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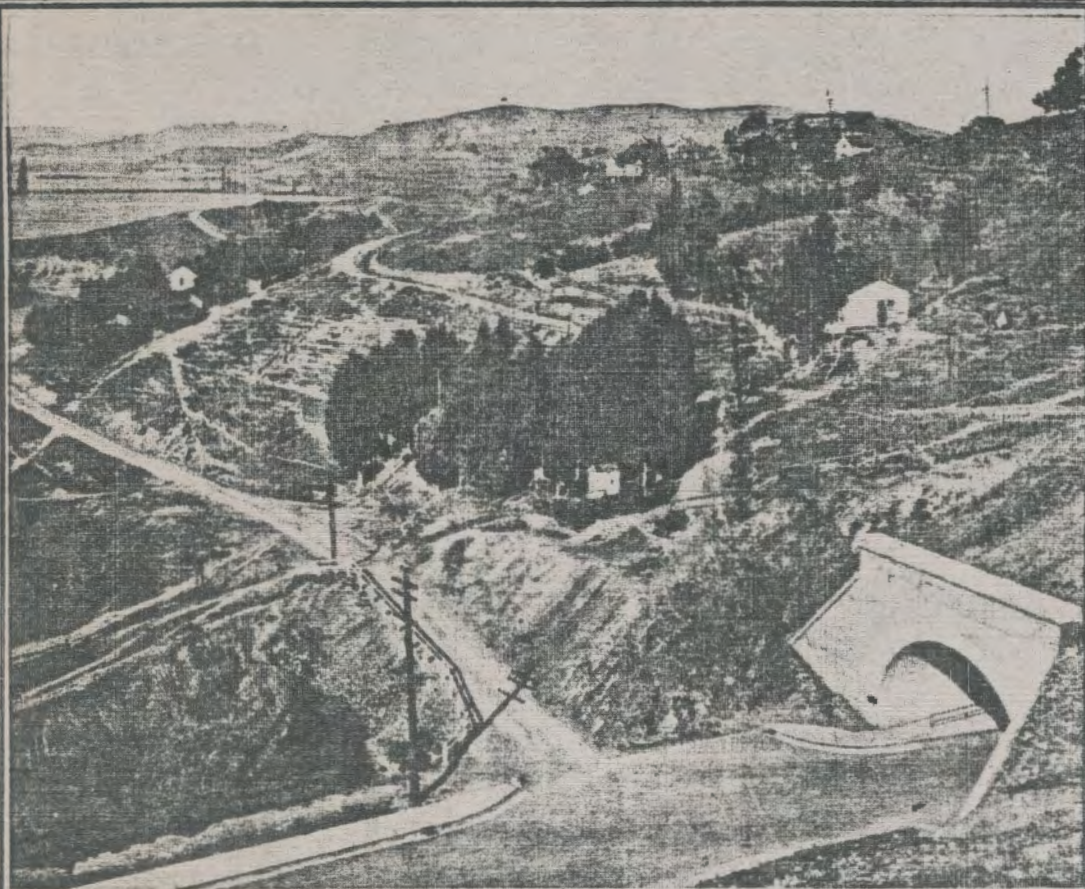
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## RAFFLE DRAWING !

At the November meeting, prizes will be drawn for the raffle tickets that have been sold. If you haven't bought tickets, yet, you can buy them at the meeting, November 17.

## AUTHORS' NIGHT

On November 17, 1983, the History Association will host an Authors' Night, featuring authors who've written about some aspect of local history. Susan Cole, Joseph Fabry, Malcolm Margolin and George Collier half all consented to attend.

Susan Cole, author of *Richmond - Windows to the Past*, has written a comprehensive history of Richmond, complete with old photographs of the area and its residents.

Joseph Fabry's book, *Swing Shift*, recounts the days of the Liberty Ships in Richmond, when he worked in the shipyard. Mr. Fabry tells the personal stories of the varied gang of workers on Assembly Way Five.

Malcolm Margolin is a well known Bay Area writer who has written *The Ohlone Way - Indian Life in the San Francisco-Monterey Bay Area* and has edited *The Way It's Lived - California Indian Reminiscences, Stories and Songs*. Both give readers a fascinating and thoughtful insight into the lives of these early residents of California.

George Collier, president of the El Cerrito Historical Society, has just completed a book, *The Narrative History of Contra Costa County*, which includes Brooks Island and Red Rock Island.

The authors are graciously donating their time to share the evening with the History Association. Please join us in what's bound to be an informative and interesting evening. As always, we'll meet at 7:30 p.m. in Linsley Hall.

Books (autographed!) will be available for those who'd like to purchase them.

—Michelle Brown

## MEMBERS...

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their subscriptions this month:

Ron and Teresa Albro  
Maude Bagley  
Louisa Banks  
Caroline Davidson  
Boysie Day  
Marie Wilson Dietz  
Paula Ferguson  
Claire Friend  
William & Elizabeth McDonald  
Eleanora Surdam

And welcome to new members:

Pauline Horner  
Alfred and Gayle Kaufman

Fred Kelly  
Dee Lawrence  
W.J. McCutcheon  
Barbara Oleson  
Mary Rudolph  
Pauline Valenti

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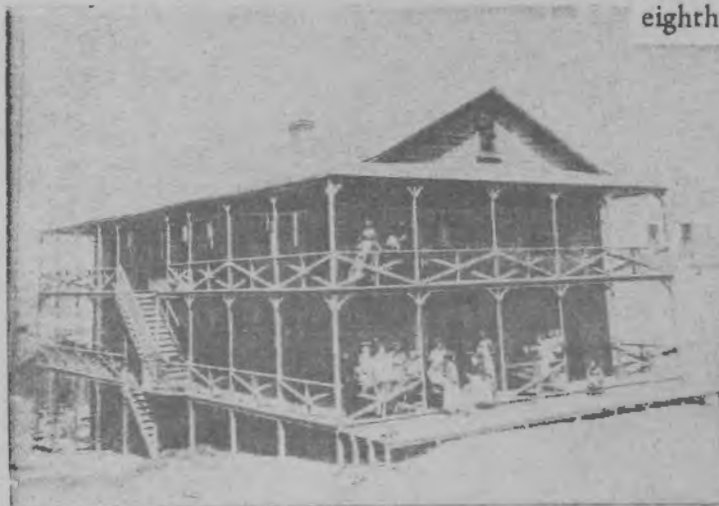
## ARCHIVES REPORT . . .

