

## Cast Of "The Nervous Wreck" Announced

The Senior-Junior Play Committee has announced the cast, tentative, of "The Nervous Wreck", to be presented next spring.

Barbara Fletcher, the screw-ball of "Apron String Revolt" last year, will play Sally Morgan, a young lady of a very similar type.

To Albert McCreary, a complete newcomer, goes the role of Henry Williams, the "Nervous Wreck".

Jerome Underwood, the blustering roaring magnate, looking for rest in the country, will be played by Hery Robinson. His son, Chester, by Eugene Burkes; and his daughter, Harriet, by Luella Lawrence.

The two owners of the ranch in Arizona where most of the action takes place, Andy and Mortimer, will be interpreted by Stanley Craigwell and William Smith, respectively.

Bob Wells, the sheriff, and ruler of the realm, will live again in Robert Drake, and he will be assisted by one of his "boys", Dave, interpreted by Paul Brown.

Jud Morgan, the irate father of Sally Morgan, will be played by Horace Joseph, who will be remembered as Fenstermacher in "Apron-String Revolt".

Tim, Underwood's chauffeur, will be acted by Edward Easton.

Because of the ruling this year that students with demerits are automatically dropped from all activities during the period of their restriction, substitutes have been selected in all cases.

Marlyn Anderson and Ella Hill will understudy Barbara Fletcher as Sally Morgan.

Clyde Bryant is understudy for McCreary as Henry Williams.

For the Underwood family, there is George Wilson as Chester's understudy, John Miller as substitute Jerome Underwood; and Anna Fitzgerald and Muriel McNeill as understudies for Harriet.

Glynwood Forbes and Frank Thompson are substitutes for Andy and Mortimer respectively. Armstead will understudy Drake, and Ernest Parks, Horace Joseph.

Formal rehearsals will not begin until after Christmas, and the play is scheduled for production at Bordentown the second Friday in March.

## Delaware Teachers Visit Ironsides

Mrs. Blanche Cuff, dietitian, Miss M. E. Evans, secretary, and Miss Bemby, volunteer worker, all from the Industrial School for Girls of Delaware, visited the school, Wednesday, December 13.

Some visitors from the school at Marshallton have been at Bordentown before. Clifford Trent, a graduate and former president of the Alumni Association, was at one time employed there.

## Alumnus In Auto Accident

Rev. J. Franklyn Jones, one of the oldest and best known of the alumni, was struck by a car as he was driving from his home in Burlington to his church and was severely injured.

He is at present confined to Cooper Hospital, Camden, suffering from severe lacerations and a knee injury.

BUY XMAS SEALS!!!

## Football Boys Receive Sweaters

Football boys were dined at Mr. Valentine's house on Tuesday evening, December 12, and on Wednesday at Assembly letter men received sweaters.

Lucky boys were: C. Harris, N. Powell, H. Robinson, G. Johnson, P. Brown, C. Polhemus, W. Allison, E. Nicholas, W. Spicer, L. McNeill, W. Small, A. Wells, W. King, H. Hairston, D. Dixon.

## Negro Press Guests Of School Plant

Representatives of the Negro papers spent Friday, December 8, at the school, inspecting the plant, attending chapel and talking with members of the Echo staff, and generally getting an impression of the Bordentown School as a whole.

Members arrived shortly before chapel exercises which they attended, many of them hearing the students sing for the first time.

After chapel services, luncheon was served for them in the Teachers' Dining Room. There was a short conference with members of the Echo editorial staff for a half-hour; then there was a tour of the grounds.

Practically all the newspapers in the vicinity were represented. Mr. George B. Murphy represented the Baltimore Afro-American; while the Philadelphia edition was represented by the editor, Mr. Levi Jolly, Mr. Leon Snead, city editor, and Mrs. Sarah Neely, society editor.

The Pittsburgh Courier was represented by Mr. Randy Dixon, editor of the Philadelphia edition, and by Mr. Billie Rowe, editor of the New York edition.

Mr. Earl Brown, feature writer for the Herald Tribune on Negro politics, with Mr. William Best represented the N. Y. Amsterdam News as editor and business manager respectively.

The local Philadelphia Tribune was represented by Mr. Eustace Gay, the city editor; the New Jersey Guardian by Mr. Melvin B. Johnson, city editor; and the New Jersey Herald-News by Marc Moreland, editor; and the New York Age by Ellis Williams.

Members of the press were invited by Mr. W. R. Valentine, Jr., with the idea of providing an opportunity to see the regular school routine and expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant afternoon.

## Frank Green Wins Honor

Frank Green, member of the Senior Class, won second award in a contest, nation-wide, for letters submitted in "Be Your Age" contest sponsored by the Guidance column of Our Time, the high school edition of Current Events.

Members of Miss Echols' American History Class were all given the letters as a class assignment and she selected his as one of the best and submitted it.

When the December 4-8 edition to the school, all students and teachers alike were delighted to see Green's name second among the three chosen from hundreds of entries.

Frank Green has been in school at Bordentown four years and over that space of time has consistently paced his class in history specifically and in all his studies generally. He is president in the New Farmers of America, is a member of the Glee Club, and a member of Junior-Senior Play committee.

## Christmas Vacation Begins December 22

The Christmas vacation begins this year on Friday, December 22, 1939, and ends Tuesday, January 2, 1940, at 5:00 p. m. Students are expected to return promptly on January 2, 1940. Under no circumstances will students be excused before Friday, December 22, and parents and guardians are requested not to ask permission have their children excused earlier.

