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THE INDIAN STATUE IN 1915
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APPEARS ON OUR 1986 HISTORICAL CALENDAR
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COME JOIN US AT THE
JOINT MEETING AND SONG FEST



A Get-Together with Members of the San Pablo, Richmond
El Cerrito and Pinole History Groups at
Linsley Hall, 235 Washington

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:30 p.m.

Featuring the Point Richmond Madrigal Singers,
Susan Amacker and other guest singers
and, YOU!

—In a Sing-Along led by Kevan Kidd and others,
of Music Gathered by Ann Roberts —
Mostly Oldies — Songs of California and Local Songs,
(If you have an old school song or other local song, bring it along!)

Refreshments will be Served

*(Since we are hosting other groups, extra cookies will be welcomed—
Call 235-4222 if you can help out!)*

NEW BUSINESS . . .

by Donna Roselius

The Board voted and welcomed in Jerry Cerkanowicz as the much needed Indexing Chairman at its August meeting.

POSTCARDS AVAILABLE —

Indian Statue postcards are available from the History Association, by calling 235-4222, or at Trannie Dorman's Richmond Supply Company at 145 W. Richmond, or at Sherry & Bob's, 201 W. Richmond; OR at the September 28 Indian Statue Day, in the Community Center.

NEW PUBLICATION —

"The Unofficial History of Point Richmond," a condensed version of "high and low points" in our history, has been published by the Association, and is for sale for a condensed price — 50 cents. Written

for people who want a quick picture of the past, or who just don't like to read history, the booklet is available through the same sources as those listed above for postcards. New members may receive a complimentary booklet at one of our meetings.

NEW CALENDAR!

A 1986 Historical Calendar is now available from Board members and stores listed above. Be sure to get one — they're only \$3.00, and they make a great gift, too. The picture on the Newsletter cover is a reproduction of the photograph on the calendar. On each month there are trivia notes indispensable to anyone living in or interested in Point Richmond. Funds from the sale of the calendars will help us produce a larger version next year with photographs for each month.

ARCHIVES REPORT

by Teresa Albro

Welcome to our newest board member and Archives committee member, Jerry Cerkowicz. Jerry has accepted the chairman position of the Indexing Committee. Thank you, Jerry! It is an important job and we were looking for someone to undertake the responsibility of this project. Hopefully, the first index will be published soon.

We were so energetic this summer. Utilizing the various pieces of information that the History Association has gathered the past few years, a group of us put together a calendar for 1986. The profits realized from selling the calendar will be used to enhance the archives. The calendar committee includes Deirdre Cerkowicz, Donna Roselius and Teresa Albro, plus Pam Wilson, Liz MacDonald, Jerry Cerkowicz and other members of the board.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES. . .

Thanks to Mary Basile, who has provided us with additional information about Trinity Episcopal Church, now Linsley Hall, in a brief historical document written by Florence Viano.

According to the account, regular services began here on December 8, 1901, and Trinity Mission was formally organized in June, 1902. In 1906 a site at Washington and Nicholl Avenues was purchased, with formal opening of the church on January 2, 1908. In 1922, another Episcopal church at 10th and Barrett was built; and in 1940, the Point church was sold, and the two congregations consolidated, building a church at 37th and Roosevelt.

The Reverend Carlos Shelton Linsley, after whom Linsley Hall has been named, served Trinity Church from 1908 to 1915.

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THIRTY-TWO PHOTOGRAPHS were reprinted for our archives by Paul J. Brown.

The photos are a valuable addition to our archives, showing scenes from the very early days to post-World War II. Many thanks Paul Brown for his fine donation!

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Clippings from old newspapers that were found as she remodeled her home were donated by Jean Swanson. Such 'finds' are always appreciated.

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The Calendar photograph, reproduced and printed by Richmond Printing Company from a picture in the Don Church collection is considered an addition to our archives because it is an enlarged improvement on the original photo, thanks to their skill.

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Two beautiful large photographic reproductions of the Old Firehouse and adjacent buildings have been donated to our archives by Attorney Douglas Lord. They will be on view during the Indian Statue Festival September 28 in the Community Center.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Lord. These huge photographs will be a center of interest in our displays of memorabilia!

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MEMBERS

Pam Wilson, membership chairman, 521 Western Drive.

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

Emma Austin	Edna Delmore
Patricia Behrens	Eleanor Hurley
* Alan W. Bourke	Louise Novarini
Nell C. Brooker	Roselius Family
Anita Brougham	Joe Savill
Deirdre Cerkowicz	Goldy Shrewsbury
Louis Cunan	Lucille Smith

Wm. & Clarice Stribley

And welcome to the following new members:

Harold Lucas family Sally Riggs

* History Preserver

(Please let us know if we have made any errors in listings).

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SING ALONG!

Most of the sing-along songs in the September 26 Song Fest will be familiar ones. This one's tune ("My Bonnie") is well known but the words aren't. Since we can't count on vocal support from the other groups, you might want the words beforehand . . .

BALLAD OF THE POINT

(to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean"
by Donna Roselius)

1.
There once was a beautiful island —
It sat on the edge of the Bay.
For years only Indians lived there
Eating shellfish and fishing all day.
Then came
Spaniards,
Their cattle and horses roamed here and there;
Rancho
San Pablo
Included that island so fair.
2.
More white men came over the mountains,
More white men came in from the sea.
They saw all the land on that Rancho
And each one said 'this is for me'.
Survey
Parties
Named this spot Point Richmond, but who knows why?
Specu-
lators
Found ways to turn wet land to dry.
3.
Augustin Macdonald walked out here.
He climbed Nicholl Nob and exclaimed,
'This place should be used for its beauty —
Or — for commerce it may become famed.'
Santa
Fe came
They put down their tracks, tunneled thru the hill;
Next came
Standard —
They built their refinery on fill.
4.
A boomtown is what then developed.
They called it Pittsburgh of the West.
The bars, boarding houses and brothels
Were num'rous, it must be confessed.
Then came
fam'lies,
Their houses popped up all around the hills,
And four
Churches
Took care of their spiritual ills.

5.
Professor Botts— he built an airplane,
A steam powered flying machine.
In 1903 it was ready
On Nicholl Nob it could be seen.
Then came
Storm winds
And blew that great aeroplane off the Nob.
In a
Shambles —
The plane, and its maker (oh, sob).
6.
The West Side Improvement Club did it —
They gave us a fountain, and more —
An Indian Statue stood on it,
and stayed 'till the Second World War.
Then, late
one night
A truck driver knocked that old statue down.
But a
new one
Now stands proudly over the town.
7.
John Nicholl believed C.L. Coffey,
Who said there was oil in this hill.
He drilled a well, but he found water
Which later our Plunge did help fill.
And the
Tunnel
Went through the hill, with roads 'round the well.
Taking
Autos
To Kozy Kove Park — it was 'swell'!
8.
The East Brother's Light Station horn blew,
A Chinese Shrimp Camp was nearby.
A Whale Station soon was established,
And Winehaven, — 'till we went 'dry'.
Prohi-
bition —
The Navy stores fuel now, the wine is gone.
Auto-
mation
Is here, but the Lighthouse lives on.
9.
We've had ups and downs in Point Richmond —
We boomed, then we settled back down. . .
Then bulging, near bursting in war-time;
But post-war? — A small, sleepy town.
But that
Village
Because of its beauty, began to grow.
Old Point
Richmond —
The best place to live that we know.

THE ARTIST AS ORGANIZER:

A Visit with Hazel Salmi

by Alexandra A. Gautraud

Community needs focused Hazel Salmi's energies as organizer, mover, teacher and artist.

"I operated in relationship to needs," she recalled. "What were community needs became the next phase of growth for the Art Center."

And indeed since 1936 there has never been a lull in the dynamic presence of the Richmond Art Center. But the story begins much earlier along Indian Creek where Hazel spent her summers away from the fog of San Francisco. Under the tall redwoods and in the meadows of the valley, Hazel sketched and painted the beloved scenes of her grandparents' home.

