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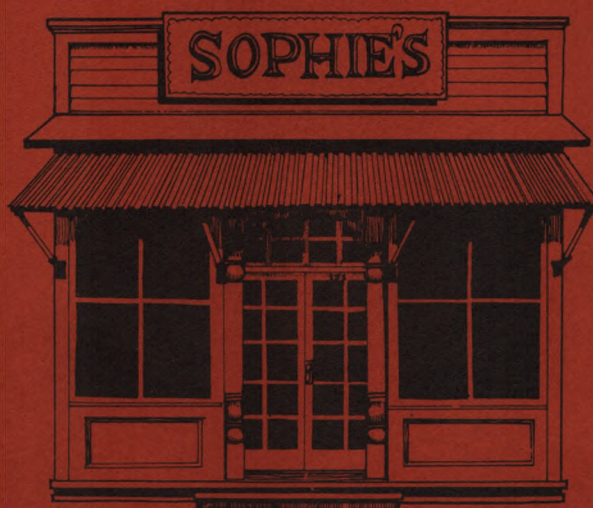
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3rd Anniversary

SALE!

AT



Sale on
NOV.
21, 22,
24 & 25.

CLOSED
ON
Nov. 23
(Thanksgiving).

In joyous celebration of our three years in business, SOPHIE'S EMPORIUM announces a great sale. November 21 will be preview day for our regular customers. Hours noon to 6p.m. Holiday surprises. 1st come-1st served.

STICK TO THE POINT - THIS WEEKEND

The "Arts Around" series of 1967 will begin this week-end with a concert at Washington Grade School -- Public Invited -- November 18, Saturday, at 2 p.m. The program, entitled "Let's Find Out About Music" will include slides of the first written music, and demonstrations of early to modern music. The audience will have a chance to "write" their own music -- the orchestra will have to play it! A woodwind and a string group from the Richmond Symphony will play various short pieces, and they will be joined on one piece by four members of the Point Richmond Junior Recorder Society. Admission for children is 50 cents, Adults, \$1.00.

A wine-tasting festival will take place Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Hostesses will include many attractive ladies from Point Richmond, assisting in this first Anniversary celebration of the Huscon outdoor education program. Some children from Washington school may have the privilege of being among the first groups to be sent to a week of outdoor learning -- class and teacher camp out and go to school at the same time! An opportunity such as this is becoming more and more rare in our urban living (want to go back to grade school?)

Reminiscing With Don Hunt

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

--1915--

ADDENDA to last week's story of the building of the Garrard Tunnel. When it was completed, there was, of course a celebration. Playing trombone in the band was William Kretzmer, Sr., father of William Kretzmer of Western Drive.

THE FOLLOWING IS A HISTORY OF THE RICHMOND VOLUN- TEER FIRE COMPANY

NO. 1, Written by
Jack Feudner and
Kept by His Son, Carl.



It was organized on November 9, 1901 and the charter members were: John Murray, William Ellis, Andrew Trautvetter, Jake Asher and Lee Adams. Andrew Trautvetter was elected secretary and served in that capacity until 1930 when the organization was disbanded due to lack of members.

John Murray was the first chief and served until 1905. William Ellis was chief until 1906; Lee Adams to 1907 with Albert Mason as Assistant Chief. Richard (Dick) Spiersch to 1908 with Ralph Coleman Assistant; Richard Paasch to 1914 with Jack Feudner as assistant.

Other members were: John O'Hara, Ed McDuff, Fred Brewen, Harry Marland, Oliver Wylie, Robert Dornan, R. G. Erskine, George Raab, Henry Sirrenberg, William Walker,

None of the charter members are alive today. Harry Marland, who joined after 1906, is probably the oldest living member.

George Dimmick, J. A. Smith, Harry Lloyd, Joseph Willis, A. S. Boggs, Chris Theis.

On October 2, 1914, the Veterans Firemen's Association was formed and Harry Marland was elected its first president. The original 2-room schoolhouse located on the original school grounds between Castro and Eddy Streets was assigned to them as their meeting place.

