

# POINT COUNTERPOINT

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## A WELL - INFORMED COMMUNITY

Is a community that can work for its own betterment in an organized manner.

Information is being offered (in large doses) at the Civic Group meeting on MARCH 1, --next Wednesday -- at 3 PM, at the Community Center in Point Richmond. It is easy to complain; a little more difficult to become informed, and a challenge to take action. Take the first step, and become informed on the things that are happening in your community. Attend this first meeting of the year. On the agenda are the following items:

Installation of new Hi-Pointer officers by Judge Carroll: President, Joel Henwood, Vice President, Maurice Solvang, and Secretary Jim Ruiz.

GUEST SPEAKER Paul Badger, member of the East Bay Regional Park District Board, will report on the status of the proposed Regional Park for Point Richmond. He will be ready and willing to answer any questions that you may have regarding the park.

A report by Mr. William Kretzmer, regarding the presentation made to the City Council, regarding Tops Chemical Company (for background on this subject, a factual report is available in this paper.)

Presentation by the Point Richmond Businessmen's Association, concerning proposed parking and other developments, based on studies of future needs.

Recommendations of the traffic committee, including the proposed bus stop change.

Committee reports -- Parks and Recreation, Environmental Committee, Anti-Pollution, Teen Committee, and the formation of an Industrial Development

Committee.

Arrangements will also be made for a "Candidates Night", for the purpose of becoming acquainted with candidates for City Council.

## DEFERRED AGAIN

The discussion by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission of the Richmond Airport proposal, has been postponed again, at the request of its proponents, until April 6.



## SAN FRANCISCO BALLET TONIGHT

At the Richmond Auditorium, this evening, at 8:15, the San Francisco Ballet will perform, as part of the Civic Music series.

## BUSINESSMEN PREPARE

Monday, February 27, in Frank Krueger's office, the Pt. Businessmen will meet to prepare their Wed. presentation,



## REMINISCING WITH DON CHURCH

Humorous and interesting articles from the files of old Richmond and Point Richmond papers, through the courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WASHINGTON--- AND GEORGE, TOO.

On February 22, 1913, Washington was born -- Washington School, in Point Richmond, that is.

Dedication Ceremonies for the new school on Montana and Richmond Avenues were held at 2 PM on Washington's Birthday-- an exciting occasion for everyone but the children, who never have willingly gone to school on a holiday, no matter what the occasion.

Dedication Ceremonies went as follows:

1. American Hymn - Keller  
Lovely, Appare - Gounod  
by the High School Chorus
2. Address of Welcome by Mayor,  
Hon. J. C. Cwens.
3. Remarks placing building in  
hands of Richmond Post,  
No. 201, G. A. R., by  
W. T. Helms.
4. Response, by  
Dept. Com. W.  
R. Thomas.
5. Star Spangled  
Banner by Fifth  
and Sixth grades.
6. Flag Raising --  
Richmond Post, G.  
A. R.
7. Song by G. A. R.  
Quartette
8. Dedication Exer-  
cises - Richmond  
Post, G. A. R.
9. Songs by the eighth grade.
10. Prayer by Chaplain E. Washburn.
11. Song by G. A. R. Quartette
12. Remarks by Patriotic Instructor J.  
H. Lawrence
13. Battle Hymn of the Republic by Fifth  
and Sixth Grades.
14. Address by Comrade G. W. Calder-  
wood.



15. Song by G. A. R. Quartette
16. Acceptance of Building by W. T. Helms
17. American by the School.

chairman - Comrade Levi Boswell.

### THERE ARE FIVE GRANDPARENTS AT THE POINT

who attended Washington Grammar School. Their children and grandchildren have also attended.

1. Mrs. Julia Waite Bill (graduated in first class, May 1913.) whose daughter Patricia Bill Davis and her daughter Julia Davis and son James Davis attended Washington, and are now in Junior High.
2. Don Church (also graduated in first class) whose son Russell and his son Gregory, now in the fifth grade attended Washington.
3. Walter Paasch, County Clerk, (graduated in 1916), whose son Russell sent three sons to Washington; Edward (now in Junior High) Kenneth (now in High School), and Carl, now in Washington's fourth grade.
4. Mrs. Ida Giusti Giacomelli (graduated in 1917), whose sons, Leo and Raymond both had children at Washington school. They are now attending parochial school. They are: Regina, Leo, jr. and Raymond, and Raymond's children, Nancy, John and Paul.
5. Uldine Adams Nickola, whose son, Trefry Ross sent three children to Washington:

Scott and  
Becky, now  
in High School  
and Junior High,

and Jared, who is now in the third grade at Washington school.

Washington School, has of course been rebuilt since the grandparents attended, but the name and the memories remain.

We have pictures of the first graduating classes, and, if we can find a way to reproduce them clearly, they will be printed in this paper.

## LITTLE LESSONS IN MANGLED

### MANNERS

BY Prof. Arcee Eff, DDT, LSD., UFO.\*

#### LESSON III

##### The Cocktail Party

Hello again, my fine-feathered "estudiantes." The old prof has taken you through the ritual of the GREETING and the rigors of DINING OUT, thus opening up whole new vistas of life in the giddy social whirl around here. So now, in the vague hope that (after practicing what the old Prof has preached) you still have a few friends, I shall endeavor to inculcate in your cerebrums (that means "brain-wash" or, in this case, "hog-wash") the social pitfalls of the COCKTAIL PARTY and how to avoid them.

Let us, then, attend a COCKTAIL PARTY.

A COCKTAIL PARTY is born when Joe and Mabel Cumquat discover they've been riding the gravy train (piloted by their friends, who are fast becoming merely nodding acquaintances) too long and they better get off their duff and restore their social image. The cheapest way to do this (and that's for Joe and Mabel, you may be sure) is to toss a COCKTAIL PARTY. That way, for a few jugs of Old Bearbane Bourbon, some Sausalito Smirnoff, and maybe a small flagon of four-buck Black and Blue Scotch (for class) pluss a noggin of cheese-dip and a pint of pretzels, the Cumquats figure to square up with the whole gang and get back on the gravy train for another year or two.

And that's how come you get this cunning invitation in the mail. It's a poem, made up all by herself by Mabel "Brown-ing" Cumquat. and it says:

"O, happy day---Cumquat may---  
If you are able---visit Joe and Mabel---  
March eleven---five to seven!

FOR COCKTAILS."

Naturally, this creates quite a buzz amongst the local jet set who have just about written off the Cumquats as a total loss. Typical reaction is that of Alvin Kohollic ("Al" for short), who reads his invitation, claps his hand to his



forehead, and says to his wife, Alice ("Al", for short), "Ye Gods! The Cumquats are finally gonna break down! Old Joe must have made a trip to his vault!"

You know what? On re-reading the above trioleet I see it's much too clever for Mabel and, under pressure, I admit I wrote it for Mabel so I could get on her gravy train and meet some of my pupils at the party. I'll be ambulatory for about half an hour, so get there early if you want to try out your GREETINGS on the old Prof.

Or even better, let's stretch this lesson out for a couple of weeks and we can all go to the Cumquats together. Meanwhile watch the mail for your invitation, and I'll be seeing you here next week with some of the fine points of COCKTAIL PARTY protocol.

\* Robert C. Friend

#### SCHOOL BOND FACTS

Will be presented at a meeting at Adams Junior High, March 2, in the Cafeteria. Parents and all interested citizens are invited to attend.



# SOPHIE'S

OPEN 12:00 to 6:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY thru SATURDAY