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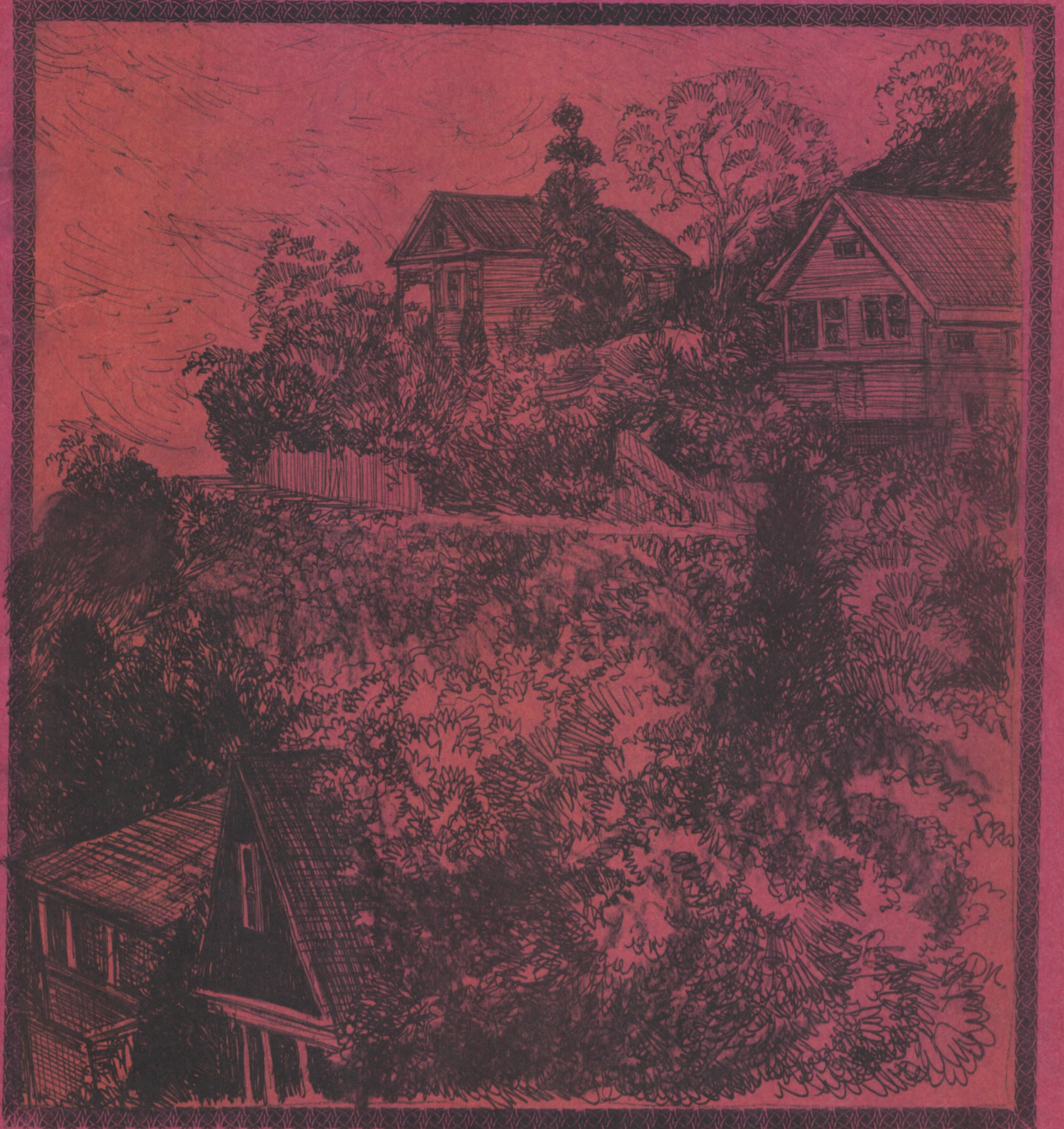
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# 1. THE HALF-PRICE SHERWOOD

by Dan Robertson

According to an article in the paper last week, radio station KSFO is paying disc jockey Don Sherwood \$12,000 a year to keep him off rival radio stations in the Bay Area. For his \$12,000, Sherwood doesn't have to work at KSFO. He doesn't have to work at all!

I phoned up the radio station. "I'd like to talk to the man in charge of off-the-air talent, please," I told the girl who answered.

"You mean on-the-air talent, sir? We have a man in charge of that," she said.

"No, no, sweetie. Off-the-air talent. Or, in my case, off-the-air-no-talent would be more accurate. Do you have a man in charge of that, dollface?"

"Sir?" she mumbled.

"Never mind. Let me talk to the man who handles Don Sherwood's affairs around there, loganberry lips." That's how you have to talk to these people in show biz. Call them "Darling" or "Sweetie" all the time and they will think you are one of themselves.

"Oh, sir, I don't think you want to talk to him. We do have a man in charge of that, I saw him just a few days ago, but you can't imagine the condition he was in, I don't see how he..."

"I'll take a chance." After a long wait, a man came on the phone. "Mmmppfff?" he said timidly.

"Don't be afraid," I said, "It's not Donnie-babes calling."

"Ahhh!" he said, "You've made my day."

"Listen, sparkle eyes, I've got a deal for you. How'd you like to save \$6,000 a year, sweetie-babes?" (You can't lay it on too thick for these theatrical types.)

"Oh gosh," he said, "I already have enough insurance. Besides, my alimony is killing me. I can't afford to save another \$6,000 a year."

"Not you personally, dimples. I mean the radio station. I see you are paying this guy Sherwood \$12,000 to keep him off the air, is that right?" There was a low moan and a sort of pitiful whimper which I took to mean, "yes", so I said, "Well, I have a terrific deal for you. I'm prepared to offer my services at half price!"

"You mean.....?"

"That's right. I am willing not to appear on any radio station in the Bay Area for a measly \$6,000 a year. Think of it! A fifty per-cent savings just like that. For that price, I'll even include FM stations."

"I hardly know what to say," he mumbled, "We don't get this kind of offer every day, you know." He was kind of overwhelmed but that often happens when you are talking to these theatre people about high finance. Most of them are used to living on about \$20 a year.

