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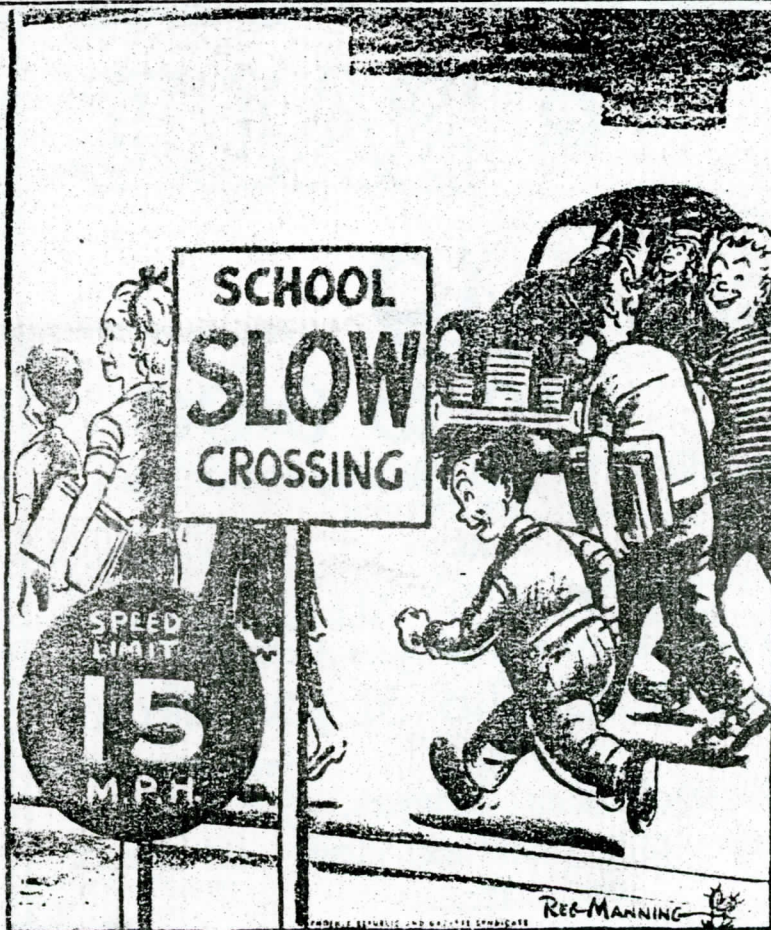
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SATURDAY,
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1:30 to 6:00

after the Pt. Richmond History Association's
Pot Luck Brunch
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music, etc.....

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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED . . .

or re-acquainted, as the case may be — that's the theme for our first meeting of the fall season on Saturday, September 19. A pot luck brunch will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Donna and Rosy Roselius', 212 Bishop Alley. (Go up Washington avenue from West Richmond—just past the top of the hill you see the "For Sale" sign at the entrance to the alley. Best to park on Washington and walk in!)

Following the brunch, business and a bit of socializing, a farewell auction and sale of the Roselius' 31 year collection of just about everything you can think of will take place from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Come and choose your own personal memento of the many years Donna and Rosy have graced (and given to) our community—there'll be lots to choose from and all the fun of remembering when or meeting neighbors and friends. Come and say "hello", "goodbye" (or both)—or just plain "I'll buy that"!

MEMBERS

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

Rev. Denis J. Araujo, Ph.D.
Grace Berk
Shirley Butt
Naomi Huffstetter
The Lompa Family
Edith Whetstone

Albert & Hortense
McGee
Nellie Ross
J. Savill
Lucille Smith
Ronald Yates

PRESIDENTIALLY SPEAKING . . .

To the members, the wonderful writers for the newsletter, committee members and board members: I hope to contact as many of you as possible in the near future—work on plans for the Indian Statue Park has taken first priority, thus far, but I'll be getting in touch, soon, for your help and your ideas on how you would like to see our history association operate in future.

Meanwhile, some "thank-yous" are in order, as follows:

To Port Costa Bricks for the free bricks for our July 4 fund raiser, to the people who came to make bricks and to all who helped.

To Gallery Florist for the balloons and streamers (which were first used in the America's Cup tryouts on the Bay).

To Alko Office Supply for the helium balloons.

To Cafe Annie for the water and to Jay Ward for the use of his truck.

We received \$800 in donations that day!

The Studebaker Car Club visit was a big success. Anne Hanzlik, Amy Rotting and I entertained our guests with tales of the Point, a tour of downtown and a trip to East Brother Lighthouse.

Jay Ward has given us a great photo of the "Point Richmond Bums" for our archives. In it are a group of men dressed as bums holding signs that say "Point Richmond Bums Club". The only clue as to a date is a WWI soldier in uniform in the background. Can anyone help us identify this group?

Coming up in the near future:

We have reserved space at the "Festival by the Bay", September 12-13 and we need volunteers to man our booth and pass out literature, sell post cards, etc. Hope as many of you as possible will reserve an hour or

two to help "pass the word" on the work of our history association and how much enjoyment we provide for members and readers of TPIT, our docent services, and all the things we do to preserve our heritage here in the Point. Please call me at 235-1336 and offer your help.

Our meeting for September is planned for September 19 and is described elsewhere in this issue. Please mark the date on your calendar right now and I'll see you at Donna's house that Saturday!

Meanwhile, two special pats on the back to Mae Mandl for her long and arduous labors as our treasurer—especially for keeping the records straight on donations to and expenditures from the Indian Statue Park Fund; and to Pat Behrens for her help in fund raising efforts.

Jerry Cerkowicz



September 12 & 13

FESTIVAL BY THE BAY

Billed as "An Adventurous Celebration of Art and Heritage", the 1987 Festival by the Bay at Richmond Marina Bay, September 12 and 13 is expected to attract between 20 and 40,000 people.

