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Point Richmond.....once upon a time an island, is now a neighborhood of Richmond, California, in fact Point Richmond is the origin of that city and historically it's "old town". The Point Richmond History Association is dedicated to promoting awareness of our colorful local history. We maintain a small museum on the Point Triangle housed by the oldest commercial building in Richmond, it is open on Thursdays and Saturdays between 11:30am and 2:00pm. If you join our organization you will receive a one year subscription (six issues) to "This Point...in time", the organization's entertaining and informative newsletter. Membership categories include **Senior** (65 or older) (\$12.00/year), **Single** (\$18.00/year), **Family** (\$25.00/year), **History Preserver** (\$50.00) or **History Maker** (\$100.00/year). Checks should be made to the Point Richmond History Association and mailed to Pam Wilson, 521 Western Drive, Point Richmond, CA 94801.

<http://www.PointRichmondHistory.org>

The
Kids are Coming Back!

On
May 20, 2001
At 1:00 pm

The Point Richmond History Association
Will Host It's Annual
Membership Meeting
And
The Fifth Point Richmond Kids Reunion
and Show

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
Don't Miss It!

Refreshments will be served

From The President

Mid Dornan

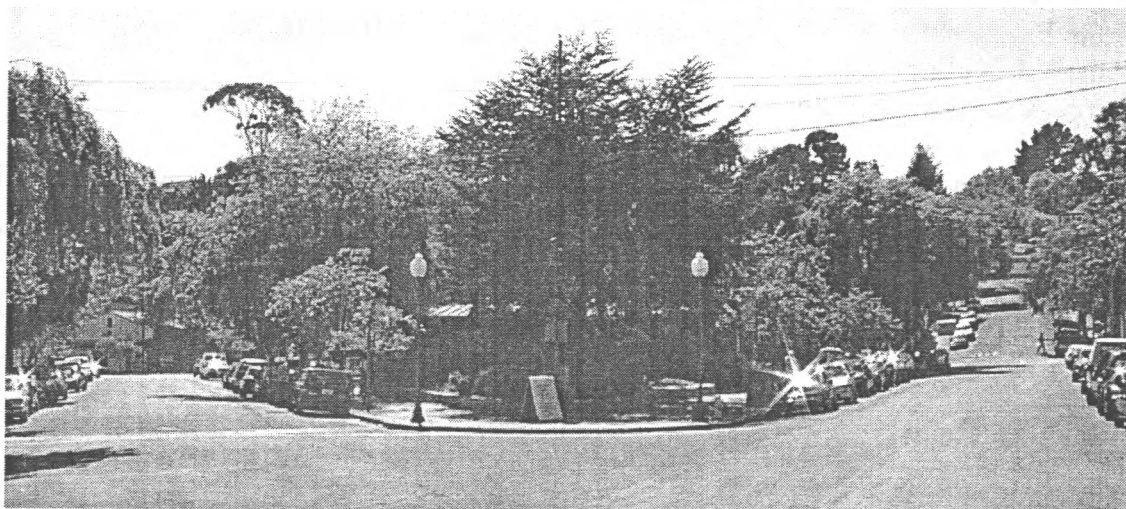
"Kids" will dominate the meeting of the Point Richmond History Association on Sunday, May 20 when they unite with friends in a reunion. 'Kids' refers to any former student of Washington School and includes former and present Point residents. The committee is spearheaded by energetic Teresa Bernardi Meneghelli, and George LeRoy Williams will serve as master of ceremonies for the program that will follow a brief annual meeting with the election of officers. Come prepared to nominate.

There are no other 'reunions' that compare with the type of 'kids' that come to these reunions! We especially encourage those 'kids' from the 50's, 60's and 70's to join with those from earlier years. CU on May 20th at 1:00 P.M.

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Triangle March, 2001, compare with cover.



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

Jan and Jerry Feagley Family
Bertha May McCloskey Family
Alexandra Gautraud
Muriel C. Clausen
Irene Rollino Patterson
Linda Andrew-Marshall
Janice Cook and Jeff Lee Family
Dee Rosier
Elizabeth M. McDonald
Clara M. Loux
Terry and Phyllis Downey
Betty Dornan
Reva Ward
Mary Highfill
Rita (MacDonald) Hansen
Dorothy T. Ruthnick
Shoney Gustafson
Maxine Mayer
Lyle and Connee Fisher Family
Dennis R. Amantite
Lloyd & Melba Farley Family
Brenda Mckinley
John Papadakis
Albert J. Kollar
Jerry & Grace Cerkowicz
Inez & Myron Pestana Family
Lynn Maack & Sandi Genser-
Maack Family
Oretta Eaton

And a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mrs. Claire St. Onge



Museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan thanks the volunteers who staffed the History Building in February and March

Ann Bartram
Bruce Christiansen
Anita Christiansen
Sonja Darling
Mid Dornan
Mary Forbes
Dody Perry

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market
and
Point Richmond Market
for their donated distribution of
"THIS POINT....in time

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

Gary's Column

Gary Shows

I am proud to say that we have registered our own Internet domain of PointRichmondHistory.org. If you use the Internet and haven't checked out our site you should. I try to keep it current and am slowly but surely preparing Internet versions (no graphics) of TPIT to read or search for information. Thanks to ALKO office supply for the complimentary hosting of our site on their servers for the past few years.

My usual thanks to all contributors to this issue, thank you all for your attempts to make my job of putting it together easier. I look forward to seeing you all on May 20th

for our General Meeting and Kid's Reunion.

The deadline for the June/July/August issue will now be Friday, May 26, 2001.

