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# The Ironsides Echo

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## SENIORS PRESENT CONSTITUTION PROGRAM

### Other Classmen Assist In National Observance

On September 17, the Senior Class with the help of the other classmen presented to the student body in chapel, a Constitution Day program on honor of National Constitution Day, which was observed all over the United States in celebration of the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

Miss Echols, teacher of American history to fourth year students, introduced the program to the school. The first half of it was in the form of a one-act radio playlet depicting the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787. Boys who took part as delegates were as follows: Theodore Allison, Stanley Walker, Leroy Couch, William Walker, Leo Holmes, Frank Battle, Otho Ross, Donald Williams, John Miller, Carl Benefield, Fred Archer, Joseph Gibson, Dewey Johnson, Eugene Kee, James Hall, Joseph Hall, Harold Stewart, Robert Puello, Russell Henry, Joseph Lewis, Glynwood Forbes, Henry Robinson, Robert Watson, Fred Pyatt, William Kearney.

Edward Livingston read a paper pertaining to the Constitution.

The second half of the program was a chanting of the preamble of the Constitution led by Marius Bloedorn, by the Seniors accompanied on the piano by Mr. Work. Those who were in this chorus were: Emma Cheatham, Mary Daniels, Mary Whitney, Kathleen Johnson, Portia Thompson, Doris Owens, Julia Ware, Alice Copeland, Minnie Thomas, Beatrice Watson, Frederick Richardson, Frank Chisholm, Clarence Wilson, Elijah Boyd, Leo Holmes, Paul Bracy, Charles Lawrence, Merritt Bowman.

The startling part about the smoothness with which the program went off was the fact that no one who took part knew until the day before. This is the first time a program has been arranged two days after school opening.

## Dr. Samuel Graffin Speaks On "Ethics"

On Thursday, October 6, Dr. Samuel Graffin came to speak to the students. Dr. Graffin was introduced by Mr. Guy Hendry, Y Secretary of Burlington County.

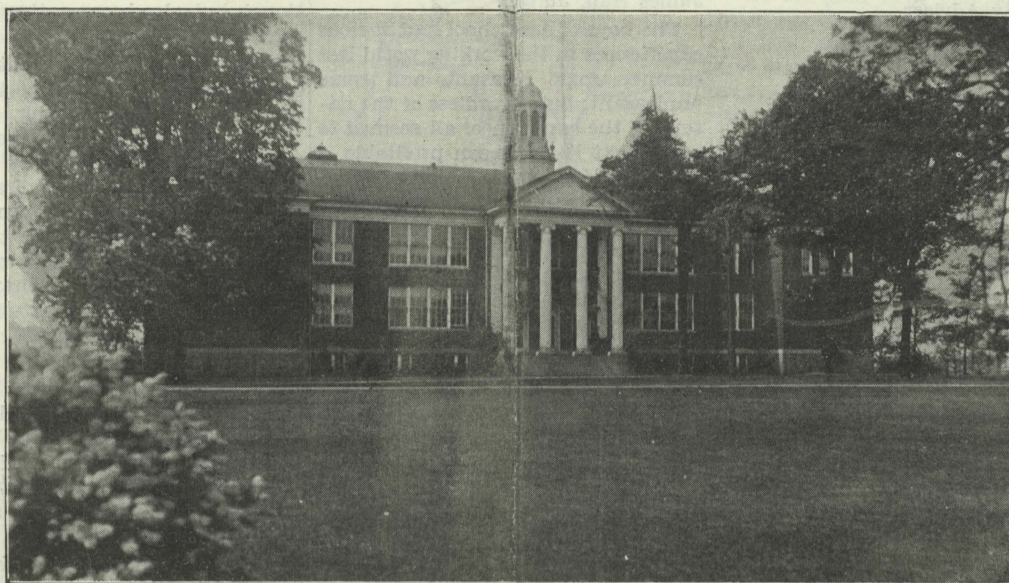
Dr. Graffin's topic was "Ethics." The main theme was that one does not have to leave home to have a great experience. As an example George Washington Carver, of Tuskegee, was cited. The Negro scientist's famous experiments with the lowly peanut are well-known.

The speaker told another story about a king and a stone. A king put a large stone in the middle of the main street of his city. All the inhabitants walked around the stone until a small boy tried to lift it and found that the stone was hollow and beneath it a box containing treasures. On the box was a poem:

"This box is his  
And his alone  
Who takes the time  
To move this stone."

Dr. Graffin held his audience as usual.

## IRONSIDES GREET YOU 1937-38



## GRANGER HEADS STUDY GROUP

Lester B. Granger, secretary of the Workers' Bureau of the National Urban League, has been selected by the New York State Commission on the Condition of the Urban Colored Population as executive director of the study of economics, social and educational conditions among Negroes in the State of New York.

The Commission was created by the N. Y. Legislature in 1937. Gov. Lehman signed the bill which carried with it an appropriation of \$30,000.

Mr. Granger has been granted a leave of absence by the National Urban League until March 1938.

Mr. Granger was formerly connected for many years with Bordentown as extension worker and Commandant of Boys. He is a familiar figure on the campus now although not directly connected with the school. Faculty and students extend congratulations to him on this new appointment.

## Cadet Officers' Roster Announced

The officers for the battalion for 1937-38 are announced as follows:

Senior Captain, Lorenzo Brooks, over all companies.

Captain Leonard Snellings, second in command.

Captain Vance Bethea, chief quartermaster.

Captain Otha Ross, adjutant.

Sergeant Major, Donald Williams.

### "A" Company Officers

Captain Ernest Butler  
1st Lieut. Leroy Couch  
1st Lieut. Edward White  
1st Lieut. Dewey Johnson  
2nd Lieut. Samuel Arrington.  
2nd Lieut. Clarence Wilson, quartermaster.

2nd Lieut. Henry Banks, supply lieutenant.

1st Sergeant Knowlton Atterbury.

### "B" Company Officers

Captain Russell Henry.  
1st Lieut. Harold Stewart.  
1st Lieut. Wm. Kearney.  
1st Lieut. Wm. Walker.  
2nd Lieut. Wm. Hamlett.  
2nd Lieut. James Francis, quartermaster.

