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PROGRESS CLUB SPONSORS XMAS PLAY CONTEST

Program Scheduled For Tuesday Ev'g, December 21

Members of the Ironsides Progress Xmas playlets in competition as the Sunday School Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, December 21.

The members of the club are casting and coaching the plays with a limited amount of help from the sponsor, Miss Scott.

The names of the plays and their casts are as follows:

Mrs. Santa Claus

Doris Richards.....Alice Copeland
Sally Holbrook.....Bernice Williams
Mrs. Brand.....Anna Fitzgerald
Mabel.....Pauline Brown
Jane.....Lillie Young
Susie.....Emma Rice
Coach—Alice Copeland

Sensible Christmas

Beth Towner.....Anna Montgomery
Mrs. Pratt.....Sarah Daymon
Mollie.....Julia Baugh
Cousin Jessie.....Anna Fitzgerald
Ruth.....Dorothy Peck
Coach—Kathleen Johnson

Christmas Makes The Heart Grow Fonder

Lee Swanson.....Valeria Wright
Mrs. Swanson.....Victoria Buffalo
Nora Dwight.....Beatrice Tucker
Phoebe Watson.....Leora Wright
Coach—Beatrice Tucker

The club has asked the following teachers to be judges: Miss Grant, Miss Bird, and Mrs. Staats.

STUDENTS BUY CURTAINS

About two weeks ago, Mr. Valentine in the chapel assembly asked the students to contribute at the rate of one cent apiece for the purchase of some new curtains on the doors at the entrance to the auditorium. The collection was to be made by classes and a report was to be called for on the first of December. When the reports were given, three classes were able to report 100% contribution; Seniors, Sophomores, and the Eighth Grade. A committee, headed by the Senior Class president, Lorenzo Brooks, measured and ordered the curtains, which are now in place.

STUDENTS MEET CADET OFFICERS

One of the recent chapel programs featured the presentation of the cadet officers to the student body by their own ranking officer, Senior Captain Lorenzo Brooks. The cadet officers were listed in an earlier issue.

The officers gave their usual Xmas affair on the evening of Saturday, December 11.

The gym was very beautifully decorated; and the guests including students and faculty apparently had a delightful time.

SENIORS LEAD NOV. ATTENDANCE

November record of students neither absent nor tardy.

Class	Rank
Seniors	1
Juniors	2
Sophomores	3
Freshmen	4
Specials	5
Grade 7	6
Grade 8	7

Juniors Will Sponsor Sale of Xmas Seals

Post Office Committee Hard At Work On Project

The Juniors are hard at work at their usual project of sponsoring the sale of Xmas seals through what all the campus has become accustomed to look forward to at this season of the year, the Xmas Post Office.

For the benefit of newcomers to the campus, it may be said that this post-office is held in the Library on the two days directly preceding the day of departure for the Xmas holidays, this year on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21 and 22.

Between 4:30 and 5:00 each of those days students may send cards and greetings through the medium of this local post-office, paying for their delivery at rates to be announced. All postage stamps are the Xmas seals that aid the fight against tuberculosis.

In previous years the sale of stamps has run over the 3000 mark. This year's sales with an increased enrollment should far exceed that of other years.

The committee in charge of the Junior Post Office is as follows: Russell Henry, chairman; Julia Baugh, Louise Twisvan, France Percy, Elizabeth Scott, Beneva, Washington, Ruth Smith, Mary Hall, Samuel Arrington, Joseph Gibson, Henry Banks, Harold Stewart, Robert Watson, Washington Baylor, Knowlton Atterberry. Miss Echols is the sponsor.

JOINT PLAY COMMITTEE CHOOSES "THE BAT"

Cast Announced For Spring Production

The joint play committee, made up of members of the Senior, Junior, and Special classes held play trials recently for the casting of the well-known mystery melodrama by Avery Hopwood and Mary Roberts Rhinehart, "The Bat", as a result of which the committee issues the following tentative cast:

Miss Cornelia Van Gorder,
Frances Smythwick
Miss Dale Odgen.....Doris Owens
Lillie Allen.....Emma Cheatham
Billy.....Charles Dingus
Anderson.....Joseph Gibson
Richard Fleming.....James Dixon
Brooks.....Edward Simmons
Doctor Wells.....Russell Henry
Reginald Beresford.....William Walker
Unknown Man.....Donald Williams

They were chosen as a result of trials; and the choices of the committee were submitted for approval to the Commandant, the Matron, the Nurse, and the Assistant Principal.

The play will be presented at Bordentown on the eleventh of March and at the Howard High School in Wilmington the following Friday. The committee, which is naturally a very large one, will be assigned to various divisions of the production.

The committee is as follows: Arlice Evans, chairman; Elijah Boyd, Besie Conrad, Portia Thompson, Clarence Wilson, Paul Bracy, James Dixon, Donald Williams, Cynthia Lewis, Richard King, Edward White, Charles Dingus, Theodore Allison, Grace Cain, Leora Wright, Walter Reed, Mary Bunting.

Miss Grant and Miss Echols will be in charge.

SENIORS PLAN XMAS PARTY

To Serenade Campus On December 22

Each year it has been the custom on the eve of the departure of the students for their Xmas vacation for the school to be honored by "sweet voices" of the night, emanating from the Senior Class. These voices sing the well-known carols and their owners promise that Dec. 22, will be no exception. Seniors who have vocal chords that will allow tuning are practicing; and the others have agreed to make a "joyful noise".

The annual Xmas party of the Seniors just precedes this campus serenade. That party, in turn, usually follows the Xmas party in the Rec and the ticket-selling. For that reason the party will not begin much before ten-thirty. Plans for an amateur night are in progress as well for a mutual exchange of gifts.

At the stroke of midnight, the Seniors and their sponsor will steal from the building and from then on those on the campus can be prepared to listen to the carols as they float (sweetly) across the cold, clear air.

This year the Seniors will make their last stop on this tour of song at the Principal's house, to which Mrs. Valentine has invited them to enjoy the warmth of cocoa and sandwiches. Mrs. Watson was their kind hostess last year.

Members of the committee in charge are: Vance Bethea, chairman; Alberta Birkhead, Hilda Simms, Mary Stevens, Mary Daniels, Marius Bloedorn, Bernice Williams, and Fred Richardson.

Note: Listen for the Seniors this year; and if they don't sound like the Vienna Boys' Choir, they will sing with so much spirit as to make up for the lack of harmony.

