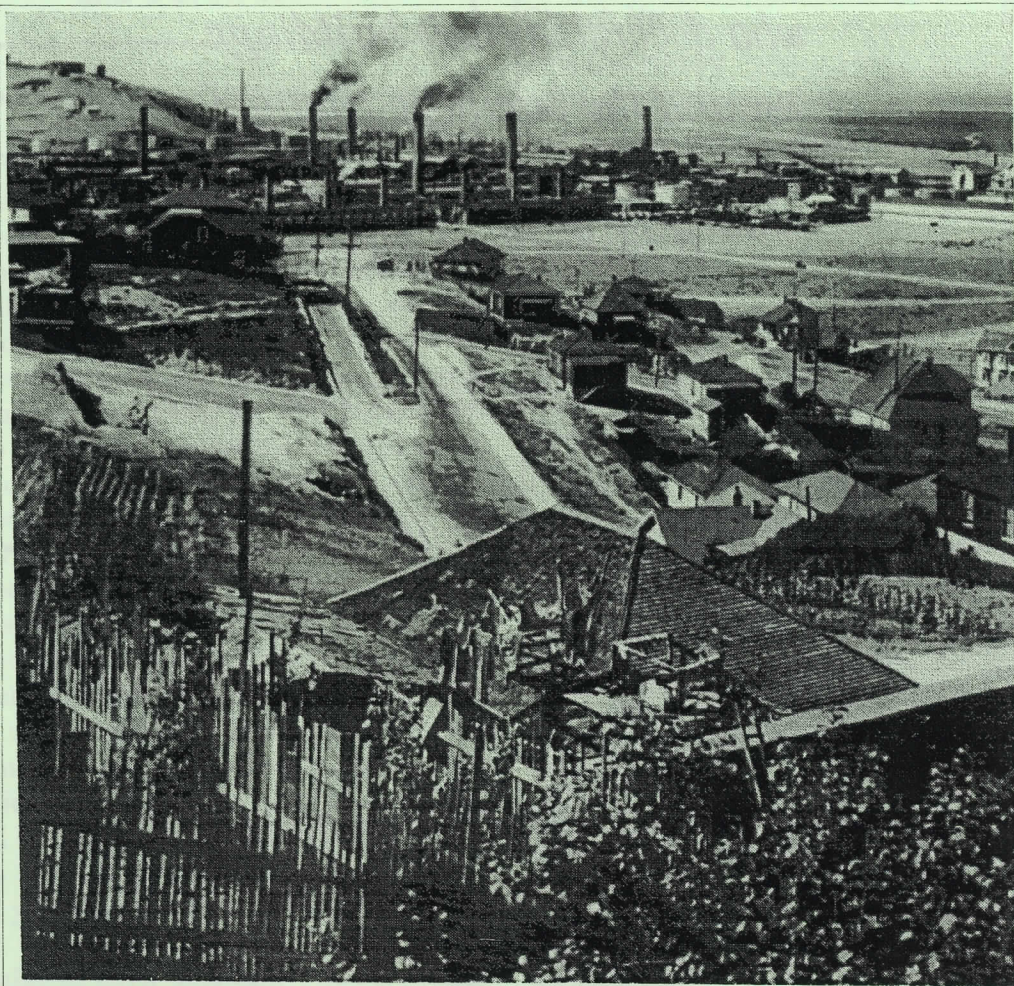


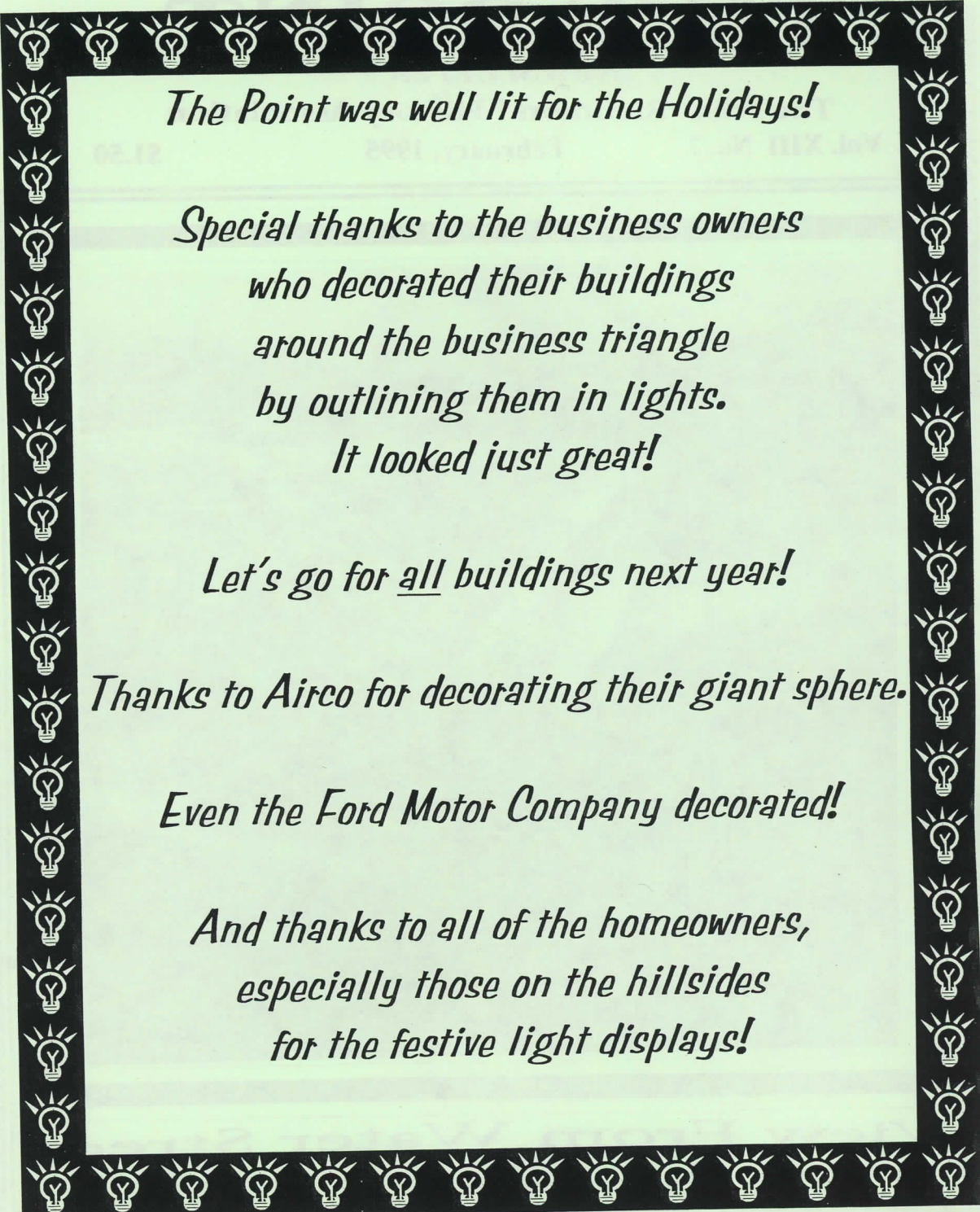
THIS POINT....in time

NEWSLETTER

The Point Richmond History Association
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View From Water Street
1926



The Point was well lit for the Holidays!