From these early beginnings she decided to attend the California School of Fine Arts. Hazel entered the normal school program and completed with a certificate in art education.

In the early days of her marriage, Hazel taught art classes and designed stage settings for the Girls' Club of San Francisco.

In 1921 the Richmond School District recruited her husband to organize metal shop classes for Richmond Union High School. For some time Hazel continued her work with the Girls' Club in the city but began to see a need in Richmond for arts, crafts and flower arranging. Soon her talents were serving community needs on this side of the Bay.

"I offered classes in flower arrangement because I was with the garden club," she said. "You see it was just a matter of growth and doing what was needed."

During their first years in Richmond Hazel and her husband moved every year until finally making their home for five years



In 1986, the Richmond Art Center will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary, and its founder, Hazel Salmi.

at Barrett and Tenth Street. Hazel haunted the Point Richmond area and the city records office seeking land along the shore. In the early 30's property transferred hands as payment for unpaid debts. As the Depression deepened Hazel contacted a widow in Los Angeles whose doctor husband had acquired five shoreline Point Richmond lots as payment for a debt.

"She wrote me that she was coming up to this area," Hazel remembered. "She would set a price while she was here. She arrived in a taxi; got as far as the top of the hill. She wouldn't come down to look at the property. From the distance of reservoir hill she set the price at \$125 per lot."

The water company wanted one lot which was an overflow area right of way for their tank on the top of the hill. The Salmi's purchased two lots and the adjacent lots were purchased by the Hills who were teaching colleagues.

Hazel planned the house to match the levels of the slope. She borrowed a transit from her step-father and brother, who were builders in Mendocino.

"With my son I took the measurements and the levels," she recalled, "so, I did all the actual planning and my step-father and brother did all the structural planning. Architecture — that is really where I belonged, but then I just loved it."

Hazel and her husband worked alongside her step-father and brother. Hazel did the brick work. When she was planning the fireplace, George Hendry who was then constructing his home on Cypress Point made from adobe brick, driftwood timbers of delicate lace work and teak from the abandoned salmon fishing fleet in Alameda Harbor, offered her a wonderful thick piece of teak for a mantel piece. This weathered piece of timber remains today as a centerpiece for the living room.

In 1934 the home was complete and the Salmis moved in. Also, at this time someone suggested that the art program might come under the WPA Emergency Educational Program. Thus, she was hired under the program and was able for the first time to use various school buildings whenever space was available.

"I was paid \$93 per month, which was really the beginning of the Art Center," she recalls. "I used the money for supplies because up to that point I had supplied materials myself."

In 1936, Roosevelt Junior High School offered the young art group a dusty storeroom for their classes. Hazel rolled up her sleeves and began to prepare the room for her students. As the clutter of many years disappeared, the true possibilities of the room began to emerge. This converted storeroom had been a science classroom and contained a sink and benches — a perfect home for the art and crafts program. Thus, this single unused classroom became home for the Art Center and for Hazel this signaled the end of trekking on trolley lines.

By 1939 the WPA began to phase out their Emergency Educational Programs. But with true grit and determination Hazel pursued a dual sponsorship with the schools and the Recreation Department for the Art Center.

Funds had been available for some time through the school program for sports activities. However, Hazel was and continues to be firmly convinced that the citizens of Richmond need a well rounded recreation program that recognizes the esthetic need to explore the arts — visual, dance, music, drama.

The dual sponsorship of the Art Center successfully bridged the gap between the Depression years to the heart of World War II. Under the Lanham Act funds flowed once again into the program and met the expanded needs of the war population explosion. Nine community centers developed in each of the housing units. A sense of urgency pervaded the planning and development of a much needed program.

"We were already doing things for the Recreation Department in the whole area of crafts, music, drama," Hazel retold, "so the whole thing was put in my lap from the Recreation Department because they had not been doing these things."

"The activity grew tremendously during the war years. There will never again be quite as broad a scope."

In the midst of the war the city of Richmond began to think of a new home for its government. At the Eighth Annual Exhibition by the Art Center, a public meeting was held to discuss the development of a civic center for Richmond.

Walter Helms, school superintendent, who had been such a great help for the Art Center through the developing years, was behind the move to establish a Civic Center. Timothy Pfleuger of the architectural firm

Miller and Pfeuger was very sympathetic to the inclusion of art activity in the community buildings.

"We submitted our plans to Timothy Pfeuger and had his support as well," Hazel recalled. "It isn't that any one person does anything. I'm so aware of this; maybe it takes someone to steer or commence to bring things together, but one person contributes, then another, and another. They are all building blocks to the same thing."

In 1951 the Art Center opened and has never experienced a slow moment since then.

"I believe it still lives because it did make this logical and physical growth from something small into something needed step by step," she said. "It was not superimposed but grew out of the community. That's probably why it has never stopped. There has never been a lull; there never has been a time when it was not exciting."

Hazel Salmi envisioned the development of the Art Center as a rounded art group that supported ballet and a symphony orchestra.

"The Art Center has developed along different lines than I had foreseen," she said. "I thought there was a need for music. We organized the orchestra as a distinct entity itself but associated with the Art Center. Then we brought in the dance."

Eileen Kehoe began classes in the large gallery. This improvised rehearsal hall became home for the Richmond Ballet. Many recitals followed with a full ballet staged each year with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. In time these two enterprises did not continue to develop. And in 1978 with the impact of Proposition 13 the Richmond Art Center became a private, non-profit corporation.

Today the Art Center is devoted to the visual arts with a three pronged program: education, exhibition and outreach. Through

these programs and under the direction of Kathryn Reasoner the Center continues a tradition of art and community.

On September 17 Fall Classes begin with a wide selection in painting, jewelry, ceramics and textiles. The Exhibition, "Sculpture in the Courtyard", continues through November 14.

On September 28 from 1 to 4:00 p.m. the Center is planning a maskmaking extravaganza with Andree Thompson, Valerie Otani, Javier Sandoval and other guest artists. This free event complements the exhibition of masks in the galleries.

Richmond Art Center hours are as follows:

Office	Tuesday thru Friday	9:30-4:30
Gallery	Tuesday thru Friday	10:00-4:30
	Saturday and Sunday	12:00-4:30

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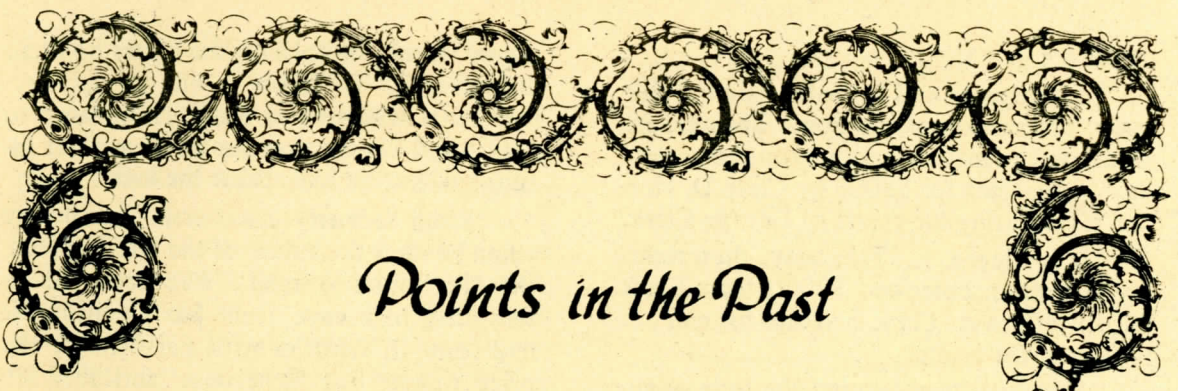
1913 ad, courtesy Richmond Museum

IF YOU PURSUE TRIVIA, see if you can answer this one . . .

