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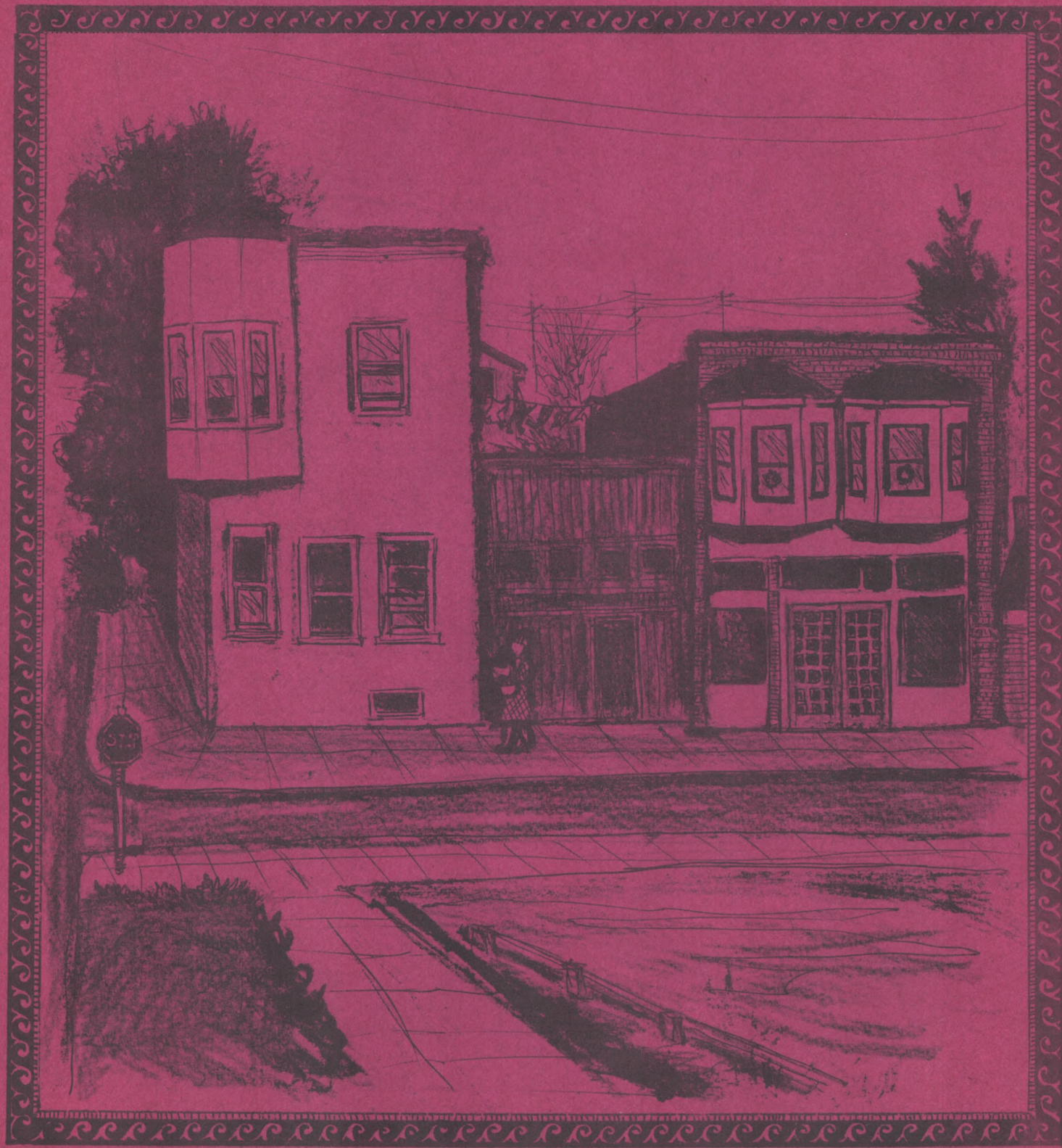
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VIEWS OF SHIMADA

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PROVERBS
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by George Hagen



Kids ask the darnedest questions (has anyone been watching "Time of Your Life" on TV?) At one question-and-answer session at a Shimada junior high school student asked me what my favorite proverb was. I gave a few examples of American proverbs and each time they came back with the Japanese version. Earlier in my stay, Hiroshi and I had kicked around a few proverbs. One time I had just received a letter from Joann saying that she had changed her plans for visiting San Diego. When Hiroshi commented that a woman's mind is like spring weather, I immediately understood what Japanese spring weather is like.

This week I just happen to have reference to a few books containing Japanese and Western proverbs and expressions. Let us look at some common Western expressions and their equivalents in Japanese:

Western: One man's meat is another man's poison.

Japanese: Sake is the best remedy; so is poison.

W: An oasis in the desert.

J: Saved by Buddha in hell.

W: An idle brain is the devil's workshop.

J: Leisure for a fool produces evil.

W: It is not necessary to teach a fish to swim.

J: Preaching to Buddha.

W: Heart to heart talk.

J: Belly to belly talk.

W: Too many cooks spoil the broth.

J: Too many boatmen lift the boat up a mountain.

W: Speak of the devil and he is sure to appear.

J: Arumor brings a shadow.

W: A man becomes learned by asking questions.

J: Asking questions may be a shame for a moment, but not asking is a shame for a lifetime.

Here are some Japanese proverbs that you can possibly supply your own equivalents to:

Maidens and fish don't keep.

The neighbor's blossoms : pinker.

You can't quarrel without another quarreler.

Cool as the toad who snapped a mosquito.

Even the welcome guest is a nuisance after three days.

Painters and lawyers can soon change white to black.

Better the wife of a divorced man than the wife of a widower.

Rich man's appetite: never satisfied.

Useless as a borrowed cat.

Don't pay for the fur while the weasel's still holed up.

Drink poison: you might as well chew up the glass too.

Tough: as though he were given birth by the crotch of a tree.

Of the thirty-six ways to fight the best is to flee.