Good news! Through the efforts of Mid Dornan and Ben Woodson we will finally obtain copies of all the fine photos that people have loaned to us. Mr. Woodson, one of our famous Boy Scout leaders and a photographer too, is now in the process of making photographic reproductions of these historic pictures. When he has completed this project we will return all the original material. Thank you, Mr. Woodson, and many thanks to everyone who allowed us to borrow their photos. Incidentally, we are very interested in obtaining more items of a historical nature, either as donations to our growing collection or as a loan that we can copy.

—Teresa Albro

## JOINT MEETING . . .

In a meeting with the San Pablo, El Cerrito, Pinole and Richmond Historical Societies in October, tentative plans were made for a joint meeting of the members of all groups, with an especially interesting program planned, including a "living history" group, and a sing-along of songs written about this area.



## NEWSLETTER LETTERS

(Excerpts from an October 12 letter to Liz McDonald, from Rosemary Corbin in Portugal.)

"Barcelona . . . is a beautiful city. Large streets with promenades down the middle, significant architecture everywhere, many museums with world-famous collections, and the Gothic Quarter — Fourteenth Century neighborhood — narrow streets — just as it was.

"We saw *Flash Dance* in Spanish . . . Tonight we are going to see *The Maltese Falcon* in Spanish on TV. Peter Lore and Bogart won't sound right, will they?

"We drove up to Andorra . . . through fields of maize, tobacco, sunflowers and apple orchards. There were many stone houses and barns with tobacco drying along the way.

"The newspapers say there is a drought and we may have to ration our water. I hate the thought of going through that again.

"Today is Columbus Day — a National Holiday. Remember Ferdinand and Isabella? Columbus isn't considered Italian here."

Dear Pam:

. . . The Association is doing a great job in bringing back many happy memories of my four and a half years (high fourth through eighth grade) living at 35 Montana Avenue.

Sincerely,  
Maude (Austin) Bagley

Goldie Shrewsbury's question of last month about the Vecchio Winery has been answered by a picture from the Don Church collection. This picture, from 1903, was taken of the Bernhard House, which later became the Vecchio Winery on the ground floor, with rooms for Brickyard and Refinery laborers.

## Points in the Past

Articles that appeared during this month, 70, 60, 50, 40 and 30 years ago, from the *Richmond Independent* and the *Point Richmond Record*, courtesy of the Richmond Library.

### 70 YEARS AGO . . .

"The construction of a sidewalk with rock and gravel foundations which will make it possible for children of the western section of the city to reach the Washington grammar school building on Richmond Avenue without having to wade through the mud of the street which is now under course of paving . . . The work on the sidewalk will be rushed to the very earliest completion in order that the children may be put to no great inconvenience any longer than is absolutely necessary."

—November 5, 1913.

"Historic 'Smoky Row' will soon be a thing of the past, as the thirteen houses which have borne that name are to be sold by the John Nicholl Company immediately. These dwellings lie near the entrance of the new municipal tunnel, and must be torn down or moved away so that the improvements may be commenced. Each house is a four roomed ceiled structure. The Nicholl Company recently disposed of the land upon which the houses stand to the city, and is now going to sell the houses for an extremely low figure."

—November 12, 1913

*(The reference to 'Historic' Smoky Row, in 1913, when the houses couldn't have been more than 13 years old shows the fast pace of the changing new town. One of the houses in Smoky Row remains--the Great American Hamburger shop. )*



Smokey Row was built in January, 1901, to house employees of the Santa Fe R.R. Nicknamed because of the smoke that came out of the railroad tunnel and over the houses.



"W.N. Pickett has opened a shooting gallery at 12 Washington Avenue and is preparing to hold a number of shooting contests to determine the best marksman in the city. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners. The new gallery will be known as the Golden Gate Shooting Gallery."

— November 20, 1913

"City Engineer H.D. Chapman and City Attorney D.J. Hall were arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable H.F. Davis of the Stege Township on a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace W.F. Huber, on a complaint sworn to before him by George Lee, assistant cashier of the Bank of Richmond, charging them with malicious injury to a freehold, following the action of the city engineer last Thursday on instruction from the (city) council, when he tore down a fence across property, which the city claims is a part of Crest Avenue and which Lee claims is a part of his lot on that street. Hall and Chapman were each released on depositing \$100 cash bail each, while the trial before Judge Huber will probably take place at an early date.

"Attorney Lee D. Windrem, who represents Lee, stated last evening that the fence which Chapman tore down would be erected again this morning by Lee and that armed guards would be placed to see that it is left undisturbed, if it is found necessary to do so."

—O—

"Sunday afternoon Henry (Sirrenburg, proprietor of the Louvre, a rooming house more recently known as Dorothy's Corner) was preparing for the big feed which he was going to serve to a few of his intimate friends. Two fine big turkeys were roasting in the oven of his kitchen range and all other details of the feed had been completed by Henry.

"He left the kitchen to superintend his table arrangements and when he returned lo and behold the turkeys and roasting pans

had mysteriously disappeared from the oven. Who took them Henry does not know. He is certain the turkeys did not leave of their own accord."

—O—

"The United States Department of Agriculture today issued a few 'don'ts' for Americans who wish to avoid a stomach ache after eating their Thanksgiving dinner. Here they are:

Don't make the seasoning too rich.

Don't put too much meat in the mince pie.

Don't over eat.

Don't stay indoors after the Thanksgiving dinner. Take a walk or go to a football game."

—November 25, 1913

## 60 YEARS AGO . . .

"Richmond voters yesterday approved annexation of Richmond to the East Bay public utility district, but defeated the bond issues for a municipal hospital and a public bath house. . . . After two-thirds of the votes were in last night, it looked for a time as if the bath house bonds might barely get over the two-thirds majority. West side precincts cast an overwhelming vote in favor of the bath house, and a few other scattered precincts cast a very favorable vote, but many of the centrally located large precincts gave the issue only a fair majority and in two or three there were more votes against than in favor.

"Councilman Garrard said non-voters were responsible for the defeat (of the bath house bonds) at the recent election. He said he thought the opposition was due principally to misunderstanding. If the bath house were located in the central part of the city, the cost of water mains and sewers would be more than the cost of the bath house, Garrard said. The West Side location provides a short pumping distance, is right on

a large sewer, provides ample parking space for autos and is sheltered, he said."

Fortunately, it was decided to try the bond issue once again in the spring, and the "John Nicholl Company (announced that it) will extend its offer of a free site for the bath house near the West Side tennis courts."

—November 7, 14, & 21, 1923

The following letter appeared on the front page of the Independent:

"I was one of the several hundred present on last Monday evening at the council meeting, and listened with interest to the little speech made by one of the members of the council, in which he praised the good work done by the Chief of the Police Department in ferreting out the bootlegger, etc. I quite agree with the speaker and I believe our chief of the police merits the highest commendation of all law abiding citizens.

