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## Elmer Carter Guest At Tea



### A GROUP AT SENIOR TEA

Left to right: Miss Grant, Mr. Valentine, E. Melvin, Richardson, M. Anderson, Pitts, King, Armstead, C. German, Mr. Carter, D. Fitzhugh, J. Shorts, Crusor, Joseph and Miss Echols. Seated: E. Hill and N. Holcombe.

## Seniors Meet Elmer Carter

Seniors, Specials, and faculty members heard Elmer A. Carter, member of the New York State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board advise students to keep the good things of cultured life that they had learned in school with them after they passed through school and went out into the world. The occasion was the tea given in honor of the prospective graduates at which he was the special guest, Sunday, March 3.

Because of his present position and his position as editor of Opportunity, the official organ, of the National Urban League, Mr. Carter has direct contacts with the industrial and employment situation. After his talk, students and faculty guests fired him with questions, and in their answering, much information was gained.

Guests were received in the Recreation Room of the New Girls' Dormitory by Miss Echols and Miss Grant from three to five.

Ella Hill and Norma Holcombe, Juniors, presided at the tea table; and Muriel McNeil, Carmen Byrd, Frances Bailey, Edith Battle, Cornelia Grant had charge of the preparation and serving of the refreshments.

Mrs. Staats took several good shots of the group, one of which appears in this issue.

## Echo Second At Columbia

Friday, March 15, brought announcement to the editorial Staff of the Echo that it has been awarded second place in its class for the fourth successive time at the 16th annual meeting of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The Echo enters in the class of Vocation, Agricultural and Technical High School, with a registration below 500.

Since the list of awards for that group was not printed in its entirety in the current papers, it will not be possible to announce until later what other schools were given awards in this bracket.

The Echo has been a member of the C.S.P.A. for eleven years and has placed in every one of the contests. It has five third places and six second places to its credit.

## Ironsides In Cultural Olympics

On April 6, 1940, a group of selected girls will go to the Cultural Olympics sponsored by the School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania. These girls, chosen and trained by Mrs. Prout, will present an interpretative dance at a festival in which many institutions will participate.

This school was selected as one to be invited to compete because the art work sent there to other exhibitions has been commendable. Last fall some work was submitted from the art department at an elimination exhibit. Two masks were selected from the lot, one belonging to Araminta Donaldson and one to Evelyn Johnson. These will be shown at the final and largest exhibition to be held in May.

## Dr. Samuel Grafflin Returns To School

One of the signs of spring at Bordentown is the appearance of Dr. Samuel Grafflin in chapel; this year spring came slightly ahead of the schedule with his appearance on March 11.

The speaker related an inspiring story of achievement of a young Negro boy named Horace (to the amusement of the students who recalled the two campus Horaces). The success of this boy had depended on three principles: First: Find out the right way to do things; Second: Don't try to be something you can't be; and third: Stay in the narrow path that leads to right living and happiness.

## Seniors Lead February Attendance

For the second successive time Seniors lead attendance record.

For February the ranking of the classes stands as follows:

- First—Seniors
  - Second—Seventh Grade
  - Third—Sophomores
  - Fourth—Freshmen
  - Fifth—Eighth Grade
  - Sixth—Juniors
  - Seventh—Specials.
- The Seventh Grade has literally leaped from the bottom to push the Seniors; while the Specials have dropped to last place.

## Easter, Palm Sunday Featured In Program

Lilies, stain-glassed windows, beautiful music all combined in the observance of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday on the campus.

Easter Sunday girls of the Beauty Culture Department under the direction of Mrs. Hendon and Mr. Work presented a Lily Festival. Choir stalls on either side of a large white cross converted the auditorium platform into the spirit of Easter.

Mabel Bailey, Marlyn Anderson, and Dorothy Fitzhugh were speakers; Edna Williams and Katherine Bruce, soloists.

Palm Sunday the Progress Club presented a religious drama "Days to Come". The platform was converted into a church with a white altar in front of a stained glass window effect.

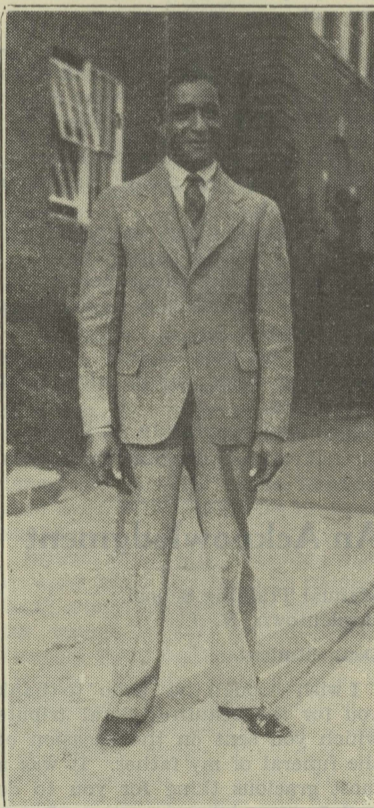
Claudia Jones, Bertha White, Anna Fitzgerald, Edith Battle, and Isabel Hammond took part. The program was in charge, of Miss Scott.

## Rev. Plaskett Chapel Speaker

"Who Art Thou?" was the query put to students in a recent chapel talk by George W. Plaskett, D.D., pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in Orange, N. J.

Rev. Plaskett emphasized in his answer of this question from the Scripture the importance of becoming something in one's own right, rather than depending upon reflected glory from parents, school and the like. He reminded students that school life afforded excellent opportunities for development, so that the answer to "Who Art Thou?" we should begin making now.