It's a bad household where the hen announces the dawn.

You don't have to die: heaven and hell are in this world too.

Quick as a centipede with straw sandals on each foot.

Coffin makers love the plague.

The whore's sincerity: a four-cornered egg.

Women and small men are hard to handle.

There is no instance of a naked man losing anything.

An interesting book on language, including a chapter on "Parallel Proverbs" is available in the Point Library-- What's in a Word by Mario Pei. The author credits Japanese, not Russian with the most anti-capitalistic saying, "A rich man and a spittoon grow dirtier as they accumulate." (page)

OUT WITH THE OLD...

Happy New Year! New years give a much more concrete feeling of being a year older than birthdays do... primarily because calendars end and new calendars begin on January 1, making it impossible to ignore the passage of twelve months, as we can on our birthdays. Some of us are able to ignore our birthdays entirely, but not so with the New Year. After receiving at least ten calendars in the mail even the most reluctant observer of time must accept the fact that twelve months have passed since he reluctantly hung up that old calendar on the wall.

We made the mistake of looking in an encyclopedia for information about calendars.... and found that the observation of time passing by is as confusing as any other part of human history. But, like most things in our shrinking world, the passage of a year has become by the present day, a uniform thing. There are suggestions for reform, as in the International Fixed Calendar, with thirteen months, or the World Calendar; both of which would supposedly improve the accuracy or at least stabilize the counting of days in a year. After looking at the numerous calendars that have been or may be used, we decided to hang up the smallest copy of our "Adjusted Gregorian Calendar" and refer to it as little as possible.



IN WITH THE NEW

One date for the New Year that many of us cannot ignore is the beginning of School, January 6.

The only event called in for this week end is the Sunday appearance of Bishop Pike, who will be the guest speaker Sunday Morning at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington.

On January 14, Handel's "Judas Macabaeus" will be performed by the seventy-voice choir at Contra Costa College, with guest soloists Milton Williams, baritone, John Towner, tenor and Kathryn Underwood, soprano.

Other than these events, meetings and other important dates are being successfully ignored, at least long enough to allow everyone to hang up and adjust to the new calendars.

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LOOKING FORWARD (AND BACKWARD)

If you have the courage to face the New year, perhaps you are ready to face these Bay Area facts (interesting but a little frightening):

- In 1856 (when the last county boundary line was drawn in the Bay Area) there were fewer than 100,000 people in the nine counties.

- In 1969 there are more than 4.8 million people in the nine counties.

- By 1990 there will be more than 7.4 million people in the nine counties.

- In 1856 the automobile hadn't been invented yet.

- In 1969 there are 2.5 million automobiles and trucks registered in the nine counties.

- By 1990 there will be probably more than 5 million automobiles in the nine counties.

- In 1856 the airplane hadn't been invented yet.

- In 1969 there are three major airports in the Bay Area with 16.8 million passengers per year.

- By 1990 there will be more than 30 million passengers per year using Bay Area airports.

- In 1856 there were none of the present regional problems of the Bay Area, such as air pollution.

- In 1956 the air pollution problem (foreshadowed by the horrible example of Los Angeles) made it necessary to establish the first regional district--the first regional governmental structure to deal with a problem beyond the scope of a single city or county.

- By 1969 the number of regional governments (separate agencies created to deal with one or another regional problems) has risen to 17.

STEPPING FORWARD

The Richmond Planning Commission, Thursday night, started the New Year with a long, hard night--their meeting lasted more than four hours. A large crowd of interested people remained to hear the Commission make a positive step in saving hills in Richmond. Approving a motion to make a thorough study of compliance with the Special Features Additive District at the South Point Richmond Hills, where quarrying operations have steadily sliced off the hills, the Commission will perhaps put into effect the zoning that already exists. Although permits are required for every 1,000 feet of earth removed, and a regulation exists there for slope control, the quarry has cut into the hills without regulations being applied.

Speakers included Harold Gregg of the Marin County Conservation League, Mrs. Morse Erskine of People for Open Space from San Francisco, Gerrie Larson of the Richmond Recreation and Parks Commission, Jean Siri of the West Contra Costa Conservation League, Ken Thollaug of Huscicon, Walter Tony of the East Bay Regional Park District, Mike McDougall of the Richmond Citizens' Planning Association, and Ivy Lewis of Model Cities and Jerold Allaire. Mrs. Gerrie Kretzmer showed slides of both quarry areas in Point Richmond, taken recently, that vivified the discrepancies in the quarry's model of the final results of their quarrying.

A motion passed by the Commission stated that a plan be developed in stages for the ultimate use of the 130 acres being leased by the quarry near the San Rafael Bridge, extending to Point Molate. It was pointed out by Commissioner Lord that restrictions are placed upon and enforced on residential and commercial areas. Zoning requirements are complied with by individuals and businesses, but successfully avoided by industries.

"You can't change the past, but you don't have to repeat it"... Elmer Letterman.

TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

For the New Year I give you three wishes: I wish you Happiness---a happiness that is a quiet peace within.

I wish you Faith -- the faith that faces a black sky and says, "I trust".

I wish you Understanding -- an understanding that opens eyes to try to see the other side.

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Wanted: 15,000 worms! Illness prevents the usual suppliers from providing them to the Cow Palace Boat Show this year.

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Welcome to the brand-new teenagers: Cliff Howe, John Kinter, David Hein and Roni Roselius! Also happy birthday to Nellie Ross, Cindy Rosier, Donna Burleaud, Lupe Morris and Dorothy King.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith and family, joined by Mr. Smith senior, gave a joint birthday-New Year's Day dinner for Dorothy King, whose birthday happens to be New Year's day!

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Twenty members of the College and Career Group from the First Presbyterian Church are spending three days in the snow at North Shore Lake Tahoe.

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Don't complain if everybody misunderstands you --- That's better than having them all wise to you!

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Flying down to Pasadena to enjoy the Rose Parade were Jean and Vern Doellstedt.

