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ECHO WINS TWO PRESS AWARDS

First In N.S.P.A.; Second At Columbia; Special Mention Given News Stories

For the second successive time the Echo received a "First Place Honor Rating—Excellent" in the Twentieth All Critical Service of the National Scholastic Press Association; and for the third successive time and the fifth time in ten years the award of second place in the fifteenth annual Conference of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

In the C.S.P.A. score-book, special mention of merit was given to the news stories.

The Echo enters both contests under the head of vocational high schools with a registration under 500

Only last year did the paper enter the Western press association and has placed first both times; its membership in the Columbia association dates from 1930.

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Mr. Urquhart To Get N.F.A. Key

Mr. John Urquhart, who has devoted a large portion of his life in the field of agriculture, will be honored by the New Farmers of America the la st of this month when he will be awarded the N.F.A. key. The key entitles him to membership in the class of Modern Farmers, the highest degree of the organization.

Mr. Urquhart has been affiliated with the Agriculture Department here at Bordentown for nearly twenty-five years, during which time he has aided greatly in the development of the place.

Two other members of the faculty have been honored by this degree: Mr. T. C. Williams, assistant principal, and Mr. W. R. Valentine, the principal.

Declamation Contest May 6; Seventeen Enter; More Boys

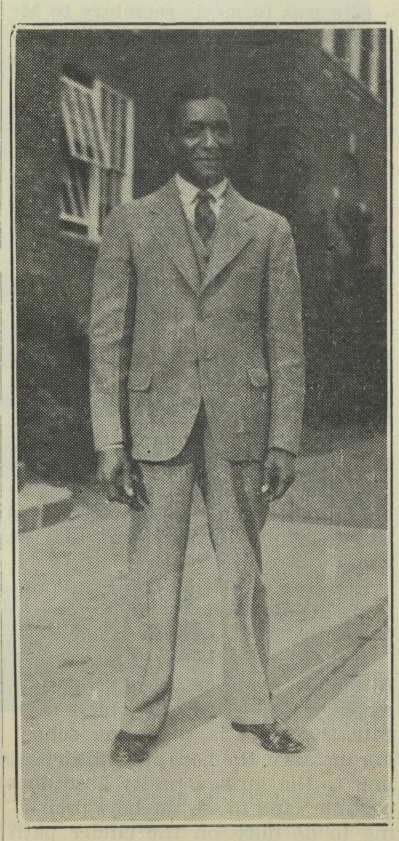
With thirteen boys and four girls entered for the annual Declamation Contest of the Diogenians scheduled for May 5, there is small chance of postponement this year for few entries.

Upper classmen are conspicuous by their absence; in the boys' entries, only three are Seniors; in the girls' entries there is no one above the Sophomore Class .

Boys entering are: Marcus Battle, Harold Brown, Edward Calhoun, Charles Canty, Franklyn Carter, Walter Cox, Stanley Craigwell, Robert Hundley, Gordon Long, Horace Perryman, Theodore Small, Lawrence Towler, Ezra Washington, Claudia Jones, Edith Battle, Margaret Tucker, Dorothy Peek.

Captain Eatmon is coaching the boys and Mrs. Eatmon is coaching the girls.

Coach Of Champs



CHARLES B. RAY, coach of basketball teams that won five championships in six years.

Our basketball season has been a success and I am satisfied that the team richly deserves great praise for the fine brand of ball its members have displayed throughout the season.

They were a new team, only Jones surviving last year's exodus, that quickly found themselves and by working hard and willingly pulled themselves together and bumped off the loose edges to become a team worthy of Ironsides.

Charles B. Ray, coach

M3A At Bordentown Makes Annual Award

The Middle Atlantic Athletic Association officials and representatives from four league schools met here April 15, to make the championship awards for the school year of '38 and '39. The wards were as follows: Football, Bordentown; Boys' Basketball, Bordentown; Girls' Basketball, Downingtown.

Bordentown has carried off the honors in boys' basketball for the past four consecutive years and has had championship teams for five out of the last six years. The football team has won the championship for the past two successive years.

The schools competing in the M3A are Cheyney State Teacher's College at Cheyney, Pa.; Delaware State at Dover, Del.; Downingtown at Downingtown, Pa.; Princess Anne, Junior College at Princess Anne, Md.; Storer College at Harpers Ferry, West Va.; and Bordentown Manual School at Bordentown, N. J. Recently Coppin Normal at Baltimore, Md., has joined this league and Bowie Normal has withdrawn.

Coming Events

April
28—Sports Night
29—New Farmers of America Social in Gym.
30—Band at Dedication of Bordentown Post Office.
Glee Club, Barnes Foundation.

May
5—Declamation Contest.
6—Old Students' Day.
12—School Social
13—State Teachers' Meeting
Track Team at Morgan Y.M.C.A. Program.
14—Mothers' Day Program in charge of Play Squares.
19—Club Social.
20—Last Officers' Hop.
21—Band and Glee Club in Montclair.

Ag Dept At Gouldstown; Glee Club Gives Concert

For the twelfth consecutive year Gouldstown played host to the members of the agriculture department who made their annual trip to South Jersey last Sunday.

The agriculture boys rendered a program during the afternoon period at which time Walter Jacobs, N.F.A. reporter, acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. Godwin then introduced the boys who were to sing. They were Cranston Harris, Edison McGuffin, tenors; James Meadows, baritone, and Charles Wadleigh, bass. They were assisted by the school quartet composed of Fred Cox, Ira John Smith, tenors; Joe Brown, baritone, and Franklin Carter, bass.

