

Dan Cupid and St. Valentine Join Forces February 14



Could these two Valentines be waiting for the sting of Cupid's arrow? It looks as if they are giving him an easy target. But blindfolded Cupid may not hit the place he intends to hit;

it might be wise for all "Young Lovers" to take cover in the next few days. At least till after February 14.

'Lovers Day' Originated In Prison According To Legend

By Albert Reynolds

Sunday is St. Valentine's Day and Cupid will be hanging around RPI; waiting for his big chance with his little bow and arrows. From the looks of the situation, about this time of year, he may even hit a few "crazy little mixed hearts."

For many centuries February 14, has been celebrated all over the world as St. Valentine's Day. Chaucer and other medieval writers speak of it as the day when birds mated. Traditionally, February 14, is a day for "lovers."

In medieval times, young people in England, Scotland, and France, would get together on Saint Valentine's Eve to play games and exchange . . . kisses! RPI in comparison, will probably hold its own such festivities; festivities that often occur other times than the fourteenth of February!

Many have never learned that St. Valentine was a real man who lived many centuries ago. The old legend behind his life says that, because of actions he did not approve of, the King of Scotland had Valentine thrown into prison for the rest of his life. Valentine, who had always helped people so much, tried to discover a way in which he could continue his good works while in prison. Finally he began sending little notes and messages, to those in need, by the friendly pigeons that flew in and out of his prison home.

After his death, February 14 was set aside in memory of this great man that so many had loved. On this special day, messages

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Mid-Winters Slated February 27, At Mosque

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ASL Mardi Gras Is Set For March 13, In Gym

The seventh annual Mardi Gras since World War II has been tentatively set for Saturday, March 13, in the New Gym, according to Annis Trout, secretary of the Art Students' League, the sponsoring group.

The announcement eliminated rumors that the traditional costume ball, which is usually held at the Mosque, would be omitted this year, because of property damage following the dance last March. Mosque officials complained of reported damages to table cloths and broken glass. The decision to discontinue the annual affair was later changed, Mardi Gras was placed on a one year probation, and a proposal was made to restrict future dances to League members and limited guests.

Since the situation has been changed, the rule restricting guests will not be strictly enforced and all students and dates may attend although no outsiders will be allowed. An RPI student activities card must be presented when buying the tickets which will cost \$1.50 per person or \$2.50 a couple. League members will be admitted on their ASL cards.

"The dance is patterned after the Beaux Arts Ball of the New York Art Students' League with everyone required to attend in costume," stated Erving Covert, president of the local group.

The highlight of the evening will be the grand march at intermission during which the couple with the most original costume will be judged king and queen of Mardi Gras.

DSL Sponsors Member Drive

The Day Students' League is starting this new semester by having a membership drive, according to Pat Bowery, president.

A slop shop party will be held for members and prospective members and their dates on Friday, February 19 from 7:30 p.m. till 10 p.m.

"All day students are urged to join the DSL because it represents day students and is their connection with the other school organizations," stated Pat.

DSL, along with other school organizations, has been asked to participate in the Blood Drive (February 17) and has fifty donors.

Day students have been informed by Mrs. Virgie Chalkley that there are accommodations for six girls to spend the night in the Student Activities Building. There will be a charge of 50 cents per night. The same regulations will apply to these girls as applies to dorm students.

During this semester the DSL is planning to have a dance and a bridge party.

May Day Dance Set April 30, At The Mosque

At the last Freshman class meeting of Jan. 14, plans were discussed concerning the annual May Day dance which the Freshman class will sponsor.

This formal dance, will be held at the Mosque Ballroom on Friday night, April 30.

The evening will be featured by the crowning of the May Queen. The May Queen will be selected from the Senior Class by the Senior Class. Two girls will be selected from each of the other classes as class sweethearts. These selections are to be made by radio, television star, Dave Garoway. Pictures were sent to Garoway before Christmas holidays, but nothing has been heard since. As soon as these selections come in, the May Queen will be chosen.

The theme this year will be: The Stardust Ball, and the decorations will focus around that idea. Heading the decoration committee will be Norma Berk, Vice President of the Freshman Class. She will be assisted by the activities committee.

Ken Thomas, President, said that a band had not yet been chosen, but that a band agency had been notified and that there would be several auditions. Thomas went on to say that other entertainment is being considered for the dance, but nothing definite as yet.

Thomas stated that he was expecting a huge turnout to this, one of the biggest functions of the year.

Bill Perry And Orchestra To Play For Annual Event

Uhlmann Awards Totalling \$1,250 Are Announced

Rules for the 1954 Uhlmann Awards Grain Marketing essay contest for college students were announced today by Richard F. Uhlmann, President of Uhlmann Grain Company, sponsor, and the Chicago Board of Trade, contest administrative agency.

Cash prizes totalling \$1250.00 will be distributed to writers of the 14 top papers entered. Competition will be divided into two divisions—one each for graduate and under-graduate students. First place winners in each division will receive \$300.00 and will be given an all-expense-paid trip to Chicago to receive their awards.

All graduate and under-graduate students enrolled in any college or university in the United States or Canada are eligible to compete. Entries can deal with any phase of the marketing of wheat, corn, oats, rye, soybeans, soybean, oil, meal, lard and cotton. Judging will be based on originality and evidence of independent thought and study. Length of manuscripts cannot exceed 20 double-spaced typewritten pages for under-graduates and 30 pages for graduate students.

Entries should be submitted to the Chicago Board of Trade public relations department not later than June 1, 1954.