It is the duty of parents and guardians to see that students are on the school grounds not later than 5:00 p. m. Tuesday, January 2nd. So many students were late last year that it was necessary to impose restrictions upon them.

## Specials Head November Attendance

Resenting their temporary and narrow edging out of the first place which they held last year and September of this, the Specials came back strong for December to leave all competition at least five points behind.

The ranking is as follows:

1. Specials.
2. Sophomores.
3. Seniors.
4. Eighth Grade.
5. Juniors.
6. Seventh Grade.
7. Freshmen.

## Jessie Shorts Echo Editor-in-Chief

Miss Grant, faculty advisor of the Ironsides Echo, has just made public the appointment of Jessie M. Shorts as editor-in-chief of the Echo for the rest of the current year.

Jessie Shorts comes to her new job especially well fitted. She has been a member of the staff for three years, and is extremely active.

In addition to her newspaper activities, Jessie is president of the Y.W.C.A., is chairman of the program committee of the Progress Club, and holds membership in the Vanguards and the Girls' Council.

Since her entrance in the school, Jessie has maintained an honor average, with her especial interests in history and English.

At the same time additions have been made to the editorial staff in the persons of Norman Powell, sports writer, Horace Joseph, Columnist, Shirley Rock, Lillian Cephus, Tecora Felton, Oliver Grooms, and George Cox.

All of the last named have qualified by having articles accepted for issues of the Echo since September.

## Junior Girls Win Subscription Contest

Although no class reached the specified quota of subscription necessary to qualify in the Echo Subscription Contest, the Junior girls, who subscribed over 80% were adjudged special winners for their showing.

To them was given the privilege of enjoying a social given at the expense of the Echo, to which each could invite a guest.

That social was held on Tuesday, December 12, in Mr. Work's music room. Mr. Emerald White furnished the music.

Favors were candy fir trees and Santa Clauses in the spirit of the season. Dancing and games were featured.

## GOVERNOR MOORE VISITS SCHOOL AND ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY



Mr. Valentine, Governor Moore, Colonel Craven

On steps of Auditorium Building, after Chief Executive of the State of New Jersey had addressed students. Military aids of the Governor stand in rear.

## Junior P. O. Features Jump-O-Grams

Special messages, delivered immediately anywhere on the campus, Jump-O-Grams will be the feature of the Annual Junior Post Office.

The Post Office will be in the Library, open Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 20 and 21, from 4:30 until 5 in the afternoon.

There will be an innovation this year. Cards will be sold in the dormitories instead of in the Library. Increase in the size of the student body makes this change necessary to relieve congestion of selling and to provide more space for the addressing and marking of messages.

Unsealed envelopes are handled for one tuberculosis seal; packages 5 seals; one Jump-O-Gram 5 seals.

Advertising this year will be done through posters and placards instead of through a chapel program.

Last year over five thousand Christmas seals were sold. It is hoped that the sale this year will be as good and better.

Miss Echols sponsors the enterprise with the Juniors and Frank Battle heads the class committee.

BUY XMAS SEALS!!!

## Officers Hosts At Christmas Social

Officers of the Ironsides Battalion played host to their special guests and members of the faculty on Saturday, December 9.

The Gym was attractively decorated to receive the seventy-five guests.

Captain Bryant and Pitts headed the committee of arrangements assisted by Lieutenants Edward Jordan and Warren Allison.

Dancing, a grand march, flag salute, refreshments were all features of a pleasant evening.

Besides the Junior girls and their guests, members of the editorial staff were invited. Faculty members of the Echo Staff were also present.

## Governor Moore Encourages Students

For the second time since 1933, Bordentown was honored by a visit on December 5 by A. Harry Moore, Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Gov. Moore arrived at the Citizens' Gateway of the school about eleven-thirty. Here his car was met by Col. Craven and the school band. The Governor got out of his car and walked from the gate with Col. Craven and the former's military aids to the door of the chapel. Here he was greeted by Mr. Valentine.

The assembly services opened with the Flag salute, led by Captain Bryant, the National anthem and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The student body sang several favorite spirituals for the Governor; "I'm A-Rolling", "Nobody Knows", "Ride On King Jesus" and "Swing Low".

After the singing, Mr. Valentine introduced Col. Craven, who, in turn, presented the Governor.

The Chief Executive gave an in-his happiness at visiting the school spirational speech, expressing first and his enjoyment of the singing. He then proceeded to emphasize the "power to develop" that each person has within him. That power, he said, must be used by each person to develop into what he felt was worthwhile in life. He issued a real challenge to all his hearers.

The spontaneous and steady applause that followed the talk gave the Governor ample proof that his visit and his words had been thoroughly appreciated.

After the chapel services, the Governor, Col. Craven, and Mr. Valentine graciously posed for campus photographers and then went to lunch at the Principal's home.

When the Governor visited the school in 1933, he came as the result of attending the Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Bordentown and the pilgrimage of the Bordentown Historical Society.

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DECEMBER, 1939

Members of the Echo Staff wish to all our subscribers and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Congratulations through this column to the fine record made by the Football Squad of 1939!

The Echo through this column expresses sincere regret over the serious automobile accident that has confined Rev. Jones to the hospital and extends best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

We want to extend to the relatives of Phil Mahady our sincere sympathy in his sudden and tragic death after three weeks' illness. He was a friend to many of us over a space of many years and we mourn his loss.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS—1939

Why is it that our oldest holiday season is the one everyone loves the best? In this mad rushing world a new machines, new inventions, new thoughts, why is it that this holiday forever remains the same?