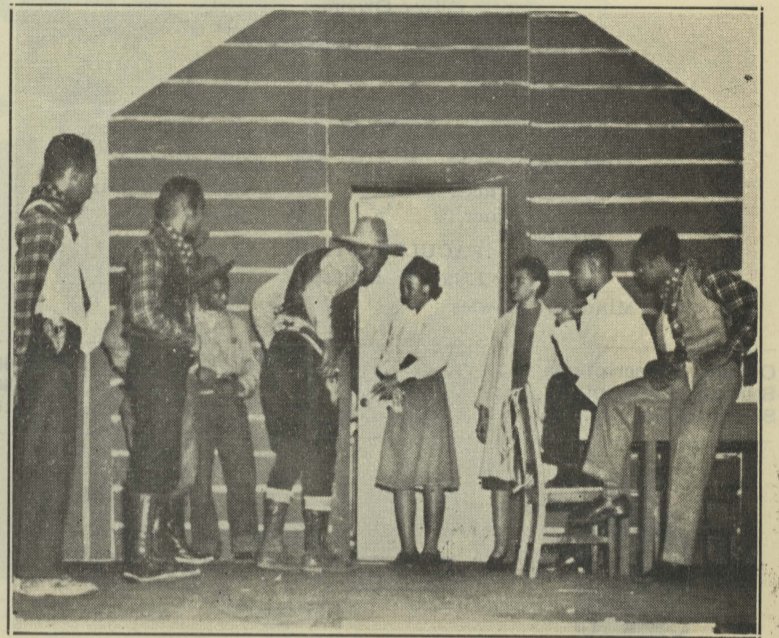
## Coach of Champs



Charles B. Ray

Former Bates athlete and coach of five successive championship basketball teams. (Story on p. 4)

## Tense Drama In Southwest



### SCENE FROM ACT II "THE NERVOUS WRECK"

Left to right: Smith, Craigwell, Dowden, Drake, Barbara Fletcher, Luella Lawrence, Easton, and Joseph.

## Fewer Farmers At Ninth Conference

Smaller attendance but no lessening of interest were noted in connection with the Ninth Annual Farmer's Conference at Bordentown, March 14.

A dark, dreary, uncertain morning brought fewer farmers to the early session which opened in the recreation room of the New Girls' Dormitory. Speakers for the morning were Mr. Jacobs, Bordentown's instructor of Agriculture; K. R. Samp, Marketing Agent from New Brunswick; and the Burlington County Agent. Discussion period followed.

The farmers were guests at an assembly program at which Dr. Louis Baxter, successful dairyman and veterinarian of Bernardsville, was the main speaker. The student body as a whole, the glee club, band and quartet, all rendered selection on the program.

After a dinner served at one o'clock, the members of the conference returned to the girls' dormitory for the afternoon session. Mr. Valentine presided; and the featured speaker was Mr. Cornelius King, of Louisiana, who is connected with the Farm Credit Administration. Mr. F. A. Bever, of the New Jersey State Extension Service was also a speaker.

A spirited discussion and searching questions made this session interesting and informational.

The conference was summed up by Dr. A. Robinson, a veterinary from Madison.

All present expressed themselves as having enjoyed the day and looking forward to the first real milestone: the tenth annual meeting.

## Glee Club In North Jersey April 4 and 12

The annual musical invasion of the Band and Glee Club into North Jersey is scheduled this year for early April.

On April 4, the musical organizations will appear in the Lincoln High School, auditorium; and on April 12, at the Newark Industrial Arts High. Rehearsals and plans are in full swing for these performances.

## "The Nervous Wreck" Delights Audiences

Hilarious farce in the southwest caused Ironsiders and many visitors to roll in seats Friday, March 8. The play was Owen Davis' "The Nervous Wreck" produced by Specials, Seniors, and Juniors under the direction of Miss Grant, coach, and Miss Echols, in charge of props.

The entire cast, as published in the last issue, seemed to this reporter as particularly suited to their individual parts, a fact, which contributed no little to the excellent performance.

The story is that of a supposedly timid "pill-doser", who declares himself the possessor of any number of minor ailments, yet succeeds only too well in making himself the terror of all who encounter him.

The lead part of Henry Williams was interpreted by Albert McCreary who literally "stole the show."

Barbara Fletcher playing the feminine lead of Sally Morgan, was delightful and convincing in her portrayal of the flirtatious little schemer who finally "got her man".

Best in this reporter's eyes in the supporting cast were Henry Robinson as the wealthy overweight business man, and Eugene Burkes, as his Oxfordian and scientifically inclined son.

The play was presented at Howard High School in Wilmington, Delaware on Friday, March 15, to standing room.

## "Y" Delegates At Conference

Four members of the YMCA and Mr. Staats, member of the Council, journeyed to Camden, Saturday, March 9, to attend the tenth annual State Older Boys' Conference, held at the Hunter Branch Y.M.C.A.

The conference, which was divided into four discussion groups, had as its theme: The significance and the reality of the changing times.

Delegates were chosen on the basis of the merit of their work in helping to "put over" the Y program: Edward Jordan, president, Sylvester Pitts, Earl Baskerville, and Marcus Battle.

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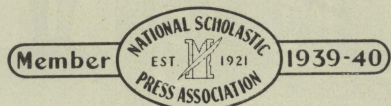
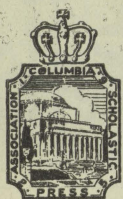
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## STILL THERE IS TIME

Six school months have gone. Now, as we enter this last lap of our race, we each approach it with different feelings. Those who have been working hard and steadily have no fear. They are happy in the thought that they have done their best.

Next there are those who have wasted time, always putting off what they have had to do. For this group we have little sympathy.

Last there are those who have been working faithfully and hard, but have not succeeded in the way they desire. They have lacked neither ambition nor effort, and now they are growing a little discouraged. With this group we surely sympathize.

All these students, however, must take the lesson that spring brings. Spring is a season of awakening, of rebirth, of hope. There is still time for this latter group to succeed. Those who have been successful so far must keep on. It is far too early to lag behind. We must all wake up too; wake up to the realization that winter's dreary days are gone. Spring is here; new life, new hopes, and new beginnings. There is still time to rise and go forward.

