

Xmas Parties Held In Dorms

Founder's Hall Surprises Girls

During the past week the RPI campus was fairly bustling with Christmas spirit. All of the houses on campus were giving Christmas parties so that every night during the week there seems to have been something going on somewhere on the campus.

Hickok House seems to have started the round of parties with one which was held Friday night at eleven o'clock. Everyone turned up in pajamas to eat cake and Russian Tea; and hear Toni Overcash read a parody on "The Night Before Christmas," which was a take-off on all the girls in the house. There was a Christmas tree in the living room and decorations throughout the house. Emily Wooldridge, Jeepy Payne, Blanche Fulford, Toni Overcash, and Virginia Kelly were on the committee for the decorations.

On Monday night the campus was awakened by the sweet voices of the girls from Moore House who were out on their annual Christmas caroling. Afterwards the house gathered in Mr. and Mrs. Hodges' apartment for refreshments. Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hodges.

Also on Monday night Founder's Hall had its house party. With candles and a tree decorated by the Council the members of the council started a house sing in the halls. Candy and fruit were part of the spirit of festivities as well as the presentation of gifts to Mrs. Chalkley and Mrs. Tresser.

A Christmas bag with gifts for every one was the high light of the party at 216. Jean Maddox headed the committee for the arrangements.

On Tuesday night the house council at 908 gave a party with an exchange of gifts and refreshments served around the Christmas tree.

Pat Albright, manager of the hockey squad, was chairman of the party held by the team Thursday.

From all indications festivities will continue at home.

RPI Presents Program At Artist Evening

The Artist Evening at the Museum, Friday, December 15, was centered around Russia to correspond with the Russian exhibit now there.

RPI with Miss Theresa Pollak as committee chairman carried out the Russian theme. Dr. Alice Davis and Madame Nadia Danilefsy spoke on "Art and Russia" for the first half of the evening.

Marianne Silver and Dorothy Tennant did Russian folk dancing and posed for the latter part of the evening.



Students Leave for Vacations With Gala Events Behind

Yes, Christmas vacation arrives tomorrow and students of RPI will scatter north, east, south and west, to spend their vacation.

RPI had many gala parties and events this Christmas week before the students started scattering.

Each dorm did its own decorating with the help of its students. That handsome snowman one passes along Franklin Street graces the window of Moore House and was done by the house's artists.

Tuesday evening the annual

Christmas dinner was held. The students ate their turkey dinner by candle light in a dining room decorated with greens. Students attended in formal clothes and were served in courses.

Founder's Hall held its party Monday evening with refreshments and songs, and games attending it.

Besides the dormitory parties, many students held parties in their rooms and floors of the different dorms had their own private affairs.

Club Formed to Promote Spirit

To promote good fellowship and to destroy any vestige of snobbishness and intolerance to be found in the students of RPI is the goal set by the newly formed Booster Club under the sponsorship of Dr. M. A. Sherman of the business department.

"Don't Knock, Boost," is the motto of the club, that hopes to bridge a gap in the spirit of RPI.

The club will hold a weekly luncheon at the Chesterfield Apartments, where there will be much school spirit in the air. Also included in the club plans is a contest for the writing of a snappy, singable school song. A formal spring ball is on the club's calendar for coming events.

The qualifications for a booster are to speak to everyone, refrain from all but corrective criticism, uphold the school's honor in all ways, and to work for the spirit of RPI. Any RPI student who is willing and able to meet these qualifications may become a Booster member.

Dr. Sherman started this club with the business students, but it caught on so well that membership is now open to all RPI students.

Dean Hibbs Sends Xmas Greetings

In announcing the Christmas holiday beginning at 4 P.M. on Thursday, Dec. 21, and ending at 8:45 A.M. on Thursday, Jan. 4, Dean H. H. Hibbs sends the following greeting:

Mrs. Hibbs joins me in wishing everyone—students, faculty and staff—a happy Christmas season and a glad and prosperous New Year.

The old year has been filled with momentous opportunities for us all as individuals, as a school, and as a nation. It is my hope for you that the New Year may bring to each one a fuller realization of these opportunities.

