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POINT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA



DR.

Tewksbury Ave.

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Sad times. Sad times now. I bought myself a harmonica today. Thirty-nine cents. The Pilfer-Pruf package said the harmonica was mellotone, all plastic, washable, hygienic and made in Hong Kong. A buy at thirty-nine cents.

For sad music, buy a harmonica.

I remember harmonicas from World War II movies. Those movies always showed a Navy ship in quiet waters out by Pago Pago or down in the South China Sea. Sunset comes. The sailors are all sitting around dreaming about their wives, or the girls next door: Dorothy Lamour, Betty Grable, Ginny Simms, Veronica Lake, June Allyson. (If June Allyson lived next to me, I'd move.) Pretty soon, one of the young sailors takes out a harmonica and plays a mournful song. The sun goes down. Lloyd Nolan, the Skipper, hears the music and smiles a teeny smile, to convince you he is a good guy at heart. The ship creaks and moans. A peaceful night on the South China Sea. Harmonica music wafting over the still waters.

One minute later, of course, they are attacked by a hundred Japanese kamikaze pilots. William Bendix gets wiped out by a piece of shrapnel as he mans an anti-aircraft gun alone. Skipper Lloyd Nolan orders the ship full speed ahead, leaving the husband of June Allyson drowning in the sea. "He's expendable," says Nolan, "I've got to save the ship." and you know that beneath his exterior of stone beats a heart of lead.

Saddest of all is the kid playing the harmonica, who gets shot just as he reaches a high note, and the wail of his dying is played in the key of C. Back home, Esther Williams rises up in her lonely bed and says "What's that? Something terrible has happened!" while the baby in the next room cries. Meanwhile, the kid's harmonica has slid across the deck in front of Marine Cap-

tain John Ireland, who smirks and kicks it into the sea with his combat boot. (Deep in your heart, you know he will be Skipper some day.)

Harmonicas are good for sad times, and we are having sad times because of the wine grape problem.

I don't know how to play the harmonica. The package it came in had one song printed on the back: "Swanee River." The harmonica has numbers, the song has numbers. Look at the number on the song, then play that number on the harmonica. I don't have any trouble reading the number on the song, but I have noticed it is difficult to read the number on the harmonica, since all the numbers are inside your mouth while you are playing.

So far, my "Swanee River" sounds like "Old Paint, A Faithful Pony," or like I have swallowed an unopened package of Planters Peanuts. It's just as well. I don't want to get too good at it. If I get too good, you know what will happen. Point Richmond will get wiped out by a hundred kamikaze pilots. I'd hate to have that on Lloyd Nolan's conscience.

The reason I want to play the harmonica is because of the sad news. The wine grapes are being killed. According to the papers, pollution has reduced the yield from wine grapes by 60%. Smog is murdering wine grapes. WINE GRAPES! The actual grapes they make the wine out of.

The mind boggles. It is harmonica time for certain.

Sailor, play a sad harmonica for the wine grapes. June Allyson, weep Hollywood tears for the wine grapes, for they are sinking beneath the heavy seas of smog faster than your movie husband ever sank beneath the China Seas.

I have had a long and pleasant relationship with wine, starting as a teenager one summer evening in old Sabella's where, to impress an equally young date, I ordered a bottle of chablis with our swordfish. The waitress took the order without a question. Alas, flushed with success, I called after her, "Oh, miss! I'd like to have a glass of milk, too."

She came back. "Say, how old are you, anyway?"

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POINT THE PERSONALITY

Before looking ahead, at events in the coming week, we would like all of you to be aware that one week from now -- May 1st -- Mental Health Week begins. This week is, or should be, especially important to Point residents, since many of them have, or are developing, good strong persecution complexes. And if you haven't generated at least the seeds of a mild paranoia, perhaps you just aren't with it. (As the saying goes, "If you can keep your head while everyone around you is losing theirs, maybe you just don't understand the situation.")

And the situation is this. Point Richmond, with its "village atmosphere" is more personal than most areas; But indications are that we are being treated with cold impersonality -- almost contempt-- by those who have authority in this area, but a little understanding of it as a substitute mailman.

Complaints are heard with increasing regularity since our property taxes increased astronomically. One woman (a long-time resident) had the gall to ask a deputy assessor why the taxes here became so high. His reply was to ask her who she was trying to impress by living in Point Richmond anyway. Evidently we're not impressed enough, because the latest word is that property taxes will increase here again next year. (Are you beginning to feel persecuted?) How about the tremendous increase in equipment and personnel your taxes provided the animal control shelter, so that they can be extra diligent in their ultra-impersonal citation of dogs in our area. Perhaps this is a service you appreciate, but if your dog ran out of the porch to bark at a dog catcher, and it earned you a court citation and perhaps a \$25 fine, wouldn't you feel persecuted?

From all indications, persecution complexes are on the rise in Point Richmond... from the woman who got a traffic ticket for parking in a white zone while mailing a package, to the people whose truck was towed away without notice. Join the mounting number of Pointers -- prepare for Mental Health Week -- Develop a complex.

Opening NIGHT

Tonight the doors of the Masquers Playhouse open for a new play. "Design for Murder" by George Batson will play through May 23, each Friday and Saturday evening.

An entertaining mystery-thriller, the play is directed by Jo Camp, and the cast is headed by some well known Masquers as Bert Miller, Ivan Paulsen, Martin Gerber, Alice Wells, Estelle Novello and Lee Coffin.

Make reservations now to attend the tension-packed thriller, presented in the best whodunit tradition. Call TH3-5475 or BE 2-3888 after 5 p.m. for reservations.

A VISION

It doesn't matter that you do or don't enjoy art exhibits. You must visit the Richmond Art Center before May 12. What you see will delight you regardless of your artistic appreciation. The Richmond Secondary Schools (that's teenagers, you know) have an exhibit now in progress that is worthy of everyone's attention. It only takes a few minutes (but you'll want to spend more to go through the gallery, and you can drop in any time of the day, from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 4:30 Friday, 11:30 to 5:00 Saturday, and 2:00 to 5:00 Sunday.

A WALK-IN

A Sunday morning walk-in, to Point Pinole, will be sponsored by the Contra Costa Park Council. Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday at the El Cerrito Co-op parking lot. Bring lunch and water, and join the group this Sunday -- April 26!

A FAIR!

Attend the "Wonder Fair" at the Oakland Coliseum, April 29 to May 3! Several Point Richmond artisans will be participating in the gala event.

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KENNEDY HIGH PRESENTS:

6 CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR

On April 30 and May 1, at 8:00, "Six Characters in Search of An Author" will be presented in the Kennedy Cafetorium.