Who is responsible for the Eucalyptus trees that at one time were considered a quick remedy for a treeless landscape, (but are now considered a hazard because of dropping limbs, shallow roots and affinity to fire?)

The answer was given in a June 21, 1935 Richmond newspaper by Point resident Mrs. Fred Neville:

The seeds were sent from Australia by the Rev. Bishop William Taylor, for whom the large memorial hotel in San Francisco was named. Bishop Taylor, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while in Australia, conceived the idea of sending the seed to his son, E.K. Taylor who was later mayor of Alameda, and the seed, distributed by nurserymen, has accomplished the beautiful result we now behold. While he lived, Mayor Taylor was a warm personal friend of the Fred Nevilles.



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 ...

by *Deirdre Cerkanowicz*

"That the Hill Boulevard on the West Side will become a reality is practically certain.

"At a meeting called by the West Side Commercial Club last night at the Washington School, more than one hundred property owners and residents were present to discuss the proposition.

The route of the boulevard as adopted last night differs with that originally planned. The route begins at the municipal tunnel, to Mintzer, up the hill to Pacific street, along Pacific to Scofield avenue to the Salt Water pumping station of the Standard Oil company."

—September 2, 1915

PIONEER RESIDENT DIES

"Alden Lawrence, for fifteen years a resident of Richmond, died yesterday at noon at his home, 27 Nicholl avenue."

—September 8, 1915

DREDGING PLANS

"Plans to dredge a fifteen foot channel from the bay to the entrance of the slough in the inner harbor were discussed at the meeting of the council last night. The work would cost \$13,000."

—September 8, 1915

NO WATER TO FIGHT FIRES

"A startling condition in the matter of fire protection in this city has been developed by the Richmond Fire Department's recent investigation concerning water pressure from the hydrants of the People's Water company. Several tests were made by Chief La-Moyne and his assistants. Some of the tests were made on the Washington Hill and other points along Macdonald avenue and a pitiful lack of pressure everywhere was found.

"A test made at the top of the hill brought practically no pressure at all although the hose used was only 100 feet in length.

"All this goes to show that so far as the actual protection from the Richmond Water System for fire purposes is concerned there is practically none, although the city has spent thousand upon thousand of dollars on fire-fighting paraphernalia."

—September 11, 1915

KNOCKED BY A BLOCK

"H. Stewart, a car repairer at the Santa Fe was seriously injured yesterday noon when a block of iron fell from a car onto his head. Stewart was knocked unconscious. He was taken to the Abbott Emergency Hospital and after an examination by Dr. C. L. Abbott removed to the Morton Hospital in San Francisco."

—September 11, 1915

TCHERASSY SUED

"T. Tcherassy and his wife, Ada F. Tcherassy, proprietors of the Point Theater, are made defendants in a suit brought yesterday at Martinez for \$3000 by Clare D. Horner, representing the estate of George Clark.

"It is alleged . . . Tcherassy, then residing in Fresno, borrowed \$2000 from Clark. Shortly afterward Clark died and his son . . . took over the estate.

"Tcherassy then secured the loan of another \$1000, a small amount of which he paid. Since that time he has made no other payments with the result that Clark commenced action against the theater man today."

—September 14, 1915

FIRE — ALARM

"Fire on the Marin shore last night shortly after 8 o'clock frightened inhabitants on the west side and an alarm was turned in from box 215 at Golden Gate and Marin. Fire Chief Roy Lemoyne and the companies of the fire department sighted the red glow on the horizon from the west side and for a few moments, it was feared that the West side was doomed. . . However, an investigation showed that it was necessary for the flames to leap across the bay before any damage could be done here."

—September 14, 1915

RAAB SUES AGAIN

"Suit will be filed today by George Raab, employee of the Standard Oil company, against the People's Water Company, for several thousand dollars damage for 'defamation of character'. The case is based on the payment of a seventy-five cent meter box lock! Recently Raab had some difficulties with the water people because he claimed he had been overcharged for water.

"The water people shut off the water and placed, they claim, a lock on the meter box. Raab settled the bill but the water company claims that when they came to turn

on the water, the lock on the meter box had disappeared. Therefore a bill for seventy-five cents was sent to Raab. He refused to pay it and claims that the water interest intimated that he had stolen the lock.

"Raab recently came into prominence when he sued the estate of the late Repsold, the 'Perfumed Burglar', who drowned attempting to escape from San Quentin. He had some difficulties with Earl Ritchie the prize fighter but these were amicably settled.

"Raab is determined to fight the case to a finish, he says."

—September 22, 1915

AUTO TURNS TURTLE . .

FOUR LOCAL PEOPLE NEAR DEATH

"In an automobile accident in Marin county on the road between San Quentin Point and San Rafael, four Richmond residents narrowly escaped serious injury. The four in the machine were Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Bennett, 23 Tewksbury avenue and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tcherassy, proprietor of the Point Theater on the West side.

"According to the version of the accident given by the San Rafael police, the automobile skidded and turned turtle. The occupants were pinned beneath the machine. They were released and rushed to the Cottage hospital where it was ascertained that none was seriously wounded.

"The party in Bennett's machine left Richmond yesterday morning for an automobile trip through Sonoma county. It was while on the way to catch the ferry for Richmond that the accident happened."

—September 18, 1915

MARY PICKFORD RETURNS

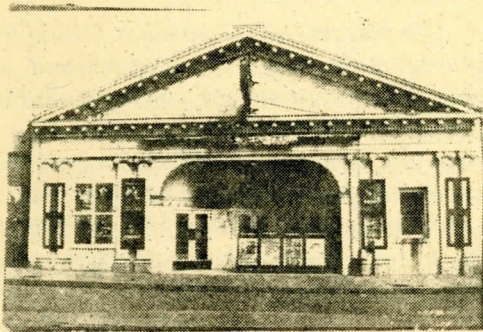
"Mary Pickford, called by many 'the spirit of the screen' whose every appearance in motion pictures is as much an assurance of entertainment value as Tiffany is of jewelry merit, returns to the Richmond theater this week in as appealing picturization of

Edith Barnard Delano's latest novel 'Rags'."
—September 22, 1915

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED

"That the Municipal Improvement company, handling the contract for the improving of Cutting Boulevard is discriminating in securing labor, favoring outsiders; that the local laborers are treated like animals, and that 'time' due is cut in their paychecks is the claim of B. Malavolta, a local laborer, employed until yesterday on the job."

—September 29, 1915



The Point Theater, from the Church Collection

PROTESTS DENIED

"Councilmen Bill Lane and John G. Gerlach last night demonstrated that they are for decent street work and local workmen. At the council committee meeting to hear the protest of residents on Cutting Boulevard against the work done by the Ransome Crumy company of Oakland. Attorney Kearney of San Francisco representing Charles Durner, declared that the work was not up to specifications. This work was done by imported labor and by an 'open shop' outfit.

"When the matter was put to a vote, five of the councilmen voted against the protest, Lane and Gerlach being the only members present to favor the protestants."

—September 30, 1915

60 YEARS AGO . . .

by Teresa Albro

STANDARD AVENUE TO BE WIDENED

"It will cost the city \$30,000 to secure rights of way through 21 pieces of property to widen Standard Avenue. Appraisers set a value of between \$6,000 and \$7,000 on the value of the ground lost to property owners and severance damages at \$23,000. The street will be widened from 60 to 82 feet. The cost of the paving will be borne by the Standard Oil company and the San Rafael Ferry."

—August 7, 1925

WALTER PAASCH BECOMES DEPUTY CLERK

"Walter Paasch, one of the rising young men of Richmond, has been named as a deputy county clerk by County Clerk J. H. Wells, succeeding Archie M. DeSoito, who resigned to take a position with Pierce and Carlson in their new offices in the First National Bank building, Oakland."

(Mr. Paasch, who lived many years on Washington later became County Clerk, and remained in that position until he retired).

—August 18, 1925

PREPARING FOR THE PLUNGE . . . MORE THAN WELL-SUITED

(Anxiously awaiting the opening of the Richmond Municipal Natatorium, the West Side Improvement Club prepared for a Gala Celebration in mid-September, and the City Council prepared, too . . .)

