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OPEN HOUSE AT TOPS CHEMICAL

All of Point Richmond is invited to attend the opening of the expanded Tops Chemical Company, at 860 South Garrard Blvd.... through the tunnel; you can't miss it. The Chemical company, which has caused some controversy in the Point, is opening its new plant to the public next Friday, May 26, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Luncheon will be served from 12 noon until 2 PM, with no charge. In the new area, on the Bay side of Garrard Blvd., the bottling and packaging of bleach will be viewed by visitors.

Come and see the plant, Next Friday, any time from 10:00 to 4:00.

POINT AWARD WINNER

Thursday evening, May 18, Larry Barusch was the recipient of a \$1,000 Bank of America award, for mathematics and science. The Bank of America award dinner included students from all of the East Bay. Harry Ells High School students were the recipients of more monetary awards than any other East Bay School.

RICHMOND'S TRASHIEST DAY

The annual celebration of trash, "Trash Day", will be Saturday, May 20, for the Point Richmond area. All residents who make use of the services of the Richmond Sanitary Service may have their trash picked up free that day. Rules of the celebration are:

On Trash Eve (Friday, May 19, all trash must be placed on your parking strip.

(If you don't have a parking strip, don't call this paper for advice, because we don't have one, either).

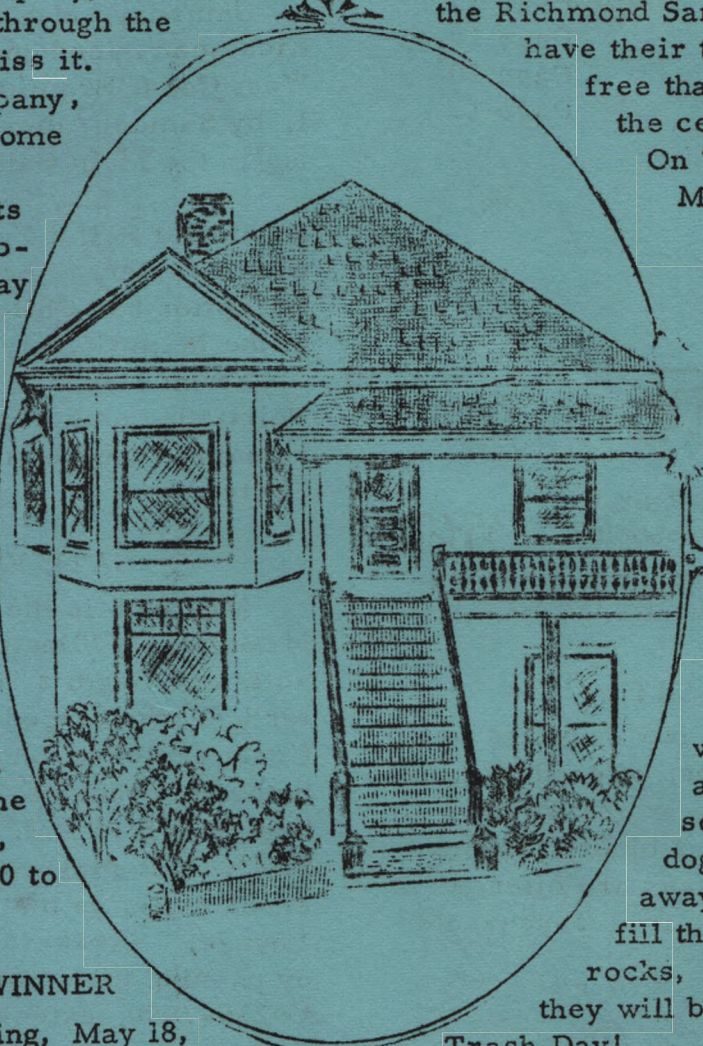
All materials are placed in containers or tied securely, ready for Trash Morning, when the Trash Man, accompanied by the sounds of barking

dogs, steals the trash away, (and use it to fill the bay). Do not put rocks, earth or cement out, they will be left out. Happy

Trash Day!