## CHAMPIONS—AGAIN 1940

We congratulate the members of the boys' basketball team for their undefeated M3A record. This superiority in league competition is the best record for three years made by a team; for in 1938 and 1939, Bordentown teams dropped at least one game in league contests. Outside of the league, the record of this year's team is less impressive.

In club competition in 1938 of fifteen games played, Ironsides won nine; in 1939 of thirteen games played Ironsides won eleven. This year of seven non-league games played, Ironsides won only three. To be sure, four of them were dropped by slender margins, but they were dropped all the same.

These facts mentioned would indicate that competition within the M3A is decreasing; and competition outside is on the increase.

However, in spite of all pro's and con's, Ironsides has won six M3A championships in seven years, certainly a most unusual record. Perhaps to compare this year's team with some of its predecessors is unfair. Certainly the boys of 1940 have made a fine record, been undefeated in league competition, and stand on their own feet for praise and honor.

Faculty and students extend sympathy to Mr. Valentine in the recent loss of his father.

To Ernest Tucker goes the sympathy of his classmates as well as the faculty and students in the recent loss of his mother.

We all wish a speedy recovery for Mrs. Staats who sustained an injury to her ankle while making a tour of churches Palm Sunday in the interests of the North Jersey concerts.

## Exchanges

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

"The Hampton Script"—Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

"Lincoln Digest"—New Lincoln School, Trenton, N. J.

"Progress", Middlesex County Vocational Schools, Middlesex County, N. J.

"High School Times"—Hightstown High School, Hightstown, N. J.

"The Summer Courier"—Summer High School, Kansas City, Kansas.

"Skeeter"—William MacFarland High School, Bordentown, N. J.

"The Cheyney Record"—Cheyney State Teachers College, Cheyney, Pa.

"Blue and Gold"—Gloucester High School, Gloucester City, N. J.

"School Spirit"—David Hale Fanning Trade School For Girls, Worcester, Mass.

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

"Campus Mirror"—Spellman College, Atlanta, Georgia.

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

"The New Britain Artisan"—State Trade School Athletic Association, New Britain, Conn.

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

"Berean Broadcast", Berean High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Fisk Herald", Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

"The Virginia Statesman", Virginia State College for Negroes", Ettrick, Virginia.

## Exchange Comment

We have noted that the Fisk Herald is making a drive to arouse the lagging interest of the students of Fisk. Here's hoping for it success, for a paper of its calibre deserves the wholehearted support of its readers.

From the "Yellow Jacket" we learn that their newly inaugurated aeronautical program has developed a solo pilot. May the other fledglings quickly sprout their wings and follow suit.

In the Virginia Statesman we noticed a cut of their basketball team which is captained by Percy Smith who is a product of Ironsides.

ST. PETER UNDERSTANDS  
"What have you done," St. Peter asked,  
"That I should admit you here?"  
"I ran my college paper, sir, Throughout my junior year."  
St. Peter affirmatively nodded his head,  
He knew his case so well;  
"Come in, poor thing, select your harp,  
You've had your share of hell."  
—Virginia Statesman.

## An Acknowledgment

Manual Training School,  
Bordentown, N. J.

Dear Students:

I wish through the "Echo" to thank you for the beautiful floral tribute which you sent on the occasion of the funeral of my father. It was a most gracious thing for you to do and I appreciate more than I can express the sympathy and friendliness which you, through your gift, conveyed to me.

Sincerely yours,  
W. R. VALENTINE,  
Principal.

## Boots And Boosts

As we look back on the month of March, we agree, I am sure, that it has been a banner month for Ironsides. This month we have had as guests, Rev. Plaskett, from the Church of the Epiphany of Orange, N. J. Dr. Gra.in, representative of Y.M.C.A. Elmer A. Carter, only Negro member of Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, and Mr. Kreuger, assistant director of Westminster Choir of Princeton U.

The main events have been: The Echo award at Columbia; Farmers' Conference (guest chapel speaker Dr. Lewis Baxter), presentation of "The Nervous Wreck" and our retention of the M3A Basketball Championship.

After rehearsing and drilling and staying up nights to learn our parts, we were more than grateful for the warm reception "The Nervous Wreck" received both here and in Wilmington. As a matter of record; when the irate Mr. Underwood (Robinson) threw down the dog biscuit it rolled off stage; and immediately some daring Wilmingtonite threw it back accurately enough to hit Burkes in the eye. But, frankly, all members of the cast agree it was a pleasure to work and present the play to as responsive an audience as Ironsiders are.

The marks are, on an average, much better than they were at this time last year. It seems that we work in accordance with the weather; for it, too, is getting better. During the Farmers' Conference and also on the day of Mr. Kreiger's visit, the student body sang as if all the pathos and tribulation in the world had been allotted us. Toward the end of the concerts the mood changed completely with "I'm a Rollin'" and "No Harm".

But let me stop throwing bouquets long enough to relate a "fishy story" told to me by Lewis Brown (of course).

According to Lew, Rosville Bennet was walking through Orange Park with a friend. Bennet had never seen a parrot and to his pleasant surprise he saw this beautifully colored parrot sitting in a tree. "That is a beautiful bird isn't it?" queried Rosville.

"Yes," said his companion.  
"I think I'll take it home," said enterprising young Bennet. So up he climbed. The parrot eyed him balefully as he ascended. When he got close enough, the parrot very impolitely enquired, "What the devil do you think you are doing?"  
"Oh! excuse me, mister," said our amazed hero, "I thought you was a bird!"

After you get over that you can continue.

I have been watching the track team aspirants train; and to my keen disappointment, (and theirs too), their dissipation showed themselves up immediately.

