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New Year!

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Printers Observe Educational Week

"Five Hundred Years of Printing" was the theme and general text of the Printers' Program given on Wednesday, January 17, in observance of Printing Education Week.

The Printers commemorated three anniversaries in one: the 500th Anniversary of the invention of movable type for printing by a German, John Gutenberg; the 300th Anniversary of the first book printed in what is now called America, and the 234th Anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, one of America's foremost printers and statesmen.

The program was divided into five groups, each representing a 100 year period, beginning with the invention of movable type, which took place about 1440.

Historical events, great men and their works, which have influenced printing in its development though the ages were brought out in the period through which they come. The first period, 1440-1540, was presented by Albert McCreary and Louis Maples; the second, 1540-1640, by William Smith; the third, 1640-1740 by Edward Jordan and George Brown; the fourth, 1740-1840, by Kellice Swaggerty and George Motley; the fifth, 1840-1940, by John Miller and Paul Crusor. John Miller ended the program with an article entitled "The Freedom of the Press."

Honor Roll Appears For Second Period

Instead of the regular and arbitrary honor rolls of years past when an absolute percent was required of at least eighty percent with no grade below C, students this year are divided into groups, five as a matter of fact, according to the work they are doing. Thus the honor roll this year becomes for academic work, students working in the first or upper group.

That group is presented from each class:

Specials: Katherine Bruce, Jessie Shorts, Clarence Ellis, Christopher Johnson, Horace Joseph, Gordon Long.

Seniors: Frances Hairston, Gladys Johnson, Frank Armstead, Paul Crusor, Frank Green, William King, Sylvester Pitts.

Juniors: Edward Jordan, Albert McCreary, John Miller.

Sophomores: Bertha White, Marcus Battle, George Motley, Arthur Wells, Ernest Williamson.

Freshmen: Kisiah Alexander, Elizabeth Bennett, Dora Blount, Lillian Cephas, Constance Collier, Dorothy Gainey, Jean McDuffie, Evelyn Mull, Mayne Nabors, Margaret Tucker, Charles Ball, William Bynum, Page Cannon, George Cox, James Griggs, Oliver Grooms, Benjamin Gunn, Wayman Gwyn, Junius Johnson, William Johnson, Richard King, Julius Walker, Bernard Williams.

Eighth Grade: Jesse Jackson, Warren Layton, William Wiggins, Tecora Felton, Evelyn Harris, Lillian Stanton.

Seventh Grade: Preston West, Florence Simms, Catherine Stricklin.

Trade divisions have not been made in that way so that the Echo has arbitrarily selected students making grades of A or B plus in their trade work; for the boys this grade constitutes the trade mark; for girls taking more than one trade, a weighted average.

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I. P. C. Play First In Contest

In the one-act play contest held just before Christmas, the Ironsides Progress Club won first prize for its presentation of "Three To Get Ready." Second place went to the Play Square Club and honorable mention to the Diogenians.

The plays were cast, coached, and presented by student members of the various clubs with the sponsors acting only in an advisory capacity.

The theme of the winning play was the desire of three daughters to give their maiden aunt a choice of three types so that the rather eccentric spinster could take the daughter she liked on a trip around the world. It was coached by Jessie Shorts and acted by Anna Fitzgerald, Edith Battle, Bertha White, Valeria Wright and Jessie Shorts.

The play winning second prize was called "The Broken Engagement", based the idea of two girls thinking that they are engaged to the same man. It was coached by Evelyn Johnson and acted by Carmen Byrd, Mary Hill, Beverly Walker and Alda Proctor.

Few of the spectators were able to get much of an idea of the dialogue of the Diogenians "Almost Everyman", because of the excessive rudeness of the audience. Whether this had anything to do with its receiving only honorable mention is difficult to say. The play was coached by Edward Jordan and centered around the trial of Everyman for the murder of Miss English.

The Jolly Sixteen offering was "They Criticized and How": it was coached by Louise Twisvan.

Judges for the contest were Miss Bird and Mr. Morrow from the school, and Mrs. Connie Whiting from Burlington.

Glee Club To Broadcast

The Glee Club will broadcast over WTNJ every Wednesday evening, beginning January 31, at 6:30 p. m. until further notice.

Honored By City



W. R. VALENTINE, Principal, honored by citation and greeting from town of Bordentown.

WIN SPECIAL HONOR



Fourteen Students Especially Honored

Reading from front row, left to right: Marlyn Anderson, Louise Twisvan, Valeria Wright, Geraldine Campbell, Cornelia Grant, Clarissa Berry, Frank Green, Edward Jordan, Clarence Ellis, Albert McCreary, William King, Norman Powell, Frank Armstead, Herman Haskins.

Just before Christmas vacation, at the end, in fact, of the second marking period, fourteen students were selected by the Committee on Student Behavior for the following: outstanding character traits, living up the level of their abilities or

above in trade and academic work, satisfactory attendance. Those honored were: Marlyn Anderson, Frank Armstead, Clarissa Berry, Geraldine Campbell, Clarence Ellis, Cornelia Grant, Frank Green, Herman Haskins, Edward Jordan, William King, Albert McCreary, Norman Powell, Louise Twisvan, and Valeria Wright.

The first week after school reopened. Major Watson made an explanation in chapel as to the method of procedure in choosing; and it is printed here for the benefit of others as well as repetition for those who heard it.

At the end of each marking period, each student's achievement in trade and academic work is measured against his ability level determined by tests in September. If he is working to or above the level of his ability he is eligible for further consider-

ation. From this list individual teachers make citations to the committee of students outstanding for various reasons, from their point of view. Students recommended by at least three teachers are then considered; their complete records of the students checked and from this group those to appear on the list are finally selected.