"Among other things said by this particular speaker was: That the 'Point' (I presume he meant the district commonly known as the 'Westside') was certainly closed tight; it reminded him of a deserted mining town (using his own words) where the mines had dried up and the inhabitants had left; a place where once the bright lights were wont to shine, but now all was darkness; a deserted village where formerly law violators had had held sway and bootleggers waxed fat, but alas, the mighty hand of the law had descended upon this modern Sodom and Gomorrah like the wrath of God, had driven out the criminal inhabitants, and now there is not a living soul at the 'Point'; its history has been written.

"It is to the latter analogy I take exception and as a resident of the 'Point', and as a taxpayer, I resent any such description.

"If you please, I am not questioning the right of our police department to arrest violators of the law, and I believe the police

were vested with the authority necessary to close the places at the 'Point'. But why in the name of heaven pick on the 'Point'? Is bootlegging any more rampant at the 'Point' than it is in other sections of our city and county? Have we heard any other odious comparisons between other towns of the county with deserted mining towns? Can any other town in the county decry more houses closed under the Abatement Act? Is any other town (not excepting Martinez) more systematically placarded with glaring cloth signs giving notice that the place has been closed for violation of the law, the sign bears the name of our sheriff, which sign, I believe, is entirely unnecessary, as the Federal Government finds that the requirements of the Abatement Act are quickly taken care of by posting a notice, legal size paper on the front door. Is it necessary for the sheriff to take such extreme measures? Is it possible for the sheriff to use a notice similar to the one used by the Federal Government? Is it necessary to advertise our shortcomings to the world by placarding nearly every building on our main thoroughfare with glaring signs, a thoroughfare over which hundreds of automobiles pass in going to and from the San Rafael ferry, so that people from every section of our state may read and reach the conclusion that Richmond is a place to be shunned . . .

"As I stated above, I reside at the 'Point' and I have no excuse to offer for living there. I own my home and I am proud to live there. I contend that the 'Point' is just as law-abiding as any other section of our city and county and when it comes to a question of morality excels quite a few . . .

Respectfully,  
CHAS.M.Patton  
432 Washington Ave.  
Point Richmond, Cal."

—November 21, 1923

—Teresa Albro



## 40 YEARS AGO . . .

### WHAT'S BEHIND IT?

"The so-called tightening of controls over the movement of labor to the West Coast and the stringent regulations covering award of additional war projects to West Coast industries, both large and small alike, which has become more noticeable in the past weeks, is cause for concern by the people of the West.

"Are the moves part of a well-conceived plot by eastern politicians and eastern industrialists and capitalists to thwart the growth of the Pacific Coast?

"Are the moves part of a scheme to hold our industries and our development at the present stage of operations?

"The Pacific Coast has everything in the way of natural resources to become the greatest industrial center of the nation. All it takes is the contracts to build and manufacture the items and the labor with which to build them.

"When the Germans are defeated in Europe and we can turn our undivided attention to the Japanese in the Pacific, it seems a common sense move on the part of the United States to build its war materials as near to the coast as possible.

"Yet we find that numerous small war plants are being denied additional government contracts and that steps are being taken to place stringent restrictions over the employment of men and women in other industries.

"There was no cry from the West Coast when the Federal government threw its billions of dollars and millions of workers into eastern and mid-western industrial centers. The Coast was doing its share.

"But now that the war in Europe has taken a decided turn for the better, and we

are "over the hump" in production, the West Coast is apparently going to be made to suffer for the benefit of the East and Midwest.

"The Pacific Coast is a young and growing industrial empire.

"The East Coast industrialists and capitalists are not at all pleased with the up and coming men on the Pacific — men like Henry J. Kaiser, Donald Douglas, and other aircraft and shipbuilding and heavy industry leaders.

"These men have the vision to see ahead and plan ahead, but the eastern politicians and the eastern industrialists do not want us to build up an industrial empire. And anything they can do to stop it they will do.

"The Pacific Coast, with its numerous advantages of a plentitude of resources, also has the advantage of weather where operations, outdoors, can be maintained on a practically year round basis.

"It's time these people in the East forgot about sectional differences and thought in terms of the nation as a whole. A bigger and a better and a strong — industrially speaking — Pacific Coast would also aid the East."

— November 2, 1943

### WASHINGTON SCHOOL OPENED AS A NURSERY

"The old Washington School building, once abandoned by the Richmond School Department, later used as a barracks for U.S. Army troops at the outbreak of the war, opened today as a nursery school, it was announced today from the Richmond School Department administration offices.

"Since the soldiers moved out of the building several months ago it has been completely renovated and nursery school equipment installed. It adds materially to the chain of nursery schools being opened in

Richmond as a war measure so that mothers of children of pre-school age may be free to obtain employment in war industries.

"A total of 25 pupils were admitted to the newest nursery school on the opening day, it was reported, but many more applications are on file and this number will be greatly increased within the next few days."

—October 5, 1943

### 30 YEARS AGO ...

#### OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PLANS WHIST

"The annual Thanksgiving Turkey Whist for the benefit of Our Lady of Mercy Church will be held in the parish hall, 305 West Richmond Ave., Friday. The benefit affair is being sponsored by the men of the parish. Frank Shock is chairman. The public is invited."

—November 3, 1953

#### INDIAN VILLAGE EXPANSION APPROVED

"Additional quarters for Indian wards and employees of the Santa Fe Railroad today are assured, following approval last night of the city's board of adjustment for a variance application.

"The railroad sought to erect two 30 by 42 foot duplexes on the company's Indian village, east of Castro Street.

"The company's request to the board declared that it had an obligation to house the Indians as close to their place of employment as possible. The obligation was entered into when the railroad was making its way Westward in the 1860's, according to the company.

"The present Indian employees are direct descendants of the original tribes cared for by the rail line."

—November 3, 1953

—Pam Wilson

### SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY !

Friends:

I'm delighted to announce the expanded hours and service for West Side Library patrons.

Effective Monday, October 31, 1983:

Monday & Tuesday — 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday — 10:00 a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.

In addition to this expansion of ten more hours per week, several staff members who were laid off in July, 1982, will be rehired on a part-time basis. West Side Library will be staffed by Librarian Jan Burdick, a Point resident. Also, to work with Jan will be Veronica Powell, clerk. Both women are well known to Main Library users, Veronica was with Circulation and Acquisitions and Jan with both Children and Adult Reference services.

Of interest to local history buffs will be a SPECIAL CELEBRATION on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, at 12:30 P.M., to hang up the OLD WEST SIDE LIBRARY SIGN. The old sign was found at a Berkeley garage sale by Point Richmond resident Judge David E. Pesonen. Judge Pesonen donated the sign to the Library and he will be on hand for the festivities. Munchies will be served and of course everyone is welcome.