*Special thanks to the business owners
who decorated their buildings
around the business triangle
by outlining them in lights.
It looked just great!*

Let's go for all buildings next year!

Thanks to Airco for decorating their giant sphere.

Even the Ford Motor Company decorated!

*And thanks to all of the homeowners,
especially those on the hillsides
for the festive light displays!*

HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

From the President

MID DORNAN

Our January program , "Unusual Occupations" presented by Rick and Wendy Schuldt whose "Scenic Effects" business celebrated its first year, was well attended. This in spite of the myriad of circumstances preceding the meeting.

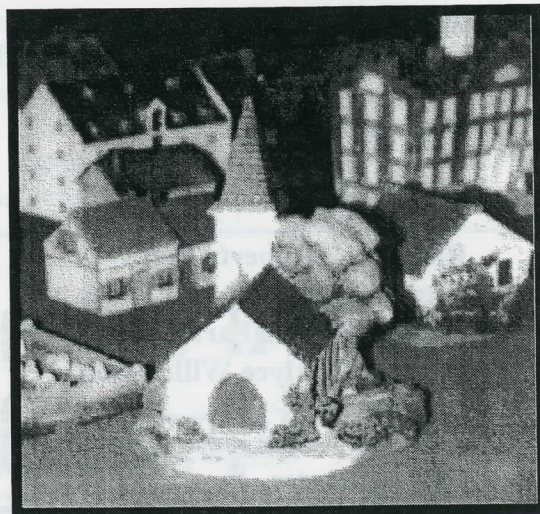
The program was announced last December in 'This Point..in time' and there was a miscommunication for later publicity. Then Editor Gary Shows' Berkeley business in January was more demanding than usual, but with the postcard increase to 20¢, he felt assured there would be the usual next day delivery. (*Seven days later, where is the postcard notice?*). Add a gusty wind and rain that began shortly before meeting time and you begin to feel the concern for attendance. But, over 30 of the faithful guests and members showed.

They heard how Point Richmond born Rick, who now employs four fulltime and three part-time helpers in an International Market, turned a hobby into a gift market. An early interest in history along with fanatic detail of miniature historical buildings, scenes and landscape led to a career making models for Lucas films ("Star Wars", "Jurassic Park") which last year led him into the private competitive sector.

A display of Civil War Gettysburg buildings showed the intricate, fine detail he had researched through travel, photos and history literature. History comes alive in his models, Those who daunted the weather were rewarded.

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Scenic Effect's model church, see page 8

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

John T. Knox Family

Inez Pestana

Al & Helene Frosini

Glenn & Reva Ward

Virginia Littlefair

Robert D. Menzie, Jr.

Virginia Cherniak

Shoney Gustafson

Isabel & Ken Dolan

(Gift from Shoney Gustafson)

Roberta Jenkins Smith

Ed Gingrich

Patricia Dornan

Chester W. Thompson

Maxine Mayer

Mary Highfill

Betty Dornan

Nellie Bisio Pasquini

Lucretia Edwards

Elizabeth McDonald

Elsine Beck TenBroeck

Alice Nelson

Maurice Doherty

Louisa Banks

Mary Burch

Richard & Roberta Palfini

Rita Hansen

Lloyd & Melba Farley Family

William & Alyce Williamson

And a warm welcome to new members:

Emeric Baxter

Thomas L. Kenny

Marian Hawkins

*Museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan
thanks volunteers who staffed the History
Building*

&

Thanks to

Luciano & Bonnie Forner

*for the 1926 panorama of the Point taken
from Water Street showing the buildings
in the downtown area, see in our
museum.*

(see cover)

&

Our usual

Thank you!

to

Santa Fe Market

Don't forget the
Valentine Making Contest
at the Community Center
Saturday, February 11th
12noon till 4pm
Valentine making materials are
furnished by the Point Richmond
Business Association
This event is open to all ages!

If you can help staff our History Building
(2½ hours per month) call museum Staff
Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	11:30 - 2:00pm

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

Here is the February issue. The winter break was appreciated and I got kind of a late start on this one. This is always the last column that I do, so I am working quite late to get it out on schedule. I put this newsletter together on the last two weekends of the month, and the deadline is the Friday before the first weekend. I had nothing to do on that weekend because so many contributors were not able to make the deadline. We all enjoy your contributions, but I simply cannot do this entire newsletter in two days! Please meet your deadline!

The deadline for the March issue is February 17, 1995.

The Winter Issue Assembly Crew:

Liz McDonald
Muriel Clausen
Mary Highfill
Pam Wilson
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Mid Dornan
Anne Hanzlik

New Hours Announced for the Richmond Museum of History

The Richmond Museum of History has expanded its hours and is now open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Admission to the galleries remains free of charge. Group tours for other times can be made by appointment.

Housed in a 1910 renovated Carnegie Library, the museum was established in 1954 to collect and preserve the history of the greater Richmond area. In addition to the permanent history exhibits in the Upper Gallery, the museum sponsors programs and special exhibits throughout the year. On exhibit February 4 through April 2, "Black Women: Achievements Against The Odds." Produced by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the exhibit traces contributions of African American women in history, culture and society.

The museum is located at 400 Nevin Avenue in Richmond and is closed on holidays. For additional information please call 235-7387.

**Congratulations to the five time
Super Bowl Champion
San Francisco Forty Niners!**

A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: What one book at all our fingertips in almost every home provides the following information?

- ⇒ Horoscope-free information 24 hours a day
- ⇒ Soap Opera updates
- ⇒ Weather
- ⇒ West County areas map
- ⇒ List of places to go
- ⇒ Visual seating for stadiums and theaters
- ⇒ List of neighborhood parks and activities
- ⇒ Zip codes and post offices
- ⇒ Public transportation
- ⇒ And more!

Answer at end of Trivia

Have you noticed your water tastes different at times these days? From December 1994 to summer 1996 EBMUD is modernizing the Orinda Water Treatment Plant but promise the same health standards are met.

Hannah Edwards is recuperating and enjoying good health again after surgery in San Diego.

No one likes to discuss a Will possibly because the subject are those we like to ignore. But, with the new year, provide for your family and yourself a will along with a power of attorney.

Old saying: "It is time to go home when

the toilet paper runs out.

Paul Cort, second year student at the University of Michigan studying Environmental Protection, was on a private tour of the White House and had left the Press Room barely five minutes before the first shooting at the White House.

FOR SALE: Richmond's first city hall at 210 Washington Avenue. Now known as the Masonic Building, it was built in 1909 and was known as the John Nicholl City Hall with a bell tower and flag pole on the roof.

Isn't it time we heard from our History Association founder, Donna Roselius, in Oregon?

Jean Eakle is back accompanying the choir of the Methodist Church after ear surgery.

