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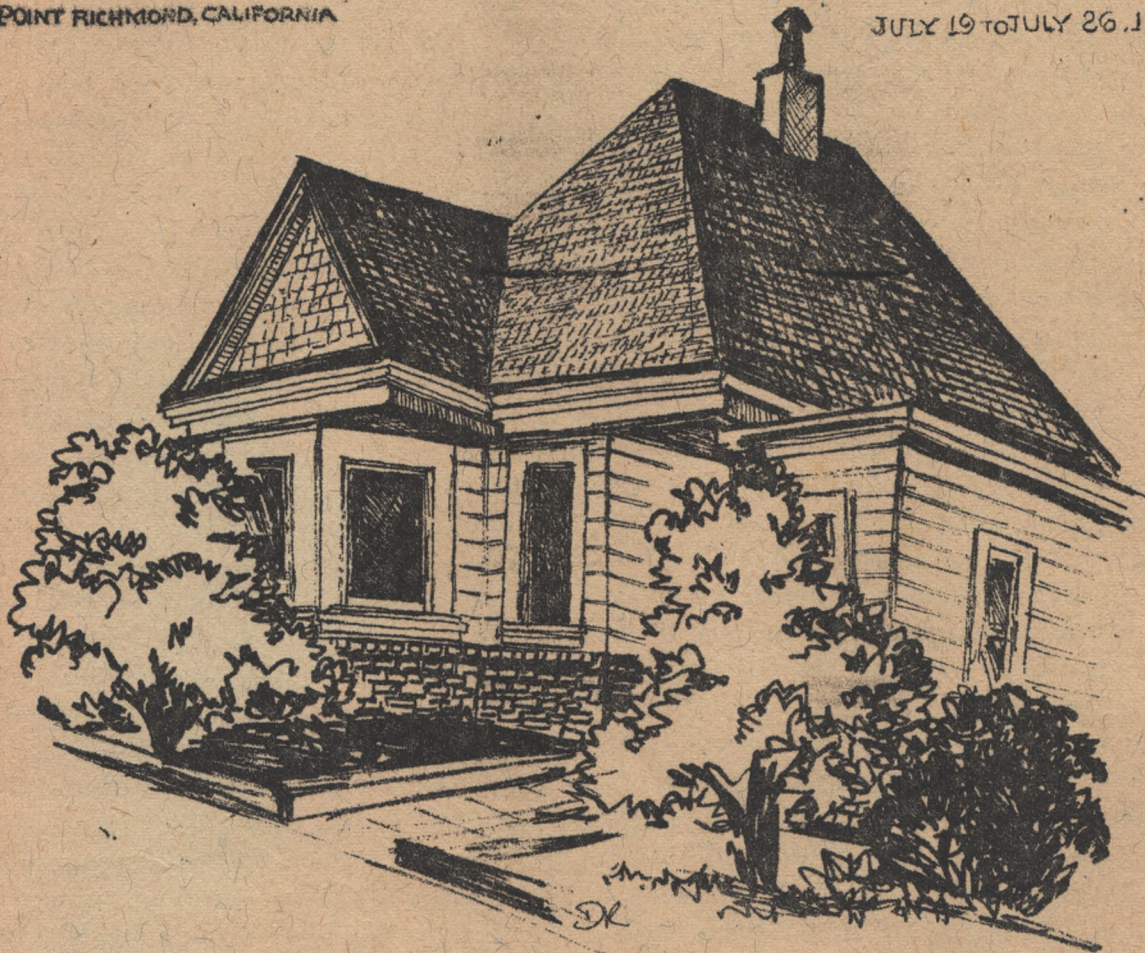
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A LOOK BACK

While it's still July, we'll go back once more to the big Fourth of July Celebration at Point Richmond. Reports from both celebrants and workers indicate that everyone enjoyed this year's event more than any previous year. The planning was well-organized, the work went smoothly, and the celebration itself was eventful, but less congested than usual. There wasn't a moment without entertainment, unless you hid deep in a corner, but there was far less confusion and buffoonery than last year.

One complaint was a result of superior equipment. The sound system from the grandstand was better than ever, to the consternation of the non rock-and-roll fans. There will be an effort to control volume next year.

