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CAROLING, ANYONE?

The sound of Christmas Carols is one of the most treasured things associated with the Christmas season. In the past, a group of Point Richmonders gathered informally for an evening of caroling. If you are interested in joining a group of Carolers--or if you just want to hear them--call Virginia Cherniak, 233-8468, and either add to the festivities or simply enjoy them.

IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY...

You may hear some carols this evening, December 16, because Cub Scout Pack 135 will be caroling at the Point, after they visit Shields and Terrell Convalescent Home. They will end the evening with hot chocolate and doughnuts at the Community Center.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

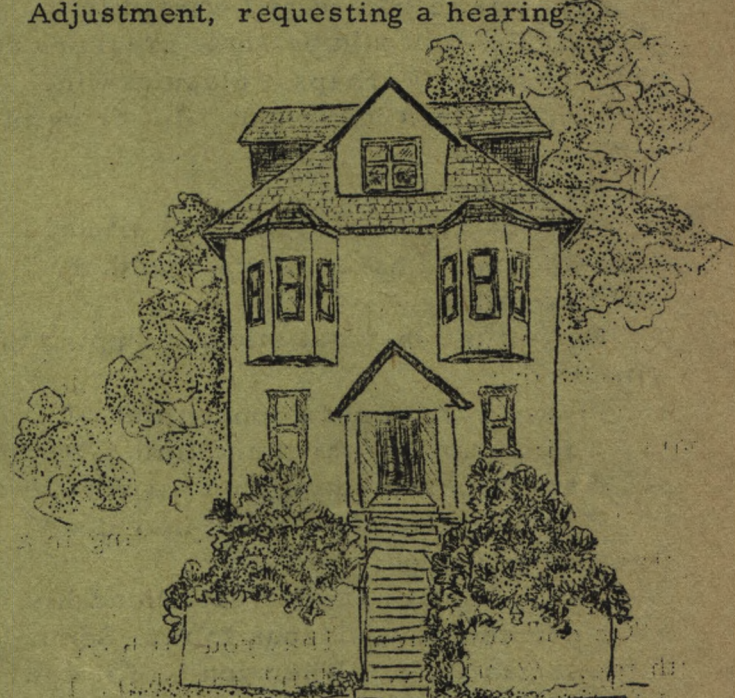
A traditional project on the Point is the "White Christmas", provided by the Washington Grade School students and the West Side Ladies' Improvement Club. Students bring staples to school, gift-wrapped, which are sorted into boxes and delivered, along with turkeys and trimmings added by the West Side Improvement Club, and delivered to needy families in the area.

LAST REMINDER

For high school through college age boys and girls, the Snow Ball will be held tonight, December 16, at the Richmond Auditorium. Crowning of the Queen, complete with a genuine imitation snow-fall, will take place at approximately 10 pm. The dance starts at 9 PM.

BUSINESS AT HAND

As a follow-through to the discussion held at the Point Richmond Civic Group meeting on November 28, regarding "Tops Chemical Company, Mr. William Kretzmar, acting as attorney for the Civic Group, wrote a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, requesting a hearing.



on the use of the Pt. Richmond property by the chemical company.

Also following a suggestion made at the meeting, the Parks Committee of the Civic Group will present to the East Bay Regional Park District, possible alternatives for the Regional Park Plan, should not all land be acquireable. The hope is, of course, that the Park District will be able to acquire all of the land called for in their plan; however, suggestions will be made for portions which seem most important to the park, with emphasis on no more filling than is absolutely necessary to its use as a beach park.

THE POINT'S POETIC CYNIC

Curtis Beresford

The Unused Bucket

A Christmas Carol for Any Season

It was the holiday season.

He was a man of great wealth. It was near midnight. He was sitting alone in his spacious living room. Hours before his daughters had left for a dancing party. His wife was at a charity bazaar. Each had given him a perfunctory kiss. The only noise in the mansion were the distant sounds of servants.

Joseph, his chauffeur, came in quietly.

"Could I get you something, Sir?"

"Why yes. See what's in the pantry.

Just something light."

"If I was to take what I wanted in the pantry, sir, it would be some crackers and some cheese. Perhaps a glass of wine."

"That sounds just right. But bring in a bottle of wine."

"A full bottle?"

"On one condition. That you sit here with me. We'll have a drink together. I feel like talking."

For a time they sat silently sipping the wine.

"Joseph, I am not a lonely man. I have much to occupy my mind and time. There is, however, something I do not have."

"I can't think of what that may be," interposed Joseph.

"What I don't have is real friendship. Yes, people are courteous to me. Some express gratitude. When you boil it down, gratitude is but a lively sense of favors to come. But I have no sincere friends."

"If I may, sir, I'd like to repeat a story I like. Sort of a parable."

"Go ahead."

