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1. JOIN *the* TEAM!

So far, THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS
 PEOPLE ARE FILLING THE
 Point Richmond BOYS BASEBALL teams by
 sponsoring individuals or teams

Let's fill 'em up, so all the boys can
PLAY BALL!

IVY INN TWO BOYS		Sherry & Bob's ONE BOY	The BALTIC ONE BOY	RICHMOND Supply Co. ONE BOY
TEDRICK Insurance TWO and 1/2 BOYS			Mr. & Mrs. E. Armentrout ONE BOY	Point Richmond Real Estate ONE BOY
GERALD'S SHOE Repair ONE BOY	CENTRAL POOL HALL ONE BOY			
SANTA FE Market			ONE BRONCO MAJOR TEAM	
West Side Improvement Club				ONE BRONCO MINOR TEAM

Call 233-4434 to join the team sponsors!
 Just ten dollars per boy provides insurance, fees & uniforms.

Reminiscing *with Don Church* 4.

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

A DRY SHIP ENTERS THE DRINK....

April 3, 1913...

"Without wine, women or song the new Standard Oil River Steamer 'Petroleum No. 3' was successfully launched at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco yesterday at 9:30 a. m.

"The Steamer glided down the greased ways, fully completed, with steam up, crew aboard and ready for service in the bay.

This is the first time this has taken place on the Pacific Coast.

"Instead of wine, a member of the crew unceremoniously rubbed a bottle of soda on the forward peak, snapped off the tin cork and sprinkled it on the deck as the vessel gracefully plunged into the water at flood tide.

"The Petroleum is a modern steel stern wheel steamer for carrying refined oil. It will carry 5200 gallons and a hold of 25 tons of freight or package goods. Her cargo pumps are worked by fuel oil engines so the boiler can close down while discharging cargo, eliminating danger of fire."

15, 000 TONS OF ROCK DUMPED ON SEA WALL

April 3, 1917... "Healy and Tibbetts, contractors engaged in filling the bulkhead

between the mainland and the eastern end of the municipal wharf reported last night that they had completed the dumping of 15, 000 tons of rock on the improvement. This leaves 35, 000 tons to be dumped in the balance of time."

A UNIQUE RESORT March 25, 1921:

"A playground that is unique on the Pacific Coast and which it is predicted, will be one of the most popular amusement places to be found, is being established by employees of the Standard Oil Comp-

any on the old brickyard site (Central Brickyard) on the northwest of the refinery. The Standard Oil Rod and Gun Club is the name given with Harry Aisne as president. More than 200 members have already enrolled. It is planned to open on May Day."

NEAR EAST RELIEF DRIVE... April 2, 1920.....

"Mrs. W. E. Cunningham, chairman of the Near East Relief has appointed the following ladies at the Point to care for the work in that section: "Mesdames H. D. Chapman, W. S. McCracken, E. L. Scofield, P. C. Campbell, E. J. Garrard, C. L. Abbott, G. B. Fredenburg, W. S. Lucas, J. O. Ford, Lee Windrem, L. H. Transue, J. H. Coleman and F. Smith."



5. WEST-SIDE LIBRARY



by Mary Burkhard

Tomorrow's films will be THE TOP, a short Jules Pfeiffer-like satirical cartoon appealing to young and old alike. It concerns the age-old theme of the struggle to get to the "Top."

WILDERNESS ALPS is a film journey through Cascade Mountains, areas that are among the last true wilderness areas in the United States. This is an outstanding Sierra Club film.

The film program begins at 11:10. Mechanical bugs have been ironed out (at least they were last week) so try to make it. The films are selected for school-age children, but everyone is welcome.

NEW BOOKS:

PARTLY CLOUDY AND COOLER by Elizabeth Uhr is a genuinely funny novel set in a university town. A few of the cast of motley characters are Frank Wilkinson, an inordinately tall young man addicted to graduate study and adultery; his latest conquest, the fragile Eloise, who has a trying husband, a mother-in-law who follows Mary Baker Eddy, and a four-year-old daughter with odd predilections; Seyfried, a flamboyant hairdresser, and Rocky his somewhat less flamboyant friend. Outrageous, rowdy, funny and original.

THE DEADLY EURASIAN by Alexander Cordell goes something like this: An enormous explosion and flash of light has caused destruction and havoc on the Chinese mainland in the region of Canton. Early reports indicate a U.S. atomic attack, or a lone American missile unleashed by a fanatic. Was it a governmental act of war, or a warped and unauthorized provocation? Enter Mei Kayling, a

young and beautiful Eurasian, a dedicated graduate of Peking's School of Espionage. Her orders: proceed immediately to Hong Kong. Find out quickly the reasons for the Big Light. If their government authorized it, the Americans must pay. Promptly and in kind. Mei Kayling's journey takes her far from Red China, through many adventures and supporting characters, and into one of the most startling climaxes in spy fiction.

OVERLIVE by William M. Birenbaum is eloquent nonfiction addressing itself to the causes and to the possible solutions of the educational crisis in America. Overlive does not merely attack the root causes of the educational upheaval now in progress, it offers a plan to restore meaning to the learning process. Dramatically, it contends that we cannot disregard with impunity the depressed condition of the inhabitants of our ghettos, black and white; that any amelioration of the general sickness of our society must include a particular concern with those who have been deprived of their full American heritage.

AMERICA'S FIRST CIVILIZATION by M. Coe presents some answers to a 400-year-old puzzle concerning the roots of the marvelous Pre-Columbian empires. Now, as a result of startling archaeological discoveries in Mexico, a full picture is emerging of a so-called "mother culture", a new world civilization as old as ancient Troy-- the Olmec, Beautifully illustrated.

Now, off to frolic in the St. Helena hills, with quiche lorraine, chilled artichokes and some fruit-of-the-vine! Happy spring weekend!

Quotes: "A skillful politician is one who can stand up and rock the boat and make you believe he is the only one who can save you from the storm."