CHICKEN TONIGHT

Tonight, Friday May 19, The First Methodist Church is serving a chicken dinner, open to the public. Fried Chicken, baked potatoes with sour cream, bacon and cheese bits, salad and pie will be offered, for \$1.50 to adults, and 75 cents for children.



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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The Richmond Art Center Thirtieth Anniversary celebration includes many events you may want to attend. Here is a list; make your plans now.

Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 PM..
Anniversary Banquet honoring Hazel Salmi. Speaker, Dr. C. E. Rutledge. Bermuda Room, Civic Auditorium.

Thursday, May 25, 8:00 PM,
Art Center, Main Gallery, Champagne preview of Anniversary Exhibit.

Saturday, May 27, 8:15 PM.
Richmond Symphony Concert, featuring West Coast Premiere of Symphony No. 1, by Samuel Adler. Reception following in the Main Gallery.

Sunday, May 28, 2:30 PM.
Richmond Ballet Company Program, with a variety of original ballets. Reception and Gallery Tour following, in the Main Gallery.

From May 25th to June 25th, the Thirtieth Anniversary Exhibit will remain in the Main Gallery of the Art Center.

SATIRES AT CCC

May 20th is the last presentation of Moliere's "Doctor in Spite of Himself, and Gogol's "Government Inspector", by the Stagedoor Guild at Contra Costa College. Shown both Friday and Saturday evenings, the double-bill begins at 8:30 PM. Admission is \$1.25. The plays will be presented arena style, in the College's Student Lounge. Reservations may be made by phoning the community service office at 235-7800, extension 230.

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CHILDREN'S ART

There are still a few openings in the children's art classes, offered by Linda Latham, at her home at 622 Western Dr.. Classes will be held outdoors, beginning June 19. Twelve classes are offered for 12 dollars. Eight thru twelve-year-olds may attend. Call 234-3429.

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THE FIRST ALL-WOMAN JURY IN THE HISTORY OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

We begin this week the Celebration of the 55th anniversary of the first all-woman jury. The complete story from arrest to trial was told in the Richmond Independent of 1912. The story is long, but extremely interesting, and it will be continued next week.

MAY 17, 1912:

(Women's names will be referred to by number; attorneys' names, by letter).

"Mrs. 1. who was arrested at her home here in the Point on a complaint sworn by Mrs. 2. appeared for a hearing yesterday and her attorney Mr. X., who asked for a jury trial, and it was granted.

"The police state that they have had considerable trouble with this woman at different times and that the cause of her arrest was that she indulged too freely in liquor and became insulting to the neighbors. When the officers arrived on the scene and placed her under arrest, she refused to walk to the station. An endeavor was made to secure a drag or dump cart to convey the prisoner, as the officers were getting a little warm under the collar at the woman's tirade and were determined that she accompany them. As no other way could be found, it was necessary to secure the services of an auto. This tickled the woman half to death and she kept laughing about how she was taking her first ride in a buzz wagon at the city's expense

"She was trying to raise another row yesterday. More than likely she wanted another joy ride with the two gallant officers. There is an old saying that in the course of human events every man is privileged to become intoxicated, or in common parlance, to get "soused", but there is no reference made to the weaker sex!"

MAY 23, 1912:

"A case having the distinction of being the first and only one ever held in Contra Costa County in which the jury was composed entirely of women, was held in Judge Lindsey's court yesterday."

