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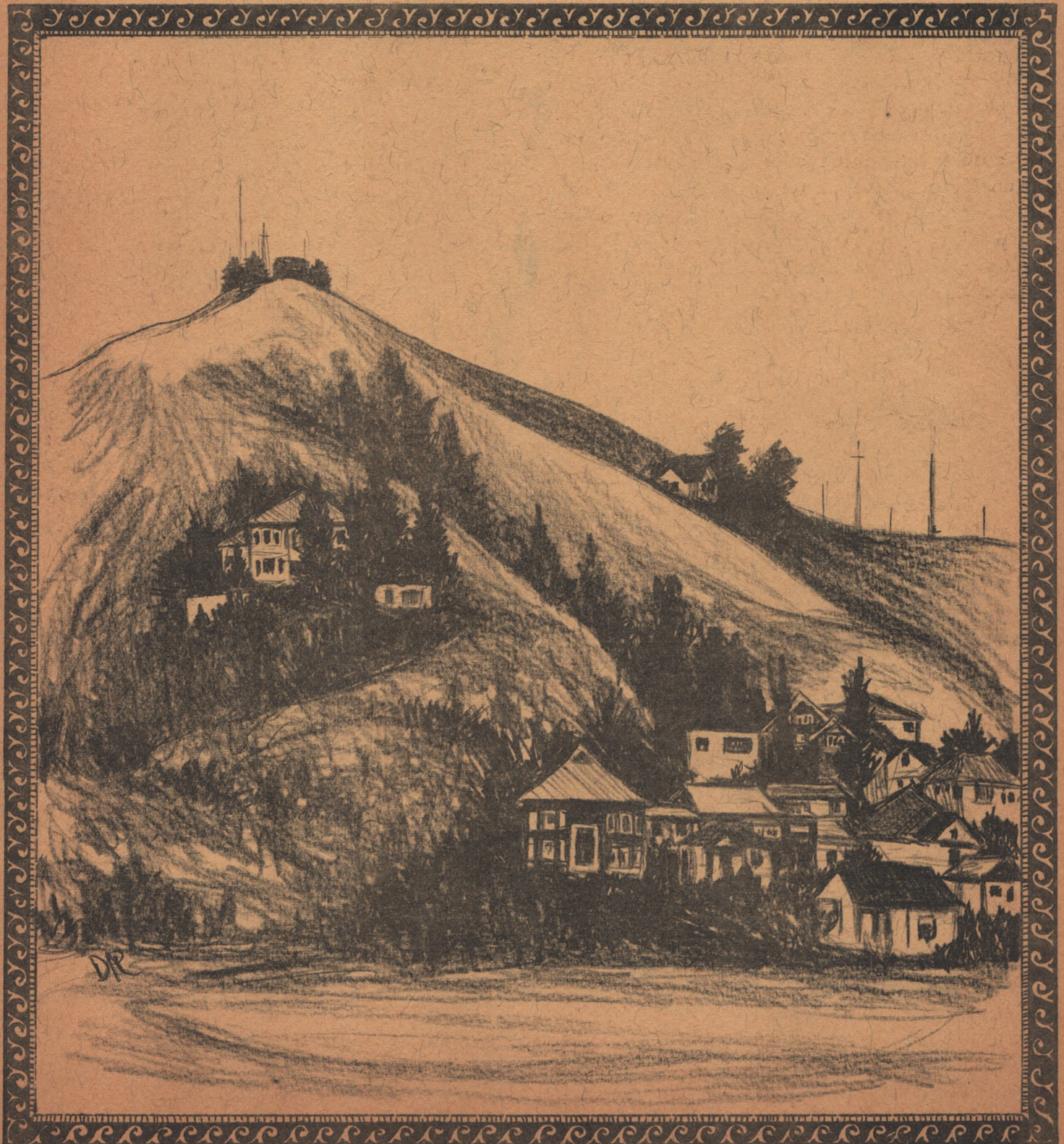
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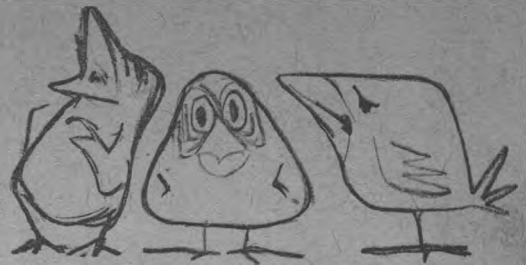
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WEEK OF JANUARY 17-24, 1969





Birdsville

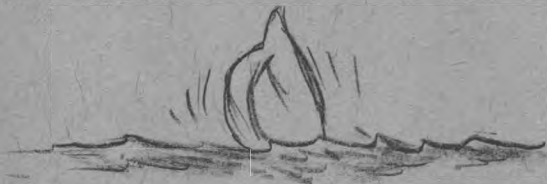


Misery is when you don't have to look up to find that there is a bird overhead.