"The minutes of the council show that the bid of \$1496.25 submitted by the Gantner and Mattern Company was accepted by the council . . . (However, members of the city council) and particularly Mrs. Marie Ogborn felt that a mistake had been made in ordering 1200 bathing suits (for use by patrons at the natatorium), as an average of eight persons out of every ten who swim own their own bathing suits. Mrs. Ogborn and other council members felt that fifty dozen suits will be sufficient. City Attorney

Hall was instructed to confer with officials of the Gantner & Mattern company to ascertain whether the company would be willing to supply the city with 50 instead of 100 dozen bathing suits at half the price of the original bid."

—September 1, 1925

(The Plunge opening was delayed until March, 1926).

MESSAGE FROM JOHN NICHOLL'S DAUGHTER

Editor Richmond Independent

Dear Sir:

Through the columns of your valuable paper, I want to congratulate Richmond on the splendid municipal bathhouse now in progress of erection — a fitting monument for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the city of Richmond by my deceased father, John Nicholl.

It was in the fall of 1900 when I took a ride with my father over the county road to the hilltop (afterward named Nicholl Knob) and looked down upon the excavating then in progress for the completion of the Santa Fe terminal — on past the Richmond Pressed

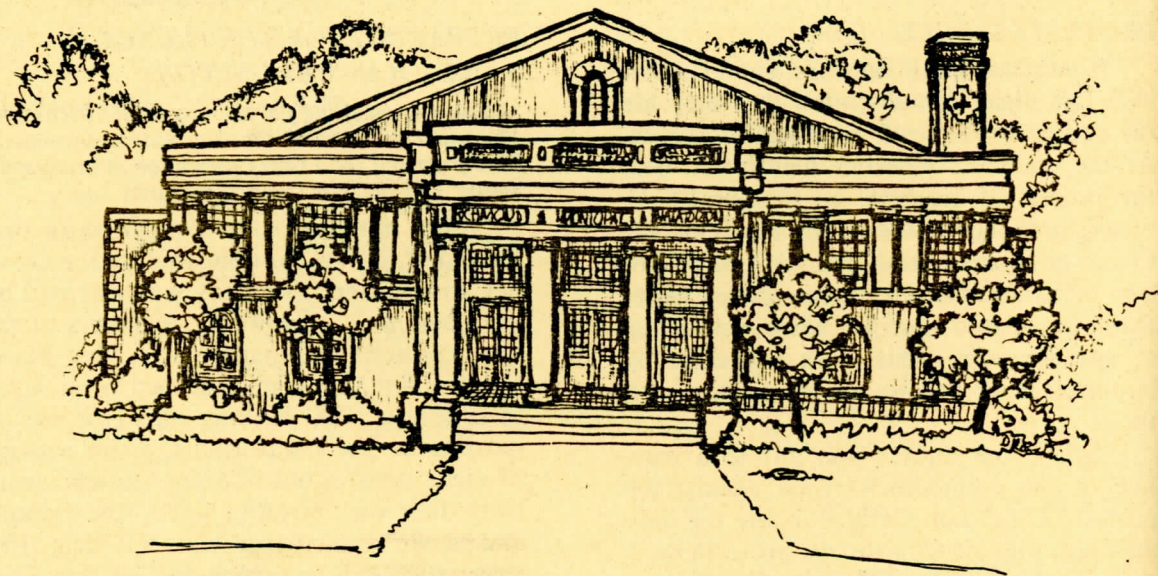
Brick company's present holdings — then known as the Remillard Brick Yards and later acquired by the Los Angeles Brick company — and over the hill on the south end, through what is now called Columbia Gap, where one gets such a magnificent view of the valley and hills beyond.

Twenty-five years of progress! Instead of a horse and buggy, now it was a high powered auto I rode in — instead of country roads, well built broad highways and boulevards. Instead of farm shacks and houses, the valley is a sea of homes.

The first five houses in what is now Richmond, then known as Point Richmond, were near the present site of your splendid bathhouse, for the tunnel of the Santa Fe was then just completed and trains were being dispatched from the terminal. As father and I rode along he expressed his vision of what the future would bring — a city — a great city — was his prediction.

Mary E. Nicholl

—September 11, 1925



MARTEN'S BAKERY RENOVATED

"Work of renovation has been completed at the Marten's Bakery on Park place and modern and efficient machinery added for the manufacture of high class bread and pastries. One of the production features of the shop is Fruit-Ola-Nut bread, a new combination of fruit and nuts in bread which is becoming one of the popular foodstuffs. Marten has entered into an extensive publicity campagne to make known the name and quality of Fruit-Ola-Nut bread."

—September 14, 1925

ALLYN OPENS CLOTHING STORE

"Gust Allyn, well known West Side resident, has opened the Point Clothing store at 120 Washington avenue. Allyn has been in Richmond for a number of years, having been engaged in other lines of business over that period. The new store has been stocked with new and up-to-the-minute lines of merchandise."

—September 21, 1925

EARLY EXPRESS MAIL

"The value of the air mail service to large corporations wishing to send important mail with the greatest dispatch is shown in the mailing at Richmond today of a first-class piece of mail by the Standard Oil company, on which the postage was \$27.84. The mail was sent to New York, and will arrive there 62 hours sooner than it would by the fastest mail train. The ordinary rate of postage would have been \$2.32, according to Postmaster James N. Long.

"The fastest mail train reaches New York in 92 hours after starting from here. The air mail schedule calls for 31 hours."

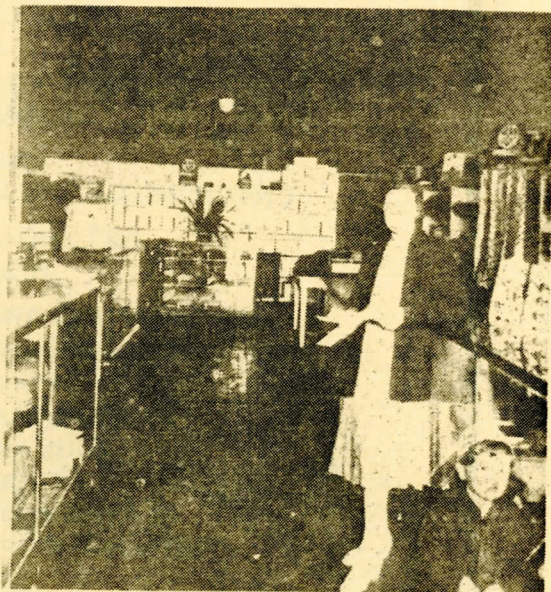
—September 25, 1925

"MRS. M'HENRY, PIONEER, DIES

"Mrs. A. Juliet McHenry, wife of Ulysses P. McHenry of 509 Washington avenue passed away in a San Francisco hospital on Saturday. . . Mrs. McHenry came to Richmond with her husband more than 25 years ago.

He was one of the first conductors on the Santa Fe railroad when it was first established here."

—September 28, 1925



This picture was taken just after Gust Allyn opened his clothing store. His wife, Margaret is shown, with "Sparky" — her son, at the right. (Don Church collection)

FERRY FIRST WEDDING

"The first wedding ever to occur aboard a Richmond-San Rafael Ferry boat took place at high noon today while the steamer rested just off shore at Point San Quentin.

"Willis J. Finck, chemist's helper at the Standard Oil plant here, and Miss Helen F. Cornell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Cornell of Richmond, were united in marriage by Rev. C.R.G. Poole of the First Baptist church in Richmond."

—September 26, 1925

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES
at the
2nd ANNUAL INDIAN STATUE DAY
in Point Richmond
featuring the
UNVEILING OF THE INDIAN STATUE PARK PLANS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
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OLD TIME PHOTOS in Front of the Statue
HISTORICAL EXHIBIT in the Community Center

AND – CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT!