There's nothing new about Christmas; year in year out, it comes and goes in just the same way that it has been doing for hundreds of years. Yet young and old, rich and poor, look forward to it as though they had never experienced its joys before.

Perhaps this is true because the Spirit of Christmas is unlike that of any other season. That spirit, the spirit that makes one feel "it is more blessed to give than to receive" and "Peace on Earth — Good Will Towards Men," is something always new, always needed.

This year, we can strive more than ever, to realize the true spirit of Christmas in the expressions of our opinions, our attitudes to all who are suffering, all who are warring. Then the only then came we feel free to welcome this glorious forthcoming holiday season, the season of snow and sleigh bells, of singing choirs and fat red Santa Clauses, universal good will—Christmas.

## REPRESENTING IRONSIDES

All of us at some time have felt the urge of wanting to "represent" the school. For altogether too many of us "representing" the school means membership in a team, a club, a play cast, some group that appears in the limelight on the platform in the auditorium or on platforms, gridirons, and game courts far from home.

As valuable and as gratifying to persons and school as this form of representation may be, all of us everyday "represent" the school to ourselves and those about us. Our conduct, our attitudes as individuals and students reveal us as persons having the "Ironsides spirit" with all that implies or lacking it.

Whenever we are in any public places, individually or as a group, we "represent" Bordentown as surely and as well as any broken-field runner on a football gridiron or any fleet forward on a basketball court. If what we do is fine, straightforward, showing skill training, and good breeding, we are "representing" Ironsides.

Let's remember this during the Christmas vacation.

## EXCHANGES

Since school opened exchanges from many schools have come to our desk; and we have planned to read them all and make some comments on the very interesting material many of them contain. Life gets more crowded and this Christmas issue of the paper leaves us just breath enough to list them, wish them Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and promise to do better by them in 1940:

The Yellow Jacket—West Virginia State, College, Institute, West Virginia.

The Hilltop—Howard University, Washington, D. C.

The Francis Magnet—John R. Francis Junior High School, Washington, D. C.

The Hampton Script—Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

Campus Mirror—Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Bridgeport Artisan—Bridgeport State Trade School, Bridgeport, Conn.

The Manual Craftsman—Manual High and Vocational School, Kansas City, Mo.

Berean Broadcast—Germantown, Pa.

State Signal—State Teachers College, Trenton, N. J.

The Four Mile Sign Post—State Colony, New Lisbon, N. J.

The College Eye—Bowie State Teachers College, Bowie, Maryland.

Western Star—Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas Marshall, Texas.

The Register—A & T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

The National Negro Printer and Publisher, St. Louis, Missouri.

The Normal Index—State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Alabama.

The Edisonian—Thomas A. Edison Vocational School, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The Virginia Statesman—Virginia State College For Negroes, Ettrick, Virginia.

The Clarion—Stratford High School, Stratford, Conn.

## A Boost

Gifts may come and gifts may go, But here's one of the best, I say; If you give a friend The Echo, He'll thank you for many a day!

For Christmas, America's finest school paper, The Ironsides Echo.  
George Cox.

## Stoves

No more untimely explosions.  
No more rickety cakes  
No more burning of food  
We're starting with a clean slate.  
Yes, the girls of the Domestic Science Department are all aglow these days.

Want to know the reason why? Well, here's the whole story in a nutshell:

We, the girls of the Domestic Science Department, have been fortunate in receiving three beautiful new gas ranges, tested and approved by Good Housekeeping Institute. These stoves are white with black trimmings. They contain three regular size burners and one master burner for the largest cooking utensils.

The oven is of uniform size with a small broiler compartment below it. I might add that the broiler compartments are doing us girls a lot of good, since we have to get down on our knees to light the broiler. It helps the girls to catch up on their praying. There is also a spacious cabinet which takes up one half of the stove. This cabinet is used to keep different cooking utensils that are used the most frequently.

These stoves give the kitchens a better appearance and they also provide more room. They are not only lovely to look at but delightful to use.

In addition to the three ranges

## What Do You Know About Christmas?

1. The day we're all looking forward to joyfully.

2. What it was originally called.

3. A name derived from an old English god of the winter and given to this season.

4. The country from which the custom of Christmas gift-making spread.

5. The American children's Christmas saint.

6. The patron saint of the Dutch children.

7. The patron saint of the French children.

8. The patron saint of the German children.

9. The man who issued the first Christmas card.

10. The ancient people who honored the mistletoe.

11. The place where Christ was born.

12. What guided the Wise Men to the manger.

13. The youngest of all Christmas customs.

14. A Christmas symbol that invokes romance.

15. An American envoy to Mexico who discovered a Christmas flower.

16. The flower he discovered.

17. The song the angels sang.

18. The parents of Jesus.

19. One of the gifts the Magi brought.

20. The country from which the Christmas tree custom came.

21. The place where Santa Claus originated.

22. The country that first used "Merry Christmas" as a greeting.

23. The Christmas custom that came from France.

24. A very popular Christmas story.

25. The man who wrote it.

26. A kind little crippled boy in the story.

27. The best known painting in the world.

28. The artist who is especially famous for this and other Madonnas

29. The colors most popular for Christmas decorations.

30. The best way to enjoy Christmas.

(Answers on page 4)

## Agriculture Notes

### HERD SCORES

During the month of October, there were twenty four herds tested in Association No. 3, with a total of 796 cows, of which 131 were found to be dry. The average productions per cow was 553 lbs. of milk and 25.2 lbs. of butter fat.

The one herd of these twenty-four having the best record was the Bordentown herd, having the highest record for the month. The Holstein Guernsey herd averaged 818 lbs. of milk and 31.2 lbs of butter fat. Not bad!!