"And that's not all," I continued, "I don't know if your outfit is big enough to swing it, but for the same \$12,000 you are paying Sherwood, I promise not to appear on television this side of the Mississippi, and for another \$12,000 I won't even turn on the radio I own, and for another \$12,000 I will go around turning off any radios I hear and for another \$12,000 I will....."

He hung up. I guess the whole concept was too broad, too sweeping for him to grasp. That's understandable. The really fine minds don't go into radio, which is why I myself have never had a radio program, or even been offered one.



It was kind of dissappointing not to get the money, but I am used to striking out in the baseball game of life. Whenever I do, I remember that old poem:

"When that Great Scorekeeper comes  
To write beside your name,

He writes not that you won or lost,  
But how you played the game."

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# RICHMOND'S FINEST AVAILABLE TO YOU

A new semester of classes begins soon at the Richmond Art Center. Beginning the week of January 26, and ending the week of May 22, the art center offers a variety of art and craft classes for children, teens and adults.

Adult registration for Richmond residents will take place Monday, January 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m.

Classes for adults include... Ceramics, Figure Drawing, Jewelry, Weaving, Interior Design, Watercolor, Painting, Special Drawing, Batik, Textile Design, Lapidary, and a class for Youth Group Leaders, for any adults working with youth groups.

Teen classes include Ceramics, Painting, Batik and Jewelry. Registration will take place on January 21, Wednesday, during the same hours as adult registration.

Children's Classes, offered on Saturday mornings, include Ceramics, Painting and Crafts. Registration will be on Wednesday, January 21, from 10 to 4 p.m.

Brochures with full details are available at the Art Center, or call 234-2397.

# A CHANCE TO FIND OUT..

There is an old fable that comes to our country from India that tells of five blind men out for a walk, whose way is blocked by a large and sleeping elephant. To determine the nature of the obstruction each blind man runs his hands over that part of the elephant nearest to him and re-

ports his findings to the others. The one who is touching the elephant's trunk reports that the creature barring the way is a large snake. But the one who grasps the elephant's tail says, "No, it is a rope." The man next to the elephant's great leg says that there is no doubt that they have run into a big tree, while he who is feeling along the elephant's vast side says that obviously they have been stopped by a wall. Finally, the last of the men, who is exploring with his fingers the sweep of the tusk, says with agitation that they

had better leave at once, as they are confronted by a formidable curved scimitar.

Each is convinced that what he says is true, and each has a different solution. But while they wrangle over the means of resolving their problem on the basis of their strikingly different perceptions, the elephant awakens and quietly strolls off. This solves their problem, but they are left none the wiser, and no better able to  
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## RAIN TOMORROW...

I think that Heaven is very sad  
And can't hold back her tears .  
The skies reflect the clouded brow  
Of God, grown weary through the years.

Like a parent who watches with hope and prayer  
And finally asks in despair Are these  
My children to whom I gave the world  
My world in which none of them believe?

Tonight for a little while the stars  
Will open their windows in the sky  
Look down on man, his sorrow and strife  
And again tomorrow Heaven will cry .

.. Ethelyn Milton

A Note to our Subscribers: If you receive Point Counterpoint in the mail, perhaps there is some hope for better service.... a check is being made this week by the Post Master, in the hope of finding out what happens after Friday evening, when the papers are mailed at McVittie Annex, and before you receive them, as much as a week to ten days later. From reports we have received, the only one-day mail service we have had occurred during the Christmas "rush". Please call in if this paper reaches you after Monday, January 19, so that we can help the Post Office check on deliveries. Thank you!

3. deal with the next elephant they happen to meet.

There is a certain similarity between the way the blind men "saw" their elephant and the way adults today "see" the younger generation. Each adult individual or group sees a particular aspect of the younger members of our society, usually in terms of particular adult hang-ups and anxieties. But very few people-over-thirty are able to see and agree on what people-under-thirty are like in totality, or what they want or need.

(The converse of this, of course, is also true).

On Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center, the Point Richmond Civic Group will sponsor a meeting which will try to present our teenagers "in the round." Seven adults will present seven different points of view about the problems faced by our young adults, their needs and responsibilities as the most vigorous section of our society, and the ways in which the community can support and assist them. It will be interesting to see if we can agree on the nature of our "elephant" before the problem is solved for us by the elephant's waking up and strolling away, leaving us no wiser, and no better able to deal with or enjoy the next elephant that comes along.

.... Lucretia Edwards

## FOR SALE OR NOT?

Awaiting the meeting on Tuesday afternoon of the East Bay Regional Park District Board has not been easy.... News about the final agreement with the Santa Fe Railway Company on land purchase should be available during that meeting. After delays and more delays, changes of land offers and more delays, the long awaited announcement on whether the land will now be purchased for a shoreline park south of the Garrard Blvd. Tunnel MAY take place at the 2 p.m. meeting at 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Anyone wishing transportation to the meeting, please call Louise Hammond at 235-6717. Your interest can easily be seen by the board if you are visible, at their meeting.

## HOW TO (OR WHETHER TO) BRIDGE A GAP..

Also occurring on January 20, next Tuesday, will be a hearing on the southern crossing of the bay, at the State Building, Room 1194, San Francisco, at 10 a.m. .... According to Assemblyman John Knox, speaking to the Moraga-Rheem Rotary at St. Mary's College, "In excess of \$400 million is about to be expended in the bay area. Oddly enough, almost no one from the area has had anything to say about how this money is being spent. He commented that the new bridge will make it easier for more commuters cars to get into the San Francisco region, even though San Francisco is unable to handle existing traffic." (And that's an understatement!)

Knox explained that the people of this area should be given a choice, whether to spend the money for a bridge now, or to use the \$400 million for rapid transit facilities later.... The hearing will give people the chance to give their opinions.

## HIKE IN...

The comparatively new Briones Regional Park will be the location of a "Hike - In" on January 25, beginning at 12:30 from the parking lot just inside the park entrance off Bear Creek Road north of Lafayette. (If the present weather continues, the hike-in may be a sink-in). The power-line controversy is drawing to a close, and a decision on whether PG & E will be able to construct its transmission lines across the park will be made. The alternative most practical seems to be the undergrounding of the facilities, which would keep them from intruding through the natural surroundings of the beautiful park. More information on the hike-in may be obtained from Kent Watson, 658-5800. Letters may be sent to Norman B. Livermore, State Resources Agency, Rm. 1311, Resources Bldg., 1416 Ninth St., Sacramento, California, 94814, if you feel that power lines through a Regional Park will be detrimental in years to come.