At the Bandstand:

- 11:00 The Straw Hat Band
12:00 Introduction of the Mayor by Councilman MacDiarmid
Special guests: Mary Casey, Trannie Dornan and Hazel Salmi
Emcee: David Vincent
Vintage Fashion show by Bonnie Kuhl, with Historical
narrative added by a sing-along of the "Point Richmond
Ballad", led by Donna Roselius
12:30 The Masquers Ambassadors, led by Virginia Cherniak
1:00 Adrienne's Dance Studio Troupe
1:45 Jo Crovotto's "Redondo", Soul Music
2:30 W.D. Gospel Singers from Sacramento
3:15 RAFFLE DRAWING

(The Fun Run will begin at any time between 10 and 4, with a drawing
for prizes of Wine at 4 p.m. at The Point Bar and Restaurant)

Special T-Shirts will be available at a reasonable price.

Costumed Masquers will be circulating, selling balloons and raffle tickets.

The Raffle is a benefit for the Masquers and the Indian Statue Park Fund

Sponsored by the Point Richmond Business
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A THIRD PLAQUE WILL BE ADDED TO THE INDIAN
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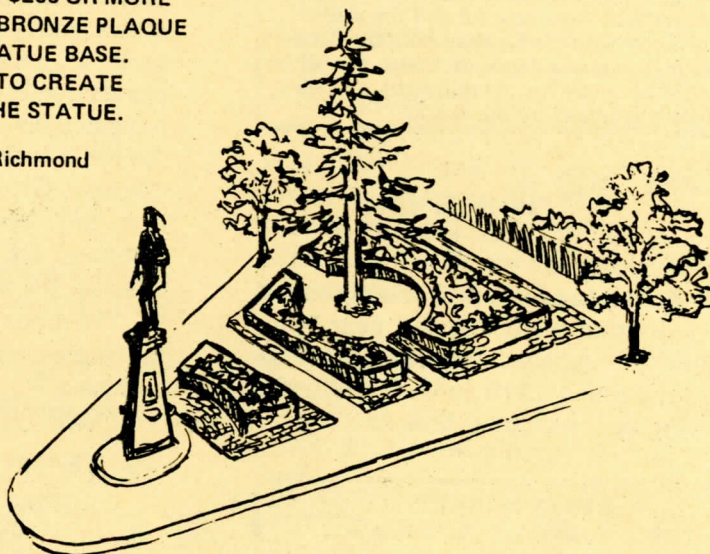
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the park will be unveiled at
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SEPTEMBER 28, 1985



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I (we) _____ pledge \$ _____

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ANOTHER TRIVIA QUESTION . . .

When did the Hotel Mac become the Hotel Mac?

— We don't know, but if you do, please let us know. The hotel was built in 1910, and now we know it was still known by its original name, the Colonial Hotel, in 1935 because of the following article in a June 7, 1935 Richmond newspaper:

With all the excitement and eclat of the days of old, Point Richmond turned out en masse to the Formal opening of the Colonial Hotel, which has been a leading hotel of this section for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Novarini are the new management of the hotel, assisted by their popular son Joseph who manages the bar concession. The decorations were tasteful and the music both by Tony Mazza's Eastbay Military Band and Eddie Traverso's dance orchestra was all that could be asked for. At midnight, a chicken dinner was served by the hosts.

50 YEARS AGO

by Teresa Albro

SOMETHING FISHY

"The Richmond Fisheries, newly erected sardine reduction plant, located near Point San Pablo, commenced full operations today. Approximately 110 tons of sardines is said to have been accepted thus far."

—September 19, 1935

LIBERTY MARKET

110 Washington Ave. Pt. Richmond

FREE DELIVERY

We open Sundays and holidays

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EGGS—large fresh in carton; Dozen	37¢
GELATINE DESSERT 6 Pkg	25¢
JEWEL OIL —for salad & cooking— ½ pt.	10¢
TOMATOES — No.2½ tin — 3 for	28¢
COCOA — I.G.A. — 2 Lb. Tin	20¢
MILK — Golden State. tall cans — 2 for	11¢
APPLE SAUCE — Trupak, No. 2 Tin	12¢
HYDRO COOKIE SANDWICH — Pkg.	16¢
BREAD — I.G.A. — 1½ lb. loaf	12¢
M.J.B. COFFEE — 2 lb. can	55¢
EGGPLANT — Nice, fresh. Each	5¢
ORANGES — Sweet juice. Each	1¢

—September 20, 1935

FANTASTIC STANDARD OIL PICNIC

"An estimated crowd of 12,000 Standard Oil company employees and their families attended the gigantic Standard Oil frolic at Santa Cruz Saturday. Perfect weather aided in making the day an unprecedented success.

"About 3500 Richmond persons attended the enjoyable fete which started at 7:30 Saturday morning and continued until midnight."

The program of activities included a golf tournament, deep sea fishing derby, soft ball games, volley ball, tennis, children's novelty races, a picnic lunch, band music, a bathing beauty contest, horseshoe tournament, swimming and diving exhibitions, a 'chariot race', dinner, a water carnival and dancing in the Coconut Grove. At midnight the party was over and "special trains, chartered by the company for its employees, left for various cities in the state.

"Without doubt, Saturday's picnic was the biggest and best in the history of the company."

—September 23, 1935

40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

FIRST POSTWAR FORD TRUCKS

"The first of 1,900 trucks scheduled to roll out of the Richmond Ford plant for Pacific Coast distribution during September came off the same assembly line yesterday that was traveled by more than 49,000 jeeps during war years.

"Outstanding improvements have been made in the new trucks over the 1942 models, according to A.S. Hatch, regional manager of western area branches of the Ford Motor company, and W.A. Abbott, superintendent of the Richmond plant.

"Approximately 1,800 employees are at

work in this major Richmond industry, which employed 2,200 workers at the height of war production.” —September 5, 1945

30 YEARS AGO

by Pam Wilson

PAVING THE BRIDGE TO SAN RAFAEL

“State Public Works Director Frank B. Durkee today is considering approval of a \$1,133,000 bid submitted by the Erickson, Phillips, Weisberg construction company of Concord for paving of the lower deck of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, Projects Engineer Norman Raab announced today.”

—September 29, 1955

HOW THE MASQUERS GOT THEIR NAME

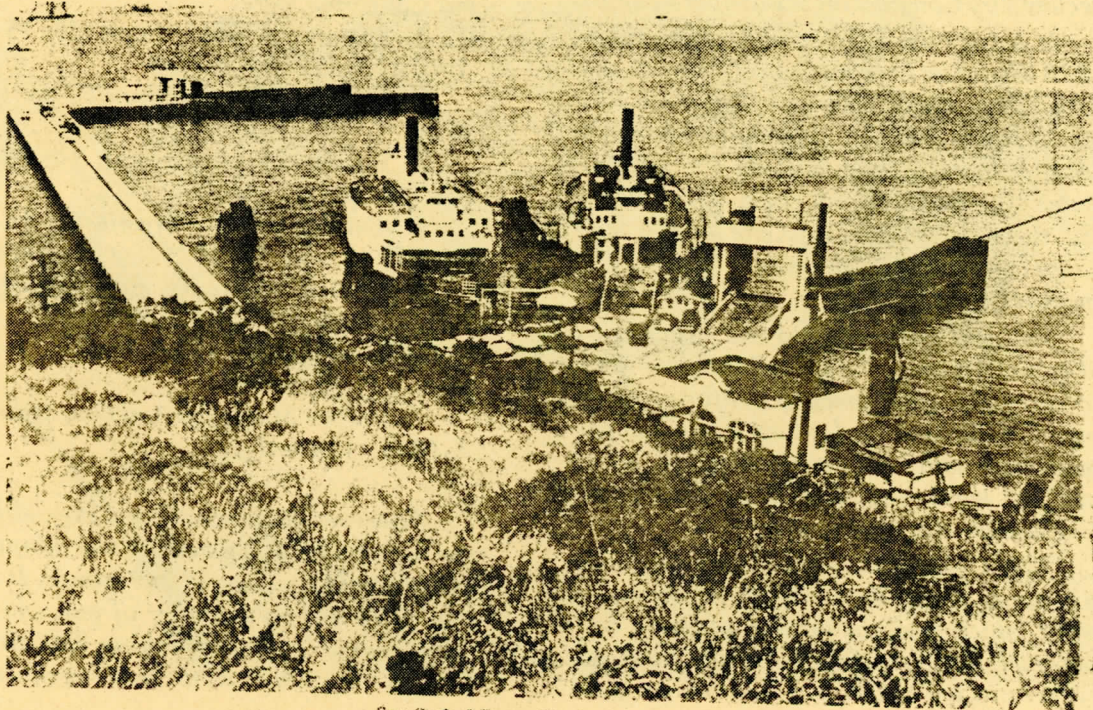
“Have you ever looked at theatre names and wondered how they got that way? Have

you ever thought you could think of 20 better ones? Now is your chance! Name a theatre! Win a prize!