"The story is this. It's short. I always say the shorter the story the better the story. A sailing ship had been at sea longer than planned. Their supplies were low. The fresh water tanks were nearly dry. Sailing up the Amazon they were on the alert, looking for a place to get some fresh water. As they approached a passing ship the skipper called over, "Where can we get some fresh water?" The reply was, "Throw out your buckets where you are."

"A good story, but how does that apply to me?"

"You have many friends but you do not recognize them. You have one very close to you."

"I have? Who?"

"Me, sir. Friendship breeds friendship. You have done many things for me. You did them, not of necessity, but because you were my friend. Sending your doctor over when my little girl was sick."

Joseph got up to go. "Is there anything else, sir, before I leave?"

"Not now, but in the morning."

"And what would that be?"

"Remind me to use my bucket."

HOLLY RED PUNCH

For Holiday Parties.

2 tsp. whole cloves	1 can (6 oz.) frozen
1 tsp. whole allspice	lemonade.
4 sticks Cinnamon	1 can (6 oz.) frozen
1/2 cup sugar	orange juice
2 1/2 cups water	2 pints cranberry juice
	1 tsp. red food coloring
	6 cups cold water.

Combine spice, sugar and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. simmer 10 minutes. cool, strain. (There should be about 2 cups). Combine frozen lemonade concentrate, orange juice, cranberry juice and the spiced syrup. Just before serving, add 6 cups cold water. Pour over large cake of ice or a frozen ice ring (with slices of lemons, limes or oranges in it) in a punch bowl. This recipe makes about 3 1/2 quarts.

DID YOU KNOW

That an East Bay Regional Park plan for tying 26 cities to the country side is well underway... through an exciting 500-mile hiking-riding-bicycling trail system leading from 26 East Bay cities into the open countryside of the Park District? Plans include the provision of overnight hostels at approximate 30-mile intervals, operated similar to Europe's youth hostel system. The trail would be fenced and maintained by the Regional Park District. Mr. Wm. Penn Mott announced that the Regional Park District would provide matching funds if Alameda and Contra Costa counties would raise \$2,500 each, for the trail system—a goal close to attainment.

PARK PLACE SALON

139 PARK PLACE

OPEN

TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY

ALSO OPEN

THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS
by appointment

PHONE 2373373

FOR HAIRSTYLES BY
BONNIE PETERSON

SOPHIE'S "CORDIAL" INVITATION

Sophie's Emporium offers a fascinating selection of items for Christmas gifts. And, if you use the invitation on the back of this paper, when you buy any gift worth 50 cents or more, you will be treated to Irish Coffee at the Baltic Bar.

Besides the dresses and gift items of unusual quality, there are many "one-of-a-kind" items made by local craftsmen: Earrings and dresses by Betty Pearson, Hats by Ann Swanson, Bags by Mrs. Hufstetter, "Great White Hunter" shirts by Jack Richard, Earrings by Frank Krueger, etc.

WEAVING INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

The Richmond Art Center has an opening for a weaving instructor, with a salary range of from \$3.59 to \$4.37 per hour. Applications must be filed by January 11, 1967. Duties include teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced weaving to adult classes. Applicants must have any

combination of training and experience equivalent to college graduation with a degree in Art, and two years of experience in weaving. Applicants must file an official application with the personnel department of the City of Richmond not later than January 11.

A BAZAAR OBSERVER'S REPORT

The Corner Corporation's Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar was a sensational success armed with donations of goodies of a variety of descriptions, not the least being a fine collection of original Christmas Cards. The Corporation set up shop under the benevolent striped awning of the Santa Fe Market last Saturday. As the sun carefully eased down its golden bulk beyond the ancient hills of Point Richmond, and Bob and Dave came out like twinkling stars to roll up the awning, the fledgling corporation claimed success for a capital effort. Among the items offered (and more often than not accepted) were Christmas Balls, cookies, and strange jewelry. The latter was created by corporation members, and not a few male members came up with amazingly useful and decorative gewgaws. And, there were old-fashioned dolls to claim a little girl's heart, and sweater sets for the wee bairns.

It seems that as much enjoyment was derived from the preparation as from the successful execution. ... G.S.

..... THEY JUST DON'T MAKE THEM..

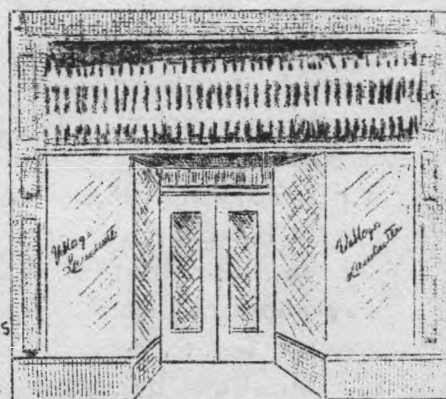
Reports came in on a 1967 Mustang, purchased by Dale Riley. It was probably the shortest-lived Mustang in history, lasting only one week.

