

# The Normal Eye

"WATCH THE EYE"

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## The Advisor Muses

As the commencement season of 1935 rolls around, a retrospective view of Bowie's first Senior III Class seems in order, for the graduation of this class marks the beginning of a new day in the training of Negro teachers for rural Maryland.

When Principal James announced last term that we were to begin a three year normal course this year, the query came to the minds of many. Where will the students come from? Can we secure the required number? To our surprise, September found a Senior III Class of fifteen ambitious and energetic members. Truly they have made history.

Here are found a group of young people who have undertaken a momentous and seemingly impossible task and have carried it through to successful completion in spite of the numerous obstacles that have arisen. I refer to the publication of "The Normal Eye." It is to be noted that this is the first time in the history of the institution that a paper, student-planned and student-managed has lived throughout a year.

The entire financing of the paper has been done by the class through its ingenuity and initiative in securing subscriptions and advertisements, and in presenting numerous forms of entertainment, of which you have read in these columns. All the business attendant thereto has been carried on in accordance with established parliamentary usages.

Not only has the class made history in publishing "The Normal Eye," but it has also demonstrated unusual capability in other activities. Their versatility was demonstrated in their ability to be convincing as dignified jurors in the presentation of the World Court Play directed by Miss Brown, and equally as convincing in the farcical characterizations in Nannie Burrough's "Slabtown Convention." Their musical talent was exhibited in that unforgettable and touching rendition of "Her Rose" and "Sylvia" during Negro History Week.

The contributions of this noble group to Bowie should be an inspiration to all the underclassmen. In years to come the advisor will always

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## Beginners Practice

Virgie Ridgley '35

The Senior II Class of the Normal School, began their group practice on March 18 with an enrollment of forty-nine pupils from the communities of Duckettsville, Bowie, Fletchertown and Collington.

With the hearty cooperation of the parents and critic teachers these children have shown great improvement and we hope they will be the leading men and women of tomorrow.

Under the supervision of Miss Josephia Randall, Miss Charlotte B. Robinson and Mr. Herbert L. Clarke the Senior II's have given the children a rich background which they may use to some advantage in years to come.

remember them by their varied personality traits:

Mr. Cromwell—the modest hero and our efficient business manager.

Mr. Dayage—quiet, unassuming, but capable editor.

Mr. Davis—old sober-side, the young man with the serious outlook on life.

Mr. Diggs—genial, courteous, willing, possessor of true Maryland chivalry.

Mr. Hayward—the proverbial small package containing valuable goods.

Mr. Hobbs—nonchalant, good-natured, always smiling.

Mr. Jones—with subtle humor and common sense.

Mr. Maddox—poised, suave, and polished in manner.

Mr. Taylor—a man of conviction, affable and manly.

Mr. Holland—liberal-minded, dependable, a born leader.

Mr. Travers—versatile, talented, a clear thinker.

Miss Beard—diligent, meek, demure.

Miss Ridgley—sincere, persistent, with a commanding personality.

Miss Randall—even disposition, gracious, agreeable.

Miss Richardson—frank, patient, sympathetic.

Working with this cooperative group has been one of the most pleasurable experiences during my teaching experience. My earnest hope is that they exhibit these same valuable characteristics when they become teachers.

Mary W. Law

## Glee Club Broadcasts

Bowie is still making records in all fields by leaps and bounds.

The Glee Club will broadcast from W. B. A. L., Baltimore, Maryland, Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m.

This organization is sponsored by Miss Charlotte B. Robinson, instructor of music, assisted by Mrs. Mary E. Law.

The program follows:

"Paeon of Exultation"—Burleigh—Glee Club.

"Bridal Chorus"—Cowen—Glee Club.

"Bye and Bye"—Burleigh—Randolph Brooks.

"Listen To The Lambs"—Dett—Glee Club.

"At Dawning"—Cadman—Oliver Travers.

"O Southland"—Johnson—Glee Club.

"Motet"—Peary—Glee Club.

Now don't forget your radio has a date with you on Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. on the dot so you won't miss a number. Ella M. Richardson '35

## Alls Well That Ends Well

Well doesn't it seem this year has gone fast; the calendar says we have come to the end of another year. What Bowieites know as "June Week" begins Friday night, May 31, with the Junior-Senior Prom given by the Freshman class.