“As the members of the Richmond Community Theatre get more and more into the work of remodeling the building at 105 Park Place in Point Richmond into a finished theatre it becomes more and more apparent that the perfect name is needed when the job is finished.

“Today Dirk Harvey, president of the group, announces the beginning of a contest to name the new theatre and invites anyone interested to send in his idea. The contest will run until the second week in October with a prize for the winner of two season tickets for the four plays forthcoming this year. The judges are two of Richmond’s prominent citizens, Mrs. Hazel Salmi and Mr. Ivan W. Hill and from the theatre group the Director John Moore and Designer Ron Hildebrand.

—September 29, 1955



San Rafael Ferry Slip in the 50's
(Courtesy Paul Brown)

Real Estate Ad

POINT RICHMOND

RARE OPPORTUNITY. Three year old specially designed, quality DUPLEX, Brick trim - natural red-wood and tree-shaded lot. Large rooms - lovely decor SUNDECKS - patio. Just \$28,500 - terms.

PACIFIC BAY

-September 1, 1965

YESTERDAYS

In Richmond, Contra Costa County
and California

by Helen Follett Richards

ADMISSION DAY . . what does that holiday mean to you? To many it means a query "are the banks open or not".

But to Real Californians—and you know one does not have to be born here to be a native, one has to love this golden state. . . Admission Day means we were the 31st star in our beautiful American Flag! This was declared by Congress on September 9, 1850.

It wasn't until the middle of October, 1850 when San Franciscans watching 'Loma Alta' (later Signal Hill, then Telegraph Hill) saw a fire lighted . . . the agreed signal to confirm that California was the Union's 31st state. Watchers saw the steamship Oregon sail through the Golden Gate with a huge banner inscribed 'California a State' flying from its mast.

San Francisco greeted the ship with a 31 gun salute and promptly dispatched riders to carry the great news to California settlements. California at last was a free and sovereign state with her own constitution, governor and legislature, the ONLY state in the Union with this distinction.

This Golden State had many other distinctions, among them the many foreign nations which had sought her, planting their national flags, sending colonists, ships and citizens to try to win and woo this far west

section of the United States.

No harbor in the world is so concealed as was San Francisco Bay. Spanish ships sailed up and down the Pacific Coast for more than 200 years but the best harbors they found were Cape Mendocino, Point Reyes and Drake's Bay.

. . . August 5, 1775 was the auspicious date when the first ship saw the Gate and sailed through it into the largest bay the men had ever seen. Lt. Juan Ayala anchored his 200 ton ship The San Carlos in the cove near the Presidio. Lt. Ayala sent his cartographer Juan Cazines to map this astonishing bay which was done most accurately, with the islands and land points named. These included Punta de San Antonio for Point Richmond; Isla de los Angeles, Angel Island; Isla de los Alcatrazes, Alcatraz; Yerba Buena, later Goat Island, now again Yerba Buena for the sweet mint-like herb growing wild there; and isla de la Plana for Mare Island.

So the first flags which flew high above our California were:

1. Spain, 280 years Sept. 28, 1542 to April 11, 1822.
2. England, 37 days, June 17 to July 23 1579
3. Russia, 29 years, Sept. 10, 1812 to Dec. 12, 1841.
4. Buenos Aires, Argentina, 16 days, Nov. 20 to Dec. 16, 1818.
5. Mexico, 24 years, Apr. 11, 1822 to July 7, 1846.
6. Bear Flag Republic, 26 days, June 14 to July 9, 1846.
7. United States of America, from July 7, 1846 - forever!

Now even Richmond has a flag, although we've not seen it hoisted. It was adopted by Richmond City Council last month. It shows the city's seal on a banner of red, white and blue. Some object, thinking the city seal should be modernized. How curious there

are those who think historic relics should be changed to fit the picture of their own limited small world of today.

Dryden wrote "Not Heaven itself upon the past, has power."

"He who loves not his country can love nothing", said Lord Byron.

So, Happy Admission Day, California.
We Love You.

-September 9, 1965

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Jan Burdick

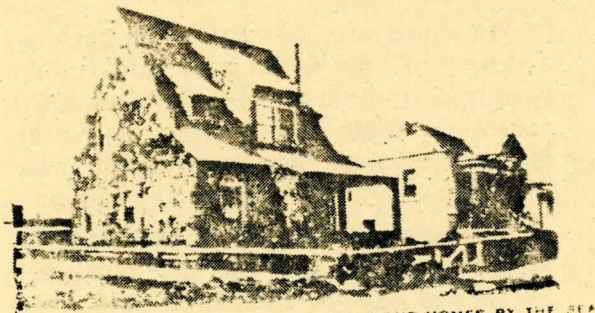
Summer ended with a slow pace at the library when, on August 29, a Turtle was the featured guest at the last special program for the vacation period.

To entice new and established patrons, a variety of titles in the paperback format have recently been added to the permanent collection. While juvenile titles had been featured in the window during August, more adult fare will be displayed in September.

Not only new books borrowed from the Main Library, but also West Side new titles are shelved near the circulation desk. Over the summer the following are some of the West Side titles received: *Brothers and Keepers* by John Wideman; *The Cuisines of Asia* by Jennifer Brennan; *Horses Make a Landscape More Beautiful* by Alice Walker; *The Personal Computer Book* by Peter McWilliams; *The Good War* by Studs Terkel; and *The Gradual Vegetarian* by Lisa Tracy.

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*from a pre-1910 publication, courtesy of the
Richmond Museum*

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

by Alexandra Gautraud

We can't say it has been a long hot summer but for the Neighborhood Council it has been a very long active summer. The major concern of the Council has been Frogtown, the segment of land bounded by Cutting and Canal Boulevards, Wine Street and East Richmond Avenue.

Frogtown was on the July agenda of the Planning Commission. Representatives of the Neighborhood Council and the committee for Frogtown spoke before the Commission. The Planning Commission recommended to City Council a light industrial designation for this area. However, the Neighborhood Council has written the City Council requesting a residential designation for Frogtown. Jan Lyons, President, will speak in behalf of residential zoning at the September meeting of City Council.

At the July quarterly meeting a motion was passed recommending the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study all zoning designations in Point Richmond. This committee would make recommendations to the Neighborhood Council on changes in the present designations.

Eddy Street residents have concerns about the apartment complex plans that have been approved for Tewksbury and Eddy Streets. They plan to present their suggestions to the City Council in September.

Also, a cooperative committee has been formed to include the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, Brickyard Landing, Brickyard Cove and the West Contra Costa Bayshore Council. This group plans an in-depth study of community shoreline needs.

The Planning Commission at their August meeting requested the Neighborhood Council to review a request from Rob Marian, 221 Tewksbury Avenue, to increase the number of video games from three to twelve and pool tables from one to two. The Neighborhood Council has sent a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that the Commission deny permission to increase by any number the video games and pool tables. The Council felt that such an increase would not be in the best interests of the community. Jan Lyons will make an oral presentation at the September meeting of the Planning Commission.