HENRY H. HIBBS, JR., Dean.

Wigwam Dance Held In Gym

The Wigwam held a formal Christmas dance in the gym Saturday night. Before the dance a reception was held at Founders Hall.

Appropriately decorated in red and green, with Christmas trees, holly, and spruce the gym carried out the holiday theme.

The Richmond Air Base Band

IRC Initiates New Members

Dr. McCoy Speaks At Candle Service

The International Relations Club held its annual candle-light service for the initiation of new members Friday afternoon in the Students' Lounge. Mary Clare Dinneen, president of the club, presided over the ceremony and introduced the club's sponsor, Dr. Howard Davis, and the guest speaker, Dr. McCoy, who spoke on his European tour. Refreshments were served after the service.

IRC plans for this year include a bingo party, a dance, a picnic, and an open forum, with proceeds going to war charities. Monthly meetings will be held with guest speakers who will acquaint the members with situations concerning the war. The club here at RPI is a part of a nationwide organization designed to stimulate interest in foreign affairs. Every spring a convention with representatives from all over the country meets to discuss international problems. Several representatives from RPI will attend.

Officers of the Club

Officers of the IRC include Mary Clare Dinneen, President; Annie Harris, Vice-President; Anne Field, Secretary; and James Fish, Treasurer.

Committee chairmen appointed to serve this year are: Peggy Kelley, entertainment; Pat Flannagan, publicity; Jacqueline Schutze, and Emma Jane Spears, art; Betty Remine, reception, and Grace Banbacas and Earl Wood, refreshments. Anita Liebowitz is the Student Government representative.

Members of IRC

Members include Margaret Ashby, Mary Joe Brown, Leroy Buckner, Mary Byrd, Avril Clay, Martha Jane Coleman, Tommy Cowardlin, Gloria Cooper, Martha Davis, Jean Fraser, Lucy Gilliam, Rena Joe Houston, Mary Sue Hibbs, Nell Hogshead, Mary Elizabeth Kimsey, Darrel Landram, Joe Lipscomb, Jean McChreits, Pat Miller, Mary Munce, Ellen Marcus, Juliana Norfleet, Hazel Phillips, Mary Elizabeth Raider, Patsy Royal, Becky Riley, Jane Polton, Vera Rosenberg, Christine Taylor, Doris Smith, and June Wharton.

New members who were unable to attend the candle-light service will be pledged at a special ceremony preceding the next meeting.

Ruth Fitts On All-City

Ruth Fitts has been chosen to represent RPI as right half back on the all-city hockey squad. Ruth has played center half on the school squad this season and scored in the RPI vs. Westhampton game.

played for the occasion. Guests and dates attending were men stationed in and around Richmond.

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Traditions of Christmas

This season, nineteen hundred and forty-four years after the first Christmas, the very things that Christmas stands for in our hearts are the things that are needed in this war-torn world today. It seems ironic that even as the birth of the "Prince of Peace" is being celebrated in Christian countries all over the world the blasts of the most devastating war in history are sounding in some of those very countries.

It is only right that we should celebrate this Christmas in the normal American fashion. Wars have come and wars have gone but the traditions of Christmas have stood the test of all of them for over nineteen centuries.

Here Comes the New Year

Are you on your mark? Ready? What have you learned this year of 1944? Add up your score. In classes what have you learned that you will remember? Among your friends whom do you know that you did not know last year? Whom do you know and like better than before? What have you learned about living in the last year, and if you can't put your finger on it do you feel that you have learned?

"I am my past." This old year of '44 has made impressions on your life; now come the opportunities of the new year. What have you left undone, unseen, unlearned that you have been waiting to do, see, or learn? Here is your chance. Make this the year to do it; there may never be a better.

Above all, find joy in the New Year, for that is what you will remember most when the year is done. If you have been happy you will remember that far longer than Shakespeare's sonnets or the chemical formula for carbon disulphide or the definition of metastasis. Hoard your days carefully; in your own way seek the most happiness, find the greatest value in each day as you spend it, and if you short-change yourself you have only yourself to blame.