As one considers the list, it interesting to note that of the fourteen, seven were Seniors (among them Frank Armstead, president of the Seniors); two were specials doing fourth year academic work; three were Juniors (among them the vice-president, Edward Jordan); one was an Eighth grade, and one a Seventh Grader. There was not a single sophomore nor Freshman on the list.

The fourteen were formally presented to the students at a chapel exercise and were given a trip to Trenton to see "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Another list will be issued at the end of the third marking period or first term.

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GREETINGS W. R. Valentine

WHEREAS, the City of Bordentown recognizes your generous support, and decisive aid for those endeavors, which have, and will continue to enhance the future life of the community;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners express to you their deep and sincere appreciation for your unflinching cooperation and lively interest in the welfare of the City of Bordentown, and wish you happiness for Christmas and success for the New Year.

WILLIAM C. WARRACK
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(SEAL)

December 19, 1939

Weber, Magician, Tricks Audience

For the past three or four years the school, has been able to bring to the student body one of those good old "hand is quicker than the eye" men, in other words, a magician. This year one Herman Weber presented his show January 12. Mr. Weber informed the audience, however, that it was not the HAND that was QUICKER than the eye, but that the EYE was SLOWER than the hand.

The man of magic performed the usual magical tricks with boxes and scarves to the delight of many and the movie boredom of some few who "saw everything."

Most outstanding of his tricks (which even the most enlightened were a little doubtful about) was the plucking of a dozen or so goldfish from the air about him; and the final act of making a large earthenware crack, filled with water, disappear completely.

Echo Enters Press Contests

The Echo has submitted copies of past issues for consideration in two press association rating contests.

Issues from September to December were submitted to the National Scholastic Press Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Reports from this association will be sent on or near the first of April. This association rates between eighteen hundred or two thousand papers and magazines from schools all over the United States. The Echo, a member for two years, has been fortunate in winning a first class honor rating two successive years.

Issues from last Easter through December of this year were submitted to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University, New York. Reports from this entry are made at the spring meeting held at the university during the middle of March. The Echo has been a member of the Columbia Press Association for over ten years and has on several occasions been awarded second place in the class of Vocational High Schools with a registration of under 500.

Eighth Grade Leads Christmas Return

Not Seniors, Juniors, nor Specials, but members of the Eighth Grade led the school in the return from Xmas poll.

The rank order of percentage return is as follows:

- First: Eighth Grade
- Second: Sophomores
- Third: Freshmen
- Fourth: Seniors
- Fifth: Juniors
- Sixth: Specials
- Seventh: Seventh Grade

Girls To Stage Show

One of the choice bits of Friday night entertainment coming up in the not-so-far-away future is a "Variety Show" to be presented by the girls under direction of Mrs. Prout.

Plans call for a cast of some twenty-five actors, singers, and dancers. There will be two skits written and directed by the girls. In charge of skit number one is Eleanor Melvin and Jessie Shorts; and in charge of skit number two are Bertha White, Eunice Berryan, Lillian Ricks, and Vivian Green.

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We wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We congratulate the fourteen students on the first honor list issued by the Committee on Student Behavior.

We congratulate Mr. Valentine on his greeting from Bordentown.

Congratulations to the goodly number of students who came back on time!

GOOD CHEER!

At a recent basketball game the conduct of the students was so rude that the official had to stop the game. Girls were shrieking needlessly at a shrill pitch that made hearing the referee's whistle impossible. There was no quiet when free shots were to be thrown. There were boos.

What is the point of developing a good basketball game, inviting good teams to play US in OUR gym, and then demonstrating beyond reasonable doubt that we have no manners? Many students will probably criticize the Echo for making public their bad manners; THEY advertised them; we comment on what took place. The visitors in the gym, the two guest teams, knew we were rude.

Let's cheer, yes! Let's remember that we are hosts and hostesses in our gym. We want to give a conduct to our visitors that we should like our teams to have when they play away from home. Win or lose, we should never forget our manners, embarrass our team, nor demonstrate that Bordentown is not a good sport.

THE FORTIES!

With the passing of 1939, the world passed out of the thirties into the forties, expectant, hopeful, yet not too sure of what was ahead.

As we said in September, we say again: the future is so uncertain we must prepare. Prepare for what? Prepare bodies that are sturdy and strong, minds that are alert and active, hearts that are courageous and hopeful.

We must learn our lessons better than we did yesterday; tomorrow will demand more of us. We shall have to be better equipped than we were yesterday. Tomorrow will insist that we know more. We must be better informed about the world in which we live; try better to evaluate what we see and hear; and consciously make an effort to shoulder our responsibility for what happens in it by helping to form intelligent public opinion.

Exchanges

- "The State College Lantern", Dover, Delaware.
- "The Summer Courier", Kansas City, Kansas (Summer High School).
- "Progress", Middlesex County Vocational School No. 1, New Brunswick, N. J.
- "Western Star"—The Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas, Marshall Tex.
- "The Virginia Statesman"—Virginia State College for Negroes, Ettrick, Virginia.
- "The College Eye"—Bowie State Teachers College, Bowie, Maryland.
- "The Fisk Herald"—Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.
- "The Hilltop"—Howard University, Washington, D. C.
- "Skeeter" — William MacFarland High School, Bordentown, N. J.
- "The Manual Craftsman"—Manual High and Vocational School, Kansas City, Mo.
- "The New International"—Organ of Revolutionary Marxism.
- "The Hampton Script"—Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.
- "The Normal Index"—State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Alabama.
- "Berean Broadcast" — Philadelphia, Penna.
- "The Red and Black"—Dorchester High School for Boys, Dorchester, Mass.
- "Campus" Mirror"—Spellman College, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "The Collegian" — State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Orangeburg, S. C.
- "The Cheyney Record" State Teachers College, Cheyney, Pa.
- "High School Times" — Hightstown High School, Hightstown, N. J.
- "The New Britain Artisan" — New Britain State Trade School, New Britain, Conn.