### ALUMNI FARMERS

What happens to the majority of the Agriculture boys after they graduate? Do they continue their education and trade or do they fall in step with the rest of the youths on the turf? This is the answer.

Within the last three years, thirteen boys have graduated with certificates in Vocational Agriculture. Of that number seven are now in college, following their trade. Has any other trade on the hill such a record of which to boast?

Frank Green.

(with another giant range promised us) we are fortunate to have an electric range. This range is of the latest model and scientifically equipped. It is to be used only with the teacher's assistance, as an electric range is not so easily operated as a gas range.

Well girls, better cooking is sure to follow such an enormous gift and may I say to you as Mrs. Jones would say, "Take care of my little stoves."

Gladys Johnson.

## BOOTS AND BOOSTS

Great balls of fire, I can barely write this column, I'm so busy counting the days until Christmas. Well, I guess you can barely read it, hence 6 of one and a half dozen of the other.

Fellow students, ever so seldom, there comes to Ironsides, a person whose abilities, if developed, could lead him to greatness. Such a chap is Frank Green. From the time he came here until now, he has been a leader in his class. As we all know, he has a voice which he cheerfully put to service in our Glee Club. To add to these admirable qualities, he is president of the agricultural society, New Farmers of America. Now to top off his past successes, he won second prize in a National Contest sponsored by "Our Times." This is the first time in the history of the school that a student of ours has won, placed, or shown in a National Contest. Lay on, Green!!

As usual, I couldn't submit a column without a "twisted phrase". While studying Macbeth, we were to memorize the following passage.

"I have lived long enough; my way of life is fallen 'n into the sear, the yellow leaf;" Lewis Brown was sitting in the barber's chair practicing his memory passages; when he got to the preceding lines, he triumphantly misquoted,

"I have lived long enough; my way of life is fallen 'n into the sewer—"

Now for a little gossip, or should I term it as such. Anyhow, James Perry, a newcomer, is the uncrowned king of that latest dance craze, "The South Philly." And here's a tip for the Faculty. If you see a couple bobbing up and down on the floor, they are not suffering from delirium tremens; it is "The South Philly."

Flash! Norman Powell received six large stocking caps from Maud Shawe!! Is it love or infatuation? Your guess is as good as mine!

On December 5, Governor Moore of this State came to Ironsides. He was met at the gate by the band and escorted to the chapel. I would like to say here that as soon as his car came in the gate His Excellency alighted and marched with the boys. He gave a brief and interesting talk and stayed for dinner. And at about 1:25 P. M. he had gone. To Mr. Valentine, we extend our thanks for inviting the Governor here and we got from his visit more inspiration than a month of chapel services could give us. The Governor is 'tops' with us.

Mr. Valentine too, is deserving of credit. He has graduated from Harvard, is a honorary doctor of law; and is a classmate of the President of the United States. He doesn't have to be here urging you and me on, solving our little problems, yes, and sending us home when we deserve it. He could be doing things that would bring much more publicity. But, no, this man has devoted his life to educate and inspire you and me! Next year, let's show him we are grateful and give him the highest academic and deportment marks the school has ever had. And who knows, maybe some of you will be a governor!

As the inkwell said to the pen as she gasped her last, "Aw, gee! I'm dry!"  
I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Horace E. Joseph

### Tea Honors Mrs. Valentine

Mrs. Grace Valentine, wife of the principal and preceptress of the girls, was guest of honor at a tea given by members of the Girls' Council, Sunday afternoon, November 26.

All the girls were invited and most of them were present. Faculty members besides Miss Redmond, the sponsor, present were Mrs. Staats, Miss Bird, Miss Scott, and Mrs. Brown.

Upon her arrival, Mrs. Valentine was presented with a corsage of yellow rose-buds by Louise Twisvan, president of the Council.

During the afternoon Mrs. Valentine gave an informal talk on some of the problems that concern the girls. Following this talk, tea and cookies were served.

The general expressions of appreciation from the guests would indicate that the tea was a success.

Members of the council beside the president are: Pauline Brown, vice-president; Norma Holcombe, secretary; Valeria Wright, treasurer; Eleanor Melvin, Inez Smith, Jessie Shorts, Vivien Greene, Bertha White, Claudia Jones, Laura Brown, Claesia Berry, Alda Proctor.

### For Christmas We Would Like To Give

Harold Wilder—a smiling mask to hide that continuous frown.

Virginia Brown—a whole package of brand new brightly-colored hair ribbons so the rest of us can keep ours.

Dorothy Fitzhugh—a little Senior dignity since she is a Senior.

Mary Baskerville—some longer dresses.

Oliver Grooms, our little Webster—a great big dictionary so he can understand the big words he uses.

Adeline Gotlin—a few moments of real seriousness.

Bernard Williams—a little more speed.

Margaret Tucker—a noise muffler.

Charlotte Lancaster and Nancy Kearney—books on "How To Reduce".

Lillian Piper—some rubber soles and heels.

Blanche Dove—a mirror.

Frank Malone—a box of pencils.

Robert Davis—a package of napkins.

James Wing—a bottle of hair oil.

Walter Davis—a dozen new neckties.

Lillie Young—the shovel Inez Smith received for her birthday.

Horace Joseph—a new laugh.

Louise Twisvan—a wasp waist (she's trying so hard to get one).

Norman Powell—a box of thumbtacks so that he won't have to borrow from Miss Echols.

Jessie Shorts—a new temper (she's always losing the one she's got).

Katherine Bruce—a nice new dictionary so that she can increase that vocabulary of hers.