Jean Skinner and Betty Hall will return to their full time jobs at the Main Library, Jean with Circulation and Betty with Cataloging. Both will be available as back-ups to the new staff when necessary. Jean and Betty have both enjoyed the past sixteen months of serving you, it's been a pleasure!

—Betty L. Hall





## CHURCHES

### THE POINT METHODIST CHURCH

*The following is a continuation of the first records of the Point Methodist Church. This is the tenth installment of the series, which reflects the developing and building of the new church and how they dealt with problems. The minutes are printed as written.*

Point Richmond      March 15, 1905

Official Board met at call of Pastor after Prayer meeting with Bros Younglove. . Lester. . Dahl. . Odell. . Bly. . Sisters Conn. . Pritchard. . Bjornend present. Bro Calfee stated the object for the call of the meeting was to see about letting Mif. (*English usage of "F" for "S". It took several people to decipher the handwritten word!*) Rich have use of the church basement as a Kindergarten after some discussion in regards to same a motion was made to let her have the use of basement for her class. A vote was taken on same which resulted in 6 for and 2 against. Bro Odell and Bly voting against. Bro Lester made a motion that Bro Calfee act as a committee of one to see the Insurance Co about the occupying of the basement as a kindergarten and if same was satisfactory with the Insurance Co all would be satisfactory. Carried unanimously.

A motion was made that the Trustees see about having a window put in the basement to give more light that Mif. Rich defray all expense of same. Moved by Bro Younglove, seconded by Bro Lester. Carried. Nothing more, the meeting adjourned.

Jas C. Bly, Secy

Point Richmond      April 3, 1905

The Official Board met at the church at 7:30 p.m. opened with singing and prayer. A motion was made by sister Shular, seconded by Bro Lester that Ethel Bly be taken into the Church. Carried.

Amount taken in for pastors salary for month of March being 41.94 from collections and 27.00 from Ladies Aid, total 68.95.

Those present being Bro Calfee. . Bro Dahl. . Younglove. . Shular. . Lester. . Bly. . Sister Shular.

Bro Calfee reported that the Presiding Elder would soon be with us again and we would soon have to raise about \$30.00 and proposed that the Board contribute one dollar each and that he would do what he could toward that amount collecting.

Moved to adjourn and carried.

Jas C. Bly, Secy

Point Richmond      June 12, 1905

The Official Board met at the church at 8 p.m. opened with singing and Prayer by Bro. A. Odell.

Those present were Bro Calfee. . Odell. . Phelps. . Schular. . Lester and Bly and Sister Schular. Amount received for April for the support of the ministry 54.67 for month of May 34.85 Bro Calfee proposed putting a chart with numbers representing each member of the church stating when and how much each had paid into the treasury the same to be placed in a convenient place by the door.

Nothing more before the meeting Bro A. Odell proposed to adjourn seconded by Bro Lester carried.

Jas C. Bly, Secy

--Mid Dorman

### OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

The formal installation of Rev. Denis J. Araujo, Ph. D., as pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, will take place on Sunday, November 20, 1983, at 9:00 a.m.

Following the special service a reception will be held in the church hall.

## POLLUTE NOT THE POINT

### Chevron Pollution Control Presentation

On October 12, 1983, Harry L. Hall and Audrey E. Goins of the Chevron USA Richmond Refinery made a special presentation on pollution control to the noon meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association at the Hotel Mac.

Mr. Hall is Superintendent of Quality and Environmental Control and Ms. Goins is an Environmental Specialist at the Richmond Refinery. Their talk was illustrated with slides and overhead projector graphics and covered air and water quality as well as solid waste disposal.

Mr. Hall stated that pollution control is a direct responsibility of line operators. Pollutant levels are monitored by the refinery in several ways, including computerized stack sensors, ground station air samplers, water effluent samplers, and test wells. They are regulated by and have to submit continuous reports to a variety of local, State and Federal Agencies, including the Bay Area Air Quality Control District, the Safe Water Quality Control Board, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

We were particularly intrigued by two aspects of the presentation, one involving water quality and the other involving oil sludge disposal. After final treatment, water used in the refinery must be pure enough to keep 90 per cent of a sample of Stickleback fish alive for three days. Sludge from tank cleaning operations is now mixed with soil in a 30-acre "land farm" where microbes reduce it to harmless organic compounds in a matter of weeks.

Anyone with questions or complaints regarding pollutants at the Chevron complex is urged to call 620-6000 and ask for either Mr. Hall or Ms. Goins.

### Indian Statue

David Vincent, President of the Point Richmond Business Association, reported that the contract with the sculptor had been executed but that the work probably would not be completed before the summer of 1984. A September 1984 dedication is now anticipated.

### Card Room

The Business Association voted unanimously, with two abstentions, to oppose the location of a "card room" anywhere in Richmond.

### November Meeting

The November meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association will be on November 9, 1983, at noon in the Hotel Mac Banquet Room. As usual, anyone is invited to attend.

—Tom Butt





## YOUR POINT OF VIEW

*Why do you like living in Point Richmond?*

Maurice Doherty:

"The people. I like everything about it, especially the people."

Avis Blanchette:

"I must like everything about it because I've lived here since 1948. I enjoy the friendliness and the small town quality and yet being so close to San Francisco and Berkeley and all the cultural activities."

Kim Anderson:

"It's a nice calm town — all the people help each other out. Also, too, I stay right across the street. I can walk to work — it's real close. I have a job here, that's one reason I like it, but mostly it's a nice little town — I like it."

Donna Wilson:

"It has the best views in the Bay Area and the best neighbors. We really are like a hidden village. The only bad thing about it is the Santa Fe Railroad. The people here are concerned about one another. If you're going to live in the Bay Area, this is the best place to live."

Carole Baskerville and Steve Lurie (one of the young tennis stars of tomorrow):

"It's a nice town because we get to play tennis all the time. We can see the tennis courts from our balcony, and we can come down and play tennis all weekend. It's nice since they resurfaced the courts. We play tennis almost every Saturday and Sunday. You can tell by the game we play how good we are! One of the reasons we like it is because everyone knows each other here — it's like we're pretty much all friends."

Cyrus Ganjia:

"Well, my dad owns the hamburger stand here — Great American, and my brother goes to Washington School, so it's better living here. I like the neighborhood, and there are a lot of good people around here. It's just a good place to live."

—Pam Wilson

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 111

Films of summer camp were shown to the 50 parents and scouts at the Court of Honor for Troop 111 at Friendship Hall in the Methodist Church.

