

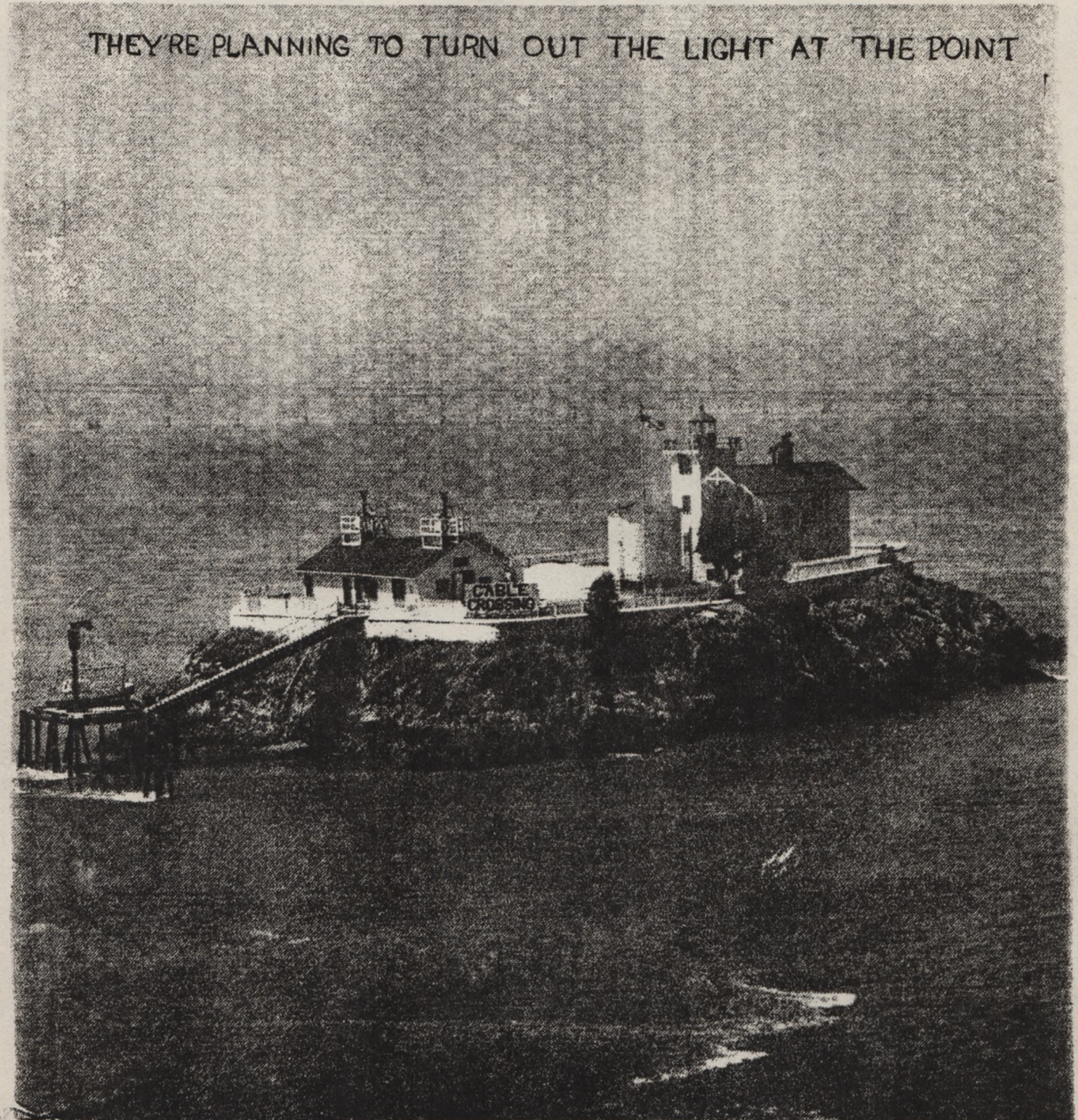
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POINT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA • WEEK BEGINNING JAN. 26, 1968

THEY'RE PLANNING TO TURN OUT THE LIGHT AT THE POINT



EAST BROTHERS LIGHT STATION

• ESTABLISHED 1874 •

REMINISCING

WITH DON CHURCH

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

• 1935 •

Pt. Richmond Progress:

January 18, 1935

"SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS TO DISCONTINUE FERRY TO S.F."

"Showing a total loss of \$25,219.06 for the first nine months of 1934, and a loss of \$25,859.82 for the entire year of 1922, the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries Ltd. has petitioned the Railroad Commission to abandon the Richmond-San Francisco Ferry.