Thanks to the February/March issue assembly crew:

Pam Wilson

Mid Dornan

Jerry Cerkowicz

Gary Shows

Betty Dornan

Liz McDonald

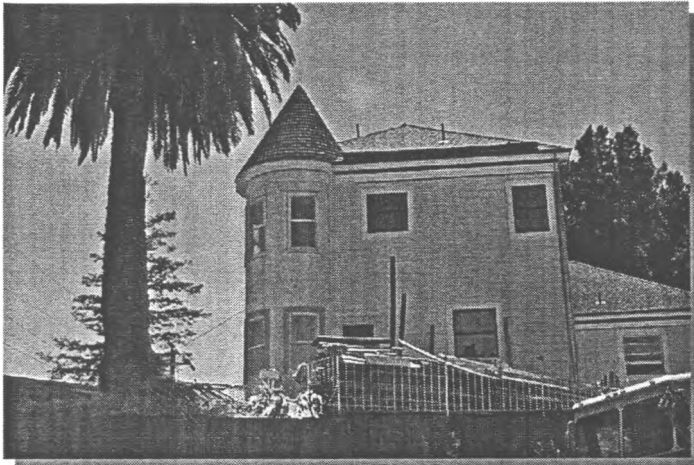
Mary Highfill

The Cover of this issue:

The homepage of our Point Richmond History Association website.

Check it out at:

<http://www.PointRichmondHistory.org>



A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: Who was the first couple shown in bed together on prime time TV?

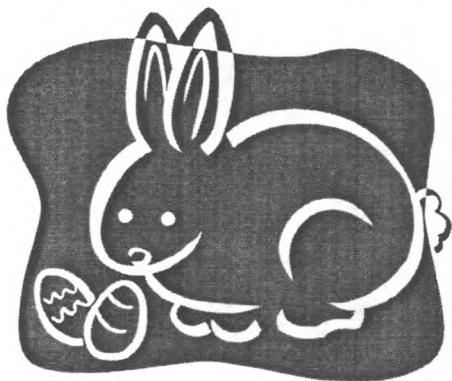
Answer at end of Trivia.

Everything gets better with practice except getting up in the morning.

Watch for camera crews in the Point in May. They will be filming "Sweetest Thing".

After holding out fifty years, *MAD* magazine has started taking advertising. And, will switch to full-color publication. The magazine hit a peak to 2.3 million in the early 1970's and currently stands around 250,000. *MAD* is now owned by a division of AOL Time-Warner, Inc. (What? you didn't know it was still being published?)

Have a sweet tooth? The average American consumes 20 teaspoons of sugar a day! Want to say "no" to those sugary snacks? Next time you hunger for a double chocolate fudge cake, mix one teaspoon of baking soda in a glass of warm water. Rinse your mouth with it for a



few seconds and then spit it out. The cravings should disappear immediately! (Ugh! better the sweet tooth!)

Smart cats in my neighborhood! On cold mornings they sit on the newspapers to insulate their paws from the cold.

Congratulations to Washington School for meeting the 2000 Academic Performance Index, a ranking of schools based solely on Stanford 9 Achievement Test Scores. To qualify, schools needed also to meet minimum test-participation levels. They will receive \$63 per student or \$23,302.

Did you take advantage of the postal 'Customer appreciation Day' at the Point station? They served coffee and great cookies.

Credit PRAM (Point Richmond area mothers) for securing a Preschool in the Point near Washington School. As a new school, there are many things they need. For more information call Lorilyn Parmer-Folks at 510-235-4316.

An employee was handed a pay envelope which, by error, contained a blank check. The astonished fellow stared at it, then said, "Just what I thought would happen - my deductions have caught up at last with my salary!"

By age 50, the average person has walked 75,000 miles.

TWINS! Alyssa Michelle and Alexander Demetri were born a bit premature at Alta Bates Hospital on February 16, 2001, to Dianna and Robert Hartynyk. Their first children, Alyssa and Alexander are

grandchildren of Sherry Hartnyk. Congratulations!

What do Cynthia Quist, Florence Wilson, Maxine Stoddard, Suzanne Peterson, Barbara Friday, Janice Caldwell, Christine Krasovich and Joan Peterson have in common? They all flew to Paris, and in a chauffeured van traveled to Bordeaux, Spain, Portugal and Morocco before heading back to San Francisco. Great fun!

Thanks to Lorraine Parmer at Brickyard for the copy of the Independent-Journal, Saturday, June 8, 1957 showing 'one last at the ferries that were replaced by the Richmond Bridge.

When will Garrard Blvd between Canal and Barrett finally reopen? Missed the February date! And, isn't the 'Ferry to San Francisco' sign misleading?

Mike Canepa's memories in the January issue jogged a few of other memories. As an Inspector on election day, I recall the 'fun' time it was when your mother and step-father came together to vote. They added a little spice to the long day. Sam DePhillips, it seems, registered in the political party opposite of Mary who claimed he only did it to cancel her votes. Kidding, each would try to distract the other from voting.

Frances Smith, one time Point resident, recently received a distinguished service award from the Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Frances was recognized for her work in several states leading to the passage of legislation to benefit families of

children with disabilities. She went to Washington D.C. to receive this award.

The popular Point Richmond Business Association Stroll, usually in May, has been postponed until June 14th and promises to be more 'family' oriented. Watch for more information.

With park district officials set to begin the \$2 million effort to restore and reopen the city's historic Ferry Point Pier, the site is also being eyed as a possible aquatic training center by San Francisco State University officials.

Did you know that the cranes that built the wartime shipyards were cranes that built Hoover Dam and were brought here by Henry Kaiser?

Funny, the things that used to bring disgrace to a family now bring book and movie contracts.

