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BEFORE THE SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE , IN THE 1950's (courtesy Arline Hartman)

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## in time



**TREASURES OR TRASH?  
SONNY JACKSON KNOWS . . .**

**JOIN US JANUARY 24  
7:30 p.m. at Linsley Hall.  
(235 Washington Avenue)**

On Thursday, January 24, in the Professor Botts Room in Linsley Hall (downstairs) we will have the pleasure of hearing Sonny Jackson, an enthusiastic collector of antique bottles and authority on all sorts of obscure historical facts about our area, share some of his tales with us.

Recipient of an award from the Federation of Historic Bottle Clubs for the best research article of last year, Sonny will use that paper, on the Richmond Soda Works, as a basis for his talk.

An entertaining and lively speaker, Sonny will bring samples from his collection, provide information about what to keep, how to find treasures, and what your finds can tell you about the past.

Bring your family and friends, and old bottles, if you wish, to be analyzed by an expert.

Refreshments will, of course, be served.

**A SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
WALK IN THE PAST**

While you have your calendar out (to remind yourself of the January meeting), check Sunday afternoon, January 27 at 1:00. If you have time for a short trip through the past, we will meet in the parking area in front of the Plunge, for ride pooling, and take off for a conducted tour of the San Pablo Museum. The rapidly growing displays they offer even include a hands-on area for kids. Ann Roberts, one of the most knowledgeable people on West County history, will be our guide.

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**HAPPY 104th BIRTHDAY,  
LAWRENCE THOLE!**

Mr. Thole, the oldest resident of Point Richmond, moved to Richmond shortly after the turn of the century, and at first lived in a tent. He constructed several homes, and his first home still stands at 418 Twenty-Second Street. He has lived with his daughter, Maxine Mayer, on Crest Avenue for several years. An interview with Mr. Thole was published in our October, 1982 Newsletter.



# HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

## MANY THANKS . . .

### TO INDEXERS . . .

Many people responded to Rosemary Corbin's offer of a workshop for indexing. Two workshops were held, Wednesday and Thursday, December 5 and 6. Those who either have learned indexing procedures or are interested in assisting include:

Teresa Albro	Sheila Fostiak
Patricia Behrens	Liz McDonald
Catherine Burchell	Bob Peckham
Aileen Conn	Kay Pinkerton
Sonya Darling	Donna Roselius
Gloria DeWolf	Sally Rush
Mid Dorman	Anna Schwarz
Marion Downey	Judy Walsh

Thanks to all of you. The resulting index system will speed and coordinate the process of obtaining information about past people, places and events in and around Point Richmond. Anyone else interested in this project, which, once learned, can be done in leisure moments at home, may call 235-4222.

### TO THE HISTORIC PLAQUE COMMITTEE . . .

A new project, suggested to us at the recent Business Association meeting, is that of providing informative plaques for buildings in the Point with interesting histories. The committee will decide how this is to be accomplished, which buildings and/or houses should have plaques, and how the project will be funded. So far, the committee includes:

Darlene Byers	Sarah E. Eeles
Laura Carey	Lloyd & Melba Farley
Mid Dorman	Henry O'Hara

Again, anyone interested is welcome to serve on this committee. Please call 235-4222 for information.

## PLEASE NOTE —

This is the December - January Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be published February 1, with the deadline for articles submitted January 23. All articles relevant to Point History, past or present, are welcomed. Question? Call 235-4222.

## MEMBERS . . .

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

Ron & Teresa Albro	Frances M. Greenlaw
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Anderson	Russell & Shirley Moore
*Bruce & Sandra Beyaert	Barbara Oleson
The Burchell Family	Pauline Valenti
Marie Wilson Dietz	The Wilson Family
Albert & Alexandra Gautraud	Maude Wood

\* History Preservers!

And welcome to the following new members:

Carlotta Bresee	Marc & Ann Peppard
Muriel Clausen	*The Point Bar & Restaurant
Eileen Cunan Dewitt	Trefry & Nellie Ross
Anne Hanzlik	Marion Voigt
Joseph Hanzlik	Ralph Voigt
Kathleen Hudson	Yvonne Weber
L. S. Markarian	Carl C. Westman

\*Organization member

(Please let us know if we have made any mistake or omissions in the membership lists)

A red check mark in this circle is a reminder that your membership has expired, and is due for renewal . . . It will be your only reminder, so please help support the Association's work by sending in your donation now.



Please fill out the form on the last page and send it to Pam Wilson, 521 Western Drive



## TO THE TRIANGLE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE . . .

Because of the receipt of \$1500 from Inter Arts of Marin (the amount they didn't use for the statue itself) for use in landscaping the apex of the triangle, around the Indian Statue, a committee which will work with the Business Association has begun to form.

A "mini park" was part of the original plan for the statue, and work on it should begin soon. Lucretia Edwards is doing some preliminary research for additional funding and working with the Recreation and Parks Department.

A small committee, including Catherine Burchell, Sara Eeles and Kathe Kiehn, will begin meeting after the holidays with members of the Business Association and Lucretia Edwards, to make several decisions about the area.

Additional private donations will be accepted for the park, on the same basis as those for the statue: Donors of \$200 or more will be acknowledged on a plaque on the third side of the pedestal. A donation of \$300 has already been pledged by George Haigh. Donations or pledges may be sent to the History Association addressed to 808 Western Drive, Pt. Richmond, 94801.

If you wish to assist on this forming committee, please let us know by calling 235-4222.

## FOR ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVES . . .

Jim Forbes recently lent us two pictures of Washington School classes in 1927 and 1929. We will copy them and add them to our archive collection.

## AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, TO MAE MANDL . . .

Who was voted by the Board to be the new Treasurer. We are all most grateful to accepting the position.

## THE NOVEMBER MEETING WITH GEORGE COLES ...

Most of our members are well acquainted with the Point Richmond story over the past 80-plus years, through personal experience or knowledge shared by historians, professional or amateur. Few of us, however, had even an inkling of that period some fifty times as long as recorded history, when this area was inhabited by its true native sons and daughters, the Indians.

Those of us who attended the November meeting are now very much aware of these earliest Point residents, thanks to a fascinating and often amusing presentation of guest speaker George Coles.

Speaking from 31 year's worth of digging, often literally, into our deep dark past, George pictured for us that dawn of history living experience in words and through objects gleaned from middens, left by inhabitants of the many villages in this area. These artifacts, according to our noted historian, constitute the very rare finds resulting from tedious hours of sifting through the mounds composed of the debris of daily living — mere bits and slivers of burned wood, food waste and bones, shells, fish scales and the like. The middens yield little in the way of solid evidence, however.