Official Notice Of Christmas Vacation

The Christmas Vacation begins this year on Thursday, December 23, 1937 and ends Monday, January 3, 1938 at 5:30 p. m. Students are expected to return promptly on January 3, 1938. Under no circumstances will students be excused before Thursday, December 23, and parents and guardians are requested not to ask permission to have their children excused earlier. Students will leave Thursday, December 23, from Bordentown by Pennsylvania Railroad.

Girls leaving by automobiles or bus must leave before twelve o'clock noon and boys leaving by automobile or bus cannot leave the grounds before one o'clock.

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

It is the duty of parents to see that students are on the school grounds not later than 5:30 p. m., Monday, January 3, 1938. Your co-operation in getting the student back promptly is necessary if these Christmas Vacations are to continue.

Signed:

W. R. Valentine,

Principal.

PHILADELPHIA ALL-STARS HOLD BORDENTOWN TO SCORELESS TIE IN POST-SEASON GAME

Students To See "Emil Zola"

The Jolly Sixteen, as their money-making entertainment to finance their yearly project, will present Paul Muni in "Emil Zola", on December 18.

Many of the upper classes are familiar through their history with the background of this remarkable film. Zola's famous letter, "J'Accuse" is in a reader used at the present time by members of Junior C, Beacon Lights of Literature Book IV.

Sophomores Stage Spelling Bee; Puello Wins First Prize

It is the object of different classes and clubs to present different kinds of chapel programs. The Junior Class led off this year with a "question bee." On November 30, the "B" section of the Sophomore class presented a "spelling bee." The participants were Jessie Shorts, Sallie Rice, Barbara Fletcher, Vivian White, Isabelle Hammond, Frank Armstead, Frank Thompson, Robert Puello, Gordon Long and Ernest Anthony.

The master of ceremonies was James Locklear; the judges were Frank Green for the boys and Lillie Mehlinger for the girls. Gladys Johnson pronounced the words, while Miss Byrd sponsored.

On the first word Jessie Shorts was eliminated; then the contenders went down slowly till Vivian White and Robert Puello remained standing. Vivian misspelled the comparatively easy word "invariably". Puello then spelled it correctly. After that all the contestants came forward again to see who could spell five, hard, long words. Jessie Shorts to make up for the mistake she made spelled the first word "acquiescence" with considerable ease. No one could spell "idiosyncrasies" so another word was called out, and that started the fun. "Poliomyelitis" another word for "infantile paralysis" is a phonetic word, yet everyone misspelled it. Miss Byrd had offered the contestants twenty cents if they could spell it, but they failed. She then offered anybody in the audience a quarter who could spell it. About 100 hands were raised, but as soon as she called for them to stand only four boys and one girl arose. After Bruce Smith spelled it, Miss Byrd commended him for his phonetic spelling, but he had a letter wrong. Emma Cheatham failing to spell it, the word passed on to a boy who was an eighth-grader, Robert Williams by name, whose mother is a graduate of Ironsides (heritage??). He got up, took his time and spelled every syllable as it sounded to him. He had it right because the thundering applause that he got proved it.

James Locklear then presented the prizes. Seventy-five cents to the winner of his team; given to Robert Puello. Fifty cents to Vivian White who was the survivor of the losing team; ten cents to Jessie Shorts for spelling a hard word, and last; but not least the speller of "Poliomyelitis" that hard word, Robert Williams, was given a quarter.

Wildcats Emerge From Late Season With Undefeated Record

On Saturday, December 4, the Bordentown Wildcats travelled to the Quaker City where they encountered the Philadelphia All Stars in the Seymour Stadium, to emerge with a scoreless tie. Despite the cold weather, many loyal fans of the stars and members of the Bordentown alumni as well as coaches from various famous Negro colleges filled the stands.

At the opening whistle, the Scholastic Stars with their new red and white jerseys representing some of the best football material Philadelphia has to offer came charging down the field to meet the courageous Wildcats who up to this time had a record free from blemishes.

The first quarter started off with Freddie Cooper, All-Star South Jersey halfback, carrying the ball through Bordentown's line for consistent yardage. Not until the All Stars had made three first downs did the lads from Bordentown wake up and get together and stop the advance of these outstanding players. During the latter part of the period the Wildcats began to click and the line opened up large clean holes through which the speedy gold and blue backs were able to gain three first downs before they were halted. The stubborn line of the Quakers was immovable and really displayed the great defensive power the All Stars are known to possess. "Fats" Stevenson, Central High School flash, stood out for the All Stars on the defense, and helped his teammates immensely in preventing the Wildcats from getting under way.

In the second quarter Bordentown was always on the offensive; and at no time did the Scholastics get into a scoring position. Joe Roberts, scrappy first string end, who had gone all season without a scratch, was injured; and for the first time was forced to leave a game.

The second half saw the All Stars still on the defensive and trying hard to check the forward motion of the Wildcats. After a series of end runs and off-tackle plays, the Ironsides gridders advanced the ball to the opponents' 2-foot line where a fumble prevented them from carrying the ball over for a score.

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Alumni Have Tea

On Sunday afternoon, November 28, the New York chapter of the Bordentown Alumni Association held a Tea at 236 W. 139th St., at which Mrs. Staats of our faculty was the guest speaker on "Art in Every Day Life". More than fifty graduates attended the Tea during the course of the afternoon. Several of them took part in the impromptu program including two former Glee Club stars, Roland Minor and Thomas Brooks.

Mrs. Georgia Pressly acted as mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Virginia Williams, president of the New York Chapter, acted as official hostess. The annual holiday dance of the Alumni Association will be given in New York on December 30.

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Going home for Christmas! My! that sounds good to everyone of you. So good that maybe you won't know how to behave when you get there. All of the family is going to treat you like a royal visitor. That's all fine and dandy. But are you going to overwork this generosity? Everyone in your household will be working to get the Christmas cleaning done, the dinner cooked, and all the rest necessary for getting a family celebration together. There are so many little things you can do that will give mother time to do more of what she wants to do for herself.

Your many friends will try to show you their happiness on your return. Don't forget to be appreciative. Visit the old lady next door. She will not only be glad to see you, but glad you thought enough of her to come. There's the little girl you used to go to the park with last summer. Maybe you haven't much time, but "there's always time for courtesy." You did have good times last summer, remember. Don't let new friends make you forget the old.