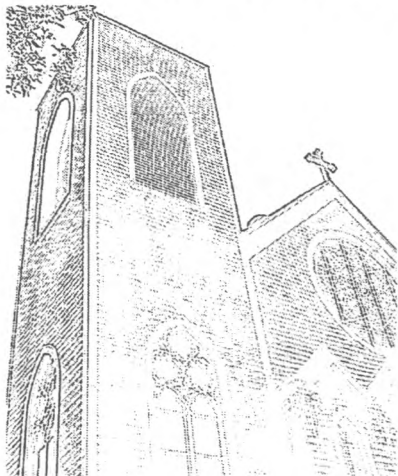
STOP! Go mark Sunday, May 20, 1:00 p.m. for the former KID'S PARTY. Check newsletter for more details.

DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY!

Answer: Fred and Wilma Flintstone.



Church News



Our Lady of Mercy

Dee Rosier
232-1387

Welcome SPRING! Daylight exists a little longer and the sun sheds a little more strength. What a marvelous time of the year, but oh the weeds. Water persists to flow down our hill. It must be an inborn gene that draws my grandson to the water, as he lets his hands flow through the water and bravely splashes in it. Such simple little pleasures in life are new experiences for the young and long remembered memories of the more mature.

The Vernal Equinox has been celebrated since prehistoric times. It's a time of renewal and rebirth. With this in mind, our faith community has formed two small groups. One meets during the day and the other during the evening. We listen to the word of God in

scripture which will help each of us get to the heart of the experience we call "being Christian". It has been a rewarding spiritual change in our lives. A bond has formed as we relate the scriptures to our personal experiences and become Disciples of the Lord.

Condolences to the family of Emma Ryan who recently passed away. Kathleen Genovese attended funeral services for her mother in Southern California. Kathleen's 9 brothers and sisters, as well as countless grandchildren were in attendance. Angela Bernardi Canellos, age 93, passed away in Windsor. Angela was a native of Point Richmond and member of Our Lady of Mercy. A memorial mass will be held at our Parish. Angela's sister is Theresa Meneghelli, who recently underwent surgery and is almost to the feeling better stage.

The envelope fiasco has been resolved as we return to our boxed envelope system. Apologies to all who are not parishioners and received the mailed envelopes. We are now back on track.

Thanks to Marcellena and Allan Smith who attended dinner at the Richmond Museum and both won a catered dinner (as well as a bottle of wine). They traded in the dinners for a Sunday brunch and shared their good fortune with parishioners.

Congratulations to Nancy Hagel and Stanley Toledo, two of our favorite parishioners, who recently announced their September nuptials.

Remember in your prayers Bob Peckham, who is enduring a serious illness. Also remember; Bennie Garcia, Phyliss Feyder, Winnie and Ross Dixon, as well as all others who are not well. We wish them renewed health.

The Bishop's appeal has been met. Our Parish goal was \$2,790.00. Any money

received above the goal will be rebated to the Parish. Thanks to all who contributed.

An armchair census is in progress in order to maintain an accurate and complete record of parishioners. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church.

HELP WANTED: Part time Parish Secretary (call Father Lima at 232-1843).

Committees were recently formed for the Centennial, Roof Fund and Seder Dinner.

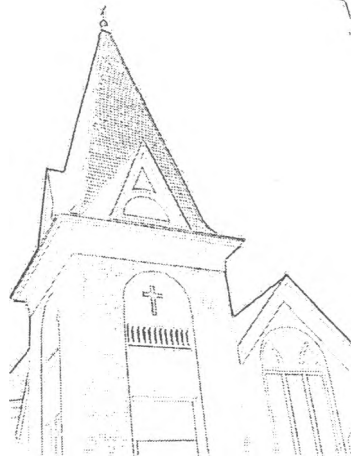
Our Centennial will be celebrated in 2002. A little Centennial trivia: The site for the church was dedicated in 1902 and the church built in 1903. At the 1902 dedication an Irish/Italian dinner of corned beef and ravioli was served.

Last years Seder dinner was such a success, we'll do it again this year. Nancy Hagel graciously accepted chairmanship for this event. She did an outstanding job last year. If you wish to attend, please make your reservation with Father Lima.

We recently experienced our first rolling blackout on the same night that the Parish Council was to meet. I left my darkened neighborhood to arrive at the church and find the lights on. God does shed light!

From the mouths of children: A four-year old was learning to say the Lord's Prayer. She was reciting it all by herself without help from her Mother. She said, "and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from e-mail. Amen

See you in church.



Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

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Our Fourth Annual Sweetheart Dinner was held at the Richmond Golf and Country Club on Thursday Feb. 15. The Dan Damon Trio supplied our gathering, mingling and dancing music. Fran Smith organized the dinner and the program. "The Church" was the designated "Sweetheart" this year, in honor of the recent centennial, and Tom Butt was emcee. City Council Member Irma Anderson, Boy Scout leader Ben Woodson, Alice Thompson, Ivar Elle, past pastor Michael Brown, and our original sweetheart Bob Peckham, all spoke to honor the role the church has played in the Richmond community. For a party favor, each attendee received a copy of May Cotton's memory book of church history. May printed several of the Centennial Minutes that members had presented during worship as part of our Centennial observance, as well as an early history of the church and a list of past pastors.

As part of the season of Lent, we joined with other United Methodists from Good Shepherd, Pinole, El Sobrante, and St. Luke's at St. Luke's UMC, on February 28 for an Ash Wednesday service. Members from the combined choirs of these churches will perform *Faure Requiem* on Good Friday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m., directed by Eileen M. Johnson. The United Methodist Women celebrated their Lenten "Call to Prayer" service at Easter Hill UMC on March 1.

We had a visit from Bruce and Mary Damon, missionaries to Macau, China, and Pastor Dan's brother and sister-in-law. On March 15, we had a potluck at the home of Shirley and Tom Butt and heard about Bruce and Mary's work in China with the Evangelical Free Church. Very little of the evening was spent telling stories of childhood squabbles between Dan and Bruce.