This modern, fast-moving drama, written by Luigi Pirandello, evolves around a family whose lives have been made into a terribly painful yet realistic story.

With their tragedy in hand, they search for an author who can give life to them, freeing them from themselves. They come across a director, played by Frank Lisarelli, who, although somewhat skeptical, listens. From there on, the tragic drama is regenerated.

Directed by Emily Thayer, the six characters are played by Craig Mohagen, the Father; Debbi Espinosa, the Step-daughter; Pat Pruitt, the Mother; John Gordon, the Son; Marty Schoenberg as the little boy, and Diana Thayer as the little girl. Leading lady is Irene Guest and leading man is Don Hardwick.

Price of admission is 75 cents for students and \$1.00 for adults. Tickets will be sold at the door.

MUSICAL EVENING

A concert of guitar and harpsichord music will be presented Saturday night, April 25, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Margen, 1521 Hawthorne Terrace, Berkeley. Tickets will be available at the door, and will include refreshments after the concert. Artists Glorianne Jacobson, guitar, and Jeanne Margen Harpsichord, are presented by the Berkeley Women for Peace.

SWIM!

Session V of the Youth Learn to Swim Program at the Richmond Plunge begins daily sessions on April 27, continuing to May 8, at 3:00 and 4:00 weekday afternoons, for ages 5 to 16.

COFFEE AND A CANDIDATE

Two coffee hours will be held on Friday, May 1, for candidate for District Attorney, Gene Swann. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both coffee hours, to meet the candidate. The first coffee hour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Lord, 646 Western Drive; the second will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the home of Rosemary Corbin, 114 Crest Avenue.

VOCAL TREAT

Get your tickets now for the Richmond Chorus Concert! They will be in Point Richmond, at the First Methodist Church in a performance at 7:30 p.m. May 3. The Sunday evening performance will culminate the spring concert series. See the flyer on the back of this paper, and especially note the fine review by music critic Paul Hertelendy.

The evening will be a musical treat for everyone. Don't miss it! If you haven't bought a ticket beforehand, you may purchase one at the door on the concert evening.

Proceeds from ticket sales will purchase a new roof for the Methodist parsonage.

SEA CLASS

From May 3 to 31, each Sunday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., adults and high school students may have the opportunity to use the East Bay Regional Park District's new marine time classroom in the "Marine Ecology Workshop... The first session will be an orientation program in the classroom at Alameda State Beach, covering the broad spectrum of Bay ecology. Other sessions will include in-depth study of different types of marine life, such as shellfish, birds and crustaceans, and a field trip to another beach area for comparative study.

For registration and further information, call the Tilden Nature Area, 524-1034.



NOTED AUTHOR LECTURES

The author of African Genesis, Robert Ardrey, will lecture at Contra Costa College on Wednesday, May 6 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Gym. The title of his lecture is "The Biology of Human Behavior."

His background of study in arts and science, plus work with Thornton Wilder, led him to play writing, his first being "Star Spangled". Three of his best-known plays, "Thunder Rock," "Jeb," and "Shadow of Heroes" were republished in his volume Plays of Three Decades.

His well-known films include "The Green Years", "The Three Musketeers" and "Madame Bovary."

By 1956, Ardrey became interested in human evolution and behavior. He has lived in Rome since 1960, and has written several books, besides African Genesis, including The Territorial Imperative.

Mr. Ardrey's lecture will be free and open to the public.

THEATER

The Squirrel Hill Theater presents "Inherit the Wind", which will be given May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at the First Unitarian Church at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

PARK COUNCIL MEET

Speakers for concerned conservation and ecology groups at the Contra Costa Park Council's conference Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pittsburg Auditorium include Will Siri for Save the Bay, and Sierra Club; William Evers for People for Open Space and the Audubon Society; Ruth Corwin for Active Conservation Tactics and Student Council on Pollution and the Environment; and Loren Cole for Ecology Center. These speakers will be joining Representative Waldie, State Legislators Nejedly, March Fong, Dent and Knox and Contra Costa Supervisors Coll, Dias and Lin-scheid in discussing forthcoming legislation.

THOUGHTS ON EARTH DAY

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by students in Marlys Reynolds' fourth grade special reading class.

EARTH IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE

(Inspired by Earth Day -- April 22.)



I like the beautiful flowers.

And I like the cool wind.

And I like to go swimming in the cool water,

And I like the high hill to roll down.

The earth is a very special place.

by Ray Javellana.



I like the fruit trees on the Earth.

In the Spring, trees have blossoms.

I like to see trees when they grow.

I do not like men to cut them down.

Trees are very beautiful things.

by Joel Moore



I like butterflies when they fly.

They look beautiful.

I wish I was a butterfly because--

They fly so high in the air.

by Bruce Betcham.



I like the water and the fish.

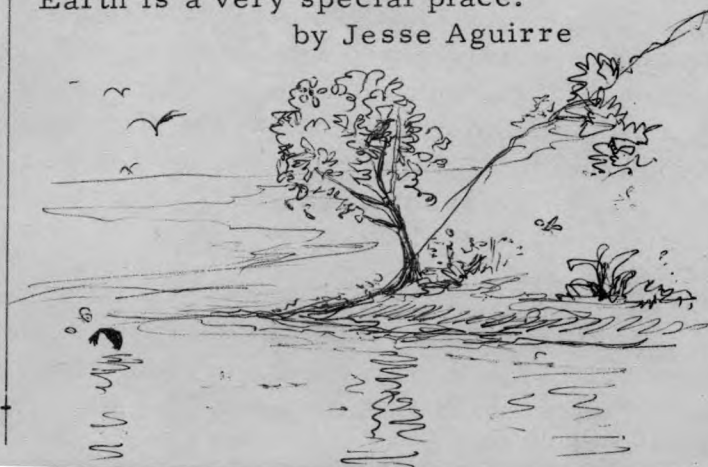
I like the water when I am hot and thirsty.

I like to go to the beach,

and watch the waves come in.

Earth is a very special place.

by Jesse Aguirre



RICHMOND

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***** FIFTY YEARS AGO *****

Articles from old Richmond newspapers of fifty years ago, courtesy the Richmond Library and Rosemary Corbin.

April 27, 1920.....

the BEGINNINGS OF RICHMOND

"Twenty years ago today was the starting point of what is known as the City of Richmond. It was on April 26, 1900, that the Santa Fe started work on what is now its terminus.

"There are but a few in this city today who were here at that time. Then, where the Santa Fe shops now stand was overflow land and where the balance of the city stands was made up of a number of farms.