You have been told a great deal about how to act. Are you going to use this teaching to the best advantage? You must not overdo it, but you want people to know you know what is right, and that your education is helping you.

Almost everyone wants to go to that Christmas Eve party. If your parents say you can't go, they have a reason, so let it stand. Don't make the family miserable because you're there. Help entertain the family Christmas Day; you came home to spend it with them, you know.

When you do go out, be on your best behavior. You know how much people expect of students who have been away. People seem to expect a great deal in a few months.

You don't have to go home, for your vacation; you can spend it enjoyably here on the campus. But the same rules for good conduct apply everywhere. Don't forget them.

We wish to extend through this column our congratulations to the entire football squad, coaches, and trainers for the successful season.

"Nothing succeeds like success" is a popular saying with perhaps more truth than the average byword. Certainly success is sweet to the taste; but the real measure of its worth lies in the effect it produces on those who taste it. If those who succeed can acquire the humility that real achievement should bring, an increased realization of the possibilities of new attainment, then success can be a fine driving force and a most powerful stimulant to new endeavor. If, on the other hand, success gives only selfish satisfaction and a false feeling of superiority, it becomes lead on the feet of those who have it, heavy enough to keep them from moving on to new attainment. We are all familiar with the latter effects on teams, groups, and individuals. The sight is not a pleasant one.

Our team and coaches must certainly have realized before the season was very old that Bordentown had a fine team in the making or was encountering poorer competition than usual. Granting that both things might have been true, the players could have grown careless, overconfident, sloppy at practice, and have thrown away the opportunities for an undefeated season. That they did not, we feel, deserves our commendation.

Now that they have won their laurels, we shall be interested in seeing how they wear them; how those who won letters conduct themselves, how those who were not so fortunate as to win them conduct themselves and how well all those who held up the blue and gold of the Bordentown tradition on the gridiron live up to the best in some of the less colorful but necessary demands of campus life. Those who do are the "Real Champs." Somehow we feel that the members of the squad will do just that, that the boys on the 1937 football team will carry out through the year the sacrifice, the cooperation, the drive, the spirit that made this team one of the finest the school has ever had.

Football Squad of 1937, here's to you!!!!

The happiest and jolliest season of the year is not far away. In fact when this paper goes to press students will be cleaning and packing up getting ready to go home for an enjoyable vacation. What holiday season is as joyful and happy to us as Christmas? No school. Christmas gifts, fun, turkey—wait—let's stop here for a minute. Maybe some of us haven't realized it as yet, but many children are there who at our age, don't know of half these pleasures. Some, their parents struggling to make a living, are thankful that they are living each Christmas.

When you get home, settle down and get ready to do some shopping. You'll see as you go along the street, maybe Salvation Army people with contribution boxes or some person selling seals, all devoting themselves to the cause of helping others who are not so fortunate. As you see them drop a few pennies or more into those boxes and see if you don't feel much better. Buy those seals and contribute, if it's just a little, to other people. As the Bible says "you will receive tenfold." Think this over, especially on Christmas, "It is (feels) better to give them to receive."



Christmas Beginnings

Christmas dates back only to the fourth century, although there are earlier references to the celebration in many places. The name, Christmas, comes from Christ's Mass, the mass said in honor of His birth. The Italian word for Christmas is Natale, and the French Name is Noel.

Christmas customs in America have come largely from Europe. Our tree came from Germany; our Santa came from Holland; Belgium gave us the idea of the stockings; and "Merry Christmas" in Old England was shouted from window to street on Christmas morning. The England also gave us carol singing, mistletoe and holly, and much good cheer.

In almost all civilized countries, the tree is a big part of Christmas. Germany introduced the tree, and in the old town of Altenbergen, there stands a statue to the man who was behind it all. During the eighth century, a missionary came upon a group of natives who were preparing to offer a human sacrifice to a great oak tree. The missionary halted the procedure just as the youth was about to be killed. He ordered the natives to cut down the tree. They did so from sheer terror.

As the tree struck the ground, there appeared among the branches a tiny fir tree. The little tree seemed to have come by magic, and the natives were amazed. Then the missionary said, "This little tree shall be your holy tree. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are forever green. Let us call it the tree of the Christ Child. Let it shadow only loving gifts, and deeds of kindness." So the natives carried the tree to the banquet hall and regarded it as a symbol of life eternal.

Mumming is still observed in some of the larger cities. It is the custom people have of dressing up in queer costumes and masks, and visiting from place to place, singing comical songs for the amusement of all. This custom is fast dying out, however.

The Christmas dinner is one of the main events of the festive day. One doubts whether, in any country, they stuffed themselves fuller than we do today. "Bringing in the boar's head" was an important ceremony in Old England. To top the meal, there was a huge plum pudding. Today it is quite different in our country. We have the "great American bird" on our platters, but we have the same old merriment and good will as they had in days gone by.

The first cards appeared less than one hundred years ago. In 1846 an English artist made some decorated cards for a very busy man to send his friends. In 1862 a lithographer was daring enough to try out the idea of issuing several cards with "Merry Christmas" on them in various designs. From then on Christmas cards increased in numbers and styles until today, one cannot think of the season without them.

Our custom of hanging a sprig of mistletoe over a doorway to invite romance came from an old Druid ceremony of hanging it over a fireplace to invoke the spirits.

So the stories of Christmas grow. Times change, and customs change with the times, but the joy of Christmas remains.

Exchanges

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Normal Index, Normal, Alabama—we enjoy reading your interesting publication. Keep up the good work.

Fisk Herald, Nashville, Tennessee—We liked the article "Port Royal."

The Skeeter, Bordentown, N. J.—Thanks for your comment on our "Movies".

Berean Broadcast, Philadelphia, Pa.—We are glad to note the progress shown through your paper of the school.

New Jersey Educational Review, Newark, N. J.—The article "Time Mooches On" is cleverly written.

Virginia Statesman, Ettricks, Va.—Liked "Through Dark Glasses".

Downingtown Bulletin, Downingtown, Pa.—We read a quotation from one of your former students who is now with us. Bordentown isn't as bad as that sounds.

State Signal, Trenton, N. J.—We lose library books, too. I guess misery loves company.

The Collegian, Orangeburg, S. C.

High School Times, Hightstown, N. J.—Interesting paper.

