

## Hosts and Hostesses Feature Social; Mr. Valentine Commends Plan

The first school dance of the year, which took place on Friday evening, October 1, presented something new in the form of a school social. Previously there would be some member of the faculty to supervise the dancing; and a congested area could be found in the back of the room; and a whistle would always be blown to signify the end of the dance.

A group of selected students, who realized the condition, introduced the idea of having host and hostesses to supervise the dance. Their main objective was to improve the student conduct at the dances, relieve the congested area, and to encourage all of the students to participate in the dancing.

They formed a receiving committee before the dance began to welcome the students and wish them an enjoyable evening. When the reception was over, everyone was asked to be seated to listen to the explanation of the procedure for the dance.

It was explained that there would be two dances in one, that is, at the end of the first dance everyone should remain on the floor with the same partner, for the next dance would follow immediately. At the conclusion of the second dance, however, there would be enough time allowed for the changing of partners before the third dance began. It was also stated that everyone who did not wish

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## Clubs Elect Officers; Boys Beat Girls

If promptness is any indication of planned programs and readiness to begin the year, the boys have it all over the girls. The Echo reporter seeking the news of club elections found that all the boys' clubs had elected their officers, but the only one girls' club could report.

Members of the Progress Club have elected these officers for the year: Beatrice Tucker, president; Julia Baugh, vice president; Isabelle Hammond, secretary; and Joy Anderson, treasurer.

The boys' clubs have elected Seniors for presidents with the exception of the New Farmers of America which have chosen a Junior, Frank Green to guide their destinies for the season 1938-9. Assisting him will be Dempsey Dixon as vice-president; Edward Jeffries as secretary; and Edison McGuffin as the treasurer.

Ernest Butler heads the debating club of the campus, the Diogenians. Theodore Allison is the vice-president; and John Miller and Clanson Robinson as secretary and treasurer respectively.

The I.L.L.'s will be led this year by Robert Jones, president; William Bush, vice-president; Clyde Justice, secretary, and Anthony Brown as treasurer.

The Vigilants' Club has selected Otho Ross, president; Kenneth Williams, vice-president; Harold Stewart, secretary; Samuel Arrington, treasurer.

A new club has been organized on the hill this year. Some boys asked Mr. Ray to sponsor them and the Photography Club came into being. Ezra Washington is the newly elected president. Clarence Wilson is the vice-president; James Guisard is the secretary; and Glynwood Forbes is the treasurer.

## Eighth Grade First In Return Tally; Juniors Second

For the first time since 1934 the Senior enrollment at Bordentown is so large that it was necessary to divide the class into three sections. The enrollment has reached the all-time high of seventy-three as a result of many students coming from the Special Class and the fact that the present Senior class had the largest enrollment of the school since its Sophomore year.

In spite of the extra-ordinary size of the class the Seniors held second place honors in Senior High School for attendance taken on the first day of the School year. The total enrollment for the day was 420, of which 233 were old students. Following is a list showing the attendance standing of various classes as of Sept. 15.

- Juniors, 80.2%
- Seniors, 79.3%
- Sophomores, 77.5%
- Eighth Grade, 88.4%
- Ninth Grade, 71%

Last year the Senior Class held first place in the return poll and kept that record through the year; last year the Juniors were far from the top. Leading the whole school this year was the Eighth Grade.

## Jolly Sixteen Club Entertains New Girls

Two Saturdays ago, the Jolly Sixteen kept bargain with tradition when the members entertained the new girls.

Early in the evening the guests gathered in the Recreation Room where they met the officers and sponsor of the club and its members.

There was a program of games. The first was a Beau Hunt. This was won by Mary Elizabeth Hill, Lillian Baskerville and Lillian Stanley won the first and second prizes for the game "Things to Do". The imitations were "Act Surprised" and "Imitate A Model."

After the games there was dancing until the announcement that refreshments were to be served was made.

Officers and members of the Jolly Sixteen are: Jacqueline Nichols, president; Vivian Olton, vice-president; Edith Tyler, secretary; Eleanor Lewis, treasurer; sponsor, Miss Ethel M. Gillespie.

Georgianna Hunter, Eleanor Melvin, Mildred Burton, Norma Holcomb, Louise Twisvan, Charlotte German, Dorothy Drinkers, Thelma Jones, Meta Britton, Vivian White, Mamie Nabors, Frances Pearsall.

## LIBRARY COUNCIL ALREADY AT WORK

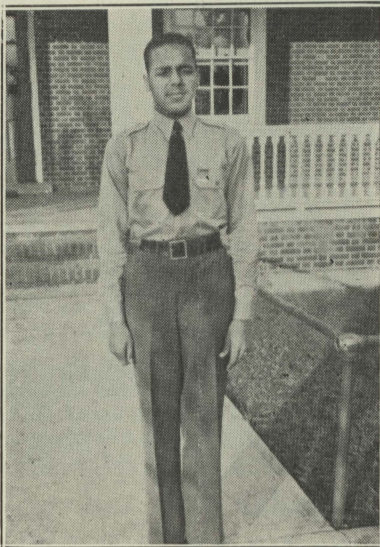
Sophomores appointed to the Library Committee have already begun work. Every day they may be observed as monitors at the entrance to the Library, checking books, or restoring order after the Library has closed.

Members for this year are: Olive Bess, Lillian Ricks, Edith Battle, Cornelia Grant, Albert McCreary, James Nicholson, William Smith, and Killice Swaggerty.

## Y.M.C.A. MEETS

The Ironsides Unit of the Y.M.C.A. held its first official meeting for this year on Sunday, October 3. The officers elected for the year 1938-39 are: President Lawrence Towler, Vice-President Clarence Wilson, Secretary Walter Reed, and Treasurer Bruce Walker.

## Heads Class Again



## William Walker Again Heads Seniors

Class elections are in the air again; these first weeks are given over to the selection by each class of its leaders for the current year.