Many Camels, Chesterfields, and Old Golds, which supplied untold enjoyment (?) to these potential athletes were regretted. However, the quitters will stop at their first disappointment and the real runners will strive to attain that degree of perfection reached by Borican, Woodruff, Herbert, Giddings, Hahn, Horbig, and others in their class.

To Aramenta Donaldson and Evelyn Johnson we extend the schools' and our sincerest congratulations for winning with their copper masks, a place for exhibition in the Cultural Olympics at the University of Pennsylvania.

These girls deserve comparison with Dorothy Maynor and Marion Anderson, because they too persisted,

## Here 'n There

Negro track stars shone at the Dartmouth Invitation Track Meet when Jim Herbert, captain of N.Y.A. tracksters set a world's record for the 440 yd. and 400 meter distance and anchored relay teams to new records in the mile and half mile. Others to star were John Woodruff who set a world's record for the 800 meter and 880 yard distances; and John Borican who held his own in the 1000 meter distance.

Dempsey Dixon's brother, Frank, made the front page of the Sports' section of the New York Tribune Sunday when he set a scholastic mile record of 4:29:7 at the 245th Coast Artillery Armory. Frank is a student at James Monroe High School.

Marian Anderson and the Tuskegee choir were included with those furnishing music on an international broadcast, Saturday afternoon, March 16, to emphasize the service of Foreign Missions. The Tuskegee group, under the direction of Mr. Dawson, sang the theme from Jan Sibelius' "Finlandia" which is in the repertoire of our own Glee Club.

The Bordentown Register carried a cut of the play and an exhibit from the Hobby Show in a recent edition.

Mr. Valentine received from the school at the Hobby Show an old inkwell of pewter representing a horse fountain from a well-known local antique dealer, Mr. Cooper, who attended the show. Mr. Cooper said the inkwell had come from an old Bordentown attic.

Mr. George Kreuger, assistant director of the Westminster Choir, Princeton, came over to chapel exercises Monday, March 19, to bear the assembly singing. One of his purposes was to see just what the possibilities were for broadcasting from the chapel. No report so far has been made.

## P. A. D.

This P.A.D. I'll have to pass  
If I'm ever to leave the Senior Class.  
Miss Echols is a good ole soul  
I know she has a heart of gold;  
But heart of gold or heart of brass  
I'll get a real old fashioned razz  
If P.A.D. I do not pass.

Sylvester Pitts.

even in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds, and ultimately won out. A boost to you both.

The night of the Dover game, many alumni and old students were present. Among which were "Fats" Livingston, 'Cheery' Clarence Twyman, personable William (Hambone) Hamlett and Frank Taylor. One thing that has always interested me is the Gibraltar like support old students give Ironsides. For in a world of constantly shifting ideals, it is difficult to maintain a sentimental loyalty that can withstand the onslaughts of the sands of time. Mother Ironsides! May she stand forever.

Fellow students, Easter is still in the air so I will close our little conversation on the topic of ascension 1,940 years ago, Easter Sunday. Jesus arose from the dead according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven. You know ascension is not only for Him. It is for anyone who will. Do you want your marks to ascend? Work toward that goal. Do you want your body to develop? Work toward that goal? Do you want peoples' opinion of you to rise? Work toward that goal. Remember, it is only when ideas are embodied in force that they attain energy, mark.

Gosh, I would have given a million dollars to have seen that Easter Parade on 7th Avenue!

Horace E. Joseph.

## Were You Born In The Month Of March?

To all the campus people born in the month of March we wish happy birthdays, though we may be a little late. Here are our March people: Della Marshburn, Samuel Hall, Martha Smith, Earl Hill, George Watkins, Walter Spicer, Thelma Pemberton, Eva Hamlin, Gladys Johnson, Herbert Reed, Robert Bryant, George Johnson, Phyllis Taylor, Warren Allison, Christopher Johnson, Clyde Justice, Walter Dutton, Edwin Dorsey, and Fred Young.

It is said that all persons born in the first part of March are inclined to be independent. They have winning personalities. Look at the list above if you don't believe it. They have a natural thirst for knowledge and are very accurate and self-confident. They are very sensitive, and unfortunately, are inclined to be forgetful. It is said that their spiritual development is very high. At any rate, they're an agreeable group.

Those born in the latter part of March are said to have outstanding personalities plus great ability. They are cheerful and indulgent. They love flowers, poetry, music, and art.

The gem of the month is the bloodstone, and the flower is the violet.

If the people born in March will study themselves, they can succeed in anything they hope to do. They must study how to concentrate, how to know opportunity and how to improve it. If they fight laziness and indifference, they may walk in the footsteps of other great people born in March. Some of these were Alexander Graham Bell, Grover Cleveland, David Livingstone, James Madison, Andrew Jackson, Sam Houston, DeWitt Clinton, Luther Burbank, and Johann Sebastian Bach.

## What's In A Name?

It was a long time ago that Shakespeare had Juliet inquire of Romeo, "What's in a name?" Here at Ironsides the same inquiry has recently been made, and here are some of the startling facts revealed.

Although vocational leaders everywhere feel the need of a campaign to help youth with their choice of jobs, our campus is well off without one. Here we have a Butler, a Piper, a Miller, a Baker, a Coleman, a Shepard, and we have just plain Work.

We hear that the water supply in New York City is low, and we'd like to offer some help. We have Waters from Brooks, Wells, and Springs.

Of nationalities, we stick to English and German.

The weather may be changeable in other places, but we have Snow and Hale with us always.

We have many types of students, too. They are Wise, Blount, Short, Small, Young, Little, Strong, Gay, Coy, and they are Wright too.

For colors we prefer our Browns, Greens, Whites, and Blacks.