Festivities will include a wooden boat festival, gifts from the heart, music and dance events, "Land of Honalee" for the children, Victorian high-wheel bicyclists, festive foods, bistro and town picnic, paddle wheel cruises and cable car rides.

Ample parking, child care, handicapped facilities and free AC Transit shuttle buses from the Richmond BART station will be provided. Admission is \$1, children free, and the festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Theme for the event is WE, THE PEOPLE in honor of the 200th anniversary of our constitution — and YOU are especially invited to participate!

If you haven't attended the festival, you are really missing a wonderful opportunity to see and participate in the art and heritage of your community. If you have attended, tell your friends and we'll see you at Marina Bay, again, this year. Ed.

IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

courtesy of Stan Nystrom

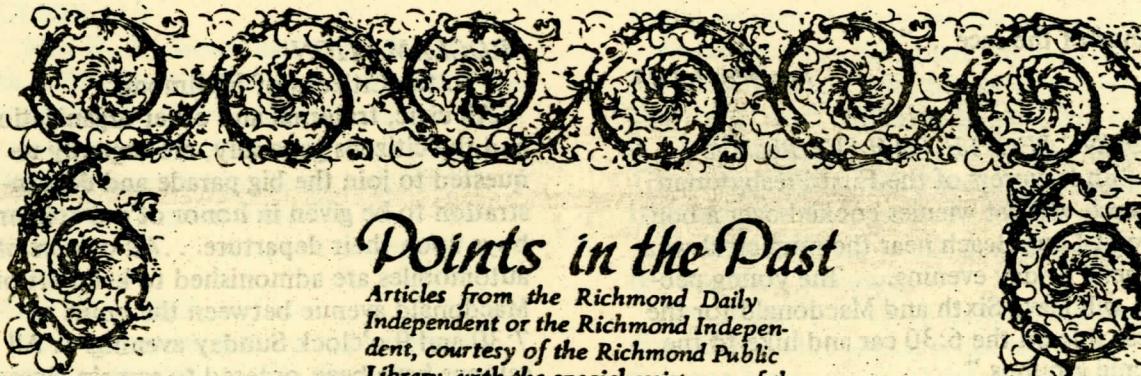
ANSWER:

The trivia question in the last issue asked "Who or what was an abattoir?" That is a French word meaning a slaughterhouse. Maybe using the fancy word was an attempt to give it an air of elegance. It needed a better "air" than it had, as anyone downwind of such installations could attest. The expression "That which we call a rose — by any other name would smell as sweet" could be paraphrased here, but I'm not going to do that to Shakespeare!

QUESTION:

Mention "Fifth Avenue" to your friends and almost all of them would immediately think of that famous thoroughfare in New York City. However, the community that has now become known as Point Richmond also had a Fifth Avenue, at some point in time. (It had Fourth, Third, Second and First Avenues, too.)

This month's trivia question is: Where were these avenues located and by what name(s) are they known today?



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 . . .

by Deirdre Cerkowicz

It might be close to autumn but because of our "hazy, crazy days" in California, people are still going to the beach — Kozy Kove is in full swing. There's an informal swimming race that runs from the Long Wharf to Santa Fe pier — and we thought marathon swimming and ironman races were new!

The war in Europe goes on and drafting of our young men increases along with parades and talk of "shirkers".

Local industries have their share of troubles with an explosion and an on-the-job injury. But, on the whole, life goes on in the Point and in the world of 1917.

REAL LABOR DAY FOR VAN DAMME

"'One grand rush' is the way Manager Mose Moch describes the business of the Richmond-San Rafael ferry yesterday. The ferry Van Damme was run until 2:30 this morning to handle the traffic, which included 786 cars and 3,392 people for the day. At one time 252 cars waited in line, extending from Pt. San Quentin half way to San Rafael."

September 4, 1917

NARROW ESCAPE — MAN ALMOST HIT

"When George Fitzsimmons stepped from a car at the foot of Washington avenue yesterday afternoon carrying a heavily loaded suitcase in his hand he was missed by a few inches by an automobile that whizzed past

on its way to the Richmond-San Rafael ferry. The car did not hit Fitzsimmons but it struck his suitcase, hurling it through the air for twenty feet and spreading wearing apparel over the street. The matter was reported to the police."

September 4, 1917

PERSONALS

"Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Miss Phyllis Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis and daughter Marjory enjoyed a motor trip to Santa Cruz over Labor Day."

"Mrs. Richard Spiersch is in Sacramento visiting for two weeks with her parents."

September 4, 1917

KOZY KOVE OUTING FOR MASONS

"At Kozy Kove yesterday the Masonic lodges of Richmond held the largest get-together of annual picnics. The day was taken up with dancing, a short program and swimming. . . ice cream and coffee were served free. To save the long dusty walk from the car line, two automobiles ran all day from the cars to the cove, furnishing free transportation. . . A spectacular feature of the outing was the swimming race between H. A. Stiver, Supervisor Zeb Knott, S. B. Kurtz and Councilman J. N. Long in which the city dad proved winner. According to witnesses, Stiver got off the course by mistaking Goat Island for Red Rock, the ter-

minus of the race. . ."

September 4, 1917

YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE PICNIC

"Endeavorers of the First Presbyterian church will eat wienies cooked over a bonfire at Long Beach near the municipal wharf next Friday evening. . . The young people will leave Sixth and Macdonald for the west side on the 6:30 car and hike to the picnic grounds."

September 4, 1917

LOCAL MEN MAKE FAST MILE SWIM

"W. A. Scholz and Edward Neu, two local men, established a swimming record between the Standard Oil and Santa Fe piers last night by swimming the distance in 55 minutes. The distance is a little over a mile and the swim was made against the tide."

