

# Point Counterpoint

A JOURNAL FOR CIVIC COMMUNICATION

VOL. II · NO. 34

WEEKLY · 10¢.

week beginning NOV. 24 - 1967

## Thanksgiving



tis: et pericula inferni inuenerunt me;  
tribulationem et dolorem inueni; et  
nomen domini inuocaui.





# *Demimiscings with Don Church*



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

## THANKSGIVING

November 30, 1922

### "RICHMOND CHURCHES UNITE FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICES TOMORROW"

"Richmond Churches will celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year in a union service at the First Presbyterian Church at Twelfth and Bissell tomorrow morning. The service starts promptly at 11 o'clock. Reverend W.P. Grant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church will give the Thanksgiving message.

The music will be under the direction of Mrs. Clinton B. Smith and will include a Thanksgiving anthem by Brauman with solo part by Miss Jessie Lambrecht. "Festival Te Deum" with solo parts by Miss Lambrecht, Miss Winfred Conwell, J.H. Plate and Clifford Metz, and Mrs. St. John at the organ.

The following churches are participating: First Baptist, St. Edmunds Episcopal, First Christian, Community Methodist South, Grace Lutheran, Stege Presbyterian, Wesley Methodist, First Methodist Episcopal, and First Presbyterian. People of all creeds and nationalities in the entire city will be most welcome to join in giving thanks in a fitting response to the

proclamation of President Harding and Governor Stephens."

## THE WEATHER 47 YEARS AGO..

from the Richmond Independent of November 23, 1920:

### "WATCHMAN FINDS TWO FISH LIVE IN STREET AFTER STORM"

"Two live fish were found in a pool of water at the corner of Tenth and Macdonald at 6 o'clock Sunday morning by Night watchman Wells. The fish were alive and wiggling when taken from the pool of water about 2 inches deep. It was just after a heavy downpour of rain and Wells believes that the fish were blown from the bay into the air and landed in the street.

After showing the fish to several early morning newspaper carriers, Wells took the fish home and fed them to his cat!"

## 43 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK,

The Independent announced that Mrs. T.F. Stout was elected president of the Social Service Bureau. Mrs. Stout lived at 110 Martina Ave; And, a garage was built between Nicholl and Bishop Aves. by Mr. J. H. O'Hara.

*Year 1914*

THOUGH YOU WILL READ THIS IN THE POST-THANKSGIVING DAYS, IT IS OUR FIRM BELIEF THAT IT NEVER DID HARM ANYONE TO BE THANKFUL MORE THAN ONE DAY.... SO

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

from the

## STAFF of "POINT COUNTERPOINT"



\*\*\*\*\*INDEX\*\*\*\*\*

ART-----	page 10	OVER the Backyard	
CIVIC CALENDAR--	page 16	Fence	page 5
CIVIC NEWS ----	page 6, 7	POETRY	page 3, 13
CCC -----	page 11	POINT Poetic Cynic	page 8
EDITORIAL note --	page 5	RECIPE	page 12
FEATURES-----	page 12, 14	REMINISCING	page 2
HERE & THERE ---	page 9	WANT ADS	page 15
WEEK'S EVENTS	page 4		



## THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

by Dan Haddow

Give me a bottle, he said..  
 But the words were dropped to the floor  
 To be rejected again by the multitude of rats.  
 Saved, he thought ==deaf ears  
 and dead souls were his Savior.  
 Voices everywhere, manila folders and  
 wastebaskets filled with the verbage of the  
 multitude of  
 Christs that stripped his  
 Body and buried his mind and ignored his  
 Being.

The flowers, blue on the grassy slopes and  
 Silk yellow along the stream, give way gently  
 to the  
 Steady, throbbing undulations of their savior  
 Savagely ripping up the earth with steel teeth  
 Shining and sharpened from its straining,  
 Clearing the way for the multitude to follow  
 To erect huge boxes to preserve wastebas-  
 kets for the  
 Glory of their children.

## SONG OF THE MOUNTAIN MAN

by Marvin Chandler

I live in a land of mountains high,  
 'Neath towering cliffs where eagles fly.  
 It is the land where blue bells grow  
 When the warm spring sun melts the snow.  
 Where the rivers rush down the mountain-  
 side

To join the sea and its ever moving tide.