Lincoln Digest, Trenton, N. J.—We want to congratulate the New Lincoln School on the first edition of the "Lincoln Digest". We find it most interesting and shall be looking forward eagerly to the next edition.



Holiday Spirit Pervades The Domestic Science Classes

Boys! Girls! Have you noticed the candy apples appearing around the campus? The girls of the domestic science classes really have the holiday spirit in a big way. If you could just peep into those kitchens upstairs, I'm sure your mouths would water.

I know you all have enjoyed good fruit cake plenty of times. But you haven't had any real fruit cake until you have tasted that made by our girls. The fresh eggs, the creamy outter, the fruits, the nuts that are so tempting (not all of them get in the cake) the spices—all together they make a delicious cake.

Cranberry jam is a dish that requires some technique too. The berries must be just right, and the jam is brightly colored and tasty. You know, boys, you could cook too. Don't laugh; it's an art, and a very profitable one.

But let's get back to our holiday preparations. Candy is interesting to make. Most of us enjoy good chocolate candy. But the real candy is made upstairs in our kitchens. Some of the girls make a candy called pinuchi. This is very delicious and I'm sure you all wish you could taste it. It contains fresh nuts, brown sugar, and is just running over with creamy butter. It's just as good as it sounds, too.

Believe it or not, students, we've really got something up there in those domestic science rooms. Mrs. Jones, our teacher, is very anxious that we learn these things, not only to use later, but for our own pleasure. There is as much fun in cooking as there is work.

I guess I'd better stop this gossip, but I just had to let you know what's causing all the bustle upstairs. Of course, I could go on talking and writing, but I guess I'd better stop.

Emily Johnson, 8A.



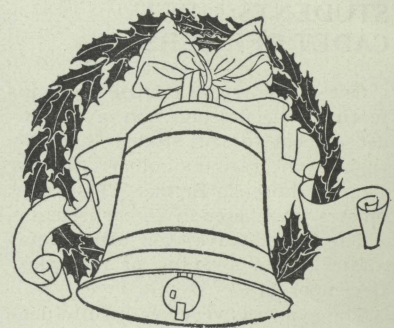
Tuberculosis Seals "Sharing Christmas"

Are you one of the students who has been asked by the Juniors to buy Christmas seals? Perhaps you wonder why they are so anxious for you to cooperate with them, and why they are trying to sell so many. When someone asks you to buy these stamps to help those who have tuberculosis, you probably do so because you are asked to by some friend, or because you can't send a Christmas card on the campus unless there is a seal on it. If you knew the great good you were doing, you would buy more and willingly, too.

The Christmas seal was first issued as a message of goodwill. Letters and packages carried the seal, and the money raised was used to build a sanatorium for children. Jacob Riis who found one of the first seals on a letter addressed to him, secured information about it and enthusiastically wrote about it in the Outlook. The story inspired Miss Emily Bissell to design a seal similar to it. This seal was issued in 1907. Her purpose was to raise money for a small sanatorium in which she was interested. Then the American Red Cross offered the seal to the nation.

Later it was transferred to the National Tuberculosis Association and has since been the chief means of support of that organized movement. With the cooperation of everyone, this fight against tuberculosis can continue, and the death rate will keep on dropping lower. In 1909, at Farmingdale, New Jersey, the first institute for the prevention of tuberculosis among children was established. Today there are many of these preventoriums throughout the country.

The Christmas seals that you buy help those unfortunate ones who have this dread disease more than we can realize. So, when the Juniors ask you to buy, remember why, and buy as many, and as cheerfully, as you can.



Merry Christmas

Magi came from lands afar.
East they looked, and saw the star,
Radiance beamed upon the earth,
Rejoicing glorified His birth,
Yuletide brought great joy and mirth.

Carols now we gaily sing.
Holly wreaths from windows swing,
Red and green adorn each room,
Incense sheds its rich perfume,
Stars are shining, clear and bright,
Trees are all aglow with light,
Mistletoe is hung around,
Angels sing their joy profound,
Saviour, let Thy love abound.

Livingston Brings "Ag" Group Home

Continued from last issue

Rising early the next morning, we were able to catch a few hurried glances of this city within a city. A perfect power plant is this great school with all its own resources. This institution is an achievement of which every Negro can well be proud.

The time of our departure drew nigh and once again we were on our way. At Montgomery, Alabama, we stopped and ate breakfast. Then driving hard we pushed farther south through Mobile where we began to cross the lowlands into Mississippi, the heart of the lowlands. Much of the time while we sped down this ribbon of asphalt on both sides of us land was submerged under water. But the goddess of good fortune was smiling on her sons of Ham and we had no accidents. We passed within 12 miles of Florida, then our direction turned southwest and we crossed into Louisiana, the state Huey Long made famous. Every bridge or piece of public property bore his name. But this state is indeed beautiful. Shortly after dusk had settled we entered New Orleans the most glamorous city of the South and on historic Basin Street we ate our supper. We soon had to bid adieu to this beautiful city of romance and we all did so regretfully. It was short to Baton Rouge where we spent the night at Southern University. Baton Rouge is one of the most beautiful cities in the south. In the morning we awoke to find many other N.F.A. delegations had made this their headquarters. After being shown about the large premises of the college we joined the other groups and headed southwestward with Prairie View our destination as one great caravan. The day was uneventful as we passed across mile after mile of flat road. We passed the last Huey Long bridge and we had entered the Great Lone Star state. Nightfall caught us on the road. However, we pushed on stopping in Houston for several hours. We left Houston knowing we were only 45 miles from our destination. About midnight we arrived at Prairie View, tired and sleepy but safe and sound.

The four days we spent at Prairie View will never be forgotten. Every day something new presented itself to claim our interest. Saturday we rested and became acquainted with the numerous other fellows. Monday was devoted to committee meetings and the judging contest which was won by Tennessee, New Jersey placing a close fourth. Monday night an oratorical contest was held which was won by the gentlemen from sented. Tuesday was devoted to the new business and Wednesday to the election of officers. The next Con-Georgia. New Jersey was not prevention will be held at Savannah. Georgia, and the year 1939 at Bordentown, N. J.

