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## RPI Vets Agree On Practicability Of G.I. Training

By S. A. Saks

Who was it that said that the aim of education was to make a man able to serve his country in peace and war? Well, whoever it was, he certainly had the right idea, especially so far as the GI Bill of Rights goes.

Here at RPI we have about 350 veterans, men and women, continuing their education with the aid of the government they so ably served. These vets, mostly of the Korean Conflict, have the benefit of a maximum of 36 months of training. They receive \$110 a school month if they are full-time students with no dependents. With the help of this allowance, the veterans must meet all their own training expenses.

Tom Harrison, freshman social science major from Richmond, Va., finished a four-year hitch with the Navy before coming to RPI.

"I plan to stay here for two years and then go somewhere to study law," said the bespectacled Navy vet.

Roy Jenkins, Jr., a studious art education major from Hampton, Va., was cornered in the library. The transfer sophomore from Shenandoah College is an army veteran of two years. Jenkins came to RPI because he feels it offers the best course in art education.

"And besides," added Jenkins, "I'm planning to get married at Christmas and I want to be near Hampton where my girl lives."

Roy lives off campus and works in a super market to meet his extra expenses. In his mind the school meets every qualification, especially the financial ones.

Before going into service, Jenkins "had sort of thought of going to college" but while in the army he definitely made up his mind. Mr. Jenkins, Sr., works with the VA.

"The Bill is a wonderful opportunity to go to school," contends Roy. "I knew several boys who couldn't have gotten higher schooling if it hadn't been for the Bill."

### No Bartending

A veteran may take almost any course except those in bartending, dancing or personality development, says a VA pamphlet.

Mac Shackelford, senior from Pendleton, S. C., decided in the army that he would come to RPI and study to be a high school journalism teacher; before going into the army, Mac had worked on a newspaper.

"I like the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the city," stated the sandy haired senior when questioned as to why he came here. "I used to visit here while I was stationed at Camp Pickett. And then too, it's so convenient to hop up to D. C. for a weekend."

### Small School Better

Mac said he liked RPI when it wasn't as large; it was easier getting to know everybody. "I like it (RPI), but I'd like it better if there were more instructors like Miles Woods." A former third vice-president of the Future Teachers chapter, Mac went on to say that another reason for his liking this college is the fact that they were able to organize the George J. Oliver chapter of the FTA. Mac practice teaches at Hermitage High School.

Had it not been for the Bill, Shackelford he says he would have gone back to his old job and forgotten all about his dream of teaching.

Stuart Span is a sophomore advertising major from Richmond. Span came here to school because of the good advertising courses offered. "I realized in the Navy," recalled the veteran, "that a college education is a necessity."

In the Navy, Span took correspondence courses in order to finish his secondary education and then decided on college. He wouldn't have been able to come had it not been for the Bill. Stuart lives at home and works (Continued on page 6)

## Richmond Set to Don Holiday Togs

Richmond dons her glad rags this weekend for the opening of the seventh annual Tobacco Festival. The capital city seethes with activity and gay plans.

Presenting the musical version of Mary Johnston's "To Have and To Hold," the Richmond Opera Group, assisted by the Richmond Civic Ballet, the Theatre Associates of RPI and the Richmond Department of Recreation and Parks, actually opened the festivities Wednesday night.

Principal events scheduled during the four-day celebration includes a two-mile illuminated parade Friday evening (tomorrow), and a golf tournament, three dances and two football games.

Twenty bands, thirty-one floats, five marching units, color guards and carloads of dignitaries will comprise the parade.

Leading the parade, which starts at 5:45 p.m. Friday, will be General Mark Clark and his Citadel band and bagpipers. The parade will travel up Broad Street from Chimborazo Park to Harrison Street. Eighteen princesses will appear in the parade, each anxiously awaiting the announcement of the judges selection for the 1955 Tobacco Festival Queen.

Ferko's Wonder Bread String Band, whose recordings of "Alabama Jubilee" attained popularity a few months ago, will add color to the formation.

An RPI Alumni float, VPI's Pershing Rifles, a precision marching unit, and the University of Richmond band are among the units in the parade.

At 8:30 p.m. Friday the University of Richmond football eleven will meet the Citadel team in City Stadium. At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, the University of Virginia will play Penn State. The latter game also will be preceded by a parade.

The Queen of Tobaccoland will be crowned by General Clark as part of Saturday's pre-game celebration.

## Junior Class To Hold Dance For Freshmen

The Junior Class will sponsor a Rat Sock Dance tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the new gym to bring to a climax the traditional "Rat Week."

There will be no admission charge and a local four-piece combo will play. Refreshments will be served by the class.

Prizes will be awarded to the outstanding boy and girl rats. Big brothers and big sisters are to act as hosts and hostesses for this dance and escort their little brothers and sisters.

Some of you upper classmen may have thought we have had a lot of air raids this week. But the Rat Council likes the way the rats make like a siren, when the alarm is sounded.

All rats have to wear octagon signs with their name, address, phone number, and sizes adequately displayed. Rat hats or green and gold ribbons must be worn to let everyone know that they are RPI rats.

The favorite food of rats is cheese, and the RPI rats must never be without this staff of life. All boy rats must wear one earring to be in rat style.

The Alma Mater and Honor Code must be known perfectly, because Rat Council members may call on rats to perform at any time.

Trials are held daily for freshmen who have failed to comply with the rules of rat week. These trials are held at noon and five o'clock at the side of the Ad Bldg.

Members of the Rat Council are Ed Peeples, Lester Simpson, Elizabeth Walker, Jean Wooldridge, Mary Ella Herbert, Jim Wrenn, Archie Blaha, and Pat Johnson.

