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Reviewer Calls Plays Delightful

Descriptions of last Thursday's one-act plays, "Hangs Over Thy Head" and "The Gift Perfect," can be expressed in two words, "delightful" and "warming."

They were presented in the Studio Theatre, before standing room only audiences.

Directed by Jim Davis, "Hangs Over Thy Head" related the gathering of actors at an invitational script reading. The actors, upon their entrance, found that no one knew the play's author and that none of them was connected with any theater at the moment.

Each actor was put under tremendous strain in presenting an unearthly atmosphere. Jann Sutton and Frank Fuller never faulted in appearing uneasy. Marshall Murdough gave a very convincing portrayal of a "don't care" drunk.

Mrs. Lillian Hutchinson, along with Murdough, gave light comical touches to the plot, and John Wilson made viewers despise him with his Russian ways.

One was never sure about who or what Al Biddle was, for he was almost unreal.

Fine directing was clearly apparent throughout the play. Each actor had distinctive characterizations.

Marcy Block's production was a delightful fairy tale told by Susan Shevmake and portrayed by a cast of eight "dolls": Helen Milburn, Woody Eney, Herb Scott, Bill Cass, Pat Story, Julia Fields, Pete Norrison and Priscilla Turner.

Movie Director Speaks at RPI

Joseph Pasternak, Hollywood director, visited the Drama department Wednesday with three young stars from his current production, "Where the Boys Are."

Members of the Drama department attended his afternoon speech in Studio Theater.

Mr. Pasternak related his beginnings in Hollywood, how he selects stars and modern theatrical principles.

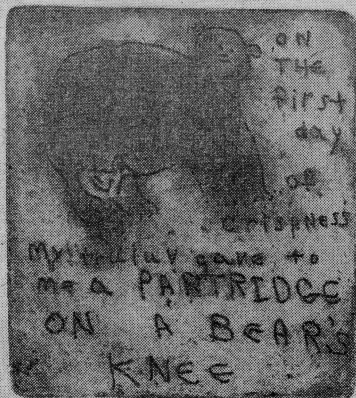
He is best known for discovering more talented dramatists than any other director in Hollywood today, said Raymond Hodges, director of the Drama department.

German Club to Crown Sweetheart Tonight

Mrs. Patricia Hill will be crowned German Club sweetheart tonight at the club's Holly Ball from 9:30 to 12:30.

Mrs. Hill was elected queen last spring. She is married to the club's president, Jim Hill. Both are senior Business majors.

The formal dance will be held at the Elk Home on Grace st. Members and their dates are invited, and free lates are available.



MERRY CRISPNESS—This greeting is to all from the PROSCRIPT staff and especially from Cindy Moorehead-Smith, Fine Arts major, who designed the card.

Spirits Go Up at RPI On Walls and Mantels

RPI's Christmas spirit went up this week—up on mantels, windows, dormitory doors and dresser tops. It went up in the dormitory parlors in the form of Christmas trees, evergreens, Santa Clauses and gold angels.

Spirits rose as the first snow of the year came down Monday. Sleet and rain on Sunday made a slippery base for the snow, but campus snowplows cleared paths for students. Temperatures, some as low as seven degrees, did not stunt class attendance.

Decorations in 828 Park Dormitory included bells, ribbon and rolled tissue. There was even a bad pun, "We Tissue a Merry Christmas," on the decoration, but its author was forgiven.

Scherer Hall was gay. There, one door sported a wreath of candy canes and green ribbons. Painted and fringed paper cups, Christmas cards, paper poinsettias, mistletoe and straw clusters were combined in original decorations.

Lee House had obviously been at work on its parlor. Red and white crepe paper, holly and red ribbon, Santa Claus and a snowman welcomed visitors. Upstairs, one room displayed a bulletin board with an "Ideal Gift List" on it. Pictures of fur coats and other luxury items had been tacked up. A Christmas tree with stuffed toys under it marked Meredith House. Long red stockings had been hung by the chimney with care in the parlor, while upstairs snowflake mobiles were just as carefully hung.

Ritter-Hickok had just begun to decorate upstairs, but the living room boasted a king-sized tree,

and a Bible setting was in the hall.

Founder's Hall was relatively bare of signs of the season early in the week. So were the men's dorms.

Alumni Association Elects Officers

J. Louis Deusebio, an electrical contractor, has been named president of the RPI Alumni Association for a second term.

Other officers elected at a special meeting following the November 5, homecoming program were D. G. Wilson, traffic manager for a local transfer company, vice president; Mrs. Herbert R. Perkinson, Jr., free lance writer, secretary; and Mrs. Gerhard G. Robben, treasurer.