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Annie Smith is home after her second hospital visit since Thanksgiving.

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I'm awed at the fact that the astronauts in Apollo 8 could splash down within yards of target and only seconds off as programmed a year ago. And, weren't Jules Verne's predictions weirdly close and correct!

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August in December? Of course, when it is that exclusive August Birthday club celebrating..... Which is what they did last Monday at a local restaurant. A decorated "August Birthdays" cake centered the luncheon table. The only qualification necessary for membership in this club is an August birthday. After an exchange of gifts, plans were discussed for the 1969 party. (They might even have it in August!)

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Recuperating at Richmond Hospital is Sherry Hartynyk's mother, Lillian Bethel, who suffered a stroke the day after Christmas. Mrs. Bethel's home is in Vermont, but she is spending the winter in the Point. We hope she will soon be back in the upper alcove window, watching the village as she knits.

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It is not easy ---
to apologize,
to begin over,
to be unselfish,
to take advice.

BUT, It always pays.

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Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peckham (Marie Caceres), residing on West Richmond Avenue.

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"What do you mean you're a big gun in industry?? asked the personnel man.

Replied the job applicant: "Well, I've been fired a dozen times."



REMINISCING with Don Church

Interesting and sometimes amusing stories from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

NEW YEAR ON THE POINT -- 1913 STYLE

January 2, 1913: "4 A.M. TARGET PRACTICE ENDS IN STOREMAN'S ARREST"

"Whether the grocer man from his airy residence on the West Side hill tops was giving a belated welcome to the New Year or was repelling imaginary attacks of a Turkish fleet is something that he will have to explain to Judge Lindsey at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

"He keeps a small grocery on the hilltop and is charged with having awakened the neighborhood at 4 a.m. yesterday morning by discharging a loaded revolver and that the leaden messengers lodged themselves in the walls of nearby homes.

"The fusilade which is charged against the man awakened the entire hilltop sleepers and shocked the holiday celebrants who were coming home with the milkman.

"Officers Betts and Berry made an investigation that resulted in the man's arrest. A friend deposited \$100 cash bail and the prisoner was not required to spend the holiday in jail."

(But he did pay \$50 the next day for his shooting spree.)

Modernizing, 1916:

(Prior to 1916, milk was delivered in five-gallon cans, from which milk was poured into a receptacle that was left on the front porch.)

January 4, 1916: "Starting March 1, no milk can be sold in Richmond unless it is contained in bottles. This covers all milk sold in quantities less than two gallons, and will hit the private dealers who own a family cow and sell to one or two of their neighbors."

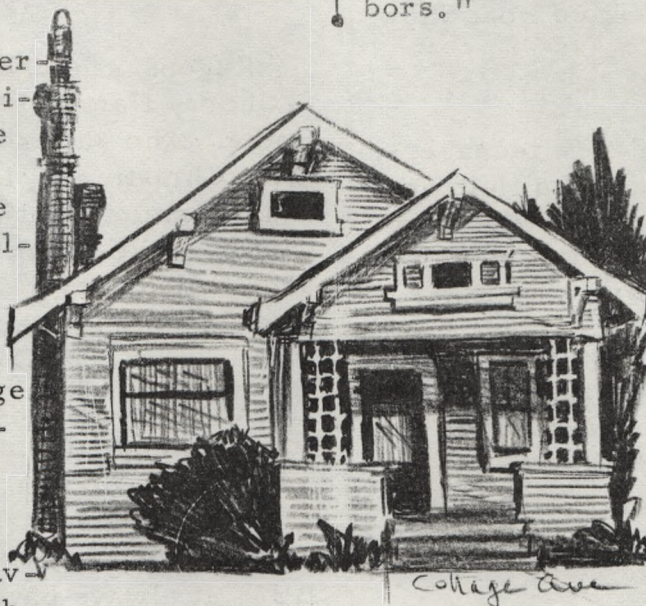
January 9, 1922:

"Point Masons Buy Nicholl Building for Masonic Hall."

"Negotiations for the purchase by Point Lodge No. 503 F. and A.M. of the old Nicholl City Hall building at 216 Washington Avenue are said to have advanced to a point where there is no doubt that the transfer will be completed.

"Point Lodge was recently chartered and is growing rapidly. The lodge is said to be planning to convert the council chambers on the first floor into a clubroom and to raise the roof and place the lodge-room in the second story."

January 4, 1924: "Fred Brewen, who came to the Point on the original survey crew for the Santa Fe in 1899, is home proudly exhibiting a black eagle that measures 7 feet 2 inches from tip to tip. Fred bagged the eagle in Sutter Basin on the O'Neil Ranch last Sunday while goose hunting. Fred plans to have it stuffed and mounted."





New Year's Day is celebrated throughout the world in different ways. By custom, it is a time for paying past debts and looking forward to new beginnings. In both France and Scotland, New Years Day instead of Christmas is the time for exchanging gifts. The Chinese New Year Festival continues for several days and ends with the Feast of Lanterns. In the United States, early primitive customs are combined with those of the modern world. Festive ceremonies, watch night services in churches as well as carnivals and festive gatherings take place. One of the Bay Area's local customs involves the annual dip in the Ocean by members of the Olympic Club--no matter what the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Squires enjoyed Christmas Eve with daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones and family. For Christmas dinner they went to San Francisco for dinner with Mr. Squires' brother and family.

Christmas day, Mrs. Carrie Johnson visited with daughter Eunie Morin and family. Carolyn Morin was the guest of the Gerbacio family, and visited the carrier Enterprise docked at Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kretzmer enjoyed having daughters Kate from George Washington University and Leslie from Davis (U.C.) home for the holidays. They were joined by their Aunt Harriet for Christmas.

The Point Richmond Baptist Church had a special New Year's Eve service, conducted by Rev. Sam Hendrix, which

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was attended by members of the congregation and their friends.

The First United Methodist Church was well attended at the Christmas Eve Service, and also was the Midnight Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardwick held their annual New Year's Eve Party with many friends.