Highway Betterment And Economy Topic Of Essay Contest

The Highway Research Board of the Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, has announced a contest with prizes ranging up to \$2,500, and covering six states, Virginia included.

The general subject is: "Financial, Economic and Administrative Improvements for our Highways." The participants will write an essay on this topic and submit it for judging. The contest is open to any student, graduate or undergraduate, enrolled in a regular curriculum leading to a degree, and who is a legal resident of one of the competing states.

First prize is \$500.00, second prize, \$300.00; and third prize, \$200.00. All entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1954, and should be mailed to Highway Research Board of the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C.

Applications for the official entry blank may be obtained from the Journalism Department.

Music by Bill Perry's orchestra: That's the word going through the halls as RPI prepares for its annual Mid-Winters dance to be held February 27.

The dance will be held from 9 until 12 in the Mosque Ballroom. According to Charlotte Wallin, vice-president of the SGA, all students will have 1:30 lates. A Winter theme has been chosen.

Admittance to the dance will be free to all RPI students; Those inviting guests will be able to get tickets for them in the Old SGA office on February 24, 25, and 26, from Don Carter, Peggy Fowler, Tom Monahan or Charlotte Wallin. The Alumni will also be admitted by guest cards. RPI students must show their SGA cards.

The dance committee is headed by Charlotte Wallin and consists of Arnold Lucas, George Bendall, Leo Nowak, Cliff Belcher, and Peggy Cole.

Remember the date—February 27!

Sophomore Class To Hear Astrologen At Meeting On 16th

Mr. Randolph Saunders, well-known astrologist and palmist, will entertain the Sophomore Class at its regular meeting on February 16, according to class president, Jill Meske.

Mr. Saunders is a native of Richmond and was educated in the public schools here. He has studied at LaSalle Extension University, Virginia Mechanics Institute, and is a graduate of the National Institute of Commercial and Trade Association of Northwestern. He studied voice for 20 years and sang locally for about 25 years. He was also associated with a local radio station for several years.

Mr. Saunders will discuss the characteristics of those present as pertaining to their places in the Zodiac. He will also read the palms of several of those who are present.

SGA Now Accepts Nominees For May Queen Says Lucas

Petitions for May Queen will be accepted until Friday, February 12, President Arnold Lucas told the seniors at the January meeting of the class of '54.

Candidates for Queen must be seniors, and a petition containing at least 25 names should be submitted to the SGA Executive Committee for each nominee.

The May Queen election will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 15-17. The winner will be crowned at the annual May Dance sponsored by the freshman class.

Finnish Guest Finds RPI 'Friendly'

"You aren't living too rapidly as long as you enjoy yourself" replied Veikko Henrik Lahdenpaa, Education Chief of the Finnish Cooperative Wholesale Society, when asked about the U. S. way of life.

Mr. Lahdenpaa, who was recently a guest of the DE department, said he had the impression that most students here appeared to be happy in pursuing their major courses of study.

When asked to comment specifically on his impressions of DE on an overall basis, he said, "Though the

high schools appear to be doing a good in DE, the college programs seem to operate more efficiently."

In high schools, students engage in classroom study and related work every day, but neither of these two periods allow the student the time element in adjusting and adapting to classroom and outside work that the more prolonged college periods do."

In expressing his enthusiasm and liking for RPI, Mr. Lahdenpaa commented on the spirit of friendliness which he found prevalent here.

In comparing U. S. climatic conditions with his home in Helsinki,

Finland, he said, "I must admit that the place I felt the most at home in the U. S. was Utica, N. Y., because the climate there was more like home than anywhere else I have been in this country." In contrasting the North and South he said that he had been impressed by the brightness of the tropical growth and the sunshine during his two-week stay in Florida.

Mr. Lahdenpaa arrived in the United States Sept. 1, 1953. After a two weeks orientation period, he

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What's In A Paper?

Typical of most educational institutions is the presence of student groups who lament their alma mater's newspaper publication. Bearing in mind the old adage that the staff does all the work and gets all the blame, it would be a refreshing observation to investigate the nature, aims and purposes of those who do the blaming and criticizing.

When students who assert that the paper has nothing in it are queried as to what content they would suggest they are unable to pinpoint specific points of criticism. "What type of feature benefiting a college publication would you like to see installed?", ask reporters of the lamented publication too often only to be confronted with silence.

Sincere student-readers should be prepared to back their criticism. If they are in a position to do this, staff and reader can co-operate more effectively and efficiently toward improving student readability.

Who is to judge the value of a college publication? Is it not evident that a group of experienced newspaper men such as compose the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association are qualified to judge whether or not a paper is properly and tactfully serving a student body?

In the case of the *Proscript*, the board of evaluation recently came to the decision that it is the second highest rated college newspaper in the state. Yet some students place no value whatsoever on this honor rating.

It has been rumored that some students would like to see pin-ups, comics and gossip columns in the *Proscript*. Press associations frown on material in this category and for this reason it is not to be found in college publications. Educators and various associations expect a mature and more-or-less intellectual publication to stem from a group which is engaged in the process of accredited higher education.

If the group of critical students were to make a slight investigation of the field of college newspapers it would find that many other colleges which produce a weekly edition have staffs, composed largely of upper-classmen, which are often three and four times the size of the *Proscript's* staff.

