

# FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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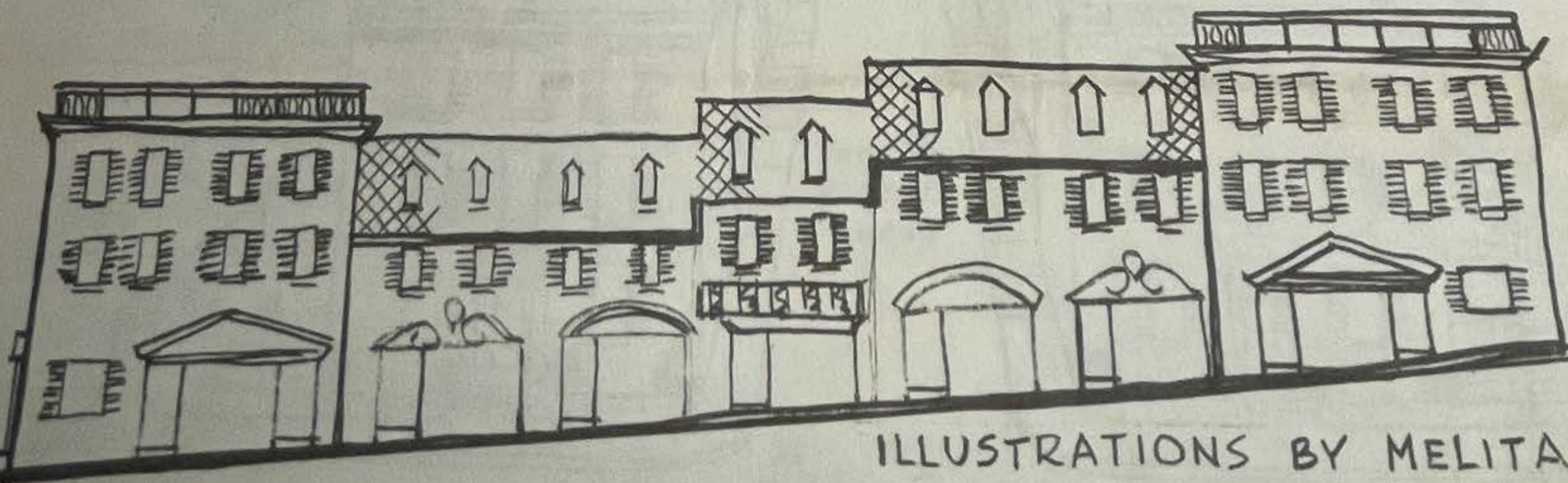
## QUEEN AND COMMONER JOINED

ANNE AND HUGHES HAPPILY MARRIED



Queen Anne's Lane, a newcomer in Foggy Bottom, and Hughes Court, an old news in the neighborhood, were married in the District Building, July 28. A civil ceremony, the marriage was performed by Commissioner McLaughlin, the other Commissioners participating as witnesses. It's legal and binding.

This allegory of Foggy Bottom doesn't tell the real facts any more exactly than an Arthurian legend, a Canterbury tale, or a tall yarn of Paul Bunyan does. (Cont'd p.2)



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Queen and Commoner -continued

But it's true, just the same, we have had a "marriage" between a QUEEN and a Commoner, the Queen being Al Wheeler's new development off 26th Street and Hughes, the neighboring residential alley, known in Common Law as Hughes Court.

The lane is actually named for Al's wife Anne, and the court is the namesake of some forgotten Hughes who decided to christen the alley for the convenience of letter carriers, delivery boys, shop people, the Fire Department, and the poor hackers, who these days have so much trouble finding it.

The romance that culminated in the marriage of Anne and Hughes started more than a year ago at the time it was rumored that Al planned a million-dollar development on the vacant lots on 26th Street, adjoining Hughes Court. The alley dwellers were so happy about this that they started a movement to change the name of their cul-de-sac from Hughes Court to Hughes Mews, in keeping with the emergent idea of elegant living in the area.