Thursday morning before the sun had made its appearance in the east we were headed northward. Speeding through Texas we saw huge herds of cattle, sheep, cotton fields and oil wells. We passed through Kilgore, the site of a great number of the Texas oil wells. Since our return home, in a Negro hamlet not far from Kilgore, oil has been struck. Ever northward we passed Bishop College through Texarkana into the State of Arkansas. Here we saw and traveled the true back roads. Having to take a detour we took the wrong one and travelled about 50 miles in the backwoods of Arkansas. We saw some of the living conditions and habits of our lighter skinned brethren which were amazing. Finally, however, we reached our destination. Pine Bluffs, Arkansas. We spent the night at Arkansas State College. We hit the trail for home well after the sun had started on its trek across the heavens. Through Little Rock and

Thanksgiving Holidays Filled With Activities

It was Thanksgiving morning, and all the students were happy and gay. It wasn't just because it was Thanksgiving Day, but because the sun was shining and that afternoon there was to be a football game which would decide whether or not Ironsides would win the M3A Championship.

The students went to a Thanksgiving service at ten o'clock, Thursday morning. It was given by the Y.W. C.A. Carols were sung, recitations were given and the whole service was very impressive.

In the afternoon the eagerly anticipated football game began. The air was filled with happy voices and gay laughter. Some were singing and others were talking. This spirit of cheer and goodwill lasted all the afternoon. The boys fought hard, and the final victory was greeted with shouts and cheers by all Ironsiders, proud of an undefeated team.

On Friday there were a number of activities for all. In the morning there was a football game between the Prevocational team and a team of last year's prevocational boys. The game ended with a zero tie score in the third quarter on account of a dispute among the boys.

The Boy Scouts went on a camping trip to Camp Mahalala. They left Friday morning and stayed until Sunday. They learned many new and interesting things about scouting, and hope they'll be able to return to Mahalala in the spring.

Friday afternoon there was a basketball game between the students and the faculty. Of course the students won, but the game afforded an hour of interesting entertainment.

Friday evening there was a movie at which everyone had an enjoyable time. There were two shorts, and then the feature, "Empty Holsters" starring Dick Forum.

On Saturday afternoon there was a football game between the Juniors and the Sophomores. The latter's team won with a score of seven to six. In the evening, the Vigilants gave a club social for any wishing to pay an admission fee of ten cents. Almost all the students went and spent two hours in merry dancing and socializing.

Sunday was the last day of our vacation. The Junior girls presented a program in chapel in the morning. It ended the list of activities for the holidays, ending, too, one of the most pleasant recess periods we have had.

We were speeding over mile after mile of endless flat road which seemed to have no destination. Eventually we reached the Father of Waters and crossed the Mississippi into the State of Tennessee and the City of Memphis. We dined on Beale Street to the accompaniment of Beale Street Blues. We spent the night here. We were entertained at a party by several charming southern belles. Leaving Memphis with many pleasant memories, we began to encounter mountains although they were not the worst we were to cross.

At Nashville we visited Mr. Work's alma mater, Fisk, and Tennessee A. & I. Leaving this city built on hills we pushed into the mountains with Knoxville as our goal. Many times as we passed around the tops of these mountains we saw the tops of clouds below us. We passed many picturesque stands in these hills were deft fingers had woven and had knitted bedspreads, work done by these mountaineers during the bitter winter months, were on display. We stayed at Knoxville with the majority of our mountain travel behind us. Once again we crossed the state line of Tennessee and entered Virginia, up through the Shenandoah Valley where Sheridan made his famous ride. Through Bristol on to Manas-

Did You Know

That the potato chips that people relish so much were first introduced by a Negro chef in 1865?

That the first patent awarded to a Negro was granted to Henry Blair, of Glenrose, Maryland, on October 14, 1834, for a seeding corn planter?

That the famous blues composer, William Christopher Handy, was the first to create jazz music? That he is known as the "Father of the Blues" for his "St. Louis Blues," "Memphis Blues", and "Beale Street Blues"?

That the first Negro song popularizer was Johann Christian Gottlieb Graupner?

That the first Negro doctor in America was James Durham, of Philadelphia, who settled in New Orleans?

That the first Negro doctor to become a member of a medical association was Dr. John Vancerville De Grasse, who was admitted to the Mass. Medical Society in 1854?

That in the first Caesarean operation that was successful two Negroes assisted?

That the first Negro Medical journal was The Medical and Surgical Observer published in December, 1892?

That the first Catholic Negro priest ordained to work in the United States was Rev. Augustus Tolton who was ordained at the College of Propaganda, Roma, Italy, on April 24, 1886, and opened a mission at Quincy, Illinois?

That the first state school for the education of Negro children was the Snowden School of Alexandria, Virginia, on July 11, 1870?

That Lincoln University was the first Negro college? That it was established as Ashmun Institute in 1854, and changed to Lincoln University in 1866?

That the first Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded to a Negro was awarded to Edward A. Bouchet by Yale University in 1876?

That the first Negro congressman was Joseph H. Rainey, of South Carolina, and that he served ten years?

That the first Negro congressmen to sit in any state legislature were Edward G. Walker and Charles L. Mitchell, of Boston, who were elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1866?

That Ebenezer Don Carlos Bassett was the first Negro to receive a government appointment and that he was made Consul General to Haiti where he served from 1869 to 1877?

That Mrs. Violette N. Anderson, of Chicago, Illinois, has the distinction of being the first Negro woman lawyer to be admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, January 29, 1926?

That Hiram Rhodes was the first Negro senator?

CHRISTMAS POEM

A few more days and then vacation I'll be waiting at the Bordentown Station.

No more Tuell to ring the bell. No more "Major" to wish us well. I hear the voice of the holidays call "Come unto me and rest." I put down those beans and bread And pick up a turkey's breast.

sas, Virginia, the scene of another battle of that great conflict between the blue and gray and the home of two of our agricultural boys, G. Robinson and J. Farr. Far, far into the night we paused in the Capitol for refreshments. Resting a few hours we got in the cars once again to ride that last leg of our delightful journey. We were homeward bound with Bordentown our destination. At 10:30 a. m., September 6, thirteen tired but happy Ironsiders returned to their own campus, perched on her hilltop, overlooking field and river. Richer they were and wiser in knowledge and thoughts of the south and southern part of our great country.

More Blessed Than Receiving

December and Christmas! The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 54, thought of this as their troop leader brought to mind the old proverb, "Better to give than to receive." For the last two years now, Troop 54 had given something each Christmas to some needy person. Eagle Scout Roy Runt jumped to his feet. "I move that we give blind old Jenkins, the hermit, a radio this year."