In other words, when compared with the size of the average staff the local staff is evidently working overtime to compose the amount of literary material which is printed weekly. For example, *The Flat Hat*, weekly publication of The College of William and Mary, has an immense staff of specialized news and feature writers. However, this publication which edged the *Proscript* out of the first place state rating, prints a paper not much larger than the *Proscript*. Many papers with twice as many staff members as the *Proscript* emerge weekly and bi-monthly with publications of equal size.

The *Proscript* solicits constructive criticism and always welcomes Letters to the Editor. In the meantime, differences of opinion can be heard as follows: "I've been associated with two other colleges but have never read a paper as enjoyable as the *Proscript*. It sure gives good coverage." While on the other hand opposing opinions such as the following are heard: "The *Proscript* is too dry. It fails to convey the enthusiasm and vitality of an alert and active student body."

Via the grape-vine it was recently mentioned that a statistics class would be in favor of conducting a survey on the *Proscript's* readability. The staff would welcome such a project wholeheartedly and gladly publish the results.

-M. S.

Beria Gets Around

A student at North Texas State Teachers College—faced with signing the eighth statement in his college career that he is not a Communist—signed the name of Lavrenty Beria, deposed Russian police boss, the other day.

A notary public in the college administration building let it pass without question. The student said he would put the pledge in his scrapbook.

CAMPUS CAPERS

By Albert Reynolds

Introducing to the campus of the Richmond Professional Institute, RICHARD PENWICK INKABELL! For readership's sake we will just refer to him by a nick name that I have given him: MR. INK.

Now how did MR. INK happen to come to our campus? What does he look like? What does he plan to do here? There are hundreds of such questions that we could ask about MR. INK, so I will sum him up in one little word . . . mischievous!

I met, or rather found MR. INK at all of the places in the Museum of Fine Arts. What he was doing there I'll never understand; he is definitely not the cultured type. A friend of mine, whom we'll let remain anonymous, and I recently visited the Mu-

seum of Fine Arts to marvel at the wonderful Scandinavian Exhibition which was on display there. Oh rue the day I went there! Why? Because when we left, hidden in the pocket of my overcoat was RICHARD PENWICK INKABELL; a stowaway if ever there was a stowaway!

That night, as I hung up my coat, out scrambled MR. INK. Now, readers, before I go on any further let me try and describe MR. INK to you as best I can: He is about five inches high compared with a standard ruler. He has a ridiculously turned up nose that appears to be smelling something all the time. His pointed ears look as if they might take off with him at any moment. His face, which is forever curled in a foolish grin, looks like a cherub and devil all rolled into one mixed up mess. He's dressed in some ridiculous tight-strapped affair, in a horrible shade of red that appears to be purple when subjected to certain shades of light. He doesn't seem to be very bright; for example, he thought that mechanized infantry was a new way of having a baby. But his crazy personality makes up where his brains away.

MR. INK explained to me that he had accidentally been shipped over here with the Scandinavian exhibit; right now I can't think of anyone who would ship MR. INK anywhere accidentally! But he was here and I was stuck with him; may as well make the most of it. Worst of all, however, was when I found that no one could see MR. INK but me! A most unfortunate problem.

So now you know about MR. INK; but what mischief he will probably get into around here only MR. INK himself knows. And believe me; he has forgotten more things to get into than we have even thought of!

But since he was here, I told him he would have to go to work if he wanted me to support him.

He said he didn't know how he would take to this journalism stuff, but he'd give it a try. So a word of warning: watch out! With my MR. INK out looking for news and bits for this column, there may be some trouble; if you fall down the steps, he may be making his own!

NEXT WEEK: MR. INK's first week here at RPI. Let's all hope . . . and pray . . . that he doesn't change it to RIP! (Rest In Peace!)

Allison-Harris

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lee Allison announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian Taylor, to Benjamin Thompson Harris, son of Henry Ashby Harris and the late Mrs. Harris.

Miss Allison is a graduate of RPI and Mr. Harris a graduate of George Washington University.

Lunsford-Alvis

Mr. and Mrs. William Early Lunsford announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Theresa, to John Stuart Alvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bryan Alvis.

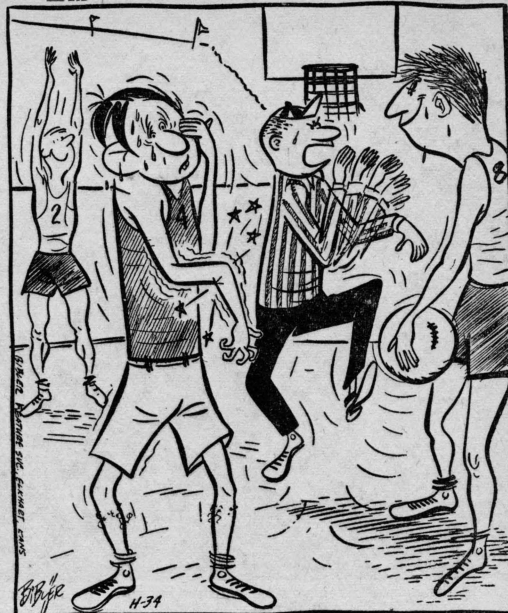
Miss Lunsford attended RPI and General Assembly Training School of Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Alvis is a graduate of Fishburn Military School and attended RPI before entering the United States Army.

Morton-Ashenfelter

The marriage of Miss Virginia Cochran Morton, daughter of Mrs. Powhatan Moncure Morton, of Char-

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"I saw you foul him—THAT'S a FOUL."