The Neighborhood Council also requested that the City Council not vacate Harrison Street between Ocean Avenue and Western Drive. This action was taken in response to the neighbors in the area who seek a continuance of access to the established shoreline park on the lower portion of Harrison Street.

In August, the Neighborhood Council also sponsored a block party on Western Drive. Area Representative, Adele Hollander organized the party around a presentation on the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program and Crime Prevention. If you would like a similar program for your area, contact Jan Lyons (235-5705) or Lucretia Edwards (232-3118) for the name of your area representative.

From large projects to small ones the Neighborhood Council filled the summer air with activity. For the fall, mark your calendars for the Quarterly membership meeting on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10** at 8 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center.

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Excerpts from

ON THE WATERFRONT

September, 1985 edition

Courtesy of West Contra Costa Bayshore Council

BRICKYARD COVE

Cove Investments reports that the first lot in Brickyard Cove II has been sold. They also have cleared all official hurdles for expanding their marina by 100 berths. Plans are also being readied to further develop the Marina by offering another office building "to suit", and by attracting a good restaurant.

BRICKYARD LANDING

Innisfree anticipates that up to 50 percent of the initial 61 units will be occupied during October. Sales began July 9, of the one, two and three bedroom units. They are priced from \$129,000 to \$289,900 for a penthouse. Every unit has a Bay view and a tiled solarium. The development includes a private athletic club with a 25-yard pool, three tennis courts, a sauna and spa, and aerobic and exercise rooms.

MARINA BAY

Marina Cove Associates will build 224 condos that are scheduled to be available for rent next summer. The units are immediately west of the marina's first 130 units that became the property of Wells Fargo Bank when the original Marina Bay developer went into default. The new condos, consisting of two-story one and two bedroom units, will be offered for rent at first, and no sooner than five years later be available for sale. Groundbreaking is expected before the end of the year for a restaurant and convenience store, and the city will begin public improvements next year, with the construction of a permanent harbormaster's office.

PG & E TANK

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has finally agreed to dismantle its great green gas holder tank, a Point Richmond waterfront fixture since 1949. Prompted by pressure from the Bay Shore Council, among others, PG&E officials announced on August 18 that the 379-foot structure would be taken down within five years. PG&E did not say what it intends to do with the land. The backup provided by the 17-million cubic foot tank will be unnecessary once PG&E completes its more than \$10 million worth of improvements to its East Bay pipelines.

SHORELINE STUDY

A massive study to determine the future of Richmond's 32 miles of shoreline will soon be undertaken by the city. Fourteen consulting firms will be asked to present proposals for preparation of a Shoreline Development Strategy which may serve as the planning guide for short and long term development objectives for the shoreline.

One of the firms will be selected by the City Council to do the Shoreline Development. The city anticipates that it will take the consultant a year to complete the work.

The Bayshore Council continues to seek members committed to Richmond's future, and who would like to devote some time and resources to make the shoreline the best on San Francisco Bay. For additional information, write: West Contra Costa Bayshore Council, P.O. Box 284, Richmond

FINAL PLANS FOR BROOKS ISLAND

The East Bay Regional Park District has announced that the Final Brooks Island Use-Development Plan /EIR will be taken to the Board of Directors for adoption on Tuesday, September 10, 1985, at the BART headquarters, 800 Madison, Oakland. Public Hearing will be at 4:00 p.m.

The copies of the full report are available at the West Side Branch Library and the Richmond Public Library, and at City Planning & Recreation Depts.

AT THE RICHMOND MUSEUM

The current exhibit, "Familiar Names, Unfamiliar Faces" highlights the lives of some of Richmond's early settlers. Photographs, documents and personal artifacts of each of these people are on display, in addition to individual biographies. This will be the first in a series of similar exhibitions to be presented at the Museum.

On October 6 at 2:00 p.m., "The Rancho San Pablo Story", a slide/lecture given by Mrs. Harriet Wahlander, great great granddaughters of one of the first pioneers of this area, will be presented in the Museum's Seaver Room.



Inside the Bank of Richmond, about 1905, Waverly Stairley at left; Cashier George Lee at the window. (Don Church Collection)

A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Did you know: September 1 to 7 is "Buy America Week". Think about it and look at labels. Other countries do.

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In the absence of a local pharmacy, it's nice to know that Savins Drugs on Fourth and Macdonald makes free deliveries of prescriptions to the Point — welcome news for

many who find it difficult to travel.

(A local pharmacy was one of the "Wish it were here in the Point" businesses.)

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Married: Greg Brougham and Karen Hague, in Reno on July 30. Greg is the son of Anita Brougham on Western Drive. He attended local schools.

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Does anyone know the music to the PTA song that was written by Julia Bill when she was president of the Washington PTA? We'd like to use it at the History Meeting on September 26, for the Sing-Along!

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The large group of Point people who yawned and patiently waited for the Morgan Avenue street closure issue to be acted on by the Richmond Planning Commission were rewarded at 12:10 A.M. with a unanimous decision to veto it. The grateful but tired residents applauded the decision.

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I write down everything I want to remember. That way, instead of wasting time trying to remember what it is I wrote down, I spend the time looking for the paper I wrote it down on.

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About 100 friends, neighbors and relatives attended Trannie Dornan's 90th birthday open house at her home on Bishop Avenue. Helping her celebrate were her two sisters, Hattiebelle Potts of Vista and Carlotta Bresee of Berkeley. Her one great-grandson, Robert Clayton Barnes, as well as her three grandchildren, Patricia Dornan, Kathleen Barnes of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Roberta Palfini of Irvine were in attendance. A call from Arthur Boie, Donna Roselius' father from Minnesota, was a surprise and welcomed Happy Birthday present. Later, a dinner at the Point Orient Restaurant honored Hattiebelle, who will be 80 in September. Her son Bill and wife Peggy

Brockman of Bishop, and granddaughter Susan Wilson and her husband Richard of Sacramento joined for both celebrations, as did Ruth Woods of Rossmoor and Bob and Sydney Tyler of San Jose.

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Starting her 'retirement' with a festive celebration, Barbara Olesen welcomed many of her friends at a party in July at Barricia Vineyards.

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Yugoslavian police have hit upon an effective deterrent to speeders. After pulling them over, the police deflate their tires, leaving them to pump them up by hand.

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Married: Ramona 'Mona' Clark and Philip Frisk at Olympia, Washington August 24 at the Methodist Church. Born in Richmond, Mona is the daughter of Jessie and Douglas Clark who formerly lived on Washington Avenue.

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Boy Scout Troop 111, having had a busy summer that included rafting on Cash Creek and back packing in the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area, will resume meeting on Monday nights Monday, September 16, at 7:00 in the Friendship Hall at the Point Methodist Church. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 is invited to join; just show up on Monday. The group is growing (Maybe it helps to have cute teenage girls in the minister's home next door ?) Scouts attending camp were: Todd Cort, Andrew Butt, Seth Fenton, Max Golay, Orion Fowler, Merlin McGuire, Daniel, Darnell, Delbert and Dwayne Stallworth, John Tripp, Mario Tyler, Steve Hart, Jr., and Danny Angelsberg, son of former Eagle Scout, Ed Angelsberg, who was visiting from Texas. Adults accompanying Scoutmaster Fred Hart were Ben Woodson, Daniel Stallworth and Steve Hart. A weekend trip to Brandon Island for fishing and swimming is planned for the end of September.

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Everyone was happy to see Father Prendeville on his return visit to Point Richmond when he attended the annual Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Barbecue. He looked great, and he said he felt great!

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Donna Wilson spent ten days vacationing with friends in Hawaii. This wasn't her first trip — she has traveled to the islands several times before.

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The potluck luncheon that followed services in August at the Methodist Church honored new members Tom and Shirley Butt and sons Andrew and Daniel. Other members becoming affiliated with the church during the summer were Steve Low, Amy and Marcos Rotting and Jim and Reba Downs who transferred their membership from Florida. Nursery services are provided each week by Stacie and Casie Espinosa, and coffee hour refreshments are provided by the incredibly energetic Genevieve Smith, mother of Rev. Charles Smith.