September 8, 1917

CALFEE PROUD OF THREE SONS

"To have all three of his sons in the service of the country is the privilege of the Rev. D. W. Calfee, retired Methodist minister and active humane officer of the county. The minister's three sons are Burke Calfee, in the navy; Ross Calfee, now at the mobilization camp at American Lake and Tsar Calfee, who was called yesterday to serve in the quartermaster's department. "Only wish it were possible for me to go" is the way the old gentleman looks upon the situation."

September 8, 1917

BIG PARADE FOR DRAFTED MEN

"The city has caught the war spirit and is ready with enthusiasm to march with and cheer the 113 drafted men (who) will leave tomorrow night for Camp Lewis. . . The boys will leave on the train from the Southern Pacific depot at 9:30. . . The parade will start at 8:15 and will march to the depot where it will disband. A concert will be rendered by the Richmond Municipal Band until the train pulls out. . ."

PROCLAMATION

"To the Citizens of Richmond:

All civic, fraternal and other organizations and the citizens generally, are urgently requested to join the big parade and demonstration to be given in honor of our soldier boys upon their departure. . . All owners of automobiles are admonished to keep off of Macdonald avenue between the hours of 7:30 and 9 o'clock Sunday evening. . . All saloons have been ordered to remain closed between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m. . . .

W. L. Lane, Mayor'

September 22, 1917

MECHANIC INJURED AT SANTA FE

"Harry Schneider, a mechanic employed at the Santa Fe Machine shops is at Craven hospital in a serious condition following injuries received this morning when a locomotive piston rod flew from a lathe and struck him in the jaw. . .

The man has not regained consciousness and it is feared that the blow may have given him an injury to the brain. . .

September 24, 1917

CITY SHAKEN BY GAS BLAST

"With a shock and report that startled Richmond people from their beds and which was felt in all the bay cities, gas in on oil tank of the Standard Oil steamer "J. A. Moffett" exploded at 3:44 this morning killing two men who were at work in the tank. . . No one was injured although there were twenty men at work loading the ship at the time of the explosion. Immediately following the blast the engineer turned on the boat's whistle and soon the Standard siren gave out the alarm.

Although 61,000 gallons of fuel oil had been loaded into the Moffett's tanks during the night there was no fire. . . owing to the poisonous gases from the explosion it was several hours before any one was allowed to enter the smoking hold in search of the dead. . ."

September 27, 1917

PERSONALS

"Mrs. H. A. Grover and Mrs. Charles Adams, ladies from the west side who attended the Methodist Convention at Pacific Grove, returned home yesterday evening. They have been away a week and report that they had a very enjoyable time."

September 28, 1917

NEWS FLASHES

"Grave fears are felt for the recovering of Harry Schneider, Santa Fe employee, who is still unconscious at the Craven Hospital following an accident. . . His skull was trepanned yesterday in an effort to save him."

September 28, 1917

40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

COMMUNITY RECREATION

"Washington vs Peres: Today at 12:30 on the Peres playground diamond was staged the last game of the summer season between the Washington playground Boys' Club and Peres playground Boys' Club softball teams. These two teams have met several times this season with the game score tied, so that today's game was a real grudge match with both teams playing hard. . . Watch for the final score to be announced later."(!)

September 3, 1947

BAPTIST PASTORS AT PINECROFT

". . . Rev. H. B. Hiatt, Canal, Rev. Ralph C. Wilson of Point Richmond, Rev. George Wood, Annex, . . . (are) talking about an inspirational experience of three days at Pinecroft. . . all three came back to their churches just a bit more eager to be evangelists than ever before . . ."

September 6, 1947

ADMISSION DAY (EDITORIAL)

"California - 97 years young.
Born on September 9, 1850, in a raw, rugged wilderness, California has advanced from the rough-and-tumble living of a century ago

to the smooth, orderly routine of today.(!

In recent years her growth in population has been likened to the tide of humanity that swept into California by land and sea in 1849 to answer the magic cry of "Gold." The second "gold rush" however, completely dwarfs the first one.

Today California boasts a solid and highly diversified economy.

Her agriculture, which in itself is the most diversified in the world, is her top industry now producing crops valued at more than two billion dollars annually.

Her sea commerce, tough-faced with several problems, continues to be of great importance. In land transportation California has made up for the lack of extensive rail facilities through the development of the greatest concentration of motor vehicles in the world.

California's industries, many of them new, are steadily increasing in number and expanding in size. The growth of some of these industries, such as the designing and manufacturing of clothes, steel, and diversified heavy products, has been phenomenal.

All down the line it is the same story, with California leading her sister states in home and commercial building, in airplane construction, in agriculture and farm products, and rapidly overtaking the other states in the matter of population. It has been estimated that California, in a few years, will become the most populous state in the union, even outranking New York.

We Californians - native and adopted are proud of our state, proud of its past and confident of its future.

We are proud of our varied climate and its mighty resources and attractions. We think it is the best place in the world to live, and immigration figures show that thousands of other persons from all over the nation are also of that opinion.

And so, on her 97th birthday anniversary we hail her as the greatest and grandest state

of all."

September 9, 1947

CAUTION (EDITORIAL)

"Thousands of Richmond school children return to classes today—and this fact should remind motorists to exert more than usual caution while driving on streets in the vicinity of schools.

Vacation is over for the children and it will be several days before they once again shake off the care-free attitude of the days when there were no classes and school bells to answer. . .

There is no need for motorists to speed or relax at the controls of their cars in the vicinity of schools. In fact there is a crying need for them to exert every caution and every care. The lives of children are at stake each time a motorist speeds in the vicinity of a school.

Protect our children and their lives. Use caution and care and drive slowly!"