Profile

Adjusting To English Language Is Humorous For German-Born RPIer

"Die Deutschen Madchen don't wear pants," was the shocking reply made before a Wichita (Kansas) high-school class by Schweinfurt-(Germany)-born Bodo Eberstein when he was asked by one of his class-mates to comment on the wearing of "jeans" by American girls.

But the confusion of terms which resulted from his then imperfect control of the English language would hardly have embarrassed Bodo. In fact, when he finally caught onto the reason for some of the red faces in the room, he roared louder, and with more delight, than anyone else.

That was in 1950, soon after he came to Kansas in August of that year on an international exchange scholarship, which kept him in the United States until the following July. He is working his way through RPI now, a general science freshman, having landed at Hoboken, N. J., last August, and he very seldom says anything he doesn't mean literally, in either English or German, although one sometimes wonders if he really means some of the unreserved things he says.

His mastery of our language is complete enough now that it is only after talking with him for some time that one begins to notice the vestige of a guttural accent that distinguishes his speech from that of a native Virginian.

He acquired his knowledge of English chiefly at Wichita, but he says he picked up a lot of "everyday lingo" and slang as an agent doing U. S. Army transport work in Munich, Germany.

Bodo is like anything but the chilly, pragmatic image of a Bavarian (Munich is the capital of Bavaria) that Americans have tended to induce from representations in "B" movies and TV. True, he is blond and blue-eyed, but he is extratensive,

allowing himself plenty of expression, and wasting scant concern on a popular opinion of his personality. Once, in a discussion with a group of slop-shoppers, he stood up on his chair and asked one of those present who had used the word "dignity." "What is it for?" If it could be said without reflecting upon his "maturity," he is a little mischievous too.

One custom of Munich which he says he misses is the annual "Maibock festival." Maibock is a kind of special heavy brown beer brewed only during the month of May for that occasion. A lot of it is consumed at the festival after the mayor has quaffed the first liter mug. The beer, he affirms, is tested before the day of the festival by pouring some of it over a wooden bench on which several men, wearing leathern britches, then take their seats. "In a while, the men stand up. If the brew comes up with them, the brew is considered good," he claims.

Visiting The Clubs

By Josie Walls

Following the January dinner meeting, the WESLEY FOUNDATION had as guest speaker, Dr. Robert Johnson, Negro teacher from Union University. His address, which dealt with racial segregation problems, was followed by a brief business meeting.

All student members of the WESLEY FOUNDATION have tickets for sale at 25 cents, for the next dinner meeting which will be held on February 22 at Pace Memorial Methodist Church. All RPI students are invited to come.

The regular business meeting of the ADVERTISING CLUB was held Thursday, President Clark Brockman resigned and Braden Diggs, secretary, was made president since John Hendricks, vice-president, is a February graduate. Marilyn Comer was selected to act as vice-president until the next meeting of the club on February 11, in Ad. 31.

217,000 Korean Vets Now In GI Training

Nearly 600,000 veterans are enrolled this fall in America's schools and training establishments under Veterans Administration training programs.

The total, VA said, includes a record-breaking 217,000 veterans taking training under the 14-month-old Korean GI Bill. Another 346,000 are World War Two veterans still enrolled under the original GI Bill.

Of the rest, 18,500 are disabled veterans of World War Two, studying under Public Law 16, and 7,500 are veteran-trainees disabled in service since fighting started in Korea.

The current number of Korean GI trainees has almost doubled the previous peak of the new GI training program, which was reached this past April, 1953, with 131,000 veterans.

College training has been the most popular choice among Korean veter-

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Soldier Recalls Experience As Red Cross Blood Donor

By Pvt. John T. Lynch, III
Have you ever wondered about something for years, been afraid to do it, then made up your mind that you had better grit your teeth and go ahead. I have—and I discovered that all my fears were unnecessary. I am no longer afraid, in fact I feel quite brave and good about the whole thing. But I do have a sense of shame that I could have been so scared of a little needle and bottle. You see, I just gave a pint of blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Such a little thing, this gift of life-saving blood. Yet it can do so much for the sick and nearly-dying. I knew all of these things, as we all must, but let my hidden fears hold me back year after year. In fact I didn't even realize that I was evading this issue. I invented excuses which could prevent my being able to be at the right place on time or with the proper amount of rest or food and many other more devious alibis.

But last week when the first sergeant asked for donors, I held my hand up. Why? It was more through a desire to lick myself than through a sense of duty.

Day-after-day, I worried and fretted, hoping that something would keep me from the appointment.

"Maybe I will eat the wrong thing and not be accepted," I thought, "maybe I will be anemic or have something wrong with my blood."

The day came. I reported to the hospital, answered questions, was weighed, had my temperature taken, was fed orange juice, pricked in the finger for a blood sample and handed an IMMENSE bottle marked for whole blood.

It would be so nice to say, "At this moment I realized just how silly it was to be afraid and faced the nurse like a man." But I didn't. The fear was stronger than ever and every minute that I waited seemed more golden than the one before.

Then I was—in rapid order—placed on a bed, swabbed on the arm with a disinfectant and poked with the needle.

I was wound as tight as any eight-day clock could be but . . . it didn't hurt much! I felt a prickling sensation much like that of a needle used in ordinary blood test but no pain, no suffering or revulsion.

As your blood flows there is no sensation, other than one of lethargy, much like that enjoyed on a warm summer afternoon at work, in school or just sitting around when you feel that sleep is only as far away as the nearest seat or bed.