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Just when the Department of Motor Vehicles coupled their appointment system with a new computer network in an attempt to become more efficient, the department declared the appointment system "an abysmal failure". Assemblyman Byron Sher, of Mountain View, introduced a resolution, ACR69, calling for the DMV to revert to its old system and to process the more than 200,000 back-log. So, go ahead, you can just walk in and stand in line again at one of the 154 field offices. (Dis - appointed?)

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BIRTHS

Cally and Patrick Sheller had lived at the corner of Vine and Washington for about a year, and were expecting a baby early in May. After mid-May—May 19, to be exact, at 11p.m. the water hydrant on their corner broke, and water gushed down the street.

Cally said to one of the neighbors who had come to see what was wrong, that if this 'didn't do it', nothing would. She was right. Later that night, Kate Elisabeth was finally born.

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It's a girl, and a second daughter for Kathleen and Jim Smyke of Bishop Alley. Since this is being written an hour after her birth on August 28, her name isn't available, but she weighed in at 6 lb., 15 oz., and was born the day before sister Alia's second birthday. Congratulations!

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DEATHS

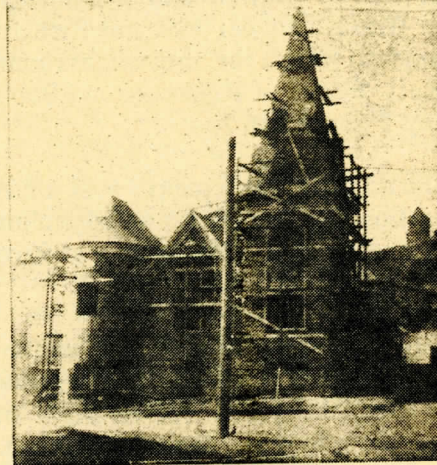
Dwight Eaton died July 24, 1985 at the age of 71. Born in Iowa, Dwight came to Richmond during the shipyard days but was an employee of Blake Brothers Quarry until he retired in 1975. His family and church came first in his life. He served on many boards at both the Point Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Methodist Church. Memorial services were held at the Point Church on Sunday, July 28, followed by a fellowship dinner in Friendship Hall. An apple tree was planted in the church courtyard as a living memorial. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Oretta, two daughters, Nikki of San Jose, and Gail Savarese of Richmond, and three grandchildren, Michael Eaton, and Sky and Nicholas Savarese.

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Julia M. Bill, who resided here most of her life, died at the age of 86. A native of San Francisco, Julia was the first Honorary Life Member recipient of Washington PTA and served as president of Washington and Roosevelt's PTAs. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and the West Side Improvement Club. She was a supporter of many youth activities. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Pearson of the Point, son Herb Bill of Richmond, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Point Methodist Church under construction
(Undated photo from Don Church Collection)



CHURCHES

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Marion Downey

On July 7, the Rev. Charles Smith of the First United Methodist Church gave the homily at the 9 o'clock mass.

Through the St. Vincent de Paul Conference and volunteers from the Church, 299 bags of groceries were given to needy families during July and August.

A fund-raiser Concert for Catholic Charities will be given at the Concord Pavilion on September 21 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, \$25 and \$50. Renata Scotti, the Oakland Symphony with Richard Buckley conducting, Richard Widmark and Martin Sheen will star.

On August 25 a barbecue was held, with about 600 dinners being served. The committee consisted of Alan Smith, president Dody Perry and Winnie Giusti, tickets and Adolph Broussard, raffle chairman.

Steaks, vegetables and cooks' services were donated by Pina Barbieri (of Richmond Sanitary Service); beans by Bob and Ellie Strauss, and cakes were made by the ladies of the parish. Proceeds will be used to put in a ramp at the right side entrance to the church.

In order not to accidentally leave out a single name, let's just say many, many volunteers took care of the preparations, serving and clean-up duties. Our appreciation to all.

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POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

by Mid Dorman

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church whose history is reflected in their minutes, printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard covered notebook purchased from 'Schoen's Pharmacy in the Point'. This is the tenth installment.

Point Richmond, Calif December 17, 1907

The Home Missionary Society met at the church. Our President, Mrs. Conry was present. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Younglove by reading the 21 chapter of Revelations and Prayer by the President. The President then gave a review on some of the Mission work and Immigrants as the Topic for study as subject was the Citizens of Tomorrow. The study was very profitable. A song was given by Mrs. C.E. Adams. No business transacted. The motion was to adjourn.

L.C.Pritchard, Sec

(a penciled "approved" written at the end of the minutes).

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POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

It was a tearful farewell in August to Evan and Janice Anderson when 28 church members honored them at a dinner at Hotel Mac. Evan has been minister at the Point Baptist Church for the past 15 years; he and Janice have been married for 12 years. They will be living in Delaware where they will be closer to his parents who are in ill health. The church family will miss this devoted couple. Though it will be difficult to replace Evan, the church is looking for a new minister.

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THE ANNUAL TINKERS' & PEDDLERS' FAIRE has been scheduled for **DECEMBER 7, 1985**, at Linsley Hall.

LETTERS

Dear Pam Wilson:

Even though I am a senior, please find my \$10, this year.

I enjoy your Point newsletter. Recalls many names and events I used to hear my parents talk about - Nicholl, Ellis Landing, (I met the Ellis' daughter) - Curry, etc.

I hope to send you a photograph of my dear Dad in his dad's Butcher Shop at the Point. It had a front and rear entrance. (It probably was in the Triangle).

As you recall, my other grandmother owned part of the Emeric Ranch, now Twenty third Street, where Richmond High is.

Keep it up,

Joe Savill,

Burlingame, California

add to "Letters"

"This Point in Time" is very interesting -60 years ago, I remember well, two pioneers: J. Stiefvater, who lived next door to us on Terrace Avenue, and Charles Riegert, who always gave us kids a 'wienie' when we came to his shop to buy meat for his family. Naturally our mothers had no trouble getting us to go on this errand.

Memories are so precious to us 'oldies' who grew up in Point Richmond.

Nell (Coward) Brooker

(Nell was 77 on May 5)

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Please mail articles and items of interest to: Donna Roselius, 212 Bishop Alley, Point Richmond, CA 94801, or call 235-4222.

Items may also be left with Trannie at 145 W. Richmond Avenue.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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(On August 7, Richmond was 80 years old)

SEPTEMBER PAST . . .

- 4, 1781 — Spanish settlers found Los Angeles
- 9, 1850 — California became 31st state in the Union
- 16, 1620 — 101 Pilgrims left Plymouth, England to sail for America
- 19, 1957 — First underground nuclear explosion detonated in Nevada
- 20, 1850 — Slave trade banned in District of Columbia by Congress
- 27, 1904 — A woman was arrested for smoking a cigarette on Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER PRESENT . . .

- 2 — Labor Day
- 3 — Richmond Unified School District Schools Begin
- 9 — Admission Day (no longer a holiday)
- 10 — West Side Improvement Club meets at 12, at Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall
- 11 — Point Richmond Business Association meets at 12 noon, Hoel Mac Banquet Room
- 16 — Rosh Hoshanah
- 22 — First day of FALL
- 23 — Point Richmond Artists meeting (for information call 235-4222)
- 25 — Yom Kippur
- 26 — ANNUAL JOINT HISTORY GROUP MEETING — AND 'SING-ALONG' Point Richmond, Richmond, San Pablo, El Cerrito, Pinole History groups meet at Linsley Hall — 7:30 p.m. to hear & sing old time area and California songs.
- 28 — ANNUAL INDIAN STATUE DAY FESTIVAL — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. around the Triangle in the Point. Arts, Crafts, Peddiers Faire, Fun Run, Continuous Entertainment, unveiling of Indian Statue Park Plans, Kids Carnival.

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