1st Sergeant Frank Thompson.

We welcome the new students who are entering the Bordentown School for the first time and also the old students who are returning from their summer work or vacations.

The new students must feel that they are at least at a turning point in their careers. They are starting all over again and should have all the enthusiasm and inspiration which goes with a fresh start. We trust that this enthusiasm will last through the years.

The old students are also turning over a new leaf with the beginning of the new year. We trust that they will be able to make their determination do well and to last for a long time.

This is a time of beginning afresh for all. May our enthusiasm carry us over many rough places and may we possess the determination to stick it out to the end.

(signed) W. R. Valentine, Principal.

## SENIORS HEAR MISS CAVER

Miss Grant and Miss Bird entertained the Senior Class in English and Surrent Events and members of the faculty at a tea in the Living Room of the girls' dormitory at which Miss Augusta Caver, teacher of art in New Lincoln School, Trenton, told of her visit to the Orient.

In the summer of 1936 Miss Caver spent the better part of two months in both China and Japan; and her talk and views on both places found an especially interested audience at this time.

She felt that the Japanese were cleaner and more gracious than the Chinese; but she also thought the Chinese were friendlier and less aloof. She spoke of the habits of living, the food, education, and other phases of life of these two peoples, apparently so much alike and so traditionally hostile.

As a teacher of art, Miss Caver acquired beautiful prints and brocades, and kimonos, all of which she put on display. She herself was charming in a dull red brocade dress, made in China, and of the type worn by the modern Chinese woman.

After her talk, Miss Caver answered questions from the audience. When asked how she got along with the languages of these two countries, she said that anyone who possessed any advanced education or was engaged in business spoke English.

Tea was served and a social period followed during which all present had an opportunity to meet Miss Caver personally and view her treasures from the East.

## New and Old Students Meet

On September 15, the old students returned to school and that evening they were honored with the annual social held for the purpose of greeting old schoolmates and welcoming new ones.

The faculty as hosts and hostesses welcomed the students back and wished them all a successful year.

In the "dorms" it was passed around that this year's Return Social was one of the most enjoyable held in some time.

## SCHOOL EXHIBITS IN PATERSON

As part of a Negro Achievement Week Exhibit held from October 24-30 in the Public Library of Paterson, N. J., the school will be represented among exhibitors from all parts of the state.

The Bordentown exhibit consists of materials gathered from various departments of the school, showing specific work of students and photographs and awards. It was on display in chapel for all students to see on Tuesday, October 19.

Mr. Valentine, principal of the school, is chairman of the State Committee which is collecting all of the material. The local school committee in immediate charge of the Bordentown exhibit is headed by Mr. Morrow with Mesdames Brown and Staats and Messers, Cheatham, Curtis, and Jones as members.

## Jolly Sixteen Entertains New Girls

Members of the Jolly Sixteen Club, Olive Price, president, entertained the new girls in the Recreation Room of the New Girls' Dormitory on Saturday evening, October 16.

## BROOKS AND WALKER HEAD CLASSMATES

### Junior and Seniors Elect Officers For Coming Year

In recent class elections for the two upper classes, Lorenzo Brooks, ranking Captain over the whole battalion, and William Walker, lieutenant in Company B, emerged as president of the Senior and Junior Classes respectively.

The Seniors honored by representation this last year the following:

Otho Ross, vice-president.  
Kathleen Johnson, secretary.  
William Miller, assistant secretary.  
Doris Owens, girls' treasurer.  
Leo Holmes, boys' treasurer.  
Miss Grant, sponsor.

At the first class meeting held on Tuesday, October 5, the following chairmen of committees for the year was announced.

Ring and Pin Committee: Emma Cheatham.

Class Day: Leroy Couch.  
Class Play: Arlice Evans.  
Class Gift: Frances Smythwick.  
Christmas Party: Vance Bethea.  
Class Meeting Program: Otho Ross.  
Plans were made for the current year, some of which will be announced later.

The Juniors in addition to William Walker, honored the following with office:

Sarah Daymon, vice president.  
Anna Jackson, secretary.  
Meta Britton, assistant secretary.  
Joseph Lewis, boys' treasurer.  
Erline Smith, girls' treasurer.  
Miss Echols, sponsor.

The Ninth Grade held elections and recently elected the following:

Stanley Craigwell, president.  
Glynwood Forbes, vice president.  
John Miller, secretary.  
Edward Easton, treasurer.  
Miss Gillespie and Mr. Fuller are sponsors.

Following the Freshmen, the Sophomores held elections and gave us their officers as the paper went to press:

James Locklear, president.  
Frank Green, vice president.  
Anna Fitzgerald, secretary.  
Gordon Long, assistant secretary.  
Lillie Young, treasurer.  
Joseph Brinkley, treasurer.  
Miss Bird is sponsor.

## Columbus Day Observed At Ironsides

Columbus Day was observed on Ironsides campus by appropriate chapel exercises.

Columbus' Ambitions and Struggles—John Miller.

The Discovery of America—Frank Battle.

The Importance of the Discovery—Eugene Kee.

"Columbus"—By Joaquin Miller recited by Stanley Craigwell.

Directly preceding the program, the school sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Those who took part in the program were presented by Fred Pyatt, master of ceremonies.

Miss Scott sponsored the program and all participants were Freshmen.

The exercises, appropriately enough, closed with "The Star Spangled Banner."

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## GREETINGS, NEW STUDENTS!

The faculty and the old students wish to extend to the new students through the Echo our message of greeting to you! It is always a delight of the school to see the fall opening bringing in new students to take the places of those who have left and to make new places of their own.

To many of you, this is an entirely new step in your life. This, perhaps, is the first time you have been away from home for such a long stay; but you will find Ironsides a lovely place to be if you abide by the rules and regulations.

Time never passes quickly when one is idle. So the advice we give to you is to get down to work! Also get interested in the extra-curricular activities on the campus such as the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and clubs.

As people are judged by the impressions they make, it is good advice for you to make your first impression here at Ironsides a good one.

You will find that Ironsides provides splendid opportunity for learning how to get along with people. No two persons are alike; and 400 people offer different temperaments and dispositions. Some of you will meet persons you like. Some will form friendships that will last.