Bobby Hall and Friends presented a concert of gospel music February 25. Bobby and Pamela Hall have this wonderfully musical family, and several of Bobby's brothers and sisters came to sing, as well as some talented friends. The hour flew by and when it ended, we were ready for more. The percussion rocked! One of the solos of the evening, "I Told Jesus It Would Be All Right If He Changed My Name", was the basis of the morning sermon; it spoke to us all day long!

Kit Eakle performed a solo violin concert on March 25. The theme was "A Fiddler's Odyssey", and was arranged to follow Kit's history as a musician, with a variety of pieces that included classical, jazz, and fiddle tunes. His versatility and ability to perform such various styles of music kept the audience

wowed. Kit's new book is available now through pre-sales. "In My Grandmother's Garden" features music written by Kit, poetry by his niece Aubyn Eakle, and original watercolor illustrations by Jean Eakle, his mother. It is a beautiful book and comes with a CD of the music.

The Angel Choir, directed by Dan Damon, rehearses on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Recent rehearsals have been to prepare for their own concert, April 29, at 5:00 p.m. They will sing a variety of music, "The Best of the Angel Choir", much of it arranged or written by Pastor Dan.

The Monday night book study group finished "More Than Houses" by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International. "The Illustrated World Religions" by Huston Smith is our next read.

On the Calendar:

Palm Sunday Community Dinner: April 8, 12:30 p.m. following worship. Come for a delicious ham dinner and community gathering. Free to all.

Good Friday service: April 13, 8:00 p.m. at El Sobrante UMC

Easter Sunday Worship: April 15, 11 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children.

Angel Choir Concert, April 29, 5:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. No one refused for lack of funds.

Annual Junktique: Saturday, May 5. Call Claudia LeGué (215-1813), or Juanita Hoffman

(234-8052) to arrange pick-up of good usable items for sale.

May 29, Masquers' Community Yard Sale/Animal Crackers Carnival for Heifer Project International. The youth and children plan a carnival to raise funds and boost awareness for Heifer Project International. Games, clowns, food, art projects and fun will be featured from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pancake Breakfast and lunch items will also be available to community yard sale shoppers.

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 notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 50th installment.

May 18, 1926

The Social League entertained about 100 at a Tea given in the church parlors.

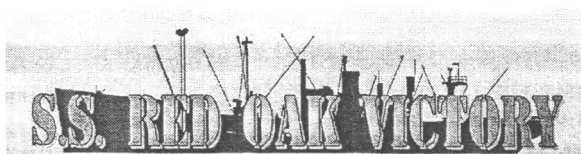
Four gallons of ice cream and 10 cakes were purchased which amount served the crowd nicely, nothing was left over.

It was moved, seconded and carried that all bills be paid on purchases for the Tea. \$1 donation

23.87 previous balance

24.87 - balance

Mrs. Schmidt, Sec



Volunteering on the SS Red Oak Victory

The *SS Red Oak Victory* has a soul of steam, but its heart is the volunteers who assist in her restoration. Men and Women, young and old all have a common goal; the day this grand old lady sails again under her own power, looking every bit as beautiful as the day she was launched. YOU can be a volunteer in the restoration of this proud old lady. You don't *have* to be an expert at nautical trades, although these people are especially welcome, just a desire to work and learn from those who have been there - done that. Our volunteer crew consists of Merchant Marine and Military sailors, a retired dentist, a retired police chief, tradesmen, and just plain enthusiasts.

A VERY special position is available

A critical crew position aboard the *SS Red Oak Victory* awaits you. Tour directors or docents are badly needed to help us handle the increased summer crowds and special events aboard ship. You don't have to possess any special skills or knowledge; we'll train you. All you need is a little extra time and a lot of enthusiasm for the restoration of our historic link to Richmond and America's proud and colorful past.

To help; and believe us you WILL be helping, is a little time and willingness to meet people and share our wonderful story. How does this help? With your help we can advertise the ship more aggressively, thus drawing more visitors. These visitors donate badly needed funds for those little things we need to keep the restoration project going. The current volunteers are here with special skills and talents. They love to show off their ship, but it also distracts them from their restoration tasks. You will allow us to share this ship with people from throughout the local area, other states and other countries. You'll meet people who may just help us with that special donation, or

Red Oak continued....

materials and services, all of which could lead us to a speedy return to the sea. Most importantly, you'll also become a member of the *SS Red Oak Victory* crew, an often fascinating and lively cadre with a broad spectrum of life experiences, that they enjoy sharing with their fellow crew members.

In short, you'll be able to say with pride that you

helped this ship come alive again and that you have the right to be a member of the crew that made it all possible.

If you would like to join those of us who believe that the *SS Red Oak Victory* can and will sail, please call (510) 237-2933 or visit the ship at Terminal 1, 1500 Dornan Drive, Richmond, California. Our hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 PM everyday weather permitting.

AUTOGRAPH BOOKS

Do you remember those high school class autograph books that all your friends signed with wishes? They circulated the last weeks of your school year and were 4 inches by 6 inches filled with blank pages. This particular autograph book reads: Merry Christmas to Bobby from Regina Cunan, Christmas 1932. Under nicknames and nonsense: (and in their own handwriting.)

Mickey - Demetrios Allyn

Fatty - Betty Jenkins

Four Ribs - James Forbes

Babe - Violet Willilams

Charlie - Joanne Ealkins

Nepolean - Bill Jeffress

And some of the verses!
(Day before school quits)

I hope you're never as yellow as this page.

LeRoy Williams

Roses are red violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet and so aren't you.

Bill Jeffress

Here's to the girl who's eyes are brown
Ask her for a kiss, she'll turn you down
Here's to the girl who's eyes are black
Ask her for a kiss and she'll turn her back
But! Here's to the girl who's eyes are blue
Ask her for a kiss and she'll give you two.
Yours, Till Niagara Falls and breaks its neck.