September 10, 1947

30 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

WASHINGTON PTA TO HOST PARENTS

"Parents of the students of Washington school will be served coffee tomorrow from 8:30 to 10 a.m. . . (to) get acquainted and renew acquaintances. Mrs. Robert Davis will serve as hostess. . .

Serving as officers and chairmen for the ensuing year will be Mrs. Victor Highfill, president; Mrs. Elwood Berg, first vice-president; John Emrich, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Davis, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Miller, secretary; Mrs. Robert Dornan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Bernard Christensen, newsette; Mrs. Eugene Bochman, auditor; Mrs. Fay Hawkins, historian.

Mrs. Mead McClure, parliamentarian; Mrs. Arthur Bails, Mrs. L. Forner, ways and means; Mrs. James L. Wilson, welfare; Mrs. A. Warren, hospitality; Mrs. Edwin McKinley, member-

ship; Mrs. Veil Hammond, mental health; Mrs. James B. Wilson, library; Mrs. William Miller, home reading; Mrs. Edward Maloney, room representative; Mrs. George Coles, Jr., publicity; Mrs. Basil Cherniak, music; and Mrs. G. R. Hexamer, health. . ."

September 3, 1957

RICHMOND HAVEN FOR OLD FERRY

"The ferryboat Eureka, built in 1890, may find a resting place for a brief time at the Richmond-San Rafael ferry slips until she can take her well-deserved place in the Maritime Museum, San Francisco.

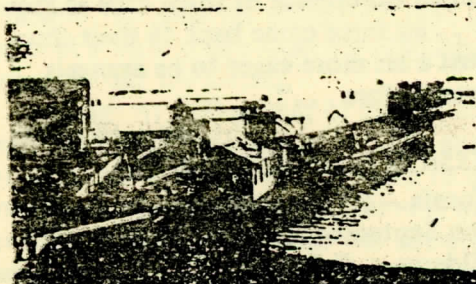
The Eureka was built as the "Ukiah" and is familiar to many Bay residents. The colorful steamer is powered by an unusual "walking beam" engine. She was in service between the Ferry building and the Oakland mole until last February.

When the engine broke down, Southern Pacific officials decided repairs would be too expensive. The craft is therefore being contributed to the museum as a gift from the railroad. . . .

The property and (ferry) slips here were purchased by the State Division of Highways when the Richmond-San Rafael bridge was completed. Negotiations for use of the pier is now underway with state officials."

September 11, 1957

Editor's note: Due to mismanagement on the part of the managing editor, "Points in The Past" for 50 and 60 years ago are missing from this issue but will appear in our next issue — honest they will!



THE S.P. FERRY SLIP AT FERRY POINT IN 1930.

CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

courtesy of Mid Dornan

Maude Wood was a Camp Fire Girls leader in the Point, 1932-33. A scrapbook of their activities, "Diary of the Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Group" was kept by Pikida, Kokokoho, Wakada, Wapo Moma and Tunda. Indian names the girls chose for themselves. This is the ninth installment of excerpts from the diary.

"July 9 - 23, 1933 Reminiscences of Camp
(Part I)

The most outstanding feature was the "white cord" - Acting naturally, unable to act otherwise, the issuance of the white cord came as a "thunderbolt out of the clear blue skies" one Sunday evening, the middle of camp, upon an innocent conscience. And like a thunderbolt, came the flash of Kokokoho's words and Pikida Wakan's thunder shower. As a sturdy pioneer, thanking God for that flash of lightning in the darkness, prayers were answered and left untouched the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, for the joy of seeking and clearer the trail of happiness. The "Holy Grail" is God's Cup and tasting the bitterness of it is more of a step toward reality of seeing it.

The next unusual incident was the pulley system at rest hour. Going late to rest hour I found the Vallejo gang with Frances at one end of the string at her bed and the Wakan gang with Betty Wms. at the other end sending messages to each other, the string rolling around the top of the camp chair. I enjoyed the originality of it. Frances, not knowing I had arrived sent up an empty purse. I sent down a peanut in it. Then Frances sent up the purse again with the words of thanks and wanting to know who sent it. I was in the act of cutting my toe nails so I sent them down to her in the purse. And we all watched, with breathless expectation, and was fully paid - just vision her face. Needless to say the Vallejo guardian was still at the guardian's meeting.

Once at rest hour, Frances came up to play the Honor game on Jean's bed with the Wakans, the Vallejo guardian again mis-

sing. As I laid on my bed I saw Aunt Helen coming up the hill to see what the noise was about. All at once, Frances spied her and how Frances made tracks for home; and my kids covered up their heads! Aunt Helen left with a grin.

Came time for the swimming tryout. Ruth and I strolled over to see the stars. It was more like slow motion movie stars. The instructor coaxed and coaxed. It was decided not to have water polo! Why? Ask any of the gang. We were very well entertained. Another time, Frances decided to teach me to swim. It went very well until I had to go through that anguish of blowing out through my nose and then I swam away, much to Frances' enlightenment.

CHURCHES

POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

*Quotes and Comments
by Roy Jones*

From the Articles of Incorporation dated January 5, 1903, Para. IV, we read:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the term for which this Church shall exist is to be fifty years from the date of incorporation."

A half-century later, a Certificate of Amendment dated July 29, 1952, to the original Articles of Incorporation reads:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That Para. IV of the Articles be amended to read:
"The term for which this Church shall exist be perpetual."

The Church is still here on Washington avenue in the Point, still functioning as a church and serving the community. Only the cast has changed.

Anyone who is a "Point Collector", even an amateur such as I, would find our stack of old records historical heaven. Those

Point pioneers who met here and recorded their meetings — the Dunlaps, Harlows, Churches, Stouts, Gates, etc. — just names, now — few are they who remember these folk. But their efforts and achievements are described in detail for us who follow.