# ART..FOR RENT AND OTHERWISE

The entry deadline for paintings in the annual Rental/Sales Gallery of the Richmond Art Center is January 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Two entries per artist will be accepted.

The preview of accepted works will take place on January 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and will include a wine-tasting, honoring new members of the Art Center. Join Now--membership for one year costs only five dollars.

AND THEN...beginning on February 12, the Richmond Art Center's Sculpture Annual will be on exhibit, with a reception to open the exhibit from 5 to 8 p.m.

## ART..TO VIEW


A collection of the works of young contemporary artists is currently being shown in the Library Gallery at Contra Costa College. The exhibit is sponsored by the college community service office and organized by the California Arts Commission. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

## AN INVITATION

On Monday, January 26, the Kennedy High School PTA invites the public to attend its regular meeting, which will include a presentation by Officer Marvin Smith showing the film, "The Marijuana CBS Report", narrated by Mike Wallace. He will also have a display on drugs.

Apropos of nothing much, except perhaps the way we feel each Friday in the "Point Counterpoint 'office'", is Murphy's Law... "If anything can go wrong, it will." Or to state it in more exact mathematical terms,

$$1 + 1 \text{ is } 2$$

where  is the symbol for hardly ever.

# STUDENT TOUR

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Mr. Ben Rust, teacher at El Cerrito High School, is taking a group of 22 students to Europe next summer. Following is their schedule. (Eighteen students have signed up, and there is room for only four more... students interested in joining the tour may contact Ben Rust at 234-0874).

June 24, 5, 6: London.

June 26 Holland

June 26-7, Milan, Italy

June 28-July 2, Florence, Italy

July 3-7, Rome, Italy

July 8, 9, Sorrento, Italy

July 10-11, Delphi, Greece

July 12-15, Athens, Greece

July 16-18, Crete

July 19, Nauplia, Greece

July 20, Olympia, Greece

July 21, Bari, Italy

July 22-3, Ravenna, Italy

July 24-6, Venice

July 27-9, Copenhagen, Denmark

July 30 Return.

Mr. Rust will supplement the tour with informal discussion on Western Civilization. The tour will be approached from a college preparatory viewpoint.

## CHORUS, ANYONE?

The Richmond Symphony Chorus, directed by Ron Daniels, has started rehearsals for the Winter Quarter, and will accept new members during January only. The rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Adams Junior High School corner of Arlington Blvd., and Patterson Circle.

There are openings in each section, and no auditions are required. However, the director interviews each member for voice range and background information, and supplementary training may be provided.

The chorus is rehearsing Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" for a performance in May with the Richmond Symphony. Other performances this season include works by Mozart, Bach, Morton Feldman and Debussy.

# Reminiscing

Articles from old Richmond newspapers from 50 years ago this week.. courtesy of the Richmond Library, the Richmond Museum, Rosemary Corbin and Don Church.....

January 13, 1920...

## "BLAKE BROTHERS MAKING USE OF EVERY FACILITY".....

"Street railway dump cars and all of the motor trucks that can be secured have been pressed into service by Blake Brothers, Bates and Borchard and other rock quarrymen in an effort to fill the contract for millions of yards of crushed rock and filling necessary for the \$8, 000,000 addition to the Standard Oil plant being hurried by the Foundation Company."

January 13, 1920....

## "STORK FALLS DOWN ON JOB"...

"What has happened to the stork in Richmond?"

"Is the high cost of living or the modern tendency for smaller families working out here. ... For the month of December only 25 new arrivals were listed, against 40 at this time three years ago when the population of the city was much smaller...." (Now it would be cause for rejoicing!)

January 15, 1920.....

## "WINEHAVEN IS READY FOR THE DRY MEASURES"...

"There will be no great change at

Winehaven when prohibition goes into effect tonight, according to Superintendent Frank Wilson, who was busy today closing up the final details, preceding the inauguration of the national law at midnight tonight. All wine has been shipped out of the plant to foreign ports except that which has been stored for medicinal and sacramental purposes.... Although the working force will be cut down, the plant will continue operation, handling grapes and other fruits for the manufacture of grape juice and other similar beverages."

January 16, 1920...

## "FORTY CASKS WINE ADD FUEL TO WEST SIDE FIRE"

"Hard luck right on the eve of prohibition came to Paul Bucci, 113 Golden Gate Avenue, last night, when fire destroyed his residence in which he had stored forty casks of wine against the dry spell, according to the Fire Department. A call was received by the department, but it was unable to do effective fire fighting as the Bucci residence is at the top of the west side hills."

January 16, 1920.....

## "LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS ITS FIRST MEETING IN PARIS TODAY"

"The League of Nations became a reality today."

"Its first session convened at 10:35 a. m. in the famous 'clock room' of the French foreign office."





## WEST SIDE

# LIBRARY



by Mary Burkhard

In these times of great moisture and dreariness, bring the children to the Library. Tomorrow at 11:00 there will be a color film titled "JOURNALS OF LEWIS AND CLARK", that covers the same terrain of the explorers, while it captures the wonder of the virgin west. It presents a treatment of Indians which followed the explorations. A short cartoon, "CASEY AT THE BAT" will also be shown.

## WASHINGTON



On Tuesday, January 20, we will have another CARTOON FESTIVAL in the auditorium. We hope to have Bugs Bunny, Woody Woodpecker and many more features on hand. The time is from 3:15 to 4:15, and a donation of 25 cents per person is asked. Refreshments will also be sold. The purpose of this money-making event is to try to reduce the cost of the snow trip for those children who will be going. Anyone wishing to help out with this event will be most gratefully appreciated.

ONCE AGAIN... the SNOW TRIP information is as follows:

Date: January 31

Time: 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (approx)

Place: Soda Springs

Transportation: Bay Cities Bus Line

Cost: \$4.50 (There is no way of knowing how much the movies will reduce the cost, so this price must be paid to insure a place on the trip, with whatever refund coming at a later time.)