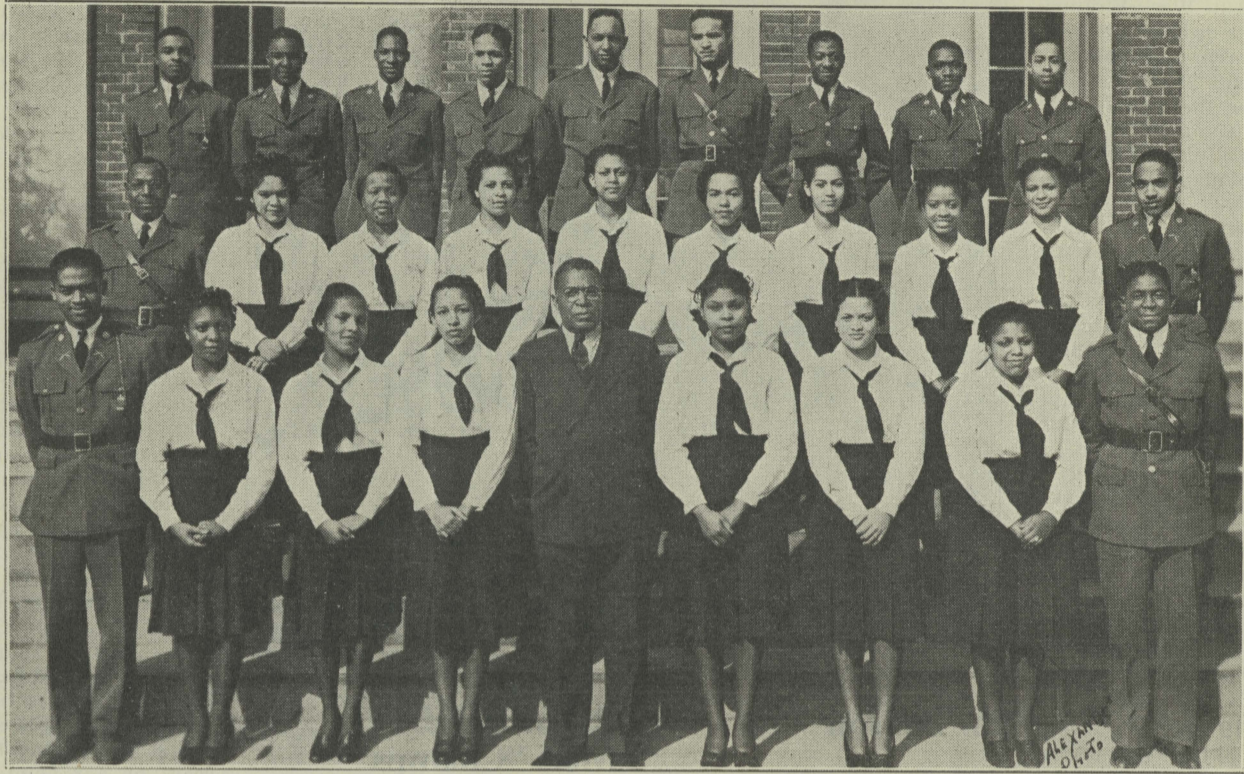
For famous names, "Who's Who for 1940" has nothing on us. We boast of Franklin, Raleigh, Drake, and Washington; and have a Sargent, a Noble, and a King.

For recreation we can look for the Schell in the Sands by the Banks of the Rivers, watch the Maples grow along the Lane, climb the Hills of great Hight, visit our Nabors from the West, play Ball, have a sham Battle with Cannon and Gunn, or just sit idly by watching the Birds fly withoutstretched Wing.

We are not allowed to Gamble. We have a Vann to carry our Rocks from the Pitts to the Barnes.

We do have much Moore, but Lett us about them next time. Eddy wants to see this dog Chase a Bone, and the rest of us are fascinated by the Webb on the Wall.

## Singers Will Appear In Jersey City and Newark



**BORDENTOWN GLEE CLUB**

These young people will add to one of their busiest seasons in years two concerts with the band on April 4 and 12 in Jersey City and Newark respectively. A concert at the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair is scheduled for late May. Watch for date.

### Some Ironsides' Bests

Marcus Battle says, "I like Carpenter's best. I have always liked to make things out of wood, and I feel that I am accomplishing something in the shop."

Marlyn Anderson and Gladys Crocker like the Glee Club best because they say, "It gives you a chance to get off the campus a good deal, and it gives you an opportunity to meet important people."

Norma Lett says, "I like football best. I like to watch the clever plays and the speed of the game. I also like to hear the cheering, and to be a part of it."

William Tompkins enjoys the varieties of opportunities offered here, and believes there is something for everybody.

Clarence Key and Sylvester Pitts found it difficult to select one best because they like everything.

Ruth Wise says, "I like the library because it affords an outlet for a few girls who like that kind of work. I like to read, and I think our library is one of the best things at Ironsides."

Alma Lee enjoys her piano lessons because they help her use her leisure time well, and because she hopes to develop her talent.

Martha Smith enjoys the sport hops best. She thinks students have more fun at these affairs, because they are comfortably dressed, and everything is so informal and friendly.

Betty Hackie likes the movies best. Her only complaint is that there aren't enough of them.

Geraldine Campbell prefers the Y.W.C.A. because all the girls can belong, and it develops them socially as well as spiritually.

Clanson Robinson believes the opportunities offered to help one learn to govern himself are fine.

Norman Powell likes the location and the scenery.

Samuel Seville likes the glee club best, and appreciates the opportunity for the excellent vocal training it brings.

Charles Ball has several preferences. One of them is the military training.

### Spring

A season is coming to banish the cold,

A season that's loved by the young and the old,

It's welcome because of the joys it will bring.

This season's none other than bright sunny spring.

Spring brings the birds with their songs so sweet,

That over and over they proudly repeat;

It's a merry season; we know this is true,

It will bring many bright happy days to you.

It will bring the flowers, the leaves to the trees,

The rustle and whisper of a soft balmy breeze;

It will bring green grasses and skies of clear blue,

As well as the sunsets of glorious hue.