Recruiter Awards were earned by Robb Bury, Jason Goldsmith, Seth Fenton and Paul Cort for bringing in new members, who are Adam Bartkowski, Mark Fowler, Josh O'Moore and Clifford Frensky.

The highest position of leadership in the Troop, Senior Patrol Leader was transferred to Paul Cort from Kenneth Fong, New Jr. and Assistant Patrol leaders are: Chris Ward, Shaun Fernandez, Todd Cort, Chris Waterman, Robb Bury and LaMonte Reed.

Skill awards presented: Robb Bury for First Aid, Cooking and Camping; Todd Cort for Communications; Seth Fenton for Camping, Conservation and Cooking; and Chris Waterman for Swimming and Communications.

Paul and Todd Cort and Jason Goldsmith presented a Jasper/Casper skit.

Robb Bury also received his Second Class Rank.

Troop 111 meets every Monday, 7:00 to 8:30 at the Methodist Church; Fred Hart is Scoutmaster. Any boy 11 to 18 years of age is eligible to join and is invited to just show up at the meeting.

—Mid Dornan

Portion of a menu, found by Louise Novarini, from the Colonial Hotel, sometime between 1911 and the '30's, when it became the Hotel Mac.

## Special 50c Dinners

### Served With Wine

#### THURSDAY

##### SOUP

##### SALAD

Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Spare Ribs with Apple Sauce

##### DESSERT

Mince Pie or Stewed Cherries  
Special Clam Broth and Boullion

#### FRIDAY

Clam Chowder and Boullion

##### SALAD

Finan Haddie in Cream Sauce  
Braised Oxtail with Dumplings

##### DESSERT

Lemon Pie

#### SATURDAY

##### SOUP

##### SALAD

Belgian Hare Fricassee with Noodles

##### DESSERT

Sliced Pineapple

#### UPDATE

### ON THE PIGGYBACK TRAILER PARKING YARD

According to a Department of Public Works memo forwarded to us by Councilman Al Silva, "Santa Fe has advised the City that they are having an architect in Los Angeles who is affiliated with Santa Fe prepare plans for subject landscaping. They expect to have preliminary plans by mid-October. They have been working with the Recreation and Parks Department concerning acceptable plant material. They will submit a set of preliminary plans to Public Works as soon as they are ready."

An update on the update should be forthcoming shortly since mid-October has passed us by.

## PEOPLE 'ROUND THE POINT

November is a month for planting tulips !

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A panic button was pushed when, just two weeks before the Annual Country Faire at the Point Methodist Church, Oretta Eaton, President and number-one worker, fell and broke *both wrists* - literally leaving the luncheon committee 'short handed'! She commented that the casts are like carrying two babies around and not being able to put them down.

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The Richmond City Council adopted a new 4% tax to be levied upon utility customers based upon billing submitted to them. The tax, beginning in January, will be in effect for six months. Eligible residents 62 year old or older may apply for exemption at the City Finance Department. Applicants must submit documents, including copies of telephone and PG&E bills most recently paid for the residence involved and a 1982 federal income tax return. The aggregate gross incomes of all members living in the residence cannot exceed \$12,000 per year.

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Elsie Spinola has been in and out and then back in again at Richmond East Bay Hospital where extensive tests are being given her. We hope she will be home in time to put out one of the beautiful pumpkins she and her husband grew in the Point Pumpkin Patch beside their home on Washington Avenue

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Everyone who knows Grace (at the check-out counter in the Santa Fe Market) knows that she is not without character and spirit. So, when she got 'mugged' last week, people were not surprised that she fought back, and chased her assailants for five blocks, suffering only bruised hands. It is a little surprising that she didn't catch them and get her purse back.

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Happy Anniversary, Eleanor and Lou Armstrong!

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Robb Bury has again arranged a Bay Cruise for Scout Troop 111, their families and friends on Friday, November 24. Last year they sailed under both bridges and over to Angel Island and Raccoon Straits for a magnificent and memorable day. Anyone interested is invited to call the Scoutmaster, Fred Hart, at 232-4317. The Scouts also sponsored the Haunted Spook House at Washington PTA's Carnival on October 29.

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Most of the Point streets are getting a treatment of oil and sand, forcing a period of alternate route finding around the town. (p.s. - Road oil on your car can be dissolved with kerosene.)

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Grace Yank and Betty Enos have the gratitude of the Methodist Church for filling in while the search continues for a permanent organist for Sunday morning worship services.

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Jack Creed's optimism in view of his past, present and continuing illness is admired, and serves as an example to all who know him.

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The standing room only group of friends of Jack Stoddard at his Memorial Services at the Methodist Church was a tribute to the quality of his twenty-one years as resident of the Point. Jack will be missed by many. Sympathy is extended to his wife Maxine, and the rest of the family.

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A lifelong dream came true this year for Elsie Spinola - only the results didn't count! She had always wanted to enter some baked goods in a fair. "I thought of the State Fair at first, but I happened to pick up an official premium book for the Contra Costa County Fair, so, I thought 'I'm on my way.'"

I baked all these things, displayed them beautifully and drove up to Antioch bright and early to enter my exhibits. Lo and behold," she continued, "I couldn't enter because I hadn't registered in time. By the time I picked up the official book it was too late but I didn't realize it.

"Well, I didn't want to take all that baked stuff home again, so I offered it to the supervisor in charge. She said why don't you leave it for the judges to judge and they will let you know how it would have been rated?"

"I said OK, and drove home. Later that day I found out I would have won five blue ribbons - not bad for my first entries. They encouraged me to try next year, so I'll be there - registered in time, of course."

What were her entries? Peanut Butter Cookies, Yeast Rolls, Banana Nut Bread, Oatmeal Cookies and White Bread.

"I've had a year's experience," says Elsie, "and my 1984 exhibits will be better than perfect."

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The Annual Halloween Carnival at Washington School was a howling success, and, as one parent commented afterward, "We're really lucky to live in a place where something like this can happen." - where almost all the businesses contributed to the prizes, parents pitched in to make a successful bake sale and game booths, and scouts and their parents worked long and hard to create the very scariest spook house on the West Coast!

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Jim Buckingham, who with his wife Alice has lived on West Richmond Avenue for many years, died Thursday night, October 27, of a heart attack. Mr. Buckingham had retired from the Standard Oil Refinery.

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-Mid Dornan

*If you have any 'people' news, please call Mid Dornan (eves) at 234-5334, or leave a message at 235-4222.*



## THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MILLER-KNOX PARK

An attractively presented, well-organized explanation of the Land Use-Development Plan and Environmental Impact Report for Miller-Knox Park was given Wednesday, October 26, by staff members of the East Bay Regional Park District, at Washington School.