Some returns are already in. The Seniors have chosen for the second time, William Walker, as their leader. Walker hails from North Jersey and has been active in school affairs since he entered Bordentown three years ago. He is a member of the Glee Club, a first lieutenant in the officers corps, and will be remembered in the cast of "The Bat". The Seniors seem to manifest a strong sentiment for the northern part of the state as the rest of their officers are from North Jersey; Lawrence Towler, vice president, from Elizabeth; Eleanor Lewis, secretary, from Newark; Harold Stewart, boys' treasurer, from Montclair; and Julia Baugh, girls' treasurer from Orange.

Chairmanships of the important committees for the year are as follows: Ring and Pin, Henry Banks; Christmas Party, Kenneth Williams; Class Gift, Victor Quinchette; Commencement, Walter Jacobs; School play, Mary Bunting; Senior Social Activities, Robert Jones; and Senior Athletics, Ernest Butler.

Members of the Junior Class, too, have seen fit to elect as president for this year the president of the class as Sophomores, James Locklear; as vice-president, Eleanor Melvin; as secretary, Frank Green; with Gladys Neil as an assistant; Valeria Wright, girls' treasurer; and Paul Crusor as boys' treasurer. Committees have not yet been appointed.

The Sophomore roster for the year is:

President, Edward Jordan; vice-president, Cornelia Grant; secretary, Edith Battle; assistant secretary, John Miller; treasurer for Girls, Alda Proctor; treasurer for Boys, Claywell Turner.

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## Bertha Dunlap Heads Girls' Council

The Girls' Council has elected officers for the year. Headed by Bertha Dunlap, Senior, the council has already met with Miss Redmond, the sponsor, to form plans for the year. Other officers are: Elizabeth Scott, vice-president; Victoria Buffalo, secretary; and Julia Ware, treasurer.

Other members of the Council are: Pauline Brown, Valeria Wright, Norma Holcomb, Louise Twisvan.

## Alumni Meet October 28

If indications prove true, the attendance at the Alumni Day will be large according to an interview with Mr. Valentine, Jr., extension worker. The amount of news in the Alumni column shows that graduates are keeping in touch more with the school. Many have planned to return.

The program for the day will be like that of other years: there will be the registration from noon on; a buffet lunch for noon arrivals; a football game at three o'clock; an Alumni meeting at five; dinner at six-thirty; conference with the Principal until the chapel Assembly at eight.

## Dr. Samuel Graflin Addresses Students

"A life to Take Along" was the subject of Samuel Graflin's address to students a few days ago. Dr. Graflin, an frequent visitor, if only an annual one, stressed the comparison between life and taking a trip.

He first divided most travelers into three classes: Devil chasers, sky rockets, and pinwheels as showing motion without direction. The real traveler, on the contrary, has first a destination. Next came the purchase of the ticket, the packing of the bag, the attitude towards fellow-passengers, the meeting of the custom official, and the last reckoning.

The destination is worth nothing without a ticket purchased at no cheap price for character and culture. One's bag must be packed only with essentials, so that the weight of the unimportant and the trivial will not burden the traveler.

The speaker's apt stories and illustrations kept his audience in suspense. The prolonged applause indicated that the students appreciated a timely talk.

## Seniors Manage Jamboree

An invitation was extended to all girls to attend a Jamboree given by the Senior girls recently in the gymnasium. It was an evening of entertainment and fun for all. Provisions were made for dancing, playing cards and personal delights.

Naomi Lee, the mistress of ceremonies, rendered a program of singing, dancing. Girls who had previously volunteered came forth with interesting and talented ability. Those taking part on this program were: Carmen Brown, Edith Battle, Anna Montgomery, Winifred Balden, Lillian Stanton, Martha Roach, Aramenta Donaldson and Georgianna Hunter. The program ended with the "Big Apple" in which everybody participated.

The refreshment committee consisting of Mary Hall and Edith Tyler had prepared the dainties of lolly pops, cookies and punch which were at this time received by the guest.

The Seniors stepped forth singing their version of "Tutti Fruitti" and concluded the evening with the Alma Mater "Old Ironsides."

Miss Butcher was the capable sponsor and Mrs. Smythwick, an honored guest.

Lillian Butler and Vivian Olton were canvassing agents who collected contributions from the girls' dormitories.

## Esther Popel Inspires Young Echo Editors And Guests

Esther Popel, teacher of Latin and French in Francis Junior H. S., Washington, D. C., and a young poet of distinction, told the Echo editors and guests recently assembled in the Teachers' Cottage to hear her, that information and sincerity were foundation stones to all successful writing.

Miss Popel (Mrs. Shaw in private life) read from a volume of poems she had published at sixteen and later selections from her adult writing, some published and unpublished. Types were selected to show intersection, rebellion, grief, love, and various other reactions to life and the current scene.

Favorites of the guests seemed to be "Storage", "Flag Salute", and two pictures: "Zana" and "A Virginia Mother."

Mrs. Shaw's personal charm, her definite precepts to good writing, and the genuine poignant beauty of her poetry quite won her audience, who expressed to her their delight and pleasure in the evening.

Besides the editors of the Echo staff, other guests of Miss Grant included Mrs. Valentine, Miss Scott and Miss Gillespie, members of the Echo staff, and others.

Beatrice Tucker, Mary Hall, and Elizabeth Scott, all Seniors, were in charge of the serving of tea that followed Mrs. Shaw's reading.

## New and Old Students Appear In School's First Entertainment

Formerly there had been an old and a new students' program at the beginning of the year, but last year the programs were combined and the one program proved more successful than the two.

This idea was well approved and carried through to this year. The first Tuesday night succeeding the opening of school the program was performed according to last year's procedure. A goodly number of new pupils and many of old favorites appeared on the stage to give the students an enjoyable evening.

Following is the program for the evening.

- Clarinet solo, . . . . . Quinchette Solo, "Remember". . . . . William Walker Solo, "Little Lady Make Believe", . . . . . Winifred Balden (new)
- Trumpet solo, "This Is My True Confession" . . . . . Isador Jones Solo, "Where Are You", . . . . . Cranston Harris Solo, "We Can't Go This Way", . . . . . Carmen Byrd (new)
- Saxophone solo, "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You", . . . . . Edward Tucker
- Cowboy song and yodel, . . . . . Marcus Battles (new)
- Solo, "Please Be Kind", . . . . . Martha Roach
- Clarinet solo, "Souvenirs" . . . . . Russell Henry

## SPECIALS LEAD ATTENDANCE

The report of the attendance for the first four weeks shows the Specials in first place with the Seniors and Juniors trailing. The rank is: Specials, Seventh Grade, Juniors, Sophomores, Seniors, Freshmen, and Eighth Grade.