The local area was a literal Garden of Eden, according to George, providing many resources for the inhabitants of some fifteen villages. There were fishing and hunting grounds for elk, deer and bear; tule marshes for fishing, baskets, roots and herbs; trees for shelter and tools; as well as stones and shells, all in profusion.

Villages were established according to individual needs of the 25 to 150-member tribes. Some chose marshlands close to the water, whether in bay or creek; others the foothills and high hills.



Noting that his chosen field of pre-history and archaeology is an inexact science, our speaker outlined the steps used to identify objects and their use. Combining previous knowledge of our predecessors' habits with close examination of the items, George had identified a long dull-pointed piece of bone as having been used by natives to scratch their heads during participation in a rite which decreed that no part of their could be touched directly by themselves or anyone else. There were more such objects passed around whose explanations teased the imagination; a bone sweat scraper, for example (no towels or hankies, you know).

Although his work has taken him far afield, to Belize, Guatemala and other distant spots, George says this area has been his all-time favorite. Siting the availability of such rich resources as Ellis Landing, Brooks Island, and yes, even our very own Point Richmond.

For his choice of our area, and for interminable digging followed always by the tedious and often thankless task of organizing, interpreting, storing and publishing his findings we should be forever grateful; and for now, many thanks for sharing so much with us, George.

—Frankie Greenlaw



BASKETBALL TEAM  
1908 - courtesy Mary Casey



## MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD IN THE POINT

Some things never change. Holiday celebrations and children have always gone together. In the spirit of the season I spoke to several established residents about what it was like to be a child in earlier days of Richmond. Henry O'Hara, Marion Downey and Stan Nystrom shared some of their memories; Mr. Nystrom also provided me with a copy of *Memorabilia of My Early Days in Richmond, 1902 - 1917*, by Alice W. Sturdevant, nee Warrillow.

During the week, then as now, school provided children's day to day structure. At Washington, children lined up in the yard, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and marched inside to the beat of patriotic music played on a phonograph. Stairs and hallways were covered with tar paper (probably to protect wooden surfaces).

Books and supplies, such as pencils, rulers, paper and pens, were the responsibility of parents to provide. Ink for the pens was supplied by the school, in large bottles. Ink was poured into small glass ink wells in students' desks. Pens were dipped carefully in the ink, since any of the jet-black ink spilled on the wooden floor made a stain that had to be sanded out by the careless student.

Discipline was not remembered as a major problem, but when punishment was necessary, students were kept after school to clean blackboards and erasers.

The school curriculum was similar to that of today, though penmanship was given greater importance, and the method of teaching it has changed considerably. Special pen-



manship teachers were often brought in.

In the Point, children went home for lunch. Mr. O'Hara remembers that all school children wanted to live on the village side of town, to be closer to school.

School clothes were just that. After school, students went home immediately to change into what were more often than not homemade clothes. Games of softball were played in Janice Park (next to the Baptist Church) in good-weather months. Favorite after school games included Tag, Crack the Whip, Run Sheep Run, Hide and Seek, Hop Scotch (when's the last time you saw the leftover chalk marks on a sidewalk?), Kick the Can, Marbles, Ball and Jacks, Blind Man's Bluff and Auntie Over. Games popular at parties included Drop the Handkerchief, Spin the Plate and Post Office.

When Alice Sturdevant was a child there were no rubber balls; children played with bean bags. Stilts made from tin cans and

rope, or wood when available, were very popular. Rag dolls and linen story books were common toys. Store bought dolls with china heads and cloth bodies were considered very special.

The special fragrances and colors of Christmas remained vivid in Mrs. Sturdevant's memories: "At Christmas time our trees were decorated with real candles, which fit into little metal holders clipped onto the branches. We strung popcorn and cranberries to decorate our trees. We always hung up our stockings on Christmas Eve. Sometimes we found odd things, like a rock or a lump of coal in the toe of the stocking."

Then as now, childhood is fondly remembered by most of us. If you have some childhood memories you'd like to share please write them down. We'd love to know about them! Happy Holidays to you all (hope there's no coal in your stockings)!

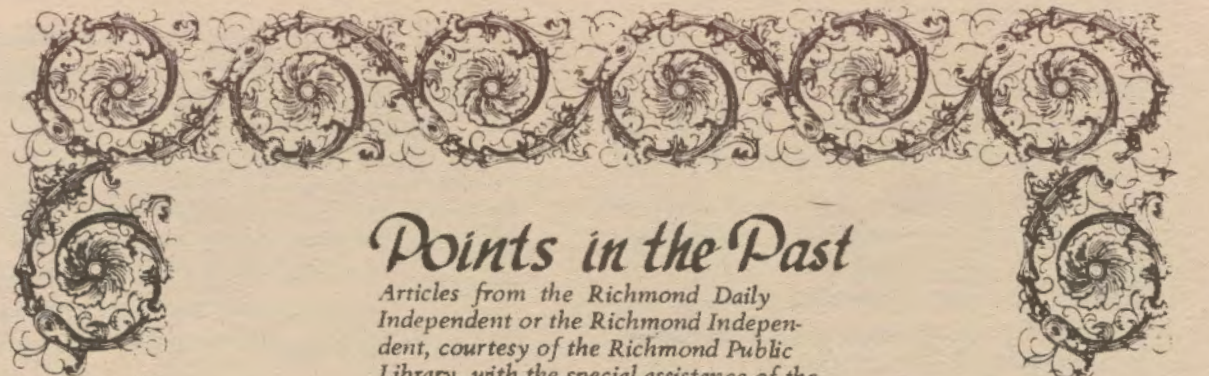
—Michelle Brown



#### DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS ? . . .

*These pictures appeared in a 1902 publication, "Contra Costa, Under the Vitascope". Can you identify any of them? If so, please let us know. Write (212 Bishop Alley) or call (235-4222) with their identification.*





## Points in the Past

Articles from the Richmond Daily Independent or the Richmond Independent, courtesy of the Richmond Public Library, with the special assistance of the reference librarians.

### 70 YEARS AGO . . .

#### PAVING CONTRACT FOR TUNNEL IS EXTENDED . . .

"To allow the earth fill for the highway from the western end of the municipal tunnel to the outer harbor wharves to settle before paving, the city council last evening agreed to a modification of the contract of Moffett & Meade and to grant a six months' extension in the time to complete the paving . . . The highway will be completed in time to connect the tunnel with the first of the outer harbor wharves."