Council Plans New Magazine, Gripe Sessions

Student Council last week discussed tentative plans for the literary magazine, voted to send a letter thanking Mr. Bigger for attending the cafeteria open discussion meeting, and suggested topics for future open discussions.

Diane Sadler, chairman of the literary magazine committee, reported 14 persons, representing 12 departments, attend the committee's first meeting last week. Diane is Student Government Association representative for the Fine Art Club.

All students who wish to contribute poetry, prose and art work to the literary magazine, may leave their contributions in the lobby of the Administration Building.

The plan under which the activities fee was enacted last May by Council guaranteed \$832 to the magazine. Two dollars from each \$16 activities fee subscription went into the magazine fund.

"We decided two issues would be better than one," Diane said.

The magazine tentatively will be issued in February and May and will range from 50 to 100 pages.

To insure two issues, the possibility of advertising from book and art stores and a subscription drive are being investigated, Diane said. Subscription rates would be \$1 a copy.

The letter Council will send to Mr. Bigger thanks him for attending the open cafeteria meeting and for the improvements in the cafeteria. Clean silver, rearrangement of trays and tables to relieve congestion and the new butter service were cited as improvements by representatives.

The open meeting referred to was held before the Thanksgiving holiday and was the first in a series of open discussions

planned by Council.

A session headed by someone from the administration to clarify campus rules was suggested by Diane Sadler as a future discussion topic. This would not be a "general gripe session," but an explanatory one.

North Pole Trip Taken By 'Seniors'

Members of the Senior Center, through the imagination and skill of Annette Ferguson, a senior in Social Work, visited Santa's workshop last Wednesday.

Annette, with the help of a Junior League member, gave a birthday party for 12 members of the Center celebrating birthdays this month. The party theme was a trip to the North Pole.

"Each month we have a birthday party at the Center for everyone having a birthday in that month," said Annette, "and each month the setting for the party is in a different country."

Three pixies from RPI—Harriet Morris, a senior in Applied Social Science; Faith Joyce, a senior in Recreational Leadership; and Joyce Newson, a senior in Applied Social Science—passed out pine-cone favors and acted as Santa's helpers.

A group of children from the collegiate schools presented, "Candle Feast," and Mrs. Jessie Reynolds of the Storytelling League of Richmond told her version of "The Night Before Christmas."



Snowball Team Practiced in Front of the Hibbs Building Monday

Year's First Snowfall Called Many Young Men Forth to Battle

Campus Calendar

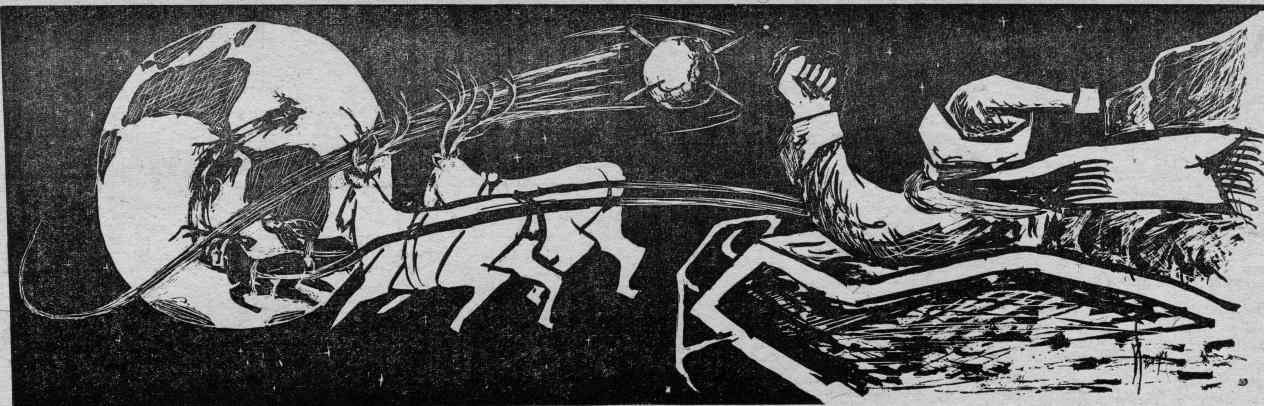
Dec. 16—German Club Holly Ball, Elk's Hall, 9:30-12:30 p.m.

