

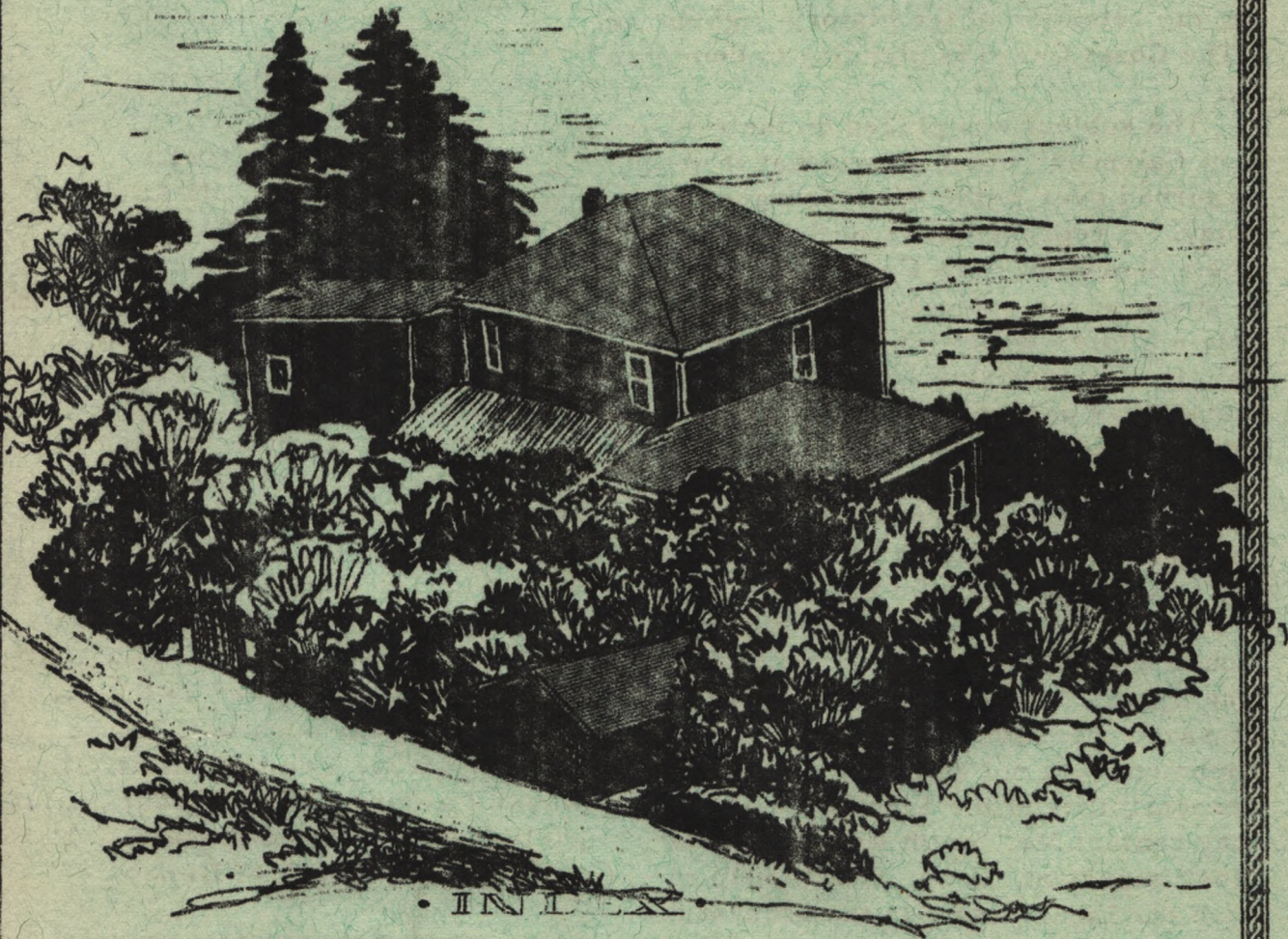
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1. HOW TO DO THE SIDE-STEP

The subject of the East Brothers Light House was on the agenda of the City Council on Tuesday night, February 12. Brought to their attention from two sources; the West Side Improvement Club and the Richmond Planning Commission, the Council side-stepped, and passed the buck -- two tried-and-true practices. Both organizations proposed that the council pass a resolution favoring the retention of the historic lighthouse. (The Coast Guard is planning to demolish it).

The subject was placed on their "Consent Calendar" which meant that it would be turned over to the City Manager for study. A representative of the Contra Costa Shoreline Park Committee asked to speak on the subject, in an attempt to obtain a more definitive action, but was not given an opportunity to speak and the matter was passed on to the city manager for consideration. This is not a negative action, but it is also not positive. The City Council's support would give more strength to the requests being made to the Coast Guard to save the Light House.

Richard Baroni discussed the Light House with City Manager Kenneth Smith, who agrees that the Light House should be saved from demolition. The City of Richmond will not be likely to take on the responsibility of the Lighthouse, but you may contact Mr. Smith with your ideas. Most important, if you wish to help to save the Lighthouse, is the request directly to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., 20591.

ARTISTS are invited to paint pictures of the East Brothers Light House. The Contra Costa Shoreline Park Committee will arrange for display of the paintings, when they are submitted. More information will follow on dates, but start painting soon!

YOU CAN'T VOTE

There were not enough petitions signed to bring the subject of water fluoridation to a vote. An attempt will be made later in the year to obtain more signatures, and get the issue on the November ballot. Fluoridation is being supported by PTA's throughout the State; they have pertinent information on the benefits of fluoridation, and petitions will be available through them.