Saturday we have the campus field day, in which the Seniors compete with the Freshmen. We end the day with a debate between the Senior II's and Freshmen; the question for debate is "Resolved that modern inventions are a menace to civilization." The members of the Senior team are: Misses G. Bowser, R. Butler, E. Grey, and L. Turner.

Members of the freshman team are: Misses E. Miles, F. Shelton, W. Greene, and E. Archer.

After this the Seniors will be entertained by the Alumni.

On Sunday we will have the Annual Sermon by the Rev. F. F. King, Pastor of Ebenezer Church, Washington.

There has been some change from the usual trend of things because of two graduating classes. The third year senior class will give their program on Monday night.

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## Looking Forward

Ellsworth Davage '35

The prospects for Bowie Normal becoming a Teacher's College seem quite rosy indeed, depending largely upon the cooperation of the Negro race.

If one has been keeping up with the publications of the newspapers, you have, no doubt, noticed the actions which have been taken by the state. The State Legislature has already passed a law stipulating that all Normal Schools become colleges and that the principals be given the title, presidents.

Well this is the action that has been granted by the state, but we must remember that this is only in part and much of the responsibility is upon us. Bowie can only become a college when there is an overcrowding of those teachers holding the advanced first grade certificate. Just as the third year was added when we had an over supply of two year graduates, the same holds true to the obtaining of a four years teacher's college. A desire for advancements on our part is the stimulating factor. So I urge all Maryland citizens to do their part by helping to swell the enrollment at Bowie with worthwhile prospective teachers.

Many of our race do not look upon such an enactment as a blessing, but  
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## Visitors

Mr. J. Walter Huffington, State Supervisor of Colored Schools, and Mr. Doswell Brooks, Supervisor of Colored Schools of Prince George's County, have recently addressed the student body.

Among the alumni visitors are: Misses Mary Brown, Mary Wiseman, Evelyn Lawson, Pearl Hill, Eva Gwynn, Mildred Fletcher, Ophelia Meyers, Rachel Gross, Valarie Davage, Margaret Brown, Charity Quander, Eleanor Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Emma Harris. Myrle Barkley, and Mrs. Alice Hawkins Thomas.

Messrs George Crawford, Robert Gray, Milford Jones, Andrew White, Royce Goslee, Frederick Goldborough, John Anderson, George Arnold. George Gross, Joseph Duvall, Charles Thomas, James Waters, Purnell Duncan, Percy Williams, Ross, Body, Robert Harris, and Brown.

Other visitors are: Mr. Edward Waters, Mr. Ward Williams, Mr. Harrison Floyd, Mr. Harrison Hardy. Mr. Purnell Hardesty, Mr. Able Cromwell, and Mr. Philip Smith. Mrs. Mildred Queen, Miss Catheryn Parker, Miss Mary Parker, Miss Gretaide Davis, Miss Grace Mathews, Miss Thelma Jenkins and Miss Haggaddy.

Joseph Hobbs '35

as a curse. How are you viewing it? In reality it is a step of achievement to the race. "In what way is it?" one may ask. With more training the teachers will, no doubt, be better prepared to cope with the arising situations thus bringing forth better trained boys and girls.

Too, many times we have wondered why it is that colored teachers do not receive salaries equal to those of white teachers. The Maryland State Laws state that teachers should be paid in accordance with the degree of experience and training that one may possess.

If the colored teachers of Maryland were to raise themselves to such a standard, they could then fight for equal pay and have grounds to fight upon.

Thus it be seen that such a view is one that is within near reach and because of its advantages it behooves us to quicken the movement by our individual cooperation.

## "We Thank You"

On behalf of the members of the staff I wish to thank all who have helped to make the "Normal Eye" a success.

Ellsworth Davage '35  
Editor in Chief

## Senior III Dramatic Club

Joseph W. Taylor '36

On Friday, May 10, at 8 p.m., occurred one of the best features given by the Senior III class of Bowie Normal School.

Two one-act plays were presented for the entertainment and approval of all who attended. The first play was entitled "Old Man Pete," written by Mr. Randolph Edmonds, Instructor of Dramatics at Morgan College, now a student at Yale University. The second play was entitled, "And they Called This The Land Of The Free," written by Mr. O. B. Travers, member of the Senior III Class.