The only thing uncomfortable about the entire experience was the knowledge that something foreign was sticking into my skin. It is much the same feeling experienced when you have a dentist's finger in your mouth. Not bad, and not something to live with indefinitely.

The pint bottle, which was not so immense after all, is filled rapidly, the whole business taking only about five minutes. Then the nurse removes the equipment, slips a bandaid on the spot and shoos you into the next room where sandwiches, coffee, milk and doughnuts are waiting.

They didn't wait long for me. I was hungry, after a light breakfast, and managed to put away two sandwiches, two doughnuts and about four glasses of milk. In fact, a friend had to pull me away from a third sandwich and fifth glass of milk.

The nurse handed me a little red pin like a droplet of blood and, with my mind on the food, I asked a pertinent question:

"How long do I have to wait to come back?"

Unfortunately, I won't be able to feast again for eight more weeks, but, not being a selfish soul, I am passing this information on to others as a public service.

—Fort Lee Traveler.

IF Magazine Offers \$2,000 Contest Prizes

The deadline for the college science fiction contest sponsored by "IF" magazine is May 15, 1954. Two thousand dollars in prizes will be given for the best 10,000-word novelette depicting life in America 100 years from now.

Open only to undergraduates in United States and Canadian colleges, professional writers attending college are not eligible.

The only limitation of the contest is the writer's imagination. Writing ability will be considered but of primary concern are originality, ideas and imagination. Any subject, theme, or theory may be used as a premise.

First prize is \$1,000, second prize, \$500; and third to seventh prizes, \$100 each.

The rules of the contest state that all stories shall be 10,000 to 12,000 words, typed on white paper and double spaced. One side of the paper only shall be used, with full inch margins.

All manuscripts must be accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for its return. All winning manuscripts become the property of "IF" and judges shall be the editors of the magazine with all decisions final.

The author's full name, address, name of college and class must appear in upper left-hand corner of the first page of the manuscript, and the manuscript must be addressed to COLLEGE SCIENCE FICTION CONTEST, IF MAGAZINE, KINGSTON, NEW YORK.

The winners will be announced the first week in September following the close of the contest.

Death Claims Father Of VPI Instructor

Mr. P. S. Murrill, 72, who retired in 1950 as the last white principal of a Negro school, died Tuesday, January 19 in a local hospital.

A graduate of VPI, Mr. Murrill received his master's degree from Columbia University. He began his teaching career in 1922. His son, Mr. Malcolm L. Murrill is an instructor in mathematics and engineering at RPI.

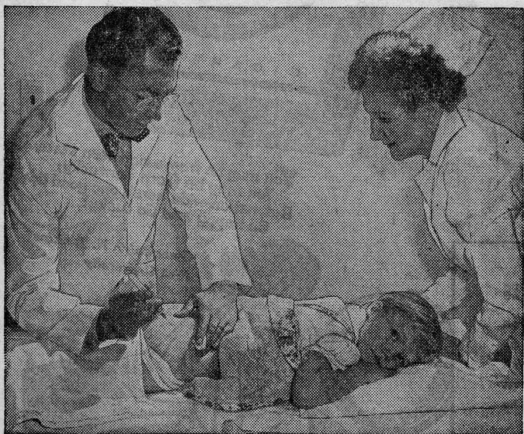
The funeral was held Thursday, January 21 at Highland Park Methodist Church, and burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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ans, VA said. Fifty-four per cent of the total, or 117,000 veterans, are enrolled in institutions of higher learning.

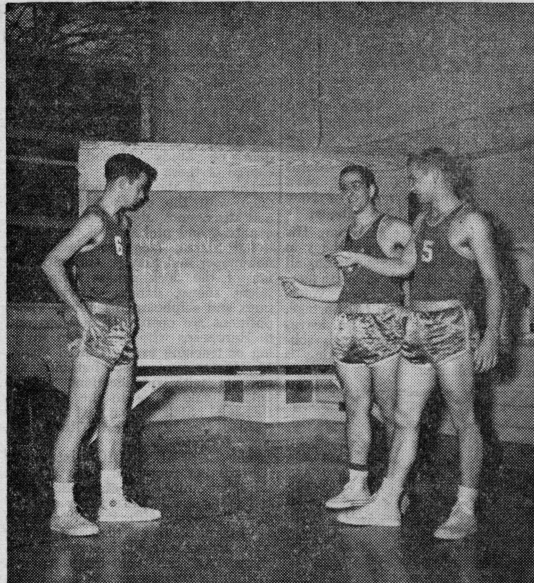
Another 57,000 are in schools below the college level; 34,000 are training on-the-job, and 8,300 are taking institutional on-farm training, a combination of classroom work and actual farming experience.

Protection Against Polio Paralysis



A little girl is inoculated with gamma globulin to immunize her against the paralyzing effects of polio. Tests with the blood plasma derivative last summer showed that one dose protects a child for about one month. Part of the blood collected by the Red Cross is now going into the production of gamma globulin for use in polio epidemics.

Green Devils Take Two On Road; Meet R-M Feb.13



Reserve guards Furman Regan, Norman Katzenburg, and Leo Nowak pointed hopefully at the desired score for the Newport News game. Unfortunately, RPI was topped by the Apprentice school by 72-65. Of the three, Regan and Nowak are seniors and Katzenburg a junior.

Woman's Varsity Basketball Team Downs Lynchburg By 42-30 Margin

RPI's woman's varsity basketball team added a second victory in two starts by claiming a scoring edge in every period but one to trounce the Lynchburg sextet 42-30 on January 19.