Spare the Time and Share the Books

If overnight reserve books were not expected to be in great demand the library would not bother to put them on overnight reserve. Since there is a limited number or often only one copy of certain books which are required for classes, it is imperative that students develop a cooperative spirit if everyone is to benefit by the system.

Perhaps you didn't know that overnight books are due at 8:30 in the morning. But they are not counted late until 9:30. If you do not have a first period class you know what an advantage this latter deadline is to you; however you should also realize that other students who would like to use the book have planned to use the first period to read it, and they can't if you don't show up with the book.

It is a simple matter to keep the book out overtime and pay the small fee, but much more is lost by the people who are waiting for that book. Put yourself in their position—a test coming up and no opportunity to read the required literature. Return books on time. And if you reserve a book which you later decide you won't need, please don't fail to cancel your reservation. Someone else may need it.

Xmas Novelties

Try a few cards for very special people that you can design and make yourself. Take a clear, simple cut from an old card and place it securely on a piece of colored construction paper. With a toothbrush, white or silver ink, and a piece of wire screen, spatter the paper then remove the cutout. Fold and finish with a simple verse.

Handmade lapel pins are grand gift choices for those girls who seem to have everything. How about a model of a friend painted on a walnut shell? Watercolor her features on a smooth half of an English walnut and top with wool the color of her hair. Shellac the shell and attach a safety pin.

Or try a Brazil nut pin to resemble a Negro mammy with brightly painted lips and eyes. Fashion a turban with red cloth and put on the professional touch by adding two tiny gold curtain rings for earrings.

Draw a pattern of a tree, bell or animal and cut out the shapes from a heavy piece of material such as corduroy or felt, stuff with cotton, and garnish with brightly colored wool applied in blanket stitch. For a lapel gadget or pin cushion.

The weatherman hasn't been too promising about a white Christmas, so individual paper snowflakes will do to fool even the experts. Take white unlined paper and fold into tiny pieces, then cut away nearly all of the paper in small designs and unfold. What is left is very effective applied to window panes with a light paste.

Table centerpieces offer an open field for originality of design. Vary them throughout the Christmas season and keep them simple for there lies the charm.

JEST IN FUN

Frankly Speaking

Why do adolescent girls swoon to Sinatra? If any of you have any first-hand information students of Dr. Bondy's adolescent psychology class will be glad to listen to your confessions. They are writing themes on the subject after having heard a couple of Frinkie's recordings in class last week. Oh, what a lovely way—to spend psych class.

Catherine Stern is afraid that should Frankie die there may be bad psychological effects on his teen-age followers. She said upon being laughed at for her suggestion, "Well, what is there to keep him from dying?" Never heard of Vimmis, evidently.

Words of the Wise

Jim Fish in recreation class: "It is necessary to prepare for dissension in a group. Because they will dissent."

On an English Test

"In our library we use the Dewey Dismal System."

"Ummmm—good!"

Our copy-readers had to blink their eyes in astonishment the other day. In concluding a report on an Occupational Therapy get-together one of our reporters wrote, "Following these speakers, punch and cookies were served." Speakers have to go to most any extreme these days in holding the attention of their audiences, don't they?

Overheard

"To her dating is like a drug—she takes one dose after another."

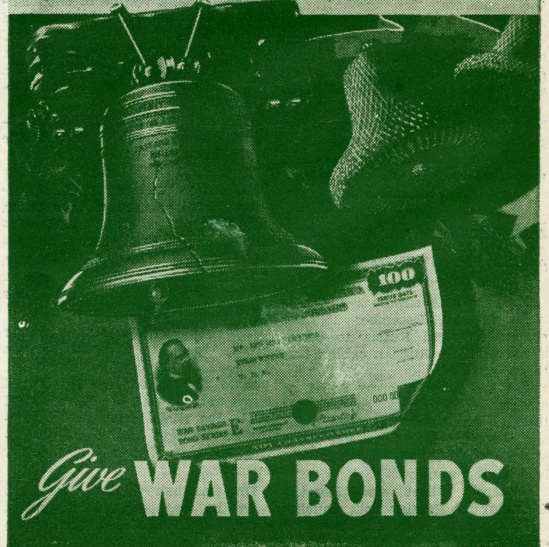
Style Note

The skirt was once a common noun. Now it's a mere abbreviation.