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Welcome Old and New Students of Ironsides for another year of work and achievement.

We wish to add our praise and commendation to the hosts and hostesses and their sponsor, Mrs. Staats, for the most successful management of the first social.

We hope our two newcomers to the campus, Mrs. Bunce and Miss Hammond, have a pleasant and successful year.

### THESE GOLDEN DAYS

What does everyone know about Fall? Well, everybody knows that students go back to school when Fall comes. Everyone knows that migrating birds so south when Fall comes. Everyone knows that leaves get brown and fall from the trees, that apples and pears get ripe and that it's time for the traditional harvest when Fall comes.

These are things which people as a whole KNOW about autumn: but what each person FEELS about Fall is entirely individual. Many persons when asked which season is best liked, invariably reply, "Fall". What is it that so many people find pleasant about the months of September, October and November? Is it that some of them like the holidays: September, Labor Day; October, Hallowe'en; and November, Thanksgiving? Perhaps some of them enjoy the weather: the crisp, bright days that fill one with vigor; or the warm, sun-filled days that tell of a summer that is reluctant to go. Some like the foods that Fall brings; the big round pumpkins; large, fat turkeys; the sweet, golden cider. There are others who like Fall merely because IT IS Fall, end of summer, runner-up of winter.

Whatever a person's particular reason, Fall is a grand time of the year and no one can deny that there are days in autumn which would not be exchanged for days of any other season.

### BREAKING THE ICE

To a student entering a school of this type and size, the task of adjusting one's self, considering the attitude of the older students, seems appalling, if not impossible. Nevertheless, every student must to some extent overcome this barrier if he intends his life on the campus to be enjoyable.

The new student usually does one of two things in doing this: he either gathers with other new students, forming a group, which, because of its lack of initiative, finds itself isolated; or the new student decides that it is possible to be gradually drawn into the activities by merely being present at these. The first of these is fatal; the latter so slow and indefinite that it is not very practicable. In fact in either of these groups he is likely to miss the pleasures and advantages obtainable through participation in the school's activities.

Even after the student realizes what NOT to do, he is just as puzzled concerning what TO do in order to get into things. He may ask: What steps can I take without being thought bold? or who should I see about clubs and organizations?

In answer to both questions, a good step to take would be to see the president or leader of the club or organization in which one happens to be interested. A list may be found in this issue of the Echo.

A great deal depends upon the attitude of the student. He should not retire into his shell and view the activities of the other students as if they were sacred rituals to be indulged in only by a favored few. For, on the contrary, the activities are made available to every student with the express purpose of making the campus life of each student entertaining and wholesome.

Membership on school teams is a source of much enjoyment. If a student does not feel himself good enough to compete on a varsity team, there are always the class teams for basketball, soft ball and soccer.

Then there are the two "Y's", to which one can belong just by paying the dues; and there is always the Echo for those who are literally minded. Chapel programs perhaps provide the best opportunities for breaking the ice. There are at least five chapel programs a week in which the students usually take part. It is a very easy matter for a new student to speak out when volunteers for this purpose are asked for.

Ironsides should be the richer for its addition of new students each year, and no new student should deprive himself of the opportunities for pleasure and profit which Ironsides provides.

## WELCOME EXCHANGES

We extend through this column, greetings to our exchanges and best wishes for a successful year.

We acknowledge already the following: Junior Craftsman, Lathrop Polytechnic Institute, Kansas City, Mo.; The Bulletin, Downingtown, Pa.

## CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Do you write? Have you long had the urge to see your name in print? Are you interested in reporting for the Echo? Would you like some day to become a member of the staff?

If "YES" is the answer to any of these questions, act AT ONCE. Students in Junior H. S. speak to Miss Scott; in Senior H. S., to Miss Grant.

Students must have articles accepted for THREE issues before they may become REGULAR members of the staff; but The Echo staff is ALWAYS ready to publish contributions and reportings of merit.

Try your hand. If you write, why not write for us! ?

## Introducing Our Newcomers

Miss Marian Hammond, of Orange, New Jersey, is taking Miss Vick's place as a member of the office staff. Miss Vick or Mrs. Berryman, who resigned last year, is working at the orphanage for colored children at Riverdale.

Miss Hammond in response to our reporter said, "I have been at Ironsides for about seven or eight weeks now and I have really enjoyed my work and the time I have spent here. If things continue to go as they have so far, I am quite certain that my year will be a success. May I add that the beauty of Ironsides is indeed a cordial greeting and inspiration to any newcomer."

Mrs. Bessie A. Bunce, of Orange, New Jersey also, succeeds Mrs. Lovett in charge of the younger girls' dormitory. She has been a teacher for many years and before becoming a matron, she taught elementary grades in Virginia. She was also matron at the Delaware School for Girls not far from Wilmington.

Mrs. Bunce has never seen a copy of the Echo and is quite interested in seeing a copy of the paper.

The reporter assured Mrs. Bunce that she would soon see a copy; and expressed the wish that she would continue to find the campus a pleasant place and her work here agreeable.

## Faculty Personals

Mrs. Harriet Lane Granger spent her vacation in Bermuda. She reports a most enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Lillian Chapman Ellis accompanied the members of the N.F.A. on their trip to the convention held in Savannah, Georgia.

Miss Echols spent a portion of the summer in Cleveland, a portion in New York with the excitement of her younger sister's marriage and the attendant preparations.

Miss Scott was a student at Rutgers and spent the last part of the summer in Washington, D. C., and in Boston.

Miss Grant and Miss Bird spent most of the summer in New York.

Miss Redmond journeyed far away to Memphis, Tennessee, where it stayed pretty warm all of the summer.

Mrs. Louis Watson and the children spent most of the summer at Camp Atwater, Springfield, Mass.

