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Deborah

1. Spring Cometh

An article from last year's Sunset Magazine about the delights of a weed-lot in March made us realize that it's almost March, and all those little weeds and grasses are becoming bigger and more succulent by the day. Whether you're a little kid or a big one, wandering through a weed lot in March can be a series of delightful discoveries.

Wild Oats---when full grown but still green can be pulled out of their stalk and made into musical instruments... Bite off two or three inches of stem, flatten the tender (not bitten) end to crack both sides,

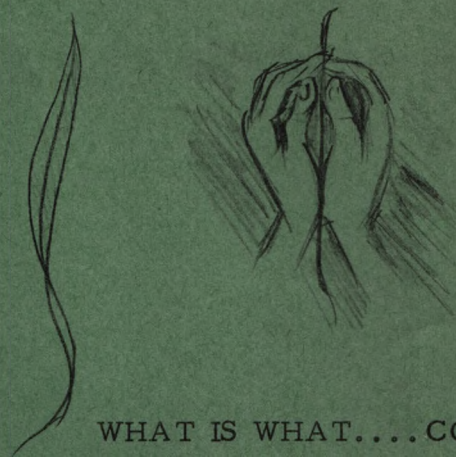


and put it in your mouth and blow.



If you use several stalks of different lengths, you can produce chords. Blow hard for high notes, soft for low notes. The little "woodwinds" make sounds like a double reed instrument.

You can crow a loud crow with a straight long leaf, by placing it between your thumbs and cupping your hands to make an echo chamber. The sound can be high or low, loud or soft, depending on how tightly the leaf is stretched, and how hard you blow.



WHAT IS WHAT....COLOR

by Isabel Austria

What is pink? A rose is pink,
By a fountain's brink.
What is red? A poppy's red,
In its barley bed.
What is blue? The sky is blue,
Where clouds float through.
What is white? A swan is white,
Sailing in the light.
What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.
What is green? The grass is green
With small flowers between.
What is violet? Clouds are violet,
In the summer twilight.
What is orange? Why and orange
Is orange.



"God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason."

--Dag Hammarskjöld



Coming Events

ELECTION

Election Day--don't forget--is February 25, Tuesday. There are only two polling places at the Point --The Methodist Church and Washington Elementary School.

LEAKEY SPEAKS

Dr. L.S. B. Leakey, who drew the largest crowd ever at a Contra Costa College lecture last year, will again speak at the college on Wednesday, February 26, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. The noted East African archaeologist will speak on "Evidence of Man's Evolution in Africa." As a scientist, he has devoted 30 years research in Olduvai Gorge, where he has unearthed almost all the new evidence of man's genesis in Africa.

Art FESTIVAL

Today and Saturday, February 22, Contra Costa College the events of the two concluding days of its Black Art Festival. Friday night, February 21, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium, the Black Art Dancers of the Performing Arts Workshop will perform, along with the Black Revolutionary Theatre.

Saturday, February 22, at 12 noon at the Student Center, the following activities will take place: The Aldridge Players West, "Frederick Douglass Speaks" by Leslie Perry, jazz by the George Duke Trio, an Art Exhibit, an African Clothing Style Show, Othello, by Henri Brown, and the North Richmond Actor's Workshop.

All events are free.

Off to the RACES

"Day At the Races", Friday, March 7, will be sponsored by the American

Cancer Society volunteers. Tickets for² the day are \$7.00 per person, \$3.50 of which will be returned to the American Cancer Society. Social hour at the Turf club is at 11 a.m., and luncheon is at 12:30, and then off to the races.

Richmond ticket chairman is Mrs. Ann Wurdack, phone 234-0051, or Mrs. Paul Ryan, 235-3794, or Mrs. John F. Rogers, 223-8562.

Park FILM

Richmond Redevelopment Agency's Art Theatre Presents: A special attraction, "A Regional Park at Point Richmond"...a 20-minute film with commentary, on Wednesday, February 26, at 12:15 p.m., 330 12th Street. Bring your own luncheon, free coffee and tea will be served. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

Play Ball !

Registration for the Point Richmond Boys' Baseball team will continue through the first week in March. Anyone wishing to sign up may contact Russ Paasch, 235-8947.

Nature WORKSHOP

The School Ground Nature Center workshop, for all adults who are interested in the concept of outdoor education, and the creation of centers of study on or near school grounds, will be held March 7 and 8, at Mira Vista School. The program opens at 7 p.m. Friday, March 7 with an introduction by Ken Thollaug, and a keynote speech by Dr. Marc Lappe, pathologist at U.C., followed by a description of Huscicon's purposes, and a school ground nature center that is now in existence. On Saturday, there will be discussions and plan preparations on a possible site, for practical application of the idea of a school ground nature center.

GOLF Anyone?

Entries are being accepted for the third annual Contra Costa March of Dimes benefit golf tournament to be held Monday, March 24, at Contra Costa Country Club on Golf Club Road, one-half mile west of Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill. The entry fee of \$30 covers greens fee, cart and deluxe dinner the night of the tournament.

The tournament is open to any golfer who would like to participate while contributing to the charity. Golfers may call 254-4031 for further information.