Mrs. H. Tieslau of Berkeley, mother of Mary Fowler, gave a party New Year's eve. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thollaug and Ken's mother Mrs. Arma Dodds of Tucson, Arizona.

Happy birthday to Rae Weirick.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crim were her sister Mrs. Virginia Cadiente of Watsonville, and cousin, Mrs. Mary Brophy and daughter Linda from Salinas.

Mrs. Gerrie Larson would like to thank all the known and unknown friends who called and wrote letters to the City Council supporting her request for re-appointment to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

The Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Sharon Hardwick January 8.

Has anyone seen an Antique Barbers' Chair wandering around the Point ??? Last Monday night it was sitting outside Scarborough Fair on West Richmond Ave., waiting to be given as a gift to Mr. Scarborough, when it disappeared. If, by chance, someone thought it was being discarded and took it away, the Scarboroughs would very much like to have it back!

School Board report DECEMBER 18

by Louise Genosick

(There has been a great deal of interest in the School Board Meetings, recently; therefore a thorough, correct report will be given whenever available.)

The first item, a presentation by the student association of Kennedy High by Richard Mitchell, President and Miss Steinbrugge, secretary, brought again to the board's attention the structural faults of the old Granada building which was to be temporary, and is inadequate. The students at Kennedy would like their plant finished. They would like to see the final math building on the campus and the landscaping finished.

The student legislature favors two way busing with the district providing the buses and, because of extra-curricular activities, would favor a late bus a couple days a week.

Kennedy has a unique racial composition of 50/50, and they feel this gives them academic opportunity plus the opportunity of learning about people. They say "yes", they have racial problems, they're not perfect; but they have an advantage over the school district, they are making progress. Desegregation is just the first step--you are then presenting yourself with the opportunity to solve the problems. Solving these problems on the high school level is more difficult than it is at grade school level. If you start in grade school, the problems are solved when you reach secondary school.

The kids would like more social education; their legislature has talked about a mandatory black/white discussion class, a class designed to break down barriers. They would like to see history taught from minority points of view --Indian, Mexican, Negro, using this method to break down the white supremacy myth.

Mr. Gay asked Richard where the trouble came from, from his point of view. Richard felt there was a need for more vocational training, and that our school system doesn't allow for meaningful equality.

Dr. Barusch asked for an inter-school student committee that could report to the Board or to the administration. Dr. Widel will formulate a plan.

The Second Item was a request from student representatives at Richmond High North for a change in rules of the dress code.

The girls representing the school are asking permission to wear pants to school. It seems that, due to construction work at the school, they find it embarrassing, expensive and detrimental to health to wear skirts and hop mud-holes. Mr. Gay asked if they would wear tight stretch pants; the answer was they would like to wear pants in good taste, using their own discretion. Mrs. Stiles asked if this was for rainy days only (the audience responded) and they said sunny days, also. Dr. Widel will ask Mr. Lovette to work with students to further study the dress code and come up with an answer. The R.U.H.S. PTA Board supports this request.

Item Three was a presentation of the District Integration Plans, by Dr. Widel. It involved three phases, for 1969, 1970, and 1971:

Phase One:

1. No school will have more than 700 students.
2. Schools of 450 or less will be used to accomodate the extra students, by adding buildings, etc.
3. The racial balance shall not exceed 50% at any school.
4. Special services will follow the student.
5. Schools shall be integrated within a 3 -year period, beginning Sept. 1969.
6. In effect September, 1969, Verde School is to be Kindergarten-to-third

grade, receiving students from Dover. Dover School to be fourth through sixth grades, with students received from Verde and Broadway. Broadway School to be Kindergarten through third grade, with students from Verde School.

Kennedy is to be reduced by 300 students.

Peres School is to be phased out.

Pullman School, and Nystrom School are to be reduced to 700 students, by March.

Seaview School is to open in 1969, integrated.

Phase Two:

Renovation of Coronado, Cortez, and phasing out of Roosevelt, coinciding with the opening of the new Richmond Union High School.

Phase Three:

Renovation of Stege, Lincoln, and possible rebuilding of Nystrom, and integrating same.

Phase two and three are designed to serve until an education complex (series of schools) can be built in about ten years, designed to meet our urban needs.

Mrs. Stiles made the motion to accept the administration's plan, including the priorities and timetable. Mrs. Berry seconded the motion. Mr. Gay wanted the audience to speak first, but Mr. Fuller wished to speak first, stating that he had much to say. He spoke, representing the neighborhood schools group, forgetting that he was a part of this School Board, which he denounced, threatening to show them at election time how we the people feel. Mr. Gay joined him in singling out the board majority. A letter or petition was presented to the board from former school board members, lending encouragement and backing ethnic balance.

Eleven people were listed on the agenda to speak, 23 additional people spoke. The majority of speakers favored integration. Some interesting comments noted were.... "but improve the schools first".... "Explain what you're trying to do".... "The Headstart Program is integrated and it works"... "Integration is working in Berkeley"... reference to "Our ever-shrinking planet... the artificial hot-house environment".... "taxes..taxes" (we even heard a poem)... Mrs. Berry lost her cool and reserved the right to answer Mr. Fuller if he gave any more political speeches. Her every sentence got applause, just as his had when he spoke... and an El Cerrito Student Body President, speaking for integration, wished the people of Pinole and San Pablo: "a Merry Christmas."

The motion passed, three to two.



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What's

THE PRICE OF A CHEAP EDUCATION... ?

(This report is a continuation of the School Board report on the previous pages).

The School Board favored cancelling the February 4 election, and combining , on April 15, the School Board election and tax increase election. They are also considering setting the time of the election to coincide with the city's election. The School Board must give 120 day's notice of election; however, there is a possibility that, if the County School Superintendent gives his permission, the 120 day restriction may be waived. The city apparently can't change their election date because it is part of the city charter. It became quite evident in all the talk about the election, that the \$1.50 that was originally asked for is not sufficient. The majority of speakers wished the Board to reconsider and ask for \$2.00, which was a compromise between the low of \$1.50 and the high of \$2.50 that the A.R.E. feels is needed. Ionia White spoke against a combined election with Richmond, which would involve politics. If the tax increase election failed, there would be two more chances to go back to the voters with the measure.