HOW CUM....a product advertises cents off coupons or a free trial item never has any free trial size available?

Would you be interested in....would you attend....a reunion of former Washington School students along with former Point residents.....say in May???

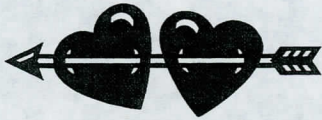
50 YEARS AGO! February 23, 1945, San Francisco photographer Joe Rosenthal gained fame with his picture that captured the moment of triumph as four brave Marines raised the American flag on Iwo Jima. This historic flag on Mount Suribach stimulates pride in the flag and what it represents.

You know times have changed when you go into a record store and don't find records.

Ben Woodson is recuperating from major surgery and as an incentive is planning a summer fishing trip to Alaska with another former Scout Troop 111 Eagle Scout, Fred Hart.

Speaking of scouts, Tom Butt is assisting in recruiting boys 8 to 10 for a Cub Pack in the Point and is hoping to have a leader by the end of this month.

Chicken soup for a cold? Scientific backing from University of Nebraska Bed School reports white blood cells gather to fight the invading cold virus, called Neutrophile, causing discomfort and chicken soup reduces the excess activity of Neutrophile. More soup please.



It is past history but the Women's Westside Improvement Club had 19 members and guests at their December potluck luncheon at the Methodist Church with President Anita Christensen providing the gala holiday decor. Christmas memories of the years past brought laughter and tears. Anna Schwartz accompanied the carol singing on her accordion.

Their February 7th meeting will be a Soup Luncheon at 11:30am at the church. Interested women in the community are invited to join this service organization, Richmond's

oldest. For more information, call 233-3343.

At the January Point Business Association meeting Mayor Rosemary Corbin highlighted the council's trip to China and visit to our newest sister city, Zhoushan (pronounced show-shawn) but appeared especially proud relating how daughter, Diana who studied a year in Beijing, was the translator. Chinese government runs quite differently than our republic. Also, it seem Councilwoman Donna Powers has an interesting story of a tooth problem while there. *(If either of you busy public servants can find the time we would love to print those stories.....Gary.)*

High cost of education? Seth Fenton, son of Jay and Karen Fenton, is a first year law student at Columbia University and tells he is looking at \$37,000 a year for his studies.

Coffee lovers are frequenting coffee bars for more exotic cups of the ground bean. You can stop for an espresso, cappuccino or cafe mocha at some 4500 spots 4300 more than existed five years ago. Enjoy the brown drink but be aware a large cafe mocha made with whole milk contains 400 calories and a whopping 31 grams of fat and a cappuccino, without syrup, is only 165 calories, 6 grams of fat. Will this stop you enjoying that special blend and cup of drink? Me neither.

If it is February and the ground hog has had its day, it must be time to wish you a
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Answer: Your Pacific Bell Yellow Pages...are smart. Check out what else is in all those pages besides telephone numbers.

General Meeting Report

by Jerry Cerkanowicz

In spite of the weather and the Post Office the January 29, 1995 meeting of the History Association was very nice and was attended by over 30 people. Rick and Wendy Sculdt displayed many models they had created for their company, Scenic Effects, Inc.

They brought European buildings from 19th and 20th century battle sites. Russian churches, villages, cemeteries, burned farm houses and soldiers. All items are to scale (a six foot person stands about 3/4" in this scale). Also on display were the books used to recreate these lost buildings to the way they looked at the time of the battle.

The models were originally created as sets for war games. Also on display were the first five buildings from the Gettysburg 1863 collection. These historically accurate buildings all of which played pivotal roles in the American Civil War have excellent detail. The bricks, the window trim, the doors, everything is painstakingly hand painted.

Rick explained how the models were chosen, how the molds are made and the entire production process. Plastic (for hobbyists) and ceramic (for collectors) are often both made of the same model. He proudly points out that he uses "Point Richmond" as his location (he could

use "San Francisco" in his international market) and uses local craftsmen (instead of sending his products to Asia for handwork, as his competitors do.

Rick and Wendy have plans to branch out by making models of such places as Fort Point and Fort Ross.

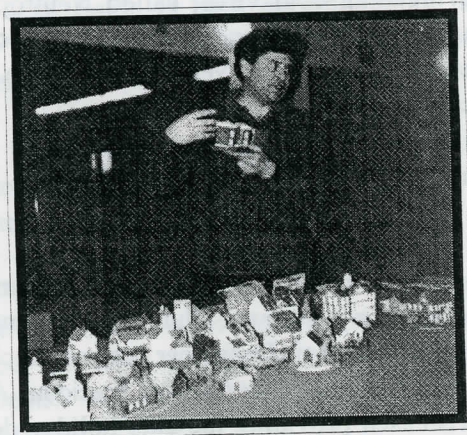
Thank you Rick and Wendy for a very interesting show! For more information write to them:

Scenic Effects, Inc.

Historically Accurate Buildings

P.O. Box 5332

Point Richmond, CA 94809



Rick Sculdt explaining how a model is made.

To all members in the 94800 zip code:

The post cards you recieved in the mail after the meeting were mailed the week before and were apparently misplaced by the Post Office. A letter has been mailed to the Postmaster to complain and request an inquiry.

Allan's Potpourri

by Allan Smith

Did you notice the Christmas lights that the Airco Industrial Gases Company, (Cutting and Canal Boulevards) had one of their circular storage tanks? Clearly visible and very impressive. Also, one of the cranes at the old Shipyard #1 location had Christmas lights at the top of the mast which was at least 150 feet high.



And speaking of Airco, they certainly keep a low neighbor profile for the number of years they have been here and are to be commended for their excellent safety record. When Pt. Richmond Little League Baseball was active, Airco always sponsored a team.



I wish the Channel Lumber Company on Cutting Boulevard would pave the area in front of their office and also the storage yard. During the rainy season each year, this location becomes a muddy, sloppy scene when the trucks come in and out of the place, leaving a muddy trail down Cutting.



I was instrumental, recently, in the selling of property on Western Drive. It was handled by two Pt. Richmond Realtors after my referral. I like the following story:

This property was purchased in 1909 by an Irish Standard Oil Refinery employee named Fitzpatrick. He was encouraged by the company to purchase real estate in Pt. Richmond, which he did and the parcel was kept in the family for 85 years until sold in 1994 (One of the Realtors acknowledged my assistance).



I wish the company, Standard Oil, would have advised me in the late 30's to do the same. I guess it would have been possible even though we only worked four days one week and five the next at \$5.60 per hour. Some weeks between shift changes we would have six straight days off, enough time to spend all your wages.



At the late Frank Hagel's funeral in January, as the huge procession was leaving Our Lady of Mercy Church, you could hear the tune 'Amazing Grace' played by a Scottish Piper, in full authentic dress. It was a very emotional and impressive moment that must have been a first in the history of the Point. Rod Phillips was the Piper and he was taught in instrument by the person who played the solo part at the late President John Kennedy's funeral in 1963.