Ezra Washington delivered a short talk based on a Biblical story which had the topic "Hidden Treasures Beside the Road."

The evening program was under the direction of Mr. Work. The Glee Club with the quartet presented a full evening of songs which were very well received by the audience. After the Glee Club finished their program, Mr. Jacobs expressed the appreciation of all to Gouldtown for their excellent hospitality and urged them to visit the school on May 30.

Present Mothers' Day Program

Members of the Ironsides Play Square Club will present Walter D. Smith of New York as their guest soloist for Mothers' Day, May 14.

For several years members of this club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Staats have taken over the program for the observance of this day. This year Mr. Smith will recite poetry on the theme "Mother".

Officers of the club for this year are Mary Bunting, president; Marie Townsend, treasurer.

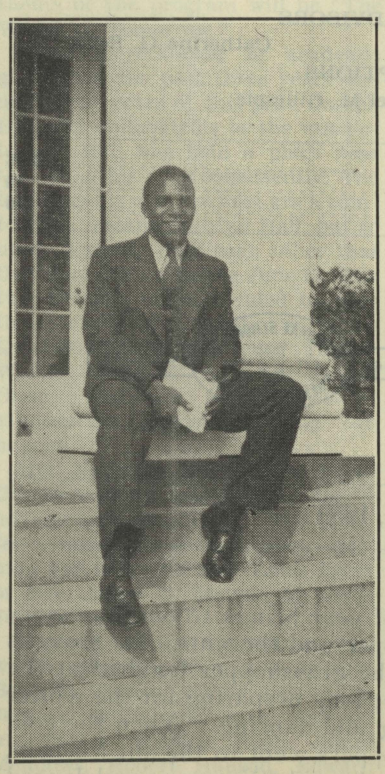
Enjoy Easter Vespers

There was general praise for the Choral Club's singing on Easter Sunday.

Under the direction of Mr. Work, members of the club rendered Gounod's "Sanctus" and the well-known "Hark, Hark, the Lark".

Both selections were well received; and as a result, both, instead of the usual one, will be featured at the Annual Sermon, Sunday, June 10.

Challenger Of Peacock



"BEN" JOHNSON, "fastest Human", who will race Eulace Peacock on Old Students' Day.

I do hope that Old Students' Day is a success, both for the school and the visitors.

Since I am to be a part of the program—a small part to be sure—I do hope that my race, the hundred, will be a dash and not a splash.

Of course, we all anticipate the eventual completion of the track, on which said athletic event will be contested. It will be, I trust, the scene of future Ironsides triumphs—many of them.

"Ben" Johnson,
Science Instructor.

Former "Green Pastures" Leader Gives Recital

The faculty and student body received a much belated treat on Friday evening, April 14, when Lloyd Hickman, former leader of "Green Pastures" choir and a baritone singer of renown, gave a recital in the chapel accompanied by Mrs. Anne Coulston Ray.

Mr. Hickman had been scheduled to give a program in March, but due to illness he was unable to appear. On the day prior to his appearance on Friday, he met with an automobile accident in which he received slight injuries however they did not prevent him from giving the recital and, in the estimation of the majority, had no definite affect upon his well-trained voice.

With finished artistry he interpreted a varied program of masterpieces that came from the pen of many music notables including prominent Negro composers and arrangers and he received an ovation from the audience which is rarely given to musical programs of this

JOHNSON AND PEACOCK IN 100

Race and Play Feature Old Students' Day, Saturday, May 6

An invitation 100-yard dash between Ben Johnson and Eulace Peacock (and perhaps Herbert Thompson) will be the afternoon feature of the entertainment provided for the old students when they return Saturday, May 6. In the evening, in addition to the regular social, there will be a repeat performance of "Apron String Revolt".

The general program for the day is scheduled as follows:

1:00—Luncheon for Old Students.
1:30-2:00—Inspection of buildings and renewal of acquaintances.
2:00-4:00—Soft ball game between the faculty and old students.
4:00—Exhibition 100-yard dash—Ben Johnson, Eulace Peacock, Herbert Thompson.
5:45-6:15—Buffet Supper—Gym.
6:30-7:15—Conferences with Mr. and Mrs. Valentine.
7:30-9:30—"Apron String Revolt".
9:30-11:30—Dance in Gym.

For the 100-yard race, the new track recently completed will be used. The race will feature Johnson, now teaching at Bordentown, former Columbia University track star and track captain; holder of world's 60-yard dash record, member of U. S. team touring Europe in 1937 and 1938, called the "World's Fastest Human". Eulace Peacock, former Temple University record holder who has also toured Europe with the American Track Team, and is a close rival of Johnson's, will supply the real competition. Herbert Thompson, the Jersey City sensation of this year's indoor track season, who equalled Johnson's 60-yard indoor record, is also counted on to make things interesting.

Attendance at the afternoon affairs will be open to the student body as a whole. The buffet supper will be served to old students and their guests and members of the faculty. The members of the Senior class will be eligible to attend the play and dance. The entire cast and committee of the play has been invited to attend by the Old Students' Day Committee.

Other information concerning the plans for the day may be obtained from Mr. Ray, chairman of the committee in charge.

Exhibits In Burlington

In the recent exhibit held at the William R. Allen School, Burlington, Bordentown was represented by faculty and students alike.

The exhibit was designed to show Negro Achievement in all fields of activity as well as the Negro's contributions to American culture and civilization.

Mrs. Theresa Staats was represented by studies in charcoal, oil, and pastels. Mr. Fred Work was represented by the manuscripts of his original compositions.

The work of students was the same as that sent to the Conference of Social Work in Asbury Park this winter.

This exhibit is the fifth in which the school has participated this year.