CONTRA COSTA MARCH OF DIMES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Entries are being accepted for the Second Annual Golf Tournament, to be held Monday, March 18, at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo.

Invitations are being mailed to golfers who play regularly at East Bay Courses, to join the celebrities in the classic. Others may obtain invitations by calling Mrs. Charles Moffatt at 254-4031, or contacting the Country Club.

Names of sports figures who will participate will be released as they accept bids. Last year such well-known people as Rick Barry, Leo Nomellini, Jim Otto, Wayne Hawkins, Mike Mercer and others participated in the tournament. Proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

A PUBLIC ISLAND....

Brooks Island will probably soon become a Regional Park, to be maintained as a wilderness area. It is being leased now as a private hunting preserve. Between 3,000 B.C. and 700 A.D. it was the site of several Indian villages. Archaeology students are still finding artifacts on the island.

REMINISCING

with Don Church

ABOUT EAST BROTHER'S LIGHT HOUSE

by Don Church

The campaign now being waged by several local groups to preserve the East Brother's Light House brings back memories of weekend trips to the lighthouse by some of us children of the Point. We would walk to the old Standard Oil carpenter shop and catch the train which carried the workers to the Can Factory located at Point Orient. We got off at Point San Pablo wharf where Bill Bailey, the wharfinger would grab his megaphone and call to the lighthouse. The two Stenmark boys, Phillip and Folke, would row in and pick us up.

The Stanmark family consisted of John O. Stenmark, Mrs. Stenmark, their two daughters Rubie and Annie and the two sons mentioned above. All are now deceased except Annie who is Mrs. Charles Morisette, wife of retired Captain, Charles Morisette of the Richmond Fire Department.

We played various games and fished a lot, and would go for a row when the tide was slack or the Bay calm. It was very seldom that we played baseball, since every ball over the fence meant lowering the boat and rowing quite a distance plus a hard row back against the tide. Additional children from the Point who made visits to the island were Julia and Fred Neu and the late Robert Pickett and Bob Forrest who lived at the old Healy Tibbetts rock quarry, which was located at Point Molate. The Stenmark girls would give parties occasionally and the guests would spend the night on the island.

Captain Stenmark was a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and became a member of the Lighthouse Service as a reward for an act of bravery while employed as a sailor on the lighthouse tender "Madrona". Stenmark and a crew from the tender were attempting to get a boatload of supplies from the tender to Point Conception Lighthouse in a rough sea when the boat capsized. The assistant Chief Lighthouse Inspector, who was in the bow of the boat, was injured and carried seaward by the huge waves and the undertow. Stenmark, although bleeding from injuries managed to reach the inspector and support him until they were rescued by the tender crew.

As a reward for this brave act, he was made keeper of the New Years Island Lighthouse located near Santa Cruz. He was isolated there, as his only contact with the outside world

was once each month, when the Tender arrived with supplies. During his term there, he rescued several fishermen whose

boats capsized, and as a reward, was placed in charge of the Brother's Island Lighthouse off Point San Pablo, where he remained for 20 years.

The family moved from the lighthouse to Richmond and owned and operated the Stenmark House of 15th Street for many years.

Captain Stenmark died on May 17, 1915, from a heart attack, while enroute from S. F. to Blunts Reef Lightship, on the Coastal Steamer "City of Topeka". His remains were shipped from Eureka to Richmond, and funeral services were held May 20, 1915.



Here and There[©]

• Dorothy King

The appreciation was unanimous, among the great crowd that attended the Point Orient free buffet last Sunday, that it was the most hospitable thing any business has ever done. The buffet was delicious and generous, the atmosphere was delightful, with live music by John Duff, and everyone enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Happy Anniversary to the Point Orient Restaurant, and continued success!

A welcome to Point Richmond, to new residents Ed and Delma Bickhart, recently moved here from Seattle, transferred here by Safeway Stores. Since they enjoy fishing, boating and rock-collecting, they enjoy living in this area.



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The WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service) of the First Methodist Church , met at the home of Mrs. James Wilson this week, with Oretta Eaton presiding. She led a "Biblical memory-refresher" game, after which there was a discussion concerning plans for a May tea. Mrs. Rae Weirick won the "gypsy basket". Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Smith Knickerbocker of Berkeley is manager of the DeLowe's super newsstand in Oakland. It is open 24 hours a day, and provides out-of-town papers, and books from anywhere in the world. If they don't have it , they will order it.

While attending the City Council meeting, we met the following people in city government: Harlan Heydon, City Clerk, who provides the minutes of the City Council meetings. Mr. Heydon graduated from Richmond Union High School, and was manager of their Athletic Club in 1943. He recently attended his classes' twenty-fifth reunion. Mr. Wiley R. Moffatt came here from Wisconsin seven years ago--like many others, to get away from the cold climate of the midwest. Lieutenant Frances Barrett of the Police Department stated, in connection to today's youth problems, that problems have increased with the increase of mobility of youth (their access to cars, and other transportation) and decrease of parental supervision. He feels that many parents lack interest in their children, and the resulting insecurity leads to trouble.



EVERY FEMALE MARSUPE
WALKS WITH A STUPE
by Walla B. Friend

You would walk with a slouch and say
"Ouch!"
If you carried your young in a pouch.
And that is why (comma)
A marsupial momma
Displays a perpetual grouch.