Village
Laundrette
134
WASHINGTON

20 WASHERS
6 COMMERCIAL DRYERS

TROY BIG BOY WASHER

WILL WASH 9 X 12 SHAG RUG FOR 50¢



VENERABLE VIGNETTES

This page is devoted to excerpts from the "Daily Independent" of 50 years ago, gleaned from old newspapers at the Richmond Museum by Don Church, and compiled by Robert C. Friend.

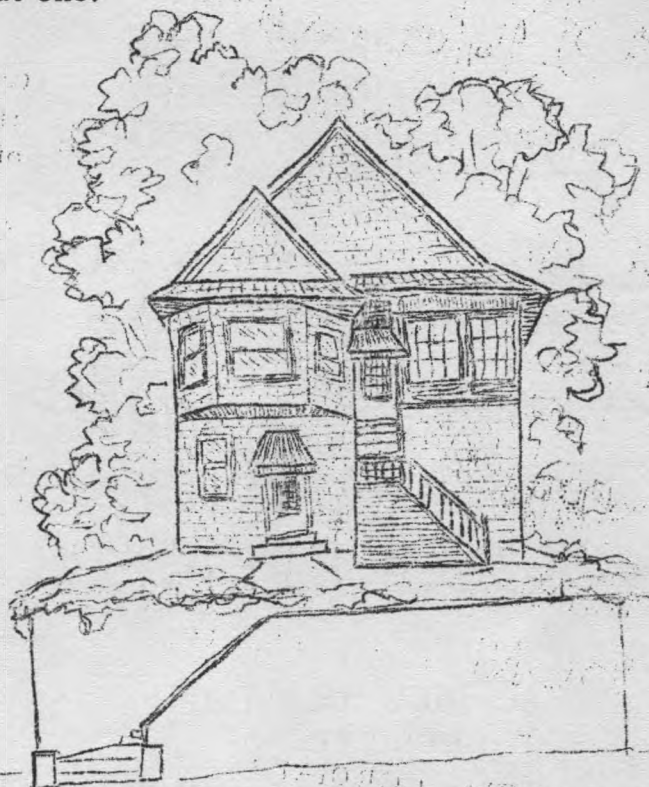
To some of the early residents of Richmond, particularly the Italian immigrants who came to our town in great numbers at the turn of the century, the law was a heartless, bewildering instrument of the devil. Proof of this appeared in the "Independent" of February 2, 1915, in the form of a warning issued by City Sanitary Inspector Homer Wyatt (a heartless upholder of the law) that henceforth all chickens found running loose will be impounded regardless of to whom they belong. "Heartless Homer" cited a City Ordinance prohibiting such "fowl" law, adding that the prowling pullets made the planting of vegetable gardens impossible, etc, etc.

"Heartless Homer" quickly got his comeuppance in a February 9, 1915 letter to the Editor, from a disgruntled Italian lady whose plea read as follows: "I protest against such ridiculous city ordinances and let the people tell their opinion. Fortunate are those who have bread and butter assured monthly. But not everybody are so fortunate. Messrs. City Sanitary officer for kill time take pleasure of molested the residents of city of Richmond with their new and unnecessary law for present time with miles of spare ground.

"Now tell me resident of city what harm do or disease bring a horse or cow or chickens who enjoy the nature gift of some vacant lots in a city of fifth categorie. Suppose horse belong to a laboring man who has family to support with average pay, \$60 or \$70 monthly, using that beast for riding at his working place miles out of city. How can he feed his horse with price of hay only. Now the cow, belongs to a needy family, the only support is unemployed. How they can provide for the cow when family is in need. The chickens belong to some large family where the eggs are so needed for the children's lunch and the price is so high,

"The people who have protested against the beasts are regardless of the lower classes. Everybody know it is more needed by the poor than rich one. So please let sun shine on everybody. Live the chicken matter be settled between neighbors and get rid of some unnecessary law maker!"

Wonder how the beasts made out after that one.



It's more than somewhat doubtful if the P.G. & E. will be doing today what its predecessor, the Western States Gas and Electric Company did back in 1911. An October 15, 1911 report states the company to speed the electrification of the community, had agreed to wire the homes of all the residents desiring the service, and had already installed wiring in 250 homes with as many more on the agenda. And it was all done free of charge! (Those were the days)

BELIEVE it or not, there really was a time when the railroads courted the passenger traffic. On the S. F. - L. A. overnight run, the S.P. had the crack trains, the "Owl" and the "Lark"; and a December 1, 1911 story in the "Independent" tells, under the headline "Heavenly Twins Will Fly Today", of Santa Fe's entry into the field with a pair of luxury overnighters called the "Saint" (continued)