William King—a megaphone.

Eleanor Melvin—a big red ribbon for another bow.

10B—a better knowledge of Geometry.

Willie Belle Demps—an alarm clock.

Gordon Long—the will to finish the turkey on Miss Echols' board before Christmas.

Hugh Hairston—His "darling little scatter-brain."

Louise Eddy—a book on "When to laugh."

Norma Lett—an untiring audience for all the talking she does.

Vivien White—5000 new books so that she will have enough to read.

Henry Robinson—a noiseless typewriter so that he won't disturb his English class.

Barbara Fletcher—just one more football game so that she can see No. 48 do his stuff.

### School Faculty Members Honored

Members of the faculty often appear in the press for achievement in various fields of endeavor.

Recently published by Edwin Bancroft Henderson, at present head of the department of health and physical education in the colored high schools of Washington, D. C., is a book called "The Negro in Sports." Ben Johnson, a faculty member, is sprinting with others across the jacket of the book; and within its pages mention is made of two former fine athletes, Louis L. Watson, now commandant here; and Charles B. Ray, former Bates football captain, teacher and coach at Bordentown.

At the Cultural Olympics at the University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Theresa Staats, of the Art Department, submitted several pastels, water colors and oils. Two of them were hung for exhibit.

Recently Mr. Fred Work received a letter concerning the including in a library of American Music, a copy of his "Suite Negre", a quartet. There is also a possibility of the music being broadcast. The suite has been presented by the Trenton Civic Orchestra and before that by the Philadelphia Alliance.

### Scout News

The scouts are planning a Christmas party to be held just before the vacation begins. All the boys are looking forward to the affair.

The newly formed Cobra Patrol has stepped ahead of the older patrols by handing in several projects. The patrols, listed in the order of their standing in points, are:

- Cobra
- Fox
- Flying Eagle
- Flaming Arrow.

The leading patrol will be given a special trip as a reward for its achievement.

### SCOUTS AT CAMP

As everyone knows, the scouts have been planning since September for their camping trip. Each boy hoped for clear weather, and each was happy to have his hopes realized. The troop left the campus Friday, November 24, at ten o'clock under the supervision of Mr. Johnson, the scoutmaster. Thirty-five boys went.

Camp Mahalala is located about two miles beyond Wrightstown or about fourteen miles from the school. When they arrived, the boys were assigned duties to get the camp ready. Then some began exploring the place; some told stories; and others went hiking. The day passed quickly and pleasantly.

Saturday morning was spent playing football and hiking. All day different kinds of games were played, and it was soon time for some of the scouts to return to the campus for the social. Only eleven stayed at camp. These spent the hours roasting weenies and apples, and telling stories.

On Sunday, the scouts had to break camp and prepare to leave. A last game of football was played before dinner. After the meal, the boys left and reached the campus at four o'clock. The moderate weather made this year's camping trip a particularly enjoyable one.

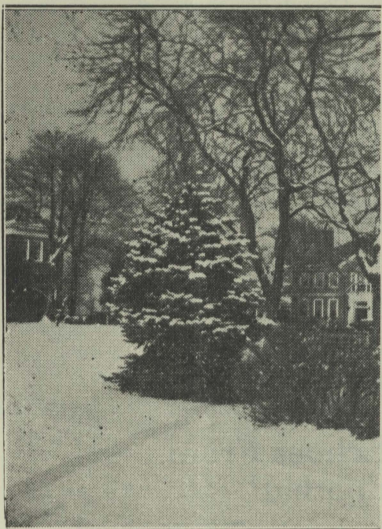
Junior Class—a crown of glory for their achievements. (If no one else thinks they deserve it, they do).

Senior Class—a little more ambition.

Marlyn Anderson, Louise Twisvan, and Inez Smith—the appreciation of the Junior High girls for their kindness to them in the beauty parlor and the dormitory.

Edward Jordan—a big hand from all the boys, especially the members of the Y.M.C.A.

### Xmas Greetings!



#### Campus Fir Tree

Taken after a first snow flurry, this sturdy and symmetrical fir tree resembles any Christmas tree and every Christmas tree to bear greetings of the season.

### Christmas Seals

On December 1, a world-wide sale of tuberculosis seals began. It is very worthwhile to buy these stamps because it is with the money secured from their sale that the National Tuberculosis Association is supported.

It was the Christmas of 1903 that Einar Holbott, a Danish postal clerk, summoned his friends to talk about the matter of making a Christmas seal. He wanted to help unfortunate little children, and he thought this would be a good way to get funds.

First they obtained permission from King Christian IX to honor the late Queen Louise. On December 6, 1904, the first Christmas seal was issued. It was not to be used as a postage stamp, but it was to help people enjoy the season more because they had helped someone else. That year over four million stamps were sold. Enough money was secured to build one sanatorium after another to help fight tuberculosis.

In 1907 Jacob A. Riis wrote an article about the seals. Americans began to think about them. Mrs. Emily P. Bissell, a Red Cross secretary, issued some seals with a holly wreath design. The campaign obtained three thousand dollars. The following year the Sixth International Congress of the Tuberculosis Association was held at Washington. Theodore Roosevelt was its president. In the same year the first open air school was established in Providence, R. I. In 1909 the first Preventorium was built in Farmingdale, N. J.

This year is the thirty-third year of the annual campaign for obtaining funds. This design for this seal is the work of Rockwell Kent, a noted artist. Everyone should do all he can to swell the funds to fight the dreaded disease, tuberculosis.

Marcus Battle—a gold star for his willing cooperation in all ways.

The football team—thanks for helping us spend many hours more happily.