Church News

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

Our pastor, Rev. Jim Clift, was hospitalized last month with a heart condition. He recovered satisfactorily and was able to offer Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve to a large crowd. Father Clift is once again serving parishioners of Point Richmond in his very efficient manner.

Frank Hagel, devoted and faithful parishioner, died in Richmond on January 1, 1995. Frank was the Assistant Commissioner for the Social Security administration in Richmond and then in San Francisco. He was the husband of Nancy Hagel and father of Michelle Cook and Mathew Hagel.

The church was full to capacity for Frank's funeral and the next day at the Social Security building in Richmond an estimated one thousand friends and fellow employees attended the special service. Frank Hagel was buried in Gower, Missouri.

Rev. Denis J. Araujo

Twenty-two days before celebrating his golden jubilee as a Catholic Priest, Rev. Denis J. Araujo passed away on November 26, 1994. Father Denis was born in India where he received his school education; he was ordained a Catholic Priest in Cochin, India on December 18, 1944.

He graduated from the University of Madras with a B. Ed and an M.A. in Economics.

Rev. Araujo came to the United States in 1956 where he received another M.A. at the University of San Francisco and A PhD. in Education from the University of California at Berkeley. Our Lady of Mercy Church in Pt. Richmond received Father Denis as their 13th Pastor on November 21, 1983.

In 1989, after a miraculous recovery from a major, critical health condition, he transferred to the St. Isidore's Church in Danville as their Senior Priest. His recovery was noted nationwide in several Catholic magazines and books as a miracle. Father Denis Araujo retired from the Priesthood in 1992.

Rev. Denis J. Araujo's funeral was held at St. John The Baptist Church in El Cerrito where he was Pastor for five years starting in 1977. His body was taken to India escorted by several family relatives and buried in the family cemetery in the state of Kerala.

Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

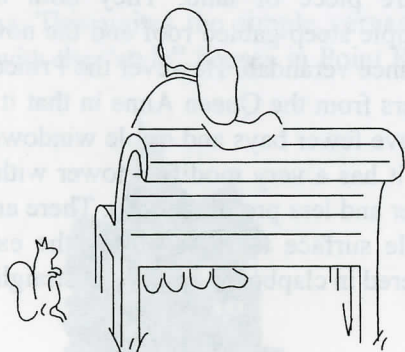
We celebrated three new members in January. Kristi and Russ Johnson and Deborah Patterson made their connection to our church official...although we have been claiming them all along. Kristi Johnson is a member of the Pastor-Parrish relations (P.P.R.) Committee and has provided support for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Russ Johnson is also on the P.P.R. committee and sings bass in the choir. Deborah Patterson has been greeter on Sunday mornings and has been back-up for the Sunday School. They are all important members of our church family.

The Emergency Winter Sanctuary Program sponsored by G.R.I.P. (Greater

Richmond Interfaith Program) has been in full swing since the beginning of December. Homeless families are being housed in local churches, where dinner and breakfast are served. Residents are put in touch with social service agencies that help them find jobs and deal with other issues. In the past seven weeks, more than forty residents have been assisted into more permanent housing.

Our pastor, the Rev. Bill Gates chairs the task force that oversees the operation of the program. Several members of our congregation have volunteered in various ways: transporting residents to and from the host churches, providing evening activities for children, doing laundry. Many volunteers who have become acquainted with the residents and the positive results of this program are willing to continue to help with operational needs even when the shelter is not at their church. The Winter Sanctuary program will continue through March, if funding permits.

We were honored to be host for the Masquers' Reader's Theatre presentation of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" on December 20. The Dylan Thomas work was presented as a holiday gift to the community. A flurry of phone calls produced a good sized audience to be recipients.



POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the First Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered natebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 12th installment.

July 15, 1924

Social League met at the home of Mrs. Griffin with 15 members and 2 visitors.

Meeting opened with repeating the Lords prayer.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Communication from Mrs. Hollingsworth thanking League for flowers.

Motion League pay \$5 for help toward Vacation Bible school. Carried.

Motion we have estimate made before going further into matter of fixing fireplace. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Erma L. Parker

Secy

Dues Cash on hand 51.77

Mrs. Alexander .50

Mrs. Redman .40

Mrs. Dicely .40

Mrs. Bert Jenkins .40 1.70

53.47

Vacation Bible School 5.00

48.47

Silver Offering 1.50

Dues 49.97

Mrs. Ford .40

Mrs. Hendricks .30 .70

50.67

This Old House

by
Muriel C. Clausen

Chapter VII The Princess Anne House; Point Richmond Conclusion

The floor plan of the European Queen Anne was much like the Italianate in that it had many back stairways for maid service but it had in addition in front a grand central stairway directly off of its front central entry. The floor plans of the American versions of the Queen Anne and the Princess Anne do not include the back stairways as formal maid service was mostly excluded. The space saved was used in a more functional manner. They do include a major front stairway directly off of the corner entry. The American floor plans ranged from simple four room cottages to two story elaborate arrangements; all far more functional with the rooms more interrelated than the European floor plans.

The East Coast Queen Anne was more similar to the European by comparison to others built across the country but was passing out of favor when the plan books and the Princess Anne came into existence. These books revived all available designs of the time and helped to introduce the Princess Anne as a

much simpler version of the Queen Anne. The West Coast Princess Anne was a very filtered down version from the East Coast Queen Anne. The plan books contained much simpler designs which spread rapidly across the country. (While the East Coast was losing interest in the Queen Anne and gaining interest in the Princess Anne, many regal Queen Anne homes were built in San Francisco in keeping with the rapid growth of the city and its eagerness to emulate the East Coast in every way.) The West Coast Princess Anne however was favored in the areas where it was necessary to consider costs, speed of construction and function in a smaller space. The plan books encouraged the use of local materials and construction in the simplest manner possible. The resulting Princess Anne houses in Point Richmond are of wood construction and reflect the local materials, the climate, and the terrain in a structure that was quick and simple to erect. The dominant use of wood in the Princess Anne structures gives a much lighter feeling than that of the East Coast early Princess Anne houses which were often more formally tied to the ground on heavy stone foundations.

In summary in America the Queen Anne and the Princess Anne are "related" as noted. They both have the same asymmetrical massing of elements and both occupy a more square piece of land. They both have the multiple steep gabled roof and the now gabled entrance verandah. However the Princess Anne differs from the Queen Anne in that it is likely to have fewer bays and oriole windows if at all and it has a very modified tower with a much lower and less prominent cap. There are simple single surface textures. Often the exterior is covered in clapboard only, or in straight end cut

June 1937 RUHS Graduation

Many Pt. Richmond students were members of the Richmond Union High School graduation class of June 1937. Among them were Betty Williams, Madeline Belando, Betty Dornan, Viola Lala, Betty Clinger, Maxine Wilkins, August McDonald, Robert Miller, Paul Novarini, Don Garrard and Peter Cakos.