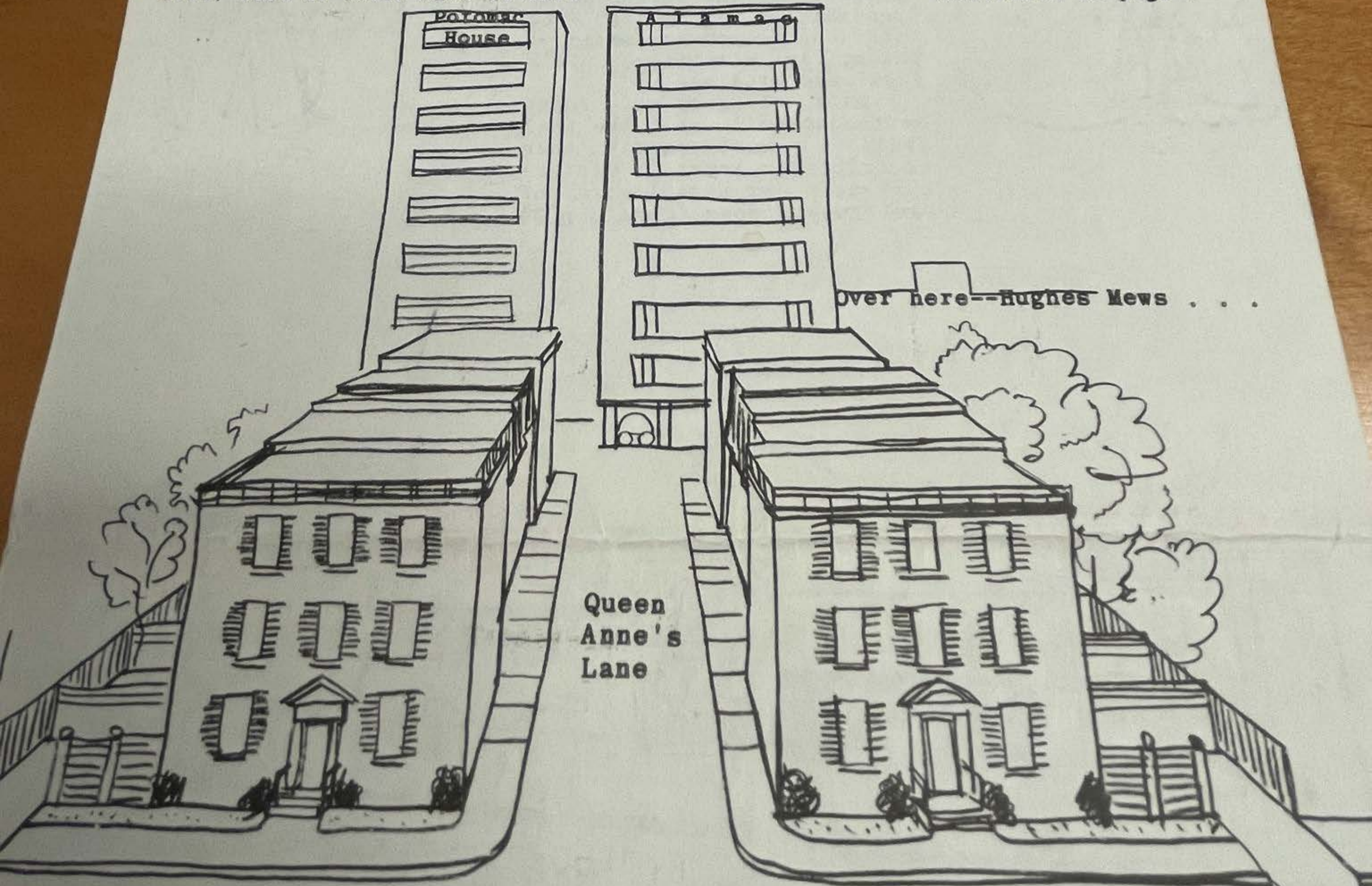
When Al dedicated land for a new street connecting 26th Street with the Alley he requested the name Queen Anne's Lane. The District Commissioners told him, however, that he would have to call

it "Hughes Court Extended." he still insisted on giving the name of Queen Anne's Lane there would have to be a public hearing said the City Fathers. Such a hearing was held, and Al got his way. Queen Anne's Lane it became, officially and legally, on July 28.

But the old alley dwellers were not successful in getting Hughes Court changed to Hughes Mews. Big Brother (the City Fathers) held that the alley never had had a name, except in Common Law, and since it never had been Hughes Court, officially, the name could not be officially changed. All Big Brother would concede was that Hughes Court could retain the "unofficially official" name it had had for so many years under Common Law. The Commission wouldn't budge, though all the householders had signed a petition. The document was vetoed in the District Surveyor's office -- it never even got up to the D.C. Commissioner's office for a public hearing.

Six of the 18 houses Al Wheeler plans to construct along Queen Anne's Lane were started last summer, and are now nearly completed. Al has permits for 3 more on the north side of the Lane, and he will start those as soon as the others are sold. They sell for \$45,000 to \$50,000 each.

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Twenty-sixth Street

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