Bob Jordan and several others got up to second the motion. "All right, boys, I guess that settles it. A radio goes to blind Jenkins," said Mr. Shout, their scoutmaster. "I hope you boys will cooperate to raise the funds."

"We will," shouted the boys, and they were dismissed.

The next day the neighbors were surprised to know how cheaply they could get the snow cleaned off their sidewalks. Husbands loafed, thinking it worth twenty-five cents to have trash carried out, and their porches cleaned. Slim Jackson, the only Negro scout in the troop, worked as hard as any of them.

At the troop meeting the next night the collection amounted to twelve dollars and ninety-five cents of hard earned money. Slim Jackson himself contributed two dollars and a half.

Three days before Christmas everyone was happy and gay. The Boy Scouts had purchased a small radio with their money. The radio dealer, after hearing for whom it was gave as his present a cabinet to go with it.

It was just at this time that Bull Ingram came back from the country. He had once before been in the neighborhood and had tried to join the scouts, but had been refused because he was such a bully. He had taken this as an insult and had sworn revenge. Then he had left town, and now he was back again. Would he think again of getting revenge?

The first thing Bull did was to let everybody know he was back. The scouts had never really thought of Bull as a bad fellow at heart. They often wondered what made him do such unpleasant things. His best friend was the very old man to whom the boys were giving the radio. Hermit Jenkins had always liked the rough bully too, and had done a great deal to make him a good youth. But it all seemed in vain.

Bull had always thought of the old man as a sort of father. He would take him food and other things. When he heard of the Boy Scouts' idea, he became jealously angry; why, he couldn't tell. But his anger continued, even when he tried to forget it.

The boys purchased the radio and put it away until Christmas. Then things went on as usual. The day before the holiday, Roy, who had been given the radio to keep, took it out to wrap it in festive paper. Just as he lifted it, the doorbell rang sharply. It startled Roy so that the radio dropped from his hands and crashed to the floor. There it lay, a heap of broken wood and shattered bulbs. As Roy opened the door, in his dismay, he blurted out, "Look! look at what you've done!"

"Why, what?" Bull glanced past Roy and saw the broken radio on the floor. "How did I do that? I just came in."

"Well," answered Roy, almost tearfully, "well, if you hadn't rung the bell so hard, I wouldn't have dropped it."

Bull slammed the door angrily and headed for home. Then, as a thought came to him, he turned suddenly and walked in the direction of the scoutmaster's house. He paced up and

Gifts For Xmas

Christmas is a time for giving, so let's give:

- R.P. a box of brown shoe polish.
- H.B. a hat that will fit.
- H.S. a new sneer.
- L.F. a pair of clippers.
- W.T. a few pairs of socks (not on the jaw, though).
- L.M. a dozen pencils.
- H.C. some new jokes.
- I.J. a new line.
- F.S. a new vocabulary.
- C.S. a book on manners.
- E.P. another pair of ear rings.
- M.V. a box of handkerchiefs.
- B.F. a boy friend.
- V.B. some skirts that are long enough.
- E.H. a stamp book.
- C.T. a mirror.
- Cat Club the record "Coquette".
- E.J. a book on "How to Dance".
- J.P. a lying certificate.
- E.B. and B.W. rattles.

Carpenters Begin New Project

The carpenters at Ironsides under the supervision of Mr. Staats and Mr. Davis have begun one of the largest and most instructive projects of recent years. They are building a two-room addition on the residence of Mr. Banks. The work will be done wholly by student mechanics under the direct supervision of Mr. Davis. This project offers opportunities in practical workmanship that have not been enjoyed by most of the previous classes. The student mechanics will begin construction in the basement and carry it up to and including the second floor. They will have to apply many of the fundamental principles of building construction, such as those pertaining to cutting and framing windows, making basements, building frame work for houses, inside and outside construction, and making rooms.

More general attention should be given to the craftsmanship of the boys in the Pre-vocational Shop. Those boys make many useful and valuable gadgets from both metal and wood. When they have finished an article, it doesn't look "pre-vocational" at all. Congratulations Mr. Cheatham.

There is a girl on the campus who has some of the Band Boys worried because of her powers as a musician. She plays a clarinet.

down aimlessly for a few minutes, then squared his shoulders and went up and rang the bell.

Mr. Shout himself opened the door. "Why, come in, Bull," he said, "sit down."

"I, I just thought I'd—I'd—" then he burst out with the whole story from beginning to end, finishing with a plea to be allowed to replace the broken radio.

Mr. Shout nodded understandingly. "I think I know how you feel, son," he said; "and, for the scouts, I'll accept your offer."

Christmas came. Bull, Roy, Mr. Shout, and all the fellows were crowded in the one room of the blind hermit's hut. Blind Jenkins was turning on the new radio, one exactly like the first the boys had purchased.

"Christ was born on this holy day," said the announcer, "and with Him was born the fuller meaning of the old proverb, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And, in all that group, no one felt happier than Bull, the newest of the scouts.

Roland Williams, 8A.