Gray, Bradshaw Pace Topmen To Break Tie

Paced by the point making of Johnny Gray and Jimmy Bradshaw, 712's Topmen took over first place in the Intramural Basketball League.

After suffering their only setback of the year to the "Smokers," the Topmen gained two consecutive victories. 712's most important victory came on Jan. 6 at the hands of the Probation Pros whom they defeated 50-27. This game gave the Pros, the Topmen, and the Smokers, one defeat apiece.

The Topmen's next break came in the form of a defeat which the Pros handed the Smokers. This game set up a tie for first place between the Pros and the Topmen.

Topmen Defeat Tribe
With only one victory standing between them and first place, the Topmen took a decisive win over 312's Tribe by a 63-25 margin. Gray and Bradshaw both hit the meshes for 18.

The standings as of February 8 are as follows:

Topmen	7 1
Pros	6 1
Smokers	5 2
Day Students	*
SSE	*
All Stars	*
Tribe	*
* Records are unofficial.	

FINNISH GUEST . . . (Continued from Page 1)

went to Ohio University where until December 19, he studied seminars, audited courses, and visited many schools, industries and businesses. From there he proceeded to Florida where he visited the University of Miami and Miami High School. He has spent some time in Georgia; New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, Utica, and Prince School of Retailing, Simmons College, Boston.

From Richmond, Mr. Lahdenpaa will go to Washington, D. C., and will leave for Japan on March 1, 1954.

Now a much traveled man as the result of his recent experiences, Mr. Lahdenpaa has formed the definite opinion that he prefers traveling by train to air because of the pleasure he derives from viewing the countryside.

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The RPI "Green" snapped a three game losing streak by taking two straight contests at Callaudet and Lynchburg for the first road victories of the season. After the successful Union Seminary game, RPI could not hit pay dirt until Jan. 19.

RPI played the Bridgewater Eagles in a tight game for three quarters, but in the fourth, forward Bill Marshall fouled out, giving the "Eagles" more rebounds and an 82-64 victory. Unable to cope with a taller Roanoke quintet, the "Devils" again faltered by an 82-47 defeat.

Take Two Straight

On the nineteenth, RPI took a barnstorming tour to foreign courts in an effort to gain their first road victory since the season began. The "Green" made short work of Callaudet by a 68-47 onslaught and two nights later came from behind to take Lynchburg.

In the Callaudet game, hustling "Rabbit" Howard broke out of a slump and burned the meshes for 22 points with his hot set shot. Bill Marshall played a major role by controlling the backboards. Close behind Howard in points was center Ed McCauley who netted 20 markers.

On the twenty-first, Lynchburg fell victim to a last quarter barrage of points to go down by a 61-53 score. Jim Ward played the major role by netting 11 of his 28 points in the hectic final quarter.

RPI, having just finished three trips, was host to the Newport News Apprentice School last Saturday night, and played at Roanoke last night. The Green Devils will meet the Randolph-Macon "Yellow Jackets" here this Saturday night.

LOVERS DAY . . . (Continued from Page 1)

and gifts were given and exchanged by lovers the world over. From this early and historic legend, the modern valentine has developed.

But you may ask what has Cupid got to do with all this? The Romans can answer this question for you since it was they who created Cupid as one of their many Gods. Cupid was the son of Venus, Goddess of Love, and he was often pictured as a small blindfolded youth running around, in his natural suit of clothes, with his little bow and arrows. Maybe this is where the saying, "love is blind" originated. At any rate, these arrows which he aimed at living creatures, were supposed to arouse either love or hate in whomever they happened to strike.

Thus all "young lovers" around RPI campus had best take some kind of cover in the next few days. Since the old legend says that Cupid if blindfolded, there's no telling where his arrows will hit; and your DERRIERE may get the point!

SOCIAL LITE . . . (Continued from Page 2)

Tribles-Davis
Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Tribles, of "Townside", announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Thomas J. Davis, son of Mrs. George W. Bone, of Norfolk.

Miss Tribles is now attending RPI.

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And Johnnie, although figuratively crying through it all, had a big grin, too. For Johnnie Ray's weeping, personalized style, although the source of much contention, was reaping fame and fortune. All of which should bring to mind something about laughing last, laughing best.

"Mr. Emotion," as Johnnie has been tagged, worked as a mite-club pianist and as a straight-man for a comic before he settled on singing for a career. In 1951, a Columbia Record representative heard him at a Detroit club and signed him to Columbia's Okeh label. Johnnie cut

Cry and The Little White Cloud That Cried, which became top sellers and launched Johnnie on his fabulous career. His personal appearances thereafter broke records nearly everywhere he played, even topping the all-time mark for New York's sophisticated Copacabana.

Johnnie is a unique showman. His repertoire is sprinkled with songs in the pop, jazz, and religious vein, all of which are delivered with exaggerated gestures and cracking voice. And, yes, he really does cry onstage, but, confidentially, after he leaves the floor, he doesn't do much sobbing. After all, how tear-jerking is a million dollars?



Johnny Ray

On The Bookshelf

By Mac Shackelford, Jr.

Thomas Wolfe, North Carolina writer, is in the book review sections again. Both Wolfe fans and enthusiasts of the Southern Writers course taught by Professor-author Nedra Tyre will be anxious to follow the many articles about Wolfe currently appearing in such publications as the University of North Carolina Daily Tar Heel, News Leader and the Sunday New York Times Book Review.