—December 1, 1914

#### POOR GIVEN WORK TEARING DOWN OLDEST WEST SIDE CHURCH...

"The old first Methodist church, corner of Martina and Richmond avenues, at the Point, is departing, but in doing so is furnishing food and warmth for five needy families.

"Reverend P.E. Petersea is having the building razed to make room for his new rectory, which is expected to soon be started. The lumber from the old church is to be used, and in order to get the building out of the way the pastor hired five laborers, all of whom were sadly in need of work.

"The church is one of the oldest landmarks on the west side . . . It was but a frame building but it carries away with it some of the sweetest memories, of the older resi-

dents many of whom attended services there and many of whom were married in it."

—December 5, 1914

#### NICHOLL ESTATE \$1,300,000 LARGEST EVER APPRAISED IN HISTORY OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

John H. Nicholl, son of the late financier John Nicholl, recently filed a statement outlining the value and holdings of his father's estate. "These figures include the immense holdings of the late pioneer in Ventura and Contra Costa counties and the home place in the fashionable east Oakland residential district. They include cash in banks amounting to nearly \$110,000 and \$10,000 in cash in safe deposit vaults and some very gilt edge stock in some of the soundest companies in the state."

—December 9, 1914

#### WEST SIDE GIRL IS GIVEN CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE IN 'FRISCO'

"Miss Anita Pranta, aged 20, and well known to the younger set of the west side will be the first woman chauffeur to enter the rent car service in San Francisco.

"Yesterday she obtained a chauffeur's license, and applied to the police of the metropolis for a permit. She will drive a heavy seven passenger limousine and will have her stand at the St. Francis Hotel."

—December 12, 1914



## JAIL IS USED AS HOTEL ...

"Just a steady stream of unemployed pressed their way into the police station last night and soon the beds were all taken and the officers were putting two men to a room.

"At midnight the jail was a mass of sleeping humanity, the majority of the men having come here to seek work on the municipal tunnel. They were all a good looking class anxious to get work, and were treated in a manner by the officers which caused them to extend thanks as they left for their beds."

—December 12, 1914

## FIREMEN BREATHE THANKS TO WOMEN ...

"Man, crude and clumsy man, put the quarters of Richmond Veteran Firemen's Association in preliminary shape, but after all was said and done something was lacking. It was the touch of a feminine hand."

The members of the West Side Improvement Club "put clean lace curtains on the windows. Straightened those dusty rugs until they fairly breathed a welcome, and put the books together on the table and dusted them off, leaving the careful work of a hand that knows behind, and evident on every side.

"This was all the ladies did when they held their first meeting in the firemen's headquarters but as one old fireman said, 'It made us feel like we were kids again and made us hope the ladies will come again and mighty often.'"

—December 15, 1914

## PUPILS OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL ON WEST SIDE READY ...

"Weeks of careful training have ended for the pupils of the Washington grammar school, and today their proud parents and and relatives will gather to see the results of the rehearsing of which they have heard so much.

"All of the grades will participate and the finale will be a sketch, Kris Kringle's Minstrels, which will be put on by a selected cast from the students."

*[In the cast of the "Kris Kringle" cantata are some familiar names — Clarke Woods played Buzz-Buzz. Kris's page; Blossom Griffin played Fluffy-Ruffles; Uldine Adams was Little Smuts; Marion McMenamin (now Downey) was the Bye-Bye Lady.]*

—December 18, 1914

## WORK TO START ON CHANNEL ...

"Marking the beginning of the digging of the canal from the outer channel to Cutting Boulevard, the Richmond Dredging Company yesterday commenced the work of placing the piling to carry the power lines to its large dredge."

—December 18, 1914

## LET THERE BE LIGHT! ...

"Through the efforts of Mayor Garrard, an order was issued yesterday by which C. M. Brewer, of the Western States Gas and Electric company will keep the street lights burning until 6:30 o'clock . . . Heretofore they have been put out at 5:30 o'clock, leaving the west side very dark."

—December 19, 1914

## KOZY KOVE ATTACHED ...

"Tango, ala the sad sea waves and bathing nymphs, evidently do not auger well for financial success here as the romantic bathing resort which has been presided over by a young fellow named Frank Agar, out on the western harbor and known as Kozy Kove has come to grief. Attachments aggregating \$109 have been filed . . . representing a number of local creditors and the resort is closed down tight."

—December 19, 1914

## PAPER MONEY CAUSING WORRY TO MERCHANTS ...

"Two months of handling paper money has made many local business people care-



less as they are now learning to their sorrow. The good old gold pieces which were the delight of every Californian — either native or adopted — were easily discernible as to their genuine lineage. But the new paper money is causing many to 'be stung'."

During the holiday rush, several clever crooks have been passing Mexican revolution paper money, which is nearly worthless, but looks similar to a twenty dollar American bank note.

—December 19, 1914

#### STABBED STEPPING OUT OF FRANKLIN HOTEL BAR ...

"At the point of death today Michael Braskich is lying as the result of being stabbed at a late hour last night by three Austrians known to the police and for whom they are now searching.

"Braskich had been drinking in the Franklin hotel on Standard avenue last evening and emerged from the hotel shortly before 11 o'clock. He had barely closed the saloon door behind him before he was seen to emerge calling that he had been stabbed.

"It is said the row is another chapter in the fight between the Austrian factions on the West side."

—December 20, 1914

#### FIVE ACRE ROCK FILL TERMINAL SHOWS FAITH OF COMPANY ...

"Actual work on the Richmond end of the new automobile ferry between this city and the Marin shore at Point San Quentin began yesterday when a barge with 400 tons of rock was swung alongside of Blake Bros. quarry wharf and construction of the rock wall for the fill began.

"Superintendent H.G. Biggs of the quarries had a broad smile on when the barge of rock arrived at noon, coming from the Blake quarries on the Marin side, it being cheaper to handle rock by barge in this way than by the tramways from the quarry on this side."

—December 31, 1914

#### A 1914 RETROSPECTIVE ...

In a year that "witnessed more disaster and bloodshed than any other year in the history of the present generation," with the beginning of the war in Europe, killing millions; the liner Empress of Ireland sinking in the St. Lawrence river, killing 1100; 10,000 left homeless by a fire in Salem, Massachusetts; and two West Coast shipwrecks killing 99 people, Richmond was still blossoming.

Stating that Richmond had made more progress "than any city in the state, considering the length of time it has been in existence", the editor tells of Richmond's progress in 1914: "It has seen additional factory sites rise from vacant space on its marsh land, has had a banner year in the erection of new homes, has under the regime of Chief Walker seen additional policemen added to the force, the starting of work on the outer harbor improvements, the near completion of the new municipal tunnel."