Our greatest wish for you is a happy and a pleasant year, a year of happiness and achievement.

## BEGIN THE YEAR RIGHT!

A new school year has opened. The same thing happens every year. On the first day everybody greets the new students, welcomes back the old students. The next day everyone grumbles about school. "Oh, well!" sigh they; "another year of hard work" and they settle down.

But—Some do not settle down; some don't want to start another year, have never thought of how much progress can be made. They have not thought of starting the year with a clean card!

Many is the time Mr. Williams has made suggestions for starting the new year well; ways to help ourselves and our parents.

We must learn to think twice when we are tempted to do something that is wrong; think of the disgrace to us and our parents. It is very easy to be sorry AFTER something is done.

It has been said many times before, but still holds good that "A good way to come out right is to start right."

Junior High School contributors to this issue of the Echo are John Miller, Eugene Kee, James Williams, George Wilson, and Theodosia Alexander. We thank them, and hope they will continue to write. The Junior staff will not be appointed until November. Anyone wishing to try out for the staff up to that time, may do so. We welcome all contributions and appreciate any suggestions from any member of the Junior High School.

The Echo greets the school, faculty and student body, and extends good wishes for a happy school year.

We welcome the new members to our staff: Miss Remond, Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Hendon, and Mr. Hopson.

We extend sympathy to Portia Thompson in her recent bereavement. We extend sympathy to Mr. Vernon Cuffee, our bandmaster, in the recent loss of his mother.

We sincerely congratulate the Tuskegee track squad on its recent A.A.A. victory.

We extend our football team the support of the paper and express wishes for a most successful season.

We extend our felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Johnson, of Boston. Mrs. Johnson is our Miss Walker, who deserted us for matrimony last July.

We send greetings to Chicago where Mr. and Mrs. Wimp (Miss Lawson) have set up housekeeping.

Journalism each year offers new and more interesting possibilities. Perhaps the work on a small school paper seems a far cry from the war correspondent in Spain or feature writer in New York. Yet all things have a beginning; and an excellent opportunity to test your journalistic wings can be found in the issuing of our own publication.

The Echo is always looking for new material.

If you have the urge to write and see your name signed to an article in the paper, come and see us.

All you fledgling reporters, see some member of the staff and tell us about it. You may be just the person we're looking for.

## NEWS FROM BOYS' TRADES

Note: We hope through this column to keep you informed of the trade activities of the boys. We welcome information and ask students who have information about themselves or other boys to give it to James Hall, Junior.

The boys of our school had various experiences in the working world last summer, some pleasant, and some unpleasant; but regardless of the nature of the experience, all seemed to agree that it had been profitable.

The various jobs consisted of delivering ice, running errands, drug store attendants, farming, garage work; and there was one boy who went so far as to try his hands as a house-keeper, evidently to his sorrow, because he said that it was "harder than he thought it was."

Aside from the pleasure, if any, obtained from actual labor, some of the boys met interesting people and made contacts that they will remember for some time. They learned the value of courtesy and of displaying their good qualities to their advantage. The jobs held by some boys constituted their first experience at working; but only a few of them have failed to try their wings at all.

Some boys were fortunate to get jobs in their own trades; for example, auto mechanics got work in garages, music students played in orchestras. These fellows are carrying Ironsides off the campus.

There was still another group that we must not forget because we are so close to the work that they have done. They are boys who worked on the campus and did much to improve its appearance. They repaired and painted the exterior woodwork on Dormitory B; they painted the dormitory, the beauty parlor, the chapel, and rooms in the Administration Building. The carpenters worked on an apartment over Major's Watson's house, the electricians wired it, and the plumbers installed the plumbing. These boys have gained actual experience and have made practical things such as any painter, carpenter, plumber, or electrician does to make a living out in the world.

We quote some interesting reactions:

1. "In summer of 1937, I worked as a waiter for a lady who had a summer boarding house in Connecticut. I not only waited, but did odd jobs around the place. My occupation ran from writing her letters to sawing off limbs of trees and chopping them into firewood."

2. "Worked for school this summer on the farm for Mr. Godwin. Tasks were in the garden and about the chickens. I learned quite a bit about garden work and how to feed chickens, kill them, and clean them. It was my first experience on a farm and as a result I gained weight and acquired a little tan."

3. "I worked on an island driving a motorboat and a car. I also did butler's work."

"The summer's work was an unusual experience. I had to learn how to drive outboard motor boats and also learn the routes of the St. Lawrence River in that section to avoid the unseen rocks."

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## EXCHANGES

We acknowledge the following exchanges:

**The Sumner Courier:** Sumner High School, Kansas City, Kansas.

**The Downingtown Bulletin:** Downingtown Industrial School, Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

**The Junior Craftsman:** Lathrop Polytechnic Institute, Kansas City, Missouri.

We hope other schools will exchange with us and look forward to getting their first issues soon.

Watch this column for the list of exchanges.

## AS IT SEEMS TO US

### CHAPEL

I am a new student here at Ironsides, and I have been looking around and noticing everything. I am particularly impressed with our chapel programs. I find that these regular chapel sessions are very beneficial, not only because they are informational, but also because they are inspiring.

I think that if the students would come to chapel for the specific purpose of gaining something, and not because they are made to, they would be aided more because they want to be helped. A thing that disappoints me is the students' conduct in chapel. The saying that "there is a time and a place for everything" is a very true one, and it applies to chapel too. Some of the things the students do are rude and out of place.

When someone gets up to say something, it's not necessary to have commenting, or strange vocal sounds. If someone says something that is appreciated, there is no need for too much loud applause. Clap when the speaker has finished, stop, and become quiet again.

Many fine short topics are given by Mr. Valentine, Mr. Williams, and by the students. These speeches contain lessons that will help all of us, the youngest and the oldest. I hope our chapel sessions will continue to be uplifting and beneficial. Most of all, I wish the students would be wise enough to realize the value of these daily assemblies.

A New Student.

### LOST OPPORTUNITIES

One day as I was walking on the campus, I met a student, a last year's classmate who had failed to pass the year's work. He spoke very bitterly of his failure, almost resenting it. He seemed to feel that everyone was to blame except himself. However, after some conversation, he said, "I only wish I could live last year over. I wouldn't let one day pass without doing my work. I'd take part in other activities too. I'd do all I had a chance to do. I wouldn't let the days slip by, if I had the chance to live last year again."