The whole faculty—ten days of rest, happiness, and fun.

All the mothers and fathers—ten days of happy companionship with their sons and daughters.

To Ironsides—four hundred loyal students who will carry the Ironsides' standards away with them, and who will return on time January 2nd.

To the whole campus family—all the good things each one desires.

To all the world—peace and good will.

### Students Present Thanksgiving Service Of Worship

Under the direction of Miss Scott, students presented the Thanksgiving service of worship, Thursday, November 23.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Thought—Thanksgiving Day (Sangster), Eunice Berryan.

Opening Hymn—Come, Ye Thankful People, Com (Elvery—page 285), School.

Scripture Reading—Edward Jordan.

Prayer—Anna Fitzgerald.

Reading—Thanksgiving Prayers (Kramer-Clark), Edith Battle.

Hymn—We Plow the Fields, and Scatter (Schulz—page 288), School.

Reading—Let Us Give Thanks (Hilton), Oliver Grooms.

Solo—The Heavens Are Declaring (Beethoven), Gladys Crocker.

Reading—Expressions of Thankfulness, Marcus Battle.

Solo—The Lord is My Light (Allitsen), Edna Williams.

Reading—A Free Man's Thanksgiving (Cross), Bertha White.

Closing Hymn—Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, School.

Worthy of special mention was the work of Oliver Grooms and Marcus Battle on the program.

### Thanksgiving Recess

School let out with a bang Wednesday, November 22, as the girls and boys rushed noisily to the dormitories. There was but one thought in each head, "To-morrow is Thanksgiving." That night all the students went to bed and dreamed of the good times they were going to have over the holidays.

Thanksgiving Day dawned, cool, crisp, and clear; a day that seemed made to order. At ten o'clock an impressive Thanksgiving service started everyone off in the right spirit. After chapel, the hostesses went into the dining room and decorated their tables. When the student body went in at one o'clock, they were met by a sight long to be remembered. The tables and window sills were decorated with piles of fruits and pumpkins. The dinner of turkey and all that goes with it was even better than any anticipation of it had been. Little menu cards, fruit cocktails, and candy and nuts added much to the meal. During the dessert course, the students presented to Miss Burgess a beautiful electric clock, a small token of their appreciation. Not many Ironsides students can forget their Thanksgiving dinner soon.

At three o'clock a football game between two school teams gave the students a chance to meet their friends and socialize together for a couple of hours. Many relatives visited during the day and seemed as excited and happy as the students.

Friday morning the extra hour of sleep was surely welcome. The Boy Scouts left at ten o'clock for a three days' trip to camp. About sixty girls went hiking with Miss Bird and Miss Calloway. The weather was cold so the girls huddled up in bright mufflers and hoods. It was quite a colorful picture they made.

That afternoon, from three to four was calling hour when the boys came to the dormitory to visit the girls. Most of the girls wish Thanksgiving holidays came oftener; at least the calling hour part. Friday ended with a movie, "The Young Mr. Lincoln" which everyone enjoyed very much.

Saturday morning everything went on as usual. But that afternoon, there was the first basketball game. It was between the Improvement League and the boys from Atlantic City. After an exciting fight, the Atlantic City boys won the game. Saturday night was the grand affair, a social. Everyone was ready for a good time. The decorations and music seemed to be rivalling each other for first place, but both were

### Bordentown Hostess To Y. W.

Bordentown played hostess to Girls' Reserve Councils from Burlington, Beverly, and Bordentown for their regular November meeting. The Ironsides YWCA cabinet headed by Jessie Shorts, president, were in charge.

The business meeting, held in Mr. Work's class-room, began about five-thirty. The guest speaker was Mrs. Ruby Freer, executive secretary of the Burlington County Tuberculosis League. Mrs. Freer explained to the members the work done by the League and gave many suggestions as to very practical ways in which the girls might help.

Officers for the joint meetings were then elected. Barbara Fletcher, Bordentown Manual Training, was elected president; Mary Van Horn, of Burlington, was secretary; and Helen Phillips, of Burlington, became treasurer.

After the business meeting, the group went over to the Teachers' Cottage for a supper prepared by Mrs. Jones and members of the Domestic Service Department.

Members of the school cabinet are: Eleanor Melvin, Pauline Brown, Barbara Fletcher, and Louise Twisvan.

### Christmas Customs From Many Lands

In nearly every nation except our own Christmas is still thought of mainly as a religious holiday, and this, many believe, is as it should be. Here in America, our Christmas customs have been borrowed from many countries, so that our festival really represents most of the European nations.

American children hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve believing that Santa Claus will come down the chimney and fill them with gifts. This custom began in Holland, but the little Dutch children used wooden shoes. The custom spread to Germany and to the United States. In Germany the presents are hidden throughout the house, but English and American children prefer the roomy stockings.

There are several stories about the origin of the Christmas tree. An interesting one is from the Germans. Saint Winfred was one day cutting down a huge oak tree. A strong wind blew the tree over causing it to crush everything except one little fir tree. As it stood straight with its bright green shining in the sun, Saint Winfred declared it a holy tree, the tree of the Christ Child.

The burning of the Yule log was popular with the Scandinavians. The men would cut huge logs and drag them to the hearth. While they were burning, folk would gather around and sing merry Yuletide songs. In some places, it was believed that if the log burnt out before dawn, misfortune would come to that house during the year.

The idea of the community tree started in Italy and in Spain. Long ago these two countries began the practice of having huge fires and elaborate fireworks. Most of the celebrating went on in the streets.