Tunnel Construction, courtesy  
Richmond Museum.



## 50 YEARS AGO ...

### TRIAL RUN IS MADE BY NEW FERRY BOAT ...

"With flags flying, an orchestra playing and a group of officials and citizens of Richmond and San Francisco, and the Southern Pacific Company standing on deck and cheering, the new Southern Pacific ferry steamer El Paso, steamed up to the new ferry slips at the municipal terminal here at 1 o'clock this afternoon on her trial run, preparatory to inaugurating direct ferry service between Richmond and San Francisco on January 15, next.

"The El Paso is the (second) of three new ferry steamers completed for the company, and which will be placed in the automobile and passenger service of the company between San Francisco and Richmond ... (It) is 246 feet long and has a beam of 63.3 feet. The vessel is equipped with a 1400 horsepower engine capable of maintaining a speed of 14 knots an hour ... The steamer represents an expenditure of \$500,000 and is equipped with the latest devices for efficient and safe handling."

—December 22, 1924

### TURKEY PRICES UP, BUT DEMAND HERE IS STRONG ...

"Despite a jump to fifty cents a pound this morning, turkey will grace most of the Christmas boards in Richmond homes tomorrow ... Storms and heavy snows in the north counties have prevented the ranchers from furnishing the usual Christmas supply of the birds ... Chickens are selling from 40 to 50 cents per pound."

—December 24, 1924

## 50 YEARS AGO ...

### A FAIRY TALE ...

"Legislators generally are so completely opposed to adding taxation burdens onto (the) general load carried by the public that

almost any new revenue producing scheme may be expected to encounter trouble in the legislature.

"The only tax measure which has received little opposition in pre-legislature discussion is a state income tax. This would take money from the pockets of the rich, but would not have much effect on the income of the masses."

—December 13, 1934

### END OF AN ERA ...

"Joseph Nicholl, the oldest native Richmond resident, died today at the age of 72. Son of John Nicholl, one of the first settlers in the area and owner at one time of most of the present area known now as Richmond."

—December 14, 1934

### PRIZE WINNING APPLESAUCE FRUIT CAKE ...

"Mrs. May E. Morrison of 307 E. Scenic Avenue won two free theater tickets for taking first place in this week's Richmond Independent's cooking competition.

2 C. unsweetened applesauce	1 tsp. lemon, vanilla
1 C. Crisco	& Mapleine flavor
2 C. white sugar	1 C. currants
4 C. flour	1 C. seedless raisins
3 tsp. baking soda	1 C. seeded raisins, cut
2 tsp. salt	3 times
1 tsp. cinnamon	3 C. walnuts, coarsely
½ tsp. nutmeg	chopped
	½ C. citron peel,
	shredded fine

Cream shortening. Add sugar a little at a time. Add applesauce. Beat well. Sift flour, soda, salt and spice three times. Add to mixture a little at a time till ½ is used. Then add ½ of fruit and nuts that has been previously flavored. Add rest of flour, then fruit and nuts. Mix thoroughly.

You can use only one C. of walnuts if you prefer. That makes a good cake too.

Bake in large tube pan 2 hrs. in oven 300° F  
This makes a large good Christmas fruit cake."

—December 21, 1934



## LUDEWIGS HOSTS TO CITY PIONEERS ...

"City Councilman Otto R. Ludewig, who was one of the Richmond pioneer merchants and civic leaders, and Mrs. Ludewig were hosts on Sunday at a turkey dinner at which 15 pioneers of the city, averaging 30 years residence here, were guests.

"The guests were: Pat Dean who came here in 1900; A. C. Lang, also here since 1900; G.A. Follett, here since 1902; Richard Paasch, also here since 1902; Alexander Elsie, another pioneer of 1902; Howard French, also an arrival of 1902; E. Forwick, who delayed his arrival until 1904; Oliver Wylie, another 1902 immigrant; Harry Swearingen, a comparative newcomer who arrived in 1906; Adolph Winters, an arrival in 1909; Walter Gianella, Charles Leard and Gus Penning, mere youngsters who did not get here until 1911. The Ludewigs have been here since 1901."

—December 31, 1934

—Teresa Albro



Members of the Spiersch, Stanley and Harris families,  
1909, from the Don Church Collection

## 40 YEARS AGO ...

### CAR-AMMUNITION TRAIN CRASH ON RICHMOND AVE.

"... When the car he was driving collided with an ammunition train at the intersection of Richmond avenue and the Santa Fe railroad tracks in Point Richmond Clarence Cleveland didn't wait for the ambulance.

"Though the impact turned his car completely around as soon as it came to rest, Cleveland jumped out and walked rapidly nearly three blocks to his employers at 134 Washington avenue. A few minutes later an ambulance picked him up there and took him to the Richmond hospital where he was found to have contusions of the lower ribs and a possible wrist fracture."

—December 2, 1944

### VICTOR MATURE AT LOCAL SHIPYARDS ...

"Chief Boatswain's Mate Victor Mature, formerly a top-ranking movie star, made a personal appearance at Yards 1, 2 and 3 yesterday, with other members of the "Tars and Spars" cast."

Included in the special show's cast was a young impersonator, Sidney Caesar.

—December 7, 1944

## 30 YEARS AGO ...

### REFINERY FOLK DANCERS HOLD HOLIDAY PARTY ...

"The dancing troupe 'Las Inditas' and other dancing talent will be featured in the entertainment spotlight of the monthly dance party of the Refinery Folk Dancers tomorrow at 8 p.m.

"Under the direction of Herb Villa, the troupe will be among entertainment at the Christmas party dance, which will be held at the gymnasium of the Rod and Gun Club.



"... Roy Gill, coordinator and program director, has arranged a program of beginner, intermediate and advanced folk dances, including popular American squares."

—December 3, 1954

#### SCHOOLS RECEIVE NATIONAL SAFETY AWARDS ...

The National Safety Council awarded 30 Richmond schools awards for safety. Included in the group having received awards for five consecutive years was Washington Elementary School.

—December 9, 1954

#### 20 YEARS AGO ...

#### HEARING SET ON USE OF POINT TIDELANDS ...

"A public hearing was set for Dec. 21 regarding the future use of 40 acres of filled tidelands adjacent to Garrard Boulevard in Point Richmond.

"The Planning Commission withheld decision on the area which is owned by the Santa Fe Railway Co. Plans tentatively call for residential use of the area instead of industrial.

"Santa Fe is opposing the rezoning plan and has appealed to the Council, which set the hearing date last night.