The parts were very well acted. Mr. Davis as Old Man Pete scored in the first play. Mr. Travers as Jim in his own play added more laurels to his crown. The snow scene in the first play seemed so real, that we shivered in our seats, and the mob scene in the second play was so real, and exciting that a few cried, and some who could not stand quite so much excitement left before the plays were over. The criticisms were generally favorable, the feature being termed by many as the best of the year.

John Davis '35

The dear old Senior III Class of Bowie Normal School as the first third year class leaves behind it many things to remember it in the years to come, not only its intellectual ability but its dramatic talent. The Senior III Class presented an imaginary trip around the world on November 23, 1935 that was enjoyed by the entire audience.

On January 3, the Senior III Class in its orbit of play production presented the Slab Town District Convention, a play written by Miss Nannie Burroughs, Washington, D. C. The play was carried out so well under the direction of Mrs. Mary E. Law, English teacher, that many invitations were received to present our play elsewhere; due to lack of time we were only able to accommodate the people of Mt. Zion Church, Eastport, Maryland.

The Senior III Class on May 10, presented two plays that exceeded all others. "Old Man Pete," a play written by Mr. Randolph Edmonds, Morgan College, and, "So This Is The Land Of The Free," a play written by Mr. Travers, a member of the Senior III Class.

The outstanding characters in the trip around the world were as follows: Miss H. Beard in Poor Butterfly, who played the part of a forlorn lover, Mr. Travers and Miss Shelton, in a love

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On Tuesday we will all be favored by an Operetta "The Belle of Bagdad," sponsored by Miss C. B. Robinson. The operetta needs no introduction because all those who have ever visited Bowie on the night of the annual Musical Recital know how well they are always enjoyed.

The Alumni will have a meeting in the afternoon of the fifth and that evening we will be favored by a drama from the second year senior class entitled "Norah's Ark." Doesn't that sound interesting? Well, we will look for you in the audience on Wednesday night as usual.

Now comes the saddest part of all because this is where we say good by to many of our pals and friends. But we won't cry or worry because we have many hopes for happy things in the future. We wish those remaining much success in all their work and to keep up that good old Bowie spirit. We are all counting on you.

To those who are finishing this year I wish you all the success in your work and let us not forget that this not only means much to us if we make good but to the school as well.

Speakers commencement day are:

Dr. J. O. Spencer, president of Morgan College.

Second year Senior Class: Mr. Waverly Jennings, Misses Virginia James, Margaret Hill, Marie Hawkins.

Third year Senior Class: Messrs. Davage, Davis, Haywood, and Travers.

Ella M. Richardson '35

### DRAMATIC CLUB (Con'td.)

scene in Venice.

Mr. Holland as Rev. Big John, and Mr. Travers as Rev. Stepin Fetchit. Miss Ridgley as the president of the convention were the most outstanding characters in "Slab Town Convention."

In "Old Man Pete," a superb play written by Mr. Edmonds, John Davis as "Old Man Pete," and Ella Richardson as Mandy were the outstanding characters.

In the last and best play written by Mr. Travers, a member of the Senior III Class "So This Is The Land Of The Free," Mr. Travers and Miss Randall were the outstanding characters. Other characters in the plays were Messrs. Taylor, Diggs, Hayward, Cromwell, Misses Randall, Beard, Richardson, and from the Senior II Class Misses Hawkins, Brooks, Bowser, Dorsey. Mr. Travers deserves credit for his unusual dramatic ability. He is a very versatile individual and should make Bowie proud of him some day.

## Annual Western Shore Meet Held

On May 11, most of the counties of the Western Shore and one of the Eastern Shore were guests of this school. This occasion marked the annual Western Shore Field Meet which is held at this school every year.

The Eastern Shore was represented by the Girls Volley Ball Team from Centerville in Queen Annes County. These young lassies were the champions of the Eastern Shore and were here to vie against the champs of the Western Shore for the State Championship. They were beaten by the Western Shore which was represented by the Prince Frederick County High School.

The meet ended up with a tie for first place between Harford and Prince George's Counties.

## Western Shore Defeated

The St. Clair High School Basketball Team of Cambridge, representing the Eastern Shore, nosed out the Central High School Team of Prince Frederick, representing the Western Shore, to the tune of 21-20.