The singing of carols began in England where the bishops sang hymns of joy at Christmas. In Russia they sing the old Holyada songs; in France the Noel songs; and in Germany, the Kristlieder.

very good, and tied instead. The surprise of the evening came when refreshments, ice cream and cookies, were served. The evening seemed too short.

Chapel service on Sunday was given added interest by the very practical speech of Mr. Harold Johnson, of Trenton, N. J. In the afternoon the Student Council girls gave a tea honoring Mrs. Valentine. To this all the girls were invited.

### Girls' Basketball Regulars Line-up



Members of Last Year's Squad

Vivian Gamble, Bertha White, Vivian Green, Gladys Culbreth, Carolyn Coy, Alda Proctor, Norma Holcombe, Valeria Wright, Isabelle Hammond

### Girls Begin Practice For 1940 Season

Members of the girl's basketball squad have already begun practicing. The squad of last year will be enlarged by many new aspirants.

Last year's players include Isabelle Hammond, Themla Pemberton, Bertha White, Vivian Greene and Alda Proctor as forwards; and as guards Valeria Wright, Norma Holcombe, Vivian Gamble, Caroline Coy and Gladys Culbreth.

New candidates, who have come out this year, are Louise Eddy, Hin-nine Hodges, Gladys Johnson, Shirley Rock, Lillian Ricks, Hattie English, Charlotte Lancaster and Alfreda Beverly. For Forwards Mertha Law-son, Charlotte Wright, Olivia Grooms, Jacqueline Hale, Ophelia Heights, and Wallace McGhee have come out.

The new team has not yet been picked. The season is yet early and anything can happen.

### Girl Players Comment

Members of last year's team and squad were asked did they think we have any possible chance of winning the M3A championship this year. Here are their answers:

"Although quite a few of our basket-ball members graduated, I feel that we will be successful. We have eight girls left from last year, and some of the new players look promising." (One of the team's oldest members, Valeria Wright).

"Cooperation is essential for success. If the girls keep this in mind with the eight girls left from last year's team and they very prospective candidates now practicing. We have every quality to possess the championship." (Member of team for 3 years—Isabelle Hammond).

"This year the basketball squad seems to be off with a good start. The girls seem to have a particular interest in the game as a member of last year's team, think with the help of Mrs. Prout, and the cooperation of the girls our team will emerge with flying colors." (Member for 3 years—Norma Holcombe.)

"The squad of last year seems to have more pep this year. Think with cooperation we will come out on top, with the M3A Championship." (Vivian Gamble).

"I think the team has a possible chance of winning the M3A. Mrs. Prout, our coach, has started us practicing much earlier. The girls seem more willing to cooperate. Co-operations helps tremendously." Second team member from last year—Themla Pemberton.)

"The squad of last year seems to be pepping up this year. If they keep up their good work and with Mrs. Prout's instructions, 'I'm sure we'll have a chance for the M3A.'" (Squad of last year—Gladys Cul-beth.)

### Baskerville Wins Marble Contest

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Captain Eatmon sponsored a puzzle marble contest. The contestants were first selected at random and then pitted, as far as possible, against others who were in their class. The program was so arranged that the winner of each set was given the opportunity of playing again.

From a large number of contestants the number finally dwindled down to two: Charles Baskerville and James Perry. Charles Baskerville succeeded in coming through as winner, showing a speed in clearing the board in nineteen seconds. This made him the recipient of a handsome black tie as first prize winner. For being the runner up, James Perry received a gift of candy.

The comic feature of the contest was furnished by George Cox, who cleared the board in about eighty seconds. (Showing remarkable speed and also slippery fingers.)

### Girls In "Y" Program At Burlington

Six Glee Club girls, who are also members of the Y.W.C.A. went to the Burlington Branch YWCA's annual meeting held at St. Mary's Guild House, Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The program for the evening was a business meeting first; then movies of the Day Camp from 1937-1939 shown and explained by Miss Katherine Zucchini, executive county secretary.

Then came "The Family Album", a skit by Mrs. Frank Brotherton, who played the part of mother and Thelma Leeds, who played the part of daughter. As the mother looked through the Album various pictures appeared. The Glee Club girls appeared under the heading "Music—Bordentown Y.W.C.A."

Miss Echols was in charge of the group.

Girls who went were: Mabel Bailey, Edith Battles, Carmen Byrd, Cornelia Grant, Marlyn Anderson and Alberta Walker.

### Seniors Win Award

Seniors who had done the best work on the standard test on "Mac-beth" were promised a trip to Trenton to see the Warner Production's "Elizabeth and Essex" by Miss Grant, their English teacher.

The following students were the lucky ones, listed in order of their rank: Gladys Johnson, Frank Green, Dempsey Dixon, Barbara Fletcher, Horace Joseph, Frank Armstead, William King, Frances Hairston, and Jessie Shorts.

BUY XMAS SEALS!!!

### M3A Basketball Schedule

**January**  
20—Coppin Teachers .....here  
26—Delaware State .....there  
27—Cheyney .....here  
**February**  
2—Storer .....here  
10—Princess Anne .....there  
17—Downingtoun .....here  
24—Coppin Teachers .....there  
**March**  
2—Storer .....there  
9—Cheyney .....there  
15—Delaware .....here  
16—Downingtoun .....there  
Girls and boys will play this M3A schedule. Club and "Y" games will be scheduled later.

### Echoes From Football

As the football season closed with much success, the Echo staff was unable to contact those whose special efforts in positions of leadership had contributed much. Now the Echo presents statements from the coaches and the captains.