## 1956 Annual Staff Announces Contest To Change Name of RPI Yearbook

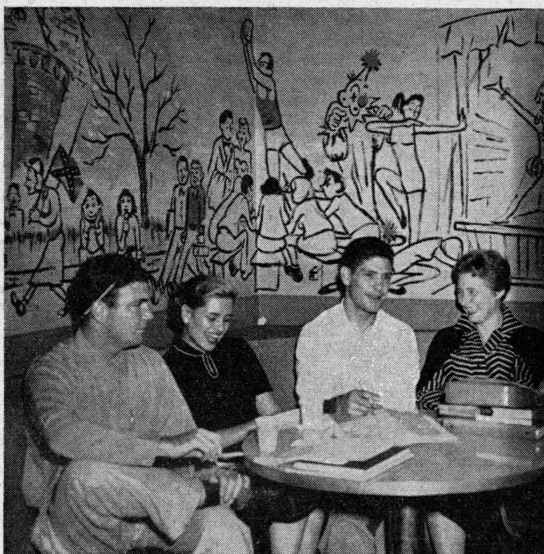


Photo by Woodcock

**SOMETHING FUNNY?**—Between class jokes in the Slop Shop, Tom Monahan, SGA president, seems to be keeping Barbara Bloom, Clarence Nebblets, Sue Brothens in stitches.

## Future Teachers Hold Get-Together; Discuss Plans

The first meeting of the George J. Oliver Chapter of Future Teachers of America was held Tuesday, October 4, at 3 p.m. at 819 W. Franklin Street. The program included a fellowship hour, and refreshments were served.

"Students who wish to find out more about this professional club are urged to attend the next meeting," Joe Locke, president, said. "Plans for the next meeting will be announced in the next Proscript," he added.

### VEA Member

The local chapter is a member of the Virginia Education Association, an associate member of the National Education Association and is sponsored by the Henrico Education Association. H. Herbert Levenson, an RPI graduate, is president of the sponsoring

## Forty Members At GC Outing

The German Club on Sunday, September 25 held its first outing at Hanover Wayside, at 2 p.m.

Secretary Joe Dent announced that 40 members and their dates were present.

The German Club's first business meeting was held at 6:15 Tuesday, October 4, in the Shafer Playhouse.

At the last Get Acquainted Meeting, President Earl Andleton announced that the club would adopt a pledge pin.

organization.

The chapter's first social event of the season was a "Get-Acquainted" Picnic Thursday, September 22, at Bryan Park. Approximately 30 members attended.



Photo by Woodcock

**HERE'S HOW!**—Instructor Charles Renick shows Tom Jones how its done, while Betty Hollone works in background.

## Free Yearbook Goes to Winner Of Name Contest

A "Name the Annual Contest," which will begin with this issue of the PROSCRIPT and run through next Thursday, October 13, was announced today by the RPI annual staff. Changing the name of the college yearbook was not a new idea, as a similar project was undertaken a few years ago but never developed.

Years ago when the annual was first published as the Wigwam, RPI was much closer associated with its mother college, William and Mary. Today, however, this institution is standing more on its own two feet. With this main objective, the 1956 yearbook staff has decided to continue with plans for changing the former Wigwam to some new name more closely connected with our own campus here.

### CONTEST RULES

The rules for the contest were drawn up by the annual staff, and are to be as follows:

1. The contest is open to all students of the Richmond Professional Institute.
2. All entries must be submitted no later than next Thursday, October 13, 1955.
3. All entries must be dated. In case of a tie, the earliest entry received will be considered winner.
4. Entries will be judged by Dean Johnson, Mr. Bill O'Connell, and the annual staff members.
5. Decision of the judges will be final.

### ELECTION PLANS

An election will be held, open to all students, to determine a name from three chosen by the committee. The student body will vote on one of these three chosen by the judges. The outcome of this election will remain a secret until the 1956 annual is published in May.

It is imperative that all name entries be in by October 13, and boxes will be provided in the "Slop Shop" and at the night school office. Either the entry blank in the PROSCRIPT or those provided at the boxes may be used.

The prize for the winning entry will be a free annual. If the winning student has already paid for the yearbook, the money will be refunded.

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Two new staff members have been added since last semester's appointments. They are Editor-in-Chief, Mona Mitchell, a senior commercial art major; and Margaret Powell, a freshman art major who will serve as the annual's art editor. Other staff positions remain the same.

Mr. Bill O'Connell, advisor to the annual this year, stated in regards to the contest, "I hope that every student will take the annual contest seriously, and that some good names will be submitted."

Actual work on the 1956 annual has already run up against the handicap of not having a name. It is hard to plan a yearbook, as to title, theme, etc., without first knowing the name of the book from which most of the material is built around.

Plans, however, are not at a complete stand still.

At the staff meeting last week a schedule was tentatively planned to go into production. The design for the cover of the book will be handled in much the same way as it was last year.

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## All Can't Be Born in Log Cabins

The signs are unmistakable. The die is cast. Davy Crockett, as a juvenile craze, his dying prolonged, but fortunately a certain death. Over the nation millions of Crockett embossed T-shirts have at last begun to succumb to the rigors of wash-day detergents, coonskin hats, once adorning the heads of bear hunters and criminal investigators have been crammed into clothes closets along with plastic buckskins, and dracoon-handled revolvers. Even die-hard pop singers have lately shyed away from Crockett like a chippie at a West End tea party.

But the fact remains that the Crockett legend, in an adult, and to be certain, a more subdued form is still very much alive. It will continue as long as Americans cast their vote in belief of the fallacy that poverty breeds the most capable leaders.

Born and reared in backwoods ignorance, Crockett managed by the expediency of tall tales and greasy buckskins to be elected to Congress. While it may be wrong to state that Davy started the "rags to Congress" move, it would not be wrong to say he was a pioneer. Things have not changed much. Today no politician worth his salt would admit to being born in anything but the most humble circumstances. The rules are hard and fast. Birth in log cabins is cardinal; only in exception cases will birth in slum areas be accepted. Buses, and other means of school transportation are out. Every politician who ever lived walked to school. The distance walked varying from seven to ten miles in the South to a somewhat shorter distance in the snowy East and Midwest. Depth of snow has proven a matter of great conjecture for many years, with the New England rule-of-thumb saying three feet; the Midwest carrying on with a lesser depth of two feet.

There is agreement all around on the type of school a politician attended. A quick look at the record shows that no politician has ever made public the fact that he attended a wealthy school such as Harvard, Yale, or Princeton.