PIANO RECITAL

Well-known Bay area artist, Xenia Boodberg Lee will be presented in a piano recital at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington on February 28, Friday evening at 8:15 p.m. Included in the program will be compositions by Clementi, Hindemith, San Francisco composer Mack Crooks, and Dmitri Kabalevsky. General admission is \$2.50, students \$1.00.

COMIC OPERA

"The Mikado", Gilbert and Sullivan's brilliant comic opera, will be presented March 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. at King (formerly Garfield) Jr. High at 1781 Rose St. Berkeley. All tickets are \$1.00.

With fine soloists and full chorus, and a full orchestra, the college-community group under the direction of Dr. Randolph Hunt, will make a sparkling performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular comic opera. It has been translated into almost every tongue, and has received more performances than any other comic opera ever written. Tickets are now available by calling 233-4999, or may be purchased at the door.

Point - Meet the Point!

A date which has already been marked with a large X on many Point calendars is March 21 -- the night that Point Richmond has the irresistible opportunity to face itself.

A reading of a novel-in-progress by Bernard Johnston, author and teacher, and creator of a novel that is based on a place very much like the Point, has piqued the curiosity of many people already.

The reading, a benefit for Save-the-Bay Association, will begin at 8 p.m. March 21, and tickets are now available through Stoddard Realty, The Baltic, Jumbo Burgers, The Ichthus, the Point Branch Library, The Point Restaurant and the Mac Hotel, or from Louise Hammond, Louise Foran, Charles Dutro, Jean Knox, Dorothy King, Charles Schroeder, George Baldwin and Charles Tower. Due to limited seating at Washington, persons planning to attend should get tickets early. General admission is \$2.00, students (17 and over) \$1.50. The reading is not recommended as a family affair -- it is an adult novel.

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

THE GALE OF 1917

"400 Phones went out and \$900 damage resulted when the fierce gale of Saturday night snapped five poles of the PT&T at Ashland Avenue and Ohio Street. A total of 29 men have been working since 4:00 Sunday morning to complete the work by 5 o'clock this evening.

"The Point cable fell across the Santa Fe tracks and Wire Chief Gates was unable to clear the track in time and a freight train ran across the cable thus disconnecting the telephone communications of all the city.

"Temporary service was installed for the Standard Oil plant within two hours after the accident. The gale was so strong that the company Ford could only do 10 miles per hour driving against the wind. Gates was almost blown off his feet when he left the Ford to inspect the cable. Five poles came down and 700 feet of cable fell across the tracks.

"Four hundred lights flamed on the switch board simultaneously causing the operators to sit up and take notice. The wire chief located the trouble within 20 minutes."....Feb. 26, 1917.

"HERBERT D. BILL AND JULIA WAITE WEDDED SUNDAY"

"In the presence of immediate relatives only, Miss Julia Waite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Waite of 17 Delfino Avenue, and Herbert D. Bill, well known Standard Oil employee and son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Bill of C Street, were wedded by Rev. P. E. Doyle in Our Lady of Mercy Church at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Miss Mary Waite, sister of the bride and Henry Bill, brother of the bridegroom were the attendants.

Following the marriage ceremony a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride.

"Following a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bill will reside at the Alta apartments until their home is ready for occupancy.

"Both young people are very well and and favorably known in Richmond. Miss Waite has been employed as stenographer by the Western Pipe and Steel Company while Mr. Bill has been employed by the Standard Oil Company. A wide circle of friends of the couple will extend their congratulations."

----February 27, 1922.

IN 1902, you could go to the Richmond Emporium and buy 24 pounds of sugar for \$1.00, or 8 pounds of Cracked Java Coffee for \$1.00, 32 pounds of Bayo Beans for \$1.00, 35 pounds of Pink Beans for \$1.00, 18 pounds of rice for \$1.00, 10 pounds of corn meal for 30 cents--only problem was storage!



5. SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOTTEN?

by Joanne McCuan Pike

Not on your life! Just recently several old acquaintances got together at the Chet Pike home in San Pablo for an evening of reminiscing. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ewing, the former Colleen Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sanders (Mary Routh) and son, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lappin, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Sanders, Rev. and Mrs. Ira Aikens (former pastor of the Pt. Baptist Church), Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smalling, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner, Mrs. Virginia Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fairbanks and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCuan, Mr. and Mrs. David McCuan, and Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fraser, the present interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond.

Many of those attending had been childhood friends. (First childhood, that is, as some of us are rapidly approaching our second!) These included Mr. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sanders, Mr. Joseph Lappin, and Mrs. Pike, the former Joanne McCuan. All had been members of the Point Baptist Youth Fellowship. They have all since strayed from the fold. The Ewings strayed to San Leandro, the Perry Sanders, & the U.S. AirForce, to Texas, the Lappins to Martinez, and Mr. and Mrs. Pike to San Pablo.