The Board voted unanimously to cancel the February 4 election. The decision to re-schedule the tax election will be left for the January 8 meeting of the Board.

The "You'll be damned if you do" and "You'll be damned if you don't" proponents now have a clear field. The Richmond Unified School District is to be integrated, and everyone must work to elect a representative he believes in; A person who will, whether taxes be increased or not, make decisions where the tax dollar shall be spent. Four of the five present school board members have asked for an increase in school tax, urging people to let their vote for trustees decide where the money will go. Remember, the \$1.50 was needed to maintain the present level... Don't forget the teachers' sanction... and remember this: "A place unfit for teaching is a place unfit for learning."

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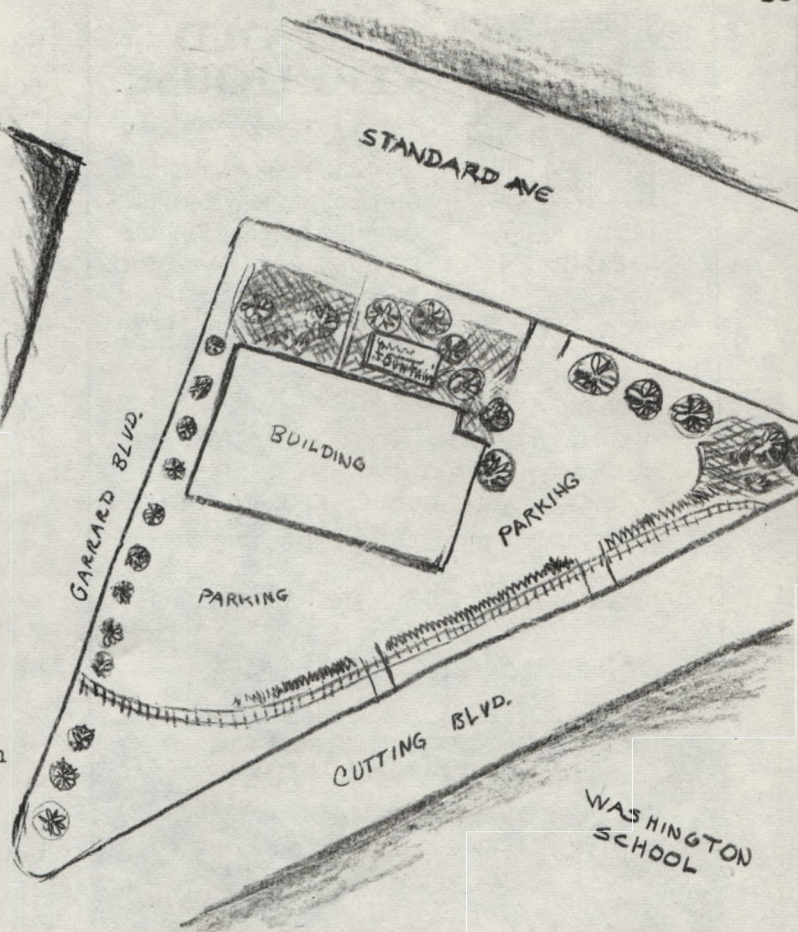
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GROWING PLANT(S)

The bleak appearance that usually accompanies construction has been noted by nearly everyone who regularly travels by Noller Control System's location. The trees that covered the unused portion of their site were the first things to go when construction began, and will naturally be the last things to be replaced, after construction is completed. However, the beginning of their landscape project is scheduled for January, and, according to our information, will include a fountain (along Standard Avenue) and attractive plantings of trees (rubber trees, glossy privet, bottle brush, Monterey pine and Chinese Elm); shrubs (Myrtle, Star Jasmine, and xylosma); and an ivy ground cover. The denser planting will be in front, on Standard Avenue, with corner areas landscaped, and small shrubs along Cutting Boulevard, where the spur track prevents extensive planting, since the vision for cars entering and leaving must extend the length of the track, in the interest of safety.

Full operation of the expanded plant is expected by the end of the year, when it will employ approximately 400 people. It now employs approximately 150 people. Walter Noller began his business seven years ago in the basement of his Berkeley home, and moved the operation to Point Richmond six years ago. His company is now a subsidiary of Badger Meter Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee.

The sketch to the right, above, is an approximation of location of trees and plantings.



A NEW Library



David Munson at the age of 12 died in a tragic accident on May 4, 1968. He was greatly admired by his classmates at Adams Junior High and at the Arlington Community Church. His young friends decided to help furnish a study center or library in his name. A committee was formed and a pledge made -- 10,000 books and \$5,000. The young people specified that the center be located in the ghetto of North Richmond, which has no library closer than a mile. North Richmond seemed appropriate, (next page, please.)



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(David Munson Library-continued)

because David's parents, Mary and Bill Munson, the first Negro members of the Arlington Community Church, introduced the church and the all-black community. For four years this relationship has enriched the lives of many persons, black and white.

The City of Richmond had planned a beautiful new cultural center and branch library in North Richmond. They offered a room of about 400 square feet, which could be named after David. The offer of money and books was accepted by the City Council, and Mayor Sheridan asked Tom Wilson, Director of Richmond Recreation, and Rose Mary Towns, assistant librarian, to guide the planning. The organization, Friends of the David Munson Library, will be a continuing and expanding group.

Donations of books of all kinds--for small children, young people, adults--fiction, biography, history, drama, religion, politics, technical books, reference books, etc., hardbacks and fresh paperbacks are all needed. Record players and funds for books and equipment are needed, and, since libraries receive a 50% discount on books, cash donations of any size are welcomed. Since one of the members of their committee resides in Point Richmond, only that name will be listed here, for convenience in obtaining information about donations, and delivering books. Call Mr. and Mrs. Allan Coleman, 39 Nicholl Avenue, 232-8218.