The book on Wolfe which has just been published relates his attitudes and experiences when a professor of English and literature at Washington Square College of New York University.

Librarian Rosamond McCaless, who frequently comes forth with much information on authors, is from Thomas Wolfe's hometown, Asheville, N. C. She was acquainted with Wolfe's family for years and witnessed the town's reaction to Wolfe's first book, "Look Homeward, Angel."

According to the New York Times Book Review, William Somerset Maugham, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, is turning to essay writing. His plans call for no more novels.

Sid Kneez says he was more than pleased by "Jasmine Street," a novel written by Richmond's own Clifford Dowdy. Judging from the tone of Sid's voice he's out to convince everyone that the book's a must.

John Frawner will vouch for the fact that the 16 page feature on Ernest Hemingway in the last issue of Look is worth the while. Rumors have been afloat that the hero-author personally underwent two plane accidents for the sake of publicity pending the release of a new book. However, Frawner says sincere Hemingway fans will never believe it; the adventurer is just susceptible to excitement.

Sinclair Lewis fans will appreciate the article covering the period when he was married to writer Dorothy Thompson in the January Harper's. Written by Dale Warren, the well-developed feature treats facts heretofore widely unknown about the Pulitzer prize winning, controversial, figure.

The above mentioned magazines and many others are available in the wide cross-section of literature to be found in RPI's library.

Library Assistant Barbara Keese is still strongly recommending a novel which she read when it hit the library last fall, English author Robert Nathan's "Train In the Meadow."

Readers will recall that Nathan's "Portrait Of Jennie" was read by many when it appeared on the parallel reading list in some of the high schools for senior English.

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Duties of the staff include assistance with the program of lectures and discussions about the European countries and problems of the educational tourist, language classes, the newspaper and library; and supervision of the deck games, swimming, talent shows, dances, moving pictures and shipboard discipline. These positions are open to Americans and to Europeans who have been studying or teaching in the United States, Mr. Pinter announced, but only applicants with qualifications in the fields should write to the CASTEL FELICE Staff Council, Study Abroad Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

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About 75 per cent of the world's passenger autos are in the United States.

Richmond Alumni Sponsor Stew Sale

The Richmond chapter of the RPI Alumni Association is sponsoring its annual Brunswick Stew sale.

Proceeds from the sale are used for Homecoming and the Richmond chapter's scholarship fund. This year's goal has been set at 700 quarts.

Orders may be placed with Mrs. Jane Vogeley of DE anytime between now and February 17, or left in her faculty distribution box. Orders placed in the box should have the name and address of the person ordering.

Delivery of the stew will be made February 20, before 6 p.m. The stew sells for \$1 per quart. Those wishing to contribute \$1 instead of ordering stew may do so, Mrs. Vogeley said.

The stew is made by Henrico County Sheriff A. J. Eacho.

Kings Canyon National Park in California contains 454,600 acres.

O'Connell Elected To Honor Council Post

William O'Connell, Highland Springs music major, was elected Junior Honor Council alternate a fortnight ago.

Chosen to fill the post resigned by Tom Witten, O'Connell was elected after attempts by the Council to choose a new member resulted in deadlocks in the voting. A two-thirds majority vote is necessary to elect a council member.

Four candidates were nominated for the position at an earlier meeting.

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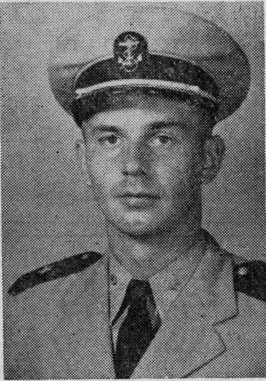
David P. Hurdle, public relations director of the Richmond Area Community Chest for the past two years, has been appointed to the public relations staff of Cargill and Wilson, local advertising and public relations firm, effective February 1.

A native of Richmond, Hurdle is a journalism graduate of the Richmond Professional Institute and past president of the Richmond chapter of the Institute's Alumni Assn.

Hurdle is a veteran of World War

II and was recalled to active duty for eleven months in Japan and Korea in 1951.

His civic activities include membership in the Press Club of Virginia, the Richmond Public Relations Association, Richmond Council 395, Knights of Columbus and the West End Catholic Men's Association. He is married and has two sons.



Arnold John Hyman, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lester Hyman of 71 Roosevelt Avenue, Waterville, Maine, recently flew his first solo flight at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

Before leaving the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Whiting Field for more training, Cadet Hyman will receive instruction in precision airwork and acrobatics.

He attended John Marshall High School and RPI before entering the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

Retail Career Day Opens Here Friday

The School of Distributive Education and the Richmond Retail Merchants Association, Inc., will co-sponsor a Retail Career Day here Friday, February 12, according to Mrs. Jane Vogele of DE.

Retail Career Day will be an all day conference for school administrators, teachers and counselors responsible for vocational guidance. Representatives from secondary schools within a radius of 50 miles of Richmond will attend the conference. Senior students in the School of Distributive Education will act as official hosts and hostesses during the meetings.

One of the highlights of the program will be the store tours where teachers and counselors will have an opportunity to see retailing at work—the floor and behind the scenes.

The day's events will begin at 9:30, at the auditorium of the Virginia State Highway Department and talks concerning various topics will be given before numerous local merchants. Mary V. Marks, assistant director of DE here, will speak on retailing experiences. As the day progresses, the conference will divide into individual groups, and each group will have an opportunity to tour one of the Richmond stores. The "host" store will entertain with a luncheon.