Our Playground is limited to 15 children, so those who wish to go will be taken on a

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first-come, first-served basis. In order to give out permission slips and to receive money the playground will be open from 3:00 to 3:30 on rainy days along with the regular 3:00 to 5:00 days when it is not raining. In order to insure a place on the snow trip, pick up your permission slip and return the money as soon as possible, as the cut-off date is Thursday, January 22, at 4 p.m.

Thank you,  
Judy Davis,  
Harold Crawford

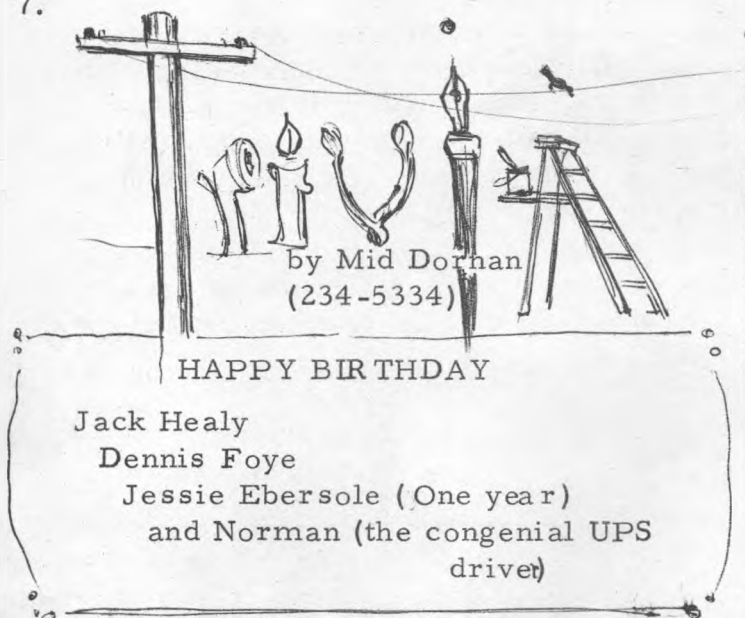
## FUN WITH FUNGI

On February 5 at 8 p.m., in Room 159, Mulford Hall, U.C., Berkeley, Mr. Ron Russo, Chief Naturalist of Tilden Park in the East Bay Regional Park District, will present "Family Fun with the Fungi". Mr. Russo has recently written and illustrated a booklet, the "Magic World of Mushrooms", available from the Regional Park District, 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, 94-619, for 35 cents.

## IT'S A DATE!

A Reminder... If you haven't put the date March 4 on your calendar, circle it now, as the date when the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District Board meets in Richmond. The Board, which meets regularly once a month in San Francisco, has offered to meet in Richmond in March, at the invitation of the "Stop Smog Committee", and Supervisor Kenny, our representative on the Board. Richmond's problems have been emphasized to the Board recently, and they have scheduled this meeting in Richmond to make it convenient for the citizens of this area to attend one of their meetings. The meeting is at 10 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

Make plans now to attend -- and bring your friends.



Scotch football yell: "Get the quarter back!"

The Kansas City Power Company reported an increase of over 15,000 watts during the Super Bowl Game last Sunday. All the Kansas City fans weren't in New Orleans after all!

Fay Hawkins reported that he spotted a monkey last weekend in the trees in the neighborhood of Keller's Beach, and Kozy Kove. Could this be the same elusive fellow of last summer?

Jeri Williams, mother and sole supporter of four, was very disenchanted, disheartened and disillusioned when her purse was stolen shortly before Christmas. The monetary contents, while not much by some standards, represented the bulk of the family Christmas gifts. It was while she sat with her head bowed between her hands, near tears, and visibly depressed, that her seven-year-old daughter remarked, "Jeri, I'll never take anything from anyone 'cause I wouldn't want their face to look like yours does now!"

Did you know.... Contra Costa County has 734 square miles, and an altitude ranging from 0 to 3,849 feet.

Funeral services were held last week in Anchorage, Alaska for Mrs. Frances Wickersheim, formerly a Point Resident for many years. She is survived by her son, Earl, of Pinole, and five daughters, Mrs. Edna Hathaway, Mrs. Joan Davis, Mrs. Winifred Shimyl, Mrs. Dorothy Parker and Mrs. Phyllis Elmore.

Sympathies are extended to the Robert Thomas family on Washington Avenue. He is survived by his wife Clara, and four sons, Frank, Stanley, Robert and Richard.

The Nick Vaughan family, including Heidi, Moses and Jessica, flew out from New York to spend the Christmas vacation at Point Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Vaughan. The love living on their farm in Westport, New York. Nick is working with the Landscape Architect Don Kiley of Charlotte, Vermont.

On their return flight, they found no airline connections between New York and Westport because of the heavy snows. By taking a train and several busses they finally arrived at home.

Perhaps some of you recently read of the plight of pretty little nine-year-old Shawn Boyum who is confined to her small bed with terminal brain tumor. Shawn is the daughter of Douglas Boyum, who lived in the Esmeralda Court area of the Point, attended Washington School and was a member of Scout Troop 111.

Medical bills, plus the fact that there are three other children, have put the Boyum family in undue financial hardship. Dr. Nagle of Richmond has even foregone payment for his services. The Fairmede-Vista Hills Dads' Club is sponsoring a benefit dance at the El Sobrante Vets Club on February 7. The Mechanics Bank has opened an account in hopes that people might send small contributions to help with the medical expenses.

PaKa Nena Horizon Girls will assist the children from Cameron School on a trip to the Morrison Planetarium and



Aquarium in San Francisco this Saturday.

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The West Contra Costa Council of Horizon Club Girls are concerned with keeping Richmond beautiful and want to begin with an anti-litter campaign. Monday night they appeared before the City fathers and presented a gayly painted garbage can to them. Besides being colorful, the girls hope the cans will remind citizens to use them. The girls are asking the Council for permission to decorate the cans along Macdonald Avenue.

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Sign in motorcycle shop:

Repair costs:

\$5.00 -- if left

7:00 -- if you watch

10.00 --if you advise

20.00 --if you help.