"In 20 short years the city has grown from nothing to 20,000. The swamp lands have been filled in and sidewalks and streets have been put in all sections.

"The Standard Oil Company is spending \$10,000,000 on extension. Certainly just started on an immense paint factory to add to its present plant and the Santa Fe, since its return from the Government, will spend millions in betterment; just what will Richmond be in 20 years from now is beyond comprehension.

"A few years ago the western section of the county was assessed for less than one million dollars; today Richmond alone has over \$20 million in assessable property and if you include El Cerrito, Giant and San Pablo it will reach \$30 million."

May 4, 1920.....

"An Aerial Transportation company will start Monday with passenger service between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The fare will be \$100 each way."

April 24, 1920.....

"JOHNSON FOR PRESIDENT RALLY....."

(Great excitement was generated by the Hiram Johnson Campaign)....

"Johnson Sweeps Nebraska"

"20,000 Majority is Indicated Late Today."

"Johnson Gains as Hoover Boom Wanes"

"Torches to be carried in Old Time Parade Here"

"Johnson Rally at Lincoln Auditorium to Follow Monster Parade"

"Why Union Labor is for Johnson to be Friday Meeting Topic."

etc., etc.

April 24, 1920....

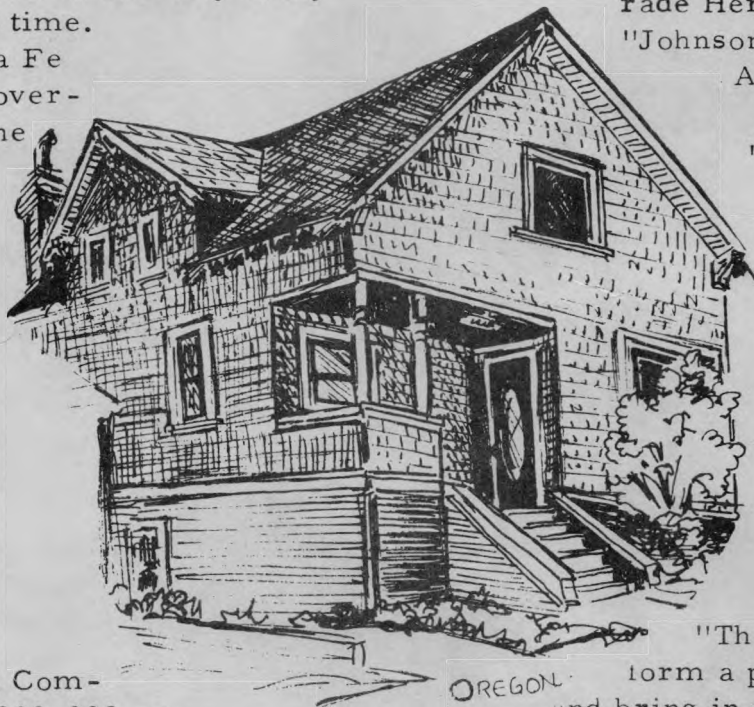
"RECOMMEND EEL RIVER; COST TO BE \$46,000,000."

"That the East Bay cities form a public utility district and bring in water from the Eel River in Trinity County at a first cost of \$46,000,000 is the recommendation of the city Engineers of Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley and Alameda."

April 24, 1920.....

"OVERALL CLUBS CREATE LITTLE INTEREST HERE"

"Little excitement has been created in Richmond over the stories of overall and gingham parades in New York and other eastern cities, and there seems to be little likelihood the epidemic will spread this way. The matter may be discussed by the housewife's League, but several members have already voiced an opinion that the clubs are only a fad, and would only have the effect of raising the prices of gingham and denims."



OREGON

PLAYGROUND NEWS



●HONOR WINNER.....

This Saturday Casey Hurley will be honored at the youth leaders Merit Day, sponsored by the Richmond Elks Club. Casey is among some 80 children from throughout the city being honored for outstanding leadership on the playground.

Our congratulations go to Casey, whose cheery smile, positive attitude and helpfulness is always welcome on the Playground!



●BIKE CONTEST.....

Next Monday, April 27, the Bike Contest is still scheduled

HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY IN OFFERS TO HELP!

This is MORE than just a contest. What is learned by a child at this event may save his life.

IT IS HOPED THAT WE WILL RECEIVE SOME AID SO THAT EACH CHILD CAN RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM THIS EVENT.

What can you do? Come to the playground after school, on Monday, and if possible, leave your name there beforehand, so we will know how many to expect. The school's number is 232-1436..... PLEASE come and help!



●TRIP TO THE ANIMAL FARM.....

Watch for coming information on the May 9th trip to the animal farm at Tilden Park!!

...Judy Davis, and
Harold Crawford,
Recreation Leaders.



by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Karilu Elle
Dori Valentine
Eric Hoiland
Florence Farley
Lass Kretzmer

Flattery is telling a person exactly what he thinks of himself.

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Go Ahead ..... like for ONE HOUR on Saturday night!

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Service awards were presented by the C & H Sugar Company in Crockett to two local residents. So honored at the banquet were Steve Palko, 45 years of service, and Patrick Palko, 40 years.

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Mark Smith visited his grandparents, Bea and Martin Kenoyer, before returning to his AF base at North Dakota this week.

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Steven Wilbanks has completed three months' training at the Helicopter School at Fort Huston, Virginia, and is on leave with his wife and son before reporting to Vietnam for duty.

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Making their first appearance Sunday at the Methodist Church was the recently organized youth choir under the direction of Edna Hathaway. Appearing in their new robes, which were all made by Gladys Johnson, they were truly angelic cherubs. If anyone is interested in having their children join the new choir, please contact Mrs. Hathaway at 758-3770.

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Ida Bradley Parker, Sonora, is spending a few days visiting Trannie Dornan and Louise Novarini.

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7. Trivia, continued.

Memo to Kit Jones who thinks Californians are a bit zany at times: Four local women traveled 565 miles last Thursday -- for LUNCH. (You're right -- they are zany.)

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Winner of the third place award in the 3-D class at the Seventeenth Annual Show of the Central California Art League in Modesto was Pointer, John Werner!

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Happy Anniversary, to Jim and Nancy Anderson!

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And Welcome Home from the hospital to Bernice Darley!

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Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Delmore just returned from a two-week tour of Hawaii, previous to opening a brand new Mayfield Paint Store in a bright yellow building on Twenty-Third Street. Look for it next time you travel 23rd Street!

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What kind of face do you have? Does it reflect the real you? Don't laugh -- instead rush to a mirror and view it as others see you. Do your brows arch...the corners of your mouth droop...your eyes glare? A smile makes your whole body feel better... and takes less muscles than a frown.