They had all lived in the Point area during the years that followed World War II, when you really hated to admit it! At that time in the Point community, the Old Firehouse was just that, the Police station occupied the adjoining section, which is presently the Apple Tree Bakery, and the Point Orient was a thriving movie theatre, owned by a Mr. Swartz. Bob Young and Dave Lee (whom all the girls were madly in love with at one time or another) were busy as always at the Santa Fe Market. The original West Side Branch Library stood at the intersection of Park Place and Washington Avenue. The Masquer's Playhouse was then the Liberty Market and the Variety store down from the Hotel Mac

was also a market, called the Washington. The Park had many, many trees and was bordered by a huge hedge which obscured the playing area from view. The original Washington School stood where the present play area for young children is, and the Richmond Recreation Department occupied a ground floor room. The recreation leaders were Herbert Bill and a lady named Audrey, whose last name I have long forgotten since we girls were only in love with Herbie Bill. We had some great times when there were special holiday parties and pet parades, etc. We never lacked for something to do, and we all think so often of the good times we had then.

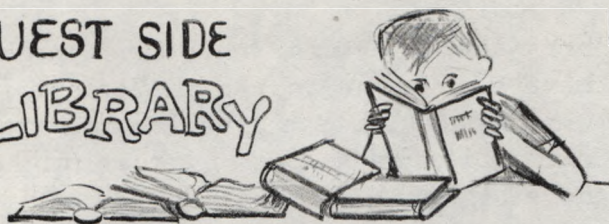
This writer attended day care classes in the old Washington School building, after regular school hours, since my parents both worked in shipyards. The late Mrs. Esser was one of the teachers, and we kids loved her. As a special treat, she would often take us for a walk up to her house to see the fish in her little pond in the front yard of her Nicholl Avenue home.

There were two very special reasons for the reunion celebration. The first was the safe arrival of Perry Sanders from Vietnam. The second was in thankfulness for the recovery of Joe Smalling from two very critical brain operations. Rev. Aikens offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Refreshments were 'pot luck' style, all were delicious, and we all went away wondering why we had neglected so long to get together. There's really nothing quite so wonderful as old friends, is there?



WEST SIDE LIBRARY



by Mary Burkhard

WOW! We had 45 people in our tiny library to see the film The Red Balloon. That's great! Thanks to good old George W., the library will be closed this Saturday, but March 1st at 11:10, we will show two shorter films: Mosaic is a Norman McLaren film using geometric and abstract design along with fast flickers and rapid fluctuations of complementary and contrasting colors and after-image effects. Nature Next Door was made in Tilden Park. Professor Stebbins used the enthusiasm and excitement of children discovering the fascinating world of wild things to show the importance of wild areas close at hand. The informative narration and fine photography combine in an educational program that shows insects, reptiles, birds, the plants, and mammals common to the area. Both films are in color.

NEW BOOKS

In EDUCATION AND ECSTASY, George B. Leonard portrays the very real frustration and disillusionment of the young student, the teacher, and the parent. He then explains how the present classroom trap can be broken. He takes the reader on a visit to the school of the future ---and shows how it can be created today. He proposes that in the coming age lifelong education will be the main purpose of life; man will at last realize the awesome potential of his brain, the creative capacity of which is, for all practical purposes, infinite. This book is a challenge and an inspiration to every student, parent and educator.

TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME
JUNIE MOON by Marjorie Kellogg is a love story but a highly unusual love story.

On its surface the novel is the story of three patients who met in the hospital and decided to live together. One, the indomitable heroine Julie Moon, has been disfigured by a deranged lover. Arthur, the second patient, suffers from a "progressive neurological disease" which causes him to walk with a careening gait. The third member of the triangle, Warren, was shot in the spine while hunting with a friend, and has spent his days since in a wheel - chair. The adventures of this strange trio with a variety of people from the outside world make up the novel. It is full of high comedy and pathos, and it is written with a simplicity that belies the depth of its insight into the ways we all struggle to live and love.

We have George Plimpton's latest book, THE BOGEY MAN, which is his account of what happened to him in his month on the professional golf circuit--- "the tour"; the amateurs, pros, caddies, officials, fans, and hangers-on he met; the golf legends, adventures, stroke-saving theories, superstitions, and other golfing lore which he absorbed, and his actual experiences as a player from tee to green. If it's as good as "Paper Lion" it should be a winner.

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P.S. Overheard in library:

Very Young Patron: "Do you have Green Eggs and Ham? (a popular Dr. Seuss book)

Librarian: "What do you think this is, a short order house?"

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Know Your Neighbors

Last October, Dr. Marc Lappe and his wife Frances moved into a home on Cypress Point Road. They moved to California immediately after Dr. Lappe had finished his graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Lappe works at the Cancer Research Genetics Laboratory at the University of California, and we're convinced that he must have a secret formula that reverses the aging process, because both members of the couple looked like high school grads. One would hardly guess the impressive backgrounds of this attractive couple.

Mrs. Lappe, originally from Fort Worth, Texas, worked in the Urban Renewal Project in Philadelphia and is presently doing graduate work in the School of Social Welfare at U.C. Dr. Lappe received his education in Connecticut, began his graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle, and then the University of Pennsylvania.