The school must be heated by pot-bellied stoves, and must be a school that requires each student to work his way through. Selling Cloverine brand salve, and the Grit newspaper have become standard as a means of procuring an education.

It only requires a short trip back in history to find this true. In the '52 Presidential nominations, Bob Kerr, ex-Oklahoma Governor, went as far as to erect a replica of his birthplace—a log cabin, of course—in the lobby of a Chicago convention hotel! This was to sugar coat the fact that Gov. Kerr was a multi-millionaire owner of several middle size oil fields and other enterprises. Nearly all political experts agree that Adlai Stevenson lost to Eisenhower, not because he was not qualified for the job, but for the asinine reason that he born to wealthy parents, reared in luxury, and made the fatal mistake of graduating from Princeton.

This propensity to elect a leader because of his adverse start in life is in actuality, an exaggerated observance of the American tradition of rooting for the under-dog. Rooting for the under-dog may have a place in love, war, or baseball, but seems to be a little bit stupid when it comes to electing governing officials on this basis.

It can not be denied that poverty has produced some capable leaders, but in the long run poverty produces exactly what one would expect, and what one can readily observe—more poverty.

—CLH

## October—Magic Month, Says Boyle

NEW YORK—If the Lord whispered in your secret heart that you had but one month to live and let you pick that month, which would you choose? I'd say OCTOBER.

The birds love it, the beasts love it, and man himself then stands upon the summit of the year.

October is all the other seasons wrapped into a 31-day grabbag package, tied with a rainbow ribbon. It is the period when Mother Nature, the great dramatist, brings her traveling road show to a climax.

This is the month that, like a cider press, squeezes out the best juices of all the other months—the promise of spring, the sultry joys of summer, the afterglow of autumn, the premonitory chill of winter. Everything that walks the earth feels an amber thrill, a tremendous bubbling vitality that sings in the pulse.

Now is the glory of the universe manifest, and in the mighty pageant of the hills each patch of woods elects its own tree beauty queen. You like the dogwood? We won't quarrel. I'll take the maple, that yellow torch!

The birds looked on disdainfully while foolish man clogged every steaming road with his July vacations.

They know tie rig time to travel. They have hung a "to let" sign on their nests and cloud the serene skies with a billion wings beating southward. The worm they missed noses deeper into the turf, muttering, "safe at last."

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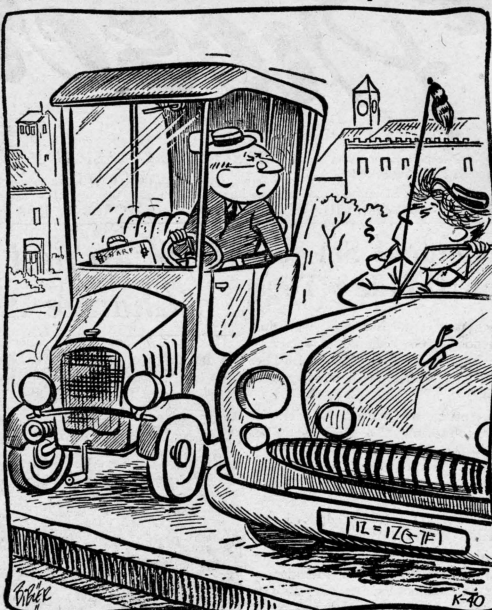
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## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"My advice would be not to drop school to go into your father's business—you need a college education these days to find success and financial security."

## On The Bookshelf

By Mac Shackelford, Jr.

It is hoped that by this time the mass of new students, numbering over 600, has had a chance to acquaint itself with the RPI library. As is evidenced by the bulletin board of book jackets at the back entrance to the Ad Building, our library features new books of every description to suit the needs and interests of a student body representing perhaps as many varied interests and needs as could be found on any American campus. If asked about the various types of students who request books at the library, I'm sure the librarians and their student assistants would say that they can always guess the student's "major" by his appearance. The entire staff is there to serve all students and is doing a good job of it!

### Catching Up To Keep Up

If you're like this student-reporter you tried to catch up on your back reading last summer. If one was on a job or in summer school it was usually found that there was more time for reading than during a regular semester crammed full of term papers, book reports, and many scholastic requirements. It is hoped that the Bookshelf column won't seem too



Shackelford

since magazine articles which aren't exactly current are being mentioned, but in an endeavor to catch up with the pile of reading materials which continues to mount it is very hard to read articles of interest the minute they hit the newsstands and magazine racks.

### Articles of General Interest in U. S. News and World Reports

Did you know that 32 million families, meaning two out of every three, own TV sets? Well, this is just one of the opening sentences in the departmentalized article thoroughly treating the effect of TV on Americans which appears in the September 2 issue of U. S. News and World Report. In a series of articles, all in this one issue, the following topics relating to TV are discussed: What TV Is Doing to Children (including comments from parents), What TV Is Doing to Politics, What TV Is Doing to Religion, How TV Is Changing Farm Life and finally The Proposed Use of TV in Education.

### Migration to California

Turning back to the September 16 issue of U. S. News and World Report a big spread on Los Angeles is found. The article entitled, A City—200 Miles Long?, deals with the rapid growth of this area of California, the nation's fastest growing state. Interviews with L. A.'s mayor points out the inside dope on how and why this

is the nation's fastest growing city. It seems that the variety in living could be the general sum offered as the answer. Amid the much technical and pertinent data and statistics concerning L. A. found in the article is the fact that L. A. is now the nation's third largest city and expects to outdo New York in 20 years!

### Newsweek Treats Private Education

Of possible interest to RPIte's who are graduates of private schools in Newsweek's September 19 issue presentation of *Revolution in Private Education*. A picture of private schools or prep schools, as they are usually referred to, in this country is given. The students themselves air their views on the type of training these schools give.

For example, one student said that he prized his private school education because "I think there is no better place than Andover to learn how to solve the same type of problems which you will face in later life, nor any better place to learn to hold your own in a society which is as competitive—if not more so—than the society of adults."