Dec. 17—Cottillion Club Mistletoe Dance, Woman's Club, 9-12 p.m.

Dec. 18—Cottillion Club Christmas Carol, Shafer Court, 9 p.m.

Wesley Foundation meeting, Pace Memorial Methodist Church, 5:45 p.m.

Westminster Fellowship meeting, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m.



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Merry Christmas

Every year Christmas comes on December 25. But every year the money hungry merchants begin their Christmas sales campaigns a little earlier.

The American legend that the price of the gift or the number of gifts doesn't matter is slowly being shot to hell. We are sure that the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent advertising goods, is not merely to remind people that the thought behind the gift is the most important thing.

A few years ago stores could wait until the Thanksgiving turkey was cold before starting the big drive to exploit the Christmas tradition of giving.

As early as the 10th of November this year signs and posters depicting the jolly old money-grabber in his red long-handled were on display. This means that Veterans Day has fallen within the scope of the annual Yule drive.

It won't be long before Halloween will be overshadowed by the drive to get the Christmas dollar.

This is a trend which has unlimited possibilities. After Halloween probably Columbus Day will be covered, then Labor Day, and, who knows, maybe even the Fourth of July.

On the other end of the calendar, the stores could hold specials on exchanged or returned goods to keep the "spirit of the dollar" active around New Year's Day.

The Christmas clubs of the banks is a plan which easily could be adopted by department stores. Select your gifts now and pay for them for the rest of the year in easy monthly payments. This would be much better than charging them now and owing for them for the next year.

A campaign of this type could be extended to include Lincoln's and Washington's birthday, Memorial Day and, who knows, maybe even the Fourth of July.

Within a few years the drive to establish a "green" Christmas will extend from January 1 to December 26. The merchants will then have unlimited opportunity for merchandising with the Christmas theme.

Try to visualize, if you can, jolly old St. Nick, not in his traditional fur-lined red, but in a colonial American costume, giving gifts to the native American Indians. Or decked out in coal miner's clothes, his beard a little grimy, speaking at a Labor Day rally, describing the fine gifts all laborers like to receive.

Or in red, white, and blue bunting competing with Uncle Sam for the money usually spent for government bonds on the fourth of July.

Or a little round goblin-clad Santa hustling around on his jet-propelled broom telling everyone where they can buy pumpkins, cider or witches-brew.

Well, anything can happen, and it usually does.

TA Plays Scheduled For Holiday

Two Theater Associates productions, "The Columbine Madonna" and "archy and mehitabel," will tour Richmond during the Christmas season.

Box office receipts will go to the Jack Joyce Scholarship Fund presented annually to a drama major on the basis of need and ability.

"archy and mehitabel," directed by Marilyn Ende, has played here twice this season.

The satirical comedy, based on the lower case characters created by the late Don Marquis, deals with a rollicking affair between an alley cat, mehitabel, and her admirer, archy, a cock roach.

Appearing in the production are Sharon Godsey, Richard Cadieux, Paulita Dillon, Merle Lynn Alley, Herbert Scott, Helen Milburn, Gail Miller and John Wilson.

"The Columbine Madonna," written by Longerin Woolridge and directed by Frank Fuller, traveled to River Road Baptist Church Wednesday.

Richard Askew, Iris Berket, John Wilson, Richard Cadieux and Dick White will be the performers.

Mistletoe Ball Set for Tomorrow

Bill Cully and his orchestra will play for the Cotillion Club "Mistletoe Ball" tomorrow from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Woman's Club on Franklin st.

Cully's wife, Jackie, is the vocalist.

Cully, a trombonist who settled in Richmond about eight years ago, has played in the orchestras of several well-known musicians. Among them are Gene Krupa, Charlie Spivak and Tony Pastor. Cully also recorded with Gene Krupa.

Cully has been called an "all-round musician" who can "play in any style you wish."

Cotillion Club to Sponsor Carol Sing
The Cotillion Club will have a Christmas carol sing at the Shafer Court at 8:30 Sunday night. The club has decorated a tree in the court and will light it then. Hot apple spice cider will be served.

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YOU HAVE TO THINK FOR YOURSELF... AND THINK FAST!



Jim is taking his son Bob on his first "white water" canoe trip...



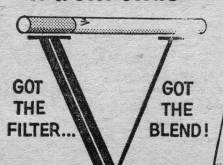
Jim had spotted the slate formation in the canyon... and realized smooth, inviting slicks could hide death-dealing flat rocks!