"Zip" loud mouth

Dino Eichor

Robert Dornan was sitting on a fence
And tried to make a dollar out of fifteen cents
- "Pete" Carrera

Roses are red
Violets are blue
If I had a face like you
I'd join the zoo.

Jerry Alexander

When you are old and cannot see
Put on your specks and think of me.
- Marylenn Martin

My Bonnie leaned over the gas tank
The height of its contents to see
She lighted a match to assist her
Oh bring back my Bonnie to me.
- Violet Williams

When you get married
and your wife is cross
Just pick up the broomstick
And say, "I'm boss".
Just an old playmate
Betty Jenkins

Love is like an onion
You taste it with delight
But after awhile you wonder
What ever made you bite.
-Eilen Germeshausen

SHHH!

Westside Branch Library News

By Biblio Tek

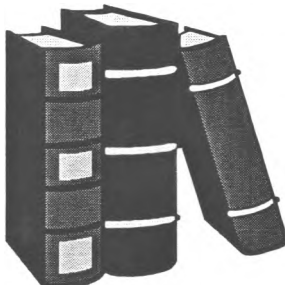
You have not been imagining things. West Side Branch of the Richmond Public Library has been open early in the morning, late at night and on Saturdays. Alas, the reason for these dream hours has been that Main Library has been closed for mold abatement. Alack, when Main Library reopens, West Side's normal schedule will resume. In the meantime, take advantage of the extra hours and staffing.

Lynn Whitson and Jose Dominguez from West side and Tarnel Abbott from Main Library have been working with local artist Judy Rattner to provide a unique reading and art program for second through fourth graders at Washington School. Meeting weekly, the group hears a story read by one of the librarians, then Judy directs an art project using collage, painting, or sculpture. Great fun! The theme of the series has been individual courage. West Side Branch will

host a show of artists' works; look for the Opening at the beginning of May.

Many new books are available, some on loan from Main Library, and others that have been donated by our wonderful patrons. Bestseller *Protect and Defend* by Richard North Patterson has been getting good press. It is a novel that explores the complex issues and politics of abortion and the workings of Congress. Some have compared it to Alan Drury's *Advise and Consent*. Very Thought provoking.

Children's book awards have been announced. The winner of the Newbery Medal is Richard Peck's "*A Year Down Yonder*", which is a sequel to one of Lynn's favorite books, "*A Long Way from Chicago*". The Caldecott Award went to "*So You Want to be President*" by Judith St. George, illustrated by David Small.



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I have this ring-binder that is full of yellowed original clippings from old newspapers. The hand inscribed front cover says "Local Newspaper Clippings-Richmond – 1913-1932". It has a documenting problem as that most of the clipped articles do not give credit to the source, most however seem to be from the "Richmond Herald-Record". I do not know who put it together. They are, however old, hand dated and interesting reading, many spelling errors are not corrected here is installment #1. Gary Shows



Fire Breaks Out in Lumber Yard (4-23-1913)

A grass fire that originated near the old lumber yards of the Tilden & Eakle lumber company this afternoon would have consumed the entire supply of lumber but for the timely arrival of Fire Company No. 1. The blaze was soon extinguished with but small damage to the lumber yard.

It is probable that had there been a high wind blowing the whole yard would have been consumed, which would have meant the loss of several thousand dollars.

Santa Fe Co. Begins fill on Ashland Ave (04/25/1913)

The Santa Fe company has begun the extension of Ashland avenue from the Cutting boulevard to Richmond avenue. The contract from the Hutchinson company called only for the building of Ashland avenue from Macdonald avenue to Cutting boulevard, from which place the Santa Fe will have to take up the work and carry it through.

The extension of Ashland avenue, according to W.B. Trull, will be finished in about one week's time. A number of dirt trains are carrying the dirt from near Nichol station to this city for the fill of avenue.

Traction Car Jumps Tracks (12/21/1913)

Car 329 of the Oakland Traction Company jumped the track at the corner of Washington and Standard Avenues at a late hour Saturday evening and although the wrecking crew were called to the scene. It was some time before the trucks of the car were finally placed back on the track again.

Dredge Will Finish Job Within Sixty Days, Says H.C. Cutting (09/23/1919)

The dredge engaged in filling the roadway on Cutting Boulevard will finish its work within the next forty or sixty days," said H.C. Cutting today. In conversation with a Record-Herald reporter. "I have received not less than eight inquiries from the Southern Pacific company

relative to the matter. The railroad people are very anxious to have the work completed so that they can start their track laying,” continued Mr. Cutting.

The dredge, Richmond No. 1, is still out at the Cutting canal, working away day and night, and has now reached a point near the warehouse of the Richmond Navigation and Improvement company.

This is good news to the people of Richmond. The advent of the new electric line will mean much to Richmond as the end of the preparatory work as now in sight.

Fishermen Will Have to Get Licenses (12/17/1913)

Application blanks and angler’s licenses are being provided the county clerks throughout the state by the State Fish and Game Commission and soon after the 15th sportsmen will be able to place themselves in compliance with the law passed by the past legislature which becomes effective January 1st.

The law will be of interest to Richmond fishermen. Two sections of the new law governing the taking of game fish from the waters of the state are of special significance and are as follows:

Section 1. Every person over the age of 18 years who in the state of California takes, catches, or kills any game fish for any purpose other than for profit, without first procuring a license therefor, as provided in this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 8. For the purpose of this act the following only shall be considered game fish. Tuna, yellow-tail, Jew fish, or black sea bass, albicore, barracuda, bonita, rock bass, California whiting, also known as corbina and surf fish, yellow-fin croaker, spot-in croaker, salmon, steelhead and other trout, charr, white-fish, striped bass and black bass.

Milkcans Are Shied at Thief (12/6/1913)

Charles Burns, baseball player, uses art to twirl curves at head of a bold burglar, carnation milk cans not eas as baseballs. Hits windows in home with missiles instead of thief, burglar shoots at Burns but misses, police on frail of miscreant.