In this reader's opinion, this is a very far-fetched statement and one to be seriously considered. Being prejudiced against private education because of the opinion that it is not democratic and does not give the student a realistic picture of any type of society much less that of adults I strongly disagree with this statement. Advocates of a strong modern democratic system of public education for ALL American youth regardless of family background and their finances will not want to endorse the idea of private education below the college level.

How can anyone argue in the first place that a school segregated by sex, as all of the prep schools mentioned in the Newsweek article are, gives the adolescent a clear picture of society? We do not have a one-sex society. Now more than ever before boys and girls need to work and play together in school in order that they may be acclimated to each other when they embark upon the modern and practical business world of today in which both sexes are employed.

Besides this advantage in training which the public school offers over the private school, the modern school system is now endorsing a program of work and study for it's students whereby the school and community integrate forces to train the youth in all phases of actual careers, for example, the D. E. work-experience program for teen-ager's which features on-the-job training. The merit of such a program is now recognized to such a degree that it is not frowned upon as being "non-intellectual and non-academic" as it once may have been. In fact, it may be that in many instances the student of today who is active in vocational training and work-experi-

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By Clyde Simmons

More holdovers and a general delay in booking of some pictures seems to be the order of the day. Loew's held over "To Hell and Back," "Summer-time" seems to have escaped with the coming of the fall season, "The McConnell Story" will take a nose-dive for a possible two week stay on the screen of the Colonial theater beginning next week.

"Story" (seen by your reviewer three weeks ago) is much better than "Strategic Air Command" which toured the country during the summer. "Story" is a factual and now historical event in the history of the United States Air Force. Capt. Joseph McConnell, Jr., was the first jet ace this country claimed as its own. McConnell became well known as the jet ace during the Korean conflict. The movie shows much of the struggle he encountered while convincing the U. S. Army Air Force (at that time), that he would make a better pilot than a potato peeler. June Allyson plays Alan Ladd's love and his wife. Alan Ladd, as Joseph McConnell, has one of the better roles of his career, and James Whitmore turns in his usual fine job.

McConnell's success as a jet ace comes to a tragic end after his reassignment from his Korean duties to another job here in the states. The movie is very well done and deserves credit for its merits!

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Arriving at the Lee Thursday is a double feature: Louis de Rochemont's "The Animal Farm," and Graham Green's "The Stranger's Hand." "Farm" is the much talked about movie (cartoon), which begins simply on an animal farm and winds up with various animals depicting people of political importance. The pigs assume the important roles due to their intelligence and belief that all animals are equal. It's wonderful satire on the political status of the world's important leading statesmen.

"Stranger's Hand" stars Trevor Howard, Alida Valli, Richard Base-



Simmons

hart, (who chose to work in foreign films rather than to face the rat-race of Hollywood), and Eduardo Cianelli. Basic plot: A young boy arrives in Venice to visit his father whom he has not seen in three years. Upon his arrival at the hotel where his father has made a reservation for him, his father calls to say he'll be right over; he never arrives and it is later discovered that he has been kidnapped by enemy agents. The action which follows is suspenseful and involving. Two exciting movies for the price of one!

We hope the Lee will continue to have such fine and outstanding movies as "Out of This World," "Four Ways Out," and "The Divided Heart." They all have a place on the screen of the American movie theaters.

National

A Zane Grey novel roars to the screen once again. This time in the movie version of "Robbers Roost." The film stars George Montgomery and co-stars Richard Boone, Sylvia Findley and Bruce Bennett. Essence of the plot: Two rival gangs of cattle rustlers deliberately pitted against each other. Filmed in Eastman color.

Sip an' Listen

James Stewart has returned to this country after completing sequences for "The Spirit of St. Louis" in Paris... a stock shot of the fatal crash of the dirigible Shenandoah, 1925, will be used in a scene of "The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell".... John Wayne is the latest Hollywood star to appear on the ABC-TV show, "Warner Bros. Presents".... The Psychological motivations of the characters in the script of "Rebel Without a Cause" was checked by Dr. Douglas M. Kelley, professor of criminology at the University of California....

Many of us waited too late to secure tickets from the Richmond Film Society for the 1955 season, (your reviewer included), yet, we feel that films on the docket for showing are of importance, if for no other reason, to show us what we are going to miss. (Volpone), (the Blue Angel), (The

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## ASL Begins Activities On Nov. Carnival

The Art Students' League has begun work on its forthcoming annual carnival, which is to be held in November. The carnival will include among its features art exhibits, Dime-a-dance booths, fortune telling, short melodramas, and the selection of a Carnival King and Queen from the nominations made by the member groups of the ASL.

The Interior Decorating Club, Music Club, Drama Club, Commercial Art Club, Fine Arts Club and Fashion Club are the six member organizations of the ASL. The presidents of these groups and the members of the ASL form the Art Students' League Council, which sets dates for and plans their four major affairs presented during the year. Besides the annual carnival, there is the Mardi Gras in March, a week-long trip to New York in April, and the Art Students' League Talent Show in the spring. Membership in the Art Students' League is limited to the people who join any one of the member groups and remain active for a year, whereupon they automatically become ASL members. Each of the individual clubs has its own programs, but as parts of the League, they contribute their specific talents to the work of the larger body.

Officers for this year are as follows: president, Millie Rosenberg; vice-president, Milton Christy; secretary, Retta Robbins; treasurer, Sue Davila; and SGA representative, Mona Mitchell.

## Class of '59 Marks Birth

Under the guidance of Roy Horton, SGA representative to the freshman class, the neophytes have finally made their organizational beginnings.

At the convocation held September 17, during Orientation week, committees were organized. Of the three committees, entertainment, publicity, and constitution, the latter two have begun their work. The constitution chairman, Charlie Stewart, and the rest of his committee, Harriet Davids, Ellen Stein, Shirley Green, Betty Walker, and Tom Harrison, read the existing constitution. They found only one change needed. If the proposed alteration is passed, the secretary of the class will no longer head the publicity committee. As a separate group, with its own chairman, the publicity committee will notify the president of the class of appointments as well as functions.