Among the Exchanges praise must be given to "Progress" of the Middlesex County Vocational Schools. It is undoubtedly the best printed publication this department has received and would serve as a good example of what printing can be.

"The Red and Black" of the Dorchester High School for Boys would do well to correct several glaring defects in printing such as excess impression and faulty color.

"The Hampton Script", Hampton Institute and the "Manual Craftsman", Manual High and Vocational School, Kansas City, Mo., both merit commendation for their excellent front page.

"The Fisk Herald" aside from its interesting article boasts a lay-out of cuts which are most outstanding in clarity and arrangement.

"The Hilltop" of Howard University, claims the destination of being the "newsiest" of our exchanges; its many cuts add particular zest to the articles and let the reader see the subject.

Personals

We were glad to see Mr. Walker around the other day. He is on the way to recovery after an automobile accident.

Rev. Jones was on the campus recently. He is walking on crutches; but is much improved. He has attended his church.

We extend sympathy to Miss Edna Jones, member of the office staff who came to us this year, in the recent loss of her father.

Several students have celebrated birthdays in January. To them we extend greetings: Louise Twisvan, Vivian White, Barbara Fletcher, Marlyn Anderson, Oliver Grooms.

New Year Wishes

TO THE ECHO'S READERS

In nineteen-forty, we Wish all prosperity, Happiness, yes, and wealth, And measures of good health.

TO THE SENIORS

To each member of the Senior Class,
More success than in the past,
Good luck all through the year,
and soon
A rosy, long-awaited June.

TO MR. VALENTINE

Mr. Valentine, loyal and true,
A year of joy we wish for you,
May every day in this New Year
Bring you contentment and good cheer.

TO THE ECHO

A very high rating
We all are awaiting,
Whether it be East or West
We hope you come out the best.

TO THE BASKETBALL TEAMS

To each basketball team,
Best of the M3A,
May you get the highest scores
In every game you play.

TO IRONSIDES

Five hundred earnest workers,
And never any shirkers,
A reputation that will rate
High, throughout this glorious state
Hearts that are loyal, friends that
are true,
These, Ironsides, we wish for you.

TO THE FACULTY

Last, to our faculty here,
Throughout the coming year,
Happy days, good luck, and joy
As you teach each girl and boy.

TO MRS. VALENTINE

To our dean of girls, Mrs. Valentine,
Happiness, peace, and cheer.
May your days be bright and sunny
Throughout the whole long year.

Suggested Resolutions

The Echo Staff suggests the following New Year's Resolutions:

Vivian White: to put a parachute on her glasses.

Barbara Fletcher: to stop acting cute.

Louis Maples: to stop playing second fiddle to a certain young man in college.

John Miller: to stop being a silent "Rudolph Valentino".

Wendell Barnes: to resolve to stay in the Dining Room until June.

Bernice Pollard: to dodge all oncoming basketballs.

Bettie Hackie: to keep that Southern accent.

Benjamin Briggs: to say a little more.

Phyllis Taylor: to play that sax in public.

Clarence Ellis: to attend the socials.

Miss Grant: never to collect literature work.

Miss Echols: to forget about that debate.

James Freeman: to walk more slowly.

Mr. Valentine: to provide each student with one of the new "sub-conscious educators." This consists of an electric phonograph controlled by a time clock and connected to a comfortable cap specially fitted with head phones. All the pupil is expected to do is to put on the cap and drop into a deep sleep. While he is sleeping, the machine reproduces lectures which are absorbed by the brain. The weakened brain remembers all that was said when it was comatose.

Boots and Boosts

Welcome 1940! Welcome A's and 100's which we have resolved to make! Welcome 8½ hours good sleep which, I am sure, we all missed while at home for those ten hectic days! And out for ten hectic nights. But by now we are back in the groove, and as long as we hear complaints about this and that we know things are back to normal.

A vote of praise is due those who were punctual and even early in coming back after the Christmas recess. A bouquet of stinkweeds to those stragglers who came in hours, and days late (Yes, I am included).

It seems as though one just can't help another person without being the receiver of abuse, or else not getting co-operation. Mrs. Davis, I am sure, told Bertha White to put on her galoshes on a recent rainy Sunday. Bertha kindly obliged and as she went out to the chapel services she stopped and hid them under the "blue spruce" tree in front of Mrs. Bunce's building. Apparently she had on a new pair of shoes. Moral: Style rather than safety.

The other day Frank Battle was complaining that his face burned. Sympathetic Louis Maples feelingly inquired as to what the trouble was. "Well," said Battle, "I washed my face in P & G soap and it is burning me now."

Our friend Maples scoffed and replied, "That's nothing, I use Oxygen." (For you slow-ones, he meant Octagon.)

Remember

When Eulace Peacock, Herb Thompson and our own Ben Johnson, ran an exhibition, non-titular 100-yd. dash on our new track and finished up in a dead heat!

(Off-side, Mr. Johnson said to Miss Grant, "How did it look?") - P.S.: I wish he had asked me.