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Time is short

Eternity is long.

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## DOGS: BEWARE!

There have been several dogs poisoned in Point Richmond recently, according to a dog owner whose dog just died. Dog owners, be alert, and guard your dog. Cruelty such as this often goes uncaught. The dogs who have died, according to the report, lived in the neighborhood of Washington Avenue.

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## PTA PROGRAM

The Washington PTA meeting of Thursday night was well attended, while parents observed a demonstration of the Open Court reading method. At the business meeting following the program the PTA voted an initial \$200 for the year's project, which is to be the installation of landscaped eating areas, including benches. The preliminary plan, presented at the previous meeting, was designed by Ed Hoiland, and included several spots on the playground which would be planted with trees with attractive benches surrounding them.

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## GASP!

Lamont C. Cole, ecologist with the Division of Biological Sciences, Cornell University, has calculated that the amount of oxygen produced each year by photosynthesis within the 48 coterminus United States is more than 40% short of providing the oxygen required for combustion of fossil fuels that are consumed by these states.

"The implication is clear", according to Dr. Cole. "We are absolutely dependent on oxygen which is produced outside our borders -- mostly in the Pacific Ocean and brought in by atmospheric circulation. If we should inadvertently kill enough marine diatoms or the organisms they depend on for fixed nitrogen, we would start running out of oxygen to breathe."

A great danger seen by Dr. Cole is that tankers loaded with concentrated herbicides might be sunk in the Pacific. These weed-killers are being shipped in large quantities to kill rice and defoliate jungle vegetation in Vietnam. (from Modern Medicine.)

## BEEES

by L. Kett--Assistant

Naturalist

Park Naturalist Program, Oakland

The Honeybee is one of the most interesting social insects known to man. It has been domesticated for some 4,000 years, but there are still secrets yet to be discovered.

A fact rarely publicized: Should we suddenly lose all honeybees, approximately 75% of this country's population would starve. Farmers depend on the honeybee to pollinate fruits, vegetables and even seed for hay. The honeybee is also largely responsible for man's discovery of air-conditioning. The structural strength of honeycomb design is utilized in present day architecture and in aircraft construction.



9. "The Half-Price Sherwood", continued  
from page 1.

Isn't that a miserable poem? It ruins people's lives. Every time I dribble all over myself in the basketball game of living, I get worried about my own meeting with the Great Scorekeeper in the Great Locker Room in the Sky.

"Well," he will say, with his pencil poised and his golden tennis shoes gleaming, "How did you play the game?"

"To tell the truth, Great Scorekeeper, which circumstances being what they are I think I will stick to, I believe that in most of the games I played, I played lousy."

He will look up my record and be forced to agree. On his pad, under "How did he play the game?", he will write one word: "Lousy."

"That doesn't give us much to go on," he will say, leaning his elbow on a rainbow, "Not much at all."

"It's the truth."

"Yes, I suppose we must respect that, mustn't we. Well, let's put it another way," he will say, flipping his notebook to a new page, "Did you win or lose?"

"Hey, wait a minute, Great Scorekeeper, I don't believe you are supposed to ask that question. It said right in the poem that you aren't interested in whether a person wins or loses. I doubt that you are supposed to ask that."

"It's a network rule. Now, did you win or lose?"

"Well, considering that I'm here, I must have lost."

"What was the score?"

"Listen, G.S., I can honestly say that in my entire lifetime, I never knew what the score was."

Probably, I will be dismissed. I don't know where they'll send me from there. Furthermore, I don't think I want to know. It's all a sweaty belly in the jogging of self-knowledge.

I guess the best thing to do would be to phone the radio station man back and tell him that for a paltry \$7.50 per week, I won't phone him up anymore, but he seems to be so nervous already, being in charge of Don Sherwood and all, that maybe I'll just let him alone.

Well, probably it will all come out alright

in the end, even without the \$12,000 for as another poet once put it:

"The drizzle on the kola nut  
Keeps on droning.  
Pitty-patty, pitty-patty"

or something like that.



by Arthea Senger

"The Dumps" have almost completed the top part of their quilt. They have also ordered several boxes of Ghirardelli chocolate bars which they will sell at school and in stores, in order to finance a snow trip. The all-city snow trip occurs over Washington's Birthday. This group of girls are also going to Neighborhood House once a week to tutor young children. Mrs. Zoe Mertle has been driving them back and forth to and from North Richmond.

This Friday and Saturday we will have two dances to earn money for repair of the back door. The group "Black Snow" will play as Mark Fowler's group puts on a light show. Donations will be fifty cents a person.

Here is a very moving poem written by one of our non-hippie girls. Let's see how many of us middle-agers can figure out the meaning.....

"What is a hippie?

God, why is there such a word

Who is a hippie

What is a hippie used for?

For turning eggs over in the pan?

To put on your back when you

Jump out of a plane?

Why?

I want to know. "

Be sure to keep Tuesday night open and come and hear the discussion "Point Teens: Asset or Liability?", Remember, the meeting is at the Community Center at 7:30.





The expanding population of Point Richmond includes these new arrivals:

A baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gaetjen...brother Konrad insists that he arrived via the U.S. Mail.

Eric Dale arrived at the Steven Price home just in time for his sister, Elizabeth Dianne's birthday. She is three years old, and feeling like a big girl now, with a 7 pound, five ounce brother.

The second son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maese of Tunnel Avenue. His older brother, Frank Leroy Jr, is only fourteen months older.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton (Irene Bardas) welcomed their first child, Deanna. (The only girl on the list of children born this week).

Another boy was welcomed by his brothers, Ronnie and Billy Evans when he arrived home with his mother, Sarah Evans.

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The women's groups of the First Methodist Church met on Wednesday evening to hear Mrs. Laura Hunter from the Educational Center in North Richmond give a most interesting talk about the tutorial program.

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We were sorry to hear about the death in the Walker family of Grandma Walker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Squires from Porterville are visiting their son Ed. Squires, and family.

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Have you noticed the Village Laundrette lately? It is undergoing quite a transformation!

