

## We Discover Things

Through the willing cooperation of Miss Egleston, the Proscript staff conducted an experiment to find out just exactly what the impressionable Freshmen think of our school paper. The results were amazing! Suggestions for improvements were numerous, and criticisms (some bitter pills to swallow) were welcome proof to us that a large percentage of the student body reads the Proscript.

A few very definite conclusions were drawn. Among these, "Hors d'Oeuvres" was found to be the favorite column. Over fifteen people out of fifty admitted that they read it before anything else, and probably at least thirty more could have admitted the same thing. A few suggestions concerning the gossip were: "The gossip column should contain gossip about the faculty as well as about the students." Well, do we hear any violent complaints? If not, we might consider your suggestion. "I consider the gossip column the heart of our paper, because everyone likes it," says another freshman. Also, "I say positively no" to the person who thinks the gossip column should be done away with! We are inclined to agree with you, but wouldn't think of admitting it ourselves.

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## A Letter

Dearest Amy,

Oh, darling, I simply must tell you this before I forget it . . . as if I ever could! You remember Eva Le Gallienne's Broadway production of Martinez Sierra's "Cradle Song," don't you? Well, Mr. Raymond Hodges, the director of our dramatic productions, chose this play to be presented on Friday night—just two more days! Oh, I've heard so much about it—the stage is going to be so different—(you better watch out . . . one of these days you are going to find a rival . . . our Theatre Associates might outdo your plays in dear ole Williamsburg) . . . Speaking of unusual sets, they are going to create an illusion of the stone walls in the convent by newspapers instead of painting them, and we also have purchased some new lights to improve the perspective. It was a very hard play to produce, especially here where it's so difficult to really find students who have talent and enthusiasm, and who are willing to give up valuable time to practice. But we finally succeeded.

Christmas always puts me in the mood for religious plays, and this even has sparks of humor. Can you imagine a position any more peculiar than to have a baby left on the doorstep of a Convent? The nuns take care of her until she leaves to be married. The habits of the nuns certainly disguise the cast; they are really the

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# THE PROSCRIPT

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## Two Passes: Fifty Words

The Proscript offers you an evening of fun—for an item of only fifty words.

Through the cooperation of Tantilla Garden, The Proscript will offer two passes to the "South's most beautiful ballroom" for the most entertaining article on "The Funniest Thing Since September"—any amusing incident that you might have had happen to you, or you have seen, or even heard.

Employ your most captivating style, folks, and capture these passes. Assure yourself of an outstanding evening of dancing. Your entries must be in our mailbox by Saturday noon. The prize winner, with another contest of a similar nature, will be published in the December 11 issue of The Proscript.

## Retail Clubbers Plan Publication

Preparing and presenting a publication for new students that will explain in an informal manner the Store Service Department of Richmond Professional Institute was decided upon as the year's project for the Retail Club by a vote at the last meeting, Monday, November, 25.

This publication will be more personal than other literature sent to incoming students by the department, and it is hoped that it will make the opportunities in retailing and the activities offered at R. P. I. sound as attractive as they are. It will possibly include a list of positions that the alumni now hold.

Other business of the meeting included discussion of a tentative list of speakers for meetings after the holidays, a decisive vote to have the group's picture in The Wigwam, an explanation of the change in the point system, and plans for a Christmas party.

Those on the committee for the Christmas party are Ruth Metz, Thelma Rose, Nancy Chambers, Marcia Freeman, Nancy Bennett, and Suzanne Wile.

## Minority Club Motivates A Plan For Student Loan Fund

### Government Bonds to Be Purchased; Twenty Dollars Goal Is Set For '41

The Minority Club is currently fostering a plan whereby U. S. Government Bonds will be bought each year—prefacing the initiation of a student loan fund. The men at R.P.I. feel that some concrete and lasting project should supplement the purely social activities

## Directors of Nursing Confer At R. P. I.

A conference of State and County Directors of Public Health Nursing centers was held at the college on the afternoon of November 30. The agenda included the discussion of forms to be used in reporting field experience.

At an informal tea preceding the discussions the public health nursing students had an opportunity to meet the guests.