This was one of the most exciting games ever witnessed on the Bowie Court. Both teams played hard throughout.

### SUMMARY OF BASKETBALL

GIRLS: First games.

Delaware State College vs. Bowie.

Score: Delaware 16, Bowie 15.

Highest Scorer, Harmon, Delaware 10.

Highest Scorer, Jenkins, Bowie 7.

Bordentown I. School vs. Bowie.

Score: Bordentown 24, Bowie 22.

Highest Scorer, Wood, Bordentown 16.

Highest Scorer, Gray, Bowie 18.

Downingtown I. School vs. Bowie.

Score: Downingtown 14, Bowie 6.

Highest Scorer: Bradley Downingtown 6.

Highest Scorer: Brooks, Bowie 4.

Storer College vs. Bowie.

Score: Bowie 22, Storer 17.

Highest Scorer: Dyer, Storer 8.

Highest Scorer: Ridgley, Bowie 11.

### SECOND GAMES

Downington vs. Bowie.

Score: Bowie 30, Downington 15.

Highest Scorer: Downington, Brown 9.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Ridgley 16.

Storer College vs. Bowie.

Score: Bowie 18, Storer 15.

Highest Scorer: Storer, Dorsey 12.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Gray 10.

Bordentown vs. Bowie

Score: Bordentown 16, Bowie 10.

Highest Scorer: Bordentown, Wood 10.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Gray 8.

Dover vs. Bowie.

Score: Dover 18, Bowie 15.

## At Penn Relays

Henry Holland '35

On the Thursday of April 25, Coach Taylor and Horace Cromwell left the campus for a sojourn at Philadelphia. Mr. Cromwell left with a firm determination to capture a place in the broadjump and the running hop, step, and jump.

News was received on the following Saturday that Mr. Cromwell had landed third place in the running, hop, step and jump with a distance of 45 feet, 8 inches. He was not as fortunate, however, with the broadjump because of the fact that he did not seem to be able to get into the air.

On Saturday night, along with such track personalities as Eulace Peacock and Ben Johnson, he was a guest of honor at the annual banquet for the victors. It was here that he was presented with a handsome medal.

### BASKETBALL (Con'td.)

Highest Scorer: Dover, Parker 8.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Gray 9.

BOYS: FIRST GAMES.

Delaware State vs. Bowie.

Score: Delaware 40, Bowie 25.

Highest Scorer: Delaware, Givens 11.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Warmley 9.

Bordentown vs. Bowie.

Score: Bordentown 48, Bowie 25.

Highest Scorer: Bordentown, Harris and Smith 11.

Highest Score: Bowie, Wormley 13.

Downingtown vs. Bowie.

Score: Downingtown 30, Bowie 11.

Highest Scorer: Downingtown, Slaughter, 11.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Wormley 5.

Storer College vs. Bowie.

Score: Storer 27, Bowie 33.

Highest Scorer: Storer, Hancock 11.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Hall 9.

### SECOND GAMES:

Downingtown vs. Bowie.

Score: Downingtown 28, Bowie 14.

Highest Scorer: Downingtown, Banks 10.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Willis 5.

Storer vs. Bowie.

Score: Storer 12, Bowie 15.

Highest Scorer: Storer, Hancock and Jeffers 4.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Brown 4.

Dover vs. Bowie.

Score: Dover 52, Bowie 15.

Highest Scorer: Dover, Givens 10.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Wormley 6.

Bordentown vs. Bowie.

Score: Bordentown 46, Bowie 28.

Highest Scorer: Bordentown, Harris 11.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Spry 10.

Cheyney vs. Bowie.

Score: Cheyney 20, Bowie 15.

Highest Scorer: Cheyney, Brooks 8.

Highest Scorer: Bowie, Wormley and Spry 4.

## The Unfortunate

Wilmore Maddox '35

The members of the Bowie Normal School wish to extend to those individuals losing members of their families, their deepest sympathy.

Dedicated to the bereft—Mrs. Noah Taylor whose sister experienced the loss of her three children and house through fire; Miss Dorothy Waters, her father; Mr. George Diggs, his uncle; Miss Laura Hughes, her father.