## From Monrovia To New York

(ED. NOTE: The author is the daughter of a U. S. Military Advisor to Liberia, whose home is in Orange, N. J. She spent two years in Monrovia from April 1936-1938. This is the account of her trip back.)

About ten o'clock on April 6, 1938, my family, that is, my father, mother, sister, brother, and I, were being pulled in rowboats by Krumen through the sandbars on the coast of Monrovia to board the steamship, Masakerk, which was to sail for Rotterdam. Krumen are Africans, who are especially noted for their skill as boatmen. They belong to the strongest and richest tribal groups in Liberia.

After boarding the steamer, we left port about noon. We were on the water for two days before we made our first stop which was at Freetown, Sierra Leone. We had sailed from Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, which is a native republic. Sierra Leone, on the other hand, is a British protectorate. Here in Freetown, the capital, the people talked and dressed like the Liberians. They use plenty of native powder on their bodies. They speak a French patois.

We left Freetown and sailed for five days before we arrived at Las Palmas, the largest city in the Canary Islands. It got its name from the beautiful palms that grow in the fertile valleys. The people here speak French. They are Mohammedans, and at certain times during the day, they stop whatever they are doing, and kneel down to pray. Our stay here was short, for after the sailors had unloaded and loaded the cargo, we set sail again.

For ten days we sailed, most of the time without sighting any land. As we entered the Bay of Biscay, our Dutch steamer had to use lights to protect itself from possible attacks by bombs or submarines of those fighting in the Spanish war.

Finally on the tenth day, at seven o'clock in the morning, we landed at Rotterdam. We went immediately to our hotel and then set out to see the city. The streets are somewhat like those of New York. The people dress like Americans. In the whole city, there are only six windmills working; the others are broken, or too old for use. Great tulip fields make a colorful picture; for miles and miles, one can see fields of brightly colored tulips.

We went to the Hague where the International Peace Court is. We visited a grand old castle where the first king had been shot down as he was coming down the stairs. The bullet holes can still be seen in the walls. In the drawing room one sees the king's favorite works of art, and an old fireplace which is still used. There is a church in Rotterdam that is very much like Westminster Abbey in England. When a member of the royal family dies, he is buried there. The services are held in the great chapel, but the persons are buried in crypts. Above each grave there are beautiful statues and wonderful sculptures in his honor.

After a short stay in Rotterdam, the family boarded the Veendam to sail for America. The Veendam is a slow steamer, and it took us nine long days. When the passengers sighted the shores of America, they were all happy; but when they saw the grand old Statue of Liberty, they shouted for joy. It was hard to wait for the boat to dock so that we could step again on the soil of our own land.

Mayme Nabors, Grade 8

Miss Butcher spent the summer at her home in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Staats studied at Columbia Teachers' College and later took a motor trip with Mr. Staats.

Mrs. Davis went west to Columbus, Ohio, for the last part of August.

This list is not complete, but information about other members will be added as we find it out.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Robinson are the proud parents of a daughter now three weeks old.

## Calendar

### October

- 7—Games for students in separate dorms
- 14—W.P.A. play—"The Balmy Mr. Brown"
- 15—Football game away—Vagabonds
- 21—End of First Marking Period
- 22—Football game away—Dover
- 29—Alumni Day
- Football game here — Buck's County Champs
- Alumni Supper
- Chapel Assembly
- Alumni Reception

### November

- 2—Parents' Day
- 5—Football game here—Downingtown
- Social for visiting team
- 11—Armistice Day—Half Holiday
- 12—Football game away—Princess Anne
- 19—Football game away—Cheyney

## Marking Periods End

- First—October 21
- Second—December 2
- Third—January 20
- Fourth—March 3
- Fifth—April 15
- Sixth—May 26

## HERE 'N THERE

Laurence Redmond Walker '34, writes from Austen, Penna., and sends in her dollar for a subscription to the Echo. Mrs. Walker, since she graduated, has never failed to write at the beginning of each year, send a subscription for the Echo and club dues to the Progress Club, of which she was not only a member, but president her Senior year. She writes: "Life goes along very quietly and unchanged here. Fall is in the air and soon we shall be hibernating for another four or five months."

The girls' uniforms have come! Do they look good! They are most attractive—a white blouse (tucked in) and the blue fitted serge skirt zippered (Farewell to placket gaps!) The pinning' up of the middies is over. The Echo will run a snapshot of a group of girls in the new garb shortly so that those who wore middies in the good old days can see this latest improvement.

You'll like old Ironsides,  
That much is true,  
Try hard to make  
Ironsides like you.

If you play square,  
And follow the rules,  
You'll find that Ironsides  
Tops all other schools.

Bernice Carter, Grade 7

### Senior Writes Play Immortalizing Handy

In a play based on the life of William C. Handy, the so-called granddaddy of the blues, Mary A. Bunting, a member of this year's Senior Class, makes her bow as an author.

The publicity given Mr. Handy by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, inspired Mary to write the play entitled, "The Cavalcade of the Blues".

The play is episodic in nature, arranged in three acts, and shows how W. C. Handy came to write the various blues that have made his name practically synonymous with Blues in our American music. "Handy was born to a very proud minister and a very sedate mother in Florence, Alabama. His father wanted him to become a minister, but Bill's ideas were solely on music. While at work, he would hum slow, weary melodies of his own. He finally decided that he would go elsewhere to learn more about music..." the above statement is the introduction to the synopsis of the play.

When W. C. Handy read the play, he wrote to Mary as follows: "I have read your play and am sending a copy of it to the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. It is the largest society of its kind in the world."

E. C. Mills, administrative committee chairman, wrote the following letter: "Our mutual friend, W. C. Handy, has very kindly sent me a copy of your play in three acts entitled "Cavalcade of the Blues" depicting the life and rise of W. C. Handy.

"Mr. Handy tells me that you are a seventeen year old high school student, and he gives me the happy information that to some extent your work was inspired by our "Birth of a Song" cartoon devoted to Mr. Handy.

"I have very hastily read the play and I do want to say that if at seventeen you have the energy and imagination to create so creditable a work, then I don't hesitate to predict a brilliant future in your maturity.