Attending the conference were Miss Anny Louise Fisher, Consultant in Public Health Nursing—State Health Department, Raleigh, N. C., Miss Mary I. Mastin, Director of Bureau of Public Health Nursing—State Health Department, Richmond, Va., Miss Catherine Corley, Nurse Instructor, State Health Department, Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Margaret Wohlgermuth, Supervisor of Nurses, Annapolis, Maryland; Miss Lillian Jordan and Miss Frances C. Montgomery of the College Staff.

## A.S.L. Exhibit to Be Previewed Sunday

The fourth annual Art Student's League exhibit will open Sunday, December 8, with a preview for the faculty, League members, and guests. This is the first time that the League has had a preview for the opening of an exhibit; through this medium it expects to stimulate a keener interest in student work. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hodges will present a selection from The Curtain Rises.

of the club, and have set a goal of twenty dollars with which to buy the first bond. It is felt that yearly additions to this collection will eventually permit the club to establish a loan fund for worthy students sometime in "the future of the Minority Club." Once a substantial amount is raised, the loan fund will be self supporting and will continue unaided.

"A loan fund would serve a dual task," stated president John Garber. Mr. Garber explained that a definite and ever-increasing fund would serve to permanently seal the ideals of the Minority Club and would prevent the slow dissolution of the organization, as well as advance financial aid to male students.

At a recent meeting of the club in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hodges, the loan fund and plans for a dance were discussed. Everett Stutts and Jack Creasy were named to head a committee for the presentation of the dance. Future programs of the club will feature a Christmas party to be given in the penthouse apartment of Mr. William Haviland, on Sunday, December 15, and a bowling party to be held in early January.

## released for publication:

Mrs. Jogg's new daughter, born on the twenty-seventh—the perfectness of Gray Chenault—the delightful entertainment offered by Annie Beryl—Marie Benkert's astounding capacity for work—Teacher Mundy's universal popularity—the sincere friendliness of Marian Rosser—Mary Lou Sunder's quality for never being anything "but just plain nice"—Virginia Delp keeping up her standing as one of the best fellows in school—Rita Yoss's basketball.

The convocation committee, Dr. Davis, Dr. McCoy, and Dr. Stone, are planning to have at least four or five more convocations this year. The different departments will take charge of the programs.

## CALENDAR

Senior Class Meeting.....	Dec. 4
Junior Reception.....	Dec. 5
Presentation of "The Cradle Song" by Theatre Associates.....	Dec. 6
Don Cossack Male Chorus at the Mosque.....	Dec. 7
Art Students' League Exhibit.....	Dec. 8
Cotillion Formal, at Hotel John Marshall.....	Dec. 13
Christmas Banquet.....	Dec. 19
Junior and Wigwam Formal.....	Dec. 19

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## OUR INFORMALS ARE LACKING

If the conduct of a number of R.P.I. girls is to continue in the present manner at all informal dances, then informals at R.P.I. should be abolished. Why is it that an informal dance should foster such bad taste and lack of discretion on the part of some of our illustrious thespians?

Dignity and poise have never been lacking in the persons attending dances at our school, and the dances themselves are said to rank high in their entertainment value. But when a group of girls (and it is an extremely limited group) proceed to continue their slightly high-schoolish attitudes, then the club sponsoring the dance, and the school at large receives an enormous black eye, not soon to be forgotten.

We are speaking specifically about the practice of girls who come to the dance as stags leaving the gymnasium and returning with boys who have not been invited, subsequently having no right to be there. The girl who would escort an unknown person onto the dance floor is certainly defeating the purpose of an organization dance. Then there are others who come drag and who leave the dance to return with a second "date." This is grounds for anything!

These habitual malefactions seem to rear their ugly heads at informal dances almost entirely. Could it be that informals are considered to be less dignified or less important from the social point of view than formals? Let it be remembered that the name "informal" doesn't permit the liberties that the student seems to take in discretion, good taste, and consideration.

Let it be understood that the Cotillion Club is not being criticized; we are complaining about students, not organizations.