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LATER THAN YOU THINK

It's strange how this time of year brings to one's memory the old fable about the grasshopper and the ants. Its story is old, but still new. Remember, the grasshopper laughed at the busy ants who worked all summer long preparing for the winter while she spent her time singing and dancing. When the cold winter came, the hungry grasshoppers went to the ant for help, but those busy little creatures simply said, "You sang and danced while we worked. Well, sing and dance now."

The moral of this fable still holds true, even though we must reverse the seasons. How many danced and sang through the fall and the long winter, and now, in the spring, are coming to those who worked for a little help! How heartless would be the ant's retort, "Sing and dance now"! For some, it may be too late to start working now. Others who are on the borderline may save a whole year of schooling if they put in honest effort.

But, isn't it strange that there still remain so many grasshoppers in our schools, and that they don't mind bothering the ants, feeling perfectly justified in expecting help? Of course, it's rather late to stress the moral of this fable, and perhaps it has nothing to do with you. But the lesson holds good every year.

THE REAL McCOY—M3A CHAMPS

With the boys' basketball team getting its fourth consecutive cage title, and its fifth in six years, we feel that we have the real McCoy in this field of competition. "This can't be luck" —It happens too often.

This team's record of success outside of league competition was better than that of last year's team:

1938—Club: won 9; lost 6; League Won 9; lost 1.

1939—Club: won 11; lost 2; League: won 8; lost 1. (Since Cheyney, a former league member has withdrawn, the more accurate league score would be seven victories.).

One point should be remembered in evaluating Bordentown's record: that excellence may be developed as a habit, but it is never an accident. Behind all the apparent ease of function that the team displays in action are hours of practice, steady and gruelling. There lies the answer; there and in the fine coaching of Mr. Ray.

We offer sincere congratulations to as fine a team as ever wore the Blue and Gold.

The Echo extends the good wishes of faculty and students to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prout, of Moorestown. Mrs. Prout is our own gym teacher, Miss Butcher.

The Echo staff wants to extend its thanks to all those who have cooperated in making its ratings in the two press associations possible.

We welcome to our campus family Miss Edna Jones and Mr. Robert White.

EXCHANGES

GREATNESS: the greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from without and within, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace.

—The Panther

We also note in the picture in The Panther of the staff that edits this paper from Prairie View the picture of Julius Byrd, a former football,, basketball, and track star of Bordentown.

Congratulations, State Signal, on your first place rating at Columbia.

We extend congratulations to all the papers on our exchange list who won ratings in C.S.P.A.

We are glad to note your increase in subscriptions, Downingtown.

To the Francis Magnet: We wish you much success in your drive to help the needy.

The Dover Lantern printed some "Best's" of the girls' basketball team. The girls felt that beating Bordentown offered the thrill of the season, and losing to Downingtown the hardest defeat. They selected the umpire of the girls' games at the school here as their favorite of the season.

The Downingtown Bulletin offers the following notes on M3A contests:

Against all of the present members of the M3A the local girls have a lead in all-time competition. They top Bordentown 13-12, Bowie Normay 7-1, Coppin Normal 5-1, Delaware State College 15-5, Princess Anne College 3-0, and Stover College 15-4 (and one tie). That makes a total of 58 victories, 23 defeats, and one tie. It is interesting that Bordentown has won more from the Downies than all of the five colleges together. Ironsides has taken 12, the colleges 11.

When Bordentown held the girls to 16 points on March 18, is was the first time this season they had made less than 20 in any game. Not since 1932 has any Downie girls' outfit succeeded in making 20 or more points in every contest. That year the team was held under 30 only once. The Downies were kept under 20 once in '33, twice in '34, 10 times in '35, 11 in '36 seven in '37, and four in '38.

In their 14-game season the boys scored 410 points in their opponents' 566—an average of 29 to 40 per fame. The girls scored 344 to 182 for their opponents in their first 12 games—average of 29 to 15.

Don'ts For Spring

Don't be fooled by the changeable weather and take off your heavy coats and sweaters too soon.

Don't let the warm breezes appeal to you so much that you stay out of doors when you should be working.

Don't express your enthusiasm for spring through noise, but modulate your voices.

Don't harm birds or their nests. They enjoy life, too.

Don't make the trees and shrubbery look bad by pulling leaves and branches from them. Why spoil nature's work?

Don't walk on the grass. Give it a chance to grow.

Don't forget to throw papers and rubbish in the trash cans, and not on the campus.

Don't forget that an untidy and shabby appearance looks worse than usual in the freshness of spring.

Don't forget that the days are passing very quickly, and that June may bring vacation, but it also brings promotion day.

Have You Met Miss Jones?

"Have you met Miss Jones?" queries George Gershwin in the lyric from "I'd Rather Be Right"; and so do we. In the event that you have not, the Echo reporter performs the introduction.

Miss Edna Jones is a native of Jersey, has studied at Howard University, New York University, and the Newark Secretarial School.

She was formerly secretary to Mr Stuart Nelson, at that time president of Shaw University, Raleigh North Carolina. When Mr. Nelson became president of Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, Miss Jones went to Dillard.

Miss Jones expressed herself as enjoying her work here. She thinks the campus very beautiful, and it reminds her of a more familiar campus which she very recently left in the lovely city of New Orleans.

Introducing Mr. Robert White

We noticed a new face in the Boiler Room of the Laundry. It was there day after day; we decided to investigate; and lo and behold we found Robert White, Bordentown 1925, in charge.

He explained that he has the position vacated by Mr. Heddon.