"You will have many discouragements. I hope that you successfully overcome them all and this letter is to thank you for thus honoring our beloved member, W. C. Handy, and to express our admiration for your ambition to be a writer..."

A presentation of "A Cavalcade of the Blues" was given in Columbia, South Carolina, with Mr. Handy himself in the leading role.

### Classes Elect Officers

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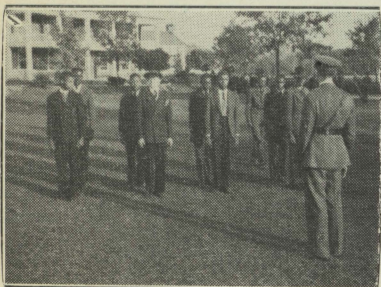
Freshmen choices for officers are: President, John Fleming; vice-president; secretary, Mildred Binn; treasurer, Russell Rhones.

The Eighth Grade officers are: Lula Mae Gilmore, president; Benjamin Gunn, vice president; Leon Swan, secretary; and James Griggs, as treasurer.

The Seventh Grade will not elect officers until later in the year.

"As I look you over it makes it seem" Says Mr. Williams looking glum, "That you cannot study the Old Regime And go on chewing gum."

Robert Puello, Jr.



## Alumni News



This is the time of the year when in addition to getting adjusted ourselves to the thrill of our new ranks as Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and the like, we turn our thoughts to those who left us in June. What are they doing? Didn't they go on in school as they planned? Did they get the jobs they hoped for?

The purpose of this column is first to give you the news of last year's graduates and as much information as we have of others. Sometimes the folks write us of themselves and of others. Sometimes we meet them; and sometimes we meet folks who have seen them.

For the members of the class of 1938, that smiling group whose picture heads this column, we submit the following:

Marius Bloedorn has entered Essex Junior College in Newark.

Mary Daniels is an operator in the La Belle Beauty Shop in Newark.

Leon Funderburke is a clerk in the State Officers of the N.Y.A. in Newark.

Dewey Johnson has found employment in his trade, printing, in New York City.

Alma Brockenbaugh is a student at Delaware State College, Dover.

James Dixon writes from Virginia State where he is enrolled as a student: These first few weeks here have been very enjoyable... Percy Smith, Coleman, and Taylor are here and getting along fine so far. We are looking forward to a great State basketball team this year also.

Arlice Evans is attending Asbury Park Business College.

Carrie Haynes is an operator in a Beauty Parlor in Asbury Park.

Frances Smythwick is in New York studying and working at a part time job. She hopes to enter for Nurse Training in Lincoln Hospital in January.

Beatrice Watson, too, hopes to begin training to soothe the fevered brow at Lincoln Hospital in January. Until then she will work at her present job of office girl in a doctor's office in Newark.

Paloma Queen, whom we shall never forget as "Lizzie" in the "The Bat", is a beautician and writes as follows: "I just married October 2. Expect to work after November 1 at Cora's Beauty Salon on West Street in Newark." Paloma's new name is Williams.

William Tucker is a farmhand at Wrightman Farm, Morristown, N. J. He is saving his money and hopes to enter Virginia State.

Felix Robinson is still another Ironsider to join the Virginia State group. Felix was awarded the N.F.A. key at the convention last summer in Georgia.

Portia Thompson is working in a private family in Chester, Pa.

Merritt Bowman who has not succeeded in getting permanent employment as yet is not wasting time; and has enrolled for a post-graduate course at the Camden Night School.

Mary Stevens is working in a Beauty Shop at 416 Broadway, Salem.

Edward Livingston has a job promised in Philadelphia which will give him a chance to save money for Fiske.

Elijah Boyd '38, stopped by school and reports that he is working in a garage in Elizabeth.

Of the students who received certificates in their trades but not diplomas, we have heard from:

Ruth Lee, who is working in the Nellie Mae Beauty Shop in Atlantic City.

Anita Hall, who is an operator in a beauty shop in Orange.

Grace Cain, who is an operator in a beauty shop in Freehold.

From graduates and former students of years past, here's news:

Nellie Turner '33, is a secretary in the Bureau of Supplies and Equipment in Wildwood. On the side she operates a Beauty Parlor in which Ruth Lee is an operator. There's the good ole Ironsides spirit—Ironsiders in business tend to employ other Ironsiders.

Allice Miller '33, is a student at Cheyney's Teachers' College.

Doris West, secretary in City Hall, Philadelphia.

Myrtle Bowers '37, freshman at Spellman, Atlanta, Georgia.

Frances Slaughter Coleman '36, operator in a Beauty Parlor.

Ivy Parry '32, dressmaker in a Harlem Dress Shop.

Thelma Yancey Brown '24, teacher in New York City public schools.

Henri Mae Young '23, teacher in The Booker T. Washington High School, Atlanta.

Robert Hill '26, distributor for the Wingate Beauty Products.

Ashton Higgins ex '36, a student at A. and T.

Stanley Hilton '31, has a floor finishing business in Phila.

Helen Mayo Spruel '32, is a dressmaker in a Phila. shop.

William Harris '24, operates his own print shop—his wife is a Bordentown graduate.

Helen Wilson ex '38, runs her own catering business.

Bert Williams ex '30, has his own printing business in Hackensack.

Ryno Newton '30, is a U. S. Mail truck driver.

Benjamin Reeder ex '29, plastering contractor—hires five men.

John F. Williams '26, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pochantas, Va.

Alfred Washington ex '37, assistant pastry baker in Long Branch—recently married.

Esaias Lee '31, preacher in Inkster, Michigan.

Nellie Brazier '33, case worker—Colored Children's Bureau, Phila.

Maudie German Skinner '26, case worker, Dept. of Welfare, Old Age Division, New York.

Manzo Follins, ex '25, of 795 St. Nicholas avenue, New York, is operating his own very successful trucking business.

Edwin Patrick, '30, of 129 W. Young's Avenue, Wildwood, N. J., is operating a successful laundry.

George Doshier, '23, of 6 Haymarket Street, London, England, is singing throughout Europe with his quartet.