I can appreciate how the hearts of these people must be bowed down with sorrow.

## Vesper Services

Isie Randall '35

The programs that are held each Sunday night are very interesting and helpful in aiding us to better understand our group, thru the many speeches given concerning the Negro by the Senior II Class.

On Sunday April 14 the Glee Club of the Normal School rendered an Easter Cantata entitled, "Calvary," in a superb manner.

On Sunday April 28 a choral club from Queenstown, under the direction of Mr. James Young, came to us and made quite a creditable showing, though having been organized only a short time. Mr. Young rendered several selections which were skillfully played. The Girls quartette also sang two numbers, "Deep River," and "The Rosary."

## Bowie Students Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Oliver Travers '35

The student body of Bowie Normal School celebrated the birthday of the good old Irishman, St. Patrick, March 15, 1935. The affair came as a pleasant surprise to the students and they have Miss C. B. Robinson, chairman of faculty social committee, to thank for this very entertaining affair.

## Prince George's County Field Meet Here

Under azure skies and amid balmy breezes, approximately three thousand and five hundred members of the different communities of Prince George's County journeyed to this school for their annual field meet.

All of the competitive events were run off in fine style and like clockwork. One of the most exciting events of the meet was the 100 yard dash which was won by a representative of the Lakeland High School.

## The "EYE" Sees All—Knows Nothing

(A departure from the usual jokes appearing in this column is being made in this edition. We are presenting the opinions of the Senior III Class, obtained by vote, on matters humorous.)

Morgan Jones '35

1. Most popular person on campus—Miss Sarah Brooks.
2. Most serious minded—John Davis.
3. Wittiest person—Oliver Travers.
4. Most romantic—Oliver Travers.
5. Most stylish—Sarah Brooks.
6. The tallest—Ralph Butler.
7. The shortest—Jane Brightful.
8. The largest—Eunice Martin and Gertrude Hardy.
9. The smallest—Margaret Hill.
10. The laziest—Oliver Travers.
11. The best looking—Mary C. Thomas
12. The best physique—Horace Cromwell.
13. The greatest gossipers—Gertrude Bowsen and Marie Hawkins.
14. The greatest lover—Rogers Wormley.
15. The most shiftless—Paul Scott.
16. The most unconcerned—Allen Willis.
17. The biggest flirt—Isie Randall.
18. The least serious minded—Joseph Hobbs.
19. Most dignified—Laura Turner.
20. Most charming—Nina Honemond.
21. Best all-around athlete—Horace Cromwell.
22. Best golf player—Claude Prather.
23. Best tennis player—Henry Brown.
24. Best girl basket-ball player—Sarah Brooks.
25. Best boy basket-ball player—Henry Brown.
26. Best public speaker—Waverly Jennings.
27. Best soloists—Ruth Elzey and Oliver Travers.
28. Best actor—Marie Hawkins.
29. Favorite subjects—English and History.
30. Subject liked least—Psychology.

## FERA Worker Progresses

Mrs. Ruth Crawford of Bowie, Maryland, who is now employed by FERA has been doing creditable work in the Bowie district.

Under her supervision, two hours each week, the mothers of the families on relief are given cloth and training in making clothes.

Mrs. Crawford conducts classes in Home Making at Bowie and Fletchertown, Maryland, three nights a week.

The cry "reduce illiteracy" has been well answered by Mrs. Crawford. Six hours each week she meets a group of people for this type of work. Her invigorating spirit has so permeated this class that they not only do remarkable work but appreciate it to the extent that they solicit new members.

During the month of February Mrs. Crawford officiated as acting head teacher in the nursery school located here at the Maryland Normal School. She showed commendable ability as an executive.

Under the influence of her guiding vision and skillful hands the nursery school took on an inviting and cheerful appearance; with a bit of paint the kitchen and bathroom were transformed into new rooms.

A shelf, a dropping table, or a closet was built just where it was needed to help things run more smoothly. Hooks for the cups and curtains for the closet provided for the favorable appearance gained by well arranged material.

Mrs. Crawford's genuine interest in her work was again manifested in her acceptance of an offer to take the course in nursery school teaching.

Maryland Normal School prizes greatly Mrs. Crawford's successful efforts to stimulate parent attendance of helpful programs presented at the institution.

H. E. Beard

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