(This was a passenger-auto ferry which left from Ferry Point; Santa Fe also had a ferry, for train passengers).

"The City Council will protest; but if the S.P. has got that far along, the application will probably be accepted as usual by the R.R. Commission--and the ferry will be abandoned. (Ed.--Pro and con must be balanced on this problem;

1.) Will the ferry abandonment cause more people to stay at home and buy, or (2) will Richmond lose highway tourist traffic by reason of the ferry withdrawal? A toss-up; but anyway, now is as good a time as ever to urge the S.P. to do something for Richmond--for a change--and utilize their Panhandle-Cutting Boulevard right of way to bring in their red electric cars to Richmond as they promised.



January 25, 1935:

"Lachondo Forner, the boy who fell over the cliff and fractured his skull, is doing nicely and will soon be able to return to his class in Washington School.

January 25, 1935: An Ad from the LIBERTY MARKET

offers these bargains:

"Arizona Grapefruit-3 for 10 cents; Apples, extra fancy, 5 cents per pound. Jewel shortening, 17 cents per pound, Santa Maria Products: 1 can mushroom sauce, 1 can beef tamale, 1 can chili con carne, 1 can spaghetti, 1 can ravioli, all 5 cans for 25 cents. Cigarettes of all kinds, 2 packages for 25 cents; white laundry soap, 10 bars for 25 cents; potatoes, 25-pound sack, 33 cent. 2 dozen naval oranges, for 29 cents.

January 25, 1935:

"STANDARD OIL BUILDS EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS"

"The Kellogg Construction Company has just completed a large refining unit, which is one of the largest on the coast. It increases the capacity of the plant immensely.... the fact that the company is making all of these improvements, does not look as though this company intends to close down on account of the New Deal in the near future."

• 1913 •

January 24, 1913: "An empty egg box thrown from the window of the diner of the crack limited train of the Santa Fe landed where John Germeshanson was standing yesterday afternoon. It hit him in the head, knocked him unconscious, cut a gash in his head and fractured an arm. Charles Renwick bundled him into his automobile and

WHERE'S THE FIRE?



An unlikely thing to lose--a fire extinguisher-- was found at the junction of Western and Bishop Avenues. It is a 19-pound extinguisher, orange in color, and has these numbers stamped on it:

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TW 2270 BA

CR N I M C

Whatever that means. Sergeant Pace of the Richmond Police Department gave the description, in case it should belong to anyone in this area. If you think it is yours, call the Richmond Police Department, Lost and Found Department.

a SING-IN

Not a sit-in, will be held at the Point Richmond Baptist Church Sunday evening, January 28, at 7 p.m.

The Baptist Church cordially invites everyone to their First Gospel Sing-In of the New Year. Select your favorite old hymn and newer Gospel song from a wide selection, and help us sing them. There will be special music, followed by refreshments. Roy Jones will be at the keyboard with that real Southern Gospel beat.

AWARD NIGHT

The Girl Scouts' Court of Awards will be held at Washington School Auditorium February 2 at 7:30 p.m. All friends and families of scouts are cordially invited to attend. Girls will receive badges, provide entertainment, and serve refreshments.

A special treat may be in store, with slides of last summer's week at Camp.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION is January 30, at Washington School from 1 to 3 p.m.

INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

GRIP--the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program is scheduling another session of home visits which have been so successful in the past. The GRIP Home Visit Committee invites anyone interested to visit in homes of different faiths and races. Each group consists of from 8 to 12 people, in an informal discussion of the subject of their choice, from ecumenism to race.

Many Richmond Churches are participating in the program and are very enthusiastic about its results. If you are interested in taking part in a Sunday afternoon discussion group, on March 3 or 17 or 31, call Dianne Sweasy at 232-872 or Elva Gaines at 234-5330.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The final organizational meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Library has been called for Tuesday evening, January 30 at 7:30, in the Main Library Auditorium. There will be a brief meeting, followed by refreshments.

Copies of proposed by-laws will be on hand for everyone to peruse, discuss if necessary amend, and approve. Election of a board (or a nominating committee) will be held. If you are interested in joining a group, be sure to attend this meeting.

The Masquers
PRESENT:

*Look Homeward
Angel*

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS
JANUARY 19 THRU FEBRUARY 17 • 8:30 PM.
ADMISSION: \$2.00 RESERVATIONS: TH 3-5475
GE 2-3888 AFTER 5 PM

Kelli Frings

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON !

The white, shining jewel of a lighthouse has been sitting on Point Richmond's doorstep for 94 years, offering safety to boats and beauty to shoreline viewers.

The picture on the cover gives a view from the opposite side usually seen by people in this area, since we see it from the San Rafael Bridge or when we travel to Pt. Molate.

East Brothers Light Station is now a non-family light station, but in the past it was inhabited by families, and many older residents remember spending week ends with the families when they were children. Among them is Don Church, who spent many a happy week end visiting the Stenmark family, who were the lighthouse keepers when he was a child.

The lighthouse is presently manned by four men. The station consists of three wooden structures: The light tower with living quarters; engine room; storage and shop building.

The Coast Guard has announced its intention to demolish the light house and erect in its place a concrete block automated light.

It would be no less than a catastrophe if the Coast Guard were to do away with the oldest (and most inspiring) building in this area. The Light House looks 94 years young, and is one of the landmarks of this area. Other parts of the U.S. have managed to keep and restore old buildings; The Maine shore keeps its charming character by preserving its old lighthouses -- why don't we?

Once the light house is gone, it can never be replaced. Whether we keep it or not depends on whether we can concern governmental agencies about it....that means writing letters, not just being concerned.

A number of people in this area have already started the letters roll. Join them, and save the light house!

Here are the addresses of three people who can help :

Jerome R. Waldie
Room 1710

Longworth House Office Building
Washington D. C. 20515

Admiral Willard J. Smith
The Commandant, U.S. Coast Gu.
1300 E. Street
Washington D. C. 20226

And, recently brought to our attention a committee of the Department of Interior, whose business it is to save buildings of historic value:

Mr. James Biddle, President
National Trust for Historic Preservation

815 Seventeenth St. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

In writing, describe the Lighthouse and ask that it be saved for its historic and aesthetic value. Take the time to write--it's worth your time, your effort and your six-cent stamp!

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'68 is Under Way

INTERIOR FURNISHINGS EXHIBIT

The touring exhibit at the Richmond Art Center will be on its way again on February 4, so if you want to see a group that represents almost the ultimate in interior furnishings, you'll have to hurry. The main gallery of the Richmond Art Center presently has the work of Harry Bertoia, Isamu Noguchi, Eero Saarinen, Thonet, Tiffany, Mies Van der Rohe, Frank Lloyd Wright, Marcel Breuer, Charles Eames and Oliver Mourgue on exhibit.

Art Center hours are: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday; 9 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

SENIOR GANZA AT JFK

Did you know that Santa Claus has a brother???? That's right! Come and see Bear Claus; as well as Slug Woman, Buzzard, and Betty Boop in the Senior Ganza. Circle February 1 and 2 on your calendar....and don't be late. It starts at 8:00 p.m., at Kennedy High School.

--Nanci Griffith

ADULT MODERN DANCE

The children at Washington School aren't the only ones who have the opportunity to get "modern dance" lessons. Mrs. Gertrude Blanchard, of the Parks and Recreation Department offers a course in "Understanding Dance" here at the Community Center, Thursday mornings at 10:00. Expressive dance is also mighty good exercise. If interested, Call the Recreation Department at 232-1212, extension 496, and register.

A GREAT EVENT AT THE POINT...

Friday night (tonight--January 26) Ernst Bacon will honor the new Steinway Grand Piano, the First Methodist Church, and all of Point Richmond with his presence, in concert, at 8 p.m. For details, check the last page.

SPRING AT THE PLUNGE

The Richmond Plunge opens soon, for another spring of swimming fun and instruction.

* PUBLIC SWIMMING HOURS: Begin February 7, Wednesday and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is 40 cents, children 25 cents (reduced rates with ticket books).

* SPECIAL REGISTRATION will be held February 1 and 2, for all Spring sessions, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the plunge.

* NOON-TIME SWIM specially scheduled for working people is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Children attending must be accompanied by a parent. Open to the public. Starts February 6.

* WOMEN'S SYNCHRONIZED - Synchronized swimming; Session I begins February 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

GIRLS' SYNCHRONIZED- Aquatics also begin February 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Monday.

* BOY AND GIRL SCOUT, CAMP GIRLS' Swim Night begins February 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., each Wednesday.

Other sessions coming up later will be: Homemakers' Swim and Tennis Program; Tiny Tots lessons; Family Swim lessons; Skin & Scuba Diving; Handicapped Swim; Water Safety Instructor Course; Youth lessons; Lifesaving; and special Easter Week programs.