Details of the plans will be appearing in the series on the park by Lucretia Edwards, but a few of the main points included the removal, except for the concrete pad, of the Georgia Pacific warehouse. the pad could be used for additional parking or for informal games, or as a platform for concerts, etc. The Thompson building, east of Dornan Drive will be left standing, and it will be possibly used for public or private groups (the Model Engineers Railroad group would like to have exhibit space), or it could also be rented for short periods or special occasions.

The Bernardi house may be moved to make better use of it, in the Park Center zone.

Trails, interpretive vista points and natural management areas are to be developed on the hilly and ridge areas of the park.

Though there were several suggestions offered by members of the audience, most were in accord with the Regional Park's plans. One outstanding and inspiring thought surfaced, however, when the subject of additional shoreline access was being discussed. Lucretia Edwards offered the prophetic possibility that eventually, now that the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads have merged, the western terminals could consolidate, using Southern Pacific's San Francisco terminal instead of the Point Richmond Ferry Point terminal!

Much has been said this year about the unusual weather we've had or may have, but so far we haven't come close to the records set just 70 years ago — in January, 1913, four inches of snow fell in Richmond; and on September 16, the temperature reached 103!

## DARK OF THE MOON AT THE MASQUERS...

Auditions for Richardson's *Dark of the Moon* are set for Monday, November 7, and Tuesday, November 8, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. There are roles for ten men (ages 18 to 80), one boy (12 to 18) who plays the guitar, one adult guitarist, and ten women (ages 18 to 80). Especially needed is a young man (18 to 25) for the charismatic role of John, dance experience would be helpful. Singing is required for some of the roles, please prepare a simple folk tune. Performances will be Friday and Saturday evenings January 27 through March 3, 1984. There will also be two Sunday matinees, dates to be announced.

For further information, call director Jama Clark at 897-0376 evenings.

## OPENING NOW — THE FANTASTICKS

The delightful musical, *The Fantasticks*, will open at the Masquers Playhouse November 4, 1983. Performances will continue Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. through December 17. There will be three Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on November 20 and December 4 and 11.

The play, which features the songs "Try to Remember" and "Soon it's Gonna Rain" is directed by Pat Siekert. Admission is \$4.50. For reservations, please call 526-1038.



**'TIS THE SEASON . . .  
FOR FAIRS, BAZAARS, ETC. . .**

**RICHMOND MUSEUM  
SECOND ANNUAL  
TREASURE AND JUNK FAIR**

The Second Annual Collectors Treasure and Junk Fair will be held on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum (at 4th and Nevin). Last year's sale was a huge success, and they're hoping for an even bigger Fair this year.

Donations (tax deductible) to benefit the Museum, and add to the treasures, may be brought to the Museum now. Please call 235-7387 before doing so.

**RICHMOND ART CENTER  
ANNUAL BAZAAR**

The traditional Bazaar will be held this year on Sunday, December 4. Arts, crafts, and treasures will be sold.

The Bazaar, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will feature the traditional auction, raku firing in the sculpture garden, door prizes, booths where students sell their wares, and lots of food for sale.

**POINT RICHMOND'S  
TINKERS AND PEDDLERS  
CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Two days, December 17 and 18, there will be a variety of original arts and crafts for sale, just in time for Christmas, at Linsley Hall, 235 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, from 10 to 6 each day.

If you are interested in participating as a tinker or peddler call Donna Powers, at 235-7338.



**RECENT HISTORY –  
THE MILLER-KNOX  
REGIONAL SHORELINE PARK**

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*A series of articles on the park –  
its birth and development.  
Continued from Vol. II, no. 2.*

Although a pleasant respite from crisis at the George Miller Jr. Regional Shoreline Park was afforded between 1974 and 1978, the next one to come along was a blockbuster, affecting not just the George Miller Jr. Park and the East Bay Regional Park District, but the entire State of California with its far-reaching, long-lasting consequences.

In 1978, the tax initiative sponsored by Messrs. Jarvis and Gann qualified and was put on the ballot as Proposition 13. The measure was very appealing to the average tax payer, promising relief from rising prop-

erty taxes. Consequently, it was passed by an overwhelmingly favorable vote. But those who voted without understanding the implications were in for a rude shock when services and programs which they expected city, county and state to provide were cut off or diminished, having been funded by property taxes.

The full effects of Proposition 13 were not immediately apparent because of the enormous state budget surplus which provided 'bail-out' funds to the counties and cities for several years. But there *were* immediate cuts in many areas, and a growing, inexorable curtailment of services of all kinds as the cities, counties, public agencies, special districts and the state itself prepared for the inevitable day of reckoning.

For the East Bay Regional Park District and other public agencies, diminution of tax, bond issue and other public monies results inevitably in retrenchment, the inability to take on new capitol projects, or even maintain and improve established projects. At present there seems a disquieting thrust to put a dollar value on the quality of life, and pressure to pursue 'creative' or 'enterprise' financing of park programs and areas, turning parks which should be cherished in their natural state into revenue-producing programs.

But while this crisis was (and is insidiously) going on, with possibly dire eventual results, a much more direct raid upon the integrity of George Miller Jr. Park started a flurry of angry opposition. In Part III of this series of articles, a brief mention was made about the depredations visited upon part of the eastern side of the Potrero hills by a quarrying operation. The land was owned by the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), who entered into an agreement

with a company known as Quarry Products, to quarry the hills at the southern end of the ridge. Quarry Products operates a number of other sites, including one on Standard Oil Company property north of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. They quarried at the ARCO site from 1959 to 1973 in a manner (then unquestioned, if deplored) which exceeded their permit boundaries and cut into the ridgeline, exposing the hills to the danger of severe erosion. When the company was preparing to close down its activity, protests about the damage to the hills were vociferous enough that the city asked the company to provide landscaping to protect and heal the ravaged hills. This work was never done. In 1978 the operators of Quarry Products, Ralph Johnson and Bill Bottoms, applied to the City of Richmond for a use permit for a 30-year quarrying operation at the 108 acre site. An average of 56,000 cubic yards of rock per year (or approximately 1,680,000 cubic yards during the proposed life of the project) would be removed from the lower 40 acres of the site. ARCO was interested in selling the land and Quarry Products was interested in purchasing it, but only if assured that they could profitably use it. Their position was that they had an estimated 4 to 5 year continuation of their quarry on the Standard Oil Company property before that site was exhausted, and that they wanted to use the rock quarried at the proposed new operation for construction needs at the Richmond Port and Marina development. (This came as a surprise to individuals involved in the dual development, since no fill was needed.) The first consideration was whether an Environmental Impact Report would be required. While it was quickly determined that the project would have such an extreme effect upon the environment that an E.I.R. was needed, the prin-



cial questions raised at this juncture were on the advisability of allowing Quarry Products to spend the estimated \$10,000 on an E.I.R. for a project as ill-conceived as this one, when it was possible that the firm might not be able to get the use permit needed.