The entertainment committee, consisting of John Bruno, chairman, Barbara Wilcox, Marilyn Ende, Rachel Lewis, and Ann Coggins, held a meeting on Tuesday, September 27. No definite plans were made.

The publicity committee claims as its head Bob Brushwood, who is aided by Jean Clothier, Patty Gup, and Carol Edds.

At the meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, October 4, at 7:30 in the old gym, election of officers and nominations for faculty advisors was held. At the time of the meeting, Rat Week rules were already distributed and the week of initiation was in full swing.

The class made three nominations for faculty advisor. The names were then turned over to the SGA, which will choose one as advisor to the Class of '59.

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## American Studies New Program at Wesleyan College

Macon, Ga. — (I.P.) — American Studies is a relatively new major at Wesleyan College. Under this title, it will be offered for the first time this fall. If a student selects it, instead of concentrating in one department, she takes related courses in several departments. Depending upon her aims, she chooses from a wide variety of courses.

The purpose of the program is to aid a student in understanding the different methods which are typical of different disciplines. In the course there will be an extended exploration of a topic to be chosen by the class. Possible topics are the American woman, the impact of industrialism, the rise of social reform, the genteel tradition, American society since 1918, and the southern mind and culture.

A student does not have to be in the program of American Studies 361-362 in order to take this course, but may choose it as an elective. The program is intended for persons interested in the fields of literature, history, the fine arts, and the social sciences. It is designed to give a broad background for journalists, teachers, creative writers, librarians, social workers and public servants.

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## Cinemascope

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Lady Vanishes), Nicholas Nickelby), (Robin Hood), (The Joyless Street), (Foreign Correspondent), (The Eternal Return), and (Passion). Everyone of these movies are classics and probably couldn't be shown in a commercial theater today without serious



Alan Ladd stars as real-life jet ace in "The McConnell Story." June Allyson co-stars in Warners' CinemaScope aviation drama.

box office losses. God Bless the Richmond Film Society!

Loew's

To replace "Summertime," Loew's has "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes," starring Jane Russell and Jeanne Crain. The film is so new that pre-engagement material was not available at press time on Wednesday. Interest is being stimulated in the movie by a publicity stunt most theaters are co-operating on . . . a free trip to the Gay City of Paris! Outside of Jane Russell's role in the French Line, this role should be one of her bosomiest! See you there!

## On the Bookshelf

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ence at the high school level outdoes his introverted friends who are living in the textbooks of foreign languages rather than being engaged in a related practical program of not just thinking but actually doing.

Nathan's Train on Unusual Journey

The author of Portrait of Jennie,

Robert Nathan, is at it again with his usage of an unusual situation to vividly present the realities of our feelings and why we have them in his latest book, *The Train in The Meadow*, published by Knopf. The novel is available in the RPI library.

Here's a novel that is so short in content that you can read it in a few brief sittings or better still, it's rich in content. Nathan's smooth-flowing style and his unique mixture of reality and fantasy, of satire and sentiment, toward some of the problems of present-day living have enabled him to write a serious and yet enjoyable story.

His *Portrait of Jennie*, published in 1940, was one of the few prominent novels to successfully give the layman a picture of how and why the artist is creative. Altogether a serious novel in theme, *Portrait* presents the philosophy of the creative artist by utilization of a deep love story as the vehicle of conveyance. This is a novel that many art students who are devoted to their field will probably enjoy even though they may not be in the habit of reading much fiction.

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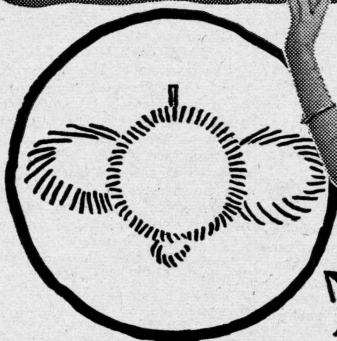
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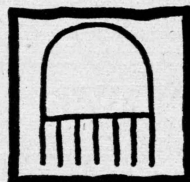
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# Alma Burton, Va. State College Queen For '55, Claims RPI As Home Campus



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ALMA BURTON—College Queen Candidate.

## '55 Queen Hails From Charlotte

By Clyde Simmons

An exciting personality about campus these days is Alma Burton. Alma was named the 1955 State of Virginia College Queen and entered in competition along with girls from all over the country for the title of "1955 College Queen."

A sophomore at RPI, Alma comes from Charlotte, North Carolina, as a graduate from Charlotte's Central High School. Interior Design seems to fascinate her, so . . . that's her major.

During our interview, we chatted about philosophy, psychology, men from the female point of view, theater, and her plans for the future.

When asked what she expected of the man she hopes to marry, Alma said, "I expect him to have an education which is well rounded; he must be thoughtful, considerate, and most of all, loving." "Looks and biceps just don't matter," she related.

She expounded on the point that her close friends are chosen for their sincerity and general interests which coincide with hers. "We all have many acquaintances, and very few friends," she said. From these statements, a long and interesting conversation developed concerning the philosophy of a friendship.

Material items hold no strange fascination for her. She is very seldom bothered with or without the root of all evil . . . money! How to save money rather than how to spend it has been her motto. As Alma phrases it, "I have always been taught to save."

Alma says she developed her interest in interior design when she was a junior in high school. "I'm not an artist, but I love to create. Sewing is a good hobby even if I never use it professionally. I've been sewing since the fifth grade in school."

When asked why she wanted to go to college, the College Queen said, "I'll be able to be out on my own and won't have to depend on anyone at all. I was raised in an orphanage and I had to depend on other people. That is the reason for my desire for independence."

The finals in the contest were held in Asbury Park, New Jersey. While there, Alma was guest of the city. As a state prize, she received round-trip transportation. She had her first trip to New York and was quite excited about it. "When told that I had been selected to represent RPI and Virginia in the contest, I was taken completely by surprise," said Alma. She still attributes her acceptance of the honor to represent RPI and the State of Virginia to her friends and roommate. "I just couldn't believe that I had either the beauty or brains to do it," she mused.