That, to me, was a sad example of a lost opportunity because last year is gone. A similar chance may come again, but that one has passed. Opportunities do occur for us ever so often. However, if we are not aware of them and are not on the alert, we miss them, and later regret our failures. We must put forth every effort to accept every opportunity. Then we wouldn't have to feel bitter and chagrined.

Most of us are familiar with Edward Rowland Sill's poem, "Opportunity," in which a prince was commanding his father's army in a furious battle. The prince's banner was wavering and the outcome was very uncertain. There was one cowardly soldier who, not being satisfied with his means of defense, said, "If I only had that blue blade of the king's son, maybe I could do something, but this blunt thing!" He flung the sword away and left the field. Then came the king's son, wounded and weaponless. Seeing the broken sword, he seized it. With a battle shout, he drove his men back to battle. He overcame the enemy, and won a great cause.

The story gives an example of one who threw his opportunity away, while another took that same chance to win success. Too many of us look for bigger chances, and let the little ones slip by. Those of us who are discouraged because we failed once should wake up to every daily opportunity, and this year will be a successful one.

An Old Student.

They will be found on the reading table in Room 4, and anyone interested may read them.

## Reporter Interviews Beauty Culture Instructor

After an absence of two years, we have Mrs. Mae Hendon, our former Beauty Culture teacher, with us again.

Upon interviewing her, your reporter found that she was most elated to be with us; and when asked if she was glad to be back replied, "It's such a pleasure to come back to the quiet beauty that Ironsides represents."

Reporter: I take it then, you are pleased to be with?

Mrs. H.: Oh, yes.

Reporter: What you have done in the two years that you were away from us?

Mrs. H.: I first established a shop in Montclair and later one in East Orange.

Reporter: Well, Mrs. Hendon, did you find business profitable and opportunities favorable to the graduate beautician?

Mrs. H.: The hairdressing business will always be profitable among Negroes; and, since the State of New Jersey now demands that all beauticians pass state examinations before they can practice, there is more and more demand for the graduate beautician who can pass these tests as well as produce efficient work.

Reporter: Well, that's good news. Now, tell me, Mrs. Hendon, what do you think of the material you have in the beauty parlor here as far as producing good beauticians is concerned?

Mrs. H.: Well, some of the girls are quite promising; and others will have to work very hard.

Reporter: Taking the school as a whole, Mrs. Hendon, do you think it has improved any?

Mrs. H.: Why, yes. I have found several substantial improvements about the plant from the standpoint of students and technical and practical material with which to work.

Reporter: That is quite pleasing to hear! I wish you on behalf of the Echo and the school, a most successful year. Goodbye, Miss Hendon.

Mrs. H.: Good-bye.

Frances Smythwick.

## Interview With The Librarian

Miss Minnie Redmond, our new librarian, hails from Memphis, Tenn. As a matter of fact this is her first visit North and she finds the North very interesting.

Miss Redmond and Miss Lawson were classmates at Fisk; therefore Miss Redmond knew something of Bordentown from Miss Lawson before she came here. Having enjoyed during her school years, a lovely college campus, she knows a lovely campus when she sees one; and says she thinks Bordentown is beautiful, especially the view it gives of the "stately Delaware".

Miss Redmond acknowledges that there is Northern hospitality too; and says she finds everyone courteous and helpful; and the student body especially courteous.

We wish her a pleasant stay with us.

Meta Britton.

## Interview With Mr. Fuller

Mr. Solomon Carter Fuller, Jr., hails from Framingham, Mass. He attended Colby College in Waterville, Maine. After he left there he taught in a Winslow, Maine, public school. He teaches History and Science. He excels in track both indoor and outdoor, his chief event being the hurdles.

About our school, Mr. Fuller said, "I think that the people here are very fine and cordial and the students are well behaved and the leaders are outstanding."

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## Old and New Students Entertain; Two Programs Combined

Instead of devoting two Friday evenings to a local talent program as has been the custom in previous years, Mr. Work this year presented on Friday, September 30, a program that included new and old students.

Those appearing with their selections were as follows:

1. Piano Solo—"Trees",  
Edith Hodge
2. Baritone—"Danny Boy",  
James Hall
3. Clarinet and Sax—"Carry Me Back to Old Virginia",  
Russell Henry, Lorenzo Brooks
4. Soprano—"Forgotten",  
Almira Wilkerson
5. Trumpet—"Without A Song",  
Samuel Hall
6. Quartette—"Blue Hawaii",  
Mildred Binn, Lillian Hurst,  
Wallace McGee, Jacqueline Hale
7. Reading—"Maggie and Jiggs",  
Lillie Mehlinger
8. Tenor—"Just A Wearyin' For You" . . . . . Joseph Lewis
9. Tap Dance . . . . . Cornelia Grant
10. Military Tap Dance,  
Lillian Hurst
11. Soprano—"Absent",  
Alberta Birkhead
12. Tap Dance . . . . . James Francis

On the whole the program was much more varied, better executed on a higher level of entertainment than programs of previous years. It is hoped that the joint program idea becomes a regular practice.

## Echo Reporter Interviews Travellers

For the second time, I had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Fred Work, our music instructor, who stole away last summer for a vacation in Europe. He was in his music room waiting for the members of the Glee Club to arrive. Several of them were already there practicing. Mr. Work informed me that he was very busy, but kindly consented to give me a few minutes.

"What countries did you visit this summer?" I began.

"Well," said Mr. Work, taking out a group of pictures, "I went to England, France, Belgium, and Switzerland. Of these, I enjoyed France most. I went to Biarritz, the great watering place, and to Orleans, the home of Joan of Arc. I visited Hendaye on the top of the Pyrenees Mountains on the Spanish border.

"In England, I went to Bedford, the home of John Bedford." Here Mr. Work stopped to show me a picture of himself taken with the Mayor of Bedford in front of John Bedford's church.

"I visited the House of Parliament too. I went to Bath, and to the home of Haile Selassie, to whom I was formally introduced."