"[The Council also] held first reading of ordinances rezoning certain parcels in the Santa Fe neighborhood and medium residential density in Point Richmond"

—December 1, 1964

#### INDUSTRIOUS INDUSTRY ...

"All year long, two reducing towers at Air Reduction Co. in Richmond stood alone and bare to face the bleak winds rushing across Galvin Industrial Park. But Christmas cheer has taken over — each tower now has a set of tree-shaped colored lights and both share in extending a big "Merry Christmas" to Cutting Boulevard motorists and Point Richmond residents."

—December 17, 1964

—Pam Wilson

## PIECES OF THE PAST

*From "Contra Costa County - Under The Vitascope", published by The Richmond Record, Lyman Naugle, editor, in January 1, 1902*

*Courtesy of the Richmond Museum*  
PART III

#### B. E. LOOMIS

*[Mr. Loomis is remembered most readily as having provided the first park in Richmond, later known as Kozy Kove, on the shoreline west of Keller's Beach].*

*\*Since the article on Mr. Loomis is lengthy and detailed, excerpts and paraphrases are used.*

After traveling for a Rochester, New York firm throughout Ohio and Indiana at the age of nineteen, B.E. Loomis headed West. After working eight years, he spent the next year and a half exploring California, north to south. He returned to New York and after three years, in 1886, became employed by the Bancroft History Company in California, as manager of the general agency department. Afterwards, he went into the real estate business in San Francisco, and through having to take a piece of real estate in this vicinity as security for an indebtedness, "became attracted to a possible townsite adjacent to the terminal of the Santa Fe Railroad." Nicholl beat him to it, but he managed to become owner of "some of the most valuable property now in Richmond, and has a most eligible list of town lots for sale."

#### OTHER REAL ESTATE MEN ...

There is a preponderance of real estate men among the biographical sketches. Included were:

James H. Gibb, dealing in real estate, loans, insurance and rents; William Thomas, agent for the Tewksbury tract, "is the boss real estate man in this section. When Mr. Thomas can't land a man it is no use for others to try."; T.M. Ross built the second



building in Oldtown and afterward sold it to Frank Critchett. "He came with the 'band wagon' to lovely Richmond and built the Union Restaurant and Lodging House"; L. H. Harley "built the first cottage here and owns some fine business and resident lots. He has ten cabins, which brought him a monthly rental all last winter of \$5 each."

Contracators, builders and architects were also prominently mentioned in the new town:

C. MacWay, carpenter and builder, built MacWay Place (on Park Place), "one of the substantial business buildings in Richmond. It is three stories high with twenty rooms and two stores underneath, both being occupied."; J.B. McKenzie, contractor and builder, "has built a large number of houses in

Richmond. . . he is now building two on Tewksbury avenue, hotel for W.C. Gray, house for B.Armanacis, one on Railroad avenue and a hotel for A.Kellar. Mr. McKenzie will draw plans and build your building as cheap as any one, guaranteeing satisfaction every time."; W.F. Falla, one of the leading contractors in Richmond, "is the contractor on the Record block, the best building that has yet reared its walls in lovely Richmond." [The first bank building. — now Sherry & Bob's.]; P.G. McIntyre is one of "the best contractors and builders in the State, and has done more of the building in Richmond than any other contractor here. Up to date he has built forty-three buildings and is now constructing the Masonic Hall."

#### FRANK CRITCHETT...

"Mr. Frank Critchett and his estimable wife have the distinguished honor of being the first settlers in Richmond. For a time, Mr. and Mrs. Critchett lived in a tent while they were building the present Critchett Hotel. This was the first building built in Richmond and was ready for business January 1, 1901." The Critchetts came to Richmond on September 6, 1900. They had to haul water in in barrels from the Nicholl Ranch, and lumber from Oakland. Trying to set a civilized atmosphere in the midst of a marshy boomtown, the Critchetts sent out invitations "to all the ladies in town to take tea" with them. "In summing up the names of those present for an item in the *Record*, it was found that Mrs. Lyman Naugle was the only invited guest present. The town could produce no more, she being the only lady besides his wife living in Richmond at that time." In Aug-

#### FRANK CRITCHETT.



ust, 1901, on account of the ill health of his wife, Mr. Critchett went out of the hotel business, passing the management to Mr. Thomas McMahon.



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN THE POINT

Christmas caroling for anyone interested in spreading holiday cheer will begin with a bowl of chili at the Methodist Church on December 21. After a quick rehearsal, the group will be on its way. Call Oretta Eaton at 234-0780 if you want to join the carolers, so that a bowl of chili will be waiting for you at 6:00 p.m. on the 21st!

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A traditional part of Christmas in the Point is the joint Christmas Pageant by the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools. This year it will be at 7 p.m. on December 23, at the Baptist Church. Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy this wonderful event.

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## WEST SIDE LIBRARY

"Where is the computer?" You may well ask, especially after introductory remarks were made in this column in the September and October copies of *This Point*. Good things come to those who wait, but while you are waiting, stop in — we are still in the business of circulating books, magazines and records, albeit manually.

If you are fascinated by people, you might want to meet Alma Mahler (wife of Gustav Mahler), Paul Whiteman and Ty Cobb. They will be residing at West Side through early January. A more permanent resident is John Steinbeck, whose biography by Thomas Kiernan has been added to the permanent collection.

December is a festive month. Look for holiday books featured on the display table.

What's in the stars (or moon, planets, solar system, etc.) for 1985? Featured books in January will deal with these subjects.

Season's Greetings from Veronica and Jan!

—Jan Burdick

## CHEVRON'S CONTRIBUTIONS RAISE THE CURTAIN

Chevron USA takes the lead in the 1984-85 fundraising campaign for the Masquers Playhouse of Point Richmond. Hal Holt, of Chevron, announced a \$25,000 grant to the Masquers for renovation of the historic building recently purchased by the theater group.

The Masquers, one of the oldest and most respected community theaters in the Eastbay, has set a goal of \$200,000 to be raised by October 1985. In September the group was able to make a \$30,000 down payment to buy the theater they've been renting since 1961. Approximately \$145,000 is still to be raised covering the costs of acquisition and renovation.

According to Holt, it is appropriate that Chevron, closely associated with Point Richmond from its beginning, should spearhead the campaign, "The Masquers have made an important contribution to the cultural life and the business interests of this community, attracting an audience about 7500 persons a year from all over the Eastbay," Holt said. "They deserve the support of community leadership."

Immediately after presenting the check to Jo Camp, founder of the Masquers and long active as resident director, a kick-off meeting for the newly elected community board was held at the Hotel Mac.