## OUR SECOND LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is all this about the ill-feeling and jealousy which is caused by the gossip column of *The Proscript*? We have seen no trace of such at R.P.I. Perhaps we just don't get around. At any rate, we like the gossip column as it is, and never miss reading it.

If there are news items which do not get into the paper we never hear of them. Again, perhaps, we just don't get around. Would it be a good idea to have a box in which students can put notes of events or news items which should be covered by the paper? It would be interesting to see what the editor would find in his box.

Yours very truly,

KATHERINE HOOVER.

"Quickies. One in a series" will start in next week's *Proscript*. "Quickies" will feature one-minute feature interviews with people around R.P.I.—people well-known; and people not so well-known.

Also in the December 11 issue of *The Proscript* will appear another contest, offering two tickets to Tantiella Gardens as first prize.

Look for these and other features, news stories, and personal items in the subsequent issues of *The Proscript*.

## Wags on Glad Rags

Oh joy, oh bliss—Christmas is coming! The time, dear people, for light-hearted winter revelry with all the fixins jammed into a couple of weeks. No matter how you feel about this festive season, you are forced into accepting the pre-Christmas rush. Being shoved and pushed during those uncomfortable shopping days is all part of the game in a sort of 20th century law. Really though, it takes remarkable skill and ingenuity to battle against the relentless shoppers, and the often ornamental clerks. Don't think that everyone is out of step but you because you have a Problem. The content of this scintillating factor buzzes about this time. Now we've a brilliant contribution for you. This column will attempt to give advice, suggestions and gentle hints for you who loose your imaginative souls when confronted with "What To Buy."

Here and there we gathered ideas, ranging from the young and flippant to the sauve and gracious. After these hints we hope that you'll whip downtown, no matter what the competition, and feel smug when you've made your purchases in a short time. We have authentic information from the makes (not a correspondence course); so we've compiled a list. But please consider your type of man.

1. a good silk evening scarf, before a gaudy mirror.
2. studs for evening wear.
3. tie and flower to liven up his tux.
4. fraternity jewelry and stuff with his seal.
5. Pigskin gloves are neat if you know his size.
6. combination cigarette case and lighter, or even a good pipe.
7. handsome ties of the softest silk are always welcome if your taste is good.
8. the new traveling kits (not fitted so that he can jam in his favorite shaving items etc.)
9. if it is really love, and you have ten bucks, a cashmere sweater is tops.
10. try a leather wallet that is well made, or even a belt with a double rolled edge.
11. did you ever think of re-newing his favorite magazine subscription; or, if you just can't decide, send a card with greetings.

The object is to avoid useless gifts with poor taste. Ornamental presents like a complete set of brushes for all occasions, matching tie rack, hideous ties, or any what-knots that the retailers hope to sell, should be a red flag for the girl who wants to show her good taste.

This will hold you until next time, when we'll list ideal gifts for your friends and family. General hints that won't dint your

## Psychology Classes Hear Dr. E. A. Bond

The members of Dr. Bond's Child Psychology classes had the privilege of hearing her brother, Dr. Elden A. Bond, speak to them on Friday, November 29, on the subject of his research in the public schools at Mansfield, Ohio.

Dr. Bond, a graduate of the University of Washington, received his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees at Columbia University. He is working now at Yale University as a clinical psychologist in the health department. In this position he attempts to work with those students having difficulty in adjusting to school life. Dr. Bond also teaches courses in Mental Health, Clinical Psychology, and Remedial Writing. Yale, like Harvard and the University of Wisconsin, being composed mainly of superior students, feels the need of remedial reading work. The students do not read fast enough or well enough to do the work required of them. Dr. Bond did similar work at Harvard last year. Many people here will recall hearing a very interesting lecture on "How To Read," given by Dr. Bond when he visited R. P. I. last spring.

Having left three inches of snow in New Haven, Dr. E. A. Bond finds the climate in Virginia extremely enjoyable. He professes this a good reason for visiting Virginia and finds the students of his sister's classes very spontaneous.