I noticed that the members of the Glee Club were becoming rather restless, so I gathered up my papers, and bid Mr. Work goodbye, hoping to hear more about this interesting trip later.

I went on to the boys' dormitory to visit James Dixon, whom I found poring laboriously over his Senior homework. He obligingly laid aside his book and talked of his trip.

"I visited Switzerland, Italy, and France," he said. "France, I believe, is the best of these countries to live in. The people seem to be getting a better break. Colored people have better opportunities there, too. In Paris, I visited the famous sidewalk cafe, the Rue de la Paix. I saw Monte Carlo also.

"In Italy, I saw the Coliseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the old Roman Forum. One of the most tragic sights I saw was an army of little boys from seven years of age up carrying heavy rifles in training for Mussolini's army. And speaking of Mussolini, he has done a great

## Seniors Lead Attendance For September

Neither absent nor tardy.	
Seniors . . . . .	87.8
Sophomores . . . . .	86.9
Specials . . . . .	85.1
Freshmen . . . . .	82.8
Seventh Grade . . . . .	81.4
Juniors . . . . .	81.2
Eighth Grade . . . . .	69.

## Movies At Ironsides

Well, on the thirteenth of September, we all started on "The Road Back" to Ironsides. As we left the "Big City," we felt rather sad, but we know "You Can't Have Everything" in life, and that we must start now to "Make Way for Tomorrow." On our first day we felt like "Souls at Sea." With "Another Dawn" the old students returned and things got "Back in Circulation."

When the old students saw the "New Faces of 1937," each of them tried to be the "Topper." It seems to be a "Magnificent Obsession" of theirs. Of course, we old students, in our "Age of Innocence," felt as though we were on "Thin Ice." For a few days, it was "Easy Living" for the old ones, but the new students soon had to "Wake Up and Live." They made it plain that they didn't regard any new student as "The Toast of New York," and this decision is "Something to Sing About."

The old students admit that "The Last Night" for them to show off has gone. They are at "Dead End" now. Every new student refuses to be treated as if he were a "Prisoner of Zenda" on a "Slave Ship." They are determined that the old ones will "Double or Nothing" their respect for them. Since this "Good Earth" has room enough for everybody to live happily, the whole group has decided to "Sing and Be Happy". So, next Saturday at the "Varsity Show" on the football field, we're all going to join together for our "Captains Courageous" and yell like "Thunder over the City." Some folks think "Life Begins at College," but we believe it begins here at Ironsides.

## Have You Noticed Around The Campus

That the floor in the gym has been re-done?

That the tennis courts for the girls haven't been re-done?

That we have a new bus?

That we have some new drinking cups in the dining room?

That the campus is more beautiful than ever now that the leaves are beginning to turn?

That the girls have now an organized play time on Saturday?

That there are a great many new students this year?

That we have many new textbooks to work with this year?

That the grass along the edges of the concrete walks is up and green? (Let's give it a chance!)

That the student body is quieter in chapel?

That the students have raided the pear and apple trees near the Girls' Old Dormitory?

deal for his people. He has had swamps drained, and built many more modern houses. He has helped them in many ways.

"Switzerland, I think, is the most beautiful country. I visited some famous wine shops to watch them make wine. I visited dairies where they make the famous Swiss cheeses."

I decided not to detain Dixon any longer, for I knew he had plenty to do. As I left him, he bent his head over his book, but I think his mind must still have been on that wonderful trip.



## Hallowe'en Chills

It was Hallowe'en night, but not one of those clear moonlight nights that usually appear around harvest time. This was a night made darker and terrible by a severe thunder storm. There were bright flashes of lightning which lighted up the cornfields so clearly that you could see every object for miles around. There were sudden claps of thunder which rent the air. They shook the boys' dormitory from top to bottom.

Five boys had decided to meet in Room 13. The lights were very dim. Outside the trees shivered, and their dripping boughs brushed against the window panes. One boy, Jittery Joe, had come over from the new dormitory. He said not a word but snuggled closely against the radiator. He listened to the others, as they vied with each other in telling tales—tales of weird beings, strange scenes, and mysterious happenings.

Suddenly a loud clanging startled the boys so that each jumped to his feet. When they realized it was only the last warning bell, they gazed sheepishly at each other. As Jittery Joe was about to depart on his homeward way, one boy slapped him on the shoulders saying, "I am glad I'm not in your shoes, because you know ghosts are pretty numerous in this neighborhood, and they love Hallowe'en."

Joe tried hard to smile broadly as he answered, "Aw, ghosts are only imagination. Don't be silly." But he felt rather uneasy, and, as he said good-bye, he did not notice that two of the boys had disappeared, and that the others looked very knowing.

As he stepped out of the door, all sorts of horrible thoughts flashed through his mind. He started to run, but stopped suddenly. What was that white object a few feet beyond? It stood right where he had to pass to get to the dormitory. His face turned pale with terror, and his teeth began to chatter. His very heart seemed to stop beating. It looked as though the figure had moved. Joe tried to run, but his feet refused to budge. He tried to scream, but his tongue seemed to stick to the roof of his mouth.

After what seemed like hours, he made one last great effort. Putting his hands in his pockets, and whistling as loudly as he could, he flashed past the white object, up the dormitory steps, and darted into the building. Light! What a blessing to frightened people!

Next morning Joe went to breakfast. At the table one of his pals said, "Get home all right last night, Joe?"

"Sure, why not?" answered Joe, much more boldly than necessary. Somehow Joe has never understood the amused looks on the faces of his friends. James Williams, 9A.

## MR. FULLER

Continued from page 3. Those who know something of Negro art and artists, will be interested in hearing that Mr. Fuller is the son of Meta Warrick Fuller, pupil of the great Rodin, and one of our well-known and honored artists. Robert Puello.

## News From Graduates

Every year at this time we like to feature news of former students and graduates. Sometimes we have to ask here and there to get it; sometimes students write in to us and tell us how things are going with them.

We are glad to be able to give the following news:

Lillar Jamison, valedictorian of last year's class is at Fisk University where she was awarded a Freshman Scholarship. Through the influence of Mr. Work at Fisk, Bordentown has been able to recommend a student each year to Fisk. One of Lillar's predecessor, Dorothe Marrow, will graduate this June. Lillar writes to Mr. Work as follows: "Fisk is still the best college ever and I find myself liking it more and more each day. I am getting down to business where my studies are concerned and I think I shall be able to do them. . . . Write again soon and tell me about Ironsides."