Of himself he spoke as follows:

"I graduated from here in 1925 Although I notice many improvements, I still see signs which indicate that this is the same school. For instance, the boys are still signalling to the girls, a pretty absorbing pastime; and to see the boys preparing to do duty on the cinder path really brings back memories of my track days at Ironsides. (White was an 880 man.)

I can also add that Ifind the attitude of the students as warm and friendly as before.

I advise the boys to learn every possible phase of their trades because, as one Bordentown student to another, I can tell you that you never know where you may have a chance to use everything you know.

When I was a student at Ironsides, I never had the slightest idea that I would some day come back on the job."

Good luck to you, Mr. White. We hope you will enjoy this return to Bordentown.

Mothers' Day

The warm month of May rolls around once more on the calendar to bring with it some long awaited days, but the most beautiful of all May's days is the one dedicated to mothers.

The idea of Mother's Day originated with Miss Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia. She expressed her thoughts at a convention one day, and the idea was quickly accepted Miss Jarvis was the first to use the quotation, "In honor of the best mother that ever lived—your mother." On Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, the wearing of a white carnation signifies the death of one's mother, while a bright red carnation means one's mother still lives.

There are many ways of honoring mothers, but among the most beautiful are the programs and services given at schools and churches. Family reunions are common on this day. Ever since Congress commended the observance of Mother's Day on May 10, 1913, the American flag has been displayed at half-mast on government buildings everywhere.

Among the most popular quotations on this day are these two: "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother," by Abraham Lincoln, and "God could not be everywhere, and therefore, he made mothers," an old Jewish saying.

HERE 'N' THERE

When you are absolutely sure that you have been misinformed, you need only to turn to Kenneth Williams in order to make assurance doubly sure. Not implying that Mr. Williams is not rational but it is really marvelous that one person can be so consistently wrong in so many things.

The Senior P.A.D. class recently had an open forum on marriage. The topic for discussion involved the desirable qualities of a good wife or husband. It was an enjoyable occasion with the girls telling what they wanted in a husband and the boys telling what they didn't want in a wife. Naturally Robert 'Taylor' Hanson, who seems unusually informed in these matters, led the discussion. Bernard Pollard's main interest is in getting someone to darn his socks.

When 'Big Boy' Robinson went out for the trials in the field events and Captain Drake gave him the six-ten pound shot-put and told him to 'shoot', Robinson started to walk off the field. Upon being asked the reason for this unusual conduct, he emphatically stated that he hadn't played marbles for five years.

The members of the track team who came through the trials should be congratulated on their success to date; and remember fellows, that it is a great man who says, "Stay in there and fight".

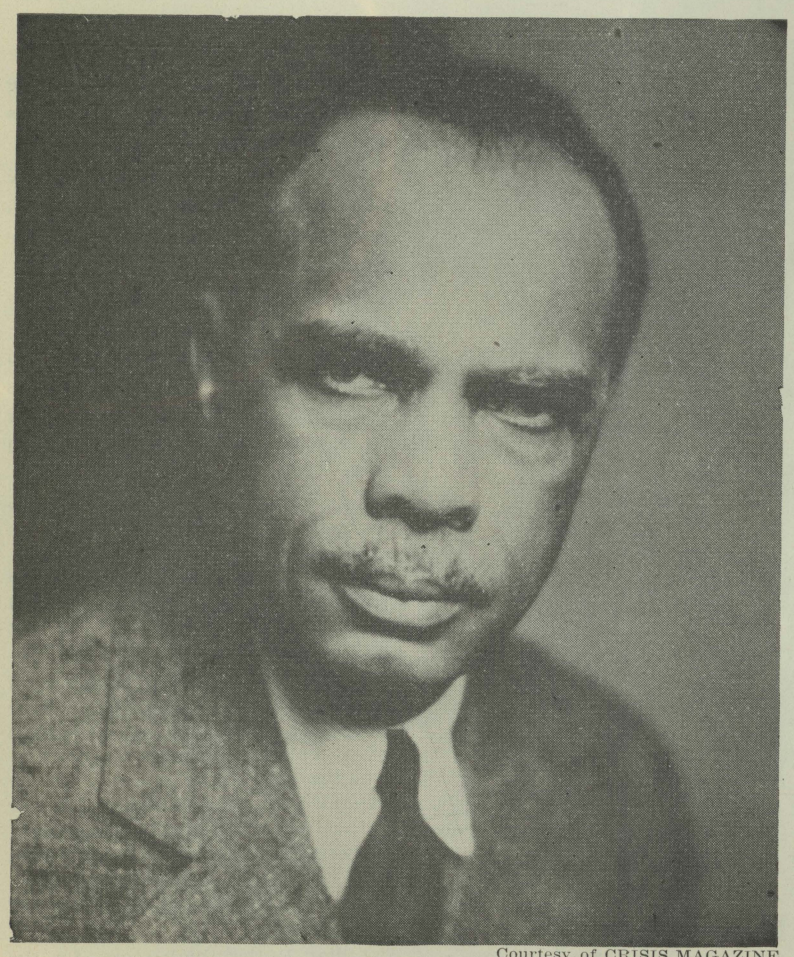
Only a poor judge of men would say that John McGee is anything less than a mystic. Through either inductive or deductive reasoning he has arrived at the conclusion that although he is at present a Sophomore by the time he is a Senior he will need one of those scrap-books which had the Seniors going to bed and getting up in the same day so Mr. Mac began his scrap-book on Tuesday, April 10, 1939.