## Five Richmond Artists Exhibit in Washington

An exhibition of paintings by Richmond artists at Westley Hall, 1703 K. Street, Washington, D. C., showing from November 10 through December 5, includes the work of several of our School of Art faculty. Miss Gibson is represented by her "Shifting Sand"; Mr. Junkin, by "Chimes" and "Chesapeake Sands"; Miss Pollak, by "City Splendor"; and Miss Bristow, by "Portrait of Magnolia." Belle Worsham, a recent R. P. I. graduate who is now teaching art in Richmond public schools, is showing "A Winter's Day."

JR. CLASS-WIGWAM  
DANCE  
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budget, wrapping suggestions and novel ways of presentation will be discussed in the future.

If you've some ideas, send them in—'cause we shop too.



## Music Notes

Flash: The majority of the student body aren't speaking to the members of the Glee Club until January. The reason: While everyone else is rushing to complete term papers and back assignments before the holidays, the Glee Club is destroying all good intentions by singing the Christmas Carols. The Glee Club is practicing for their Carol Service to be given December 15, at 5:00 o'clock, and the best of the school is getting so "Christmasy" and homesick that nobody can concentrate. We hope our songsters' spirit will last until Christmas, in the meanwhile if those faraway looks in the eyes of students have a faint reddish-green tinge, the fact will be understood and forgiven.

Both of the R. P. I. accompanists are studying organ this year. Lucille Britton is studying under Mr. Paul Saunier, and also plays the piano in the Grace and Holy Trinity Sunday School. Sally Powell is the assistant organist at Centenary Church and studies under Mr. Edouard Nies-Berger. Each is a member of the choir in their respective churches, and participates in many other musical activities in the city.

The music classes under Mrs. Rhodes thoroughly enjoyed the National Symphony Orchestra's Concert which was given last Thursday Night under the direction of Hans Kindler. All of the students were very familiar with the symphony, for Mrs. Rhodes has really worked hard to show them the finer points of the beautiful Tchaikowsky's Third Symphony. Many of the students have season tickets, and are eagerly anticipating the next concert which is to be given on January 20, 1941.

## Basketball Practice Is Begun

After-school basketball practice started yesterday, December 3, at 4:00 o'clock. Miss Roberts expects that between thirty-five and forty girls will go out for the team which will practice three times a week.

The gym classes are hard at work getting in an hour a week of outside practice in addition to the regular class work on basketball.

## All Saints Episcopal Church

invites you to come to a round-table discussion on Thursday evening, Dec. 5 from 7 to 8

## Retail Students in Downtown Stores

### Students Receive Valuable Experience

Christmas enthusiasm already prevails in Richmond, and with the stores shouting "Shop early" and inspiring a feeling of giving, we find our school well represented in this panorama of human activity. Many familiar faces greet us in the downtown stores.

Miss Betty West, of St. Petersburg, Florida, returned to her room after a busy day as floor manager of Miller and Rhoads' new "offspring," the China department and said "I have it; the salespeople are all very nice. . . . The work is exciting; something is always happening . . . almost every day someone breaks something." She hastened to add that the store stands this loss. Betty's duties are varied. She must report to work before the other salespeople and must keep a record of attendance. It is she who puts her "o. k." on exchanges and refunds and listens to the customer's complaints.

Somewhere behind a desk in the Adjusting department at Miller Rhoads, you will find the understanding smile of Miss Gerry Troutman, who takes care of outside complaints over the telephone or over the desk. She tells us that "Human nature is interesting even in an adjustment department." When asked who was the hardest to please, men or women, she answered, "Oh, women are much harder to please in making adjustments than men, especially when they want an adjustment on posery." Gerry says every complaint is extremely different. There doesn't seem to be one thing that she dislikes about her job and says, "From the adjusting department, one has the opportunity of studying the inside-story of the whole store."

Next week, when you stroll down Grace Street, stop in and see Miss Bette Joseph, who will be glad to show you the perfume, lingerie, hosiery, and sportswear in the Paradise Shop. We will be seeing you, Bette! We will ask you

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'Around the Corner from school'

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The calendar of events rates second in popular appeal, although we find a little disagreement in where it should be placed. Twenty-one people definitely approved of the calendar's position on the front page. One freshman, however, with a mind of his own, says, "I think last week's editorial brought out a good point in saying that the calendar should be put in a different place each week." Still another: "The calendar takes up valuable space on the front page which could be used to a better advantage."