Church records carry legal clout — baptisms, marriages, births, collections, expenditures, affiliations, disaffiliations, membership rolls — those milestones of personal life are found in church records.

I got to thinking, if the records from — say 1905 — from all four Point churches (Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopalian) were researched and assembled in one volume, what a history we would have of Point people, past and present!

Here, now, selected at random, examples of our history in the making:

“Annual Treasurer’s Report, September 1, 1912

Pastor’s Salary(annual)	\$475.00
Supplies	40.50
Paint & Repairs	149.05
Balance on Church Steps	34.65
Insurance(for one year)	22.50
Missions	37.50
Ministerial Education	5.00
Other Expense	5.00
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s/A. L. Pearson,
Church Clerk”

“Monthly Business Meeting, February 9, 1941:

“Business meeting called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Harlow, after Sunday evening services. . . Rev. Kelley reports in his first full month as out pastor he made twenty-six home visits, attended eight conferences, wrote twenty letters to members encouraging regular attendance. . . It was moved and seconded to give the pastor five dollars a month travel expenses. . . Our church was fully independent financially, pastor’s monthly salary was \$85.00; custodian — \$7.50;

utility bill \$5.00 (!) Cupola being repaired, YMCA still using basement.”

s/Evelyn Harlow,
Church Clerk”

POINT METHODIST CHURCH

by Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missiary 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 "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the 25th installment.

“March 17, 1911

Woman’s Missionary Society met at Mrs. Bradleys. Prayer by Mrs. Bradley. Responsive readings. Synopsis: Mrs. Younglove. Mite Box opening postponed(sic). Discussion about Girl’s Society.

Adjourned, s/Mrs. Truitt, sec.”

“May 19, 1911 at Mrs. Pritchards

Responsive Readings. Prayer: Mrs. King. Reading Cuba by Mrs. Gover. Reading (blank) by Mrs. Truitt. Discussed Girl’s Club. Decided to meet with Mrs. Truitt after school closed. Voted to open mite boxes. Found \$2.32 Voted to place this in the Home to support Chieneese(sic) Girl. Report from the Missionary convention at Collequelye, Berkeley.

(No signature)”

“June 17, 1911 At Church

Opened by reading and prayer by Mrs. Bradley. Reading on Catholicism. Report of Treasure(sic). Decided to postpone(sic) girls club. Adjourned.

contingent 3.9% Dues \$1.00!

(No signature)”

“July 21 — Meeting opened by Mrs. Younglove. The president — Mrs. Bradley being absent. Scripture lesson selection from (blank) Stories of the work read by members. After which a chapter from “Advance in the Antilles” was reviewed by Mrs. Younglove.

Dues — Mrs. Gibbons .60
Refreshments 1.65

New Member. Mrs. J. Murray
(No signature)"

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Marion Downey

The 85th (!) Anniversary Barbecue Festival will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday, October 25. This will be a special day for the parish so mark it on your calendars.

Baptisms recorded include the following: Lea Marie, daughter of Stephan and Eileen Duggar, and Daniel, son of Daniel and G-Gisele Duggar. Also, Esmeralda Janet, daughter of Jesus and Lorena Ledezma, and Arturo Miguel, son of Arturo and Josefina Mercado; and Adriana, daughter of Benito and Rosa Perez.

Recent marriages recorded were those of William James Kane, Jr. and Laurie Ann Levenson; Ernesto Javier Peraranda and Isabelle Helen Dzierman; Herbert Glynn Davis and Evelyn Norris Davis.

August 15 was a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary.

During the month of August, 168 bags of groceries were distributed to the needy.

A warm welcome was given to Mrs. Rose as the new choir director.

The Catholic Daughters will hold a yard sale Saturday, September 12 in the church parking lot, Santa Fe at West Richmond avenues from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

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A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Summers seem to pass more rapidly even without great vacations filling the time. Burton Hillis says, "I never had a hankerin' to to away on vacation. When I loaf, I want some work handy to loaf from."

-O-

The more one travels, the more one can appreciate the beauty of the Point! What can compare with sitting on a hill in the Point on a clear, sunny day, overlooking the bay with the Oakland Bridge and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge joined by the Golden Gate Bridge. The waters between filled with ships with colorful spinnakers and full sails, the San Francisco skyline with its tall buildings and hills. Seagulls gracefully gliding aimlessly in mid-air. All this — and the peaceful serenity of knowing that only a few steps away is where you live. Breath-takingly spectacular! Ever-changing but never tiring.

-O-

Deirdre Cerkowicz joined a group of photographers who drove down the Baja Peninsula to Cabo San Lucas where she photographed old missions, local residents, and the water life of whales, dolphins and seals. She found the diversity of hiking on the National Park slopes to the snorkling in the crystal clear waters to be wonderful and relaxing. (This one thinks all the 'maragaritas' may have had their place in the relaxing picture.) Deirdre plans a photo exhibit soon.

-O-

In the "it's a small world" department, Russ and Shirley Moore spotted their neighbors Hilda and Ashbrook Lincoln from Western Drive in a crowded elevator in the Russell Square Underground in London in July. The Lincolns were just completing their vacation, while the Moores were just starting theirs. Quite a surprise for both!

-O-

A "small world" experience for yours truly while trying to cash a check in Sebastopol. The young lady at the cashiers window responded with recognition to the Mechanics Bank card, commenting that she had had lived in Richmond and knew "that Bank". But the printed address on the check showing "Point Richmond" brought forth a squeal, "I lived in Point Richmond—at 213 Bishop avenue. I remember the Point Counterpoint—" and so on. Turns out she was one of the Barber daughters. Sure made check cashing easy!