What Do You Know About April

(Answers on page 3)

1. When did the construction of the first railroad begin?
2. When was the first United States Mint established?
3. When was the United States flag adopted by Congress
4. When was the first President of the United States elected?
5. What great canal became a possession of the United States on April 22, 1904?
6. Name the greatest writer of all time born in April?
7. Name three United States Presidents born in April?
8. What man made a very famous ride on April 18, 1775?
9. What territory was purchased from France on April 30, 1803?
10. What famous ship sank in April 1912, drowning about sixteen hundred persons?
11. What President was assassinated April 14, 1865?
12. Name three geat wars involving this country that began in April?
13. When and where was the first moving picture theatre opened?
14. When and where was the first bank for Negroes, and operated by Negroes, opened?
15. What very important article was invented on April 10, 1889 by Walter Hunt?
16. What great writer's birth and death came on the same day in April, just fifty-two years apart?
17. What holiday is celebrated in the New England states, on April 19?
18. What day to promote the conservation of forests, is observed in many places in April ?
19. When and by whom was the first visible typewriter invented?

Honored By Sophomore Program



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JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

The late author statesman, diplomat, whose sudden death last June stunned the country, was recently honored by a Sophomore program in his honor.

Soph Choir Scores; Johnson Program Well Received

The speaking choir's rendition of James Weldon Johnson's "Creation" was without doubt the highlight of the Sophomore program in honor of the author's memory.

The range of the program was the range of Mr. Johnson's wide and varied life.

Eva Calhoun opened the program with a biographical sketch, in which career of Mr. Johnson as author, publicist, diplomat, song-writer was covered.

Three of the best known songs from the song-writing career were sung by girls and boys and a combined group: "Congo Love Song", "Castle on the River Nile" and "Under the Bamboo Tree".

Of the group of Latin American sketches "Teestay" enacted by Glynwood Forbes and Madge Gilbert was perhaps the best received.

For sheer comedy and fine understanding, Stanley Craigwell's presentation of the sermon "Judgment Day" struck the high mark of individual achievement for the evening.

It was the final portion, the speaking choir, that caught the audience. The presentation began in utter darkness; then as the poem progressed and God called for light, the stage was gradually lighted. As the stages of creation advanced the power of the choir grew in effectiveness to tremendous climax.

Just a word about the sponsor. Miss Bird has introduced to this school the speaking choir. The Torchbearers gave the school an interpretation of "The Creation" some years ago. The one a few Fridays ago was by far the more effective. Miss Bird is to be congratulated on giving the school not only a fine program, but on showing the fine possibilities of using large groups of students in so effective a manner.

Describes Marian Anderson Recital

Miss Birdie O. Bird gave the student body an account of the recital given by Marian Anderson at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., on Easter Sunday. There were about 75,000 people present which included a complete cross section of the American public. Miss Bird named some of the President's Cabinet members who were in the audience and also some prominent Negro leaders, including the president of Howard University, Dr. M. Johnson, who was one of the main sponsors of the program.

Marian Anderson began her recital with "America" then the "Ave Maria", after which she sang Negro Spirituals and some operatic selections. Miss Bird commented on the intense feeling with which Miss Anderson sang the opening number and also on the intensity of the feeling which she aroused in her audience. This feeling carried over even to the reception which was given in the singer's honor after the recital.

Torchbearers Present "Harriet Tubman"

"Railroad to Freedom" was the essence and theme of a Chapel program given on Tuesday, April 18, by the Torchbearers Club. This program portrayed the life and struggles of Harriet Tubman, a former slave who escaped from the deep South and helped personally three hundred Negroes to freedom.

The program opened with a talk on the life of Harriet Tubman by Alberta Walker. This was followed by a heated discussion of the slave question by William Walker, representing the North, and Lawrence Towler, representing the South. The program closed with the club and audience singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Students Form Orchestra

Brown's Rhythm Makers is a newly formed orchestra composed of twelve members of the band. They hold meetings at regular intervals. Sometimes they meet in Mr. Work's class room or the band room; nevertheless if you happen to be crossing the campus some evening between the hour of five and seven and you hear some strange unfamiliar sounds, you may be sure that the Brown Rhythm Makers are in session.

Their erstwhile conductor is none other than the "baton twirling" George Brown; and their booking agent is Ernest "Saxophone" Tucker. Tucker says, "It will take us quite a while to get ourselves together, quite obviously. But when we get straight, we shall offer our services to furnish music for some hop and everybody will have a swinging good time."

The members are: Frank Thompson, Isadore Jones, Charles Dingus, Davis Edmonds, Washington Baylor, Louis Brown, Paul Brown, Russell Henry, Theodore Small, Horace Joseph and Harlan Ready.

William Shakespeare Bard Of The Month

This month brings to our minds the life of the world's most popular writer, William Shakespeare, who was born in Stratford-on-Avon in April, 1564, and died in the same month in the year of 1616. His father was a merchant; his mother was a farmer's daughter, who was so poorly educated she could hardly write her own name.

William, the oldest son, went to the grade school in Stratford until he was fourteen. It was here that he got his little knowledge of Latin and Greek. Most of his education, however, came from studying people and life. These he found most interesting. He was forced to go to work when he was fourteen to help support the large family.

At the young age of eighteen, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, a woman eight years older than he was. In 1583, his first daughter, Susanna, was born. For two year life was very pleasant, but in 1585, he suddenly went to London. The reason was that he had shot a deer belonging to Sir Thomas Lucy, and was escaping persecution.

In London he joined a group of prayers. He made great and rapid progress in the dramatic field, and he wrote a great deal. In all, he wrote thirty-seven plays. Some of the best known are "Midsummer Night's Dream", "The Merchant of Venice", "Romeo and Juliet", "Hamlet", "As You Like It", "Macbeth", "Henry IV", and "Julius Caesar". The end of his life he spent quietly at home with his family. He died April 26, 1616, after fifty-two years of hard and worthy work. But he has left behind him lasting momuments to his name and his fame.