More pictures would be a big improvement in the Proscript. As one freshman put it, "If one gets tired reading, one can always look at the pictures." We shall see what we can do for you! If we can't put in more pictures, would you be happier if we made the reading material more interesting? "We aim to please," is the staff's motto.

A few scattered comments were found house." Should we feel in-lives up to its reputation as clear-

more about your work later.

Richmond isn't the only city blessed with the presence of our Store Service people. We saw Miss Barbara Kroeger home (with us) Thanksgiving, all beaming and excited over her position at Lansboroughs in Washington, D. C. She told us, "tell the whole school I love my work, if you wish." No wonder Barbara gave us those words, for she is holding a junior executive position, helping to train new clerks who are being taken on as extras in the store, and is in charge of the promotion of those darling Christmas stockings that are somewhat taking the place of gift wrapping.

Another bulletin from Bridgeport, Connecticut, tells us Miss Helen Vogel is a gift shopper for her home-town department store.

We want to tell you more about the positions of the advance Store Service people and hope you will be with us next week.

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ing house." Should we feel insulted here? "The paper is put out by a hard working few, who get little or no thanks, but a great deal of satisfaction." The staff is inclined to agree with this little freshman, "A Letter to the Editor" column should be encouraged, even if the staff members have to write letters themselves." You've got something there, and we heartily endorse all the letters to the editor you care to write. "The editing staff are hard and thorough workers, but their reporters could stand some improve-

Miss Farnum wishes to announce that the office maintains a lost and found department. It is felt that many of the students do not know of this service, and takes this opportunity to advise the student of its existence.

ment." If the shoe fits, put it on! "It is difficult to believe it is the same Proscript that reared its weak head last session." Thanks for the compliment.

The freshmen seem to disagree as to the set-up of the front page. Says one, "I like the changes every week in the set-up of the front page." Says another, "It is a very poor idea to be continually changing the heading of the paper." Well, you can't please all of the people all of the time.

A thought-provoking statement made by one of the freshmen seems appropriate to bring this to a close: "I can't criticize the Proscript because it is as good as it can be until attitudes change in the student body as a whole."

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## Hors d' Oeuvres

or, sweet (?) music, and lots of it . . .

Congratulations to Jean Arnold and her committee for the swell informal dance they put on Friday night. The gym was crowded and a grand time was had by all. Let's have more of these affairs! There were some excellent jitterbugs there, including Jean Johnson, Ruth White and Doris Greenberg.

We are beginning to wonder just what the attraction is in New York for Metz and Wheeler. This was the second successive week-end spent in the big city. Come on, girls, let us in on the secret.

We hear D. P. doesn't like dating girls in the dorm because he doesn't like the eleven o'clock deadline—says it is entirely too early. Why, he doesn't even have time to warm his feet!

Erps says the reason he doesn't date much in 827 these days is because "his little woman doesn't love him any more." Too bad! And to think what a cute couple they made.

The Sarah Robinson-Paul Mayo romance must be the thing. We see Pat calling at 827 practically every night.

Congratulations to Libby! Tell us for what? Thayer, are you still carrying the torch for Ed? When are you really going to make up your mind?

We wonder how Ruth White catches up with her family during vacation. How does she know whether they're at their Maine, Florida, New York, or North Carolina homes? Does she employ the use of a bronco, one of the White's numerous vehicles, or does she just thumb?

Overheard: Flip Sprately and Beverly Blanton have had a bust-up. Kitty Ingraham certainly did Viviane Grant a favor by bringing Maybin Baker to the dance Friday night. Grant enjoyed the privileges of both stag and drag it seems. Lee Driggers certainly played the role of snake at the dance.

We hear Miss Rogg is counting the days until she sees her Johnnie.

Winkle Wallace must have that certain thing. We hear she had a date every night last week, and with a different man every night. Still water runs deep!

There is a little girl and she has a little curl and her name is Bonnie Buscher. Now when she is good she is very very good, and when she is bad she is still goody goody.

Look for Cavan's jitterbugging at the next dance.

Does everyone know that Sibyl Street went to Radcliffe?