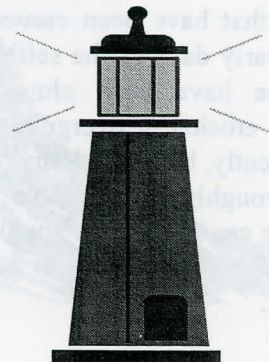
Betty Dornan was President of the Girl Reserves and participated in the GAA (Girls Athletic Association) as was Mary Wilkins. This was a high school group who participated in craft work and social activities. Winnie Wickersheim participated in the GAA sports program and Rudy Anellini, G. Keenan, Jim McAfee and Allan Smith were in the boy's sports program.

Don Garrard was one of the Commencement Exercise Speakers, Peter Cakos was the Commissioner of Boy's Athletics and also on the Honor Society and Basketball team. Martin Salmi, shop teacher and Wayne Perry, chemistry and physics, were two of the Richmond Union High School teachers who resided in Pt. Richmond.

-Allan Smith

shingles. There are no decorated verge boards or gable ornaments and no applied carvings. The Princess Anne is as visually interesting as the Queen Anne with the asymmetrical shape punctuated with gables but is simpler, quieter and less demanding. The simplicity of the exterior detail is in keeping with the time of its popularity as this was the same period that the Arts and Crafts Movement was sweeping the country. This Movement sought more utilitarian construction, more honest workmanship and less excess detail. The Princess Anne has all of that and a classic, refined profile. It is picturesque in a much simpler way.

The Princess Anne in Point Richmond is the simplest and most classic in the development of the Anne "styles". It retains the basic asymmetrical shape on a more square piece of property, has many gables at the roof line and a gabled verandah with often a modified tower. As stated it is not a vernacular house but it comes close in that it uses local materials and fulfills basic needs in its interior layout which helps to determine its exterior shape; yet it does repeat the "style" of the more formidable Queen Anne in a modified way. It is a "style" that fits comfortably in time and place; for the houses built during that period from 1900 to 1930 in Point Richmond all have a basic simplicity and all serve essential functions. This unites the simple vernacular houses with the "style" houses in Point Richmond.



Old Historic Road Grades in the Point Richmond Hills

wm. L Thompson

William L. Thompson, often called Louis by his friends, was born in Point Richmond on February 17th, 1909, lived on Scenic Avenue, graduated from Richmond Union High School and was the first native Richmondite to go through medical school. Dr. Thompson began his practice in 1940 at 9th & Macdonald, later moving to 32nd & Macdonald until that building was sold, at which time he moved to an office on Broadway. In 1979, at age 70 and after 39 years, he retired officially from medical practice. However, his many loyal, local patients continue to call him for advice. Thanks to Dr. Thompson for his valuable contributions to our written archives. Here is our ninth series from Dr. Thompson, in which he describes the Indians who lived in the Bay Area before most current inhabitants arrived

Part One

Anyone who has walked in the Point Richmond hills from Nicholl Nob south cannot have failed to notice the great number of old road grades that have been carved into the hillsides in early days of the settlement. At present these have been almost entirely destroyed by erosion or overgrown by brush and more recently, by trees. Usually these old tracks run roughly horizontally along the hillsides. One can rarely hike anyplace in this region without traveling along or across these old pathways.

Probably the first roads in this hilly area were the old Washington and Crest avenues. These had to be made by the Santa Fe in order to construct and maintain their old reservoir at the upper end of Crest Avenue. The establishment of this water supply was essential before the Santa Fe yards could be put in operation. When the Standard Oil Company decided to locate in the Point Richmond Area, it preordained the formation of a town at this site. Workers had to live close to the plant. There were no automobiles or other forms of transportation so people had to walk to work. Developers foresaw that the town would spread along the hills, so an extensive road project was graded over the entire ridge. Probably most of the now used and developed roads occupied by homes north of the Santa Fe tracks were laid down in this same grading procedure.

So why didn't The Point continue to grow on out along the Potrero Ridge? The answer can probably be found in the street car lines. These connected Oakland and the East Bay with the Standard Oil Company and the Santa Fe. However they had to loop quite a way north and east to avoid the marshes and the occupied Santa Fe land. As a result of this they were laid down in a line that later became

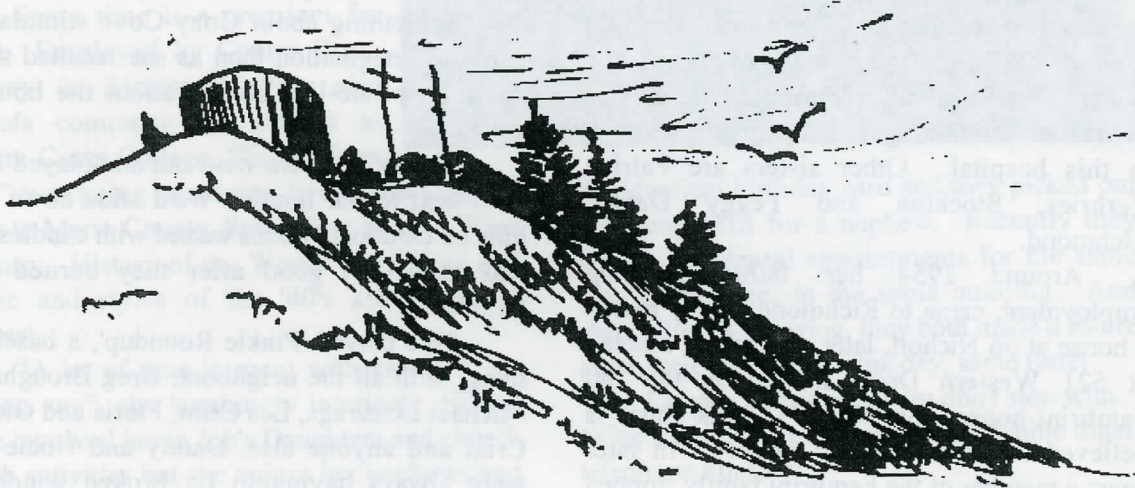
MacDonald Avenue. Now the presence of car lines made an easier route to the Standard Oil Company so Richmond was gradually formed along MacDonald Avenue and the Potrero Hills were no longer needed for residences. The old graded roads on the hills were then allowed to disintegrate.

Except for the old East Richmond Avenue at the base of the hills, the only old graded roads that later came into use were East Scenic Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue. My father's house was apparently the first to be built on East Scenic Avenue. This was about 1906 or 1907. At first no one owned automobiles so this road was poorly maintained and used mostly for delivery services with horse and wagon. In 1917 my father bought his first auto and we dug a garage into the hillside. Dirt from this excavation was used to resurface and improve this old road. Buena Vista Avenue was formed below East Scenic and passed diagonally up the hill to meet East Scenic above the old Spiersch residence. These are the only two of the old graded roads that have re-

mained constantly in use.

Another little street should be mentioned here and that is Glen Avenue. It never was a street but was a fairly wide passage directly up the hill from the top of Montana Street to East Scenic. It was never used as a street but was a convenient route up to East Scenic for a walker and avoided going a long distance around the roads. As a child I recall my brother and I helping Mr. Morrison and Max Henry, my father, construct a wooden walkway up the street for the convenience of the residents.