Helen Armstead, former editor of the Ironsides Echo, and a ranking student during her four years writes to us as follows:

"Everything here (she is at West Virginia State) is just so grand that I'm wild about it. The campus is perfectly lovely and the mountains form an almost incomparable background of rugged grandeur. . . . I am studying Spanish, psychology, biology, Social Science Survey, and English. . . . I had a perfect paper on an English placement test. . . . I am confining my extra-activity to the school paper. Incidentally I must begin as a cub reporter."

Percy Smith of basketball fame is at Virginia State. He writes that he is well.

Lewis Taylor (Rabbit) is at Virginia State and made a trip to Hampton with the football squad. He is the only Bordentonian to make the squad.

Also at Virginia State are David Travis and Norman Coleman.

News comes from Howard University that Carl Taylor, who entered this year, has had his head shaved with only hair left to make the letters H.U. on his head.

Elmira Jones has entered Newark College, Newark, N. J.

Robert Carlton has gone West and is enrolled at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

James Smith is working in the printing shop or department of the Newark Herald.

Joseph Carroll is at West Virginia State.

Dorothe Edmunds has entered Pratt Institute in N. Y.

Myrtle Bowers, one of the ranking students of her class for the four years, has entered Spellman College, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alicia Fields has opened a Dress-making Shop in her home and is also studying dramatic reading.

Herbert Tucker writes from Washington. "I hope the students coming behind me take heed to the advantages offered at Bordentown because you can certainly put them to use on the outside." He hopes to be placed in a job along the line of his trade (general mechanics) soon, although he is working at the present time.

Pauline Turner has entered the West Chester Teachers' College.

Earl Stewart was working originally with Mr. Lassiter in his shop in Madison, but is now working individually as a painter and reported to be doing well.

David Johnson is working in a garage in New Rochelle.

Juanita Wharton is working at her trade (beauty culture) in New York City.

Juanita Roberts, now Mrs. Lewis Kelly, is working in a beauty shop in Trenton.

Rebecca Smalls is also working in beauty culture in Trenton and can be found in Gussie's Powder Puff Beauty Salon, 129 Spring Street.

Warrington Brown is working in

## News From The Clubs; Elect Officers For This Year

Although it is still early in the year for the clubs to be organized and to have selected their new members, we do have some club news.

### Progress Club

The Progress Club elected its officers for the year 1937-38 last year and they are as follows:

- Victoria Buffalo, president.
- Bernice Williams, vice president.
- Ruth Lee, secretary.
- Alice Copeland, treasurer.
- Miss Scott, sponsor.

New members will not be selected until much later in the year. Plans for the Club program will be announced later.

### Jolly Sixteen

On October 3rd, the Jolly Sixteen met to elect their officers for the year and to take in new members as their ranks were badly hit by graduation. The results of elections to office and membership are as follows:

- Olive Price, president.
- Doris Owens, vice president.
- Jacqueline Nichols, secretary.
- Vivian Olton, treasurer.

The eight new members are: Cynthia Lewis, Frances Pearsall, Paloma Queen, Evelyn Green, Arlice Evans, Norma Holcombe, Eleanor Lewis, and Edith Tyler.

The aim of the club is to promote sociability among the girls.

Miss Gillespie is the sponsor.

### Improvement League

The Improvement League has elected officers, but no new members:

- Clarence Twyman, president.
- James Dixon, vice president.
- Robert Jones, secretary.
- William Bush, treasurer.
- Charles Pierce, business manager.
- Paul Bracy, chairman of Program Committee.

Mr. Jones is the sponsor.

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Riverton as a butler; but is hoping for some work that keeps him outside.

Ethel Jones is working in Domestic Service in Englewood.

Roland Roulette is in Chicago working in the Great Northern Hotel.

From graduates of other years we have the following news:

Ethel Pruitt, class of '36, returns to Howard this year as a full-fledged Sophomore.

Robert Williams, class of '34, graduates from Howard this year.

Maxwell Dorsey, class of '34, writes to Mr. Valentine from Hollywood: "I have been out for over a year doing well. I work for Bert Wheeler of the Wheeler and Wolsey team. . . ."

When the first issue of the school paper comes out I would like to take out a year's subscription. . . . If you have any from last term please send them as I am very anxious to know about my school, which I will never forget or the training I received while there. I want to be more associated with it in the future. . . . You remember George Callendar—he is out here playing in a famous orchestra."

Julius Byrd, class of '34, captain of the basketball team his last year, writes from Prairie View, Texas: "I am taking a two-year course in linotyping and advanced press work. At the end of this period I will receive a certificate in advanced printing. From here I hope to go back to Chicago and secure work as a printer."

Frank M. Jackson (we remember him as Marion Jackson) came by one Sunday recently and left us his card which reads: Frank M. Jackson, Snappy Delivery Service—We call for and deliver—14 Miller Street, Montclair.

George Doshier, international favorite as organizer and member of the Harmony Kings, has travelled all over the world and recently mailed us a Jewish weekly from Melbourne, Australia, where the musical team appeared. The magazine gave the group a very fine write-up.

## BORDENTOWN SWAMPS WISSAHICKON; PLAYS VAGABONDS TO SCORELESS TIE

### First Game Presents New Faces In Wildcat Lineup

Amid the cheers and applause of a football conscious student body, the Ironsides gridders opened their 1937 season, on Saturday, October 8, with a pre-league victory over the Wissahickon Boys' Club of Philadelphia. Despite the fact that the "Wildcats squad" is young and lacks the experience of many previous teams which have represented the Blue and Gold, it has the fight and determination which should carry its members far in the race for the M3A Conference title. Starring from the opening quarter, Capt. Boyd led his team thru a series of line bucks over the center and right side of the Germantown line which netted Bordentown long and consistent gains. Taking the ball on their own 45-yard line the Wildcats showed power and drive which carried them deep into the Germantown club's territory. After two line plunges from the five yard line, Glasco, new halfback of the squad, carried the ball over the white stripe for the first score. The extra point was made by Richardson in a drive over tackle.

