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## *East Bay* PARK MANAGER QUILTS

Tuesday's regular meeting of the East Bay Regional Park District seemed rather routine. Mrs. Dorothy King attended the meeting and reported the following items concerning Contra Costa County:

The Board approved an Open Space Contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a grant of \$147,000, for 466 acres in Briones Regional Park. They also received a check from HUD for \$52,403 representing a 50% grant in the acquisition of 287 acres at Briones.

\$6,000 in additional fees was allocated to the Brooks Island project for additional fees and services in connection with its acquisition. The Board will take a field trip to Brooks Island on May 28.

A delegation representing North Richmond and Neighborhood Housespoke to the Board concerning the development of Wildcat Creek and the area where the creek meets the Bay into a regional recreational area. The Board promised a report on this in two weeks.

After the meeting, Board members met alone with General Manager, Irwin Luckman, at which time, Mr. Luckman resigned from his position. He has served as General Manager for only 18 months, succeeding Mr. William Penn Mott, who became manager of the State's Parks and Recreation Department. The resignation was sudden and surprising. While the Park District is attempting to find a suitable man for this important position, Mr. Richard Trudeau will be the acting General Manager.

## *all* ROADS LEAD TO THE Richmond Dump

In spite of a verbal agreement by the Richmond Sanitary Company that the new franchise would not include out-of-county garbage, nine truckloads per day are brought to the dump--4 from the Presidio, 3 from Sausalito, 2 from Hamilton Field. The company is filling the Bay with garbage,

## *Cancer drive* RESULTS

The Cancer Drive in Point Richmond according to area chairman Eunie Morin, not only reached many families with vital cancer information, but brought the foundation \$349.90, for its research and services. This is already above the amount collected here last year. When the mailed contributions have been received, the total will be well over that received previously. Mrs. Morin expresses thanks to those who helped to make the drive a success. There were a few small areas not covered by the drive, but a worker will call soon. Memorial giving in all areas has increased, and although great gains have been made in cancer research, the foundation estimates that 5 million Californians now living will someday be cancer victims. More than 18 million dollars a year is now being provided for cancer research.

## TRAVELING ?

An interesting note for students planning to travel abroad: the U.S. National Student Association, at 265 Madison Ave., New York City, provides students with free entrance to museums and student clubs, reductions on train, boat and student charter flight trips, reductions on theater tickets, watches, jewelry, and even dry cleaning.

## *On* HUNGER

If you missed Tuesday evening's "CBS Reports" on Hunger in America, watch for a re-run. The program is one that no one should miss. There has rarely been a message so clear and forceful. It is hard to believe that we can be blind enough to allow ten million Americans to starve--the question was asked almost 2,000 years ago, "Who is my neighbor", and the answer hasn't sunk in yet!



# Reminiscing with Don Church

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

## RICHMOND'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

As Compiled in May,  
1913.

(During May of 1913, a drive was underway to kill an overabundance of flies invading the area. A contest was held by the Independent, with cash prizes for children killing the most flies. A Point boy won, by using traps around the garbage cans behind the restaurants and other business places.)

### "COMMANDMENTS COMPILED BY DR. BLAKE"

(Independent of May 20, 1913):

"1. Thou shalt love Richmond with all thy heart, boost it with all thy breath, and keep thine yard clean with all thine understanding. Likewise, SWAT THE FLY.

2. Thou shalt not expectorate upon any sidewalk, or upon thy neighbor's porch, neither shalt thou eject any spittle in any public place or vehicle of transportation, for the Public Health is a Pearl of Great Price and must be conserved. For this reason also, SWAT THE FLY.

3. Thou shalt not commit adulterated foods into the hands of thy brother when he is an hungered, for Coal Tar Coloring

is an abomination and benzoate of soda worketh evil to any man's stomach. All things do in moderation, except when you SWAT THE FLY.

4. Thou shalt keep thy vows when thou goest into politics, likewise hold thy tongue to promises, for the Richmond voter has a fearful and wonderful memory and the files of the newspapers shall never perish off the face of the earth.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother, for without them, Richmond would still be a barren waste and thou wouldst not have thy 'benzine buggies', nor thy homes nor thy stores, and thy big buildings; but

remember, that for all these things thou shalt be held accountable, so SWAT THE FLY.

6. Thou shalt swat the fly--yea, with the swatter and with poison shalt thou compass his destruction, and with Tanglefoot shalt thou ensnare his foot so that he goeth no more from the manure pile to the baby's crib, bearing disease and death. In the morning, when thou goeth forth, Swat the Fly; in the heat of the day, when thou resteth for a brief spell, Swat the Fly; and in the cool of the evening, when thou art weary after thy day's work, even then do thou plot his destruction.

7. Thou shalt not give to thy neighbor strong drink lest ye both be damned. Say thou rather to him, "Go thou and get thine own

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drink in thine own way". In this manner will thou fulfill the law and save thine own supply at the same time.

8. When thou goest into an hotel, thou shalt say to the keeper thereof, "Hast thou nine-foot bed sheets, individual towels, and private drinking cups?" and if he sayest nay, then shalt thou flee from the place for the wrath of the state will be upon his head, and thine own as well, if thou goest in and abide with him. It is far better for thee to sleep in a barn, and Swat the Fly, than to abide in a Public Place that cometh not up to the specifications of the Board of Health.

9. Thou shalt not listen to the man who peddleth "blue-sky"; neither shalt thou lend thy influence to any man who seeketh to sell thy neighbor a "gold-brick"; for as between the man who dealeth in non-registered securities and the man with a millstone about his neck, the one best bet is on the latter.

10. Thou shalt not walk in the path of the "knocker" nor stand in the stall of the "standpatter" nor sit in the seat of the "doubter" for Richmond is a great city and within her borders are to be found all the Health and Happiness, Peace, Prosperity and Politics that is coming to you this side of the Promised Land."

(That was in 1913--maybe, as with the original imperfectly kept 10 Commandments, what Richmond needs now is a Savior!)

## TUNE 4 VOTE

Be prepared to vote on June 4. The County Clerk sends out sample ballots, and information concerning all issues: read them carefully.

The support for Proposition 2, the junior college bond, is great. It will provide classrooms, site acquisition and laboratories and shops. It would implement the California Master Plan for Higher Education, which calls for state assistance for capital construction to local junior colleges and therefore, would bring a measure of

## More Thoughts on the LIGHT HOUSE

Although the East Brother Light House is now included in the list of sites being considered for Historical Landmarks by the state's liaison officer for the Department of the Interior (Mr. William Penn Mott), and is "as good as saved" from demolition by the Coast Guard in their automating process, recent communication indicates the real need it serves, as a manned Light Station.

Mr. Dorward, of Dorward Oil Terminal at Point San Pablo, a well-qualified spokesman, called the Shoreline Park Committee to ask why this really important reason has not been stressed for saving East Brother Light House as a Living light house: The Light House is situated in water with very strong and treacherous tides and currents. Many privately owned boats come by and this is a very dangerous spot to be caught, with a dead engine, a broken oar or other marine disability. The matter of saving lives increases in importance more and more, as increasing numbers of people are using boats. Small boys in rowboats and kayaks often venture into these straits, and during the summer months the number increases. This good reason for having a manned Light House is being mentioned to the Coast Guard. If you wish to write, address Admiral Willard J. Smith, Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

## the COMMITTEE

The Contra Costa Shoreline Park Committee is, in answer to the letter of last week concerning the Regional Park Board, assisting in the interviews with members of this Board. Next week, we hope to have compiled the information from these interviews, and to present an introduction to each member. The committee has presented their slides this week to the 20-30 Club of Richmond. Next week three presentation