All through the school career beginning with the grades, students read the works of Shakespeare and admire him more and more. At first they wonder why they still study about a man who lived over three hundred years ago, but their keen and growing interest answers the questions for them. His works are not only read, but are produced by leading actors on the stage. This year "Hamlet' and "Henry IV" starring Maurice Evans have been outstanding. Several of Shakespeare's plays have been popular movie productions too. Chief of these are "Romeo and Juliet", and "Midsummer Night's Dream".

If those who are beginners in the reading of Shakespeare find his other works as interesting as those they have had, they will welcome more and more the works of this marvelous writer.

Seniors Plan Class Day; Joseph Hall Valedictorian

At the first of what will be a series of meetings to plan Class Day festivities, the Class Day and Commencement Committee of the Senior Class decided to plan for the usual program scheduled for June 13, with valedictorian, salutatorian, class will, history, and all the trimmings. The theme of the program will be "The World of Tomorrow."

From a reckoning of academic grades for the past three years and up to mid-years of this year, Joseph Hall will undoubtedly be the valedictorian. Hall has held a place near the top of his class consistently. The two students who are next are a comfortable distance behind Hall, but so uncomfortably near each other that they may change before June 13. The two, in rank order, divided by only three-tenths of a point, are Victor Quinichette and Lawrence Towler. Walter Jacobs is one point behind these. Therefore, for the post of salutatorian almost anything can happen.

Mrs. Bethune is scheduled to be Commencement speaker; but this is not absolutely confirmed. The choice for a minister for the Annual Sermon will be either Rev. Louis Berry or Rev. James Z. McIver, of North Jersey.

Members of the committee, who will be planning from now on are: Beatrice Tucker, Naomi Lee, Anna Jackson, William Wharton, Catherine Carter, William Bush, James Meadows, Robert Hanson, Edward Dowden, Thomas Richardson, Ernest Smaw, Minnie Thomas.

Walter Jacobs is chairman.

Easter Vacation On The Campus

Since vacations at Ironsides are so few, the Easter recess was anticipated with great enthusiasm. The Easter spirit really began when the first boxes started to arrive, and it lasted throughout the whole holiday period.

To start the vacation off right, the Sophomores gave a movie, "Angels with Dirty Faces," starring our favorites, James Cagney and Pat O'Brien together with the Dead End Kids. The movie was very thrilling and taught the old, but needed lesson that "crime does not pay".

Saturday morning the students busied themselves doing whatever they pleased. Some went to town; others played around the campus and whiled away the hours. That afternoon there was a basketball game between the popular Cubs and the Jitterbugs. Although the season for the game was over, the old spirit prevailed, and the game was surprisingly interesting . Although the majority expected the Cubs to win, the Jitterbugs came through with flying colors—and we mean—flying colors. Saturday night was the school social. Many of the students wore their Easter togs, and others saved theirs for Monday. The dance music was excellent, if we can judge from the comments and the happy expressions we saw on the way home.

The next day dawned at last, the long-awaited Easter Sunday. Everyone was happy, and the Easter spirit was all around. Most of the morning was spent on the campus or in preparing for the many visitors we expected. Sunday afternoon the Choral Club, under the direction of Mr. Work, presented their Easter program. The stage was decorated with white lilies, carnations, and gladioli; the choir looked beautiful. The audience was touched by the sincerity of the music and the dignity of the service. After the program, visitors and students enjoyed a campus social until supper time.

Monday morning the usual housework was done. At ten o'clock the girls were ready to go on a hike. Since hikes this year have been so few, there was a large group to go. It was fun to walk across the highways, and along unfamiliar roads. The walk home took the group to Bordentown where it separated. Some stopped to do a bit of shopping while the rest returned to the campus. An out-of-door egg hunt that had been scheduled for the afternoon had to be given up on account of the weather, and a basketball game substituted. As the students passed into the gym each was given a bag containing a choclate egg, a candy chicken, and a number. After the game which was played between two teams made from Ironsides' own M3A Champs, the lucky numbers were called out. Lottie Hill won first prize, a big chocolate chicken. The other lucky persons received smaller prizes. This ended the afternoon entertainment, and the holiday fun. Most of the students agree that the best part about this Easter vacation was that they didn't have to go to any affairs if they didn't wish to, and that made it much more interesting.

Glee Club, Band In Concert; Appear In Newark, Jersey City

The musical organizations of the school gave their annual spring concerts in North Jersey, appearing in Jersey City the thirteenth, and in Newark the twenty-first of the month.

In Jersey City both James Boxwill and Wallace Giles, former members of the Glee Club, were guest soloists; but at the Newark concert Boxwill's work did not permit him to appear.

Crowds of about 700 greeted the students in both places; the crowd appeared greater in Newark as the auditorium was more compact and cosy.

Members of the musical clubs expressed themselves as liking the Newark concert best, and gave as their reasons that they saw more parents and former students and were able to get "All the news."

A feature of the concerts begun last year by Mr. Valentine, Jr., was the use of graduates and former students as ushers.

Praises Paint Job

The following note speaks for itself. Mrs. Bryson's room in the dormitory was recently painted. "I think" writes Mrs. Bryson to the Echo, "one of the finest jobs I've seen has been done by students under Mr. Walker. I wish to comment, too, on the businesslike and quiet attitude manifested all through."

