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DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS --ABOUT PARKS--ABOUT CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES?

On Wednesday Evening, April 26, at the Washington School Auditorium, you can get them. Come at 8 PM, to hear exactly what is involved in the Parks Bond Program. Following that, you will be able to hear each of the City Council Candidates give his reasons why he deserves your vote. The program is one you won't want to miss if you wish to be an informed voter on May 9. Set the date aside, and come, MAY 9, 8 PM, WASHINGTON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

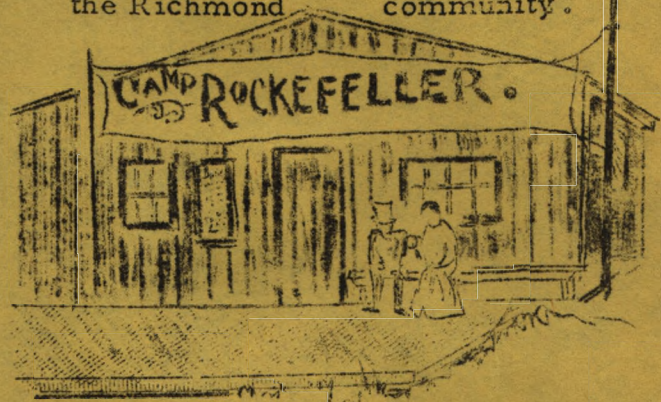
ANNUALS BEING PASSED OUT-- EDITOR HAS.

The annual issue of Point Counter-Point is finally ready, and will be available as soon as you place your order. The book (36 pages) consists of sketches done during the year of historic houses in Point Richmond, accompanied by the histories of each house. Should you notice that a few sketches done during the year are missing, the reason is that not enough information was available on the house at the present time. Also, if you notice deletions, mistakes and incoherent statements in this week's paper, it is the result of being numbed by the task of preparing the annual issue. We hope to revive by next week. Paper carriers will bring a sample copy and take orders, or you may phone your order in at 235-4222. Copies are available for \$2.00.

Many thanks to all the people who assisted by giving information, typing, assembling, etc.

NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer will celebrate her ninety-second birthday Monday, April 24, with a luncheon for some of her friends and neighbors. A resident of Point Richmond since the turn of the century, Mrs. Cramer has been an active member of the Richmond community.



THE EARTHQUAKE

The sketch above was taken from a picture following the San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906 -- 61 years ago. The accompanying article will be found on the history page.

A DIXIE DINNER

Will be served at the First Methodist Church tonight, April 21, from 5:30 to 7:30. Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Homemade Southern Biscuits and Apple Pie will be served for \$1.50 to adults, \$1.00 to children. Maximum charge per family is \$5.00.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Harry Ells Statesmen's Club will sponsor a candidates' night for Richmond City Council Candidates, May 2, Ells Cafeteria, at 7:30. Mr. William Kretzmer will moderate.

REMINISCING WITH DON CHURCH

Humorous and interesting articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond papers through the courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

APRIL 18, 1906

"The Bay Area was heavily shaken by an earthquake at 5:13 AM today which lasted for 48 seconds. The damage was greatest in San Francisco where fires broke out at various places. Since the water mains were broken, the fires were soon out of control and a conflagration resulted."

During the three-day fire, Pointers would climb Washington Avenue to what was known as Loomis' Park (a few wooden benches to give prospective lot buyers a view of the bay -- also to get your wind back after climbing the hill). The bay was calm during the three days and nights, and the fire reflected on the waters of the bay. The Call building and the Fairmont Hotel were spectacular sights, with flames shooting from their upper stories. Nothing could be seen during the daytime because of the smoke.

Damage was light in Richmond, with only a few chimneys and walls cracked. However, considerable damage to the brickwork throughout the Standard Oil Refinery was noticeable. A wire to the Bayonne, New Jersey refinery brought six bricklayers here in a short time. One of them was Mr. Harry Marland, who still resides in Mira Vista. The picture from which the cover sketch was made was taken by Mr. Marland a few days after he arrived in Richmond, April 20, 1906.

A telegram received at the Standard Oil Company office in San Francisco

from Mr. John D. Rockefeller ordered the construction of a refugee camp to accomodate 500 persons from San Francisco.

Work was begun on April 21, at sunrise, and by sunset three buildings had been built and completely furnished with cots, blankets, food and utensils, and, in addition, an American flag flew from the flagpole in front of the office. A huge banner was hung across the front of the building with "Camp Rockefeller" painted on it.

Hundreds of refugees and their families lived here until jobs were found, as the clean-up of the city began.

Two pictures of the camp are on display at the Richmond Museum.

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A WEEK AGO

Last Thursday night, Washington schoolers participated in the Dad's Club Talent show at Portola High. Darrell Walker, Sharrien Walker, Brenda Azbill, Coral Campbell, Wendy Wirth, Debbie Anderson, Wendy Mahler and Lynn Ann Quist all performed well, a credit to their school. Linda Pair-Taylor, Anne Rondon, Marion Tedrick, and Debbie Vandergrift won in the dance category and performed in the final talent show Thursday night at El Cerrito High, with their Batman Dance. The students are to be commended for not only performing well and with great presence, but for working up their own acts, costumes, and for lots of hard work.

DESSERT WHIST

On Wednesday, April 26, there will be a Dessert Whist Party at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. The public is invited, and the party begins at 12:30.

ACCEPTED AT HARVARD

Two Point Richmond boys have been accepted for the fall term at Harvard. Michael Horn and Larry Barusch will leave for Harvard this fall.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all people who wrote notes to Governor Reagan, concerning the

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Mental Health Program--- obviously we were not the only ones who objected to cut-backs in care, for Mr. Reagan made a public announcement Sunday that patient care would not be curtailed.

Thanks to all the people who took time to write --the affect of public opinion must be important in our form of government.

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