WHAT DO YOU NEED *After* CHRISTMAS ?

A Basic Economics Course....being offered at Contra Costa College, beginning February 3 is designed to increase understanding of the American economy and the nature of contemporary economic problems.

Lectures, discussion and demonstrations are designed for the beginner, and include the nature and method of economics, in addition to the circular flow of economic activity. Money, credit, and banking; production, income and employment; trade, balance of payments and foreign aid are all part of material to be covered. Call 235-2583 for further information.

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Dear Editor:

Today I had my first glimpse of the paint being used on Sherry and Bob's building. I suppose with effort and time one can eventually get used to a pink building with violent blue trim looming among the pleasantly subdued colors of the other recently renovated buildings in Point Richmond, but I have just heard that a neon sign is to complete the decor. Can't we in the Point get together and stop the neon sign syndrome from overtaking us? I have to look at the Holiday Inn sign every day from my dining room window, and that's enough nausea for one area.

Sincerely,
Jean Swanson.

(Ed: Several people have commented on the colors being used on the building -- both positively and negatively. Because it is the primer coat only, we suggested, in the December 6 issue, that people hold off judgment until the final coat of paint is applied (also see letter below from architect Thea Kendall.)

There is a colored sketch of the building as it will look when completed, inside Sherry' and Bob's store--and they would be most happy to have people view it. There is, on the sketch, an attractive sign atop the cone-shaped roof that will be added. So far as we know, it is not neon, and doesn't look too large.)

Dear Editor:

This is in answer to the many people who have questioned the choice of colors on Sherry and Bob's Building -- It would have been very easy to follow along with the tide of olive-drab that has lately inundated the Point. But much as I like the so-called earthy colors, I thought it would be fun to have a note of lightness in our downtown for a change. Must we always take ourselves so seriously?

Further, I would like to state again that so far the building has only its prime coat. The

finish coat will be similar in color, but hopefully of a more pleasing tone.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Mary Burkhard

Best wishes for the New Year to all "Point" residents from Mary Burkhard and Corinne Wright, your West Side staff. Let your New Year's motto be "USE YOUR LIBRARY IN '69".

Below are a few of our new acquisitions to lure you through our portals:

• THE ELIZABETH - PASSAGE OF A QUEEN, by Leonard A. Stevens. From the ritual of cocktails in the Commodore's sitting room and dinner at his table to the predawn watch on the bridge as the 83,000 ton liner rides out a North Atlantic storm, the reader is brought into the heart of the great ship. The Elizabeth's innermost secrets -- from the vintage Château Lafite in the vast wine cellars to her technological marvels of radar and stabilizer fins -- are revealed. So also the complex and highly polished routines by which her 1,190-man crew, from the ten officers fully qualified as Masters of the vessel to the ship's gardener, attend the ship's every need, to her passengers' every wish.

Woven into this chronicle is the Elizabeth's proud history, from her launching in 1938 and her gallant war service through her colorful and glamorous years of supremacy. The Elizabeth : Passage of a Queen is a champagne toast to a great lady.

• We've a new Edgar Cayce book -- this one titled EDGAR CAYCE ON PROPHECY by Mary Ellen Carter. It is a fascinating exploration of the major prophecies and predictions of this great clairvoyant. Edgar Cayce on Prophecy spans the entire range of Cayce--his own feelings about his gift and how he used it in his own life; his predictions

for individuals regarding both physical and spiritual events; his theories on evolution; his reliance on dreams; his prophecies regarding "The New Age"; and unusual facts about the rising of Atlantis.

• THE CLAIMANT by Hollis Alpert concerns Alfred Becker, an American - Jewish lawyer with a curious specialty--he represents survivors of Nazi concentration camps in their reparation suits. For these people he extracts "blood money" payments from the German government. In 1965 Becker is sent to Germany on a particularly complicated case. Sixty former slave laborers have been suing a German armaments company for compensation. Becker has two unofficial missions as well. He is trying to learn the history of a young woman who had been interned in a concentration camp when she was a child, and ever since has suffered from schizophrenia. He is also trying to locate a rare eighteenth - century candelabrum, the Erfurt Menorah, which disappeared over 20 years before on the Night of Crystal when the Nazis pillaged and destroyed a synagogue and murdered its rabbi. As this story moves from Berlin to Vienna, Salzburg, Tel Aviv, and New York, Hollis Alpert sustains both a high degree of insight and a gripping, ironic story.



The Point's Poetic Cynic Reports:

ON MAUVE

--Curtis R. Beresford

While mixing colors a mauve developed. This is a color little seen today. It is doubtful if the present generation would recognize it. But in our American society it gave a name to an era, the Mauve Decade.

That was the period of slight stirrings to loosen the bonds of the severe decorous Victorian age. Mauve had captured the public taste. It appeared mostly in women's apparel. The well turned-out woman wore mauve gloves, a mauve scarf, a handkerchief edged in mauve and carried a mauve parasol.

To describe a color is difficult. Reference to some widely known thing in nature or everyday life is usually employed: sky-blue, sea green, blood red, nut brown, avocado green. Mauve is a discrete color. It may be described as a pale purple or lilac. It has a delicate dusty tone similar to pearl gray. The psychologists tell us that there is no way of determining if the sensation aroused by a color or odor is the same in all persons. This may account for personal likes and dislikes of colors or odors. Man is almost alone among the animals that can distinguish colors. It is believed, and there is some evidence, that the higher primates in the ape family have a sense of color. Our pets are color blind and near sighted. They rely on scent and movement for detection. Our tabby can unerringly pounce on a scurrying mouse but searches furtively for a piece of meat on the floor. Any bright moving color can arouse a bull's interest, but custom demands red.