Tecora Felton, 8A

### Mrs. Valentine Tours South

Mrs. Grace B. Valentine, girl's preceptress, was absent from the campus during the month of January on a tour through the South. She was a member of a party which included Rev. Adam C. Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, of N. Y., who was on a lecture tour in Southern schools.

In a most interesting chapel talk shortly after her return, Mrs. Valentine gave a vivid account of the 4000 mile trip. She related the miserable conditions of the Southern sharecroppers and described for her listeners the "box-like" homes in which they lived, with insufficient heat and sunlight.

Schools which Mrs. Valentine visited were: Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C., which has the oldest dormitory for women in the United States; Georgia State College, in Savannah, Georgia; Florida State College, in Tallahassee. In Atlanta, Georgia, a real educational center, the party visited Morris Brown University for Boys, Spellman for Girls, Atlanta School of Social Work, and Atlanta University graduate school. In Tennessee, the schools visited were: Flisk, Meharry Medical and Dental School and Tennessee State.

In a personal interview, Mrs. Valentine mentioned the fact that the Meharry Dental School is practi-

### Easter Facts

Easter is in memory of the Crucifixion and also of the old Saxon goddess of spring, Eastre.

The early Persians looked upon the New Year as the period to renew all things. They presented each other with eggs as a beginning of new life. This was called the "Feast of Eggs", and became a part of later Easter celebrations.

It is said that the Jews whose Passover is older than the Christian Easter also used eggs in their festival at this period.

The beginning of the Easter festival is really unknown, but in the great days of Alfred the Great of England, there was a decree that the week of Easter be kept holy, and for spiritual rejoicing.

A very popular belief in ancient England was that the sun danced on Easter Sunday. It was a common custom for people to rise very early to witness this dance of the sun.

Many people regard the egg as an emblem of the beginning of life. To the Egyptians, Persians, Greeks, Gauls, Romans, and others, the egg is a token of new life. The egg still plays one of the most important parts in the Easter celebrations.

The new bonnet worn for the first time on Easter is said to bring love and happiness throughout the year.

This year Palm Sunday and St. Patrick's Day came on the same day for the first time since 1799. This will not happen again this century.

Perhaps the reason so many Negroes believe the rabbit's foot will protect them from harm came from the old Easter belief that rabbits are given supernatural powers on Easter Eve.

It is believed that the idea of dressing up dates back to Constantine in the early part of the fourth century. He caused Easter to be celebrated with great pomp, and used this occasion himself to appear more richly dressed than anyone else.

Usually the only dental school in the South and that there were not any too many attending it.

Mrs. Valentine brought her chapel talk to a close by saying that she had seen many lovely campuses, but none more lovely than Ironsides; that she had enjoyed her trip but was glad to get back—one more illustration that after all "There's no place like home."

### Scout Activities

#### Trip To Philadelphia

On Saturday, February 24, the members of the Cobra Patrol went to Philadelphia to visit the Franklin Institute, a wonderland of science. This trip was won by this group of scouts for its excellent record, and because it had the highest number of points for efficiency. Those making the trip were the patrol leader, John Fleming, and members George Cox, Joseph Brinkley, Arthur Foster, Thomas Freeman, and scoutmaster, Mr. Johnson.

The boys spent the afternoon viewing the interesting exhibits throughout the museum. They had lunch at the Pep Shop. From there, the group drove to Trenton to see the movie, "Swiss Family Robinson". It was a full day, and the boys returned to the campus very weary, but very happy.

#### Scout Hop

On Saturday, March 9, the scouts sponsored a social in the gymnasium. Admission was ten cents. A large cake, the door prize, was won by Charles Baskerville.

Although the scouts have given up their Easter camping trip on account of the cold weather, the proceeds of the social will be used for other trips.

Mr. Johnson, who was unable to be present at the social, wishes to thank all those whose kind cooperation made the affair successful.

#### "Y" Gives Green Tea

Members of the Y.W.C.A. sponsored a St. Patrick's Day Tea on Sunday, March 17. The Y sponsor, Miss Echols, and members of the cabinet received guests from twenty-three to forty-three in the reception room of the New Girls' Dormitory.

The tea table was decorated in the traditional green; and each guest was presented with a shamrock on his arrival.

Cabinet members receiving were: Jessie Shorts, president; Eleanor Melvin, vice-president; Eva Hamlin, secretary; Pauline Brown, treasurer; Louise Twisvan, chairman of the entertainment committee; and Barbara Fletcher, chairman of the program committee.

## Girls Win And Lose As Season Closes

On March 2 on the home court and on March 12 in West Virginia, Bordentown lassies dropped two league games to Storer, undefeated in league competition.

The line-up for the home game included Isabelle Hammond, Vivian Greene, Bertha White, Gladys Johnson, Norma Holcombe, and Valeria Wright.

The first half saw each team alert and the score advanced so evenly that half time Ironsides lead 12-11.

The score was 22-22 with only two minutes to play when Storer came through with a winning shot to close the game 24-22.

Genevieve Bradford, brilliant captain of Storer girls led the scoring for her team with sixteen points.

A week later in the Storer gym history repeated itself. Bordentown determined to break Storer's winning streak played hard from start to finish, but at the half, Storer was seven points ahead. Various attempts in passing on Bordentown's part in the second half were no match for Storer's defense and the game ended 24-18 in Storer's favor.

### Defeat Dover 19-18

With memories of their first league defeat in January at the hands of Dover to the overwhelming score of 47-25, Bordentown girls faced Dover lassies on March 15, with determination that win or lose, the score would be closer.

The first half found each team sounding the other out and ended with the small score of 5-5.

Dover led the scoring for the second half and showed beautiful passing and guarding. With only a few seconds to play and the crowd roaring, a Dover guard made a personal foul. While the foul shot was being made the game ended, this time with Bordentown ahead, 19-18.