Answers To April Questions

1. April 1, 1826.
2. April 2, 1792.
3. April 4, 1818.
4. April 6, 1789.
5. Panama Canal.
6. William Shakespeare.
7. Thomas Jefferson, U. S. Grant, James Monroe.
8. Paul Revere.
9. Louisiana.
10. Titanic.
11. Abraham Lincoln.
12. Revolutionary, World, Spanish-American.
13. Los Angeles, April 2, 1902.
14. Richmond, Virginia, April 3, 1889.
15. Safety pin.
16. William Shakespeare.
17. Lexington Day.
18. Arbor Day.
19. April 27, 1893 by Franz Wagner.

Softball League Organized! Games Begin April 24

The Ironsides Softball League went into swing April 24, with the opener scheduled between the Scholastic All-Stars and the Dead End Kids. These names represent some of the names by which the seven teams are known.

"Doc" Jacobs, Gordon Long, and Herbert Tucker will act as the executive committee under the supervision of "Fess" Ray. Towler, Hanson, White, McGhee, Stewart, Miller, and Justice compose the officiating staff which will have complete charge of calling the balls and strikes.

The teams comprising the league are as follows:

Crusaders: Edward Jordan, manager; Paul Merserau, captain.

Dead End Kids: William Hamlett, manager; Thomas Freeman, captain.

New Farmers of America: Cranston Harris, manager; Charles Wadleigh, captain.

Scholastic All-Stars: K. Atterbeary, managers; Robert Jones, captain.

Powerhouse: Shirley Beverly, manager; Heywood Robinson, captain.

Young Dunbars: Ira J. Smith, manager; Walter Spicer, captain.

The schedule for games through the fifth of May runs thus:

April 24—Scholastics vs. Dead End Kids.

April 26—N.F.A. vs. Crusaders.

April 28—Powerhouse vs. Young Dunbars.

May 1—Scholastics vs. N.F.A.

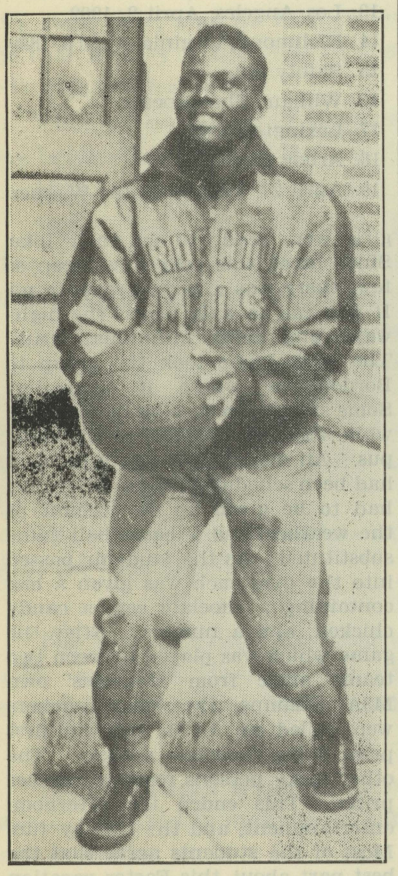
May 3—Crusaders vs. Young Dunbars.

May 5—Dead End Kids vs. Powerhouse.

The Softball League was organized last year by Major Watson to provide the boys with an added form of recreation during the longer evenings after Daylighting Saving goes into effect.

Last year the Faculty won the play-off against the Improvement League for the championship. This year the play-off is to take place on Decoration Day.

Captained Champs 1936, 1937



PERCY P. SMITH, star of Virginia State basketeers, who played on three championship teams in four years at Bordentown.

M3A CHAMPS FOR FOURTH SUCCESSIVE TIME

Reading from left to right: Atterbeary (manager), Dutton, Polhemus, Francis, Lawrence, Jones, Powell, Robinson, Tucker Todd, Thompson. The gentleman kneeling is none other than Coach Ray himself.

Season Record For Champs

LEAGUE GAMES AND RESULTS

Bordentown	Opponent
46—21	Coppin Normal
64—34	Storer College
62—35	Downingtown
61—32	Dover
39—49	Cheyney
55—51	Coppin Normal
45—36	Downingtown
49—26	Cheyney
75—47	Dover

CLUB GAMES AND RESULTS

Bordentown	Opponent
25—15	Springfield
33—25	Orange Y
33—25	Orange Y
35—32	Plainfield
43—37	Trojans
33—22	Montclair
17—44	Ravens
30—22	Orange Y
21—37	Red Bank
34—23	Panthers
38—22	Montclair
38—36	Asbury Park
48—33	Wildwood
22—25	Panthers
49—47	Collegians

SUMMARY	LOST	WON
League	1	8
Club	3	11

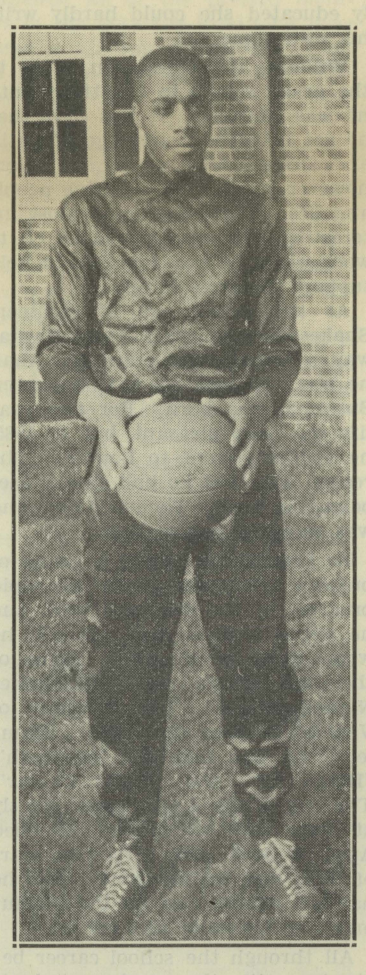
INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORD—(Boys)

Thompson	317
Powell	258
Jones	96
Francis	92
Robinson	86
Todd	42
Lawrence	35
Dutton	28
Tucker	10
Polhemus	6
Total	962

VARSITY LETTERS—(Boys)

Robert Jones
William Thompson
Norman Powell
Heywood Robinson
Channon Todd
Van Leah Francis
Charles Lawrence
Knowlton Atterbeary (Manager)

Played Last Game 1939



ROBERT "SLIM" JONES, varsity guard on two championship teams, played his last game for Bordentown this season.