The whole idea behind the celebration, the fund raising for exchange of students with foreign countries, must not be overlooked. According to the American Field Service's preliminary financial report, the Fourth was even more glorious than usual financially, too. The Richmond Community Chapter's budget includes sending two of our students abroad, and receiving five foreign students at four high schools this year. The cost, including transportation and a fourteen-dollar-a-month allowance, comes to a total of \$5,250.00. This year, the AFS netted approximately \$4,850. This compares favorably with last year's \$4,478. The remainder of the needed budget is paid by the individual schools receiving students. The great success of the Fourth of July celebrations has allowed Richmond to enjoy and benefit from becoming acquainted with five foreign students each year. It has also made it possible for the members of the local AFS to concentrate on duties, rather than on raising funds during the entire year. Thus, groups in all parts of Richmond have become acquainted with their student guests, and with the work of the AFS. The community owes the David Calfees, the Chuck Wrights, and the David Snyders a special thanks for their continual efforts on behalf of world-wide understanding.

....WAY BACK

The home on the cover belongs to a man who arrived in this country over fifty years ago, to get his father and bring him back to Greece. And that's exactly (almost) what he did. He sent his father back to Greece, and stayed here. He has lived in the house for forty-five years.

Mr. Gust Allyn retired recently, after being Post Master for fifteen years. When he first came to Richmond, however, his work was quite different. He worked at the Standard Oil Refinery, as a water boy for the Santa Fe Railway, and helped to install the tracks on Macdonald Avenue for the AC Transit system. He owned the first restaurant in Guernewood Park on the Russian River, he owned the old Eagle Restaurant in Point Richmond, and for six years ran the Marathon Pool Hall. Some ventures were successful, some not so. In 1924, he went into the men's clothing business and Allyn's Men's Shop is still being run by the Allyn family. Two of his sons, Hank and William, joined the firm.

When Mr. Allyn bought the house on Idaho Street, he also bought the house next to it, which will be pictured next week. In the more than fifty years in Richmond, Mr. Allyn has served the community in many capacities, as a School Board member for twelve years, eight years as a Planning Commission member, and a City Councilman for eight years. He served twice as mayor and during one term, was invited to Tokyo as a guest of the Japanese government, for over a month. The trip abroad eventually led to another trip, back to his native Greece in 1948, when he visited his Mother, just one year before her death.

Both Mr. Allyn and his wife have been active community leaders. The organizations to which they belong would fill another page of this journal. For a man who only came over to get his father, Mr. Allyn has had a very long and active stay.

Reminiscing

with DON CHURCH

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



THE CHURCHES OF 1902

Under an articles about the "Gilt Edge", a new saloon, handling only the best of goods over the bar, " is a notice of a "mass

evangelistic service, "for the moral and spiritual welfare of the people."

The First Methodist-Episcopal Church was the only church with its own building. Church Notices went as follows:

PRESBYTERIAN- Services at 3 p.m. in the Santa Fe Schoolhouse.

BAPTIST- Sunday School at 2 p.m. in Fraternal Hall. Evening services usually held there also.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Regular services at the Fraternal Hall at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH - Sabbath School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a.m., Class meeting at 12 o'clock.

CATHOLIC CHURCH - "At 9 o'clock in the morning there will be mass in Curry's Hall. After mass there will be Sunday school for all the children who have attained the age of learning.

(According to some of our more cynical friends, this is the age at which they might go to the Gilt Edge instead)

THE PIPELINE TO POINT RICHMOND

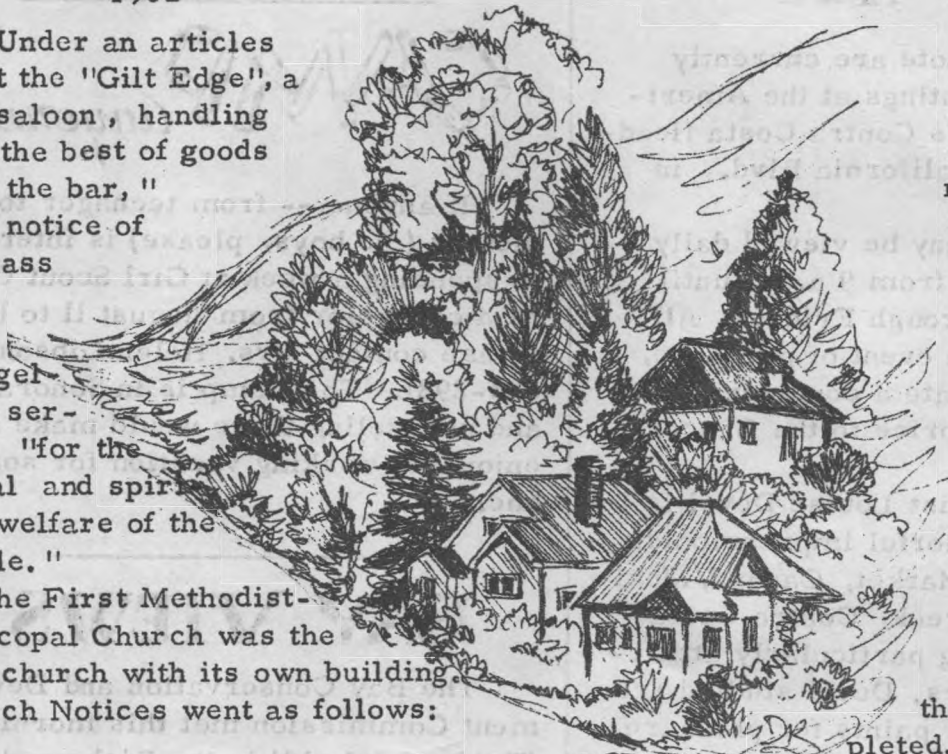
July 19, 1902: "The Standard Oil Company is pushing the new work of laying their pipe line from Bakersfield to their big refinery at Point Richmond... The pipeline is completed as far as Angiola,