Starting above the old Santa Fe reservoir two old grades ran diagonally up to the summit of Nicholl Nob. The one on the north side of the hill is still visible but is almost completely overgrown by weeds and brush. The grade on the Bay side of the hill also runs diagonally upward and in my early years it had been mostly eroded away. In recent years it was regraded and is used as an access route to the top in order to reach and care for the radio site and water tanks on the summit.



Pamela K. Wilson

A Personal Profile by Mid Dornan

(Pam's twin sister, Paula, was present during this interview, adding laughter and verifying memories.)

Pamela Kay (*you aren't going to print my middle name are you?*) Wilson is the youngest member of our staff. She has served as Membership Chairman since joining about 1982. Asked how she became involved in the History Association, she gives a laugh and blurts out accusingly, "You asked me!...because Rosemary Corbin quit her job on the board to get more involved in political things." (*Rosemary, charter member of the Point Richmond History Association, is currently Mayor of Richmond*). Pam's "Years Ago" column was discontinued for lack of research time. She also didn't realize she'd be involved this long!

Pam attended the very first meeting of the History Association in 1981 held at Lindsey Hall, the former Episcopal Church in the Point.

Oldest daughter of Donna and the late Richard Wilson, Pam was born in the Watsonville Hospital, 15 minutes before her twin sister, Paula Ferguson; the first twins born in this hospital. Other sisters are Patrice Verhries, Stockton and Peggy Danks, Richmond.

Around 1954 her father, seeking employment, came to Richmond. They rented a house at 56 Nicholl, later purchasing a home at 521 Western Drive known as the old Fambrini house. Built in 1911, this house is believed to have only two owners. In later years a member of the Fambrini family stopped

by to see the house, which by then had been remodeled and rooms added to fit the Wilson family needs. After Pam graduated from High School she moved back to a Nicholl Avenue address for awhile.

Pam attended school at Washington, Roosevelt, Ells and graduated from Kennedy High when it opened. "Every summer was spent at the Natatorium," and with a deep giggle adds, "Mother made me! They didn't do baby sitting then...it was cheaper than a sitter. We didn't get to the beach very often. I guess they thought we'd drown or something. We often went out on the pier at the end of Bay Drive which was washed out in a storm in 1957 or 1958."

"We went to Kellers Beach once in a while. I remember one Saturday when we walked down there with Chris Church right after a storm. There was a lot of seaweed on a long concrete thing...we all fell in!"

Something about Cozy Cove stimulated youthful imagination then as she recalled they made up pirate-like stories about the houses there.

"Every night we went out and played in a field next to our house. We'd slide down the hills on cardboard boxes waxed with candles. It was especially good after they burned the field."

"We played 'Pinkie Roundup', a baseball thing, with all the neighbors, Greg Brougham, Michael Lizzaraga, Les Crim, Floria and Gloria Crim and anyone else. Daddy and Uncle Ed were always having to fix broken windows

from Pinkie. Men would play horseshoes in the field."

Family oriented with family values, Pam joined the Point Baptist Church in 1954 and adds, "I can't remember when we didn't go to church." (*The Richard Wilson family is known to be a main pillar of this Baptist church.*) At the age of twelve, Pam asked her mother if she could have her Sunday School class. "She was all too willing!", laughs Pam who can't remember how many Christmas pageants with which she was involved, but "one of my favorite pictures of all times is of Mabel Edwards swinging from a rafter through the church as an angel". (*Mabel Edwards later was a teacher at Washington School.*)

Family reunions are anticipated summer events. Her maternal reunion is held the first Saturday in June in Casa de Fruita near Hollister while her paternal reunion is the first weekend in August at a campground near Watsonville, thereby keeping in touch with the family yearly.

Spare time is a premium for Pam. Employed by Contra Costa County in Richmond, Pam also attends computer lab classes at Contra Costa College. She confides she "loves going to movies, to eat, and to go on rides to Marin County, Santa Cruz and the Wine Country. History of the World War II era and music and styles of the '40's are a special interest.

"A lot of time is spent with kid—for not having any", she laughingly interjects. Nieces have involved her in Job's Daughters and church youth activities but she enjoys her nephews and

nieces and family. Her travels have taken her to Hawaii, Australia and Mexico. This year, under pressure, Pam was involved in assisting Paula create her infamous lighted Gingerbread Houses which are made each year at Christmas.

As twins, Pam and Paula don't always share interests. Paula loves to celebrate holidays using fancy dishes and preparing special foods and decorating for all occasions. By contrast Pam confesses she is the paper plates and picnic style person. But "twin things" happen. Like, they both used to choose and send their late 100-year old grandmother



the identical birthday card and they picked out the same shirt for a nephew. Recently they both made dental appointments for the same day, same time, in the same building. And then, without knowing, they both made a future appointments for the same day, same time!

Double things with Pam don't stop with being a twin, she even has a three double digit telephone number!

Driving Miss Daisy

by Alfred Uhry

A Review from Anne Hanzlik

It was quite intrepid of the Masquers to tackle doing "Miss Daisy" where the shade of Jessica Tandy in that role was so fresh in most people's memories. It is hard to compete with Jessica Tandy even when she is no longer with us!

However, Luba in that role has a very haunting physical resemblance to Tandy with her slight figure and wispy white hair, even if she doesn't quite have the vocal strength and presence that we remember in that remarkable actress.

Daisy is a memorable character and surely many in the audience have heart felt sympathy for her. The changing role of older people from being self sufficient in their life to the acceptance of becoming dependent on others in

many ways is portrayed. In this instance it was accepting, although reluctantly Hoke as her chauffeur. Hoke gradually enlarged his role to a trusted companion and caretaker as well as her chauffeur.

It was a challenge for Fredric Luckett to figuratively step into Gordon Freeman's shoes in the part of Hoke, helped in part by a haunting resemblance to Freeman.

And Jay Clifton as Boolie had an endearing quality as did Dan Akroyd brought to the part in the movie version.

Perhaps the play would have flowed more smoothly if the Masquers had added some minor characters to round out the performance, such as a scene with Miss Daisy's maid and Hoke in conversation in the kitchen (Hoke patiently putting in his time drinking coffee).

Miss Daisy's explanation of her appearance at the synagogue with Hoke in attendance was the occasion of considerable amusement to.

These were both humorous aspects of Miss Daisy's life "after Hoke".

This divertimenti might have relieved the awkwardness of so many scene changes.

However acting and scenic design was well up to the Masquers usual expertise and imaginative inter pertatious as usual.

February is a short month but the play should help to lift the spirits of all who have their spirits lifted by the play this dull wet winter.

Next comes "The Matchmaker" which is always a tried and true winner.



Luba as "Miss Daisy" and Fredric Luckett as "Hoke"



The Poppy

Washington School

June, 1922

This 6" X 9" faded green construction covered booklet has an orange crayon poppy on the cover and is tied together on the left side with a faded half-inch wide orange satin ribbon. The purple mimeograph lettering is also faded with age. The original writing inscribed is by hand. This is the fifth installment.)