The mauve decade was the bridge between the Victorian and the Gibson Girl. Charles Dana Gibson, the artist, created a girl that set the fashion of the day. He depicted her as a little slimmer than the plumpness then in fashion. Her blouse was loose-fitting with puffed sleeves. Her skirt fitted her hips tightly and was a daring six inches above the floor. Her hair style was revolutionary. Long hair was woman's pride. Gibson's girl had a

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15. prominent roll of hair above her forehead. This was achieved by a pad, known as a rat, upon which the hair was wrapped. The Victorian woman usually wore her hair done tightly. Her skirts swept the floor. Three or four underskirts were not unusual. Strange in contrast to her great-granddaughter, whose skirt is little more than a wide belt, with only the girl herself under it.

There were no mauve stockings. Stockings were either black or white cotton or silk. Only brazen actresses displayed colored stockings. A woman who wore silk stockings daily was considered "fast." Victorians never mentioned legs. In necessary situations they were referred to as lower extremities or limbs. Being forbidden by custom, the display of legs was the drawing card for the male audiences in burlesque houses. When legs became public property, to salvage business the burlesque houses turned to nudes: the stripteasers.

The Mauve Age began the gradual emancipation of women. They appeared on the roads on bicycles, went out unchaperoned,

and played an ineffective game of tennis, hampered by long skirts and ribbed corsets. They were too laced up to attempt the big serve. We still remember the fairly long dresses that Helen Wills wore. Only the reckless did not ride side saddle. The ballet was affected. Fochine, when he took over the direction of the New York Ballet, gradually eliminated the tight bodices and bulky skirts that hampered movement. The modern ballerina, due to Fochine's innovations, is free to move vigorously in a costume that consists of little more than a whisp of tutu.

Another color that developed in the Mauve Era was puce. This color had little to recommend it. It is a dull purplish brown, usually achieved by mixing the leavings in paint cans.

The Mauve Age served its purpose. Our brighter colors and sprightly customs have taken over. Even death has taken a lighter tone. The Mauve Age had no funeral homes or funeral directors. One was buried from his home or church by an undertaker, who, if the deceased was a young person, hung a mauve crape on the doorway.

THE PARK'S POPPING EXPERT

The East Bay Regional Park District has it. More information about pop corn than you can put in a nutshell. The popcorn Plato of the Park district is Stanley Smith, their Food Services Manager. He demands popcorn for the Regional Parks with pop-power produced by the latest research of the Popcorn Institute of Chicago. Popcorn history goes back 5600 years. Pilgrims were introduced to Popcorn by the Indians, and it was probably the first "puffed" cereal eaten by white man in this country. Indians of the West Indies sold popcorn decorations like corsages in Columbus' time. In eighteenth century Paraguay, popcorn kernels were borne on a tassel, and burst without becoming detached, resulting in a superb bouquet fit to adorn a lady's

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hair at night. Smith didn't know whether the ladies wore the bouquets with or without butter and salt.

Besides its fascinating history, popcorn has, according to Smith, more food energy than 96 percent of all edible foods; provides needed roughage; is low in calories (54 to the unbuttered cup) and is recommended by many dentists as a good sugarless between-meal snack. (It is not recommended by dentists for children with braces or for people who like to bite the partly-popped kernels. This practice can result in what dentists dourly dub a "traumatic occlusion"--and it is, it is.)

● Since some of the excellent recipes donated for the "Picnic in the Point Park Cookbook" had to be omitted for lack of space, it has been suggested that they be printed here, and inserted in the cookbooks, if people so desire. Cookbooks are still available at Stoddard Realty or downtown at the Chamber of Commerce office, across from the Post Office on Eleventh Street.

Recipe...

PUNCH

This is the Christmas, 1967 Punch, by Martin Vitz:

2 gallons Vino Rosso Wine
1 gallon Malaga Wine
3 quarts of "Wink"
5 oranges thinly sliced
2 limes
1 quart Port (optional)
1 Block of Ice
1 Mixer (preferably a guest).

Let stand for at least 20 minutes.
Total cost approximately \$10. Serves 30 people or, if silver thimbles are used instead of punch cups, 500.

The very first picnic in the Point Park of the New Year was held on New Year's Eve, with Leslie Kretzmer as hostess (Br-r-r-r-r).

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17. (Views of Shimada, cont. from P.1)

He also notes a contradiction in Japanese proverbs -- "A wife and a floor mat are good when fresh and new", and , "A wife and a kettle get better as they grow older. "

Proverbs are many times useful as well as interesting, amusing and revealing of cultures. I was asked to write in the Shimada-Richmond Friendship Association's autograph book as all visitors from Richmond are asked to do. In expressing my appreciation for their hospitality during my stay in Shimada, I could find no better words than those of a Malay proverb which translates as "A debt of gold can be repaid, but a debt of kindness is carried to the grave. "

more ABOUT PEOPLE

Tom and Carol Taussig , aided by Lisa , opened their home to over sixty Point Richmond friends on Christmas morning. Champagne and many wonderful eatables were on hand (mostly from the Point Park Cookbook--plug) . Toasts were drunk to the good health of Leland Vaughan , who was spending Christmas at U.C. Hospital instead of serving champagne and oysters at his home on Western Drive, as he and Beulah have done for over ten Christmases.

The Good News for New Years for friends of Professor Vaughan is that he is home after a three-week hospital stay, and feeling much better.

"Don't let yesterday use up too much of today. "... Will Rogers.

BAY or RIVER

Part of a message sent out to members of the "Save the Bay Association": "Why not face the fact that special interests are spending a great deal of money to be able to carry out their fill plans ?

"Why not honestly admit that Save-The-Bay does not have the kind of money for a crash program to tell thousands more residents in California of the values of this irreplaceable and beautiful state resource ?

"The 1969 legislature will convene in January. Why not let members know that it really is a case of Bay or River, NOW OR NEVER ? The three-year study period is over and all controls shortly expire.

"Why not flatly say that the organization can use money ? --a lot of money ? And could use a hundred thousand state-wide members !

"Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made to Save San Francisco Bay Association. Names of new members or money should be sent to Box 925, Berkeley, California, 94701 .

"Progress to date has been due to people, as well as money--people have attended hearings in Sacramento and in their own cities and counties; telephoned and written to legislators and friends; spoken before clubs and organizations--people who do not want the bay further diminished; who want the Bay retained as a Bay, not used for urban developments and freeways. "



POINT PERSONALITIES.....

Know Your Neighbors

Porterville provided the childhood home and schooling for two Point residents. After graduating from high school Ed Squires went to work with a crew building a saw mill at Road's End out of Bakersfield, and ended up cooking for the whole crew of 75 men. One of his interesting experiences during that job was being a guide on a quail hunt for industrialist Walter Johnson and his wife, (Mr. Johnson was the donor of 2 million dollars for the restoration of the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco). When Ed returned to Porterville, he met Bessie, whom he married in 1940. In 1941, they moved to San Francisco then to Berkeley. Ed went to work in the Kaiser Shipyards, building the shipyards and later ships. While working there he met Point resident Martin Kenoyer, who eventually introduced him to Point Richmond. While apartment-dwelling in Berkeley, their first two daughters, Pam and Janice were born. Ed began working for Colgate-Palmolive Company, where he remained for 15 years, in charge of maintenance of their buildings. Martin Kenoyer asked Ed to remodel the kitchen of their home here, and the Squires discovered Point Richmond. They bought three lots on Belvedere, overlooking the Bay. They came on weekends, picnic lunches in hand, to dig away at the hillside for the foundation of their new home. They began digging in July of 1948, and moved into the almost-finished house in September. The winter was a treacherous one, and Ed caught both pneumonia and pleurisy as a reward for his hard work. Water froze in the garden hoses, so it must have been colder than this

year!

Bessie found that living above the Bay was great therapy for former apartment dwellers, and especially enjoyed watching the excitement of the herring runs. The noises of the gulls awaiting their feast of roe haven't been heard for several years at Point Richmond.

Bessie had been trained as a beautician while in Porterville, and ladies in the Point enjoyed chatting with this charming calm lady while "getting beautiful". The Squires became active in Girl Scout work--with two daughters, why not?. And together with Inez Garside (formerly a resident of Crest Avenue and Washington) and Winnie Giusti and Mrs. Yates, formed an active group of girl scouts in the Point that are still going strong.

With the thought of creating a Richmond Girl Scout Camp, the Squires bought property between Downieville and Sierra City. The Camp never became a reality, and the Squires are able to enjoy their summers there. They almost formed their own girl scout troop--twins were born to the Squires in 1954, giving them four girls. At that point, Ed decided to add two more bedrooms and a bath, plus a larger living room to their home, which completes the three-bedroom, two bath house overlooking the Bay. They added to their property and will soon be building another house south of the present home.

Bessie, a modest but extremely capable person, has always been interested in ceramics, and while living in Berkeley, made several ceramic items for her children. She has learned weaving, and, under Madeline William's tutoring, created a stained-glass table top which adorns her living room. She received instruction at Contra Costa College from the well-know sewing instructor, Miss Amer. Her interests are widely varied, and whatever she does, she does beautifully.

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19. (Know your neighbors--cont.)

Bessie's most recent hobby, in which her twin daughters, Suzanne and Dianne, now in High School assist her in, as well as her husband Ed, is making carpet bags --- most attractive large purses, made of carpeting material. She began this, and sandal-making at the same time. Leather sandals of original design are already being ordered by friends. Wooden hair ornaments and teak buttons were added to the joint project, and several of her items are on sale at the Shop Upstairs in the Old Firehouse on Park Place.

Bessie and her family have been active members of the Point's Methodist Church, which has played a large part in their lives. She has attended for the last six years, an inter-denominational Bible Study class, conducted at the First Presbyterian Church on Barrett Avenue in Richmond, which she feels has been a great learning experience, as well as in her words, "gaining more release from self-consciousness" than any other activity she has participated in. We know, from our experience, that whatever activity she participates in gains through her presence.

MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE

Ben Rust, described as a "master teacher", is one of the favorite teachers at El Cerrito High School. He teaches, writes, and creates sculpture and musical instruments.... violins, a viola and a cello! His daughter, Julie Lesea, and her husband, live in Point Richmond. (Both are fine violinists).

Mr. Rust recently published a book, Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone. He dedicated his book to Senator George Miller, who died on New Year's Eve. (His funeral is at St. Catherine's Church in Martinez, Saturday morning.) The preface to the book is reprinted here:

"I dedicate this humble effort to

California State Senator George Miller, Jr. I know of no person in this state who has so consistently advocated quality education for the children of California. He was the first public legislator to address his legislative program to the upgrading of reading and writing in the elementary schools. He was the first and most uncompromising advocate of state aid for teachers, teaching, education, classroom instruction and curriculum. His accomplishments on this score are written into the education code of the State of California. We need not list them here. In a sense this story epitomizes the faith of this senator in public education for America. It is fitting, I think, that a classroom teacher recognize them."

Dr. Harold Winkler, Professor of Government at St. Mary's College, writes about Mr. Rust's book: "This book casts full light on the background for the Six Day War by explaining the cultural inheritance of modern Israel. To the doleful cry of Josephus: 'Can't you see that God has abandoned you?' Rust offers the conclusion from Tacitus: 'Men and women showed equal resolution and life seemed more terrible than death if they were forced to leave their country.' Finally Rust gives a magnificent interpretation of the survival of Israel through its dedication to education which preserved its culture as a living force. The earthiness of these people, their intense motivation, is illustrated by a quotation from Johanan Ben Zaccai: 'If you are about to plant a tree and someone tells you the Messiah has come, finish your work and then go forth to meet the Messiah.' ... In the final analysis, Rust insists, 'the rabbis put greater faith in education than they did in war, non-resistance, pacifism or martyrdom.' "



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