Charles Burns, well known baseball player of this city, and prominent in fraternal circles of Richmond, last evening about 9 o’clock, engaged in a running duel with a burglar, the former armed with an armful of condensed milk cans and the latter with a pistol. The burglar made his escape, and as a result of the battle Burns will have to pay for several new panes of glass which were broken by the milk cans shied at the head of the escaping thief.

Burns and his wife were returning from town after an evening spent in shopping and on nearing their home in the Andrade tract observed a man leaving the premises by way of one of the windows in the Burns’ cottage. Burns shouted to the burglar to stop, but that individual had started to run away.

Burns’ thoughts at this time must have gone back to the days when he heaved the pellet across the plate for he pitched one of his celebrated curves directed at the burglar’s head with a can of Carnation milk. He following up with five more cans of milk. The missels went wide of their mark and Burns succeeded in smashing several windows in the cottage, which will have to be repaired.

A Masquers Review by Marjorie Harmon

The Masquers are performing a musical about the world of Archy and Mehitabel. The play will run from March 30 through May 12. Archy is a cockroach and a poet-philosopher who adores the alley cat, Mehitabel, and thereby hangs a tale—a cautionary tale.



Mehitabel is a free spirit who fends for herself among the cats of Shinbone Alley, and worries poor Archy who fears for her. As a cockroach, Archy knows he cuts an insignificant figure, and is unable to protect his love. He yearns to see her as a protected house cat, but he learns a hard lesson about having a wish come true.

The play has rousing musical numbers, and the cast makes the most of them. Robert Love, who plays the forlorn Archy, is a grand song-and-dance man. Shay Oglesby-Smith is the properly raucous Mehitabel. For an Enjoyable evening, go to the Masquers for this production.

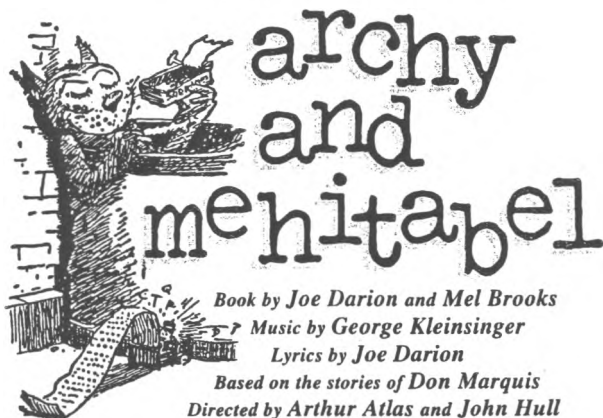


(Allan Smith, Continued from page 11)

memories of the area, Ferry Point, as that was where he was raised. His father worked for the Santa Fe Railroad operating the wharf. What a walk J.A. had to take to attend Washington School. I remember when J.A. Vincent was building a Bear Class sailboat. He sailed it for

several years locally before selling it. Many years later he came across it in southern waters, still in excellent condition. I also remember a beautiful mahogany hull sailboat that belonged to Captain Clarke of Point Richmond at one time. The name of this boat was the "Ace". I saw it five years ago in San Diego waters.

 The MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE
presents the jazz musical



Book by Joe Darion and Mel Brooks
Music by George Kleinsinger
Lyrics by Joe Darion
Based on the stories of Don Marquis
Directed by Arthur Atlas and John Hull
Music Direction by Pat King Choreography by Kris Bell

Archy, the cockroach who wants to be a poet, writes in the newspaper office at night, one letter at a time, by diving headfirst onto the keys of a typewriter. He writes of many things, but most of all, he tells the story of his friend Mehitabel, the Queen of the Alley Cats, and the wildest and free-est creature of all.

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Judi Mathia, Guerneville, has donated a copy of LANDMARK, Vol 1, No 1, Spring '61 containing a special on Point Richmond by Al Huerta. Landmark was published by The Writers, a club sponsored by Richmond Union High, David Gray, Principal.

Allan's Point

By Allan Smith

After working many years in the Package and Grease Division of the Chevron Oil Company (Standard Oil), I finally realized that the squeaking wheel or bearing gets the grease we made. My last squeak in our area, concerned the placing of the late Councilman John Kenny plaque in a prominent location. Richmond Mayor from the Point, Rosemary Corbin, had it placed on the Natatorium (Plunge) lawn. I mentioned this in the last issue of TPIT. The other squeak was about the old, faded and worn out U.S. Flag flying from our Point Richmond Post Office. It was replaced with a new flag on Friday, March 23, 2001. Very nice. Thanks to our Post Master whomever he is. Speaking of Post Masters from Richmond, we had the same one during the entire Democratic governing of our country, almost 20 years. When the Republicans got in, they immediately named a local Point Richmonder as the new Post Master. Speaking of politics, I got a lesson from former Richmond Mayor and Supervisor, Jim Kenny. He told me of his political involvement in local politics after a voting result had to be recounted, it was later changed.

AP Smith

I wrote earlier about asking for friends of Point Richmond who have memories of early Point days. Well, Mary Ellen Covell (Driscoll), is well known in the Point and we remember her very well. She is volunteering now in the Richmond Museum of History.

Mary Ellen told me a story of when her father and some of his relatives came to Point Richmond in the year 1911 to live and work for the Standard Oil Refinery. Unfortunately, two of her uncles were involved in a fateful railroad accident at the Point Richmond railroad station. She wrote a long letter for our "This Point.....in time" but evidently our Editor, Gary Shows did not receive it.