#### Captain Cranston Harris:

As captain of a championship team, it is hard to express in a few words how the members of the team co-operated. They realized just as I did that it took hard work to be successful; and they tried to do all that the Coach expected of them.

If they keep up the fight and drive they had this year, I believe that next year will be an equally successful season in spite of graduation losses.

I sincerely hope for my successor as captain as much enjoyment from working with the team as I have had.

#### Captain Norman Powell:

The two years that I have spent as a member of the varsity football team, I have thoroughly enjoyed. While playing on the teams, I gained much useful experience and pleasure. Coach Watson and "Fess" Ray, his assistant, deserve a great deal of credit for their superb supervising and coaching.

Lots of luck to those of you on next year's squad. I know with this year's incredible season in mind, you will not give up until you have equalled or surpassed it.

#### Trainer John Morrow:

I have just been asked to make a statement concerning the football season that has just ended. Far be it from me to play the role of prophet or seer; however, I would like to refer to my pre-season statement concerning the team. At that time I said something to the effect that the boys were training hard, had great possibilities, and would probably have a successful season.

The team has certainly been very successful. Their success may be attributed to the wisdom exercised by Coaches Watson and Ray in the selection and placement of players; and it may be attributed to the fighting spirit, the headwork, the fellowship and cooperation that existed among the boys on the team. Three cheers for Ironsides!

#### Coach Charles Ray:

Our football season has passed into history; but it will always remain bright in our memories as one of the most glorious and praiseworthy of any in Ironsides history.

This team from the very first showed signs of potential power and football sense that had not shown as early or at all in past seasons.

The team possessed leaders in co-captains Powell and Harris, who took their position in relation to the squad seriously, and helped weld eleven men into a unit that set victory for team and school above individual glory.

To the team (first team and scrubs) I give my congratulations; working with you was a pleasure.

### Four Reminders of M3A Chamns 1939



Letter Men of Last Year's Squad

Norman Powell, Haywood Robinson, Channon Todd, Van Leah Francis.

### Basketball Season Reveals Many New Faces In Line-Up

This season Bordentown will enter the championship race without the services of Robert (Slim) Jones stellar guard and William (Bill) Thompson center and high scorer of the Wildcats and the league. Hold-overs from last year's first squad, however, will include Norman (Flash) Powell, speed merchant and play maker of the squad, who is at his best when the team is behind and the chips are down; Van Leah (Mitts) Francis, steady guard and team man; "Biggie" Robinson, a good big man, and Channon Todd, a spirited player, who never gives up. Some of the possible new faces that will show this year will include William (Jeff) Smalls and his partner, Andrew (Andy) McKinney from Atlantic City; Lewis (Slo-motion) McNeil, from Wildwood and Henry (Ten) Singleton, of Camden. Squad men of last year due to give the squad a lift or possibly break into the starting lineup are Charles (Butch) Polhemus and Walter (Sneak) Dutton. High hopes were entertained for awhile by the appearance of Robert Drake, of football and track prowess, but his ambition to complete his Bordentown career this year makes his schedule too heavy to have time for basketball.

### Seniors Lead In N.A.A.C.P. Seal Race

As the Echo goes to press Seniors are out in front in red stars for buying the largest number of N.A.A.C.P. seals.

These seals put out by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sell for a cent apiece, and for each ten sold the class gets a red star. The campaign began November 11 and closes December 20.

The other classes following the Seniors in the order are: Juniors, Sophomores, Specials, Eighth, Seventh and Ninth grades.

#### Coach Louis Watson:

The 1939 football team is the best team I have had at Ironsides. Our teams have never acquired the machine-like precision that characterized the play of this team throughout the season. While we had outstanding stars from the standpoint of spectators, from the standpoint of the coach, the whole eleven deserves unstinted praise; for, had it not been for the excellent support of the less spectacular players, our popular stars could not have shown to such advantage. I have nothing but songs of praise for all the boys who played on this excellent team.

RETURN ON TIME!!!

### Glee Club And Band Make Trips

Since the Atlantic City trip of the Glee Club, its members and those of the band have been busy.

The band played at the dedication of a supply depot built by colored youth of that section. The whole affair was photographed by a news-reel camera, which caught a good shot of Mr. Valentine. The band last week played for the induction of Santa Claus to Burlington.

The Glee Club furnished music at a luncheon meeting during the annual meeting of the N. J. Conference on Public Welfare, formerly the N. J. Conference of Social Work, held at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park.

The band has a scheduled concert for quite a number of places the first being early in January, when they will give a concert in Burlington's High School.

### Y.M.C.A. News

Edward Jordan, the Y's new president, is very busy and successful pulling the Y members together, and starting new projects. Recently the program committee was appointed. Its chairman is Earl Baskerville. Members are Marcus Battle, Charles Baskerville, Edward Jordan, and Oliver Grooms. Each member of the committee is to present a program of his own selection and preparation at scheduled times.

### Answers To Xmas Puzzle

1. Christmas.
2. Christ's Mass.
3. Yuletide.
4. Germany.
5. Santa Claus.
6. St. Nicholas.
7. Bonhomme Noel.
8. Christmaskindlein.
9. Joseph Cundall.
10. Druids.
11. Bethlehem.
12. Star.
13. Christmas card.
14. Mistletoe.
15. Poinsett.
16. Poinsettia.
17. "Peace on earth."
18. Mary Joseph.
19. Myrrh.
20. Germany.
21. Holland.
22. England.
23. Stocking.
24. Christmas Carol.
25. Charles Dickens.
26. Tiny Tim.
27. Sistine Madonna.
28. Raphael.
29. Red—green.
30. Giving.