In the second quarter the huskies from Quakertown finally came to life and for the first time took the offensive. After three unsuccessful attempts to gain ground through the Wissahickon line, Bordentown had to kick. Jackson, Wissahickon fullback, standing on the Wildcats' 30-yard line, caught the ball and ran nearly untouched for the tally. Try for the extra point was unsuccessful.

Bordentown came back in the third quarter with new fight and courage that made them open holes through Wissahickon's line big enough for even our slowest back to tug the pigskin through. Then came the perfect play: on a line buck over right guard, E. Young broke loose and ran 20 yards for Bordentown's second score. Extra point unsuccessful. Bordentown then kicked to Wissahickon. After four attempts by Wissahickon to crack the line, they kicked from their 25-yard line to the Blue and Gold's 45. On the first play E. Young took the ball, faded back and shot a 15-yard pass to Glasco who found himself in the clear and raced down the side line for another score. Attempt for extra point was unsuccessful.

The last quarter was packed with clever deceptive plays by both teams. The consistent drive of the home team's line, however, was finally beginning to show. With "Rene" Richardson carrying the ball on a line buck over tackle, Bordentown scored its last touchdown. The extra point was scored on a pass thrown by E. Young to R. Drake, lanky left end, who jumped high and pulled it down in the furthest corner of the end zone. The finale score was 26-6 in the home team's favor.

Only a few of last year's lettermen have returned to hold down their old positions. Among them who saw action Saturday were: Captain Boyd, Co-Captain Butler, Livingston, Young and "Rene" Richardson. The starting line-up for Bordentown was as follows:

- R. Drake, left end.
- Butler, left tackle
- F. Robinson, left guard.
- Gibson, center.
- K. Williams, right guard.
- E. Livingston, right tackle.
- J. Robinson, left end.
- Boyd, quarterback.
- Glasco, left halfback.
- Richardson, right halfback.
- Young, fullback.

Because of the fact that there are only a few of last year's lettermen present, Major Watson had to start from scratch and rebuild his team. Several promising players who are new on the squad, but should develop into dependable players are C. Physics, G. C. Johnson, C. Harris, W. Jacobs, R. Henry, L. Brooks, and "Tommy" Johnson.

### Ironsides Lacks Punch to Score

An infuriated pack of Bordentown "Wildcats" fought their hardest against much heavier opponents, the Vagabonds of Philadelphia, in the second of pre-league games on Saturday, October 16, at the Ironsides field. Despite the fact that the home team was outweighed by this hard charging and smooth running eleven, they outplayed them from start to finish. Four times the powerful Bordentown machine drove the visiting team from one end of the field to the other, but at this point they seemed to be lacking in a certain something that would send them across the white stripe.

The backfield, consisting of E. Young, R. Glasco, T. Johnson and "Rene" Richardson, showed more drive than at any other time this season. They tore through holes which were made by a line which gave its all every minute of the game. Coach Major Watson has developed a line that will stand up against the best of the M3A Conference has to offer and we at Bordentown believe our "Wildcat squad" is headed for a season free from defeats.

"Rene" Richardson, right halfback of Bordentown, turned in the finest performance of the game and according to the majority of the fans it was the best piece of bucking through a line that they have witnessed by any back so far this season. If he can continue his good work he will be a great asset to the team in their struggle for M3A honors.

The first half was the most trying and exciting part of the game. It was featured by two consecutive marches down the field by the home team and only the spectacular plays of the right side of the "Quaker's" line kept them from defeat. In the second half Bordentown opened up with a series of line plunges and end runs that completely baffled the visiting team.

The starting line-up for Bordentown was as follows:

- Joe Robinson, left end.
- E. Butler, left tackle.
- K. Williams left guard.
- E. Livingston, center.
- L. Brooks, right guard.
- C. Henry, right tackle.
- R. Drake, right end.
- E. Young, quarterback.
- R. Glasco, halfback.
- T. Johnson, halfback.
- F. Richardson, fullback.

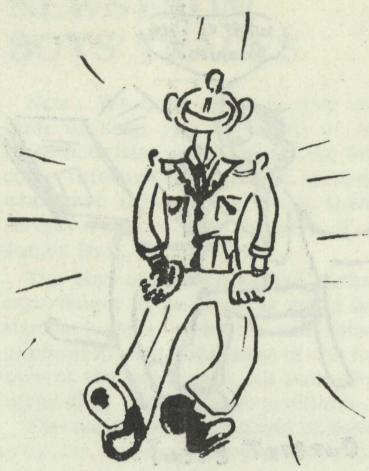
### Bicycles Appear At Ironsides

"Look out there!" — Why? The girls at Ironsides this year are allowed to have bikes on the campus. Already some ten or more have appeared.

Especially after school on weekdays and Saturdays all day the girls can be seen riding—some riding their own wheels and some sharing rides with others.

Of course, there have been the usual spills; some new ones have difficulty keeping their balance; but all are apparently having fun.

June will undoubtedly see candidates for a six-day bicycle race.



The New uniform  
Roger Howard

### Football Schedule

- October**
- 16—Vagabonds, here.
- 23—Bowie Normal, there.
- 30—Princess Anne, here.
- November**
- 6—Downington, there.
- 13—Open
- 20—Cheyney, here.
- 25—Storer College, here.

### ON THE GRIDIRON

"What kind of a football team will we have this year?" This has been the question most frequently heard on the campus this fall. Last June's graduation took away such players as Brown, Sinkler, Coleman, Tucker, and Johnson.

Here is the answer from my point of view. As I look over the 1937 squad of Coach Watson's Wildcats, I see we still have such reliable players as Captain Boyd, Young, Harris, Richardson, Butler, and Livingston. There is quite a bit of promising new material too. Tommy Johnson and Roland Glasco ought to be a great help to the team. I have seen Johnny punt a ball at least seventy yards which is no short distance at all. His quick thinking ought to help us out of many tight holes too.

Charles Physics and Russell Henry two stars of the Sophomore team of last year, are a little green, but should play a great part in our backfield. Robert Drake, our track star of last year, is very promising as an end.