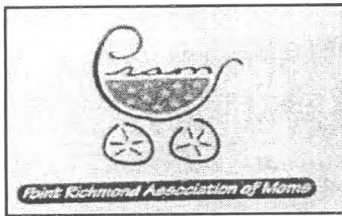
AP Smith

Brenda McKinley of Richmond, who has adopted the Point, had another successful fund raising for the Patricia McKinley Foundation. Brenda's late daughter, Patricia, was a Municipal Court Judge who went to our Washington School and Harry Ells High School. The Crab Feed that Brenda had was very remarkable and all present were very well pleased. Many Point Richmond residents were there including Richmond's Mayor Corbin, Vice Mayor Nat Bates and retired Judge Carroll. The Judge won a television set in the raffle. Why does he want a TV after sitting so many years on the bench?

AP Smith

On page 17 of the last issue of TPIT there was a picture of Richmond Union High School that did not show a huge rock with a plaque that was donated by the June 1936 Senior graduating class. Is it still there? My wife, Marcelina, and I run into J.A. Vincent and his wife occasionally walking at the Ferry Point Park location. J.A. sure has remarkable

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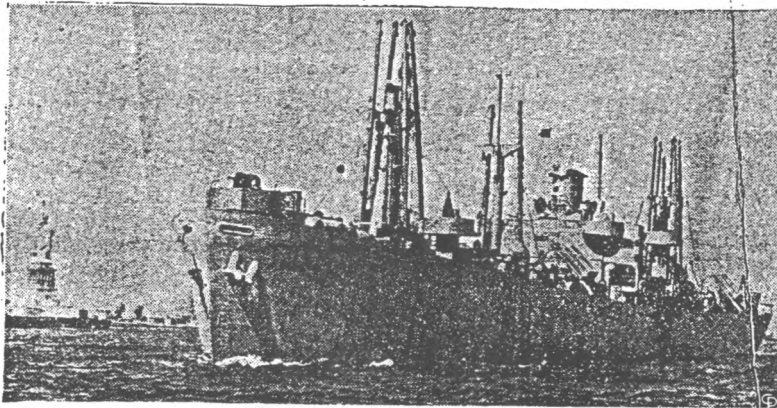
PRAM Keeps Rolling Along

By Lorilyn Parmer-Folks
Sorry, no report in this issue.

RICHMOND DAILY INDEPENDENT

Thirty-Fourth Year Richmond, California, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1943 Number 126

SHIP A DAY RECORD HELD BY RICHMOND YARD



Establishing a new world's record in ship production, the Permanente Metals Corporation here launched and delivered one ship a day for the month of October. A total of thirty-one 10,500 ton Liberty Ships were turned out for the month, according to an announcement of Carl W. Flescher, West Coast Regional Director of the U. S. Maritime Commission. Pictured above as it steamed out of New York harbor is one of the latest Liberty ships with full hatches and loaded decks, carrying a cargo to the European war zone. The Statue of Liberty looms serenely in the background. International.

Girl Scouts

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Newspaper clipping donated by LaVerne Rentfro Woolman

Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

There was a Memorial Service for Johnny Babich who died recently. Babich was a professional baseball player who was raised in Richmond and married a Point Richmond girl, Frances Periconi. He was born in Albion, CA. My brother Dean and I attended the service which included a professional video documentary of Johnny Babich's baseball career. It was very well done in the form of an interview with the Editor asking questions to Babich which involved his whole life and baseball career. I compare it to the "Hank Greenberg Story" which was released last year to the movies.

Johnny Babich was 21 years old when he signed a big league contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1934 and finished his career in 1941. He stayed in baseball managing Minor League teams and once was a pitching coach for the Oakland Athletics.

At one time, he pitched against Babe Ruth, striking him out three times. Later the great Babe asked Babich, "Say, kid what are you throwing out there?"

Vice Mayor Bates, a great baseball player in his time, had a recent Richmond Council meeting adjourned in the memory of Johnny Babich. I remember when Babich played for the Mission Reds of the Pacific Coast League. I had his players card at one time, getting it from a box of Zee-Nuts.

Former Point Richmonder, Anthony Baiochii, a relative of Johnny Babich, has access to the complete history such as write-ups and newspaper clippings of this great baseball player and he invites us to view it at any time. I heard about this collection from John Defabio who was a great friend of Johnny Babich and a good local player himself.



Washington Preschool Is Fun! by Diane Ahlgren

It has been a remarkable experience for me to open a new preschool program at Washington School. I have been teaching preschool for 14 years, in two schools that had been in existence for over 30 years. Both schools were private, parent cooperatives and I was the head teacher and Director. This then is my first experience working in a public school district and putting all my energy into the teaching aspect, which pleases me immensely. It has been quite touching and inspiring to receive such a warm and appreciative welcome from the Point community, from the Principal and staff at Washington,, and from the parents of the children in the program. During the early weeks of January I unpacked boxes and began to set up the classroom: what fun to have all new furniture, toys, and materials! It was exciting to create the indoor space just the way I wanted it: with a book and Circle Time area, a house area, a science area, an area for art, and areas for play and puzzles, manipulative, blocks, and more! I had help from friends family, PRAM parents, and all the K-1 teachers at the school. Many thanks to the PRAM families and the PRBA for their timely and generous financial donations which went a long way to purchase materials I felt the program could not do without! There have also been donations from many individuals of time and of other items from my "wish list".

The days are flying by as the children and I become even more comfortable with each other and as we go through our morning routine

which includes singing songs, discussing the weather, doing the calendar, dressing up, playing outdoors, doing art projects, building with blocks, rolling and cutting out shapes in play dough, and ever so much more.

The parents have organized into a group with volunteer "officers" and are planning our first class event: a family picnic in the park. They have indicated areas of interest for parent education, so I will be setting a time to speak on topics such as "How to help my child to be a reader" and "positive discipline strategies."

With the advent of spring weather I am trying hard to find a way to provide some gardening experiences for the children. I hope to have a hose bib attachment in our outdoor area this week and then we are looking for donations of large planters and potting soil. Gardening is a hobby of mine and children love to plant seeds or seedling and watch them grow. Gardening with kids can be a very full learning experience for them as I include art projects, learning new songs, reading stories about growing things, math, science and large and fine motor skills. My dream is to have an outdoor play space that equals or surpasses the quality, richness, and diversity of experiences which the indoor space provides.