-o-

Chocolate lover? Did you know there is something in chocolate that not only neutralizes certain acids but also kills bacteria? That's why chocolate is now said to be good for your teeth! Pass those chocolate bars. . .
A bit hard to swallow for a certain fat and toothless editor we know! Ed.

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Helping Trannie Dorman celebrate her 92nd birthday were her sister HattieBelle Potts of Vista; niece Peggy Brockman, Bishop; grand-niece Susan and her husband Richard Wilson, Sacramento; as well as her family members here. That Trannie has an incredible recall regarding names, places and times!

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Mae Mandl boasts of being the only one in her group of friends to ride a camel in front of the Pyramids this summer, vowing "they wouldn't dare spit on me!" She even dressed the part in a burnoose headdress, complete with cloth draped across her shoulders to flow in the breeze — just like in the movies! She admitted it was a bit scary being up so high. It is said that no two muscles of a camel move at the same time in the same direction! Mae had four glorious weeks in Egypt.

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Muriel and Burt Clausen can hardly wait to return to Chablis, France, for ~~another~~

trip down the Burgundy Canal. Their five passenger to five crew members ratio on a 90-foot barge included a "cordon bleu cook and wine steward". "No one needs 7 course meals" declared Muriel, "when there are so many wonderful vegetables and fruits along the banks and you can bike right off the barge to pick up great croissants." One week was spent on the barge and the rest of their two and a half weeks was spent in London and Paris.

Muriel is already planning another barge trip to take all her family (lucky family!). She was emphatic in saying "Go charter your own barge and do your own trip down the canal!" You don't need to spend lots of time packing or dressing for special meals when you "cruise" on a barge.

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Masayo Ikemotoe, 20, and Miekko Kurwada, 19, Japanese students from Hiroshima, visited at the Western Drive home of Donna Wilson for a week in August. Masayo is an American Literature major and spoke very good English. The visitors were awed by the incredible beauty of the bay and would just sit and look at the San Francisco skyline and the Bay.

Donna's daughter Patricia Verhines of Stockton entertained the students at her home for the rest of their stay.

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Over two hundred friends and relatives — mostly relatives — helped Isabel Silveira celebrate her 100th birthday on August 23! Born in the Azores, Portugal, Isabel came to this country in 1897. All her children — a daughter Lorraine Pereira with whom she lives in Pinole; sons Lionel of Fremont, and Alfred of Vallejo — were there for the big party. Isabel has five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She is Linda Pereira's grandmother. Isabel is active in her garden, plays cards and crochets hangers and afghans for the Point Methodist church bazaars. She al-

so bakes Portuguese sweet breads and is known for her whiskey cookies.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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Rush right now and clean that basement, garage, attic, store room — then call either 234-5334 or 235-2988 for pick-up of your cast-offs — your trash may be another's idea of treasure! The Methodist church in the Point will have a "Churchyard Sale" on Saturday, September 12, and they NEED all your "we'll never use this" and "why are we hanging on to that", "somebody could be getting good use from these" type "goodies".

The parsonage needs repairs urgently and repairs spell \$\$\$. Give a hand — chairman Cathy Turchie asks you to DO IT NOW!!

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After forty years as secretary in the same school, Belding Elementary, Noraleen Dowell admits to "shedding a few tears" when the school was closed and moved to Downer Elementary. She has seen three generations come and go and says former students are now drapping off their grandchildren! Does she plan to quit? "Why?", she asks. "I enjoy what I'm doing—I take it all in stride." And Downer is the largest elementary school in the district with over 700 students.

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Support the "Festival by The Bay" on the Richmond Marina Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. If you haven't attended before, you are in for a real treat. (See story in this issue.) While enjoying the many features of the festival, don't forget to stop by the Point Richmond History Association booth to say "hello". (AND — purchase that last-minute brick, if you haven't already done so, for the Indian Statue park. If you've bought a personal or family brick, you might want to surprise a special friend or relative with a birthday, anniversary or early Christmas gift. September 15 is the deadline for buying your own bit of history, folks!)

Speaking of Indian Statue Park, is your calendar marked for October 10? That's the Saturday the park will be formally dedicated at the Fourth Annual Indian Statue Day. (See story in this issue.) Should be a lot of fun finding "your" brick installed in the park and there'll be a whole lot of exciting things to do, as well.

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While visiting her mother in the Point, Kathy and Rich Barnes of Vermillion, SD, took time to build an all-purpose tool shed for her, complete with shelves and hooks. A very impressive "first-time-ever" work of art!

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The August Birthday Club celebrated this year with lunch at "Hawthorne's" at Marina Bay. Nikki Eaton from San Jose came the greatest distance, Alice Thompson is the youngest member and Oretta Eaton and Mid Doman are "charter" members of the club originated by the late Jessie Clark.

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Another wonderful camping/hiking experience for the Scouts of Troop 111, who went to the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area. Former Scouts Patrick Ferguson, Martinez and Clark Morris of the Point the boys this year.

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Hey, mothers, don't worry too much about what you put in the kids' school lunches. It is reported that one out of every six and a half pounds of school lunches packed is thrown out as garbage!

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We welcome the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Walter D. Marks who comes here from Texas. He has expressed a desire to meet in the homes of parents who have students in local schools. Has anyone in the Point hosted or planned such a gathering?

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Jeanne and Allan Downey of Martinez recently visited their youngest son, Christopher, who has been accepted at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Having lived in nearby Virginia, the Downeys spent time renewing old friendships and were honored guests at a party attended by many of their friends.

Christopher is the grandson of Marion Downey of the Point.

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Also of interest to old-time Point residents — Marion joined Jeanne Downey and Barbara Downey Ambrose in a recent trip to Novato to visit Clarice Stribley, well-known to many here.