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We are sorry to announce the death of Nicky Wirth, on January 1, 1970. Nicky was a two-foot long black wire-haired dog that Wendy Wirth received for Christmas

and was therefore named after St. Nicholas. Nicky was half cocker spaniel and half Pula, and he was kind of homely, which made him so cute. The 10-month old dog was very obedient, and when told repeatedly to "sing a song", would howl twice. His favorite sports were running along the beach, and chasing birds. (next page please)

## Jethrus COFFEE HOUSE

11 AM - 10 PM      130 WASHINGTON AVE  
POINT RICHMOND

*Continental  
Coffee*

espresso  
borghia  
cappuccino

*Gifts  
Sandwiches*

jewelry  
sculpture  
art

**SPAGHETTI DINNERS 5:30-9:00**  
• EVERY EVENING •

**HOUCK & SCOTT in concert**  
FRIDAY EVENINGS... 8:30  
cover charge - 75¢

OPEN MON. thru THURS. 11 AM - 10 PM.  
FRI. & SAT. 11 AM - 12 P.M.

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POINT RICHMOND

**THE SHOP** 232-4528

**UPSTAIRS**

Arts - Antiques -  
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**Old Firehouse**

ICE CREAM 235-2468  
PARLOR

BAKE SHOP.  
CONFECTIONERY

**PABLO FANQUES FAIR** 237-0868

Fine handicrafts  
original graphics  
custom framing

**THE WINE JAIL** 235-1872

fine wines.  
Gourmet snacks

**The Pumpkin Eater**  
CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE 237-4073

**KENDALL ENGLISH**  
Architects - Planners 233-0867



## 11. Here and There, continued

Scott D. Barbour, father of Ralph Barbour of Point Richmond, died this week in San Francisco. A native San Franciscan, he is survived by his wife Alice, three sons, Ralph, George and John, plus eleven grandchildren.

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If you were born between the 21st of January and February 19, your sign is Aquarius. Aquarius is a fixed air sign, and as such, it gives an analytical, persistent and concentrative nature. Your perceptive powers are extremely acute; you can recognize and understand the nature of an idea or the motives of an individual. You are not likely to accept any new theory until you have studied, examined and classified it, but after you have become convinced of its merit you are inflexible in your defense and support. Air signs in general denote the intellectual temperament. As an air sign you express your intellect by your interest in literature, science, philosophy, the arts -- any and all mentally stimulating branches of learning. The air sign Gemini rules the relationships with brothers and sisters; Libra with partners; and Aquarius with friends and humanity in general.

Many famous people have been Aquarians.... Thomas Edison, Franklin Roosevelt, Charles Lindbergh, Horace Greely, Charles Darwin, Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante, Marian Anderson, Katherine Cornell, and Tallulah Bankhead, to name a few.

As an Aquarian, you like to meet people and you are an interesting person to meet. Ordinarily you are kind and gentle with charming manners and the ability to put others at ease. Some of you may be timid and reserved, but generally you are most expressive and quite an extrovert. If Aquarian characteristics are hard to pinpoint it is because they are changeable and independent. They can be enthusiastic and delightful one moment and indifferent and moody the next.

The Aquarius wife is intelligent and talented. She is capable and uncomplaining about household duties. She is interested in people and likes to entertain. She is happier with a mate who is successful and

and with whom she has intellectual rapport. She understands and appreciates the fine arts and loves color.

The Aquarian husband is kind, generous, and considerate of his family. He is not as domestic as some signs, being somewhat impersonal in marital relationships. He is broadminded and not apt to be possessive or domineering. He needs a wife who is mentally stimulating, who shares his occupational interests and whose universal interests are compatible with his own.

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## THE VIKINGS

by Michelle Ridgle

(Washington School special reading class, Marlys Reynolds, teacher).

The Northmen or the Vikings lived in Denmark and Norway and Sweden. They had blue eyes and fair hair and white skin. They were great explorers and traders.

In A. D. 793 the Vikings made the first attack on England. Some went to Iceland, Greenland and North America. Some went east. They went as far as Greece. They brought back boatloads of gold and silver and other booty. Large Viking ships often had 60 oarsmen. They believed that it was much better to die in battle than to die at home. A viking chief liked his ship so much they buried it with him and also treasures from his travels. The

The Vikings lived in villages. They had a council and they made their own laws. Their houses of logs. They had one big room with a dirt floor, open fire in the middle. Windows were in the roof. They were covered with skin. The smoke went through a hole in the roof. The Vikings had furniture, tables and benches. The Viking benches were for beds too. Viking food was mostly fish. Ale was a common drink. Eggs, milk, butter, cream and many cheeses were also eaten.

Viking homes were comfortably furnished. Tables, chairs and beds were richly carved. Sometimes with down pillows. Linen tablecloths were used, and dishes of metal, glass wood or sometimes pottery. They used knives and spoons, but no forks. Long forks were part of the kitchen equipment, along with kettles and basins, frying pans and

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## A VISIT IN

# Ancient Europe .....

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Outside St. Remy is an excavation of a whole town, very much intact. Despite a large funerary monument and a fine city entrance arch the town they served was not looked for until 1921. Fortunately it was well clear of the modern town. It had been abandoned after the Roman City was overwhelmed c. 270 A.D.

Last Wednesday I decided to take a look. I decided to go finally at around 11:00, Jean came along for the ride. Were we a little late? Should we settle for the nearer but less conspicuous Roman stuff at Cavailon (25 miles away) or possibly the Fountain of the Vancluse(?) (where Petrarch stayed - and wrote - and sketched the natural fountain c. 1350 and helped start the Renaissance)? But we stuck to the original intention--S. Remy is just about 30 miles away. It is on a high plateau just prior to the road's ascent into the Alpilles--a spectacular rocky ridge or spine, of fantastic shapes -- a Yosemite on a modest, human scale (as are most things here). The little town is a sleepy place with old and attractive perforated sheet metal eyelids on the windows and fringe of the same material and similar design on the cafe overhangs. The Classical digs--Les Antiques--are a mile or two outside the town, nestled between spectacular rock outcrops, but we didn't see them at first. I was struck by a road sign announcing Ancient monasterie de St. Paul-de-Mausole. This sounded to be the name of the Romanesque church around which the mental hospital Van Gogh stayed in for a year, was built. The small twelfth century church is quite lovely. No sooner had we turned in than we saw across the road the large mausoleum dedicated to Augustus' sons, accompanied by the fine city gate to Glauvin (the Roman name of the city of the digs.) No one was around and Jean and I ate lunch in front of these well preserved Roman monuments. When we finished



we went over to the excavations. These at first we had to share with a class of seventh grade children from Marseille (50 miles south)--but we were finally alone.