To sum it up, I', having a wonderful time and so are the children! What could be better than that?

Visitors to the program are welcome; just call 237-1386 to schedule an appointment. Updated "wish list" items include: large

planters and soil, a simple 35mm camera with zoom (ex: Canon Sure Shot or the equivalent), 8 plastic cutting boards (approx. 9" x 12"), children's books, in good condition (no Disney, please), CD player and CD's of different types of music, ethnic musical (rhythm) instruments. Items that can be recycled to our classroom include: buttons, corks, egg cartons, cancelled postage stamps, styrofoam meat trays (deep ones), empty jumbo 6-packs from bedding plants. I also have a HELP WANTED category for projects that need a person with time on their hands and a desire to be useful! Sewing (hemming dress-up clothes), making a hat rack for dress-up hats, making signs for the outside of the portable (a simple WELCOME sign would be great—anybody hand with a router?) and there are some small to large sanding and painting projects.

My classroom phone number is 237-1386.



WHAT YEAR WAS IT IN PTA?

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Music: Mrs. Basil Cherniak

Baby Sitter: Mrs. Harry Swift

(Note: Most of these people are still living in the Point, their children long ago having finished school. Also, note that a husbands name was their identity!)

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LETTERS



March 3, 2001

Dear Pam,

Enclosed is my check for a subscription to your newsletter. I have many fond memories of growing up in Richmond. My family, parents and (late) sister, Lula May Dingley (Smith) Scarberry, moved from Rodeo to Richmond, where I attended the 6th grade at Grant Elementary School. My teacher was Miss Alice Elliott and the principal was Miss Edna Davey, she was also the principal when our son and daughter were students at Grant. I belonged to a Camp Fire Girls group, the leader was Mrs. Norma Jean Armand. We planted trees in Alvarado Park many, many years ago, probably in 1939 or 40. Those trees must be huge by now.

Sincerely,
Claire-Eugene (Smith) St.Onge
Kingsburg, CA

March 14, 2001

Dear Mr. Shows:

Enclosed is an article from the Richmond Independent newspaper, dated November 3, 1943, with a picture of a liberty ship. The heading states, "Ship a Day Record Held By Richmond Yard".

In the details below the picture the first sentence reads, "Establishing a new world's record in ship production, the Permanente Metals Corporation here launched and delivered one ship a day for the month of October".

This impressive article was torn from the newspaper by one of my parents. Thanks for the opportunity to share it.

Sincerely,
LaVerne Rentfro Woolman
Rescue, CA



Deaths....

MICHAEL G. CACCAVELLO died at home on Jan 24, 2001. Age 54. A native of Point Richmond for 34 years he moved to Lucerne 20 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Connie; daughter, Tina Haberman of Antioch, son, Michael of Antioch and six grandchildren.

CHESTER WALTER THOMPSON, a wharf master for 29 years at Chevron in Richmond, died at a San Pablo hospital. He was 90. The native of Point Richmond lived in Richmond all of his life. He is survived by his son, Donald Thompson of Richmond; two grand-children; and one great-grandchild. His wife, Arreitta, died in 1990.

April Birthdays

Roberta Palfini
Bruce Bartram
Karilu Crain
Dori Freitas
Tara Kaufman
Ruth Wilson
Judy Walz
Paula Israeli
Pam Wilson
Don Amantite
Joel Peterson

Lori Meister
Charlotte Knox
Anna Schwartz
William Kretzmer
Melissa Driscoll
Alison Lord
John Maxwell
Sharon Mertle
Taylor Bradshaw
Carol MacDiarmid
Gordon Miller

Rosemary Corbin
Darian Peckham
Robert James Palfini
Terry Downey
Chester Thompson
David Bradshaw
Roberta Jenkins Smith
Robert James Palfini
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Cindy Quist
Joni Loux Emerson

May Birthdays

Douglas Corbin
Bob Peckham
Diana Corbin
Diana Spinola
Richard Mattuecci
Becky Horn
Jon Doellstedt
Sara Eeles
Lucretia Edwards
Betty Wirth
Vern Doellstedt
Rena Gonsalves
Lyle Fisher
Sandra Loux Fuller

Maurice Doherty
Muriel Clausen
Ruth Beardsley
Nell Brooker
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Julian Smith
Anne-Catherine Hadreas
Mary L. Roth
Marg Miller
Ann Hanzlik
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Shoney Gustafson

Winifred Boziki
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Jackson Bradshaw
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***(Have we missed anyone?
Let us know)***

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THIS POINT.....in time

Calendar of Events

Alphabetical by Group

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" Friday and Saturday Evenings January 19 thru February 24
Reservations 232-4031.

Dinner at the Hotel Mac and *Picasso* on Thursday, February 22 for only \$28. Call 510-236-4988 for reservations.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays, at 7:00 PM; , December 11 on Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street.
Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11.
Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

Annual Easter Egg Coloring and Basket Making Contest, Community Center, 12 to 4 PM, April 14.
Artist judges, with categories from pre-school to out-of-school

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The deadline for the Summer (June, July, August) issue of TPIT is Friday May 26, 2001.

The next General Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association will be on May 20, 2001.. Check the inside front cover of this issue for details.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Rod Satre, President, 232 5059.

RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

The REDF meets on the third Tuesday of each month, the next is April 17, 2001 at 7:30 , First United Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street, Point Richmond. Call David Michener, 510-232-0405 for details of the meeting. Info: 510-234-2706 or 510-215-6100

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Alyce Williamson, President at 234-6167

For comments, corrections or additions to the TPIT Calendar of Events contact:

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Point Richmond, CA 94801
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