Some of the changes among the players are Richardson, from line-man to backfield, and Gibson, to center. There are several six-footers on the team, too. They are Drake, Rosy, Trent, Butler, and Small. This boy, Trent, had the whole squad in an uproar when he took off his shoe and booted the ball at least fifty yards. He explained that for some reason, he cannot kick well with his shoe on, but he surely can with it off.

Coach Watson has every reason to feel encouraged. I think Ironsides will have a good football season, and a great team. Here's wishing loads of luck for Captain Boyd and the 1937 Wildcats. May they bring Ironsides much glory.

Eugene Kee, 9A.

### N.F.A. NEWS

#### FORMER MEMBERS

To begin the year we'll give you two views of the Agricultural group known as the New Farmers of America. First we look backward. From last year we must think first of Norman Coleman, former president. He is now attending Virginia State, in company with David Travis and Lewis Taylor, two track and gridiron stars, as well as fellow-workers in Agriculture. All three plan to do advanced work in Agriculture.

### Reporters Interview Students and Their Coaches

On the 24th of September ten girls from Tuskegee were guests of Bordentown while training and competing in the annual A.A.U. Meet for intercollegiate championships for women, held on the athletic field of the Central High School, Trenton.

Reporters besieged the girls, their coach, Mrs. Petty, as well as Coach Abbott who made the trip with them. Bordentown was eager and interested to learn how the girls trained, what their previous successes had been, as well as to find out something about their school and school life, as this school has often been called the "Tuskegee of the North."

Tuskegee holds an annual track meet, usually the first or second week in May. Practice for it begins the first of March. The high schools and colleges of the South have an association which holds an annual track meet and in these Tuskegee has always done well.

In reference to their campus, Cora Gaines, one of the athletes, said that though Bordentown's campus was much smaller than Tuskegee's it was as lovely.

Tuskegee has a school paper called "The Campus Digest". It is published every two weeks. The printing shops, like ours, is located on the campus. On the campus is also a postoffice, a candy kitchen, a drug store, and a bakery.

In the dining room, there is cafeteria service. Each student upon the payment of his board receives a meal ticket. Students have the choice of going to breakfast or staying in bed.

There is a monthly dance given for the whole student body. On Halloween the girls give the boys a dance and on Thanksgiving the boys give the girls one. From the student body, there are two jazz orchestras and a ninety-two piece military band.

The uniforms of the girls are much more elaborate than ours. Each girl wears a white blouse, navy tie, skirt, and hat with black shoes and stockings.

Special courses leading to the bachelor of science degree are: Home Economics, Physical Education, High School and Elementary Education, Business, and Music.

#### Odd Notes on Tuskegee Customs

Each grade is on a special floor in the dormitory.

School supplies all students with jobs during the summer.

DuBois is conducting a drive to build a monument to Booker T. Washington in the town where he was born.

Night school students pay no board, but do the laundry of the regular students in payment for their expenses.

Boys in college department escort girls to shows and dances.

Carl Taylor, another of our worthy members, is a student at Howard University to take a pre-medical course. Carl is a smart boy, a good student and we wish him luck.

Warrington Brown is married and working in Riverton.

**PRESENT MEMBERS**  
Now we'll turn to the fellows who are starting work in Agriculture this year and to those who have been keeping the ball rolling.

The **Clodhoppers** or first year boys are: J. Bryant, J. Pendleton, and E. Washington.

D. Dixon, F. Green, G. Herring, R. Howard, E. Jeffries, E. Livingston, E. McGuffin, F. Pyatt, C. Wadley, and T. Allison are all second year students or **farm hands**. They seem to like the work more each year. James Meadows and Harvey Small are the only third year members; while C. Harris, George Streat, G. Robinson, and William Tucker comprise the fourth year group. "We hate to leave," they say.

### Tuskegee Takes AAA Crown; Team Trains Here At Ironsides

For the third time within recent years, Bordentown has played host to Tuskegee when the school came North on various missions, once for the football team when it came to play Lincoln, another time for the singers when they were on their way to Radio City, and now for the third time to Alabama's girl athletes who won for their alma mater the A.A.A. crown and made track history.

The team led by Lulu Hymes, Tuskegee's all-around star, became the first colored team to get first place in the fourteen years the women's meets have been held.

Tuskegee scored thirty-three points to win—her nearest competitor having but fourteen.

The Coach, Mrs. C. Evans Pettey, was awarded a 30-inch silver trophy symbolic of victory by George V. Vreeland, chairman of the meet committee.

The team came to the campus on the 21st of September, four days before the meet; and left early Sunday morning, September 26th, for their Alma Mater.

### CLUBS ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS

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#### The Diogenians

Those devotees of the art of debating and declamation, the Diogenians have also elected their officers: Russell Henry, president. Gordon Herring, vice president. Edward Livingston, secretary. Ernest Butler, treasurer. Captain Eatmon, sponsor.

#### The Vigilants

The Vigilants have elected officers and ten new members: Leonard Snelling, president. Leroy Couch, vice president. Harold Stewart, treasurer. Otho Ross, secretary. James Williams, asst. secretary. Mr. Staats, sponsor.

The following boys have been elected to membership: Herbert Comegys, Cranston Harris, Sylvester Pitts, Harold Stewart, William Hamlett, Vance Bethea, Bruce Walker, Henry Banks, Kenneth Williams, Lloyd Willis.

#### New Farmers of America

The New Farmers of America, fresh from the Texas trip, have met and organized for the year. The following boys were elected to office: year. The following boys were elected to office:

Edward Livingston, president. William Tucker, vice president. George Streat, secretary. George Robinson, treasurer. Theodore Allison, reporter. Mr. Jacobs, sponsor.

The motto of the Bordentown chapter of this national organization is: "While we are green, we grow; when we become ripe, we rotten."

### AROUND THE CAMPUS

**Around the campus** the boys have decided to turn the tables on Eve and are tempting the girls with apples.

**Around the campus** the boys are looking much neater as they go about their work.

**Around the campus** we find the Dugan Bros. doing a thriving business.

**Around the campus** the students seem to be shorter in stature, but powerful.

**Around the campus** we find an invisible wall between the boys' territory and the girls'.

**Around the campus** for some unknown reason ankle socks are taboo.

**Around the campus** are all the signs that school has begun again.