Among those serving as directors are Hal Holt of Chevron, David Larson of the Mechanics Bank, John Mejia of Kaiser Medical Program, Al Silva of the Mechanics Bank, and Wendell Zemina of the West County Times. Tom Butt of Interactive Resources will act as consultant on renovation of the building. Pat Seiker will represent the theater administration, and David Vincent, Fundraising coordinator, will serve on the board in addition to Jo Camp.



## A-MID TRIVIA

Sights and sounds of the season bring to life delightful memories; but put a Christmas tree up and it smells like Santa is coming!

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It was great to have young people attend November's History Association meeting — Tim Doherty, Andrew and Daniel Butt — Everyone is welcome.

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Henry O'Hara's broken shoulder slowed him down, but only temporarily. He's back working in his yard again.

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The Baptists are planning to do a lot of singing. They recently purchased a new three-pedal organ. They'll have to be careful not to 'raise the roof'!

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And, speaking of roofs — the Methodist Church has a new one on its steeple — and new gutters, eaves and outside paint. The scaffolding that reached way-y-y to the top of the steeple was a real work of art. The last unprotected stained glass sanctuary window was given a protective covering; and soon the ball at the top of the steeple, damaged when it toppled several years ago, will be reinstalled, after being repaired and given an added adornment of the Methodist's logo. More about that later.

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Henry Frances's charming 80-year-old bride Dagmar, fell and broke her hip. As if that wasn't traumatic enough, Henry suffered a heart attack and is now in Brookside Hospital.

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Trannie and Betty Dorman flew to Irvine for a four day visit with granddaughter and niece, Roberta Palfini. They took a side trip to Vista, California, to visit Trannie's sister, Hattiebelle Potts, before returning.

Are you annoyed when you see children taking delight in popping the unopened centers of your beautiful fuchsias? Or do you remember how tempting they were when you were a child?

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There are people who don't mind Christmas shopping. . . They just charge right ahead.

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Thanks for the memories . . .

Remember when See's Candy sold for 25 cents a pound, at the 1939 Treasure Island World Fair?

Are you looking forward to seeing Halley's Comet for the second time in 1986 (your first time being in 1910)?

Do you recall paper boys standing on street corners yelling "Extra! Extra!" — and the newspapers only cost 5 cents?

*(Don't you have some memories to share?)*

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Linsley Hall was filled with fascinating arts and crafts at their second annual Tinkers and Peddlers Fair December 1. If you missed it this year, plan to attend next year!

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Proud grandparents of Eric Arthur Turner, Rosy and Donna Roselius, celebrated Eric's first birthday with a party at their home December 2. Veteran of one birthday, Spencer Brennan and his mother, were among the participants.

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Forgot to mention that we met a princess in the Santa Fe market last month — Alison Lord, shopping like an ordinary person, before her coronation at her high school's homecoming celebration.

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Welcome 'home' to Hazel and Russell — the Paasches who have spent the past four years in Alaska, where Russell was employed by Standard Oil. Ranking among the retired, he has returned to the Point.



Paul Cort and Jason Goldsmith were among the students from Kennedy High's Forensic Team to attend a competition at the University of Pacific in Stockton.

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Maude Wood has been in the hospital with a fractured back, but is O.K. now, and able to get around.

Maude remembers when she started the Camp Fire Girls in the Point, in a rented store, and used the upstairs and storerooms for the girls . . . some may remember.

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Remember when the Community Center and Firehouse rooflines and the Blue Spruce tree were all covered with colored Christmas lights for the holidays?

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According to a University of Detroit computer, if you are superstitious, you will take a bath between Christmas and New Year's Day to purge your spirit and give you good luck in the coming year.

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#### MARRIED :

Sue Squires and Mike Unser. A reception in their honor was held near Porterville on Saturday, November 17 at the River Island Country Club. It doesn't seem *that* long ago Bessie and George were pushing the buggy holding Sue and twin sister Dianne, at the Washington Back-to-School Night!

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Christine Ann Schroeder and Glenn Nitzsche at the historic Methodist Church on Saturday, November 17. Daughter of Dan and Jan Schroeder of San Leandro, Christine is granddaughter of the late Babe Idle of the Point. Her father is a former member of Troop 111. Glenn's grandmother flew in for the wedding and reception, which was held in San Leandro.

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Holidays will be less lonely for some if you keep in touch, and tuck a personal note with your greeting card.

#### DIED:

Virginia Lee Bryant on November 21, at the age of 85. She lived on Golden Gate Avenue the greater portion of her life and was active in many service and cultural clubs in Richmond. Long associated with the Art Center, she was also a member of the West Side Improvement Club, the El Portal Chapter of Eastern Star and Club Mendelssohn. Virginia didn't just belong to groups, she accepted responsibilities, and gave many hours of volunteer work. She was always doing things for others. A friend recalled that while her mother was alive, Virginia went daily to share breakfast or brunch with her after getting her husband Clare off to work at Standard Oil. A selfless, giving person, Virginia will be alive in memories for a very long time. She is survived by her husband, Clare.

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A Point pioneer, Nellie C. Matteucci died at the age of 85 on November 26 in San Pablo. A native of Jackson, and a resident of the Point since about 1912, Nellie was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Wife of the late Joe Matteucci, who was known as the 'Mayor of Point Richmond', she is survived by sons Julius and Frank Matteucci and daughter Josephine Palenchar, all of the Point; and three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was the owner of the Roma Hotel on Standard Avenue from 1920 to 1943.

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Point Richmond fans of the Berkeley Repertory Theatre were shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely death on October 29 of BRT's founding director Michael Leibert. He was 44. Michael loved to 'prowl the Point'. He left many friends here.

The following Saturday, a memorial service for Leibert was arranged at the Geary Theater by ACT director William Ball.



Speaking in tribute to Leibert's life and work, along with ACT actors Peter Donat, Ray Reinhart and Deborah May, was Point Richmond author Bernard Johnston, who closed his remembrance with the observation that "the truest bequeathal of the dared life is the ardor it leaves in the gentle country of memory, in those who survive and weigh from time to time what that mystery was that once had a name, and laughed, and worked so very hard, and bestowed itself, and withheld itself, and breathed; and never quite knew what it was supposed to be because the living of what it was (and was becoming) took all of the anonymous days and autumns, and had finally taken everything. And in that self-denied exhaustion had spelled something honorable, and thankful, and achieved."

The memorial closed with a moment of silence followed by a sustained and rousing standing ovation for Leibert's accomplishments.