To the following students goes all the praise and admiration due to a person who has a difficult task to complete and despite all barriers and obstacles, comes through with flying colors. I had better not praise them too highly because they might believe me; but, all joking aside, it must be swell to be in their shoes. You know, Mr. Valentine stresses high marks and so does Mr. Williams and they are extremely proud and happy when we get them. And I know I feel all warm inside when I do somebody some good and I'll bet these people feel the same way too. Marlyn Anderson, Clarissa Berry, Geraldine Campbell, Cornelia Grant, Louise Twisvan, Valeria Wright, Frank Armstead, Clarence Ellis, Frank Green, Herman Haskins, Edward Jordan, William King, Albert McCreary, and Norman Powell - - - Sincere congratulations!

A great deal has been said about the conduct of some of the members of our student body who were on the train coming in after recess. It is too bad that we can't see ourselves as we really are when we act comonly. We seem coarse, untrained. It is sometimes good to be original, but at times like that we should look for some middle-aged gentleman who looks like a business executive and then copy after him. When he glares over the top of his paper in disgust, we should look and see why he is disgusted. Then act accordingly.

To Mrs. Granger should go a vote of commendation. Mrs. Granger took the task of disposing of 6000 N.A.A.C.P. stamps, sold them, took, 1000 more and sold them too. Little wonder the Junior Post Office didn't establish a new record. But it really was no loss, because whereac we didn't sell as many seals for the National Tubercular Association, we set a new high for the N.A.A.C.P. Let's co-operate next year.

"Eat it," said Popey. After a long while Wimpy said as he finished the spinach, "I'm through!"

Horace Joseph.

Farmers Visit Fair Held At Harrisburg

On January 17, members of the Ironsides N. F. A. attended the Annual Farm Show held each year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The building in which the show was held covered ten acres of land and was divided into five smaller buildings. They were as follows: State Building, Machinery, Livestock, Home Economics (incidentally that accounted for the feminine interest in the show), and the Arena, a small affair with a seating capacity of a mere 15,000. Some 140,000 persons besides the Jersey members of the N.F.A. were attending the show!

In the livestock buildings one had a chance to see everything from a four ounce mouse to a twenty-six hundred pound bull. There were hundreds of horses, cows, baby beefs, turkeys, chicks, and sheep, with pedigrees running back to Noah's Ark. All of them were in excellent condition and represented the best in the land. As a matter of fact, the baby beef cattle were in such prime condition that some of the boys felt like sampling a "beef steak on the hoof."

There were self-starting tractors, with headlights, fog-lights, spring seats and radios! Imagine a farmer cultivating his corn to the rhythm of Glenn Miller's "Little Brown Jug"! 'Tis a changing world.

The boys had often listened to the Lucky Strike auctioneer and marvelled at his rapid flow of speech, but compared with the gentleman auctioning off hogs at the Farm Show, the Southern showmen do not even rate. To understand him one would have to have a recording machine in each ear with interperator to translate the message in "slow-motion" speech. It has been said that "A dip of rouge and a dab of paint will make any woman what she ain't." Well, this may hold true in many cases; but it is certainly ~~not~~ the case with the Pennsylvania Dutch.

These are descendants of the German-Dutch people who came to America as early settlers and are said to be the best farmers in the East. They still cling to the ancient ideas of their ancestors. The women and girls wear black bonnets, black stockings, high-top shoes, gingham aprons and shawls. They do NOT use any make-up! Many of the girls who entered contests, won prizes over men in competition!

The men look as if they had not had a haircut since they first recognized that they had hair. They wore large black hats, black coats without collars, black pants, white shirts, and black shoes. All of the men are very well-to-do and it is also said they have the most beautiful farms in Pennsylvania.

Members of the N.F.A. who made the trip were: Frank Armstead, Fred Young, Charles Wadley, Dempsey Dixon, Edison McGuffin, Samuel Jones, Warren Allison, Frank Green, Lonnie Keys, Junious Pendleton, Hugh Hairston, and Cranston Harris. Instructors who accompanied them were Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Urquhart, Jr.

Those who made the trip expressed themselves as having enjoyed a most instructive and recreational trip.

Specials Lead December Attendance

The records for December attendance kept the Specials in first place, but showed a change in that the Seventh Grade was in second place.

Rank order is as follows:

- First: Specials.
- Second: Seventh Grade.
- Ehird: Seniors.
- Fourth: Juniors.
- Fifth: Sophomores.
- Sixth: Freshmen
- Seventh: Eighth Grade

Xmas Vacation On The Campus

Would you like to know how the Christmas holidays were spent on the campus? I would be very glad to tell you.

On the morning of the twenty-second, there was great excitement. The rising bells had rung earlier than usual to give the students time to do their duties before they left for home. After breakfast, the girls began to leave. Joyful goodbyes were said, and all was hubub and confusion. It seemed such a short time before the buildings were strangely quiet, for after three months, the noise somehow seemed a part of everyday life. Only three of us were left in the dormitory. That night we went to bed without bells or commotion, a little early too, I must confess, for our hearts were lonely.

Saturday morning we went to Bordentown as usual to shop. That afternoon we were surprised with a trip to Trenton to the movies. We saw "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex," and did we enjoy it! At once our ten days' vacation looked brighter.

Sunday night was Christmas Eve. The boys had been invited over to see our Christmas tree, and spend the evening. We played a game, after which gifts were distributed. We had an enjoyable Christmas Eve.