For winning the state college queen title honors, Alma received the 1955 National Queen Diploma Scroll, designating her as the most beautiful and brainy college girl in her state, a boxed set of Dancercraft sterling jewelry consisting of a pin and earrings, a specially designed state map, shaped charm bracelet created by Marchal Jewelers of Fifth Ave., an around the clock wardrobe of college blouses, and a gold hat box collection of John Robert Powers Cosmetics. That's a lot of winning for a little girl!

## Advanced Eng. Offered at R.M.

Lynchburg, Va.—(I.P.)—An advanced course in English Composition has been added to the curriculum at Randolph-Macon Woman's College as part of an overall program to encourage the superior student to develop properly.

The course, to begin this fall, will be open to freshmen of superior aptitude and skill in the area of English. An introduction to literature with emphasis upon critical and expository writing, and with attention to individual writing programs, will be included in the course.

## Psych Club Elects Officials; Plan Trip

The recently reorganized Psychology Club has completed its list of officers. They are: president, Richard Allen; vice-president, Major Bryan; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Miller; secretary, Mrs. Rita Buckner Smith; publicity director, James Woodruff; and SGA representative, Ann Stafford. The Social Committee, headed by Mrs. Miller consists of Major Shibo and Bill Treadway.

The Psych Club has tentative plans for the future. Among these are a trip to Washington, D. C., a visit to the state penitentiary, tours of mental hospitals, industries, and clinics. Speakers are planned throughout the semester.

Membership to this organization is not limited to psychology majors. Anyone, including freshmen, with a genuine interest in learning about his fellowman is qualified to belong.

The present enrollment includes 18 newly acquired members.

## Platter Chatter

By Al Reynolds

On April 20, 1935, two sure-fire ingredients—a contest and popular music—were combined in a radio program that was to make "No. 1 on your hit parade" part of the American dialect. July 10, 1950, the show moved into the TV field. There have been only three conductors: Lennie Hayton, Mark Warnow, and Raymond Scott.

The show, however, has had many top recording stars such as Bonnie Baker, Lawrence Tibbett, Frank Sinatra, and Jane Edwards to name only a few. "Soon" was the very first No. 1 tune back in '35; "Mr. Sandman" found itself first on January 1, 1955. Here are Your Hit Parade's top tunes of the past season:

### HIT TUNES OF '54

"Ebb Tide," "Stranger in Paradise," "Secret Love," "Wanted," "Young At Heart," "Little Things Mean a Lot," "Three Coins in the Fountain," "I Need You Now." Also "If I Give My Heart to You," "Teach Me Tonight," and "Mr. Sandman." The most recent No. 1 hit is, of course, "Yellow Rose of Texas," made popular by Johnny Desmond.

### DECCA NEWS

Decca may have another "Honey Babe" in its release of "Dogface Soldier" from the Audie Murphy film, *To Hell and Back*. The song is an infantry march much as "Honey Babe" is a traditional Marine march. The recording is by Russ Morgan's orchestra, with a male chorus.

The new Decca album to coincide with Judy Garland's TV extravaganza, is called "Greatest Performances" and contains the original recordings of her biggest hits, "Dear Mr. Gable," "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Over the Rainbow," and others. Kiddy records by Pinky Lee and Robert Q. Lewis are being issued this week by Decca, who has also announced singing Paul Winchell, Charity Bailey, and Kukla, Fran and Ollie for future kiddie discs.

### BACKGROUND MUSIC

The latest in background music is a series of Columbia albums suggesting things for which to provide a background. There is, for example, an album of "Music for Gracious Living," subtitled, "Buffet." The editors of *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine provide recipes for this Buffet which include ham mousse, two-tone tomatoes, and a baked fruit compote. Other albums include "Barbecue," "Foresome," "After the Dance," and "Do-It-Yourself." The platters were recorded by Pete Barclay and his orchestra.

### FRANKIE AGAIN

Frank Sinatra had his "year" in 1954, according to *Downbeat Magazine*, which cited Frankie's Oscar for "From Here to Eternity," his best-selling album, "Songs for Young Lovers," and his best-selling single record, "Young at Heart." They also voted him "U. S. Favorite Pop Singer." (The last time he took that title was in 1947.) Yes, Frankie's on top again, the musical man of the year, after many ups and downs.

### OFF-BEAT RECORDS

Like off-beat bands, records like these don't have a screw loose or time out of wack. They're just discs whose producers know beforehand they probably won't blare from every juke box

in town, but that will fill a demand, command a following, have good if not spectacular sales. Here are some different, if not strange, titles:

"The War of the Worlds," from the movie of the same name; "Greta," a group of intimate songs by the famous Greta Keller; "Kinsey Report," by Dr. Murray Bank; "One God, the ways we worship Him," done by Eddie Albert; and such discs as, "If I'm Elected," "Noel Coward," "Musicians of the Past," "The Investigation," and "John Barrymore reads Shakespeare."

### JUST CHATTER

Patti Page says this is the correct Italian pronunciation of the title of her new recording: "Crocce Di Oro" ("Crown-Chay D-Or'Oh.") The Chordettes' recording, "The Wedding," was originally a rock and role tune. It's another long string that has been converted to pop. America's entry for the official theme of the 1956 Olympics in Australia is "Olympic March." The song is being recorded soon by Sammy Kaye for Columbia.

## Opening Dance Saturday Nite

The Continentals will furnish the music for Opening Dances to be held at the Mosque Saturday night.

The decorations for the dance are being handled by the Senior Class. Mona Mitchell and Teenie Heilig are heading the committee. The theme will be "Autumn Leaves" and the ballroom will be decorated accordingly in the traditional fall colors.

Girls will receive 1:30 lates and guest bids may be picked up in the SGA office or from SGA officers.

## Club Sets Operas

The Accidental Club will sponsor two contemporary operas this year. They will be "Comedy on the Bridge" and "Prima Donna."

Talent for the operas will be drawn from RPI.

The Accidental Club is a musical association with membership of 60 girls.