Besides his research at the Cancer Research Laboratory, Dr. Lappe teaches courses in ecology, and is active in a new Ecology Action Group in Oakland, which has created a nature center for the use of local students, who use it to "discover" the wonders of nature. His description of their creation of an island presents an example of the importance of nature study.... the dependence of all living things on other living things. One of the children wanted to put his pet mouse on the island, which had gradually become inhabited by beetles, and was being allowed to develop naturally, without the help of man. The student found that the mouse would die without more than just the beetles to feed on, and learned about the interdependence of living things.

Dr. Lappe sees a connection between his cancer research and the whole of our lives in the world. A greater understanding and appreciation of the human

body and its natural inhabitants might have altered the course of Western medicine, just as a greater understanding and appreciation of nature might have altered the course of Western civilization generally.

Using as an example the especially heart-breaking cases of Leukemia in children, Dr. Lappe pointed out the methods we use in combating disease. Anti-biotics are used, and may kill most of the disease cells. However, it has been found that there are resistant strains. The solution has been to increase dosage greatly, which does not eliminate the resistant strains, and further treatment must be made with a different anti-biotic. The result, because of the simple form of disease cells, and their ability to change quickly is that new forms of diseases are being created, and, since no treatment is effective on certain cells, the centers of treatment - the hospitals - have become infection centers. This is a simplified statement of a far more complex inter-action, but illustrates the effect that our methods of combatting disease have had. Perhaps a greater understanding of natural forces within the body could have provided for wiser use of medication.

In the same way, our lack of knowledge of the interdependence of all life on the natural forces provided has caused man, in effect, to reverse the evolutionary process. Through the use of DDT and other unnatural chemicals, the gradual effect is becoming, throughout the world, the elimination of all but the hardiest strains of animals. Dr. Lappe explained that plankton, the minute form of life that exists in waters, is our most important source of oxygen. The build-up of toxic concentrations was illustrated by the cycle of natural feeding... sea life feeding on plankton that have absorbed tiny amounts of DDT, for instance, have an increased amount of it in their bodies, since they cannot expel it. Fish feeding on these smaller forms build up a greater amount,

which can also not be expelled from the animal's system. Predator birds, eating fish, then receive toxic amounts of the chemical, and in an effort to abort the unwanted substance, their bodies rid themselves instead of the needed substances for reproduction. The extinction of so many of the sea birds has been due to the use of chemicals, and the results have not yet been completely realized. Should concentrations become heavy enough to affect even the simpler forms of life, the plankton, the obvious extinction of many forms of animal life would result. The tragedy in what human beings are doing to the world lies partly in the fact that the forms of life we are extinguishing are the more advanced forms. (Ending with man?) These more advanced forms, then, seem to become trophies for the hunters, and the few remaining members are often killed outright.

A more devastating picture of the world we live in would be hard to paint if you were a science-fiction writer, but this man does not deal in fiction. Luckily, he and many dedicated men are continuing to work toward a possible solution for the world around us -- but, of course, it depends upon the ability of the rest of us to listen and understand.

(*Dr. Lappe will be the introductory speaker at the Nature Center Workshop at Mira Vista School, March 7 at 7 p.m.)

Rummage

Set aside this day--March 1, for a visit to the Jobs Daughter's Rummage sale, which will be located at 224-13th Street, Richmond.

* Yesterday, Thursday, February 20, the deadline for filing for the Contra Costa College Board, Mr. William Kretzmer filed for the position. Mr. Kretzmer has served on the board for several years.



by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

We are sorry to hear that Jack Creed is back in the hospital again but wish him a speedy recovery.

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The Blue and Gold Dinner, the cub scout social event of the year, was attended by over one-hundred-and-fifty cubs, parents and families on Thursday night at Washington School. Ricky Espinoza received a special perfect attendance award, and many cubs were recipients of other awards. Den Chiefs honored were David Hein, John Trowbridge, Wally Wallace, Mike Pohl, and Dan Darling. Cubmaster Wally Darling is to be congratulated for the successful Pack 135.

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A Go-getter is the youngest member of the family who, when asked to do something, can't protest.

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An unnamed group of six local ladies plus one out-of-town lady, observed a very long lunch at Point Orient on Wednesday. One heard the mention of birthdays, but there wasn't any evidence of cake or candles. It was hard to tell WHO was listening to whom as they all were busy laughing and talking at the same time. Obviously a group that had to disperse together versus separately!

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boie of Lake City Minnesota spent a few days in Point Richmond, getting away from the snows of Minnesota and enjoying their granddaughters, Roni and Jodi Roselius.

Congratulations to the Point's Gust Allyn for being chosen Richmond's Man of the Year!

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February birthdays plus Shanghai plus August Birthdays and the rest of the WSCS equals one hilarious, if not unsightly scene! When the Aquarius and Pisces join the Leos and Virgos--anything goes! Tuesday morning -- early -- doorbells rang and robed (and disrobed) members of the WSCS answered only to be taken "as was" to the Rodeo home of President Helen Valentine for a gourmet breakfast treat. August Birthday guests were even served waffles with lighted ( and relighting) candles (the better to make more wishes with). Bell

Ringers were those whose birthdays fell in February, namely, Bessie Squires, Helen Crim and Florence Wilson. (???A February birthday??) The incognito group included Alice Resh, Gertnude Paasch, Oretta Eaton, Mid Dornan, Lucille Holladay, Laurel Bray, Nina Wilbanks, Devere Davenport, Hazel Newman, Grethe Tedrick, Dorothy Selzer, Frances Smith and Christine Dennis.

