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Reminiscing With Doc Church

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

--- 1921 ---

from the Richmond Independent of December 19, 1921:

"BOY EMULATES DOUG FAIRBANKS, LANDS IN HOSPITAL HERE"

"Inspired by William S. Hart, Douglas Fairbanks and other movie heroes, Arthur Rasmussen, aged 12, attempted to ride a bicycle down the precipitous side of Nicholl Knob, near the Washington School yesterday afternoon, for the benefit of his brother, aged 8. The boy made a flying

start, the police say, but does not remember the finish. He was picked up in a dazed condition by residents in the vicinity and the police ambulance was called to take him to the emergency hospital where he was treated by Dr. U. S. Abbott. Examination revealed that the boy had suffered no broken bones, but his face was badly skinned and he had sustained numerous bruises and lacerations, none of which are said to be serious."

--- 1922 ---

December 19, 1922: "WATER PIPES FROZEN"

"For the first time in 15 years residents in Richmond, the A. Ledeburs,

were inconvenienced this morning when water pipes at their home on First Street were frozen, and necessitated artificial thawing."

December 20, 1922: "FRANKIE NEIL, REPORTED DEAD IS MUCH ALIVE"

"Reports of the death of Frankie Neil, former bantamweight champion of the world, who has been connected with the local Standard Oil Company for the past several years, were as Mark Twain would say, 'very much exaggerated.' While Neil was at work at the local plant this morning, dispatches were carried by newspapers that the former champion had died from pneumonia yesterday in Vancouver, B. C. The Neil that succumbed in Vancouver is no relation of the real Frankie Neil.

Neil met Abe Attell for the feather-weight championship of the world in 1902."

--- 1933 ---

from the Point Richmond Progress of December 15, 1933:

"We have always maintained that there is 'gold' in these hills of Point Richmond--gold that will come to farsighted buyers of real property with the finest view in California. But it remained for George Deemer, one of the CWA Workmen to unearth the real 24 karat variety when he brought once more to the light of day a \$5.00 gold piece.. vintage 1836. Imbedded in the soil of Marine Dr. & Richmond Ave!"



The Shop Upstairs - Located next to Sophie's in the Old Firehouse, this shop is one of the Point's newest. Well-known Hazel Salmi has a wonderful selection of strictly gift items. One of the most attractive of these was a selection of handcrafted bugs, birds and other whimsies, made in Mexico. They have just arrived, delayed because of the fact that the place where they are made was destroyed in a hurricane. These would make ideal stocking stuffers or tree ornaments. Mrs. Salmi and her daughter-in-law and Sally Rush put emphasis in their shop on handcrafted articles and antiques.

Pablo Fanques Faire - This shop is also upstairs in the old firehouse, and is well worth the climb. Pretty Barbara Anderson has many unusual pieces of well-done pottery by Bay Area artists and the prices are very reasonable, starting at \$2.00. You will also like the handcrafted jewelry.

Maison de SyMone - this shop, though just opened, and not yet open every day, has had an ever-increasing selection of unusual antiques. Its owner, Ruby Nelson, also manages another store, The Turn-About Shop in Albany.

The Ichthus Coffee Shop - More than just a good place for a sandwich, this is also a gift shop. Here you will find Christmas cards, chess sets and some really beautiful earrings, and pottery.

Allyn's Mens Shop - Allyn's makes it a point to stock some of the best men's clothes made on the West Coast. My favorite here is the large selection of Pendleton shirts, the perfect gift for any man. They also stock a full range of sizes in Puritan sweaters and Roughrider slacks (made in Napa). Just received is a shipment of those colorful, famous Ernet ties.

Alexander's Tik Tok Shop - There is a full stock of cards and wrapping paper in this shop, as well as gift items and jewelry.

True's TV - Do you have a BankAmericard or Master Charge? If so, this is a good place to use it, for a Packard-Bell

portable TV.

William's Hardware - if you can't find it elsewhere, Williams is the place to look ... variety items galore, and now they carry art supplies.

Gerald's Shoe Repair - no, I'm not suggesting you get your wife's shoes repaired for Christmas. Gerald's, slightly off the beaten track, on Tewksbury, also carries Phillipine imports, bags, sandals, jewelry and yardage.

The above is at best a very sketchy picture of the merchandise available right here in Point Richmond. The local shops are crammed full of much more than what has been listed above, and I think you will find shopping here to be a much more restful experience than you imagined.

Intertel MEETS HERE

Sunday, December 10, the San Francisco Forum of Intertel held a meeting in Point Richmond, at the home of their chairman, Richard Baker. After a business meeting and a discussion of future projects, the group visited various shops on the Point and had dinner at the Point Orient Restaurant.