Monday was Christmas Day. Here we were away from home and relatives. I must admit we all felt rather blue, but we tried to act happy. The morning was a busy one for we were allowed to decorate the tables for Christmas dinner. We put two tables together, and made one large one. We decorated it with piles of apples, oranges, nuts, bananas, grapes, and candy. We could not have had a heartier or better meal if we had been at home. That afternoon we went to the movies in Trenton. When we returned it was late, and it was only when we were in bed that we realized no one had had a chance to get homesick.

We spent the next day on the campus. The boys came over at night and we had a little party. Wednesday we went to Philadelphia. On the way it started snowing, and something happened to the car engine, but it was soon mended. We shopped until lunch time. Then we went to Horn and Hardart's and each got what she wanted. Next we decided to go to the movies and saw "This Is The Night." It had been such a pleasant day.

Thursday, Mrs. Bunce left us and Mrs. David came to spend the rest of the holidays. We all went for a drive to Spring Lake. Friday afternoon we decided to go to Trenton again to the movies. We went through the stores, too, and got back in time for supper.

As usual we went to Bordentown, Saturday although we had little money left to spend. Sunday we slept late and didn't bother to get up for breakfast. That night was New Year's Eve. The boys came over and we had a real party. Refreshments were ice cream, cake, and candy. We had loads of fun. Of course the girls were fortunate because there were three of us, and eighteen boys. You may be sure we enjoyed the unusual amount of attention.

Well, most of the rest of our time was spent on the campus. When the girls arrived laughing and chattering about their good times, we were able to match their accounts with experiences of our own. We appreciate all that was done for us, and we've decided if one can't go home for Christmas, Ironsides isn't such a bad place to be.

Shirley Rock.

Benjamin Franklin

On January 17, 1706, one of our greatest American statesmen, Benjamin Franklin, was born. Because there were so many in the family, they all had to go to work at an early age. But Benjamin didn't like to work. He would rather read or study than do anything else.

When he was ten and had not yet decided what trade to select, his father had him as his apprentice in the candle making business. But he disliked this job and decided to run away. Instead, however, since he really wanted to become a printer, he secured a job working on his brother's newspaper, and here he remained for nine years.

He bore the cuffs and knocks his brother's quick temper subjected him to as long as he could. Then he ran away to New York, and then decided to keep on to Philadelphia. He had a few pennies left when he reached there and went into a bakery to buy some buns. On his way out, a young girl laughed at his comical appearance. Seven years later, she became his wife.

Franklin worked hard night and day. In his early twenties, he became owner and publisher of the Pennsylvania Gazette, then considered the best newspaper in the colonies. Franklin also wrote several books; chief among these was "Poor Richard's Almanac. Among the clubs and organizations he founded were the first public library which stands today as a monument to his memory, a fire company, a fire insurance company, and the first city police force. In 1737 Franklin became Postmaster of Philadelphia, and later Postmaster-General of the Colonies. His work in science has helped many other scientists to open their eyes. He discovered electricity with such simple things as his own doorkey, a piece of silk rope, and a kite.

Franklin's life as a statesman and a diplomat deserves praise. He was sent to England for a few months, but remained a much longer time. When war broke out in this country, he returned to work here. He was elected a member of the Second Continental Congress, and the committee that wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence. Later Congress asked Franklin to represent this country in France. He thought he was too old to go, for he was now seventy. But he went, and was received abroad with an unusually welcome.

In 1781 Franklin was one of the signers of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War. Because of poor health, he was now confined frequently to his bed. On April 17, 1790, at the age of eighty-four, Benjamin Franklin died. His last appeal to Congress was characteristic of this noble character. It was an urgent appeal to abolish slavery.

Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship.
Eat to live, and not live to eat.
Necessity never made a good bargain.

Justice is as strictly due between neighbor nations as between neighbor citizens.

Approve not of him who commends all you say.

Many without labor would live by their wits only, but they break for want of stock.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him.

Never leave that till tomorrow which you could do today.

Frugality is a fair picture; and habits of industry a good estate.

Remember that time is money.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing.

Keep flax from fire, and youth from babbling.

Love your enemies for they tell you your faults.

January Excursion

Let's start from the first day of January and take a trip. Understand me now, I don't mean a trip around the world merely, I mean a trip around the month. Be prepared now because we are going back a great many years. Now you Echo readers, just use the imagination that Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known to you as Lewis Carroll, used when he wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

Speaking of imagination, now you're ready to visit Ludwig Karl Grimm and his brother and watch them as they write their Fairy Tales. While we're visiting our literary friends, let's drop in on Robert Burns. He may read some of his poems in Scottish dialect. Let us hope one will be "Tam O'Shanter". Here's Edgar Allen Poe's dwelling place. Be brace; you know some of his work is very spooky. Sit tight, and he'll read us "The Raven".

Music soothes troubled nerves, I've heard, so let's stop right here and go into the domain of Wolfgang Mozart. Listen while he plays "The Magic Flute." You want more music? Then come with us to call on Franz Schubert. You'll be fascinated by his "Serenade". Now we'll have to go a long, long way. Perhaps we'd better fly. Walter Damrosch is conducting a symphony orchestra. But time out for music and literature. Let's take a little rest for it's a long way off to our statesmen's localities.

Here we are in Rome and it's way back in 106 B.C. Let's call on Marcus Tullius Cicero, the great orator and statesman. Wasn't it interesting to travel back so far? Now we'll just make pop-calls. But how can we spend such a short time with Benjamin Franklin, that famous man. Since much is told about him somewhere else in this paper, we'll leave him and go on. The Seniors will forgive us if don't stop to greet Edmund Burke, whom they know so well. Now just shake hands with Stonewall Jackson, the Confederate general, and tip your hat to William McKinley, one of our country's presidents. There's Paul Revere galloping by, just as he did when he went to warn the Minute Men of Concord and Lexington. We'll just nod to Alexander Hamilton in passing for we've a rather long jump now. Here we are. Let's give a loud cheer for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and applaud the popular British statesman, David Lloyd George.