While they had such a captive group, a Father-son Banquet for all members of the church and community was planned, for Friday March 14.

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A young minister announced one Sunday that he would dispense with the formality of standing at the door and shaking hands with the faithful at the end of the service. Instead, he now goes out and shakes hands with the parents in cars waiting to pick up their children from Sunday School.

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In a democracy, the votes of the vicious and stupid count. But under any other system, they might be running the show. --(Boston Globe).

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Our California to Washington to Maine and back to California correspondent, Jessie Clark, calls to let us know she is well informed regarding our local tax issues and elections--moreso than most voters here!

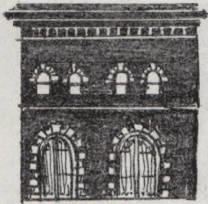
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CAMP FIRE.....

I have two Camp Fire Girls in need of Ceremonial gowns, but who can't afford to purchase them. If anyone has an old gown that is in good condition, or might have a job that the girls could earn \$6.50 doing, will you please call me at 234-5334?

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The PA KA NENA Junior High Camp Fire Group had a Ceremonial on Thursday. It was held at our leaders house. We planned to hold it at Kennedy Grove,



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Those who attended were Mrs. Dornan, leader, Uldine Nickola, sponsor from the Point, Pat Dornan, sponsor from Rohnert Park, Helen Valentine, assistant leader from Rodeo, and Debbie Bradley, Coral Campbell, Roberta Dornan, Robin Mohr, Dee Valentine and Lucinda Wade, members of our group.

We received many awards, such as "Keep America Beautiful", "Pen Pals", leather honors for selling Christmas tickets and candy mints plus honor beads in the seven crafts of Camp Fire. Three girls received five-year awards. They are Coral Campbell, Dee Valentine, and Roberta Dornan. Lisa Walker received a three-year award.

After the ceremonial we cooked hot dogs over a fire in the fireplace. It was a big success.

A Ske Sasa
Roberta D.

FOUNDERS DAYS

The Roosevelt Founder's Day dinner was held last Tuesday, (the shortest Founders Day meeting in history?), with new president, Dorothy Brown presiding. The presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Award was made to Mr. Helfrick. Two selections were played by the school band, and the event was followed by coke and cookies.

Nystrom School invited several Washington PTA members to attend their Founders' Day on Thursday, with a luncheon and selections by the Glee Club. Grethe Tedrick and Sharon Taylor were guests from Washington, with Louise Genosick and Donna Roselius as Council representatives. One of the special guests was School Board Candidate Jim Smith, member of the Richmond Advisory committee on Defacto Segregation and chairman of the East Bay Conference on Religion and Race. He has been actively concerned with division and misunderstanding in the community. He believes that "polarization between the races is a suicide course." He has served a school principal, assistant college president, and director of the education center of the American

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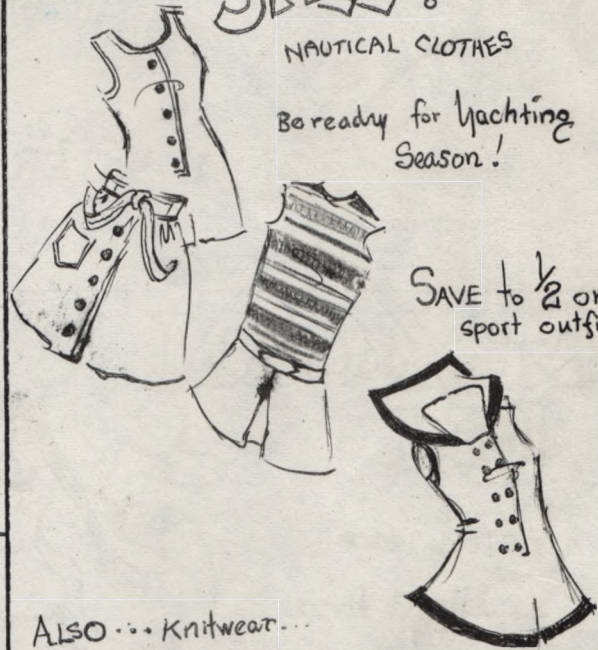
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School BOARD

On Thursday morning, three members of the present School Board held a press conference. The three members, Dr. Barusch, Mrs. Stiles and Mrs. Berry all announced their intention not to run again for the Richmond Unified School District Board.

Dr. Barusch stated that his overriding reason for his decision was the influence his candidacy might have on the success of the forthcoming tax election. Our District is in grave financial crisis. The A.R. E., the largest teachers' organization, is imposing crippling sanctions on our district. We must have funds now to permit competitive salary schedules, to be fully staffed in September, he stated.

He said that our community has allowed extremists to take leadership in the fight against meaningful solutions to the problems of integration. Behavior at Board meetings has sunk to an unbelievable low. While being lifted from the ambulance to attend last week's Board meeting, Mrs. Berry was subjected to shouts of "Drop her", from anti-integration parents. As Board members, said Dr. Barusch, the three trustees have, along with their families, been subjected to anonymous obscene phone calls, vilification and threats of bodily harm.