### Breaks Even With Downies

Early February saw the first meeting of Bordentown with the Downies who had been undefeated by Bordentown for two years and were willing for history to repeat itself. The first half of the game was fast and furious; and short shots and swift passing kept Bordentown in the game. Score at half was 11-10 in the visitors' favor.

The second half saw Bordentown open up with longer shots from all angles to overcome the Downies' guards. The play worked and the final whistle found the lassies from Pennsylvania on the short end of a 17-15 score.

On March 16, Bordentown journeyed to Downingtown for the last league game of the season.

Downingtown started on a scoring spree that Bordentown could not stop and had run the score up to 10-0 when Bordentown made some substitutions. These helped and the half ended with Downingtown eight points ahead.

In the second half Bordentown found herself and did more scoring, but was unable to catch the fleet Pennsylvania lassies who were too far out in front. With the brand of basketball that has made Downingtown one of the best girls' teams in the M3A. They closed the game 28-19.

Bertha White and Isabelle Hammond have been consistently high scorers for these games.

## Famous Last Words

Andrew McKinney:

"Do I make this trip?"

Van Leah Francis:

"When do we start shooting for long shots?"

Norman Powell:

"Play it cool, gang!"

William "Shorty" Smalls:

"Take it easy 'Ref'!"

Coach Ray:

"We need this one boys! Go get it."

## Unbeaten In M3A Games



### BORDENTOWN COURT CHAMPS

Left to right: Managers Bartley and Wells, Polhemus, Dutton, Robinson, McNeil, Walls, Todd, Powell, Francis, Singleton, Smalls, and Coach Ray.

### The Season

Most Pleasing Event of the Season: Beating Dover.

Least Pleasing Event of Season: Ride to Storer College.

Best Opposing Team: Princess Anne College.

Best Opposing Player: J. Bolden, Princess Anne College.

Easiest Game: Cheyney (home).

Most Enjoyable Trip: Cheyney.

Coldest Game: Storer College (away).

Least Popular Referee: At Dover.

Slowest Game: Downingtown (home).

Fastest Game: Cheyney (away).

Most Popular Referee: At Bordentown.

Best Ironsides Guard: Haywood "Biggie" Robinson.

Best Ironsides Forward: William "Shorty" Smalls.

Most Valuable Player: Norman Powell.

### Ironsides Echo Selects All M3A Team

Climbing out on the proverbial limb, the Echo picks two All M3A Teams on the basis of performance in league contests.

First Team: Forward N. Powell, Bordentown; Forward, Bolden, Princess Anne College; Center, W. Powell, Dover State College; Guard, H. Robinson, Bordentown; Guard, B. McClain, Downingtown.

Second Team: Forward, W. Smalls, Bordentown; Forward, R. Oliver, Downingtown; Center, C. Todd, Bordentown; Guard, S. Powell, Storer; Guard, L. McNeil, Bordentown.

Honorable Mention: B. Harris, Storer; C. Jones, Princess Anne; H. Singleton, Bordentown.

### Coach Ray Interviewed

It seemed only fitting to find out from Mr. Ray, coach of the basketball champs, how he felt about the whole matter. He has coached six championship teams in seven years; and the championship in that "off" year was lost by one point.

Taciturn as he usually is, Coach Ray opened up enough to give the reporter this statement:

"As the basketball season closes and I realize that Ironsides has retained the M3A championship I am thankful that I could work with a group of young men as sincere and unselfish in their associations with one another, their school, and their coach as the present squad has been. I have enjoyed working with the team and am glad that we were able to give Ironsides another championship.

### Records Of M3A "Champs"

#### League Game Results:

Bordentown	Opponents
58	27 Dover
42	20 Cheyney
45	28 Princess Anne
52	16 Downingtown
59	30 Storer College
42	29 Cheyney
45	32 Storer College
50	25 Dover State
49	41 Downingtown

#### Club Game Results:

Bordentown	Opponents
34	27 Kaufmann
23	24 Atlantic City
37	34 Orange YMCA
52	50 Plainfield
31	34 Princeton
36	40 Newark YMCA
39	40 Montclair

Summary	Lost	Won
League	0	9
Club	4	3

#### Individual Scoring:

Norman Powell	150
Haywood Robinson	125
Channon Tood	101
William Smalls	93
Lewis McNeil	57
Van Leah Francis	50
Henry Singleton	35
Louis Walls	29
Walter Dutton	18
Andrew McKinney	11
Charles Polhemus	4

### Senior Players Interviewed

Walter Dutton: Being a member of the varsity basketball team for two years has supplied me with a great deal of pleasure and experience.

The team's success is due largely to the fight and determination of the members of the squad. "Coach" Ray deserves a lot of credit too for his untiring effort to make a successful team.

Norman Powell: (High scorer this season and runner up last year)—Basketball is the one game I love and enjoy above all others. And the two years I've spent on the varsity under "Coach" Ray have afforded me tremendous joy and experience. Therefore, I regret very much playing my last game for Dear Ole Ironsides. To the squad of next year I wish luck and success throughout the season.

Varsity lettermen: Norman Powell, William Smalls, Van Leah Francis, Louis McNeil, Henry Singleton, Haywood Robinson, Channon Todd, Walter Dutton, Louis Walls, Donald Bartley (manager).

## DOWNINGTOWN VICTORY CLOSES UNBEATEN LEAGUE SEASON

### Pa. Team Bows 41-49

In a very hard-fought and fast contest, the Downingtown "Downies", with fire in their eyes, demonstrated why they are known all over the league as the team that may be beaten, but never quits until the last whistle has blown. Downingtown was fired for victory and the fact that the champs of the league were their opponents only served to make them the more determined. The game started slowly with Downingtown using a transitional zone defense which could speedily break three men into the clear on an offense that depended largely on their towering center to set up the play. Bordentown a little overconfident soon found themselves thrown off their usual game and hard put to penetrate the "Downies" determined defense. Substitutes from the Ironsides bench were used freely in an effort to throw off the lethargy and increase the speed of attack and defense. The first half closed with Bordentown leading 36-33.