HIDDEN ROCKS, EH? I ALWAYS KNEW YOU'RE A MAN WHO THINKS FOR HIMSELF, DAD. THAT WHY YOU SMOKE VICEROY?



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Viceroy's got it... at both ends



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Monogram, German Win Intramural Debuts

The only action in the intramural basketball league will be on Monday. The Hastings Has-Beens play the Draftsmen, Monogram the Lafayettees and the German club the Crackers.

Last Monday evening, the German club and the Monogram club posted wins as the intramural season officially began. The Monogram club trounced 712 Dorm, 68-26.

The nightcap was a real thriller as never more than five points separated the teams. The German club trailed until 1:25 of the final period. Tom Slaundekka threw in a 20-foot set shot at this point which tied the game. With only 26 seconds left, Bob Norris was fouled and he calmly sank both foul shots for the margin of victory.

A dispute arose immediately as Nick Wise, 312 manager, protested that the clock should not be running while a player shoots a foul shot. After the foul shots were taken only one second was left on the clock. Jimmy Jones,

referee, said that his instructions were to have the clock running unless a time out was called. He said that no time out was called and that he could not stop the clock.

In the opener, the Monogram club used a fast-breaking attack which completely overwhelmed their smaller opponents.

Bill Wagner tossed in a field goal on the opening tap and the Monogram club was never headed. At halftime they had a 37-12 bulge.

Everyone who played for the Monogram club contributed to the scoring. Center Marvin Russell tallied 18 points and hauled in 12 rebounds. Wagner added 17 and Jim Bailie scored 12. Dan Sweeney scored nine points to lead 712.

ID Cards

Students who have not picked up their insurance cards are warned not to break any bones until they get their cards from Mrs. Dorris Budd in room 1 of the Administration Building.

Hodges, Harris Lead Girls

Carolyn Hodges and Joanne Harris are co-captains of the 15-member women's varsity basketball team this year. Both played last season.

In the lineup are forwards Joanne, a junior; Gwen Parks, freshman Social Science major; Carol Heiser, junior Social Science major; Lynn McGrath, freshman Secretarial Science major and Pamela Vaughn, freshman Fine Arts major.

Guards are sophomores Carolyn, majoring in Occupational Therapy, and Rebecca Hawkins, Retailing major; and freshmen Becky Wilson, Occupational Therapy; Carolyn Good, Business; Virginia Team, Costume Design; Rhoda Settle, Commercial Art; Jean Daniels, Business; Patricia Woolford, Nursing and Joanne Slocumb, Interior Design.

The team will play Lynchburg at 4 p.m. January 5 in the Gymnasium.

Scientists have recently learned that full-blooded American Indians are not "typical" Americans.

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RPI Will Play in Tourney

The Green Devils travel to Bridgewater College Monday night to participate in the first annual Christmas Invitational Tournament.

The Green Devils are scheduled to play the first game at 6 p.m. against Hampden Sydney. Western Maryland will play Roanoke College in the second game, and

host Bridgewater will take on Lynchburg in the final contest.

The Green Devils brought their season's record to 1-3 by losing to Newport News Apprentice school, 63-61, Wednesday, December 7, at Newport News. Jimmy Jones and George Shaheen both tallied 14 for RPI, while Doug Loughridge chipped in 11.

**Happy
Holiday
Greetings
to all**

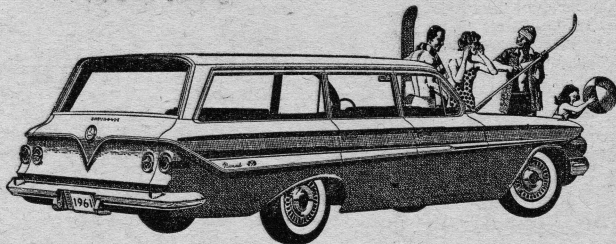
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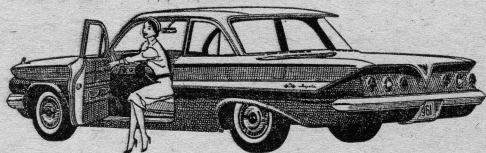
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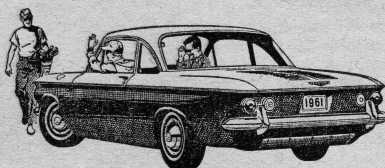
New '61 Chevrolet
NOMAD 9-PASSENGER STATION WAGON

There are six easier loading Chevrolet wagons for '61—ranging from budget-pleasing Brookwoods to luxurious Nomads. Each has a cave-sized cargo opening measuring almost five feet across and a concealed compartment for stowing valuables (with an optional extra-cost lock).