Dr. Barusch urged the voters to press for quality education for all, and to investigate carefully the Board candidates and choose wisely, and most important, to support the tax election.

Mrs. Berry also stated that, because of the polarization in the community, it seemed to her that the public might best be served if the three majority members be removed. Her presidency of the State PTA, she feels, must now take precedence in importance, and she hopes to be able to serve all the children of the state through this office.

Mrs. Stiles stated that, until recently, being a board member had been a rewarding experience, but that the pressures by extremists made it virtually impossible to conduct the business of the district in an efficient manner. She did state that there seems to be a growing concern in the community, and that hopefully, new leadership could bring the community together.

THE RICHMOND SYMPHONY CHORUS is accepting new members through the end of February. If you are interested, call Mrs. Ball, 223-3479, or Richmond Adult Evening School, 234-1766.

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After the 11 o'clock service at the First United Methodist Church next Sunday, the MYF youth group will host a coffee fellowship, serving snacks for donations, which will go to the Leprosy League, and also to help finance another Snow Trip.

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Rev. Richard Smith wishes to thank the canvassers who went out to call on members of the Methodist Church, and friends of the church, last week end.

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The Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church will sponsor a night at the Masquers Playhouse, February 22, Saturday, to "Come Blow Your Horn". Tickets may be obtained from Sharon Hardwick, 235-2192, or at the Masquers.

Friday evenings during Lent, Our Lady of Mercy Church will present the Stations of the Cross and benedictions at 7:30. There will be no catechism class this Saturday because of Washington's birthday.

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Some beautiful paintings arrived from Taiwan, and will soon be hanging in the office of Dr. Barusch. They were purchased on a recent visit to that country.

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New bartender at The Point Restaurant is Bill Moore, who previously worked at the Jack London Inn and the Hotel Claremont, and who is part-owner of Jumbo Burgers.

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Samantha, who previously sang at the "Hungry I" in San Francisco, is singing at the Ichthus Coffee House in Point Richmond on Monday through Friday, at 12 to 1 and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday evenings.

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School BOARD

On Thursday morning, three members of the present School Board held a press conference. The three members, Dr. Barusch, Mrs. Stiles and Mrs. Berry all announced their intention not to run again for the Richmond Unified School District Board.

Dr. Barusch stated that his overriding reason for his decision was the influence his candidacy might have on the success of the forthcoming tax election. Our District is in grave financial crisis. The A.R.E., the largest teachers' organization, is imposing crippling sanctions on our district. We must have funds now to permit competitive salary schedules, to be fully staffed in September, hestated.

He said that our community has allowed extremists to take leadership in the fight against meaningful solutions to the problems of integration. Behavior at Board meetings has sunk to an unbelievable low. While being lifted from the ambulance to attend last week's Board meeting, Mrs. Berry was subjected to shouts of "Drop her", from anti-integration parents. As Board members, said Dr. Barusch, the three trustees have, along with their families, been subjected to anonymous obscene phone calls, vilification and threats of bodily harm.

Dr. Barusch urged the voters to press for quality education for all, and to investigate carefully the Board candidates and choose wisely, and most important, to support the tax election.

Mrs. Berry also stated that, because of the polarization in the community, it seemed to her that the public might best be served if the three majority members be removed. Her presidency of the State PTA, she feels, must now take precedence in importance, and she hopes to be able to serve all the children of the state through this office.

Mrs. Stiles stated that, until recently, being a board member had been a rewarding experience, but that the pressures by extremists made it virtually impossible to conduct the business of the district in an efficient manner. She did state that there seems to be a growing concern in the community, and that hopefully, new leadership could bring the community together.

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Sorry to hear that Tony Barnardi and Chris Vincent are sick.

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Many people periodically ask what happened to the Indian Statue and drinking fountain that graced the front of the old Point Library. It was dedicated in September 4, 1909, and stood for many years, until the Second World War, when it disappeared.

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Mrs. Martin (Bea) Kenoyer's son, William Smith will play his compositions on his fabulous clarinet at the University of California (Davis) this week end, after which he will visit with his parents in the Point, and then go on to Los Angeles for another concert. He is widely known in the music world, both as a composer and a clarinetist.

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The coffee for Elton Brombacher this week was well attended. Mr. Brombacher stated that he, as a candidate for State Senate, wished to end unfair taxes, he is in favor of on-the-job training programs for people now dependent on welfare, and is concerned about adequate housing. Quality education is important, he believes, and he is in favor of the right of 18-year olds to vote.

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Sue Sheehan will conduct crocheting classes in her home for anyone who is interested. Call her at 237-1876 if you are interested.

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Special Meeting

A SPECIAL meeting of the Shoreline Parks Committee will be held on Monday, February 24 at 12 o'clock at the Ichthus Coffee House... all park lovers are invited.

Many offers of help on the March 22nd Spring Park Festival have been coming in. The Girl Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls and many others have shown interest in the picnic plans.