There were those who argued that this was a calculated risk any company had to take, while others argued that permitting a firm to invest a large sum on an E.I.R. provided them with the persuasive power of good faith money spent. Despite doubts of this sort the undeniable need for an evaluation of the effect on the land was agreed to, and under the city's procedure for consultant selection a San Francisco firm, Environmental Impact Planning Corporation, ranked highest of the firms bidding for the job.

Subsequent to that time, the Richmond City Council received and accepted as an ordinance to the Municipal Code, a state-required law establishing a local permit process for surface mining operations, and requiring approval of a reclamation plan for mined lands, which, had it been in effect earlier, could have provided protection for the quarried hills. Even the numerous safeguards required by this law did not provide guarantees reassuring to those who remembered past actions of Quarry Products. In March, 1979, a meeting was held to acquaint interested Richmond residents with the project. Environmental Impact Planning Corporation and Mr. Bill Bottoms of Quarry Products presented the proposal. Since the report was paid and written for Quarry Products, it strove to justify the new proposal in glowing and enthusiastic terms, giving listeners the impression that one ½ + million cubic yards of crushed rock was trifling and unsubstantial; that tearing rock from a hillside was a clean and quiet operation; and that the destruction of an area was positive and appealing. To summarize: Over a 30-year

period 56,000 cubic yards of rock would be removed each year. 100,000 gallons of water a day would be recirculated for the quarry operation in a closed system from the "old swimming hole" quarry on the Bay side of the hills. Technologically improved wet-wash quarrying would mean negligible dust and air pollution, perhaps as little as five pounds a day. Noise from such an operation is caused by machines, blasting and tanks. But, using modern techniques, blasting is no longer noisy, nor would it be extensive, since material could be ripped out with a D/A tractor. To remove 1.7 million cubic yards, 40 truck trips a day would be required in the summer, three to four in the winter, for an average of 25 trips a day for 30 years. The visual impact was treated rather lightly since the proposed quarry area was not perceived as conspicuously evident, (visible from the bowl of hills to the north and in the immediate view of the Marina area.) There was, and it was proposed that there would continue to be a 2/1 slope down to the 25 foot contour, stopping at a plateau or pad at the Bayshore end of Richmond Avenue. The projected use for the property, following the 30 years of quarrying would be back-up land for the Port of Richmond.

There were protests to the quarry proposal both at the informal meeting and at a subsequent meeting for the presentation of the E.I.R. Opposition came from many sources — originally from the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee members, because of their hope for open space for park users and because of their conviction that removing 56,000 cubic yards a year for 30 years would destroy the hillside; from the City of Richmond, whose Redevelopment Agency, Harbour Development Advisory Committee and Port feared the potential effects of the quarry on the \$350 million Marina development and the expanding container port facilities; and from George

Pasha, whose firm, Pasha Truckaway, objected to the increased dust from the quarry operation which would be detrimental to engines and exteriors of the new automobiles stored in its lots. Only Quarry Products liked or found advantages in the quarry proposal. Although for many years industrial interests which controlled Richmond's destiny ignored or abused the beautiful Bay shoreline, recently the public perception of open space, and especially that near the Bay has changed radically. The public now feels that this unique land, so beautiful and in such short supply should not be given over to industrial use, but preserved and cherished for the use and enjoyment of people. Even those chiefly interested in monetary gain are grudgingly accepting the fact that a great deal of money can be made utilizing Bay shore lands for beautiful housing, marinas and parks.

For over 15 years the City of Richmond has had policies which recognize the importance of the coastlines and hills. For example, in the *City of Richmond General Plan (1964)* "Open Space and Conservation Element"—Mineral Resources:

"Mineral production should be planned and carried out so as to avoid destruction, pollution, or degradation of surrounding communities, land, air and water. Buffers, vegetation, water treatment, dust control and other measures may be required to protect the physical and social environment."

*Richmond Coastline Plan (1973)* page 9 summary, "Objectives of the Plan":

"Coordination of the development of coastline areas with the overall development of Richmond, in a way that will improve the public image of Richmond and make it a more desirable place to live and work."

Page 12, "Form and Appearance — Findings":

"Richmond has a remarkably vivid land form. Its Bay shoreline, San Pablo Ridge and

the Potrero Hills are the city's most important natural features."

*Special Features Additive District No. 1. Regulations for Brickyard Cove and Vicinity of Point Richmond:*

Page 2, Regulation 2: "Preservation of Natural Hill Slopes, Rectification of Scarred Areas, and Enhancement of the Environment"

#### B. Controlling Principle

"New development and the continuing operation of existing land use or activities shall be done in a manner which will avoid creating visible scars, or otherwise marring the landscape by means of excavation, placement of fill, permanent removal of top soil or native vegetation, grading of roads and driveways, routing and placement of utility lines and poles, or erection of structures."

Considering the swing in public support to the preservation of open space, views, and public access; considering that many of Richmond's planning policies have given full recognition to these ideas in line with improving the city's image and providing a pleasant place in which to live and work, it might have been anticipated that the application for a permit by Quarry Products would be a short-lived request, one which the Planning Commission would reject with little hesitation. To make such an assumption would be to overlook Richmond's origin and rationale, as an industrial city interested in development and money — where what industry wants in the way of development money may be able to buy. The Quarry Product's permit application illustrates this premise. Initially opposed only by environmentalists and conservationists (referred to by Mr. Bottoms indulgently as "ding-a-lings"), the apparently cut and dried matter, far from being quickly decided, dragged on for two long years, with a series of fits and starts.



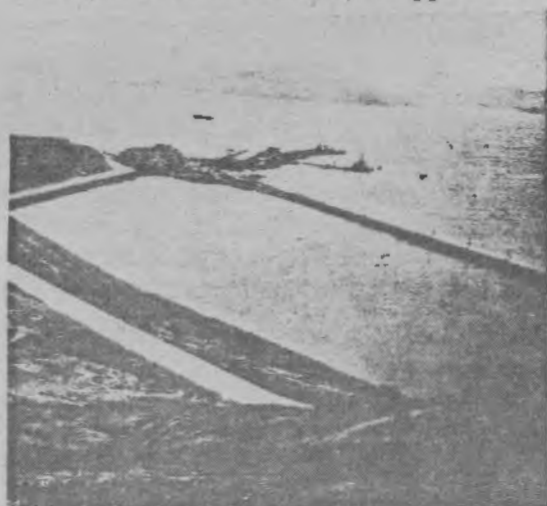
The original Environmental Impact Report was certified on August 21, 1979, by the Environmental Impact Panel as being in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines. (Quite aside from objections voiced, it met the *criteria*). However, the Environmental Impact Panel found that the proposed quarry would have a significant effect on the environment.