forty miles from Bakersfield, and the work of distributing pipe has progressed so rapidly that Corcoran Junction, 23 miles north... will be reached by the first of August

"If work on the Bakersfield-Point Richmond pipe-line is pushed with the aggressiveness shown in their work already completed Point Richmond will be reached by the first of October with pipe distribution and December first

the pipeline will be completed, bringing oil to the Point Richmond refinery direct from the Kern County oil fields.

"The work now in hand of constructing the great receiving tanks... will not be completed much before October, while the Crude stills and smaller receiving tanks... will require fully five months to complete. ... Agitators, acid tanks and condensor boxes are to be finished in the meantime; then there will be numerous buildings to be erected for all sorts of purposes.... It would require a week of any man's time to go through the entire refinery with a view of describing the manifold and intricate accessory buildings and mechanical contrivances for the immense refining plant. There are so many unusual things that it requires a prompter to be very much enlightened..."



(TED KLOSKI - continued).

and finally arrives as a place called by the artist, the psychology of man in dimensional focus. At times the pictures have a movie effect, one image growing from the next.

The artist, who now lives in El Cerrito, will be traveling in Mexico this summer with his family.

ACS...ART

Two artists of note are currently exhibiting their paintings at the American Cancer Society's Contra Costa Headquarters, 2180 N. California Blvd., in Walnut Creek.

The paintings may be viewed daily during office hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. All are for sale, and in event of purchase, each artist will donate a considerable portion of the sale price to the Cancer Society.

Pleasant Hill Artist Louise Devol is showing several colorful impressionist oils. Her "Flower Market, Oaxaca, Mexico", and "Curry Creek, Contra Costa County" are proving particularly attractive to visitors. Mrs. Devol studied art at U.C., Berkeley, paints for pleasure, and has exhibited in many juried art shows including the Jack London Square Art Festival and the Walnut Creek Civic Arts Show.

Representational painter Harry Metzger of Reno, Nevada, is exhibiting oils. This well-known Nevada artist has won many first prizes and had one-man shows throughout California and Nevada where he is past president of the Nevada Artists' Association and the Nevada Art Gallery.



RUMMAGE

The Rummage Sale for which the Baptist Church has been preparing is to be held Saturday, July 20 at Statler's Hall at Seventh and Nevin in Richmond, from 9 to 5.

Rummage of all kinds, from furniture to clothing will be on sale. You name it--they have it.



If anyone -- from teenager to mother (no boys, please) is interested in spending a week at Girl Scout Camp as a counselor from August 11 to 17, please contact Mrs. Helen Gibson at 223-2981. The Camp is in Sonora, and counseling there would make an enjoyable working vacation for someone.

BAY VIEWS

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission met this morning (Friday, July 19) in the Richmond City Council Chambers. A report on that meeting will be available next week.

They are reviewing their preliminary plan, and hearing comments from different communities at present.

Important to note is the fact that SB 231, the Senate bill which could help to keep the Bay from being destroyed by fill, by keeping the BCDC in power until adequate legislation is available over the use of the Bay and its shores, is now on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. The bill was passed unanimously by both the Assembly and the Senate. One can only hope that effective legislation will be forthcoming, for even now, though a moratorium on Bay fill supposedly exists, much unauthorized filling goes on (and on.)