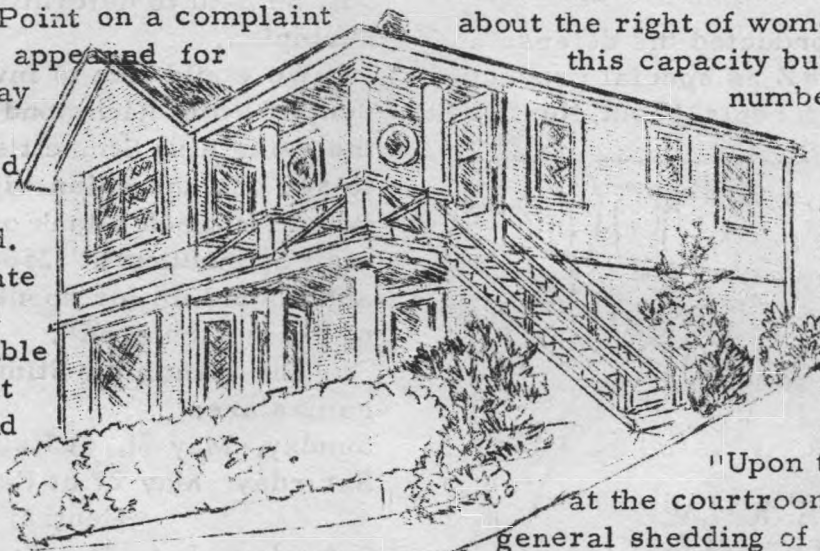
"There has been some doubt expressed about the right of women to serve in this capacity but the proper number had been

summoned to appear, and despite the inclemency of the weather were on hand at the appointed time, 10:00 a.m.

"Upon their arrival at the courtroom there was a general shedding of raincoats, rubbers, and umbrellas and they were hidden away in every possible recess, and when all of the cubby holes had been filled, the walls, telephone and clock were called into service.

"None of the ladies understood the nature of the case or the testimony to be introduced, and neither did the judge.

"However, the court realized this was to be a dispute between women, all mothers, at that, and it was suspected that some very forceful testimony would probably be offered and therefore the judge and chief of police decided the jury should be composed of the same sex, and they made no mistake. (cont. next page.)



8. (First all-woman jury, cont.)

"The ladies were anxious to serve in this new capacity, and the trial is regarded as having been a matter of very forceful instruction to them in the ways of meting out justice on evidence before a court of law.

"But one of the ladies objected to serving on the jury, and that lady in a few well-chosen words told the court that her sympathies would not allow her to give a decision that, however just it might be, would in any way conflict with her convictions as regards the trial of a woman, a mother of four small children, and whose place she regarded as being at home, instead of before a bar of justice on a charge of a scandalous nature. She was immediately excused by the court, and by the consent of both councils the court proceeded with but 11 women in the box.

"Attorney X conducted the defense and Attorneys Y. and Z as special prosecutors were his opponents. (Cont. Next Week)

Spotlight on BASEBALL

Point Richmond's Stinnett's Texaco Pony League baseball team continued its dominance of the Richmond Pony League by posting two impressive wins Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Their unblemished record now stands at 7 wins and no losses, as James Ferguson's pitching and Dewayne Baker's hitting combined for a Stinnett victory on Wednesday. On Thursday night, Cleo' Smith overcame a 3-2 deficit to win in impressive fashion a 6-4 game over the Richmond Boys Club. Thursday's game was a cliff hanger all the way as outstanding 7th inning defense preserved the victory.

The team has reached the half-way point in the Richmond Pony League schedule, as first half champions. Should they not win the second half, a play-off will be held to determine the league champion.

We would like to invite each resident of Point Richmond to attend one of the remaining Stinnett's Texaco games, to see our championship team in action. When you need a tank of gas, why not visit Stinnett's at 12500 San Pablo Ave. and thank him for sponsoring the "Pride of Point Richmond".

The remaining Stinnett's Texaco games are:
Sunday, May 21, at Kennedy Park
Saturday, May 27 at Kennedy Park, vs Central Richmond
Saturday, June 3 at Eastshore Park, vs East Richmond
Sunday, June 4 "
Saturday, June 10, Kennedy Park, vs East Richmond
Sunday, June 18, Kennedy Park, vs Central Richmond
Saturday, June 24, East Shore Park, vs Pt. Richmond Merchants

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