Henry M. Shields, '06, of 18 West Montgomery Street, Baltimore, Md., obtained his A.B. degree in 1910, his B.D. in 1913, and is now Pastor of the A.M.E. Church in Baltimore. He was formerly principal of the second largest high school in Alabama, on the strength, he says of his Bordentown diploma.

Marguerite Moody, formerly of Jersey City, has opened a Beauty Parlor at 1523 Lakegrove Place, Far Rockaway, L. I.

Theodore Spaulding, '17, 2041 Master Street, Philadelphia, Pa., has since leaving Ironsides, graduated from Shaw Academy, Howard University Law School, and the University of Detroit. He is now Chief Counsel for the Philadelphia Branch of N.A.A.C.P., and Associated Pennsylvania Counsel for the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

### GRADUATE IN NEW JOB:

My dear Mr. Jones:

I have been quite busy since the first of September in organizing our program and getting things under way. The equipment and supplies are coming in slowly. We hope to have things under way and start our laboratory and service work soon. For most part every thing is going along very nicely. I like my work very much.

I wish to thank you for the very fine letter of recommendation you sent in to the University of Pennsylvania's Placement Service when I was applying for this position. I will do my best to make a success of the program.

We are to play the Crispus Attucks High School next month; perhaps I will have a chance to get over in Indianapolis, Ind.

I would appreciate having a copy of the Progress Chart as used in the Auto Mechanics Shop of your department.

Hoping that the school term will be a most successful one for you, I remain

Very truly yours,  
Lawrence K. Chavis,  
Louisville, Ky.

A former student writes of the theatre:

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Thanks very much for sending me the first issue of the Alumni News letter. I am always glad to hear of the doing of my old school. I shall look eagerly forward to subsequent copies.

Would you mind sending me some information concerning your dramatic department? Being a theatrical man, I am naturally interested in what you are doing for the students along this line.

With best wishes for a record year, I am

Yours for "Old Ironsides"  
Ralf Coleman, Director,  
Negro Federal Theatre of Mass.,  
38 Symphony Road, Boston.

P.S.: Enclosed are programs of Negro plays which the drama department of the school may be interested in producing. They are only a few of the many I have done.—R. C.

### Bordentown Alumni Organize

The Bordentown graduates living in Salem, New Jersey, recently organized the Salem Unit of the Bordentown Alumni Association. Though the Chapter is small in numbers, its members are active. The group is awarding a \$5 prize each year to the eighth grade pupil of the Grant Street School in Salem being the most outstanding student. The members of this Chapter are: Mrs. Marion Jones Doran, Mrs. Lillian Chapman Ellis, Mrs. Louise Moore Giles, Ralph Williams, and Charles Jackson. Charles Jackson was elected president and Mrs. Giles was made secretary-treasurer.

The North Jersey Chapter of the Bordentown Alumni Association has been successfully organized after several earlier attempts had failed. At each meeting held recently, about 18 alumni have been present. The aim of the Chapter has been established as the setting up of a student-aid fund, to be raised through a series of parties, concerts and other activities. The officers are as follows: Herbert Johnson, president; Mrs. Viola Powlett Stewart, vice president; Mrs. Notre Leonard King, secretary-treasurer.

The New York Chapter of the Association has been actively organized for several years and is under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Williams, president also of the association. The most recently activity of the group was the sponsoring of an annual Gingham Prom, held in New York on June 25. The funds were added to a student-aid fund which is to be administered by the Chapter.

Attempts are now to be made to organize a Philadelphia Chapter of the Association.

### GRADUATE IN NEW JOB:

Each year I feel as if it's my duty to thank you and the other members of the M.T.I.S. faculty for the training which I received at your school. Since 1927, when I left Bordentown, I've never been without a position, as you know it was in June of 29, you sent Lindsey and me to Virginia to manage a garage for Mrs. R. L. Walker. We did swell down there and I do believe that Lindsey is still there. I left in 29 and came south to New Orleans. I worked a while there as a fireman in a sugar manufacturing concern. Then I went to work for a Chevrolet dealer here in Baton Rouge, where I've been ever since until 37. I took a Fireman-Laborer examination for a Government position and through that training that you made me take, I came out second on the eligible list, and was soon appointed as a sub. On July 1, 1938, I was appointed a regular. I am doing night duty, and enjoying a decent salary with chances for a promotion.

Tell the firemen that are working those boilers there, that if they will make a careful study of them and get an engineer's license, chances are good for them in Government Service. Auto mechanics and Printing as well will offer swell positions.

Again, Mr. Jones, I want to thank you for making me fire that boiler that heats the shop and for that hour each day you sent me to help Adams to clean his boiler.

Best wishes to you, faculty, and students of Bordentown.

Sincerely yours,  
Eugene E. Bell,  
Baton Rouge, La.

A note of sadness comes into this column because we have to announce the death of Elizabeth Conrad, the sister of Bessie, who graduated last year, and of Cordelia, who is a student here at present. Elizabeth who married after she got her certificate in Beauty Culture died in childbirth; and leaves besides her bereaved husband and family many friends whom she made in her business and social connections in Trenton and the vicinity.

## Battalion Completes New Roster

The publishing of the roster of members of the Officers' Corps reveals that there have been some promotions; but that for the most part with few losses from graduation, the commissioned officers are pretty much the same people.

Some new names appear among the non-coms, names that might well challenge some of the present commissioned men.