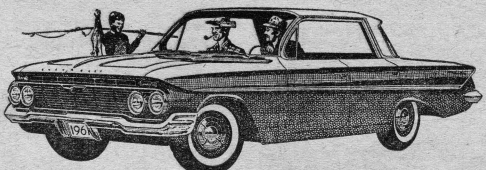
New '61 Chevrolet IMPALA 2-DOOR SEDAN

Here's a new measure of elegance from the most elegant Chevrolets of all. There's a full line of five Impalas—each with sensible new dimensions right back to an easier-to-pack trunk that loads down at bumper level and lets you pile baggage 15% higher.



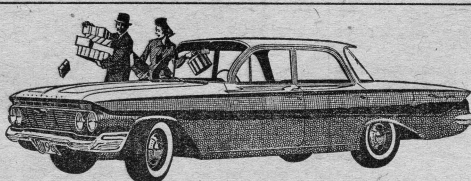
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Staff Photo

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—At Ritter-Hickok Joe Teehey from the University of Richmond and Loryn "Chunky" Erin, Fashion Illustration major, contemplate using a mistletoe ball. Lois Weintraub, Costume Design major adds a gold star to the dorm's tree in the next room.

Loose Ends

The Prophet Speaks

*From the alien abyss of hell
From the hearth of the horrible
hecate*

*From the foul-smelling green-
ness of her caldron
Comes an odious omen to us:
"The man who takes office in
'61*

*Will die before his term is
done."*

So spoke the little man from his shadowed corner of the room, as I felt a shiver run down my back. "How can you say something like that," I asked not referring to his adept alliteration.

"Pardon me," he said, "I'm not used to conversing with people and perhaps my words were a little too strong for the occasion. I'll try to tone them down."

That suited me since it was my job to interview him and the quicker I could do that, the quicker I could leave that eerie place.

Through the smoked-filled, shadowy room, I could see him wiping the coffee from his moustache with one battered coat sleeve. He cleared his throat and continued, "I'm fully prepared to back up everything I say, but if you're not interested."

"Oh, I'm interested," I said nervously, chewing the end of my pencil. I told him I'd read somewhere about the jinx but didn't remember exactly how it worked.

He explained that every President elected in a year ending with a zero and taking office in the following year ending with a one died or was assassinated in office.

"That's silly," I said. "Anyway, there's no proof that it will happen again."

"No proof, except that it hasn't failed," he answered, and instantly cited five examples, Harrison, elected in 1840 taking office in '41, Lincoln elected in 1860, Garfield in 1880, Harding in 1920, Roosevelt in 1940.

"But what about 1800 when Thomas Jefferson was elected and 1900 when Theodore Roosevelt was elected," I asked.

"Double zero's don't count," he said, "There are exceptions to all rules."

"Why do you believe this so strongly," I asked.

"Because I'm in a position to know," he rasped as he leaned forward and flicked his cigarette on the floor. It glowed fiercely.

The audacity of this little man, I thought. Obviously he was a maniac.

"Well," I said, "I think it's a helluva note."

"Yes, isn't it," he agreed. He took a deep pull on his cigarette

of smoke issued from the little man and—I'm not sure—it seemed to smell acrid, like sulphur. It filled the room.

I closed my eyes. When I looked again, he was gone. **P.H.**

A budget is a pay-as-you-go financial plan that doesn't let you go anywhere.

Poet's Corner

It is turkey and dressing with the family.

It is a carol sing in the crisp December air.

It is a tree lighting in the town square.

It is carefree parties with the old crowd.

It is a last minute trip to the store.

It is stockings hung "by the chimney with care."

It is a time for children and lovers alike.

It is a Santa Claus on every street corner.

It is the Salvation Army booths downtown.

It is a perfect star hanging from an evergreen bough.

It is hands clasped in prayers of joy and thanksgiving.

It is children bounding down the stairs at 6 a.m.

It is a midnight service with "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

Dolls Dressed By Fashion Club

Members of the Fashion Club have a new Christmas project this year. Instead of their annual party, they are dressing dolls to give children at Medical College of Virginia on Christmas Eve.

This is the first time this type of project has been undertaken by the club. Each member is designing and making costumes for at least one doll.

Sally Hand, also a Costume Design freshman, has designed a bridal gown and trousseau.

The dolls were turned in December 13, and will be displayed in the library for a week.

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