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At the nation's Capitol, construction is underway on the West Front for the fiftieth Presidential inauguration January 21. It will be the second consecutive inaugural on the West, where the sloping terraces facing the mall, and the Washington Monument offer a more spectacular vista and easier viewing than the steps on the East Front.

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Happy New Year! Out with the old and in with the new! Casting out the year, and looking forward to a new one cheerfully is great, but as the Scottish poet, Robert Burns reminds us each year, "Should auld acquaintance be forgot and ne'er brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and the days of auld lang syne?"

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-Mid Dornan (234-5334)

## CHURCHES

*Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, whose history is reflected in the minutes, printed below from the stiff cardboard-covered notebook purchased from "Schoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the fourth installment:*

Point Richmond, Calif. June 18, 1907

The Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met at the church the President being present the meeting was opened by singing "Jesus Shall Reign", and led in Prayer by Mrs. Younglove.

The secretary was called on to give her report. Mrs. Piatt, the conference sectry was present. 2 letters of thanks were received and read. for (sic) boxes being sent out by the society.

this being Election of officers Mrs. Younglove taking the chair.

Mrs. Head was reelected President

Mrs Conry elected first Vice President

Mrs. C.E. Adams second Vice President

Mrs. F. Shoen Treasurer

Mrs. G. Gerald Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. L.C. Pritchard Secretary

Mrs. N.J. Pritchard chairman of Publication Committee.

Mrs. Gnaga Mite Box Secretary. Mrs. Gnaga gave her report as having given out 8 mite boxes. It was move and carried to have our Mite Box opening in Oct. Commit-on supplies, Mrs. Sroufe. Mrs. Mount. Mrs. Butterfield. all supplies to be given to Mrs. Butterfield. Mrs. Coral was elected as chairman on distribution of papers and literature.

Payment of Dues - Mrs. Conry 50 cts.

Mrs. Coral 60 cts

Mrs. N.J. Pritchard 50

Mrs. Head \$1.00

For refreshments \$1.15

for expenses .25

Total .80 (sic)

L.C. Pritchard, secretary

-Mid Dornan



## POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

To encourage more participation, the Neighborhood Council Executive Committee will hold its monthly meetings at the Point Community Center beginning in 1985. We will continue to have a general membership meeting every quarter; our next general meeting will be in January. More people are becoming involved in the Council. We now have representatives from each of the nine areas in the Point serving on the Executive Committee. A list of the areas and their representatives will be made available at our next general meeting.

Several issues were discussed at the November 12 Executive Committee meeting:

**UNDERGROUND WIRING** — The City of Richmond has approximately 3.2 million dollars available for undergrounding wiring in the city. The city has established a committee to set priorities and standards for use of the funds. A request for proposals will be released through the Neighborhood Councils. It has been suggested that the remainder of Cutting Boulevard and Macdonald Avenue be a priority project for undergrounding. We will follow this issue as it develops.

**TISCORNIA-SHEAHAN PROPERTY** — A first reading of an extension of the moratorium on development of this property was passed by the City Council on November 5. Because of objections to the action the matter was reviewed by the City Attorney and rescheduled for December 3 to ensure that proper notification of the action is given. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow time for a plan to be developed for use of the property.

**PETROMARK** — We will be coordinating with the West Contra Costa Bay Shore Council on this issue. Final action has not yet been taken on the EIR.

**NEWSLETTER** — We are considering the use of a regular newsletter to keep people updated on community activities. The newsletter, which could be mailed to Neighborhood Council members, would focus on immediate issues.

Happy Holidays !

—Janet Lyons

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 111

Scout Troop 111 held a Court of Honor in Friendship Hall at the Methodist Church, their sponsor. Todd Cort led the flag ceremony and was installed as the new Senior Patrol Leader.

Cyrus Ganjia became a Tenderfoot Scout and Robb Bury was awarded his First Class badge. Awards were presented for Communication, Citizenship, Family Living, Cooking, First Aid and Hiking and those receiving awards were Seth Fenton, Shawn Fernandez, Adam Bartkowski, Max Golay, Malcolm and Cyrus Ganjia, Todd Cort, Robb Bury and Mario Allen. \*

One of the Community Service projects was their recent involvement with the Salvation Army Good Turn Day. Over 80 filled bags were collected, and they appreciate the response in the Point.

## A TRADITION THREATENED ...

Assistant Scoutmaster, Ben Woodson, an Eagle Scout from this troop whose involvement spans 42 years, told the parents that the continued life of the 53 year old troop is being threatened. Scoutmaster Fred Hart, also an Eagle Scout from Troop 111, who has served as Scoutmaster since the death of his former scoutmaster, Bob Dorman three and a half years ago, is finding he is unable to continue this position in full capacity. He is asking for interested adults or former scouts who would be willing to take



the boys for a week-end trip or plan special events so they will have a more rewarding experience. Scouting helps boys to develop confidence, leadership abilities and character to become first class citizens. If you feel you could contribute a few hours a month, contact Fred Hart at 235-1046 after 5:30. George Mohr, whose sons were members of the troop, continues to keep accurate records for them.

The boys meet every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, and any boy, aged 11 to 18 is welcome.

*"The perennial and typical boy scout skits were presented. If you have never attended a meeting with scout skits, your life isn't complete! The boys also sang Happy Birthday to their Scoutmaster, Fred Hart.*

*—Mid Dornan*

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### ANOTHER QUESTION:

*Is there anyone in the Point who used to work in the Brickyard located in Brickyard Cove? If so, let us know (235-4222).*

## BUSINESS POINTERS

Among recent transactions and transitions in the Point Business District we have:

### STUFF SUPPLY COMPANY...

Opened early in November at 29 Tewksbury, the Stuff Supply Company is operated by Point Richmonder Lester Carter and his son John. They specialize in all kinds of "stuff", but the current stock is predominantly toys, tools and hardware.

### HAROLD J. KRISTAL, D.D.S. ...

After looking for just the right place in Point Richmond for several years, Dr. Kristal recently purchased and rehabilitated the building at 224-226 West Richmond (formerly Wood Art). He has practiced dentistry in downtown Richmond for a number of years in an office on Broadway.

Dr. Kristal's elegant new quarters include four operatories as well as a meeting room, laboratory and testing facility. He is chairman of the University of California Holistic Dental Group and frequently hosts meetings of his fellow professionals. In addition to traditional dentistry, his practice includes homeopathy and acupuncture.

### NICK AMENDT, D.D.S. ...

Word also has it that Dr. Nick Amendt, formerly occupying the top floor at Park Place, is now moving to the rehabilitated and expanded building at 38 Washington Avenue which previously housed the Doll Factory.