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Billy Graham when referring to the Apollo 13 Mission: "Never have so many prayed for so few."

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IF smoking pollutes the air....

IF smokers can deduct sales tax on their cigarettes...

Does that mean it "Pays to pollute?"

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A "Mystery Dinner" is being prepared by Edna Hathaway and Dorothy Selzer for members of the WSCS on Wednesday, April 29th. So mysterious is it, that the only known fact is that it is dinner (or is it?)

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With the receipt of the letter stamped and cancelled aboard the Iwo Jima (LPH2) on April 17 with the Apollo 13 Recovery Forces, US Navy imprint, the lunar mission is now complete as far as our household goes.

Even if you don't feel you qualify as a music lover, you should attend the Richmond Chorus concert at the Methodist Church on May 3rd! You are promised a rare treat in the music and style as conducted by Ron Daniels. Besides, the \$1.25 donation is deductible!

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Don't forget -- get ahead Saturday night and turn the clock ahead. And enjoy that extra hour of light beginning next week.



STORY HOURS....

Let me remind you again of story hours that are held twice a week at West Side -- Wednesdays at 1:00 for pre-schoolers and Saturdays at 11:00 for school-age children.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES....

Richmond Library has prepared a list of available films, books and periodicals having to do with man in his environment. Also included is a list of local groups that will gladly turn your concern for the environment into action. These bibliographies are available at West Side.

NEW BOOKS.....

On the "New Book" scene we have THE MARRIAGE OF A YOUNG STOCKBROKER by Charles Webb. Continuing the themes begun in his earlier and now legendary novel, The Graduate, Charles Webb looks inside a marriage and at the possibilities of love. His insights into today's manners, morals, and dreams again touch a nerve; they are comic, irreverent, and, above all, strikingly true. More remarkable is the author's handling of the subtle balances, tensions and yearnings in a relationship between two people who want to be in love.

A first novel of note is IN THE HIGHLANDS SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL by Joanna Ostrow. It was given very favorable reviews in "Publishers' Weekly", "Time", and "Saturday Review", from which I will now lift a few phrases. Simon Johnston is the illegitimate son of a Belfast whore and an unknown African. Born in a Glasgow slum he spent nine years as a foster child in the croft of Callum and Mary McDonald near Inverness. Now Callum is hospitalized with a double leg amputation, and Simon takes leave of absence from Edinburgh University to work the croft for Mary. With his wife and two tiny children Simon sets out for the Highlands. Within six months Simon's dream of acceptance as a Highlander is shattered. Now that he is grown, his beloved Highlanders are aware that he is a blackman married to a white woman. It is Simon's wife Jenny who sees clearly through the Celtic mists. She recognizes a dying culture propped up with "the imperative, meaningless demands of the day:" a people fearing their destruction and yet contributing to it with their ritualistic way of life, using the Gaelic language as the ultimate retreat from reality. "Joanna Ostrow has written a beautiful novel about a man who returns to his dream of an uncomplicated life." The book has everything -- sensitivity, humor, wonderful characterization. The writing is lyrically simple, with not one unnecessary word or one incident that does not have its place in the delicate pattern of the story." --

Saturday Review.

MODERN LEATHER DESIGN by Donald Willcox is a modern, comprehensive guide to dramatic objects you can make from leather. Handsome photographs, precise diagrams and detailed instructions combine to show, step-by-step, how to design and make everything from sandals and handbags to sculpture and furniture. If this were a catalogue instead of a "How-to" book, I'd bankrupt myself ordering these beautiful items!

West Side also has copies of THE

FRENCH LIEUTENANT'S WOMAN, 8. UP THE ORGANIZATION, LOVE AND WILL, and THE SELLING OF A PRESIDENT, so put in a request if these have been on your "must read" list.

IS THERE
JUSTICE
FOR ALL?



Members of the League of Women Voters Richmond Area will be culminating the first of a two-year study on the Administration of Justice in California with a public meeting on Tuesday evening, May 5th at 8 p.m. at St. Lukes Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond. The Honorable Robert Duggan, Judge of the El Cerrito - Kensington Justice Court and attorneys LeRoy Hersh and Kenneth Larson are the distinguished guest speakers who will form a panel to discuss "How Judges Should be Selected in California."

Mrs. William Otani and Mrs. Terry Hatter, co-chairmen of the study group on Justice for the local league, advised that Judge Duggan will discuss the proposed Merit Plan for the Selection of Judges endorsed by the Judicial Council of which he is a member. Attorney LeRoy Hersh, member of the S.F. Lawyer's Club, who headed a special committee actively opposing this plan, will present their report and attorney Kenneth Larson, former president of the Contra Costa Bar Association, having a long-time interest in various merit plans for judicial selection, will complete the panel giving his viewpoint.

Judge Duggan, a native of the Bay Area, graduated from the University of California and received his law degree cum laude from the University of San Francisco. He is a past

Attorney LeRoy Hersh practices in San Francisco, and is past president of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and the Lawyer's Club of San Francisco.

Attorney Ken Larson was educated in the Richmond schools, and was president of the Contra Costa Bar Association, and now a member of the executive committee.

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Justice (continued)

He is also on the Board of Governors California Applicants Attorneys Association and president of the board of the Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation.

Mrs. Robert Frederick, president of the Richmond League, announced that some 14,000 members in California are participating in the statewide study.

The meeting is an informational one, and the public is welcome to attend and ask questions. The League promotes informed citizen participation in government and is open to all women of voting age.



with Dorothy King

Welcoming Back the Plum Tree.....

If you drove up Washington Avenue a couple of Saturdays ago, you would have observed a happy scene -- a group of people grinning and standing about with glasses raised on high toasting the return of the plum tree. Most appropriately a bottle of plum wine was opened and with cheers and words of benediction the tree was anointed with the wine. Among those who attended were: Joe and Judy Travis, Bob Read, Rosemary Corbin, Donna Roselius, Bill and Gerrie Kretzmer, Ethelyn Milton, Millie and Jerry Allaire, Ed and Pat Hoiland, Bill Eger, Asa Williams, Ken Tholaug, Tom and Lucretia Edwards, Doug and Kathy Lord, Joe and Elsie Spinola, and of course Thea Kendall and Dan Robertson.

Many thanks to all who helped to return the plum tree to Washington avenue but were unable to attend the ceremony...

Thea Kendall.

Point International, Pablo Fanques Fair, and the Pumpkin Eater will have a booth complex representing the Point Richmond business community in the Whole Earth Festival April 29 to May 3 at the Oakland Coliseum.