It is hoped that next year's spring celebration will be on part of the new park itself, so that worries of water tanks and "ticky-tacky" buildings (no matter how expensive) will be part of history. In other activities, the committee

is presenting "Moving Mountains", their film on the needs of our crowded city for a beach and hillside park.

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Put the ingredients together in the order listed, beating well with each addition of liquid. Transfer to oiled muffin pans and bake from 30 - 35 minutes in a quick oven. (375°). Makes 18 medium sized muffins.

-- Hazel Heater.

On the Bus

While taking the bus down town, I overheard the bus driver and a lady passenger on the bus talking about bussing students. The bus driver stated that it wouldn't work. The woman agreed, and stated, furthermore, that she wouldn't have her children bussed to school. The conversation progressed, and when the woman left the bus, it occurred to me that children who live in that area, in Atchison Village, at one time did have the advantage of a bus to school -- now they have to walk, and it's a long walk. The traffic hazards encountered in crossing Standard Avenue are not insignificant. But yet, this woman was firmly against "bussing." The usual arguments against bussing -- the inability of the children to participate closely in school activities, the inability of parents to take part in PTA and related activities sound strange when you realize that many of the children now attending schools live far enough away from them to receive none of these advantages -- and the parents are never seen near the school, either.

Our Man on the Park Board

Paul Badger, our West Contra Costa representative on the East Bay Regional Park Board is particularly happy that Brooks Island, as well as Wildcat Canyon, is now a part of the Park District. "Now, if we can do as well by our shoreline and hillside park at Point Richmond, I'll feel that our area will be a very proud and beautiful part of the Park system," he says. He is deeply dedicated to the idea of making the shoreline park as naturally and simply developed as possible.

Brooks Island, now owned by the Park District, is continuing to be leased by Bing Crosby and Trader Vic, as a hunting refuge, and their lease will continue until the park is ready to develop the lands.

— L. Hammond

Eulogy to a Public Servant

His background was good--and because he had a gilt-edged education, he realized the value of quality education for all children. He wanted all children in the Richmond School District to have the same opportunities as his children.

An honorable man, Dr. Maurice Barusch. A man of much sympathy and little empathy... Lack of empathy has hindered this man in expressing himself to the very people he wanted to reach out to; and his sympathy has made him the target of racial hatred. Today he did a very difficult thing. He announced that he would not seek reelection to the School Board, because he feels he has become the focus of the polarization in this School District. When you've fought hard and long for a cause it's easier to vacate if you know you are leaving a successor to fill your place. Maurice Barusch is not leaving

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a successor. He says he has confidence in the voters.

We in Point Richmond know that he originally ran for the School Board because he believed in quality education and no one else seemed to care as much as he did. But when you're exposed to all the schools in this district, you begin to see that some children are receiving an inadequate education, and this problem must be solved before they can be given a quality education.

The Barusch family has been subjected to indecent phone calls, and the threats on Mr. Barusch's life have been serious enough to warrant police protection.

Even though this district seems to move slowly on integration it was too fast for many. But he believes that we have done more than the average district. Thank you, Dr. Barusch and family, for your contribution to the Richmond Unified School District, and all children. Remember that unless a man has acquired friends and enemies, he has not done a meaningful job.

--L. G.

Know your local Police

One of the three police officers on the Point Richmond beat, John Fussleman, is also a new resident of the Point. Born in San Francisco, he attended schools there, and graduated from San Francisco City College. He majored in criminology, and becoming a policeman in the spring of 1965 was the realization of a boyhood ambition.

Tall, handsome and quiet, officer Fussleman gives an impression of dignity and competence. He regrets that "walking the beat" is no longer possible, as it is so much harder for the policeman now to be a friendly

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part of the neighborhood.

He feels that an alert citizen can do much to prevent burglaries. If people would call in to the police when they see an unfamiliar door to door salesman, for example, many sneak burglaries would be avoided.

His shift is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and his territory is from Tenth Street, south of the Santa Fe tracks, and the whole Point area. Because of the railroad crossings, he can encounter delays when answering calls.

He is married since August, to the former Vada Elsey, whom he met in Germany when he was in the Air Force.

If you see a young, handsome blue-eyed policeman with a trim mustache, say, "Hello, officer Fussleman, "--- he is your neighbor as well as your policeman.

The other Point Richmond police officers will be interviewed for the readers of Point Counterpoint in future weeks.

--Louise Hammond.

Letter

Dear Editor:

If one can examine the abstract issues involved in the S.F. State situation, he need not be bewildered by the meaning of it all.

When I say freedom, which is a highly overused abstraction, I hope that is understood that this state of existence would encompass every human being. It is very simple to illustrate why some people have to give up a little to others, and this is not an abridgement of freedom. Rather, he should be grateful that he has anything to give up at all. Let me give you an example.