Following this, the Planning Commission considered the conditional use permit for which application had been made on four separate occasions during the fall of 1979 (September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6). The staff recommendation was for *denial* of the application; however, the commission directed the staff to prepare the necessary findings and conditions for *approval* — circumventing conditions which they had originally recommended for denial.

During the four meetings discussions related to the scope and content of the conditions. One of them significantly changed the scope of the project by changing the length of operation from 30 years to ten, while taking out the same amount of material. It was noted that new potentially significant effects not considered in the Environmental Impact Report could result. The Commission therefore continued the item indefinitely, awaiting a supplemental report by the Environmental Impact Planning Corporation. The report was completed in spring, and certified by the Environmental Impact Panel on May 15, 1980, as being in accord with CEQA and State E.I.R. guidelines, while reiterating more strongly that the project would have a significant effect on the environment. In regard to air quality, removing the 1,700,000 cubic yards of rock in ten years would have a particularly significant effect, because "its mitigation would be beyond the limits of

feasibility." (Five other unavoidable, but mitigatable impacts were identified in the original draft E.I.R.). The supplementary E.I.R. showed that a lifetime of ten years for the quarry would result in an increase in particulates that would exceed National Ambient Air Quality Standards within about 0.6 miles of the northwest and southeast boundaries of the project site. Noise levels along Canal Boulevard would increase by 4 dBA under worst-case situations due to truck hauling traffic, which would increase to 400 trips a day during a few days of the year, and 200 trips on a typical day.

The Planning Commission directed the Planning staff to prepare a resolution supporting the Commission's conditional approval of the quarry operation. Since a significant and unmitigatable visual and air quality impact would be allowed, the action was seen by observers as a travesty of the State E.I.R. Guidelines. Unlike the dramas in "Dallas" or "Dynasty", this show could not be turned off, and the Commission voted 5 to 3 (with one abstention) to approve the



Garrard Boulevard in 1915, just after the tunnel was built. Don Church mentions sailing boats and swimming in the warm water of the "lake", until the boys found out that the railroad used the lake to wash out their pig and cattle cars.

use permit and reclamation plan presented by Quarry Products, subject to certain conditions affecting [1] the landscape plan for reclamation after quarrying; [2] an existing topographic map indicating the limits of the area to be quarried, and [3] a grading plan showing proposed topography at the end of the quarry operation, taking into consideration the proposed scenic route right-of-way. Another condition provided for an erosion and sediment discharge control plan and the provision of evidence to the American Indian Council that either an identified archeological site would remain undisturbed or be planned for excavation in accordance with accepted practices. Other conditions included a \$100,000 surety bond to "guarantee faithful performance", the city's right to enter the premises to investigate compliance, load limits for vehicles, limitations on slopes to 2:1, limitations on quarrying above 190' contour, revegetation rules for previously quarried slopes, stockpiling and removal of soils, noise limitations, and a written guarantee of the Reclamation Plan.

Restrictive conditions did not serve to calm the fury of those who had watched Bay filling and hill destroying operations, regardless of restrictions and laws. The Planning Commission decision was immediately appealed to the City Council by Pasha Truck-away. Although six votes were required to rescind a Planning Commission decision, by this time conservationists and park advocates were not alone in their concern. Five City department heads had expressed concern that the dust pollution might harm the port's multi-million dollar computer container cargo equipment, and alienate prospective tenants for the Marina housing. Air quality experts, pro and con, produced testimony to support their positions, and people living or working near other quarries spoke passionately on the advantages/disadvantages of having a quarry for a neighbor.

In August, 1980, the Economic Development Commission voted to oppose the quarry, and then in a rare exhibit of turn-about, stated that they had misunderstood the situation and voted in September to re-study the matter. In October they voted once more, still opposing the quarry.

The truckers voted support, but long-shoremen voted opposition. A City Council decision, scheduled for early November, was held over first to the middle, then to the end of the month. On November 18, the City Finance Director strongly urged that another condition be added: that Quarry Products assume liability resulting from re-opening the quarry, and providing legal defense for the city in the event of a lawsuit, already being threatened by Pasha Truck-away. One of the two council members who had committed himself to vote against the quarry would be leaving his council seat by December 1 for his new position on the State Assembly, so those opposing the quarry hoped for a decision during December. But the scheduled December 14 discussion was postponed. Meanwhile, other council members, many of whom had long standing personal ties to Quarry Products management, were dredging up justifications for reactivating the quarry.

The Council vote on January 26, 1981, was 7 to 1 to sustain the earlier decision of the Planning Commission to grant a conditional use permit to Mr. Bill Bottoms to re-open the quarry for ten years, and to deny the appeal by Pasha Industries, Inc.

Following the vote the City Attorney reported that the Council would adopt a resolution at its next meeting which would include language to protect the City from any liability resulting from the quarry operation. Language for this resolution had been approved by attorneys for Quarry Products and Pasha Industries.

—Lucretia Edwards



## POINTS IN THE FUTURE

### NOVEMBER -

- 4- "The Fantasticks" opens at the Masquers.
- 6- Last day of Shimada Exhibit at the Richmond Museum.
- 8- Tuesday - 12:30 - Celebration at West Side Library: Hanging historic sign.
- 9- Point Richmond Business Association meeting at noon, Hotel Mac.
- 17- Point Richmond History Association Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Linsley Hall - "Authors Night", everyone welcome.
- 19 & 20 - Richmond Museum Treasure and Junk Fair. 10 to 4:00.

### DECEMBER -

- 4 - Annual Art Center Bazaar, 9 to 5:00, Richmond Art Center
- 17-18- Tinkers & Peddlers Fair, Linsley Hall Point Richmond.

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## SPECIAL NOVEMBER DATES --NOW

- Nov. 8 - Election Day
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day (remember when it was called Armistice Day - to commemorate the signing of the treaty of WWI at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.
- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 25 - School Holiday

## - AND THEN

- Nov. 10, 1917 - 41 women from 15 states were arrested for suffragette demonstrations outside the White House.
- Nov. 5, 1940 - President Franklin Roosevelt was the only President to ever be elected to serve a third term.
- Nov. 1888 - The Australian ballot was introduced so we could all vote in secret... behind a curtain. In 1892 the voting machine came into use. That speeded things up until the computer came in, and we went back to being confused.

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