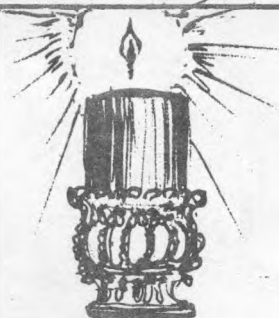
The city was confined to a narrow crotch in the hills and thus a fairly small area reveals a great deal of the important municipal and private structures. Reconstruction of the city's life doesn't require much of the imagination. The place was initially a sanctuary used by the same people whose citadel is but a mile from our home -- dating to the fourth century B.C. The Greek city that followed in the next century reveals some Celtic-Gaulish religious monuments. Then finally, the Romans -- many of the buildings of this period simply rearrange some of the older ones. Drainage and sewage channels are easy to see-- and even a considerable length of lead water pipe. The simple, elegant lines and proportions of both the Roman and Greek cities -- even as emerging from the ground-- make a magnificent ensemble with the theatrical shapes of the great surrounding rocks.

In other words, I don't really, any longer, have to visit Pompeii. A dividend in this whole Provencale area I hadn't anticipated is the splendor of the countryside. Many of the villages and the cities have been spoiled by the automobile, but not the countryside. We were breathless the whole 200 mile journey to the Paleolithic cave country. The small vineyard plots in October were stained-glass gold and red.

This gives some reason for my smugness -- although since I started this letter the g.d. gripe has really taken hold of us all. So it is a kind of sickly smugness that you can imagine on our faces.

Jean joins us in sending

... Jim Eakle



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# POLLUTION

by Gerrie Kretzmer

## PART VI-CONCLUSION

As an individual, you can replace the smog control valve on your car twice yearly; check your carburetor -- a gallon of gas can be discharged unburned for every tankful; change the crankcase oil and oil filter; keep the cooling system clean, and don't burn trash or leaves (last item refers to yards -- not cars). A year's leaves burned from one garden discharges 24 pounds of gases into the air. Institute a leaf collection service... Check air pollution regulations in your town and those in neighboring towns to see how much of their pollution is carried to your home by the winds... contact legislators and local groups on the hazards of air pollution; join groups active in pollution concern -- as the Stop Smog Committee (300 Nevada Ave., Richmond)... report violations to pollution control agencies (BAAPCK: 771-6000).

The cost of air pollution damage in clothing, house furnishings, tires, metal and stone surfaces, plants and shrubs and farm crops is \$620 per family per year in New York... yet control is estimated at only \$60 per family.

Visible pollution is fairly simple to control. Technologists can remove most of the particulates. But a greater hazard is the microscopic emissions that cannot be seen, but are inhaled unaware. From distances, the tiny unnoticed pollution particles can be seen as they mass in great plumes. Airline pilots tell of spotting them over the Atlantic; but it is the resident in the city who accumulates them in his body without knowing it.

To control or reduce air pollution, the federal, state and local governments have spent only \$84 billion per year -- \$425 per person. Each day into the atmosphere, 90 million motor vehicles are pouring 180,000 tons of carbon monoxide, 33,000 tons of hydrocarbons, and 17,500 tons of nitrogen oxide. Each day, factories, homes and power plants belch up 100,000 tons or more of sulphur dioxide. The Air Quality

Control Act of 1967 gave \$428.3 million for air pollution control. Must we wait for a real disaster, the loss of many lives in a "killer smog" before beginning all-out efforts to control air pollution? Men in spacecrafts know they will die if anything goes seriously wrong with their supply of air, water or heat, making up their small environment. But mankind at home is threatening to destroy his own planet by actions as careless as astronauts tampering with their life support system. In 30 more years there will be 7 billion people on earth, all dependent on the earth's environment. At accelerating rates, man is poisoning, polluting and abusing his earth environment. The goal is survival. Man must be responsible for his limited environment, not exploit it. His ceaseless quest for material advancement is often heedless, and he seems to have an unlimited capacity for fouling his nest.

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# People Eaters

by Ben Rust

## PART II

Thus I was taken in relays, perhaps 10 miles into the heart of the jungle. There, in a clearing, a group of women greeted me, pinched me, shook their heads and led me to the chief. These women next proceeded to take off my clothes and show the chief what a puny lad I was. And as they pinched me and shook their heads, the chief seemed to agree with their estimate of my stature. Finally they untrussed me and bade me eat. Supper was composed of roasted stomach of iguana and it tasted like chicken.

I must say that the chief was indeed a handsome man. And when I compared him with my own puny self, I was ashamed to sit by his side. His powerful arms were adorned with great bracelets which fitted tightly around his biceps. His thighs too, were ornamented, ringed with leathern bracelets, made of snakeskin into which tiny delicate cowrie shells were sewn. He wore a leathern apron to cover his lower parts and a ravishing headress of feathers taken from the quetzal bird.

No one had yet said one word to me. But now when we had eaten, the chief clapped his hands, ordered fermented bombo juice for drink and said to me in perfect English, "My, you are a puny sort. What kind of a diet do your people provide you with? And are all in your country as undernourished and misshapen as you are? I know of only one person in our entire tribe who is as ugly and as lacking in human qualities as you are."

"Indeed," I replied. "I do not consider that I am puny," and I flexed my muscles although I must admit that I did it with some compunction, as I stood before this great chief who was my physical superior in every way. "But," I continued,

roasting spits. On the beds were mattresses of straw or leather and woolen blankets.

When the women were working they wore long dresses. The women who were unmarried wore their hair loosely down their backs. The married women braided their hair and pinned it up or gathered it into a net. When they dressed for special occasions they liked color and riches. They wore silks, gold cloth, satin ribbons, and velvets. They wore rings and bracelets of gold and silver. Viking jewelry that has been found and all their art is beautiful. The Vikings seemed to have been well fed and housed and clothed.

