

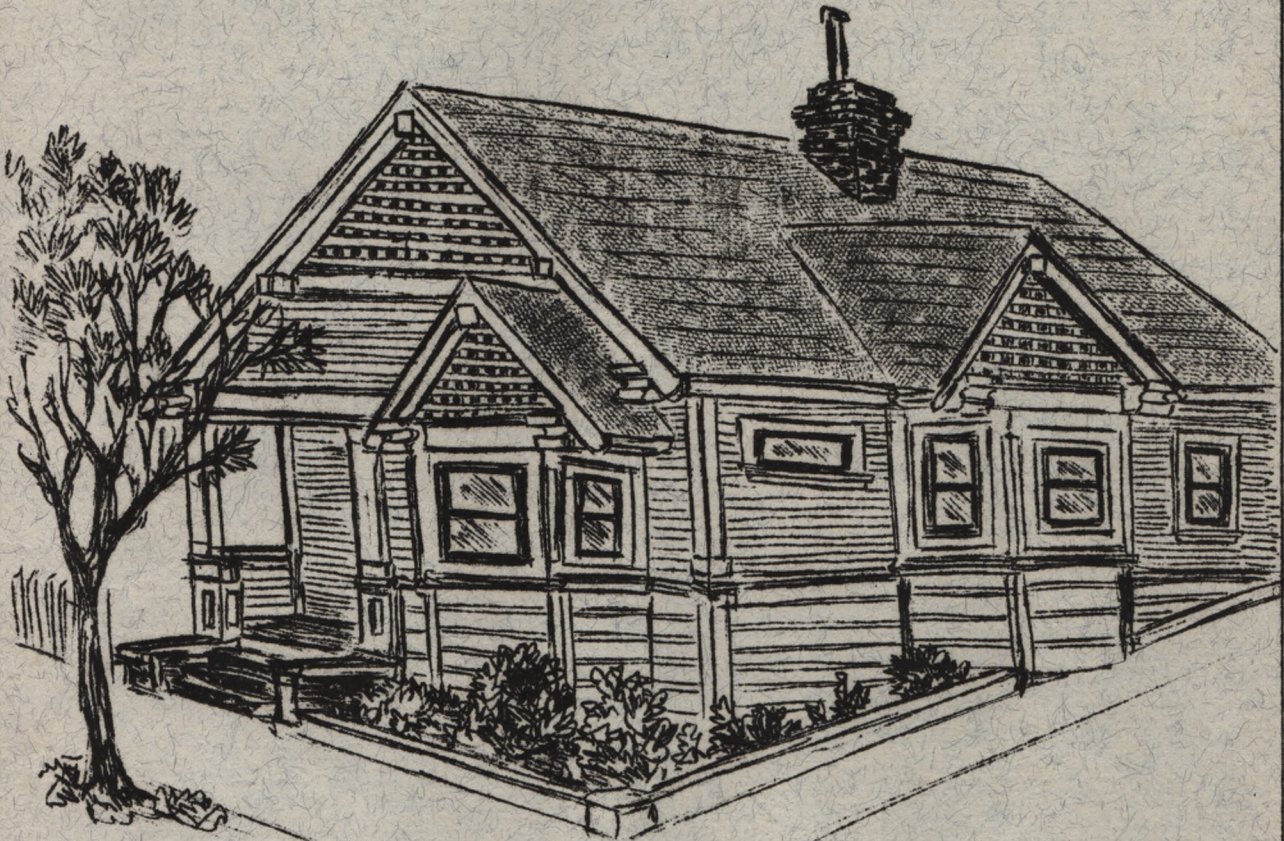
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# REMINISCING

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Interesting and sometimes amusing articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

With DON CHURCH

• 1913 •

from the Richmond Independent of February 6, 1913:

"The west side of the Point Hills from Golden Gate Avenue north to the Standard Oil holdings and westward to the Bay is being put on the market by the Point Richmond Development Company which has opened offices at at the corner of Standard and Santa Fe Avenues."

