—r. g.
Bernard Pollard, (Hoppy)—l. g.

Second Team

Robert Hundley, (Tiny)—r. f.
Russell Henry, (Cap)—l. f.
Jerry Bryant, (Jerry)—c.
Clyde Bryant, (Sarg)—r. g.
Charles Wadley (Charlie)—l. g.

So far, Nicholson is the Cub's high scorer. Next time you see the Cubs come out on the court, give them a great cheer. They need the confidence your applause brings, and then they'll make an already good group of players a better group.

R. Hundley, 9A.

Cubs Win Two Drop One

In an early pre-Xmas conflict, the newly-organized Cubs defeated the local Shamrock A. C. 43-24.

This younger team had little trouble with the visitors and put on a great display of passing, shooting, and all-around good play. The Shamrock lads tried courageously and never gave up, but simply were unable to close down what became an early and gradually increasing lead of the Cubs.

Crawford and Nicholson made the best showing for the home team, while Kniss played well for the visitors.

Orange Wins 33-14

Polhemus and Henry were the most outstanding players of the game for Bordentown. The 'Y' Junior played a brand of ball which constantly kept the Bordentown Cubs off balance and as the result, the ball was in the possession of Orange most of the time. The game may be summed up in a few words—Orange kept possession of the ball and Orange won.

Girls' Team Wins Two Plainfield, Coppin Bow

The initial clashes of the Bordentown feminine basketweavers with Plainfield and Coppin both proved successful.

When the team walked on the Plainfield high school floor, Beatrice Tucker, Isabelle Hammond, Lillian Butler, Julia Baugh, Valeria Wright, and Norma Holcombe were representing Bordentown.

The first quarter of the game was fast as to footwork, but slow as to shooting; and it ended with a 2-2 score.

This tie was an indication of what the rest of the game was to be. Early in the second period Ironsides made a score; but Plainfield, playing on the home ground eased away and left her visitors trailing 9-4 at half.

The second half was fast and furious. Bordentown had a pep talk and some substitutions. The girls got off to a lead that was threatened again and again, but finally held for a final 21-19 lead.

Wildcats Win League Opener

Bordentown girls met new-comers in M3A competition in the persons of the girls from Coppin Normal School, Baltimore.

Perhaps a long drive with little time to rest before the game was in some way responsible for the poor showing that the visitors made in the first half. Only in the second period did they begin to score, and when the whistle blew for the end of the half, they were trailing 11-19.

In spite of a decided spurt in passing, the visitors could not make use of their opportunities to tally. Consequently their score stood at 13 at the game's close while Bordentown had a final score of 27.

Wrestlers Limber Up

Plans for a boxing and wrestling show are getting under way. About 35 or 40 boys have signed up and are now under the supervision of Mr. Morrow and Clyde Justice. As usual Mr. Morrow will coach the wrestlers and Justice will take the place of Joe Roberts in coaching the boxers.

The general opinion is that these two sports will attract considerable attention this year since most of the combatants have had previous experience as a result of last year's show. According to present plans the bouts for this year are scheduled for the latter part of March, the 17th we hear.

Some of those competing in various classes of boxers are:

175 lb.—K. Atterbury, C. Justice.
169 lb.—E. Holmes, C. Johnson, C. Daniels.
160 lb.—T. Gaunt, B. Briggs, W. Barnes, D. Bartley.
147 lb.—T. Freeman, J. Thomas, C. Faust.
135 lb.—C. Coles, J. Walker, O. Westry, T. Brown.
126 lb.—H. Brown, L. McClain.
118 lb.—L. Swann, R. Collins, S. Jackson.

Some of the wrestlers are: D. Dixon, J. Meadows, W. Spicer, Ira Smith, and R. Daley.

Win From Lincoln

The Cubs journeyed with the Varsity to Trenton and there met and defeated the Lincoln Juniors in a closely contested game.

Closely guarded by Trenton in the first half, the Cubs got little chance to score; in the second half, however, the Cubs were able to elude their opponents, quickened their pace, and played like a Bordentown quintet.

Allison, Crawford, and Pollard were outstanding for the Cubs.

ROVING REPORTER

QUESTION: What do you think of this year's Varsity squad?

Harold Stewart: I've been here six years and have watched basketball teams come and go. I really think that this year's squad will develop into one of the best in Ironsides' history.

Edward Dowden: Though this year's squad is smaller than the usual run of Ironsides quintets, they show excellent ability, speed, and accuracy, all of which go into the making of a progressive squad.

Clarence Ellis: It's the tops!

Fred Cox: To my mind this year's quintet is growing better as the season goes along.

Otho Ross: If they continue playing brand of basketball which they have displayed thus far this season, the M3A Championship will again be within their grasp.

Knowlton Atterberry: Despite the fact that Coach Ray was handicapped by the return of only one veteran player, he has brought this new team around in splendid shape. In six starts this season, they have turned in six convincing victories. It looks like a great season.

Roger Howard: A very promising, clever, hard-working squad which should go far. The new boys are helping out a lot with their fine spirit.

Samuel Seville: Although I think that this year's squad is not so good as last year's, they do have a lot of speed and ability which should help them on their drive to M3A honors.

Solon Chamberlain: Not so good as last year's squad but after a little more development should finally come out as a great hard-working team.

Juniors Sponsor P. O. Present Xmas Story

Continued from page 1

Members of the class and committee presented an amusing skit in chapel on Tuesday, December 20, advertising the post office and its services. The skit took the form of a program committee meeting at a distant school trying to copy the idea of a Xmas Post Office from another school. Alberta Walker acting as chairman opened the meeting and turned it over to Bob, Frank Green, who directed the program. Jessie Shorts and Inez Smith with their rhythmic feet demonstrated the speed with which the mail would be delivered. Slim, Edward Jeffries, was very amusing with his humorous yes-man tactics; while the boy's quartette singing "The Monk" and "The Mandolin Song" helped to solicit the hearty cooperation of all students for this worthwhile project.

Answers To Questions

1. Benjamin Franklin.
2. Benjamin Franklin.
3. Benjamin Franklin.
4. Benjamin Franklin.
5. Benjamin Franklin.
6. Benjamin Franklin.
7. Benjamin Franklin.
8. Benjamin Franklin.
9. Benjamin Franklin.
10. Benjamin Franklin's.
11. Benjamin Franklin's.
12. Benjamin Franklin.
13. Benjamin Franklin.
14. Benjamin Franklin.
15. Benjamin Franklin.