Beginning in August, our Bay Area has been host to many of the four million migratory waterfowl from Canada and Alaska. There are four flyways in the U.S. -- the Atlantic, the Mississippi, the Central and our Pacific Flyway, which extends from the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean, and from Northern Alaska into Mexico. Most birds find their way to the Sacramento - San Joaquin Valley where the farms and wildlife refuges supply rice, millet and barley.



The most numerous ducks are the mallards, then pintails, widgeons, gadwalls, shovelers and teal. Snow, Ross and white-fronted geese abound. Diving ducks are less than 10% of the duck population. Most are dabbling ducks which tip up for small fishes, tadpoles, and leeches.



(What does a duckling become when it first takes to the water?..... Wet!)

Point Richmond has had mainly scaups, with a few canvasback and grebes. In February they'll start to return to their nesting grounds, in the north.



THE INSIDE OF THE MOUTH OF THE DUCKBILL (PLATYPUS)
IN CLOSED POSITION. NORTH AUSTRALIAN FEMALE.
- LOUISE FORAN

The book, Wild Sanctuaries is an excellent book on the subject of our National Wildlife Refuges, by Robert Murphy. It is available at our Point Library.



Why does an elephant lie on its back with its feet in the air?.....
(To trip birds.)

Next Sunday, January 19, John Olmsted, famed naturalist from the Oakland Museum, will conduct a guided tour of the Sacramento Wildlife Refuge. He'll meet you in his camper at 12 noon at the gate. Bring a lunch, binoculars and cameras, and allow 1 1/2 hours from Point Richmond to the sanctuary. Turn left at the Nut Tree at the Winters cut-off, to Highway 5 toward Willows. This sanctuary's 10,775 acres contain marshy ponds, millet ponds, rice fields and grassy uplands. There is a display pool and wildlife tour road.

..... Gerrie Kutzner

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REMINISCING

4.

with DON CHURCH

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

January 19, 1912:

PRE-MINI SKIRT DAYS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

"A few boy students were suspended from gym privileges, on account of their inability to obey the rules of staying out of the gym on girls' day! "

January 24, 1912:

WAGONS AND WALK-WAYS

"City Engineer H. D. Chapman is after local teamsters who have been driving heavily loaded wagons across the city sidewalks and breaking, chipping and cracking them.

NO KIDDING AROUND THIS TIME..

January 29, 1924: "Two Goats Limit For Each Family, Council Orders. "

"The City Council moved last night to limit the number of goats for each family to two.

"The goat situation was brought dramatically to the attention of the Council by Mrs. J. Differding of South 31st Street, who declared she had been driven to

the limit of her endurance by a herd of approximately 100 goats near her home, and if something to curb their depredations was not done, she would take the law in her own hands and slaughter the animals.

"She declared that the goats had eaten her flowers, tramped her lawn and made life miserable for more than a year. She had notified the city manager and the chief of police and a police guard had been set up and the goats kept away while the police were on guard. However as soon as the police left, out came the goats again. Some of the goats were taken in by the poundmaster and the owner fined, but the nuisance was not abated.

"The council held that goats in general were a nuisance, although families may be permitted to keep a couple of milk goats but no more. The ordinance to limit to two goats to a family will be introduced at the next meeting of the City Council. "

(On January 30, the owner of 97 goats was arrested. He promised to sell the goats.)

BUT--on February 5, the Council changed the limit of goats to eight per family... "Following the pleas of two women, in which one declared she was in constant need of goats milk, and would have to have at least 4 goats; and a statement by the other that she depended upon her goats for a livelihood, and could not possibly get along without less than 8."



5.

New to WEST SIDE

by Mary Burkhard



Quite a few new books have come to West Side Library recently, but I'll talk about only a few. First of all, we have THE YOGI COOK BOOK featuring delicious vegetarian recipes for those

of you inclined toward greenery.

IT'S LOCKED WITHIN YOU is a new gothic mystery by Gael Mayo. Recently married to her French husband, Elie, Iris is left alone in the crumbling family chateau while he goes to Indonesia on family business. She has become obsessed with the idea of restoring the chateau and works with Louise and her husband Bernard -- retainers at the nearby farm--at this work. Iris hears footsteps and odd noises and she sees a sinister figure in the grounds. A murder is committed in the village. She comes upon an Englishman who is hiding out after robbing a bank. Is he or is he not the killer of the inoffensive post-mistress in the village? ... The shadow knows....

TIME FOR GLORY by Robert O'Neil Bristow is a thought provoking timely novel. Sammy Apodaca--young, care-free, and happy-- is passing through the town of Yorksboro, South Carolina, one pleasant February day when he comes across an overturned and burning school bus with twenty-three children trapped inside. Sammy acts instinctively to save seventeen of them, and is himself burned almost fatally. But the thing about Sammy is not that he is young, care-free, happy and now a hero, but that he is black. The children he saved are white. Everyone in Yorksboro, from the white mayor to the black CORE leader, wants to do right by Sammy as long as he will serve their purposes. But Sammy is first of all his own man. He will not be used. This engrossing novel presents sympathetically and with understanding the moral dilemma Sammy and the people of Yorksboro face as a result of his act of courage. Neither he nor



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