By the middle of 1914, fire trucks had been purchased and full-time chiefs assigned at a

salary of \$100 per

month. Rich-

ard Paasch

assigned to Company No. 1 and Howard Yeater to Company No. 2.

On December 9, 1910, the new fire hall located on Park Place was dedicated with a big celebration headed by a committee consisting of R. G. Erskine, Bert Curry, R. F. Paasch, Henry Sirrenberg and R. L. Adams. The Hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion and all of the members' wives were present.

Previous locations of the fire house were at the back of the old Neville home facing Martina Street where it was thought to be centrally located. The hose cart, which was the only equipment had to be pulled by the men. (This hose cart is now in the Richmond Museum). It was all down hill if the fire was down town, and they didn't have to pull up Richmond Avenue if it was on the hills.

It was then moved to Park Place and later over to Railroad Avenue when the New building was completed.

OLD PROF

FUN
WITH
WORDS



Good Evening, all. I hope you students, like your Old Prof, have this past week been drinking at the Pierian Spring and consorting with the Muse of Poetry (a most amusing muse for youse to choose). In this session we shall continue the study of the neo-Hudibrastic verse, using the anapestic aabba form, familiarly called the Limerick. We shall avoid macaronics, and you'll find nary a tetrastich, tercet or a hanging dactyl anywhere in evidence. Don't ask why. I just don't feel up to it.

The Old Prof wants you all to be able to write LIMERICKS, so pay attention and you'll see how simple it is, (or, to put it another way, I am.)

We'll start with a classy little number that takes you South of the Border in the following fashion:

Once I dined in the Land of the Peso.
Asked the waiter for "Chili con queso".
He replied, "If you please,
I suppose you want cheese,
So why in the heck don't you seso!"

So much for romantic Mexico. Now we move closer to home, using a mundane meeting between two friends as our subject. This is to show that even the everyday happening has poetic possibilities.

On the street, should an old buddy
meet you,
Hand extended, all ready to greet you,
It will fill him with cheer
If you say, with a sneer:
"I feel for you, but I can't reet you!"

The finale for the session deals with our government and its bureaucratic idiosyncracies. It is a clarion call for ACTION and I sure do hope Lyndon-bird is a-lissenin'!

Our Country's Atomic Commission
Seems to be mostly waitin' and wissior
So I think LBJ
Ought to call them and say,
"You guys either cut bait, or start
fission!"

P.S. That line about Lyndon-bird brought forth this quickie:

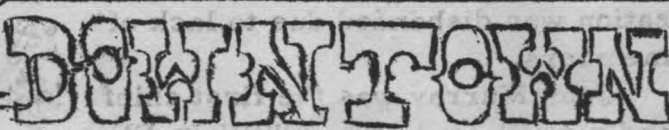
If Lyndon-bird J. is a-lissenin',
He knows that his record ain't
glissenin'.
There's the Vietnam War
And I'll bet there's a score
Of other things he has been missenim'!

And so to bed the Old Prof fled....
(*Robert C. Friend)



Downtown Point Richmond was

shocked to hear of the collapse of John Taylor on Tuesday night. John, who is already a member of the heart attack club, was stricken at the Baltic Bar, where he is their star bartender, by a combination of a severe cold, a slight heart attack and a touch of diabetes. He is reported to be out of the intensive care unit at the hospital and due back at work soon, despite the general diagnosis of overwork by the doctors. His replacement told me with a knowing nod that John 'heeded up to. So, this column is happy to congratulate Sohpie's on its third anniversary.



On a happier note, this column takes note of a sale by one of the Point's two fine dress shops. Reason: The sale commemorates the third anniversary of Sophie's Emporium. The present blooming of our Point's business district owes more to the first few business people here than most people realize. Bob Barker of the Baltic, Janet Fleming of Sophie's, several years ago, started two businesses which were so good that they set the standard for all following shops to live up to. So, this column is happy to congratulate Sohpie's on its third anniversary.