In the second half with Robinson, Powell, and Todd back in stride and Polhemus playing his best game of the season, Ironsides eked out their closest victory over Downingtown in years by a 8 point margin. Final score Bordentown 49, Downingtown 41.

### Bordentown Tops Dover 50-26

The Bordentown fast moving basketball quint ran roughshod over Dover State College basketekers, at the home gym, Friday, March 16, by a score of 50-26. The Ironsiders, so far not defeated in the M3A circles, with only one game remaining to play to claim the crown, took an early lead. The "Cats" were ahead 25-14 at half time. Following the lead of their trusty marksmen, Powell, who tallied 11 points and Coleman with 9, "State" shot from all angles. But, the Ironsiders defense tightened and cut short the scoring spree. The remaining few minutes found the "Cats" coasting into their 8th consecutive win and no defeats. 50-26 was the final score. Powell with 14 and Robinson with 13 were high scorers of the evening.

### Storer Defeated 45-32

Traveling out to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, the Bordentown basketekers engaged and won their sixth consecutive game in the M3A contest from the Storer College "Bulls" 45-32.

Playing a very deceptive game offensively and defensively, from the opening whistle, the Ironsiders took an early lead and did not relinquish it at any time. The half ended with the "Cats" on the end 26-13.

Returning after rest period, the Ironsiders continued to storm their opponent's basket. Unable to stave off Bordentown's Powell and Robinson, scored 14 and 13 points respectively, the "Bulls" took to long range shooting. The last minute rally was futile and the Ironsiders chalked up another victory towards the M3A crown.

### Trounce Cheyney 42-29

In a demonstration of superiority, Bordentown's basketball team soundly trounced the Cheyney quint 42-29, at the latter's gym, Saturday, March 9.

Cheyney and Bordentown matched point for point, during the first few minutes of the game. Finally, the "Cats" inspired by "Shorty" Smalls' spot shots (he registered 13 points) and "Biggie" Robinson with 11 points) surged into the lead. The half closed with Bordentown ahead 22-9.

The second half much like the first found the Ironsiders romping over their opponents at will. Blount, Cheyney's stellar guard, sank goal after goal in an attempt to drag his team from defeat. But the "Cats" were too far ahead and no damage was done. The referee's whistle ended the game, Bordentown 42, Cheyney 29.

### Bow To Princeton 31-35

Princeton YMCA basketekers played and won a hard-fought battle over the Bordentown aggregation in the final few minutes of the contest. The game played on the former's court, kept the fans excited and bewildered at the fine display of basketball, even though there was very little scoring.

Drawing first blood, the "Cats" settled down to widen the margin, but "Bill" Redmond, former Ironsides football and track star, playing a brilliant game with his fine shooting, kept his team on the Ironsiders' heels. The half ended Bordentown in front 20-18.

Battling nip and tuck from the opening of the second half, the two teams fought for the lead. Refusing to be turned back, the Princeton five went on a last minute scoring spree to win the evenly fought game 35-31.

Singleton with 11 points, Robinson 8 and Smalls with 7 points led the scoring for the Ironsiders. Westcott with 12 points and Redmond with 11 were high scorers for the home team.

### Newark Trims "Cats" 40-35

The Newark Y.M.C.A. fast-moving pintet upset the strong Bordentown five at basketball on the former's court Thursday, March 7.

The game started with plenty of speed and deception; it was evident the game would be no walk away for either team. W. Lovett, who tallied 19 points, led his mates on a scoring rampage and led the fighting Ironsiders 20 to 19 at half time.

The slow starting Wildcats, however, after a pep talk at half time, came back, ran roughshod over the home team; aided by the clever shooting and ball handling on the part of "Flash" Powell with 11 points "Lanky" Todd 7, "Knocky" Walls and "Biggie" Robinson with five markers each. At this time with only a few minutes remaining, Lovett caged three no-back board shots from mid-court to put the Newark "Y" ahead 40-35. The final whistle checked the Ironsiders' desperate bid to overtake the lead.

### Montclair Edges Out 40-39

Two field goals and a foul in the last two minutes of play gave Montclair Y.F.C.A. a thrill-packed decision over the Bordentown cagers at Montclair "Y" gym on Friday night, March 8, "Lanky" Todd, hitting the cords with his overhand wheel shots, and the deceptive floor work of his mates climaxed a heated battle as the first half of the well-played game closed; Bordentown out front 5-21. In the second half, the inspired "Y" quint spirited by the clever shooting of Spain and Bolden drew abreast the "Cats", after trailing throughout most of the contest. Both teams matched goals until the score climbed to 36-35. Todd hit the cords from midcourts and Robinson a charity throw while Spain dropped in two field goals and one free throw to give his team a one point advantage. Montclair held the advantage and emerged victorious 40-39.

### "Has Beens" Bow To Trenton

A week of physical labor and toil at conditioning was not enough to discard the cobwebs from the Ironsides faculty; in preparation for their annual classic with the Lincoln School faculty of Trenton.

The former stars of high school and colleges were unable to click in time to stave off the sharpshooting Trenton "Tutors". Scoring at will, the Trenton faculty was way out in front at half time 20-7.

The rest period was apparently what the Ironsiders needed. Paced by "Lanky" Hopson, former Hampton recruit who sank 12 field goals and one free throw and Ben Johnson, Olympic sprint star, tallying 3 field goals and one free throw, the Ironsiders fought vigorously to close the wide margin. The final whistle cut short the Ironside "Has Beens" scoring spree and chalked up a victory for the Trenton teachers 35-27.