The biggest, and most prominent member of the Cotillion Club was not present at the dance last Friday night.

Why did Cosby turn down such an interesting date for the Symphonny?

What does Jean Johnson have that we haven't? We understand that it's Mother of Pearl!!

What girl at the dance had thyroid gland trouble?

Hall of Fame—Mary Hallock is a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin. So what, Betty Watson?

Dot Mahoney was introduced as "Mumble-Jumble" recently. Rather dead to remember names, isn't it?

Seen constantly together:

Maggie Bevilacqua and Maggie Bevilacqua

Alexa McColl and Alexa McColl

Shirley Goldsmith was the only cute one in the crowd at Virginia. She late-dated.

Virginia Tarpine has lost a pair of gloves and she would appreciate it if someone who finds them would return them.

What's this we hear about a certain clique of girls at 827 going stag to the English Tavern? We don't think it gives the school a very good name.

Jeffrey was visiting in the infirmary Friday night. Is he a privileged character?

Louise Crowder is getting fed up on the "poor excuses for men" that we have at our dances.

Was Ann Timberlake's date from Randolph-Macon or Miller and Rhoads? The letters on his sweater were rather confusing.

June Goldsmith borrowed Annie B.'s allowance to take the bus home Saturday. That's an ample allowance Annie B. gets.

Why was it that Edge wouldn't bring Connell to the dance Friday nite—Could Gordon be the answer?

We hear Miss Robert's has "two's a couple and three's a crowd" trouble—more power to her.

Beryl, we advise you to get Sally's men straight—it may save embarrassment.

The absentee member of the Italian class came out with flying colors—an A—how about it, Mary Lou?

"Chris", how's the man from the Citadel?

Lamb, you had better come in on time—the pantry window may be locked.

## Interior Dec. Class Visits Branch Mansion

On Tuesday, November 19, Miss Bristow's class, Interior Decoration No. 200, visited the John Kerr Branch mansion on Monument Avenue, a castle-like edifice, which was built to provide a suitable background for the unique collection of 16th and 17th century antiques which Mr. and Mrs. Branch had collected from all over the world. "It is like a museum!" exclaimed one of the group; and, indeed there are few things in it which are not rare, collector's pieces. Old oaken chests and tables, walnut sgabelle chairs and folding stools, a cassapanca, beautifully carved Renaissance Italian chests, cabinets, tables, richly colorful velvet and damask and tapestry wall hangings, a great variety of Oriental rugs on the stone, broad-plank wooden or marble floors, and a number of oil or tempera paintings of early and late Renaissance schools. In the tower bedroom, reached by a narrow, winding stair of triangular stone steps, was a huge, Italian Renaissance bed large enough for four or five people to lie in without touching each other. Such beds were used in olden days to accommodate a number of men guests or a number of women guests.

The same week the class went to see the just completed restoration of the Crozet House at First and Main, for which Richmond is

indebted to Mrs. Royal Turpin and Mrs. Malcolm Perkins. The house had been divided into a double house and "modernized" in the late Victorian period. Besides the beautiful interior woodwork (which the Williamsburg Restoration tried to buy and the Metropolitan Museum preserves in photographic records), there was a wealth of American and English antique furniture for the class to study here also.

## A Letter

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habits of the sisters of Nazareth right here in Richmond! The cast is wonderful—

Sister Sufario, Dorothy Wilkinson; Sister Marcella, Mary Frances Rutherford; The Prioress, Mary Beth Blaney; Sister Joanna of the Cross, Dorothy Price; The Mistress of Novices, Elizabeth Mansfield; The Vicars, Viviane Grant; Sister Toneria, Esther Goldfarb; Sister Inez, Grace Worrell; Countryman, Maybin Baker; Sister Maris Jesus, Betty Grubbs; The Doctor, Asa Watkins; Teresa, Frances Duncan Cosby; Antonio, Ulysses Desportes; Monitors, Katherine Hoover, Frances Robertson.

Darling—you've simply got to come—everyone from here will be there. Remember—December 6—8:15 sharp; I'll be seeing you—'Bye now—

Pat, R.P.I.

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