## Yes We Had No Gloves

Jerry Chadwick, columnist, writes in the East Texan, weekly publication of East Texas State Teachers College:

"How many times have you opened the glove compartment of your automobile—and taken out a pair of gloves?"

Originally designed for the long, heavy gauntlet of the Stanley Steamer days, the glove compartment still retains its title, but the contents have changed.

In preparing this article, the interiors of seven glove compartments were examined and not one pair of gloves was discovered.

Articles ranging from super anahist to beer openers, ticket stubs to a 1954 production of "The Student Prince," unused subscriptions to *Time Magazine*, copper wire, 22 shells, golf balls, a paper bound copy of "Dinner at Belmont," and untold pins, pencils and school supplies were uncovered, but not a single pair of gloves.

It would appear that the vanished garment is not the bustle but the gloves.

One person interviewed had the gall to deny that he had ever heard of the term glove compartment. "I always called it the car pocket," said he. "And as for carrying gloves there, I wonder who would wear gloves in a car?"

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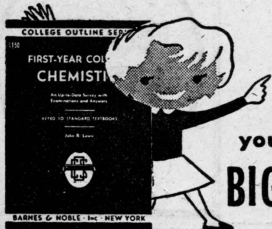
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## PIGSKIN PREDICTIONS

By Pat Joyce

Here is an analysis of the top five games across the country plus the predicted scores for these and other football games of October seventh and eighth.

### Notre Dame vs. Miami (Fla.)

This is the game of the week, and a hard one to pick.

Notre Dame fans are breathing much easier after their 17-0 triumph over SMU. The reason, the search for a quarterback to replace Ralph Guglielmi has ended. Paul Hornung is the "fair haired boy." Hornung and Don Shaefer form the nucleus of the traditional power-packed Fighting Irish backfield. Steve Lemek, a tackle, leads the forward wall.

Miami held Georgia Tech to a close 14-6 victory and established themselves as a team not to be regarded lightly. They have a brilliant field general in Mario Bonafiglio, who is backed up by Dick Rouviere at left halfback. The rest of the team contains no big names, but is very well-balanced at every position.

This could go either way. The choice here is Notre Dame, 28-14.

### Florida State vs. VPI

Florida State is to be taken more seriously than in previous years. They had a fine eight-and-three record last year under Tom Nugent, the ex-VMI coach. However, their schedule is much heavier this year and unless they pull a rash of upsets, they should end up at five won and five lost.

Va. Tech's Gobblers rolled to 33-0 trample of Penn two weeks ago and figures to continue their winning ways here. Leo Burke, Bill Cranwell, Dickie Beard and Don Rivers in the backfield, plus Jack Prater, Chuck Cuba, Lim Locke, Bill Tilling and Roger Simmons in the line should be too much for Florida State to handle.

VPI 27, Florida State 6, is the way we see it.

### Florida vs. George Washington

This should be a walk-away for Florida. The Gators simply have too many teeth and too much weight for the Colonials to cope with. They aren't rated too highly in their own Southeastern Conference but are better than any team in the Southern Conference, with the possible exception of West Virginia and Virginia Tech.

George Washington has a pair of good backs in Bob Strum and Len Ciemnicki, and a fine center in Dick Gaspari but they just aren't enough.

From here it looks like 33-12, Florida.

### Virginia vs. Penn State

This is one of the best attractions the Tobacco Bowl has had in a long time, and it is a hard game to pick.

Penn State has All-American candidate Lenny Moore and he is the spark-plug that keeps the Nittany Lions rolling. Also on hand is Bob Reich, a great center. Any team with these two cannot be discounted.

Virginia, on the other hand, has Rives Bailey, Big Jim Bahktiar, Herb Hartwell, and Ronny Jenkins to compose their starting backfield. Virginia made a very disappointing showing in losing 20-6 to Clemson two weeks ago, and it is to be expected that they will bounce back and start moving. Just how far is the question.

The crystal ball says that Penn State will eke out a 21-12 win over the Cavaliers.

### West Virginia vs. VMI

Without reservation, the choice here is West Virginia. They simply have too much power and VMI has virtually nothing. The Mountaineers' main horses are Fred Wyant, Joe Marconi and Bruce Bosley.

The prediction is: West Virginia 32, VMI 6.

Upset of the week: Slippery Rock 18, Ashland 13.

Other Predictions:  
Richmond 34, Citadel 0  
UCLA 21, Oregon St. 6

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So. California 28, Washington 21  
Yale 25, Columbia 12

## Certificates Given By Monogram Club

The RPI Monogram Club has set into motion its plan for a successful year.

The officers of the club are: Dave Cole, president; Jerry Gholson, vice-president; Parke Stephenson, treasurer; John Tobin, secretary; and Bill Marshall, SGA representative.

At the meeting on October 5, letters and certificates were awarded to members of last year's baseball and tennis teams.

The program chairman also announced that, in November, at a date to be determined in the near future, the club will have an open meeting at which time the speaker will be Frank Soden. Mr. Soden is a well known radio announcer and basketball official in the Richmond area.

He will discuss the rules and rule changes for the 1955-56 basketball season. At the conclusion of his talk the program will be open for questions and discussion. A movie will also be shown.

This program is open to all interested students, and a large turnout is expected.

It was also announced that in November, on a date to be announced, tryouts for the 1955-56 cheerleading squad will be held. Cheerleaders will be selected by a committee from the Monogram Club.

## U. of Colo. Women Have Own Keys

Boulder, Colo. — (I.P.) — Senior women at the University of Colorado will be free to stay out as late as they wish this year, according to an announcement by Dean of Women Mary-Ethel Ball. The proposal has been approved by the Board of Regents, the University Executive Committee and President Ward Darley.

Under the plan, door keys will be given to each senior, the cost being absorbed by a key deposit. Seniors would be required to sign out of their residence when they intend to be out beyond the regular closing hours or overnight. Falsification of information on signout slips or abuse of the key privilege would be subject to severe penalty. Persons supervising the program would reserve the right to check signout information at any time.