Aint It the Truth!

How trite to say, "She's as pretty as she can be!" Most girls are.

For Liberty and Peace on Earth



Army Hospitals Need Civilian OTs

"All of the general Army hospitals, with the exception of two, are staffed with civilian OT's" said Miss Rhoda Lester, head of Occupational Therapy in the Third Service Command, in an address to OT students last week.

Miss Lester went on to say that the civilian OT's have officers' privileges—such as the use of post exchange, post theatres, and officers' clubs. They sleep in nurses' quarters and are closely allied with nurses, Physical Therapists, and Red Cross workers—as well as with doctors.

Miss Lester listed the main Army hospitals incorporating OT and stressed a need for more therapists. She explained the different types of Army Hospitals as general, convalescent, regional, and station and stated that the general hospitals have first "priority" on OT's, since they receive the men directly from overseas.

Mr. Powhatan Breedon, a Richmond citizen, also addressed the OT's. He brought a unique display of decorated linoleum and told the story of his origination of this valuable and entertaining art.

Basketball Practice Is In Full Swing

Basketball practice is held from 4:00 to 5:30 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Beginners or any students interested in playing basketball are urged to attend practice.

A round-robin basketball tournament between the classes will be held in the near future. No schedule has yet been posted.

Swimming meets every Tuesday evening. The first swimming meet of the year will be held at the YMCA when RPI meets St. Joseph's Villa at an unannounced date.

Bowling activities will be resumed the Monday following the Christmas holidays.

Alumni Hold Luncheon Meeting

Store Service alumni from in and near Richmond held their yearly meeting at Ewart's Cafeteria.

In addition to the six members of the class of 1945 doing their Christmas work in Richmond, those in attendance were: Miss Katherine Bell, Miss Mary Frances Parsons, Mrs. J. F. Jurgens, Mr. Wade McCargo, Miss Mary Katherine Van Sant of Richmond; Mrs. Raymond Brodie of Roanoke; Mrs. Allene Worsfold of Petersburg; and Mrs. Betty West Alexander.

Miss Rosemary McMillan and Miss Louise Bernard, State Supervisor of Distributive Education, attended the American Vocational Convention in Philadelphia recently.

At Christmas-tide the open hand Scatters its bounty o'er sea and land, And none are left to grieve alone, For love is heaven and claims its own.

—SANGSTER.

Reasonable Resolutions

By Alice Andrews

Here comes the New Year! Ta-ta-ta—ta-ta! (trumpet). Betcha you haven't thought of your resolution yet, either, have you? Maybe some of the new leaves—no, girls; stop panting, not liberty leaves—the new leaves of these more ambitious individuals will help your thinking cap.

Pat Benton evidently was practicing her preaching because she was just writing away when she said, "I resolve to write a letter every night." We know who-to, too—so there.

With a serious face, ("Meow! If she has two faces, why doesn't she wear the other one?"), Jean Riddle declared, "I resolve to do every thing I undertake to do to the best of my ability." Mary Roberts awe-fully said, "Me too."

"All I can say is, 'South America or die!'" piped up Bunny Brown. If you're asking what we're wondering—we don't know.

Little pink and blue clouds trimmed in ruffles floated invisibly around while Mary Brown sank in a reverie and smilingly mumbled, "I've got to quit dreaming in Dr. Bondy's class." Thinking it over,

we remember that those clouds were navy blue.

What do you think of people like Pat Quisenberry and Charla Frey who are planning to "conquer the navy" and "wait for the Marine Corps?" They finally admitted that they had been picturing these divisions as one-men affairs. Pat, there's more than one pharmacist's mate at Camp Peary. It's a hopeless case to make Charla realize that "Mike" and "the navy" aren't synonymous.

Now, Nickey Arnold really has us puzzled. She strongly stated, "I'll have nothing to do with men anymore! It's not worth it!" . . . ? . . . ! . . . ? Anyhow, we bet she'll be the first to change her mind; except, maybe, for Grace Emanuel who says, "I'm not gonna talk so much", and Helene Laufer who says, "I resolve to stay out of mischief and trouble."