Bordentown Defeats Storer 19-0 To Clinch M3A Championship

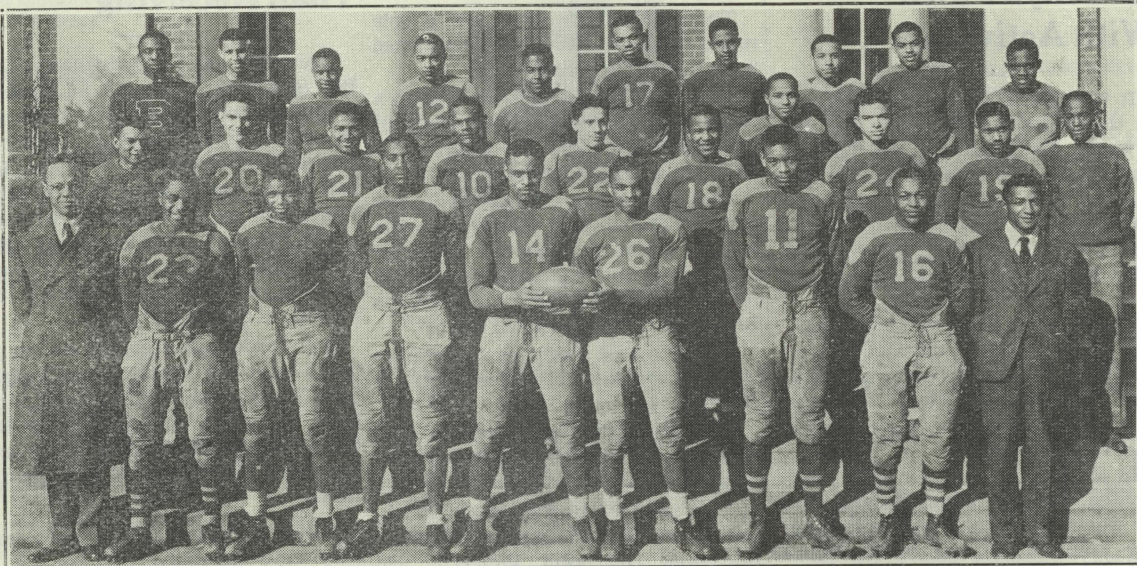
Well folks, we just had to win the championship this year. Our boys knowing this in the past got down to business and routed every team they could, and they routed all of them too. Only one they didn't beat and that was Cheyney; but even though we did not rout them, they did not rout us because they held us for a scoreless tie. The boys not liking that decided to take it out on Storer, beating them to the score of 19-0 on Turkey Day. After the game the boys went wild. In the first place they were going to tear the turkey that night (being that they had soup before the game); in the second place they were the M3A Champs; in the third place they were going to play Upshur's Philadelphia All-Stars on the fourth of December as a post season game and they hoped to defeat them also; and in all the places the future just looked good for them. If you want to know the events leading up to their going wild just read the play-by-play description of the game in the following paragraphs.

Ironsides kicked off to Storer. Tommy Johnson booted the ball to Storer's 10-yard line. It was picked up and run back to their 30 yard line before the man was tackled. Storer then began an attack that surprised their opponents. Giving their fullback the ball four times, they made four first downs. Bordentown made a substitution after calling time out and after a costly fumble which threw Storer for a loss the visitors lost the ball on downs. Johnson went over left tackle twice for a first down. Glasco romped 15 yards down the field. A pass failed. Then a 3 yard gain by Glasco was chosen in preference to a 5-yard penalty on Storer, losing 2 yards for the team. Richardson and Young advanced the ball to the coffin corner and Young took it over. In spite of a steady drive on Ironsides' part, the quarter closed without another score.

Storer tightened up appreciably in the second period; and although unable to score themselves, kept the Wildcats' feet to the fire.

In the period immediately following the half, both teams played open ball. Storer punted on the third down and Ironsides failed to gain more than one first down when the team was penalized 15 yards for holding. Johnson, who had gone out of the game, returned. He tried a fake punt formation that failed to work and finally punted to his own 40 yard line where the Storer receiver was tackled as soon as he

Here They Are!!! The Undefeated Wildcats



Front row: Coach Watson, Williams, Brooks, Herring, Captains Butler and Boyd, Drake, Roberts, Coach Ray. Second row: Allison, Robinson, Glasco, T. Johnson, Richardson, Young, Harris, Gibson, Livingston, King (Trainer). Back Row: Snelling (Manager), Lawrence, Arrington, Physic, Henry, C. Johnson, Twyman, Jacobs, Hanson, Small.

Roving Reporter Questions Campus

Question—How do you account for the fine showing made by the undefeated football team this season?

T. C. Williams, assistant principal: Judging from the games I saw, I should say that the charging of the team when the ball was snapped was one of the factors for the success of the team. I have never seen finer work of this kind by a high school team.

Mary Bunting, Junior: In my estimation the boys were successful because they didn't assume an attitude of over-confidence while they were playing their games.

Ernest Smaw, Junior: In my opinion the dexterity used in developing this year's team has had much to do with its spectacular success.

Edward Holmes, Eighth Grade: Good spirit.

S. E. Echols, Junior sponsor: I think the fine spirit and the willingness to cooperate as a whole had a lot to do in the developing of this year's team. The unity on the field made them an aggressive squad.

Leon Funderburke, Special: The fine showing is due to the fact that this year's team cooperated in striving to win the M3A crown.

caught the ball. The prettiest play of this period was a 35-yard run for a touchdown with perfect blocking. He was tackled practically on the line, and on the next play took the ball over center for a score. No extra point was made.

In the last period, playing a losing game, the Storer team fought gallantly. There were penalties for unnecessary roughness, much fumbling, and practically no successful passing. The last tally of the game was made by a play over right tackle (Storer's weakest side) by George Glasco after the ball had been advanced on off-tackle plays and end runs.

The game closed with a 19-0 score in favor of the undefeated Wildcats.

Special mention goes to Storer's fullback, Henry Hill, for playing a great game, and for his ability to break up center. Charles Baylor, Storer's right end, must be commended for staying in the Wildcats' backfield most of the time.

As for the Wildcats, let it be said that Richardson, Johnson, Young, Glasco, Williams, Livingston, and Boyd played a fine game.

1937 Varsity Letter Men

ROBERT DRAKE, End
JOSEPH ROBERTS, End
GORDON HERRING, Tackle
ERNEST BUTLER, Tackle
KENNETH WILLIAMS, Guard
LORENZO BROOKS, Tackle
EDWARD LIVINGSTON, Center
GEORGE ROBINSON, Guard
JOSEPH GIBSON, Center
THOMAS JOHNSON, Fullback
ROLAND GLASCO, Halfback
ELWOOD YOUNG, Quarterback
FRED RICHARDSON, Halfback
ELIJAH BOYD, Quarterback
CRANSTON HARRIS, Halfback

Gleanings From The Gridiron

Our hats are off to the Wildcat championship team of 1937. Long may they reign on top.

The "Ginsburgs" which is an organization consisting of seven Juniors (original three Allison, Gibson, and Jacobs) have gained a great deal of recognition for its fine spirit and sportsmanship—Nice work, boys.

We don't like to ask this but where were the cheerleaders (mentally, we mean) after Storer recovered an Ironsides fumble on their 40-yd. line the cheer rang out "We want a touchdown"—Nice work if you can get it.

We wonder if Butler ever found his teeth.

Captain Boyd considers himself the fastest man on the squad as a result of a couple of spectacular runs which he reeled off at a recent game—But his boys say that he was just lucky.

Our lanky boy Rosey has been nominated for the All Conference "holder of the chain."

Come to think of it—could there be any connection between those ten page compositions called "locals" and the fine showing that the team made? We just asked the question. No harm meant.