Intertel is a group made up of people whose IQ is in the top 1% of the world's population, and has a membership of 20 people, 45 of whom are in the S.F. area. Also present were members of Mensa and MM, where IQ requirements are 2% and .1% respectively, and whose membership is 13,000 and 80.

The organization was begun about 10 years ago by a professor in England, for the purpose of research, and association for mutual understanding.

People interested in joining may apply, and first take a test at home, which if passed, leads to a proctored test given at U.C. Anyone who is interested in joining any of the above groups, and feels he or she is qualified, should contact Richard Baker, phone 235-2109.

25th BEACH IS!

The official dedication of Keller's Beach brought large crowds last Sunday afternoon...not early enough in the afternoon to see a water-skiing demonstration, but they began to gather by 1:30 for the kite-flying contest, which was won by Dale Johnson who sailed his kite 276.5 feet in the air.

A brief run-down of the program, which itself was brief includes: Introduction by Patricia Herron, president of the Point Civic Group. Dignitaries from city, county and state offices as well as neighboring communities were present. Mr. George Day, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission was the emcee. Tom Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation spoke concerning the fact that Keller's Beach is an illustration of the fact that dynamic and imaginative planning can be done in Richmond. In Mayor Grydyk's absence, Councilman Weyman spoke, giving a brief history of the beach, since 1901, when Gus Keller and his wife Nellie established the Cliff House Salloon there. He also spoke of the future, when, to the south of the Beach, there will be an even greater park -- a Regional Park for all the people of the East Bay to enjoy. The obvious ease of accessibility of this park was noted--something rare in this area.

Assemblyman John Knox noted that since Richmond is now paying its fair share of taxes toward Regional Parks, the Regional Parks Board should give attention to this area which would be so ideal for a shoreline Regional Park. He welcomed people, both as Assemblyman and a resident of the Point, where, as he put it, citizens are--if not effective, at least noisy in letting there needs be known. Like a typical Point citizen, he bragged about the weather, being the best in the East Bay, and invited people from all over to come and visit the park.

After the ceremonies, a Rock band began to play, and people began to clear

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out-- the park official in charge of the loudspeaker system commented, hands over ears, that now he understood why they had wanted to place the band down at the end of the point of land. He had not had enough cord, he said, or he would have put them at Hunter's Point.

is A SNOWBALL

Friday is the Annual SnowBall, held at the Richmond Auditorium. One of the best Teen-Dances of the year, it is a formal for high school and college students. The dance begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Coronation of the Queen, selected from one of the senior candidates, will take place at 10:30 p.m.

is Icthus

Sunday was also Grand Opening day for the Icthus Coffee House-Gift Shoppe. The occasion was well-attended. Kerry Ainsworth and Nick Power entertained with guitar and song. Bob Mitchell, portrait artist, was on hand to do sketches of people.

is Christmas...

The Women's Society of the First Methodist Church had their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Trannie Dornan, co-hostesses were Mrs. Vern Valentine and Mrs. Dwight Eaton. Mrs. Bob Dornan led the carol-singing. Each person in attendance gave an account of the most impressive, memorable thing of their Christmas memories.


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West Side Activities

The West Side Improvement club had its Christmas gift-exchange last Thursday at a Turkey luncheon. They will provide turkeys and all the trimmings to be included in Christmas gift packs for needy area families. Washington school children provide staple goods, and this year the Methodist Church Women will provide candy, nuts and Cookies, etc. to be added to the baskets for a really complete Christmas celebration.

The outside of the Community Center has been decorated once again, by the members of the West Side Improvement Club, with the assistance of the local firemen.

A Visitor

The First Methodist Church welcomed last Sunday Nguyen VanBa, age 14, from South Vietnam, who was injured critically during an attack on his home village, SonAm, several months ago. He was brought to the U.S. by the Committee of Responsibility, for specialized medical treatment along with two other injured children. He will be a member of the minister's family until he has been released by his physician and can return to his own family in South Vietnam. Any persons having special skills in play therapy or who are willing to help in any way, are invited to contact Rev. Bill Farmer, at 232-4131.

A New Resident

Retha MacDonald is enjoying her new home on Golden Gate Avenue. She lived previously on Twenty-Second Street, although she has worked in Point Richmond for some time. She bought the home formerly owned by the late Mrs. Mary Young

a note

Mrs. Jack Healy extends a belated thank you to all ladies who helped serve lunch at Washington School after "Reynard the Fox".