The roster is as of October first:

### COMPANY "A" OFFICERS

#### Battalion Officers

- Senior Capt. Herbert Tucker
- Capt. Adjutant Otho Ross
- Captain Ernest Butler
- 1st. Lieut. Ed. White
- 1st. Lieut. Sam Arrington
- 1st Lieut. Henry Banks
- 2nd Lieut. Clarence Wilson
- 2nd Lieut. Theodore Allison

#### Sergeants:

- Top Sergt., Atterbeary, Knowlton
- 1st Platoon Sgt., Puello, Robert
- 2nd Platoon Sgt. Coles, Calvin
- 3rd Platoon Sgt., Green, Frank
- Guide Sgt., Batten, Joseph
- Guide Sgt., Walker, Bruce
- Guide Sgt., Cox, Frederick
- Guide Sgt., Towler, Laurence
- Q.M.D. Sgt., Washington, Ezra
- Q.M.D. Sgt., Reed, Walter
- Supply Sgt., Robinson, Clanson
- Supply Sgt., Hicks, Wesley
- Bugler Sgt., Dingus, Charles

#### Corporals

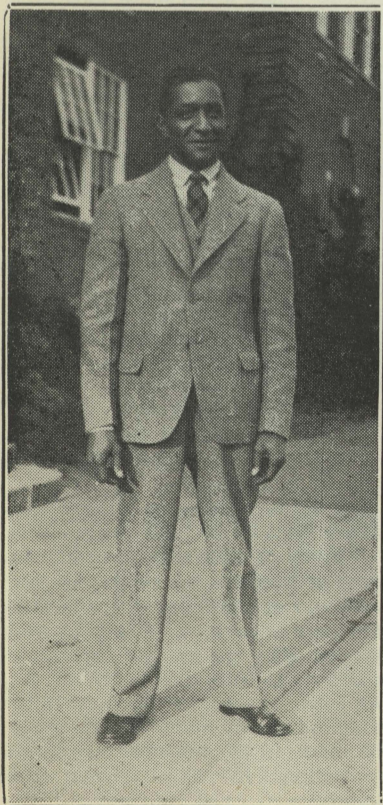
- Cpl., S. D., Taylor, Wayman
- " Smith, Ira
- " King, James
- " Carter, Franklin
- " Jacobs, Walter
- " Hanson, Robert
- " Wharton, William
- " Dutton, Walter
- " John Eardlie
- " Beacham, John
- " Epps, Richard
- " Collins, Robert

### COMPANY "B" OFFICERS

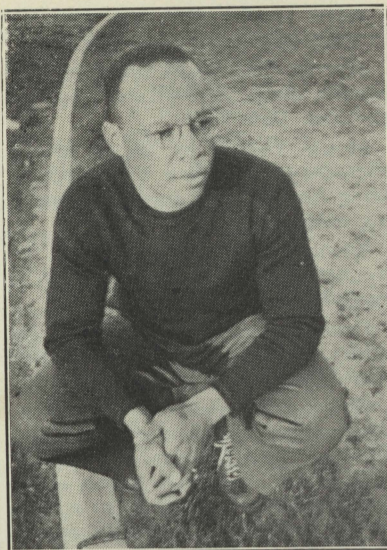
- Capt. Russell Henry
- 1st Lieut. H. Stewart
- 1st. Lieut. W. Kearney
- 1st Lieut. W. Walker
- 1st Lieut. J. Francis
- 2nd Lieut. W. Hamlett

#### Sergeants

- Top Sergeant Bryant, Clyde
- 1st Platoon Sgt., Battle, Walter
- 2nd. Platoon Sgt. Robinson, Henry
- 3rd Platoon Sgt. Easton, Edward
- 4th Platoon Sgt. Fleming, John



## The Coach



Getting an interview with these particular coaches is like being a collector for an installment company, you can never catch anyone home. After days of chasing Coach Watson, ducking and dodging, he finally forgot and ducked when he was supposed to dodge. I then secured the interview. Then I knew at last why he is called "Gloomy Wat". Any way here is what he had to say:

"At the present all I can do is sing the blues. I have only four lettermen to build a team around. As the season progresses, things don't look so good; and then too it is far too early to make any prediction. I can say that we will have a team with little or no experience. I can't say that they are not willing because they are; but they are just not coming along fast enough."

So with those remarks, Coach Watson quietly ducked out of the interview's corner.

- Sgt., Pitts, Sylvester
- " Jordon, Edward
- " Richardson, Charles
- " Forbes, Glynwood
- " Rhones, Russell
- " Brown, Harding
- " Brown, Harold
- " Van Liew, Frederick
- " Brinkley, Joseph
- " Edmonds, David
- " Hall, Samuel
- " Brown, Paul
- " Turner, Claywell
- " Miller, John
- " Riley, Lancelot
- " Freeman, Thomas

#### Corporals

- " Sandiford, Kenneth
- " Daley, Richard
- " Hagans, James
- " Saunders, Richard
- " Clinton, James
- " Griggs, James
- " Jackson, Samuel
- " Brown, Thomas
- " Swann, Leon
- " Johnson, William
- " Williams, Bernard
- " Moore, Donald
- " Blake, William
- " Twitty, Wilbur
- " Gaunt, Terence
- " Bryant, Jerry
- " Flood, Lawrence
- " Merserau, Paul
- " Morris, James
- " Barnes, Wendell
- " Lane, Henry

### COACH RAY

It was quite a job cornering Coach Ray, but after a few chases here and there I was able to catch and hold him long enough to get his view point of the 1938 grid team.

"Uh, well—while the prospects for the 1938 season are not particularly brilliant, they certainly can not be classed as hopeless. Our success or failure will depend largely upon the spirit of the team and the enthusiasm of the student body."

That's all I could get from Coach Ray.

## Uncompleted Gridiron Changes Football Plans

The good old proverb of "water, water, everywhere and not a drop to drink" certainly applies to the football situation at Bordentown this year. Greeting all comers who walk near the boys' dormitories is a beautiful football gridiron and a track. That's all it can do, however; for the dictum of the workers is that the field is not packed enough for service, and that to play on it in its present condition would ruin it. For that reason adjustments had to be made in the football schedule, with as few home games as possible.

The last word is that the Downingtown and Storer games will be played here, with Cheyney, Princess Anne, and any other games played elsewhere.

## HIP -- HIP --- Hurray -- Ironsides! !

The crowd begins to yell; the captains signal their readiness; the referee's whistle blows. A pigskin slowly rising from the fullback's toe gains speed and goes hurtling through the air. The game is on. The football season is with us once again. The ball is caught on the ten, fifteen, twenty yards. He is hit hard on his thirty yard line. Thus the most popular sport of college and high school is with us again.

Of course weeks of intensive training must precede this: Replacement of losses made by graduation and for other reasons. All this is happening at Ironsides as the 1938 season gets under way.