On certain islands inhabited by tribes of monkeys, some archaeologists decided to try an experiment involving survival. They placed just enough food to feed half of the monkeys for the

winter. The more dominant male monkeys were able to eat as much as they wanted because the subordinate monkeys didn't dare feed on their territory. At the end of the experiment, the subordinate monkeys had starved to death while the dominant males and their mates came through well fed. If the dominant monkeys had shared their food with the others, they all would have starved, so the starvation of some insured the future existence of the tribe. If our country were in the same situation, and there were not enough money to send "inferiors" to school, naturally, the "superiors" would be the only ones allowed to matriculate in significant numbers. But this is a land of plenty, and we have more than enough for all. If a school is closed for the semester or five years for some, only to be opened for everyone when it does open, I should think that would more than compensate for the inconvenience caused some advantaged students.

I was fortunate enough to have striking teachers so I didn't face the dilemma of whether or not to take finals. It was decided for me.

Sometimes violence, destruction, obscene gestures and crude remarks are the only reaction a frustrated idealist can find to communicate with a system that acts only under the influence of money. We're not all rich and students can't afford to hire lobbyists. Striking students are making a serious attempt to improve the quality of American education for everyone.

Yours truly,
Sarah Hipolito.

Buster Crabbe, who long played the role of Tarzan in motion pictures suggests that today's hippies are really just refugees from those old Tarzan films--they wear their hair like Tarzan, walk like Jane and smell like Cheetah.

The Rites of Spring

by Alonzo E. Whitlock

As most of us know, Spring comes very early to the California Coast. In fact, the discerning eye can notice unmistakable signs of the onrush of Spring in swelling buds and burgeoning grass as early as the first weeks of January. In spite of the almost constant rain in the Bay Area during the past few weeks, and the preponderance of dull, overcast days, a great many of the wild flowers and shrubs we consider harbingers of Spring are already in bloom. And if you haven't already done so, now is the time to get out of the house between storms and the showers, when you can, to hike the coastal hills and drive the highways to see the great coastal wild flower display that has already got under way. 11

In one sense, we can be grateful for the heavy winter rains this year, as it promises to bring on one of the greatest crops of Spring wildflowers our State has seen in decades.

Even now, the seasonal blossom parade has begun with a rush.

Which flowering plant do you consider a sure unfailing sign of Spring? To many people, it is the Acacia, and you can see them now in full bloom everywhere - around town and throughout the countryside. Even though we all know these Acacias are not native to our state, surely here is a flowering tree, dominant in its seasonal impact, that must make it readily apparent to everyone Spring is here. If Acacias, in their full burst of bloom, are as joyous and uplifting to you as they are to me, go take a short drive along those parts of the freeway through Richmond and El Cerrito where they have been planted in large masses by the landscape crews of our State Highway Department. They certainly make a fine display each Spring. although at this writing, they are already past their peak. I might add, the Baily Acacias planted in long avenues along part of

the Freeway, form excellent examples of the use of a single tree in large-scale, harmonious landscape design. And those people who are allergic to the pollen of acacia flowers, unfortunately, will not greet their bright cloud-like masses of yellow blossoms with the same enthusiastic response as the rest of us, but nevertheless, it is an unfailing indicator that Spring has come.

Many gardeners will vouch for the common Crocus as Spring's unfailing surety. I, too, consider the lowly Crocus one of the earliest and most delightful heralds of Spring, but the Crocus unfortunately, is not for public display. No, its scale of reference is too restricted. Growing in enclosed and secluded garden plots as it most often is, the Crocus does not speak forcefully to a majority of people that Spring is just around the corner.

The one plant I would unhesitatingly consider the surest sign of Spring is wild mustard. Although not a true California native, having been introduced as a weed from Europe over a hundred years ago, the mustard has made itself so much at home in our benign climate, and is so common and far ranging, most laymen are unaware of its foreign origin. But to my mind, the wild mustard, which often begins to bloom among the coastal hills and along the slopes as early as the first week of January, is consistently and unfailingly the sign of a California Spring. In late summer and fall, mustard is a sorry looking plant, coarse and weedy looking, but in earliest Spring, a field of mustard in bloom, making a sea of pale yellow blossoms, is a beautiful sight. Although wild mustard grows in sporadic patches on the sea bluffs and along the beaches-it can be found in drifts throughout the hills of the proposed shoreline regional park at Point Richmond, it is in the coastal valleys with their great expanses of Apple, apricot and almond orchards where the mustard is most often found en masse. But it isn't necessary to go that far to see it in bloom- almost every vacant lot has its patch, and all over town one can find it in the poorest soil and in the most desolate spots, bravely holding its crown of small, light yellow flowers up to the wind and the rain.

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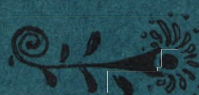
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FEB. 24 - Monday

Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee meeting - 12 noon
Ichthus Coffee House.

FEB. 25 - Tuesday

State Senate Election

FEB. 26 - Dr. L.S.B. Leakey-lecture,
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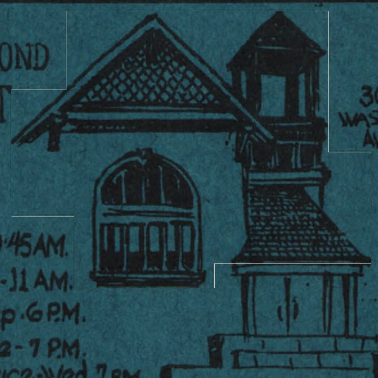
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