The dean's office believes senior girls are mature enough to be trusted with the new privilege. It was pointed out that the plan will be evaluated each year and that the Associated Women Students organization is free to revoke it each year.

"By the time a woman is within 30 hours of graduation, she is capable of accepting the responsibility of no hours, and such responsibility is good preparation for the independent life after graduation," commented an AWS official.

## Cotillion Deadline

All students interested in joining the Cotillion Club must do so by October 15, according to Georgina Heilig, president of the club.

The Cotillion Club is a social club for women and sponsor many activities.

A formal dance on November 19, is the next event on the Cotillion calendar.

The next meeting of the club is on October 6.

## Read Your

### Proscript

## Book Published On School Dean

Waco, Texas—(I.P.)—Nine students in a Baylor University graduate education class have written and published a 60 page book summarizing their study on "The College or University Dean," and offered it as a guide for future classes in the subject. The accomplishment is viewed by their teacher, Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, of Baylor School of Education faculty, as one of the most commendable pieces of work he has witnessed in American graduate study for five quarter hours of university credit.

Collaborators on the book were students in Dr. Singleton's evening school course, Education 496, which considers the office of college dean. Dr. Singleton confessed that he was so proud of the work of his students that he personally acquired 100 of the books, and is sending them to education deans in major colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The book's seven chapters discuss qualifications and selections of a person for the post of dean, the dean's relationship with the administration, faculty and student body, and his participation in instruction and public relations.

## Professor Has Water Problem

The professor walked into the classroom with a satanic gleam in his eyes.

Facing the class, he remarked exasperatedly, "What a day!"

Assuming tolerant expressions, the class resigned themselves to a difficult hour.

"Moved into a new house last night," he continued, "and the water had been turned on, but yesterday somebody sneaked out there and turned it off. This mornin'g I had to shave with melted down ice cubes."

As the class roared, he tapped his forehead and shrewdly observed, "Resourceful."

Resourceful, eh? What would he have done if they had turned the gas off? Prepared his breakfast with a cigarette lighter;

## U.S. Coast Guard Schedules Officers Program

The United States Coast Guard has a Reserve Officer Candidate Program with classes scheduled to start in February and June. This highly selective military service has many peacetime functions in saving life and property at sea and maintaining maritime law.

College seniors between the ages of 21 and 26 who are about to receive a four-year degree are eligible for this program. Two steps are necessary in making application: (1) take a one-hour written test and (2) if a qualifying score is obtained, take a complete examination and be interviewed by a board of Coast Guard Officers.

Upon being accepted for the program, candidates will enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve as Seaman Apprentice (Officer Candidate) and will go to the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., for the 16 weeks indoctrination course. Upon successful completion of the course, the candidate will receive a commission as Ensign, United States Coast Guard Reserve, and must agree to serve on active duty for three years.

For further information, write to the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, Norfolk, Va., or any of the Coast Guard Recruiting Stations in Arlington, Va., Baltimore, Md., Salisbury, Md., Richmond, Va., Staunton, Va., Durham, N. C., Charlotte, N. C., and Wilmington N. C.

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FUTURE ARTISTS—L. to R. Tom Jones, Lora Halley and other students working in background.

## Fullbright Awards Available To Grads For Study Abroad

By Katherine Hudgins

November 1, 1955, is the closing date of the competitions for United States Government educational exchange grants for graduate study abroad, it was announced by Kenneth Holland, President of the Institute of International Education on October 2, 1955.

The programs under the Fulbright Act and the Buenos Aires Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations are part of the international educational exchange activities of the Department of State. They will give almost 1,000 American citizens the chance to study abroad during the 1956-57 academic year.

Countries where U. S. graduate students may study under the Fulbright Program are Australia, Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg, Burma, Ceylon, Chile, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, and the United Kingdom.

Countries participating in the Buenos Aires Convention Program are Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Venezuela.

Scholarship application blanks are available at the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City, with Regional Offices in Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

Counseling at RPI may be received from Dr. Margaret L. Johnson, Dean of Students.

Eligibility requirements for these foreign study fellowships are: (1) United States citizenship; (2) a college degree or its equivalent at the time the award is to be taken up; (3) knowledge of the language of the country sufficient to carry on the proposed study; (4) age 35 years or under; (5) good health.

Final selection of Fulbright grantees is made by the Board of Foreign Scholarships appointed by the President of the United States. The Institute of International Education has been designated by the Board of Foreign Scholarships and the Department of State to screen applications for study abroad. Under the Buenos Aires Convention, the Institute makes the preliminary recommendations of candidates, with the cooperating countries making the final selection of candidates for study within their borders.

Awards under the Fulbright Act are made entirely in the currencies of participating countries abroad. The awards cover transportation, expenses of a language refresher or orientation course abroad, tuition, books, and maintenance for one academic year.

Awards under the Buenos Aires Convention include transportation pro-

vided by the United States Government, and tuition and maintenance allowances provided by the host governments.

## DSL Institutes New Program

Difficulty in setting meeting hours convenient to Day Student League members has instituted a change in DSL meetings.

Beginning with this term, league meetings will take place twice monthly instead of monthly.

The change in policy was approved by Dean Johnson, who felt along with DSL officials, that the change would stimulate more interest in the league.

The first DSL affair will be a hayride on October 14. Members may bring an escort if they wish.

Barbara Priddy and Carolyn Buchanan have announced plans for the chapter to visit the recently completed headquarters of the National Education Association in Washington, D. C.

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## RPI Vets Agree

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part-time in a pet shop in order to manage on the allowance.

"I think that the vets study harder than most kids out of high school. We have to maintain a C average on sixty per cent of our courses, and we're only allowed one change in major," commented Span. "The Bill is a great thing; it helps a lot of fellows."

Mrs. Ruth P. Butler, who works

with the VA here at school, asks that vets pick up their monthly certificates in B 1 rather than at the Switchboard. It is most important that the certificates be filled out completely, advises Mrs. Butler. They will be available the last week in each month.

The marquee at a burlesque movie theater here lists Tempest Storm as a featured dancer, "With Connie-Diane Hilda-lone" it says.

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