Days are going very very fast, and we haven't yet peeped in on our artist, John Singer Sargent, now Sir Isaac Newton, the English astronomer. I'm sure the girls won't leave until they've greeted Lucretia Mott, one of the promoters of the first Women's Rights Convention. Here we are near the end of our journey. I hope you readers have enjoyed your trip and will be ready to go visiting in February with us.

Tecora Felton, Grade 8.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE

On Sunday, January 12, the Y. M. C. A. had charge of the Sunday services and presented an excellent program. Most inspiring was the poem recited so ably by Marcus Battle. The program was thoroughly appreciated.

HOBBY GUILD

As is well known the Y.M.C.A. has been trying for several weeks to start a hobby guild. Now at last, this organization is under way, and requests the cooperation of anyone interested. If you have a hobby of any kind, and have no place where you can work in peace, sign up now with the Y officers. Or you may give your name to Robert Bryant or Oliver Grooms. Why spend spare Sunday evenings doing nothing? The guild always welcomes visitors.

How Much Do You Know About January?

1. What is the earliest dated event in history?
2. What invention made Benjamin Franklin one of the foremost scientists?
3. What amendment went into effect on January 16, 1920?
4. What week is celebrated around January 17?
5. What service, established January 25, 1915, was a progressive step in uniting nations?
6. What day is observed on the last Sunday in January?
7. What act of special importance to Negroes went into effect on January 1, 1863?
8. What battle was fought near here on Jan. 3, 1777?
9. Name three famous musicians born in January.
10. Name a present day leader born in this month.
11. On his birthday, a campaign is started to raise funds to aid the fight against what disease?
12. What founder of an institution for the education of Negroes and Indians was born January 30, 1839?

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Snowscapes

When I awoke on the twenty-sixth, I glanced out of the window. One of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen greeted me. Water from the large silver tank back of the girls' dormitory had leaked out. A strong wind had sprayed the tree next to it. Freezing temperatures had completed the work, which now looked as if some magician must have placed a tree of pure crystal up against that shining silvery tank.

Out in the Delaware was a small freighter slowly breaking its way through the ice. It somehow reminded one of a sturdy pioneer in a new country.

Richard King, 9A.

Howling, hissing winds dashing against the window panes warn the people inside that all available blankets will be needed that night.

The moon, shining through the bare trees, smiles down on the peaceful snow lying like a silver-flooded river below. The whole world seems so pure and new.

Constance Collier, 9A.

When the moon, like a great yellow periscope, climbs high enough to cast its bright light over the campus, it is then I love to crawl out of bed and cross over to my window. The campus is wrapped in slumber neath a dark blue, star-dotted sky. Tall, leafless trees cast weird mocking shadows on the ground, and they seem like silent sentries guarding the sleeping companies.

Oliver Grooms, 9A.

As I came in the gateway from the main highway, the snow-covered academic building with its large white columns stood out tall and strong against the dark sky, reminding me of a mother guarding her smaller ones, for so the other buildings looked beside it.

Julius Demby, 9A.

Scout News

The Scouts want to start off by wishing everyone a prosperous year. Before the boys left for home Christmas, the scouts decorated the dormitory very beautifully.

On December 21, the scouts held their annual banquet with everyone having a good time. Mr. Staats and Mr. Johnson spoke very inspiringly. Other remarks were given by senior patrol leader, Thomas Freeman, Cobra patrol leader, John Fleming, and by Scout Marcus Battle. The refreshments served were sandwiches, candy, nuts, and punch.

Since vacation, only one meeting has been held. The scouts now are campaigning to collect fees, and increase their funds to carry out their many plans for the new year.

To Capt. Girls' Team



NORMA HOLCOMBE, recently elected co-captain of the Girls' Basketball team.

New York Alumni Entertain

The New York Chapter of the Bordentown Alumni Association entertained recently with its annual musical tea held at the Association of Trade and Commerce, 2370 Seventh Avenue, New York. Approximately eighty guests were present during the afternoon. The program, arranged by a committee under the direction of Mrs. Jessie P. McCoy, included piano and vocal selections, readings, and short talks.

Vocal selections were given by Gustavus Parker, baritone; Mrs. Benita Polk, soprano; Paul Jones, tenor; James E. Beane, baritone; and William Loftin, tenor. Miss Betty Polk rendered a piano solo and Mrs. Mae Chapman gave a reading. Lester B. Granger, former extension worker for the Bordentown School and now an administrator with the Department of Welfare of the City of New York, was the speaker for the afternoon. In addition, brief talks were given by Mrs. Virginia Williams, president of the New York alumni group; Mrs. Theresa Staats, teacher at the Bordentown School; and Wm. R. Valentine, Jr., present extension worker at the Bordentown Manual Training School.

Hosts and hostesses for the tea were: Virginia J. Williams, Georgia H. Pressley, Beatrice Brown, Daisy M. Jones, Jessie McCoy, Anna Smith, Marie Morse, Anna P. Nichols, Marguerite N. Boling, Jean Kemp, Bessie Kemp, Cuetta Jones, Lillian C. Batts, Frank Chapman, James E. Beane, Paul Jones, and Andrew Mack.

Honor Roll Appears

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Specials: Charlotte Lancaster, Edwin Dorsey, Joseph Martin, William Small, Channon Todd, Norman Powell.