General Admission to the "Wonder Fair" will be \$2.00. There are discount tickets available through the participating shops.

Bradley's Automotive Shop was well represented by Harry Bradley, Pat Bradley, (Harry's wife) and Bill Ringo, at the Redding Drag Races. They won Class Trophies at the races in Redding.

Frances Smith is accompanying a group of handicapped children in a trip to the State Capitol in Sacramento today.

The third grade class at Rancho School spent last Friday at Knowland Park Zoo and taking a guided tour of the Oakland Museum.

The FDR Palace will soon move to larger quarters next door. Come on down and browse, and chat.

Mrs. Helen Robertson is visiting her son Dan Robertson and Thea Kendall. She is from Maumee, Ohio.

Sherry Hartynyk's mother, Mrs. Bethel, is in Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley.

Matt Martincich was riding his bicycle and was bitten by a dog.

Mr. Pat Foran from Berkeley is visiting his daughter Mrs. Susan Ziblatt and family for a few months.

Bill and Earl Clutts' mother, Mrs. Doria Clutts, passed away April 10 in Chimes, Arkansas. They attended the funeral in Arkansas.

A report on the really informative conference on Bay Area Regional Organization which was held at UC, Berkeley last weekend, will be in next week's issue. Many concepts were expressed, and a representative of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Council explained the regional organization there, that includes seven counties. Since the matter of Regional Organization will be seriously discussed soon, the conference may be of interest to many.

The Thirty-nine Cent Harmonica (continued from page 1)

"Forget the wine," I said, "We'll both have milk, I guess."

She fooled us. She brought the wine, poured it gracefully and charged us only for two milks. Since then, I have noticed that those who serve wine, make wine and appreciate wine are more intelligent, better looking, more loveable, happier and altogether more human than those who won't have anything to do with the stuff. You would be hard put to find a wine lover who would pilot a kamikaze or marry June Allyson.

There are lots of beautiful wineries near us, of course. Beringer, Krug and other big ones, with trained guides and official tours on the half hour. Then there are small ones, with friendly, cranky owners and a tour you can take by just stepping inside the door of one building. The owners all have red noses. I like a man who samples his own product. Jim and Rosy Nichellini, the Vianos, Ernest Ferrario, Prop., out at Ruby Hill, Mario Lanza at Wooden Valley (friendly man, bad wine.)

The smog is getting 60% of their grape yield, so go buy a harmonica and play a sad song for them. If the wineries go, we have lost something important, for it is hard to imagine a more peaceful afternoon than standing around the heavy aromatic wine vats in some dark winery, talking to the owner, sipping a bit of the old vintage and the new, while the wine all around you matures as peacefully as it did 2,000 years ago, with as little concern for the violent affairs of men now as then.

I remember fine bottles of wine in my life, wine I wouldn't touch now. A bottle of plum tied to a bottle of rice wine in a tea field on Formosa, sipping from one then the other while a Chinese major tried to wrestle a water buffalo to his knees under a full moon and our girls giggled and covered their eyes; a bottle of ordinary Krug rosé at Veneto's that had some magic done to it so that it became unforgettable, while the next bottle of the same kind was as ordinary as rosé usually is; a bottle of Thunderbird under a tent while rain beat down, with everybody saying how vile Thunderbird

is, but drinking it all the same; a very 10. tiny bottle of Great Lakes wine I carried in my parka pocket one night, sneaking up the ladder of a 250 foot water tower at Lockbourne Air Force Base to satisfy a personal longing, and drinking the wine while the disturbed pigeons fluttered around and the airport light squeaked just overhead. Play a harmonica song for all that if the smog gets the wine grapes.

The wine grape problem is terrible, a national tragedy. But if you want to hear a real national tragedy, stop by some evening and listen to me play "Swanee River" on a thirty-nine cent harmonica. Stephen Foster, played by Larry Parks, would turn over in his grave, even if he didn't write it.

INDIAN LORE

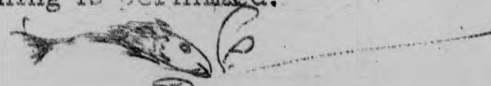
Third in a series of five lectures on "Man and Nature" will be the lecture on "Indian Uses of California Plants" by Wayne Roderick. Samples of Indian foods, dyes, and fibers are used to supplement this discussion of how these items were made, and how they were used. Mr. Roderick, Senior Horticulturist for the UC Botanical Garden, has thoroughly researched his topic and his presentation is unique.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. at the Oakland Museum Theater, and there is no admission charge.

FISHING

Rainbow Trout--more than half a ton of them, will be dumped into Lake Chabot sometime between now and the end of the month. Prior to this plant, nearly 20 tons of trout have been placed in the lake since fishing began in 1966. The lake is situated about midway between San Leandro and Castro Valley.

Fishermen must have a State Fish and Game License and also the annual Park District Permit which costs \$1.50. It is good at all East Bay Regional Park District lakes where fishing is permitted.



A Table Setting in El Cerrito

Participating in the "Table Setting Array" sponsored by the El Cerrito Soroptimists will be three Richmond participants... the Richmond Art Center, Kenneth S. Janes, Interiors, and the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee, with the theme, "Picnic in the Park", arranged by Gerrie Kretzmer.

The Table Setting will be held on May 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

Besides table prizes for participants, those attending the Table Setting will enjoy the decorative array while being served refreshments, voting on the table of their preference, and have an opportunity to win a \$15.00 door prize.

What's your P.Q.*?

*PATIENCE QUOTIENT

Want to test your patience as a motorist? Try entering Point Richmond a few times by way of Garrard Boulevard. If you are already jumping up and down at just the thought of it, your patience has already been tested.

We have been urged to comment on (but not in the language we've often heard) the railroad crossing which one can't avoid if entering by the Garrard route. It's not as bad (if this is any consolation) as some other crossings in town -- if you happen to be unlucky enough to travel down third street, for instance, or even Ohio Avenue. But it is bad enough to cause every motorist to come to an almost complete stand still and do an auto-tip-toe over the tracks; and if anyone is following close behind, the additional risk involving a rear-ender is added to the anxiety involved.

You might, if you have joined the Garrard grumblers, try calling the office of the superintendent at the Santa Fe Railway Co., and ask to speak to Mr. Perry; (tel. 232-5939) or you can try Mr. Lovejoy in the city's traffic department. Perhaps someone will repair the crossing before too many auto repairs are needed.