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How good it is to see Christine Dennis out and about the Point after a lo-ong recuperation from her surgery 7 months ago. We missed seeing that wonderful smile! She says she's feeling great — and looks it!

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Another happy face back in circulation, that of Maria Buziol, recovering at home after a week in the hospital recently. Stay well, Maria, your friends here miss your cheerful self!

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Anyone know what in the world went on a couple of weeks back out on the bay off the Point? What could be seen was a motor boat on the water, a Coast Guard vessel tracking it, a brief fly-over by a Coast Guard helicopter, umpteen patrol cars, a fire engine, fire department emergency vehicle, an ambulance — all on Western Drive above Keller Beach — and nary a word in any of the newspapers about the whole thing! Give us a break, folks!

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POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

by Linda Andrew

At the July 1 meeting City Councilmember Rosemary Corbin welcomed Officers Dominic Medina and Mark Meday of the Richmond Police Department who are the beat officers for the area including Point Richmond which extends from Carlson and Cutting boulevards to Point Molate. Officer Medina of the special enforcement unit noted that this area includes target zones where officers must deal with alcohol, drug and juvenile-related problems. Since this makes the total area a large and difficult one to be covered, he suggested that the Point community address concerns over specific coverage for our area by a beat officer to Captain Duncan of the Richmond Police Department.

Officer Meday pointed out that there were 11 residential and business burglaries and 6 stolen cars in Point Richmond in June. He recommended that all residents should be alert to the problems here, especially during the hours between midnight and six a.m. when all the cars were stolen.

John Knox pointed out the need for greater familiarity with Point streets on the part of beat officers and the police department in general to aid in better response times to emergency calls.

Knox also described his plans to construct a home at 141 Bishop avenue, explaining his request for an easement over an existing right-of-way and an encroachment permit on Bishop avenue.

The August meeting's main focus was on plans for the October meeting, with present plans to hold a Candidate's Night for City Council hopefuls. All area reps are urged to attend the September 2 meeting to assist in preparations for that meeting.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the August meeting included the following:

Appearance of Ernestine Outlin, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Richmond Police Department who described a "Business Watch" program and services offered by the police in conjunction with such a program. She also noted that the Fourth Annual Crime Prevention Fair is being held in conjunction with the Festival by the Bay.

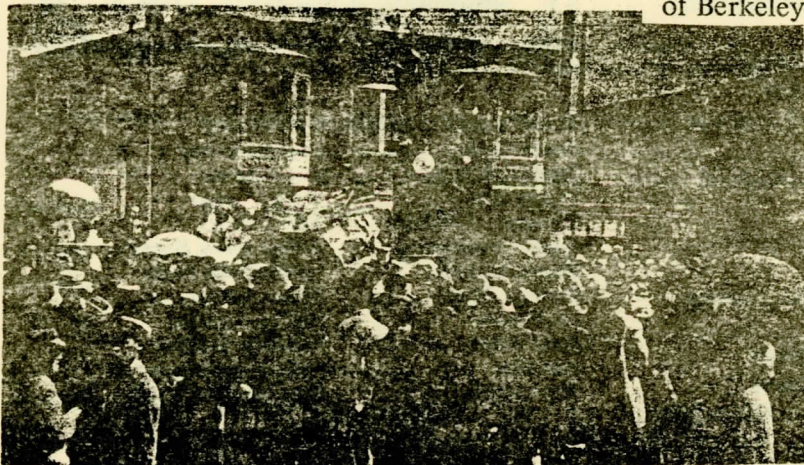
Also discussed was a study of the community to determine specifics of size, population, crime incidence in order to back up a request for assignment of a police officer to cover just the Point Richmond area.

A Neighborhood Watch block party was announced for August 23.

Steve Burman announced that work on the Indian Statue Park is progressing. David Vincent noted that the final deadline for buying a personally inscribed brick for installation in the park is September 15. Dedication is scheduled for October 10 at the Fourth Annual Indian Statue Day.

The Association voted to purchase a \$50 co-sponsorship for the Festival by the Bay.

Teresa Daniels announced that Brickyard Landing is sponsoring a 10K run on September 13. There will also be a two mile fun run.



DEATHS

LAWRENCE E. SKELTON died July 12, at the age of 73. A native of Spokane, WA, he had lived for more than 35 years on East Richmond avenue in the Point and was a retiree from Santa Fe Railway.

Mr. Skelton is survived by his wife Helen and stepson Richard Myers. At his request, no services were held.

MARY E. HENRY died August 1 in Walnut Creek at the age of 80. A Mormon and native of Salt Lake City, UT, she lived in Point Richmond on Eddy street for 46 years before moving to Walnut Creek three months ago to live with her daughter.

Mrs. Henry is survived by her daughters Aloha Atencio and Dona Boyles; two sons Don Henry and Alfred Butcher; 20 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Services were held at Schmidt & Dixon Richmond Funeral Home.

MARCIA ANN SOUTHWARD died July 1 in Berkeley at age 78. A long-time resident of the Point on Washington avenue, she was a native of Colorado.

Mrs. Southward, a social worker/probation officer with the County of Contra Costa, is survived by her sisters, Laura D. Mahoney of Oakland and Juanita MacDonald of Berkeley.

SEPT. 4 1909. FISK'S BAND OF OAKLAND PLAYING FOR THE 1000 PERSONS PRESENT AS MRS. D. D. DIMM UNVEILED THE FOUNTAIN AND MRS. S.R. CURRY MADE THE ADDRESS.