### THE SPOT ...

The bar at The Spot is currently closed and undergoing a paint-up-fix-up which includes a new floor of red quarry tiles.

### PARK PLACE ...

Proprietor Walter Connelly is nearing completion on his new solarium dining room which seats 60 persons and will include a



fireplace and aquarium.

#### FOR SALE ...

The building at 110-112-114 Washington Avenue (Jumbo's and Point Richmond Print Shop) is currently offered for sale by Point Richmond Real Estate. The asking price, we understand, is \$390,000.

#### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY ....

The traditional Point Richmond Business Association Christmas party will be at the Hotel Mac on Wednesday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. This is the one time of the year the directors and officers can imbibe without either guilt or fear of criticism from the press.

— Tom Butt



*Christmas pageant at the Baptist Church, 1912,  
Mabel Stout, the flying angel, Leona Azair kneeling  
from the Don Church Collection*

#### THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL REPORT

The Washington School students have been very busy lately with an assortment of projects; some completed, some ongoing, and some in our immediate future. All projects including art, music and pottery, are a direct result of PTA fundraisers which pay for these enriching programs. Students are always enthusiastic about helping raise funds and they understand that the art courses offered are a result of their help. Proof lies in the participation we experience.

Our Carnival, which took place on October 20, 1984, in conjunction with the Indian Statue Dedication Day was a huge success thanks to Linda Mitchell, Carnival coordinator. Children and parents made the day sparkle with their support. While beautifully decorated cakes were auctioned off by our principal, Mr. Petroni, long shifts were worked in the six booths organized and set up by John and Vicki Coots and David Alley. Booths were manned mostly by the children themselves, resulting in a true Big Top atmosphere. The school realized a net profit of \$607.85, as reported by PTA Treasurer Linda Drake at our last meeting. All in all, spirits were high, help was spontaneous and the day was a tribute to Washington, its students and parents, and the community. We are proud!

Linda Mitchell conducted an experience with clay for some of our classes. Students had an opportunity to create anything they wanted, after being shown a few basic pottery techniques. Mrs. Mitchell then took the pottery to be fired in a kiln and returned the works to their artists. All the children had fun while learning basic ceramics.

Donna Roselius, our resident music and art teacher in Point Richmond, is teaching an introduction to music using an instrument resembling a flute but actually named



a recorder. Mrs. Roselius has taught in Richmond schools for well over ten years. Mrs. Sue Burman contacted Mrs. Roselius to request her services at Washington in October. The eight week program began then with the upper grades, and will run through January when the lower grades will begin and carry on into spring. We are very lucky and appreciative to have local artist-teachers available to us. Our children's lives are enriched by the experience.

Spectacular results came from a pre-Thanksgiving project suggested by Ms. Pride, our new first grade teacher. Children were given an outline of a turkey on a large piece of brown construction paper. Instructions were to decorate the turkey as a family project with any textured material — macaroni, leaves, rice, beans — anything! Everything from glitter, sand, popcorn to scraps of cloth turned up in the art. The halls of the school and windows in the Point are displaying the beautiful creations. We are considering a December art project since the enthusiasm and results of this one were so great.

At present the children are completing a fundraiser which should sponsor additional art, music and recreation courses, to continue our support of the arts as a mainstay to our culture. The children are selling jewelry to neighbors, friends and relatives. No door to door selling is allowed. Our rate of participation (the effort is voluntary) is very high, so we are hoping to do very well financially. After Prop. 13 passed, the artistic direction for students was overshadowed by the practical side of learning, with emphasis on the "three R's" — Reading, 'Riting Washington's principal, teachers and parents are united in support of bringing as much cultural education — art, music and recreation — as possible to our children, knowing beauty enriches our lives.

—Debbie Alley



#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

Jean Allyn	Debbie Seaburg
Hazel Paasch	Christine Hayes
Edna Hathaway	Marian Hawkins
Fern Eastman	Mark Stevens
Les Crim	Richard Wilson
Sherry Hartymyk	Jerry Wozniak
Teresa Albro	Gerrie Kretzmer
Roni & Mike Turner	Marilyn Darling
Eric Turner	Tom Potts
Seth Fenton	Clare Bryant
Chris Creed	

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Henry Allyn	Linda Andrew
Cindy Rosier	Michael Seawell
Sonja Darling	Henry Frances
Doug Greiner	Jim Wilson
Janine Dollarhide	Sara Strayer
Jennie Mitchell	Trefry Ross
Dwight Eaton	Jack Healy
Joe Travis	Gina Green
Bryan Smith	Ed Paasch

(Like to have a birthday noted? Please call and let us know! 234-5334 or 235-4222.)

—Mid Doman

#### DECEMBERS PAST...

- 6, 1773 — Boston Tea Party, protesting the tea.
- 23, 1928 — A permanent coast-to-coast radio network, NBC, established
- 26, 1865 — First patent for a coffee percolator awarded to James Nason of Franklin, Massachusetts.

#### JANUARYS PAST...

- 24, 1908 — First Boy Scout troop organized in England
- 25, 1858 — Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" played for the first time as Queen Victoria's daughter married the crown Prince of Prussia.
- 26, 1918 — Americans were asked to observe wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays, meatless Tuesdays and porkless Thursdays and Saturdays.



## POINTS IN THE FUTURE ....

### December:

- 12 - 4 p.m., Hotel Mac, Point Richmond  
Business Association party.
- 19 - Hanukkah
- 21 - Christmas Caroling party, meeting  
at Methodist Church at 6,  
for a bowl of chili. Call 234-  
0870 to participate.
- 23 - Baptist/Methodist Christmas Pageant  
7:00 p.m. at the Baptist  
Church. Public welcome.
- 24 - School Holiday begins -  
Christmas Eve!
- 25 - Christmas Day

### January:

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 7 - School begins - holidays' over
- 8 - West Side Improvement Club meets  
at noon, Our Lady of Mercy  
Church basement.
- 9 - Point Richmond Business Association  
meeting, Hotel Mac at noon.
- 11 - Board meeting of Point Richmond  
History Association. Bring  
bag lunch and meet at 12 at  
School Administration Bldg.
- 24 - NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
POINT RICHMOND HISTORY  
ASSOCIATION -  
7:30 p.m., Linsley Hall  
Featured speaker : Sonny  
Jackson, authority on antiques  
and old bottles of the area.
- 27 - SPECIAL TOUR OF THE SAN PABLO  
MUSEUM, Ann Roberts, guide.  
Meet at Plunge Parking area at  
1:00 p.m. for ride pooling.

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