Talks will feature the afternoon session, and a reception at the home of Dean and Mrs. H. H. Hibbs will end the day.

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Doings of Willie

Two Strangers Are Added To 'the Den of Sin II'

By Willie Glick

We are now four in number and we have a new Den. We have christened the abode "The Den of Sin II." The two strangers in paradise shall, in the future, be referred to as X and Y. They are nothing like Jay or myself. They are practically normal human beings.

Did I tell you about Jay's antics at a party? That boy could consume ten gallons of Grandpa Jones' "Mountain Dew" and live to tell about it. In fact, I don't think he would stagger.

During the Yuletide holidays, the Den of Sin II was the scene of a couple of parties. Jay was the self-appointed emcee. He'd flit around with a tray of hors d'oeuvres in one hand and a cocktail shaker in the other. Above the normal party sounds, his neurotic voice could be heard: "Have sumpin' t'eat? Wanta drink? Come on, now, let's live it

up! Part-ee, part-ee!" And far into the night. The saddest part of the story is that Jay, after all of his dissipation, bounces out of the sack no later than 8 a.m. And I mean that he literally bounces out.

This guy Jay is some kinda character. If he had a theme song, it would surely be "Forty Cups of Coffee." He lives on the liquid. And when he consumes it, he doesn't do it like anyone else I've ever known. He doesn't sip it. He doesn't gulp it. He slurps it. The resulting sound reminds me of a horse drinking water.

The other night our boy Jay was playing cards with X. From all outward appearances it seems that both of them had had too much coffee beforehand. They looked like a creosoted Churchy Lafemme and a bewildered Pogo engaged in a Scrabble contest. It could only have been amusing to those who know Jay and X.

Jay is the chief cook and bottle washer. He can prepare a repast fit for a king. A hobo king. Charles of the Ritz has nothing on him. If you don't believe it, ask him.

Till next time, be careful!

Alumnus Has Exhibit In North Carolina

Raiford Porter, an RPI graduate, has an exhibition of his paintings and sketches in The Weatherspoon Gallery at Woman's College, a division of The University of North Carolina, in Greensboro, N. C.

Porter, a graduate of Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, N. C., has his BFA degree in Art Education from RPI and his MFA degree from Woman's College. Porter, a Richmonder, attended The University of Viva-Bhorati, Shantiniketan, India, in 1952 and 1953 on a Fulbright Scholarship.

The paintings and sketches in the exhibit were among those done under his Fulbright Scholarship.

Novel By Former Instructor Has Local Setting

Reviewed by

Mac Shackelford, Jr.

"Journey To Nowhere" is the fourth novel by Nedra Tyre, RPI summer instructor in the sociology department. Though lacking the keen insight which Miss Tyre employed in developing her characters in relation to their environments in former novels, "Journey To Nowhere" is a fast moving vehicle which evidently has the capacity for holding the average reader's interest.

It is expected that particular appeal will be registered because of local color and proximity values. The first third of the plot unfolds within RPI's immediate vicinity.

Miss Tyre's creation of Wellington College and its plausible faculty could not be termed a parallel of RPI, but it justly serves its purpose. In dealing with her fictional faculty characters the author makes some interesting observations of educators.

The novel's heroine, Mary Wilson, is depicted as a sensitive unworried girl in her twenties who suffers a complex as the result of a number of unpleasant experiences brought about by her childhood and fiancé.

As she becomes the victim of a plot, the reader senses the sheer terror she experiences. The plot's elements all occur amid settings which are visible and create an atmosphere not to be forgotten.

Theft In Gym Reported

Twenty-five dollars and two wrist watches were stolen from lockers in the gym February 2. The mid-afternoon theft occurred while a basketball scrimmage was in session.

A student, on his way to the locker-room, identified a man leaving. Police are investigating the case.

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'Amahl' Opera Lead Given Freshman Girl

Playing the part of an understudy may seem an unimportant position to some of us, but for a freshman here on campus, it proved to be anything but unimportant.

Nancy Downer was cast as the understudy to a 13 year old boy soprano who had been given the lead part in "Amahl and The Night Visitors." This is the opera that the Music Department will present in February, sponsored by the Accidental Club.

But due to the young boy's voice changing, Nancy found herself an understudy no longer; she was to play Amahl! Shocked, she began rehearsals that will go on for two months more.

Nancy is from Gordonsville, Virginia, where she went to Orange County High School. Here at RPI she is a major in music and a minor in piano.

"But playing the role of a boy doesn't come naturally," Nancy said. For the part, she will have to cut her hair, lose weight, and learn how to walk like a cripple. Also her one year of dramatics in high school will be tested.

Others in the cast include: Mother, Dorothy Clarke, Mezzo Soprano;

King Kaspar, Erving Covert, Tenor; King Melchior, Milton Christy, Baritone; King Balthazar, Walter Smith, Bass; Page, Neil Lewis, Bass. There will also be a chorus of shepherds and villagers, and two dancers in the cast.

"Amahl And The Night Visitors" will be directed by Wayne L. Batty, and is to be presented at the Mary Munford High School this month.

Nancy stated that she thinks their production of Menotti's famous opera will be a successful one. A lot

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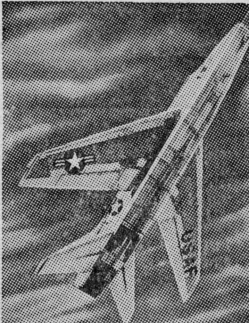
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