Will some one please tell us who took all the kick out of "Mule".

We are hoping that you realize that the team was unscored on in League competition; and that only once in the season, as a matter of fact, in one of the earliest games did it allow Wissahickon to score one fatal six that kept its record from being absolutely clear.

We always thought that Physic thought he was good-looking, but we didn't know that he was so convinced of it. When the photographer from Trenton was making the football pictures, Physic was standing in the second row. The photographer (thinking of size) said "That

1937 Grid Stars Sing Swan Song

When the Bordentown Wildcats left the field in Philadelphia last Saturday, Dec. 4, some of them had played their last game for Ironsides. The Echo reporter thinking that at a moment like that some of them would be thinking over their football careers here, interviewed some and quotes them as follows:

Captain Elijah Boyd (Dusty) four years varsity back: I have been captain of the blue and gold eleven for three years. This year I am exceedingly proud to be the captain of a championship team.

George "Felix" Robinson, two years varsity guard: "In this, my first year of consistent playing, I enjoyed playing with the fellows very much, and I'm sorry that I don't be here to play another year."

Frederick "Rene" Richardson, three years varsity fullback: "It was a swell season; everyone gave his best. I am glad that we won the championship."

Gordon "Fish" Herring, two years varsity tackle: "I enjoyed playing on the team and I am certainly glad that we won the championship."

Co-Captain Ernest "Scoop" Butler, three years varsity tackle: "Everyone fought hard and gave all they had. I am proud to have been the co-captain of such a swell team."

Lorenzo "Reggie" Brooks, first year varsity guard: "I have wanted to play varsity football for several years, and this was my first chance. I found the game all I expected."

Edward "Fats" Livingston, two years varsity center: "A swell bunch of fellows to work with and I am proud to say I have played on a championship team."

good-looking boy in the second row come forward". Physic IMMEDIATELY came forward and be it forever remembered, no body else moved.

Several scouts for colleges were at the All-Star game in Philadelphia looking for material for their teams. We understand that several of the students had offers to Wilberforce, Cheyney, Virginia State and other colleges.

Coach Watson was so pleased with his boys that he forgot to pull his usual "Gil Dobie" or gloomy pose before the big games.

Ask "Two-point" Arrington how he got his name!!!!

We congratulate Brud Holland, Cornell end, on his selection to Grantland Rice's mythical All-American Team; incidentally we want to congratulate Rice on his selection.

Basketball Season Opens Before Xmas

Girls and Boys Elect Captains; Coach Ray Hopeful

Hardly is an athletic season over before another comes to capture the interest of the campus and to provide exercise and training for the players as well as thrills for the spectators. December usually brings thoughts of basketball almost before the cheers on the football team have died away.

Both boys' and girls' teams have elected their captains for the year. The boys are pictured in this issue but the girls held elections too late for a cut. Pictures of the girl captains and the coach will appear in January.

Coach Ray gives the following statement: The prospects for another successful basketball season, while not brilliant, can certainly not be called poor. The first call for practice finds the old stand-bys, Richardson and Young, captain and co-captain, throwing aside their football armor to don the garb of the well dressed young basketball player. With the above as a nucleus, being the sole survivors of last year's first five, much can be expected from the aggressive and spirited play that the Fowlers, Dixons, Johnsons, Bowmans, Livingstons, Jones, and Lewis should evolve about them. Without being unduly optimistic, we should certainly, I feel, give a good account of ourselves.

The girls have selected as their captain and co-captain respectively, Olive Price and Julia Baugh, both fine players on last year's team. While graduation did bring some losses to the team last year, the girls were not hit as hard as the boys; consequently there are the following who were members of last year's squad: Bernice Williams, Julia Baugh, Ruth Lee, Beatrice Tucker, Meta Britton, Valeria Wright, and Olive Price.

ALL-STAR GAME

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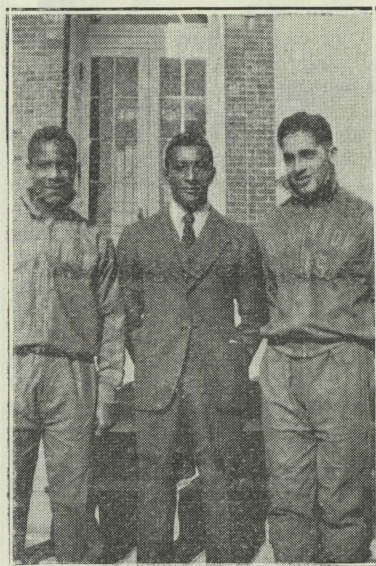
In the last quarter the All-Stars opened up with a passing attack in the hopes of scoring on the Ironsides gridders. This, too, was unsuccessful; and the final whistle found the ball in the possession of the All Stars on their own 15-yard line.

The line-up was as follows:

Bordentown	All Stars
Joe Roberts	L. E. Jack Thompson
E. Butler	I. T. "Fats" Stevenson
K. Williams	L. G. D. Edwards
"Fats" Livingston	C. C. "Snapper" Craig
F. Robinson	R. G. Franny Johnson
G. Herring	R. T. Wilbur Boyd
R. Drake	R. E. "Snake" Smith
E. Young	Q. B. Freddy Cooper
R. Glasco	H. B. Chuck Walker
F. Richardson	H. B. Slip Hargrave
T. Johnson	F. B. 5-Yd. Burton

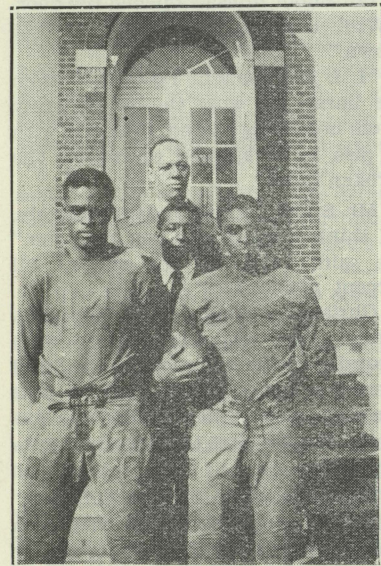
Substitutions for Bordentown: C. Harris, W. Jacobs.

Court Strategists



Captains Richardson and Young with Coach Ray, who promise us a good season on the court.

Football Brain Trust



Captains Boyd and Butler of the undefeated Wildcats with their mentors Coaches Watson and Ray.