Seniors: Anna Fitzgerald, Gladys Johnson, Eleanor Melvin, Gladys Neil, Louise Twisvan, Valeria Wright, Frank Armstead, Earl Baskerville, Joel Brown, Clyde Bryant, Dempsey Dixon, Frank Green, Cranston Harris, Edison McGuffin, Walter Reed, Frank Thompson, Ernest Tucker, David White.

Juniors: Ella Hill, Charlotte Wright, Joseph Brinkley, John McGhee, Charles Wadley.

Sophomores: Edward Calhoun, Lawrence Flood, Wilbur Twitty, Arthur Wells.

Freshmen: Kisiah Alexander, Bessie Cowart, Evelyn Faulkner, Adeline Gatlin, Doris Morrison.

Eighth Grade: Warren Layton, Geraldine Campbell, Tecora Felton.

Seventh Grade: Herman Haskins.

Juniors Sell 5,000 Christmas Seals

Junior Post Office sales stayed above 5000 for the second successive year, although the 5242 of 1939 fell slightly behind the 5400 mark of 1938.

The general procedure of the post office was the same. Wednesday and Thursday before Christmas saw large numbers of students sending cards. Larger quantities of mail were handled this year than usual.

The post office, designed for furthering the sale of Tuberculosis Seals was first sponsored in 1928 and the steady increase in sale is indication of the popularity of the idea.

Sales were as follows:

- 1928—1700 seals.
- 1929—No figures.
- 1930—2740 seals
- 1931—2800 "
- 1932—3000 "
- 1933—3216 "
- 1934—3430 "
- 1935—3500 "
- 1936—3650 "
- 1937—4345 "
- 1938—5450 "
- 1939—5245 "

Seniors Sing Carols

Thursday evening, December 21, long after midnight, those who were still awake hoping that morning and Friday, the day to go home, would come quickly could have heard over the still cold air such familiar and loved tunes as "Holy Night", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "The First Noel" and others. The Seniors were serenading the campus—going from building to building offering the last touch of Merry Christmas before school dispersed.

From ten-thirty until twelve thirty these carollers had enjoyed a party in the Recreation Room of Mrs. Davis' dormitory. Here games had been played, and gifts were distributed with humorous verses. There was also singing and dancing. A warming fire in the fire-place contributed much to the cheerfulness of the occasion.

Mabel Bailey was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

After the serenading, some fifty thoroughly chilled songsters were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine who served them sandwiches and hot chocolate.

Y.W.C.A. Has Christmas Vespers

Members of the Y.W.C.A. doubly observed the Yuletide season by a Vesper service the Sunday before the Christmas vacation and by a party on Wednesday evening, December 20.

The vesper service was in charge of Miss Gillespie and Mr. Smythwick. Eighteen girls in black dresses with white surplices, sat in an especially erected choir stall in front of the mantle in the recreation hall of Mrs. Davis' building and sang carols illustrating the reading of the Christmas story from the Scripture by Katherine Bruce.

Girls who sang were: Jean Gay, Claudia Jones, Alda Procter, Vivien White, Gladys Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Inez Smith, Norma Holcombe, Isabelle Hammond, Caroline Coy, Dorothy Fitzhugh, Valeria Wright, Lillie Young, Clara Brownley, Clarissa Berry, Rachel Casper, Beverly Walker, and Thelma Pemberton.

Members of the YMCA cabinet and faculty advisors were present.

On Wednesday, the annual party for Y members was held. Each girl received a small remembrance from the Y. Mrs. Valentine, preceptress, and the two matrons, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Bunce, each received a gift of appreciation presented by Jessie Shorts, president of the Y, and Louise Twisvan, chairman of the entertainment committee.

To Capt. Girls' Team



BERTHA WHITE, recently elected co-captain of the Girls' Basketball team.

Grunts and Groans

It is surely not a secret that on November 16, 1939, there was born an organization now destined to play an important part in the life of many Ironsides' young men. The initial performances of this group of fellows is to be held on the evening of February 16, at which time various boxers and wrestlers will show their pugilistic skill.

Mr. Morrow invited this reporter to one of the club's practice periods several days ago. We arrived that evening during a very interesting boxing bout between two flyweights, Lloyd McDonald and Hayden Swiggott. Each was trying to show the other, and in a very convincing matter, how to get black eyes.

In another corner of the gym two heavier fellows, Bobby Hundley and Paul Edwards, were giving a very good illustration of a perfect bout. It is highly probable that these two fighters will face each other in the ring on February 16. If you are interested in this sport, you can anticipate a very exciting evening at that time.

Bordentown Graduates In Monmouth County

The recently organized Monmouth County Bordentown Club met last Sunday at the home of George Fleming in Belmar for the purpose of strengthening its organization and starting an active program for the year.

The group met socially at a dinner served by the host. Following the dinner a short business meeting was held. The newly elected officers of the club are: George Fleming, president; Emmett Clark, vice-president; Theresa Ashby Smith, secretary; Alethia Bembry Gibson, treasurer. Aubrey Ashby and Edith Warren were appointed to the membership committee to be responsible for contacting eligible members of the club and securing their cooperation.

It was decided by the group that its primary function will be the raising annually of funds which are to be deposited with the Manual Training School, at Bordentown, for the purpose of aiding members of the Senior Class who are unable, for the lack of sufficient money, to return or remain to finish their senior year.

It has been decided that meetings will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month and that they will combine business and socializing.

Wildcats Break Even In Early Games

The basketball season got under way later this year, so that this issue has only two games for the varsity and cub teams and no games for the girls.