The Class Will

- I, William Kollar, will my cartooning ability to Albert Peterson.
- I, Lena Ceridono, will my mathematical ability to Marcella Whitney.
- I, Glenn Wilson, will my prominent "milk job" to Caesar Bertoni.
- I, Mary Prola, will my good humor to Edna Cook.
- I, Denzell McCracken, will my ability to get 100% in deportment to Fred Corse.
- I, Joseph Condon, will my great height and weight to Harry McCann.
- I, Joe Brazil, will my ??? to Fred Jones.
- I, Fred Childs, will my glasses to David Owens.
- I, Lewis Thompson, will by ability to shrug my shoulders to Mike Terek.
- I, Joe Palenchar, will my job as squad leader to Billie Brown.
- I, Alfrdd Perriconi, will my be geet to Forrest Matthi ????? compliments.
- I, George Solich, will my "ivory head" to mancueto Fambrini.
- I, Selven Lacher, will a "few feet of my nose" to Walter Hadley.
- I, Henry Fulkerson, will my position as "general of the kindergarten" to Boyd Willson.
- I, Howard Arnold, will my ambition to James Kuhn.
- I, Theodore Ciabattari, will my favorite answer in history, "I don't know" to Emil Westman.
- I, Alice Pucci, will my ability "to learn history" to Mary Calegari.
- I, Edith Hunt, will my back seat to Ferrell Mathis.
- I, Cornelius Gannon, will my "Packards" to Vivien Cook.



Your Westside Library

*By Lynn Whitson
Branch Librarian*

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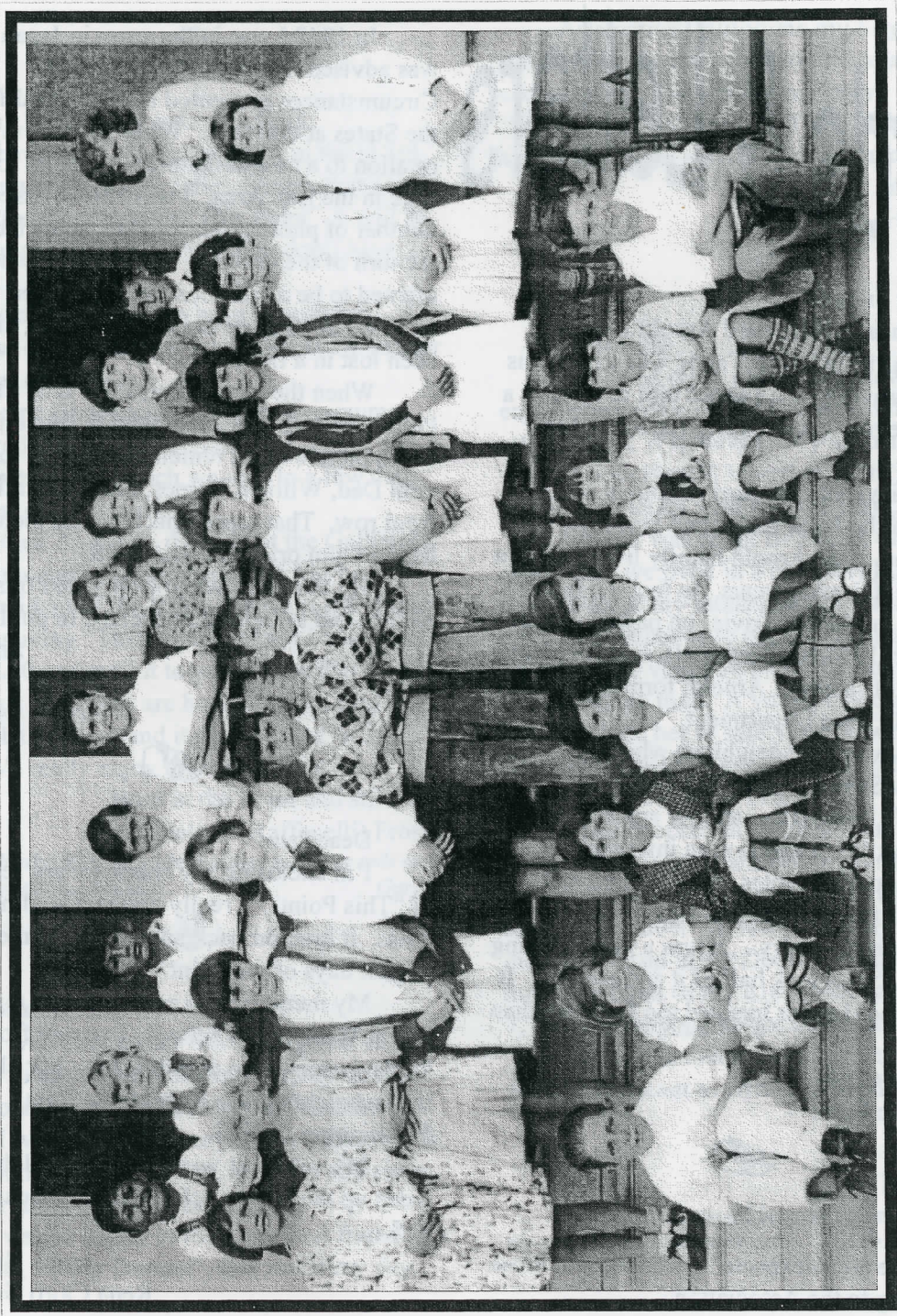
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1929 Washington School 3rd Grade Class
Courtesy Helene (Raffanelli) Frosini

Cards & Letters

Dear Friends:

We heard of Howard Arnold's death through our friend, Dair Tandy who makes his home in Oroville. So, I asked him to send us a copy of the newspaper notice reporting his death.

I believe that Howard Arnold is a member of the Point Richmond History Association.....the Arnold Family lived in Point Richmond for many years. In fact his father's name was in 'A-Mid Trivia' on page 4 of the November, 1994 Newsletter. Howard Arnold was a son of James P. Arnold, former Chief of Richmond Police Department.

They were our neighbors when we lived on Nevada Street....in fact I remember playing in Arnold's backyard.....and for some reason I was in the kitchen and saw an inviting sandwich on the counter. Mrs. Arnold had prepared it for her husbands lunch box. I must have been very hungry.....it was a great looking sandwich, SO, I took half of it and ate it!!!! It is something that has haunted me for more than 60 years.....

Love to all
Marie Dietz



Dear All:

There are unexpected advantages to those who belong to the Association.

In 1947 I was in the army in Japan when I was advised that my father had died. Circumstances prevented me from returning to the States at that time. When in 1950 my rotation to a new assignment gave me some time in the Bay Area. I was able to assemble a number of photographs of Dad, some back to the turn of the century. This I left in what seemed to be a safe location. However, when I returned in 1953 on my way to Korea, all had been lost in a flood.

When the November, 1994 issue of "This Point" arrived I was delighted to find on page five a picture that I remembered from long ago, with Dad, William Barnes, beard and all, in the front row. That represents the only picture I have of him prior to about 1938.

My thanks to whomever saved this picture and to those that decided to publish it!