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LETTERS

Dear Mrs. Roselius:

The March 27-April 3, 1970, issue of the Point Counterpoint contained an article on page six telling of a recent "prowl" of the Potrero San Pablo by the Explorer Division of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee. Toward the end of the article three dismaying sights were mentioned: the unsightly fill at Red Rock Marina, the destruction of the hills in the quarry area, and at Pt. Molate, "a Navy building with the chilling sign 'Disease Vector Control Center'."

I can see how the sign might be chilling. I hope I can take some of the chill out of it for your readers by explaining what the Disease Vector Control Center does.

The Disease Vector building at Pt. Molate is a school where both military and civilian personnel of the Defense Department are trained in the control of insects that carry disease (thus the scientific name, disease vector). In this age of concern about our environment I think it is interesting to know that the Disease Vector unit teaches physical control of insects as the method to be used. If physical control fails, the Disease Vector unit then teaches the proper use of chemicals for such control. The word proper means the prevention of indiscriminate use of chemicals.

Indiscriminate usage of pesticides is certainly one of the causes of pollution and ecological damage today. An important part of Disease Vector's mission is to help stop such indiscriminate usage. This is done by teaching students how not to use any greater concentration of a chemical than is necessary for that particular purpose, how not to use chemicals that are non-biodegradable, and how not to use chemicals that might kill life other than that of the insect to be controlled. Besides teaching safe formulation and application of pesticides, Disease Vector also teaches proper maintenance of dispersal equipment.

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Yours truly,
 Richard J. Moore
 LCDR, SC, USN
 Fuel Director,
 Pt. Molate.

Dear Editor:

Have you or any of your readers heard the rumor that the EBMUD is "talking" to the Regional Park District about placing THAT tank on top of Nicholl Nob???

I and many others have been complacently assuming that now the Nob was safe, and would remain its lovely self for viewing, kite flying, hiking, etc. Is our assumption correct, or do we prepare to do battle (again)?

Anxiously awaiting your reply,
 Barbara A. Olesen

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Last month, an article appeared in the "Independent" concerning the Gerald Garcia Family of Richmond, whose child recently developed Leukemia. Tragic as the occurrence of the dread disease is to a family, the plight of this particular family was made more desperate by the fact that no help was available to them through the agencies of public service.

A fund was set up for this family by the Mechanics Bank of Richmond at Ninth and Macdonald. Yesterday, one of the donors called Mr. Glenn Clemetson, an officer of the bank, to find out how the fund was progressing. Mr. Clemetson reported that only \$600 had been raised so far. Much more than that, of course, is needed. The bank, which carries this fund as a service, without charge, will accept donations in any amount, sent in care of Dorothy Faust, Mechanics Bank, 9th and Macdonald, Richmond, California.

A little-known fact was also mentioned, about another account that that particular bank carries, and has carried for years -- "Guide Dogs for the Blind" funds may also be sent to a fund in this bank.

THE "NOW SCENE"

The Stagedoor Guild of Contra Costa College will offer its spring production on Friday and Saturday nights, May 15 and 16, and 22 and 23, in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall.

A multiple bill of several plays will be presented, all of which were written by playwrights concerned with ideas. The title chosen for these thought-provoking evenings is "Involvement Needs You."

The manner in which these plays will be presented is derived from the latest techniques used by New York Off-Broadway theatres.

Emphasis will be on audience participation and involvement. Primary objective is an immediate rapport between actors and audience. Themes to be touched upon are related to what has often been called "The Now Scene."

General admission is \$1.50; Contra Costa College students, \$1, and all other students, \$1.25.

a funny thing happened On the Way....

It was a nice, sunny afternoon, and I was driving across town to teach a class. I was happy, and even downtown Richmond looked pretty good. At an intersection, a man scowled at me. A really cold scowl that made me think I had done something wrong. But I hadn't. A truck came over the center line as it came in my direction down the street, and just swerved enough to miss me as we met. The driver looked as if he wanted to kill me. I got a little nervous. About two more cold glances later, I reached the school, and was considerably less happy. There was nothing -- no stickers, no "odd thing" about me or my car to create such a reaction.

After class, I took the student home that I had brought to class, and again drove across town. A truck driver gave me a smile and a wink. Several people smiled at me, and I felt a little better, but not after I realized that the only change in me had been the passenger in my car -- one of my students: a black child.

~ the Ed.

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Curt is a student in Culinary Arts at Contra Costa College, under the well-known Chef Kenneth Wolfe.

His "Secretary's Delight", entered in the National Sandwich Idea Contest, consists of: cream cheese, pineapple, nuts and apples on raisin toast!

**THE Point
Teens**



by Arthea Senger

Our Center has music again. Thanks to Mike Solvang's donation of his own radio.

Folks, take a walk up behind the Icthus and see our vegetable garden now. Fred and the fellows at Santa Fe House have started planting.

Rae Weirick was Mother Chef of the week as she brought down the ingredients for a delicious Tamale Pie. She had about fourteen teens involved at one time or another preparing and cooking the dish. Some of the most conscientious helpers were Mary Ruiz, Mike Solvang, Sue Wilson and Judy Sinclair. One of the most conscientious eaters was Kirk Weirick.

Tonight we will be listening to a fine Rock band, "The East Side Coalition." They will be arriving between 8:00 and 8:30. The concert will be free of charge.

REALLY NEEDED.....

Chicken wire for the garden fence is really needed, and funds are short...does anyone have fifty feet of chicken wire that could be donated???? Please let Arthea Senger know, if you have some. (232-6140).

RECIPE

BUTTERSCOTCH-BANANA BARS

donated by Hazel Heater

- 2/3 C. shortening
- 1 box (1 lb.) brown sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 large ripe bananas, mashed
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 Tbs. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 C. chopped walnuts
- 1 Pkg. (6 oz.) butterscotch chips

Cream shortening with sugar, blend in eggs and bananas. Sift flour, measure and sift again with baking powder, and salt. Blend dry ingredients into first mixture. Add vanilla, nuts and butterscotch chips. Mix well. Spoon batter into rectangular baking pan (12" by 17") Bake in moderate oven (350°). Cut while warm into 25 bars about 2" by 3".

Something new in Art...

A new International Arts and Crafts Gallery is now open at the International Center, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco.

With the philosophy of Interhuman relations through intercultural enjoyment, the center opened in April with a program of Indian arts, crafts, films, cuisine, and programs of dance and music.

The gallery is open daily with special exhibits, and on weekends with various programs, dinners, etc. For information about the May program you may call 626-5145.

a new look on Crest!

Those people who pass by or live near Crest Avenue may have noticed that the little triangular plot leading to Vine Street is now weed-free and exhibiting its variety of foliage resulting from an early-year planting by residents. The weeds had almost overcome efforts of neighbors to hold them back, when a crew from the Public Works department stepped in and carefully cleaned them all out. Now passers-by are enjoying the results of the little "Point People's Park!"