WILDCATS WIN OPENER 32-27

The Ironsides Wildcats basketball team enroute to another successful season made good its initial game with a score of 33-27 over the strong "Kaufman" aggregation from Trenton. The Trentonians made it a game all the way until the final period of the game, when the Ironsiders, paced by "Jeff" Smalls, flashy Wildcat flankman, put the game on ice with three field goals and three from the free throw lane.

After a slow start the game got underway and the action began to speed up. Powell, Bordentown's ace forward, drew first blood and flipped a beautiful shot in from side court for the first score. Quickly then, the Trenton lads followed through with a field and a foul to step out in to the lead. This was the only point of the game the visitors held the lead.

Bordentown's Francis, Todd and Robinson, after a great display of sensational shooting and passing and all around good play, penetrated the visitors airtight defense to again push Ironsides out in front for keeps.

Knight, Trenton's mainstay, who kept his team in the game with beautiful mid-court shots, sank goal after goal to close the wide gap as the first half came to a close with the score 16-10 in favor of the home team.

The second half was a repetition of the first with fine defensive work featuring the play of the Wildcats and successfully holding off the belated rally of the Trenton Kauffman's. The score at the final whistle was Bordentown 33, Trenton 27. **BOW TO EAGLETS 24-23**

The Wildcats travelled to Atlantic City last week to clash with the fast moving Blue Eagle quintet only to be turned back by a one point margin.

The game started off fast, but there was no score for the first few minutes of play; both teams shot speedy passes back and forth waiting for a weakness in opponents' defense; this was the sign of little scoring.

Then Thompson, last year Bordentown's dependable and high scoring forward, now playing opposite his former teammates, sank two lay up shots to put his team ahead. No sooner had these tallies registered, when Harris, Blue Eagle guard, dropped a beautiful arched shot from center court to widen the gap for the home team.

Taking the play in stride the Wildcats settled down to overcome the lead with "Jeff" Smith and "Mitts" Francis coming through with flip shots from side court to put the Wildcats back in the game.

The game then speeded up and both teams played smart and heads up basketball.

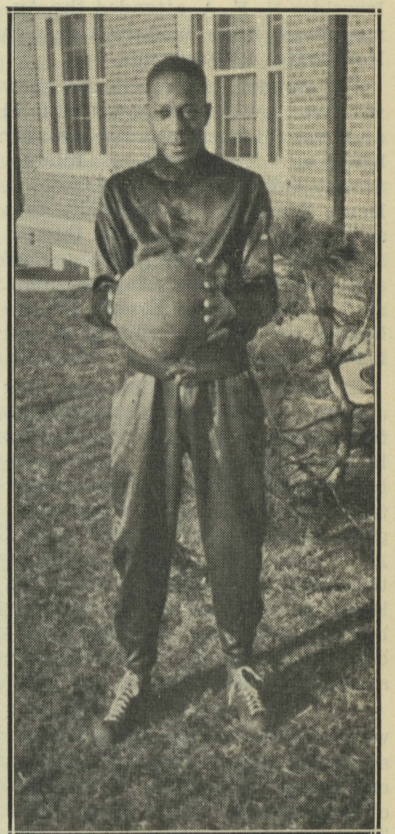
Thompson, Harris and Johnson with long shots from mid-court put the Atlantic City boys way out in front and widened the lead as the period drew to a close.

The period ended after Powell and Robinson, Ironside flankmen, sank one hand shots from side-court to close the margin 12-8 in favor of the home team.

It was the last half that kept the spectators on edge until the final whistle sounded which also proved to be the toughest tilt either array had met this season.

The fight was really a scorcher. Bordentown timely swayed the "Eagles" until some one had to give; the score was locked three times. The Wildcats finally stole the lead as the game drew to an end the with two minutes to play. Still playing a bank up game for the Eagles, "Bill" Thompson dragged his team from the shadow of defeat with a lay up shot to clinch the evenly fought match 24-23.

Beats Bordentown



"BILL" THOMPSON, former Ironsides star, whose shooting for Atlantic City Blue Eagles, put Ironsides on short end of 24-23 score.

Coppin Normal Cancels Games

Basketball games, Saturday, January 20, with Coppin Normal for both boys and girls, were cancelled by a note from the principal on Wednesday of that week.

Whether previous notification had been made to the secretary of the M3A is not known as the Echo goes to press. If notification of games cancelled was made in accordance with M3A rules, the games will simply be dropped from the schedule. If notification came too late, the games will be forfeited and will count to Bordentown's credit as victories.

Echo — All Football Team

- Center—Eva Hamlin.
- R.T.—Isabelle Hammond
- L. T.—Deanna Durbin.
- R.G.—Hattie English.
- L.G.—Jean Gay.
- R.E.—Alice Daniels.
- L.E.—Blanche Dove.
- Fullback—Frances Hairston.
- Halfback—Mary Elizabeth Hill.
- Halfback—Katherine Giles.
- Quarterback — Katherine Bruce.
- Gladys Johnson.
- Manager—Cornelia Grant.

Answers To January Questionnaire

1. Jan. 1, 4241 B.C. Invention of Egyptian calendar.
2. Discovery of electricity, Jan. 3, 1746.
3. Eighteenth amendment.
4. Thrift Week.
5. Transcontinental telephone service.
6. Child Labor Day.
7. Emancipation Proclamation.
8. Battle of Princeton.
9. Schubert, Damrosch, Mozart.
10. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
11. Infantile paralysis.
12. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, founder of Hampton Institute.

The Cubs this year have been successful, having won two out of two. They beat a team from Trenton 24-22 and a team in Atlantic City 17-16.