The Vikings were kind of nice and kind of bad to people.

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"People Eaters", continued.

putting on a show. "I am not so puny. We eat well in our country. I supplement my diet with vitamins daily. And my calory intake is over 1500 units daily. I do not indulge in sweets."

At this the chief began to roar with laughter. He slapped me on my backside pleasantly. Did I say pleasantly? He appeared playful enough, but my back hurt for days thereafter. His head bobbed back and forth in uproarious laughter, his plumes shaking in the sun. Then he looked at me, felt my thigh and my bicep and called out at the top of his voice: "Tum Tum. Tum Tum!" At that a puny lad emerged from one of the wickiups and came to him. "This is my son, TumTum," Chief Xingu said. "You see how puny he is? Just like you. And do you know why?"

"Why?" I asked.

"Because," Xingu continued, "he won't eat people."

I was aghast. "People don't eat people," I said. "My anthropology book said that people don't eat people. Ah yes, there are cannibals in the world. In fact, Xingu," I said, pushing out my chest in great pride now that I had a chance to display my knowledge, "there are cannibals who touch the flesh of the dead and eat slightly thereof to impart their spirits to the living. Such for example, are the Liverpool people of eastern Arnhem Land in Aus-

tralia. Then there are cannibals who 18 eat people only in extreme conditions, to prevent starvation. Why we even had white people who did that in California. But that was only when the Donner party got stuck in the snow and had to eat people in order to prevent starvation. Then there are all kinds of ritual cannibals in the world, but generally, people do not eat people."

At this Chief Xingu began to laugh even harder. His sides quaked with laughter and it became infectuous. All the women began to laugh and slap their sides. Even the men regaled themselves with uproarious laughter. Only Tum Tum and I did not laugh.

"What kind of nonsense is this?" Xingu turned to me to say after everyone had laughed his fill. "If the great god had not meant for people to eat people, how come he made people out of flesh?" "Why," I replied, "Everything is made of flesh. Even nuts and seeds have flesh."

"Exactly." Xingu continued. "The great god Baloma made every kind of food out of flesh precisely so that it should be eaten. But of all the foods in the world, the most nutritious, the best tasting, is man. And Baloma made man the best tasting precisely so that he should be eaten. Of all the animals in the world, the meat of man tastes the best, is the most nutritious and is by far the most compatible with our diets. But he is usually misshapen and puny, like you and Tum Tum, when he does not eat people. Tum Tum is the only person in our whole tribe that won't eat people. I am disgusted with Tum Tum."

At that, TumTum said in a sickly voice, "I won't eat people."

"You see how stubborn he is?" Xingu said. "He won't eat people. And do you know Tum Tum, you are the first person in our whole tribe that won't eat people. If you go back generation before generation, as far back as your great, great, great grandfather Bakairi, to the beginning of our tribe, you will not find a single Carib that won't eat people. You are the very first. Why do you suppose that the Caribs were able to conquer the Arawaks? Why do you suppose that Caribs are big and strong while you and that white man are so misshapen and puny?"

(continued next week)



19. **CIVIC  
CALENDAR**

**JAN. 17 - SATURDAY**

"Ban DDT Day", sponsored by the Audubon society.

**JAN. 19 - MONDAY**

Adult Registration - Richmond Art Center.

**JAN. 20 - TUESDAY**

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**JAN. 21 - WEDNESDAY**

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**JAN. 25 - SUNDAY**

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**JAN. 26 - MONDAY**

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**JAN. 29 - THURSDAY**

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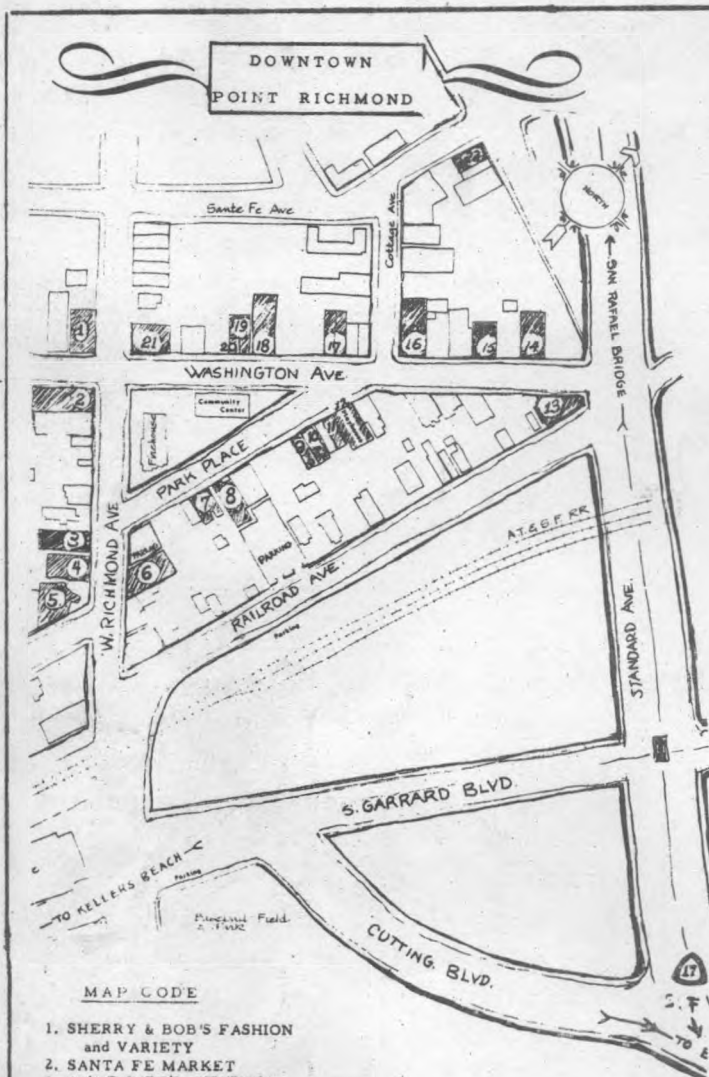
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## Our Lady of Mercy church

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SUNDAY  
MASS

8 AM  
10 AM.

WEEKDAY  
MASS

7:30 AM.

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