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a Senate Investigation of Tule Elk ?

The California Tule Elk have been crowded out of their natural ranges, and are in danger of extinction. Senate Bill 3028, introduced by Senator Alan Cranston, would authorize a feasibility study for a tule elk wildlife refuge. Following are a few statements in explanation of the bill:

"The state of California has been blessed by many unique gifts of nature. Among these are a number of species of animals which exist nowhere else in the United States or in the world. The California dwarf elk, which is called the Tule Elk, is one of these -- a smaller species than the common American elk and found only in California. A century ago the thousands of herds of Tule Elk which previously had browsed on the hills and plains of Central California were in the final stages of a deliberate slaughter for meat, for their hides, and for the land where their free roaming impeded the newly developing agriculture of Central California. Their last natural refuge was the tule swamps of the southwestern San Joaquin Valley from which they got their name.

Legend has it that in the 1870's the Tule Elk were reduced to a single pair, but even the more probable estimate of less than 30 elk makes their survival today a biological miracle. Even today there are less than 400 elk, most of them on open land in Inyo County.

Despite the fact that so few of the Tule Elk survive, the limitation on their range has led the California Department of Fish and game to authorize Tule Elk hunts which reduce the herd to what the Department considers a manageable number. For example, last year the Department authorized the killing of 80 Tule Elk in order to reduce the Owens Valley herd in Inyo County to 250 elk. Neither of the wild herds can avoid contact with civilization, usually in the form of cattle and ranchers. Many ranchers view the elk as competition with their grazing cattle and as a pest. Their demands that the elks' activities be restrained add to the economic arguments for limiting herd size.

It appears that so long as the Tule Elk is limited to the two areas-- in Inyo County and an area east of Clear Lake, the species will be limited to a number small enough to threaten its survival. For example, the two herds could be wiped out by disease or a misapplication of pesticides.

Senate Bill 3028 is directed to the need to establish herds in new areas. Instead of the senseless slaughter of animals the federal government classifies as a rare species surplus animals could be captured and removed to new areas. Therefore, a study to seek out niches in the Southwestern United States is essential."

Letters from concerned people should be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, in Washington, D. C., and to Alan Cranston, State Capital, Sacramento, California.


On Nature

Following is a letter from one of the students who attended the first outdoor workshop weekend sponsored by Huscicon. The second weekend opportunity will occur on May 22-23-24, for junior high school students. Students from Adams and Downer Junior High schools have already begun registration for this weekend, and some space will be open for students of Roosevelt Jr. High.

THE NATURE OF HUSCICON

When I decided to come to Huscicon for an ecology weekend, I didn't expect anything at all like this. The first thing that came to mind when ecology was mentioned was some studying about the land and its resources and the sky and its stars. But when I got here I found it all different than my expectations.

One of the first important adventures at Huscicon began with astronomy. Practically everybody went on a short hike up hill to a place where a campfire was set out. There we listened to a lady who was telling us about astronomy. She told us about the big dipper and the seven sisters. Afterward we went back towards home and looked at the



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stars through a gigantic sized telescope. Then a group of seven of us went on a night hike for about one and a half miles.

The next day two of my friends and I went on a hike. The thing that I liked most was the trees, the ground and the whole area. When I sit alone and look at the atmosphere I get a whole new feeling, like I'm in a world of my own.

by S. Smith.

19. THANKS (AGAIN) BUT.. NO TANKS

Fidgety with anxiety for the last several weeks, (due to the rash of wild rumors which have reached them from several impeccable sources) the Tennis Shoe Underground has now had confirmation of these disquieting reports from one of their vast network of spies-in-high-places. The Battle-of-the-Huge-Tank designed to perpetuate the rape of Nicholl Nob hill, (a battle that the Tennis Shoe Underground fondly and foolishly imagined had been fought and finished) is once more joined, now that the word is out that the East Bay Municipal Utility District is back doing business at their old stand, alternately wooing and lambasting the East Bay Regional Park district with honeyed words and veiled threats.

In response to this low blow, the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee troops have been alerted. Tennis Shoes are being dusted off, witty bumper stickers are being designed, and psychedelic button pins in arresting colors and with provocative slogans are being ordered for wide and conspicuous distribution. In addition the air waves will be put to work. Since the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee has been astonished and gratified by the public response they have received from their two most recent television appearances on behalf of treasured and threatened resources, they are planning soon to present the "Thanks but No Tanks" story on TV as the latest chapter in the continuing saga of the Tennis Shoe Underground.

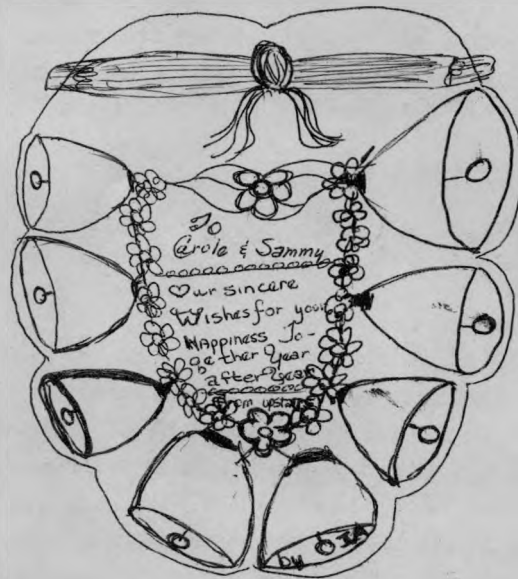
This epic is being programmed with the encouragement of an innovative, sympathetic and ecology-oriented young TV producer, who sees this incident as a stunning example-in-reverse of the spirit of Earth Day, which this week gave nationwide affirmation to our need to preserve our beautiful Earth, instead of permitting it to be destroyed for the convenience of the insensitive ENGINEERS:

It is the hope of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee that by widely dramatizing the threatened disfigurement of the crowning hilltop of the proposed park, the public will

become aware of the need to vigorously protest the planned molestation of a peaceful, beautiful sanctuary, situated in the midst of a great welter of industry and providing needed refuge and escape from its turmoil.

*(This is an unexpectedly immediate reply to Miss Olesen's letter in this issue).

Ice Cream Hero of the week....
Judy Chandler.



"Angels" Lunch

Contra Costa County's "Angels on Wheels" -- volunteer drivers from as far east as Antioch, west to Richmond, and south to San Ramon, who take cancer patients from their homes to treatment centers for the American Cancer Society -- will be honored at a luncheon next Wednesday, April 29, at noon at the American Cancer Society office, 2130 N. California Street in Walnut Creek.