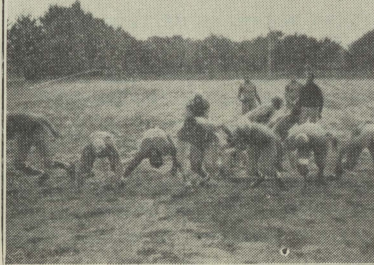
Coaches Watson and Ray have issued their call and are putting the candidates through vigorous paces. Then, too, the Wildcats are defending champs of the M3A conference.

As was said, Commencement took its toll of some of the Wildcats' sharpest claws. This year's tally ran into the deep number of eleven men. Ironsides lost such stalwarts as Rene Richardson, Dusty Boyd, Tommy Johnson, Joe Roberts, and Fats Livingston.

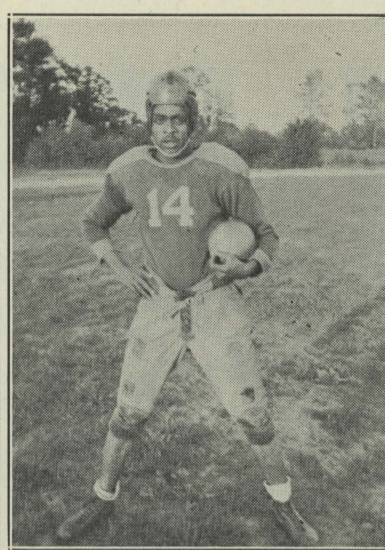
On the line it would be worth your while to keep an eye on such men as Walter Spicer, Robert Jones, Charles Polhemus, and Knowlton Atterbeary. In the backfield the new comers are Hugh Hairston and Norman Powell who bear watching. Then there are the reserves of last year who will undoubtedly be first string men this year; Walter Jacobs, Russell Henry, and Samuel Arrington.

The team, therefore, will be molded around the reserves and the lettermen of last year. These latter are: Captain Ernest Butler, Robert Drake, Cranston Harris, Kenneth Williams, and post-graduate letterman Herbert Tucker.

## On The Field



## The Captain



Friends, let us introduce the Captain of the Ironsides Wildcats for 1938. This important figure is none other than Ernest Butler, who was co-captain of the famed M3A champs of 1937.

Butler has been playing varsity tackle since 1935; but most of the dopesters feel that he played his best game last year.

The Captain feels that a good season is ahead. Says he: "I think that we have a group of boys who have shown courage, team work, cooperation and spirit. We have practically a new team coming through in great style. It would be absurd to predict a championship; but safe to say that whatever eleven represents Ironsides one can be sure that they will do it in fine style."

The probable line-up on Passon Field, October 15, against the Vagabonds will be:

- Left end, Jacobs, Walter
  - Left tackle, Hanson, Robert
  - Left guard, Spicer Walter
  - Center, Williams, Kenneth
  - Right guard, Taylor, Wayman
  - Right tackle, Drake, Robert
  - Right end, Tucker, Herbert
  - Right halfback, Johnson, George
  - Left halfback, Powell, Norman
  - Fullback, Robinson, Haywood
  - Quarterback, Harris Cranston
- Substitutes are as follows: Jones, Robert; Polhemus, Charles; Atterbeary, Knowlton; Hall, Joseph; Smith, Ira; Arrington, Sam; Morse, James; Hairston, Hugh; Henry, Russell; Allison, Theodore; Allison, Warren.

### BOWIE WITHDRAWS

Bowie Normal School, Bowie, Md., has withdrawn from the M3A and therefore does not appear a scheduled game for the football season.

### MR. MORROW, TRAINER

Most of us as we watch an eleven on the gridiron move with machine like precision are feign to give all the credit to the coaches. We usually forget the man in the rear seat who plays a very important part in molding that machine.

The one who plays that role here at Ironsides is Mr. Morrow. Mr. Morrow hard to capture for a few days gave an interview.

"I would say that the boys are beginning to shape up and show much more evidence of getting into good condition. The boys realize the value of this training and despite the fact there is still plenty of grunts and groans, everyone takes an active part. Of course I realize that I was putting on extra doses to get the boys into shape, but I had to overcome the odds made by the rainy season." So with a grunt he (Mr. Morrow) moved on.

## Cage Warriors Practice Early

Basketball season at Ironsides has not even given the football season a chance to start, this year, before its practice has started. This is because of the fact that Coach Ray has only two men left over from last year's varsity, Robert "Slim" Jones and Charles "Snaggs" Lawrence; most of the fellows having either not returned or graduated. Therefore "Fess" Ray started practice, Monday, October 3. Below is a list of some of the "green horns" who have been playing around and expressing their wish to join the varsity:

William Powell, a back on the football team; Hairston also a back on the football team; Charles Polhemus, Walter Dutton, William Blake, Edward Simmons and several others who are too numerous to mention. Dutton comes from last year's Cubs as does "Butch" Polhemus. Powell and Hairston look like minor veterans. People are dubious about this year's basketball outlook, but Coach Ray will always hold Ironsides championship team to true stuff somehow.

## Hosts and Hostesses Feature Social

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to participate in the dancing would be expected to be seated, and not to interfere with the dancers.

Everything had been put in readiness. The lights had been decorated with colorful paper which produced a soft-oned glow. The music had been carefully selected and the playing order arranged especially for the occasion. The theme song had been selected and everybody had been notified that the theme would be played twice to signify the last dance. After the conclusion of the last dance, all the boys were to move immediately to the right of the room to allow the girls to get their coats and leave without any confusion.

The hosts and hostesses were identified by an attractive shoulder emblem which was worn on the left shoulder. Their duties were to see that every student conducted him or herself as a lady or gentleman, to encourage everyone to dance, and to make themselves partners of those who didn't get many dances.

The supervision of the dance by the hosts and hostesses was simplified by the hearty co-operation of all the students.

Mr. Valentine was so impressed by the way the dance had been conducted that he called a meeting of the hosts and hostesses immediately after the dance. At the meeting he expressed his gratitude to them for their splendid work in planning and supervising an evening of entertainment that will long be remembered by the faculty and students of Ironsides.

The hosts and hostesses were under the leadership of Mrs. Teresa Staats, a member of the faculty.