There I stroll through the mountains'  
 shady dells  
 And listen to the sheep tinkling bells  
 Then I lie down in the sweet greengrass  
 Where I can watch the mountains towering  
 mass

And see= the fawn and mother deer  
 As they gaze in wonder at finding me here.

I see the rabbit as he hops by  
 And the thrush as he catches a fly  
 I see trouts bright silver flashes  
 As from pool to pool he swiftly dashes  
 And I see the lilies' tender blade  
 For I love the mountains God has made.

13.

FOR THE FINEST IN FOREIGN CAR REPAIR

## RUDNICKI Foreign Car

111 W. CUTTING  
RICHMOND

235-7234

## Dale's AUTO REPAIR

101 W. RICHMOND  
233-1527

complete lubrication  
 FREE ESTIMATES  
 TUNE-UP • BRAKES • ELECTRICAL • OVERHAULS

buying or selling?

## JACK STODDARD REALTY

119 PARK PLACE  
POINT RICHMOND  
234-4651

BETTY PEARSON  
MAXINE STODDARD

POINT RICHMOND SPECIALISTS

## CHARLES B. WARREN REPRESENTATIVE...

FRANK KNOWLTON CO.

1212 BROADWAY  
OAKLAND  
451-8533

STOCKS & BONDS  
MUTUAL FUNDS

## TEDRICK INSURANCE

523-3435

BASIL CHERNIAK, ASSOCIATE  
233-8468

INSURANCE  
SPECIALISTS

HOMEOWNERS  
BOAT  
AUTO  
LIFE  
BUSINESS

PERSONAL SERVICE

## JIM'S

HAULING SERVICE

235-9569

YARDS CLEANED  
RUBBISH PICK-UP

REASONABLE

## RICHMOND'S FIRST KINDERGARTEN

by Don Church

Between the years of 1903 and 1906, Point Richmond had a private kindergarten. The teacher was Miss T. Winfred Rich, daughter of Reverend Rich, Pastor of the First Methodist Church. The church was built in 1901 and the basement was used for the first public school with Alpheus O'Dell as teacher. The school moved to the new schoolhouse located on Standard Avenue in October 1902.

Miss Rich opened her kindergarten the following fall and I enrolled in the fall of 1904. The following winter, we moved to the original firehouse which was located on Martina Street right behind the two-story home located at the northeast corner of Richmond and Martina Avenues.

The firehouse was built there due to its central location, it being half way up to the crest of the hills and downhill for any fire downtown. In addition, the hose cart (which was the only equipment and is now in the Richmond Museum at 4th and Nevin, would practically coast downhill and could also be pulled down Nicholl Avenue to any fire on the upper Washington, Scenic or Terrace Avenues.

We spent the next six months in the firehouse and then moved to a small room on the Park Place side of Shads Hall. (Shads Hall burned to the ground in October, 1905). Children in attendance during the 1904-1905 terms included Roy Adams, Goldie Gnaga, Otto and Meta Ludewig, Musetta Hopkins, Ervin McCutcheon, Ruth Moyle, Bayard Lang and a colored boy named Enoch

Oxindine.

I remember one cold morning there was a hot fire in the pot-bellied stove, which burned coal, and the sack caught fire. We had a water bucket with a community dipper. Luckily the bucket was full of water and Miss Rich doused the fire.


We wove mats, played games, strung beads and other materials and were taught the alphabet, and read the equivalent of first grade assignments. I remember when I started to the Standard Avenue Grammar School in January 1906, I was only in the low first a few days and then was promoted to the high first due to Miss Rich's teaching.

I recently learned that Miss Rich is very much alive and today (October 30) spent two very pleasant hours visiting with her. Although well along in her 80's, her mind and memory are exceedingly sharp and we reminisced many incidents of early Point Richmond and its people.

Only two of the above pupils still reside in Richmond. Mrs. Meta Ludewig McFie and myself. If there are any others, I will gladly give them Miss Rich's phone number. She would be very glad to have a call from them.

○

The Alameda County Historical Society has had representatives visiting Mr. Church recently == They are taking pictures of several representative house types in the Point, with his help.



# WILLIAMS HARDWARE

38 WASHINGTON AVE.  
232-3909

VARIETY
ART SUPPLIES

HARRY & WILLIAMS-OWNER