There's one more resolution—Nancy Schlack's. She says, "I'm going to work real hard and try to draw half as well as Nancy Shuman." And then there's the one we're all "bond" to consider: **BUY MORE WAR STAMPS AND BONDS!**

CHRISTMAS HOLLYBALLOO

By Grace Emanuel

Christmas spirit is running high around RPI, with the holidays so close at hand. Everyone finds it most difficult to concentrate on studies with Christmas shopping and train schedules whirling about in our minds. Who can figure out the square root of a number when you can't find the square of gift paper adequate to cover that box for Aunt Mary? So it goes on in every class—a mixture of anatomy and Christmas, art history and shopping hours, chemistry and train tickets.

When some people finally get started on shopping, they can't locate their pals! Helen O'Keefe wandered all around the main floor of Thalhimers trying to find out under which clock she had promised to meet Carolyn Martin. (For general information, they finally found each other). It is impossible to go downtown without meeting some distressed individual from RPI rushing around, following her nose, which, in turn, is following a strategic list held in front of it. If the list is lost, hope is lost, for upon it are all purchases which are to be made, gathered at inspirational

moments.

While these students are running in circles, most of the others are standing around a piano, wearing their saddest expressions, singing, sorrowfully as possible, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." When their comrades return from the shopping front, they, too, join in the mournful warblings of the saddest and slowest carols. Suddenly, someone can stand it no longer, and the company bursts into "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." No matter how old we are, there's a premonition that we will never outgrow that song. It is rather doubtful that some of the girls have yet outgrown Santa himself. Jean Elbersson, Eann Myers, and several others went in to see Santa Claus along with the other children at Thalhimers' last week. Maybe if we stopped to think about it we all would like to do the same thing.

In spite of all the bustle and hurry we hope each of you will have a nice Christmas. If you survive the Christmas rush, we wish each and every one a very merry Christmas and an even merrier New Year!

Theatre Associates Give Christmas Party

A Christmas party was given by the Theatre Associates in the Bond Theatre on Thursday night, December 14. Santa Claus made his appearance and gave each of the guests a present.

Preceding the party, the Bond Theatre gave the one-act play, "Overtones," by Alice Gerstenberg. The cast included Miss Ann Blager, Mrs. Raymond Hodges, Irene Caruth, and Anita Lebowitz; and the production was directed by Miss Blager.

Fire Destroys Archery Equipment and Looms

Fire in the garage behind the gym destroyed the archery equipment and two looms last Tuesday around afternoon.

William Carey, one of the school workmen, reported the blaze to Mrs. Raymond Hodges who notified the Fire Department. An engine came and immediately extinguished the blaze.

The garage building contains an incinerator and is also used as a storeroom.



BUY Christmas SEALS

Girls Design Greeting Cards

Toni Overcash and Emily Woolridge have been making Christmas cards and selling them. The designs are original, and were drawn for Mr. Palmer's Advertising class. After using them for the class project the two girls had them printed here in Richmond. After printing they were painted by hand in water color. The design on Toni's was of two little children in night dress, while Emily's was of one little child in pajamas with a Christmas tree.

Of the one hundred Toni had made up all were sold out. Emily sold all except enough for her own personal use.

Another novel idea which many of us may wish to carry home for the holidays is the painting of mirrors. On the large gold leaf mirror in the living room of Hickox House, Toni painted a scene of three angels with trumpets formed around a star, celebrating the birth of Christ. These angels are painted on the mirror with Bon Ami. The cake is wet with water then put on with a regular water-color brush. This leaves a very pretty design in white which will come off with a damp cloth and incidentally, clean the mirror at the same time. (Sounds like a commercial for Bon Ami.)

Retailers Report On Xmas Work

Many of the seniors, who are now doing Christmas work in various stores throughout the East, have written of their interesting experiences.

Marjorie Scales and Evelyn Huiet are enjoying New York while doing their work there. Jane Tarbuton and Margaret Doering write from Norfolk that they are living with a family with two sons . . . which sounded most exciting until we discovered that the "men" are 12 and 14 years of age!