• 1915 •

from the Independent of February 6, 1915:

"COWS IN WATER? NIX, SAYS WATER CO. TO JOHNSTON"

"That cows, swine, ducks and geese are making the waters of the San Pablo creek unfit for drink, was the statement made by representatives of the People's Water Company to District Attorney Thomas D. Johnston yesterday.

"The company declares that its rights are not being observed and Johnston has notified Moitoza, constable at San Pablo to arrest the guilty parties."

• 1921 •

from the Richmond Independent of February 9, 1921:

"MARION McMENAMIN ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT TO J. DOWNEY"

"The engagement of Miss Marion McMenamin to John Downey was announced last night at the regular meeting of the Delta Alpha Club at her home on Crest Avenue, which was decorated with hearts. Among those present were: Reitha Dayspring, Katherine Mann, Virginia Bryant, Vivian Transue, Blossom Griffin, Ruth and Mrs. McMenamin.

• 1924 •

from the Independent of February 5, 1924:

"GOAT LIMIT SET AT 8 BY COUNCIL

"Following the hearing of pleas by two women residing in South Richmond on the much-discussed goat question, in which one declared that she was in constant need of goats' milk, and would have to have at least 4 goats; and a statement by the other that she depended on her goats for a livelihood, and could not possibly get along without less than 8, the Council ordered the new ordinance changed from 2 to 8 as the limit which could be kept within the city limits."



# OLD PROF

FUN WITH WORDS



Good evening, students. Today's seminar will be dedicated to that branch of zoology known to hardly anybody as Entomology. Which includes all those little flying, crawling critters that really bug you and often drive you gnats. So pack yourselves a box lunch and we'll take a short field trip where we can examine various specimens in their native habitat, with the Old Prof pointing out the peculiarities of some of our pestiferous arthropod pals.

We'll get into the proper mood with a stanza on bugs in general:

"INSECTS" is the text of this sermon.  
Categorically they are called vermin.  
If you find them complex,  
As to gender or sex,  
Here's a hint: Let the vermin determine.

And now, --- why, look what's crawling up the side of that jelly-glass! You'll surely recognize him.....

The ANT is a hard-working soldier.  
If you know this, I'm sorry I toldier.  
He works hard, night and day,  
With no time off to play.  
That's why ANTS cannot dants like  
Ray Boldier.

I won't get too personal in telling where I found our next two subjects, but if the shoe fits.....

There are various classes of BEDBUGS,  
You'll see brown, black or tan; but no  
red bugs.  
And whatever their hue,  
The correct point of view  
Is: The only good bedbugs are dedbugs!

We all know the omniferous FLEAS.  
Felines, canines and humans have these.  
When these insects are biting,  
We find them exciting,  
And awfully hard to appeas.

We now go farther afield where we find a mean, tough customer, sort of buzzin' cousin, awaiting us.....

Though we live in great fear of the  
HORNET,  
We pretend to despise and to scornet.  
Its sting (says the gossip)  
Is worse than the wossip.  
So when it is gone we don't mornet.

Why, man alive! Here's a hive!  
And another buzzer.....

The laziest BEE is the DRONE.  
He won't work even when he's full-  
grone.  
But he likes to convene  
In the hive with the Queen  
In a manner she's prone to condone.

Finally, one of the rarities of the woodland scene appears before us, singing its plaintive song and waiting to be immortalized in verse (or worse)..

At first there was one lonely KATY-  
DID.  
But he said, "I'll keep waiting", so  
watydid.  
Katydids soon came swarming  
Which to him was heart-warming  
For whenever he wanted to matydid!

That concludes our session for today. I was going to include the LOCUST but I couldn't get focust. So shut up and eat your box lunches, and watch out for ants.

\*Robert C. Friend

GOMPERS High School will be presenting its paperback book exhibit thru February 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Library at Gompers, 924, South 47th Street, Richmond.