The annual luncheon will also serve as a training session for volunteers new to this critically-needed part of the ACS service program. The Richmond office number is 232-9130. Prospective "Angels on Wheels" can apply by contacting the office

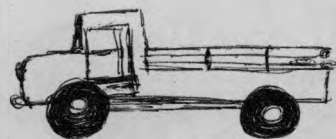


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Younger Generation



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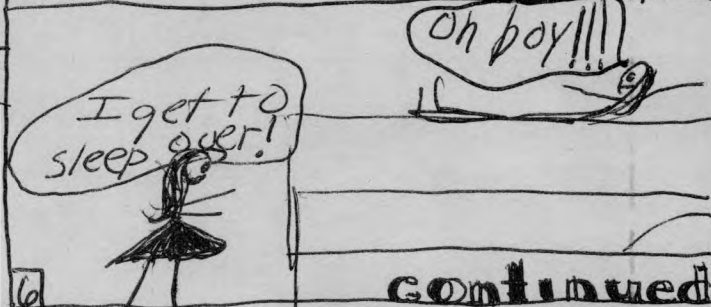
The next day we went to our cousins & Blackie well.....



At my cousins.....



I stayed at my cousin's to sleep over



continued

Author and artist: Isabel Austria

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21.

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2. Spoon on chicken à la king
3. Sprinkle chestnuts on top

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fun with animals



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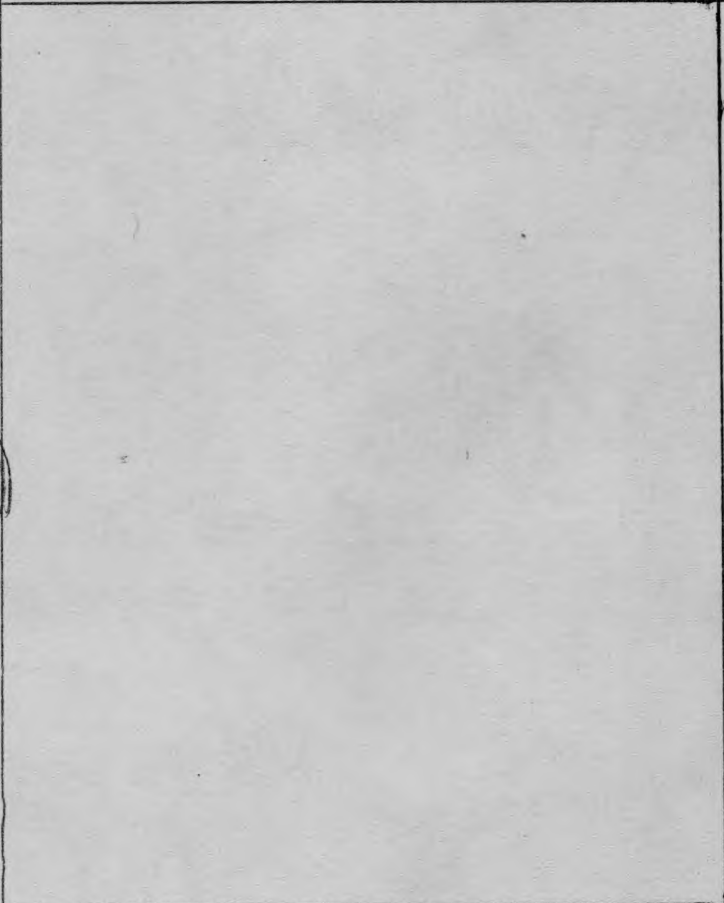
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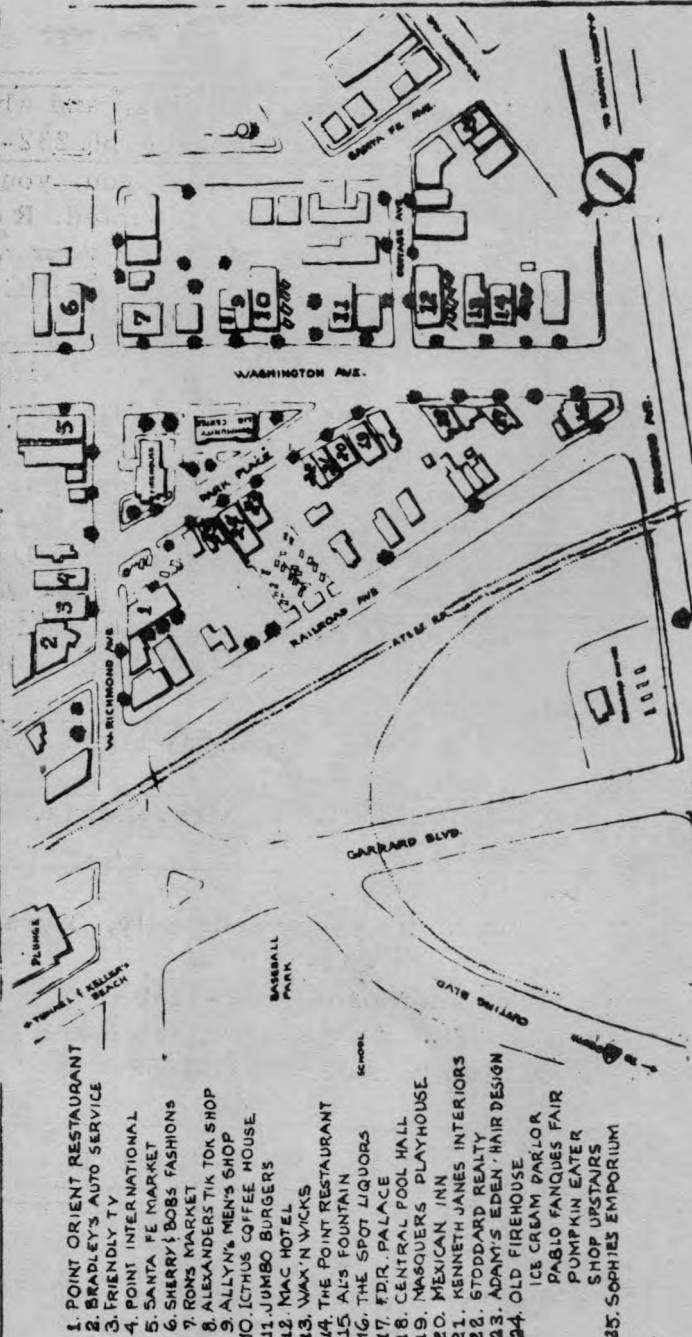
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