VARSITY LETTERS—(Girls)

Beatrice Tucker
Lillian Butler
Julia Baugh
Naomi Lee
Norma Holcombe
Eleanor Anderson
Edith Tyler
Bertha White
Isabelle Hammond
Valeria Wright

The Ironsides track team will enter the field of inter-scholastic competition early in May.

Four Years Of Championships

With the recent winning of its fourth successive championship in basketball, Bordentown unconsciously looks back and recalls those who in '36, '37, and '38 put her on top in league competition.

No survey of basketball in '36 and '37 could fail to ignore Percy Smith captain of the Bordentown five, now repeating his successes at Virginia State. It is the feeling of many observers that Smith was the greatest players that ever wore the Ironsides colors. Consistent high scorer in league and club competition throughout his career, he constituted a constant threat to all comers.

In '36, Smith was ably assisted by such players as Higgins, Charlie Young, Richardson, Fowler, and Arter.

In '37, with Smith still captain, a team much shorter in stature came through: Richardson, Higgins, Fowler, "Yo-Yo" Young.

Most of us remember last year's team. To quote from the Echo editorial of that year: "Beginning a season seriously handicapped by height and vacancies caused by graduation the team slowly and surely developed under the fine leadership of Richardson assisted by Young and Coach Ray . . . Perhaps the victory is the more to be prized because it was not too easily won."

This year the former all-time high scoring record of Fowler with 244 points for league and club competition fell before the amazing record of Thompson with a total of 317, and Powell's 258. Since the total points scored in 1938 was 982 against 962 this year, the record is all the more amazing.

The team of 1939 was organized about Robert Jones, only survivor from the team of '38. After many long drawn out practices Coach Ray moulded the team into shape. New faces dotted the line-up: Powell, Thompson, Todd, Robinson, Francis, Tucker along with Dutton, Lawrence, Jones and Polhemus of last year's squad.

Comparisons are always odious, it is said; and yet in all fairness to this team and on the basis of its own record, it is no exaggeration to say that it one of the best teams Ironsides has ever had to wear the gold and blue.

Senior Players Interviewed; Boy Newcomer Comments

The Echo reporter sought out the members of the girls' team who have played their last game for Ironsides and asked them for comments.

For the boys' team since only Robert Jones will leave, Jones and a newcomer, Heywood Robinson, give statements.

Beatrice Tucker (captain): I have enjoyed my season of playing basketball. It is a game that builds up many character traits as well as furnishing an entertaining means of recreation. To my successors, good luck.

Julia Baugh (captain): I have learned much in sports such as sportsmanship, strong determination, and fight. As I bid farewell to my basketball career at Ironsides, may I wish those who succeed me the best of luck and very successful season?

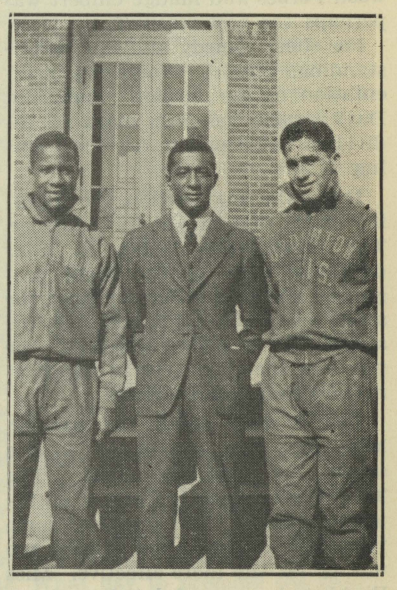
Naomi Lee: For the moments I have spent playing basketball I have no regret. The time can be spoken of as golden moments of pleasure. Thanks and appreciation is to be extended to Miss Butcher for her earnest coaching and to the student body for their lasting encouragement. May those who follow in our footsteps wave the banner of success for Ironsides.

Lillian Butler (high scorer for the girls): I easy good-bye to Ironsides basketball team after several seasons of playing. I have seen our team rise above other teams as well as stoop to others; but each loss has been as profitable as each gain. As I say farewell, may I wish the teams of coming years a world of success?

Robert Jones, veteran guard: The two years I spent as a member of the varsity were enjoyed very much. While playing on both championship teams I gained much useful experience and pleasure. "Fess" Ray deserves a great deal of credit for his excellent supervising and coaching. This year's squad had a great deal of fight and determination. The prospect for next year looks good.

Heywood Robinson, member of championship football and basketball squad, newcomer: Playing on the Ironsides team afforded me a great deal of pleasure and inspiration. Coach Ray was a very instructive coach and a regular fellow. It was through his efforts and the cooperation of the rest of the fellows that we were able to win the M3A title.

Captained Champs 1938



"YO-YO" YOUNG and FRED RICHARDSON, co-captains of the championship team of '38 with Coach Ray.