Sincerely,

Robert T. Barnes
Bowie, Maryland



Dear Pam:

I'm enclosing my check for my renewal of "This Point". I really enjoyed reading every issue. It brought back so many fond memories of past days of the Point.

My memories go as far back to my first day at Washington School. I started from kindergarten to the eighth grade. My class was the last eighth grade to graduate from Washington in 1923.

My very best wishes to you and the staff. Keep up the good work for the Pt. Richmond H.S.

Sincerely,

Rena Cairo Gonsalves



Dear Pam:

Enclosed is our renewal check.

I have been wanting to send in the H 3rd class picture for a long time. I know that quite a few in this class receive "This Point" & will be happy to see it, especially if they don't have one.

I was very lucky to have 25 cents to purchase one as the year was 1929 and a quarter was hard to come by.

Terry Downey came into our restaurant and asked if I had the original. He took it and had copies made, which we sent to a few that we knew didn't have one.

When Al & I go dancing at the Galileo or Elks Club and I see someone that was born or just a resident of the Point. I always ask if they have receiving "This Point". If not I always ask for \$12.00 and mail it to you. Once they receive their first copy they are hooked...then they have their relatives join and it goes on and on.....

We really enjoy this newsletter.

Born in the Point and still here,
Al & Helene (Raffanelli) Frosini

*Thanks, it's letters like this that make our toils over
this newsletter worthwhile!*

Gary



Dearest Pam Wilson:

It was truly a very most delightful day, to be able to spend the 40th Anniversary of the Richmond Museum of History at Winehaven where I was born. So many happy memories of a wonderful mother, father, brothers and sister and our life at Winehaven.

I was so happy to meet my best friend as a little girl, "Betty Dornan", that made my day.

As a native Californian my biggest regret is my home town was called Pt. Molate. People ask me where I was born, my reply, "Winehaven, California." Their reply, "never heard of it". Let's keep Winehaven on the map!

Yours Truly,
Helen Farres



Dear Pam:

Enclosed is my check for renewal. We enjoy every issue of TPIT & especially liked the article about Winehaven. My husband & I both worked with Harold Maertins in Pt. San Pablo and kept in touch with him for years.

When I was about five years old & my sister four, we lived in a company house in Pt. San Pablo, & my mother would walk us to the cove at Winehaven to dig for clams at low tide. One day, she ventured pretty far out & started sinking in the mud. A young boy came out in a raft & helped her to safety, while we wondered whether to laugh or cry. She, my mother, didn't let go of her basket of clams!

I just checked my March issue of TPIT and found that you included my husband, Myron Pestana in the March birthdays, but today, December 7th is my birthday & my name didn't show up in the December birthdays; made me think of my 21st birthday, December 7, 1941. Everyone forgot that one!

Thanks so much for the great packet of notecards, meant to write and thank you sooner.

Sincerely,
Inez Pestana
Patterson, CA

*Thanks for writing, I bet your name will appear in
the next December birthday list!*

Gary

Deaths

Howard Arnold died November 16, 1994 at Shadowbrook Care Center.

Born July 24, 1907, in Richmond, he had been an Oroville resident 49 years.

Mr. Arnold served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was the son of Richmond's first Chief of Police, James P. Arnold..

He and his wife owned Arnold's Stationary in Oroville for 31 years, opening their first location in 1945 at Myers and Robinson streets. The store relocated in 1955 to Bird Street and the couple retired in 1976.

He joined the Elks in 1938 and was a member of the Oroville Lodge until it merged with Paradise 2026. He was also past exalted ruler of Oroville, a charter member and past exalted ruler of Coalinga, member of the Rotart, SIRS and the American Legion.

Preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Ada in 1993, he is survived by his niece, Ila Dein of Paradise; nephew, Howard of Vacaville and other nieces and nephews.

Margaret C. Cartright, a homemaker, died at her home in Point Richmond on December 17th. She was 69.

The Pasadena native was a 47-year resident of West County. She was a member of the Richmond Art Center board; Richmond-

Shimada Sister City board; Contra Costa County Juvenile Justice Commission; the Richmond chapter of the National Association for the advance ment of Colored People; and California Berkeley Alumni Association. She was a co-founder of Social Heritage Group of Richmond.

She is survived by her son, Michael Cartright of Point Richmond; daughter, Alison Mitchell of Hercules; brother, Arthur Prince of Sacramento; sister, Irene Harmon of San Rafael; and three grandchildren.

Reverend Denis J. Araujo died November 26, 1994. He was a native of India aged 77 years, ordained as a Diocesan Priest for 50 years and served Our Lady of Mercy in Point Richmond. He was a member of Contra Costa Council No. 2741, Knights of Columbus, E.H. Woodfeldt Assembly, Fourth Degree, Richmond; Italian Catholic Federation, Richmond; and Phi Dleta Kappa.

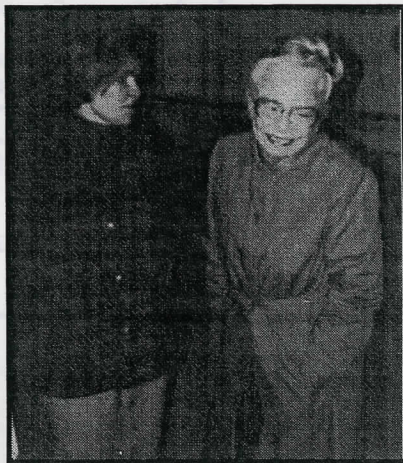
Survived by brothers Thomas and Lucius Arouge both of Richmond; William Arouge of El Cerrito; Clarence Araujo of San Pablo; Annie Leon of Richmond and Iris Solomon of India. Brother-in-law of Ammini L. Arouge of Richmond. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ed Garrard
Bill Williamson
Dixie Copeland
Allan Smith
Chris Rotting
Mitzi Kruse
Barnaby Edwards
Helen Valentine

Arlene Hartman
Philip Dorn, III
Carrie Wickman Dorn
Rowene MacMillan
Boy Scouts of America
Pearle Westman
Sarah Wilson
Steven Mertle

Frank Pearson
Doug Busby
Bessie Squires
Connie Healy
Marcos Rotting
Ladow Howe
Dody Perry
Kim Ward



Liz McDonald and Wendy Sculdt

*It's a question of whether we're going to go forward into the future, or past
to the back.*

-Former Vice President Dan Quayle

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Calendar

February, 1995

February 2
Thursday

Ground Hog Day

February 7
Tuesday

Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
11:30 am, Point Richmond Methodist Church

February 11
Saturday

Valentine Making Contest
Point Community Center, noon to 4pm (see page 2)

February 14
Tuesday

St. Valentine's Day

February 15
Wednesday

Point Richmond Business Association Meeting
Noon, Hotel Mac

February 17
Friday

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE TPIT

February 20
Monday

President's Day Observed

February 28
Tuesday

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30 pm, Point Community Center

March 1
Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

March 7
Tuesday

Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
11:30 am, Point Richmond Methodist Church

March 17
Friday

St Patricks Day