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Jan Burdick

Quite a few books have been added to West Side's collection over the summer. The following titles can be found on the New Books shelf. (If they are currently checked out when you come in, you can place a request for them at 25 cents per title.):

- Control Your High Blood Pressure Cookbook* – Cleaves Bennett
- Big Daddy From the Perdinale*: Lyndon B. Johnson
Paul Conklin
- Mary and the Giant* – Philip Dick
- Shadows & Whispers: Power Politics Inside the Kremlin* – Dusko Doder
- The Fitzgeralds & the Kennedys* – Davis Goodwin
- A Sport of Nature* – Nadine Gordiman
- The Second Oldest Profession* – Philip Knightly
- The Arabs* – David Lamb
- My Feet Are Killing Me* – Suzanne Levine
- Bad News at Black Rock: The Sell-out of CBS News*
Peter McCabe
- The Story of English* – Robert McCrum
- Manson In His Own Words* – Charles Manson
- Made In Japan: Akio Morita & SONY* – Akio Morita
- Shades of Gray* – Tim O'Neil
- Power Struggle: The 100 Year War Over Electricity*
– R. & S. Rudolph
- Memoires of an Invisible Man* – H. F. Saint
- Cookie Lover's Cook Book* – Richard Sax
- Baby & Child A to Z Medical Handbook* – Miriam Stoppard
- The Strategic Defense Debate: Can STARWARS Make Us Safe?*
- The Lobby: Jewish Political Power & American Foreign Policy* – Edward Tivnan
- The Great American Magazine: An Inside History of Life* – Loudon Wainwright
- Homesteading Your House* – Ralph Warner
- Interplanetary Toybook* – J. Alan Williams
- Reagan's America: Innocents at Home* – Garry Wills

THE MASQUERS

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"Deathtrap", a suspense thriller in two acts, written by Ira Levin and directed by Rhoda Plymack, opened August 21 at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond.

Performances are every Friday and Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. through October 3, with Sunday Matinees at 2:30 p.m. on August 30 and September 13 and 27.

Tickets are \$6.00 for each performance and reservations should be made by calling 232-4031. The present production has been playing to full houses so reservations should be made well in advance. A special discount is available for groups of 25 or more.

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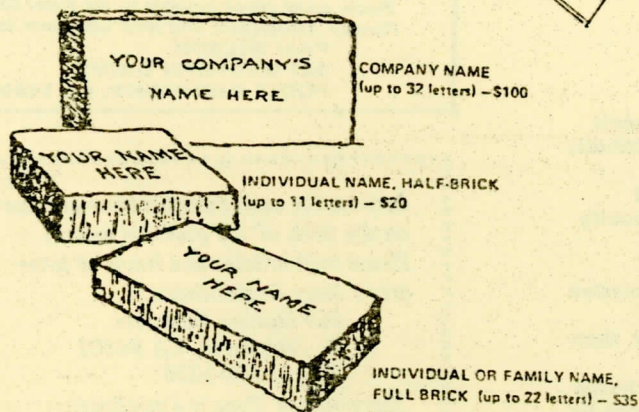
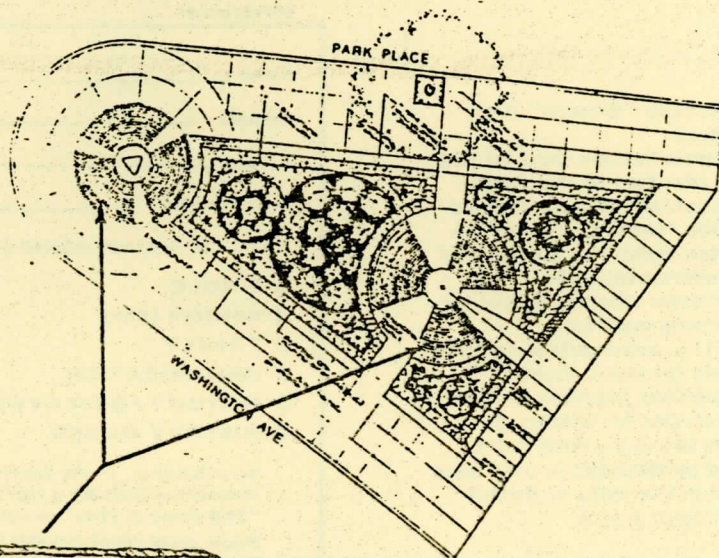
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Susan Armstrong	Emily Anne Barnes
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SEPTEMBER:

- 8, 1930 — Comic strip "Blondie" first appeared
- 9, 1850 — California became the 31st state to be admitted to the Union
- 9, 1776 — Continental Congress changed the title "United Colonies" to "United States" as the name of the government-to-be.
- 10, 1846 — Elias Howe received patent for the sewing machine
- 17, 1962 — Nine U.S. astronauts were named to train for moon flights
- 22, 1692 — Last persons executed in American colonies for witchcraft
- 23, 1786 — Papers betraying West Point signed by Benedict Arnold were found in the socks of British Major John Andre

POINTS IN THE FUTURE ...

SEPTEMBER:

- 1 — Public schools open
- 1 — West Side Improvement Club meets 12 noon, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic church hall
- 2 — Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meets, 8 p.m. at Community Center
- 7 — Labor Day Holiday
- 9 — Point Richmond Business Association meets 12 noon, Hotel Mac
- 12 — Methodist Church Yard Sale, W. Richmond at Martina
- 12 — Catholic Daughters Yard Sale, church parking lot, W. Richmond & Santa Fe
- 12, 13 — Festival by the Bay, Richmond Marina Bay, Marina Way South of Hoffman Boulevard (Rte. 580)
- 13 — Brickyard Landing 10 K run
- 19 — POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION POTLUCK BRUNCH AND AUCTION, 212 BISHOP ALLEY 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 22 — Fall begins
- 24 — First day of Rosh Hashanah

SEPTEMBER 9, CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY
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