The six students who are working in Richmond at Miller and Rhoads and Thalhimers' (Jane Buffet, Clara Ballanger, Ann Kell, Hannah Crawford, Jean Lytch, and Betty Williams) attended the Alumni Association dinner at Ewart's Cafeteria last Friday night . . . the newest members of the association, come June!

The saddest thing About December Is the greeting from one You forgot to remember.



PERSONALS

Virginia Faison spent the weekend with Barbara Rothchild in Baltimore.

Have you seen that cadet from Culver? Quit howling, girls, he belongs to Speed Clark.

Anne Houser of Farmville, was the guest of Mary Glass.

Lily Davidson and Ashie Joyner spent the weekend at the latter's home in Waverly, Va.

Cadet Tavia Gordon of Fork Union, visited his sister, Edith Gordon.

June Echol's brother was a visitor at RPI last week.

Helen Standau's mother spent a few days with her last week.

Anne Gwyn's mother was a guest of the school for a few days.

Virginia Jeffreys spent the weekend in Newport News.

Emmy Lou Thomson spent the weekend with friends in Richmond.

After weeks of stewing and waiting, Ruthie Thrasher was informed last Monday night that she has a eight and a half pound baby sister.

Virginia Jeffreys visited her aunt and uncle in Newport News last weekend.

Mary Helen Holmes sang at the wedding of a former RPI student, Martha Smith this weekend in her home town, Pink Hill, N. C.

Mrs. Carl Pointer was a guest of Virginia Pointer last weekend.

Bucky Baxter spent the weekend at her home in Petersburg.

Bernice Silver will spend part of her holidays in New York. The rest of the time she'll be at home in Atlantic City.

A Letter to Santa Claus

By Pat Miller

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

Nobody ever grows too old to write to you and we here at RPI have been good this year so here goes our order. Sure, we know there's a war on 'cause most of our wishes are tied up indirectly with that, but just do your best.

Kitty Harris wants the gift with the future, a war bond. And you might throw in a corsage and some clothes extra.

We learned in economics class that the scarcer the goods the greater the demand (See, we have been good!) and we realize how true that is about the manpower situation. But, Santa Claus, as a special favor bring us some MEN. Anita Leibowitz put in a special request for one and Jeanne Mae wants one with a red ribbon tied around him. Janice Knighton says that all she wants is her man in Italy. You'd better see General Mark Clark about this first, though.

Christmas Pictures

The Proscript staff wishes to thank Mrs. Polly Loesch, teacher of the linoleum cutting class for her able assistance in enabling us to have the pictures in the paper, as the Christmas cut above.

We wish to thank Marcia Duehring, especially, for doing such a fine job on the Christmas and New Year's cut in this issue.

Look around for a box of Kleenex for Mary Blackwell and a mink coat for Lucy Gilliam who says that she'll take "nothing less." A trip to Washington is tops on Shirley Goldfarb's list, and Ernestine Moskowitz requests food, or a key to the icebox.

Marjorie Fay Underhill is worried because now that she's 21 she might not get a doll like in all those other years. You won't let her be disappointed, will you, Santa? Jim Fish wants a Cadillac, but in case you run into the ODT and trouble, he says he can always use socks. Margaret Bayne expresses all our sentiments exactly when she says, "The best thing I could ask for would be to pass anatomy."

Bring us all some good grades. Yes, Santa, we still believe in you—plenty.

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Wants

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IC Council Meets

Because of the illness of Russell Jones of Virginia Union, chairman, Joel Whitten of Union Theological Seminary presided over the December meeting of the Richmond Intercollegiate Council held in the Egyptian Building of the Medical College last Tuesday.

The next meeting of the Council will be January 16. Anyone interested in joining may see Katherine Stern for particulars.

First Flakes

If Virginia girls acted this way—Many squeals and an oh

At a flurry of snow—
What would the Hansard girls say?

—ALICE ANDREWS.

LET'S
GO
TO
CHELF'S

840 West Grace Street

Please Observe Our
New Hours