

# POINT COUNTERPOINT

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1. TIMOTHY HAMMOND , citizen of the world, and for the twenty two years of his life resident of our neighborhood, was critically injured in an automobile accident on July the fourth, which four days later proved fatal.

Twenty two years of life, of creativity and vibrance, curiosity and insouciance, reckless gaiety, and sensitive concern. Twenty two years is a long or short time depending on how you look at it. Tim lived a lot, absorbed a lot and gave a lot in his twenty- two years. Growing up, happily with the San Francisco Bay for his front yard, he was blessed with parents who wanted their children to be independent, courageous, feeling people, and who encouraged their children to be free in exploring the multifacets of the world around them.



A lovable, exasperating, interesting and amusing little boy, Tim grew up with a responsive awareness of his world, and the capacity for forming relationships as varied as they were loyal and strong.

Loving life he was unable to accept the idea of taking the life of another, and he became a conscientious objector to the Vietnam conflict. Doggedly and faithfully he completed the period of alternate service required of Conscientious objectors, and it was with the joyous sense of relief that all young men must feel who have fulfilled their obligation that he was setting forth to visit the beautiful country of the Southwest when the automobile accident occurred.

The world is poorer with the loss of this gentle, vital spirit, and the neighborhood mourns with his family.

Requiescet in Pace.

.. L. Edwards

# Reminiscing

..... 50 YEARS AGO TODAY.....

Articles from old Richmond Newspapers courtesy of Don Church, the Richmond Museum and the Richmond Library.

On July 14, 1919, the news from Washington included the appointment of Col. E. E. Winslow to the California Debris Commission (that's where it all came from!)... an unsuccessful attempt to repeal the wartime prohibition... and a veto by President Wilson of an attempted repeal of daylight savings time.

The biggest local controversy of this week in 1919 was the Telephone girls' strike. Several articles were written by the girls explaining their views, and many protests were received by the City Council, protesting the strike and protesting the use of strike-breakers.

"Four Richmond Stores will give five per cent of their receipts tomorrow to the telephone strikers. They are the Big Store, L. Garfinkle, Smith & Crane, and La Moines Drug Stores."

"The wages we were being paid," says an article by a telephone worker, "were nine dollars for the first three weeks and a raise of fifty cents every three months for the first year, then a raise of fifty cents every six months.... What we are asking is two dollars a day and after two years' experience four dollars a day.... The various unions of Richmond have backed us with their finances and have also sent food at lunch time for the girls.... The Bar Association of Richmond gave us a banquet to assure us we had their

support for which we are very grateful.... One of the next affairs given for the striking operators was the dance at East Shore Park given by the Electrical Workers. Not only was a good sized amount raised by the event, but everybody had the finest kind of a time and the girls received a regular ovation."

"Attempts have been made by the company to induce the girls to return to work, but they are sticking with the strike and not one can be induced even to talk about returning until the strike is won." (Who would???)

## IT ALL COSTS:::

July 14, 1919,

"THE HARBOR COMMISSION TO ASK FOR BOND ISSUE..." A dele-

gation... will appear

before city council to have

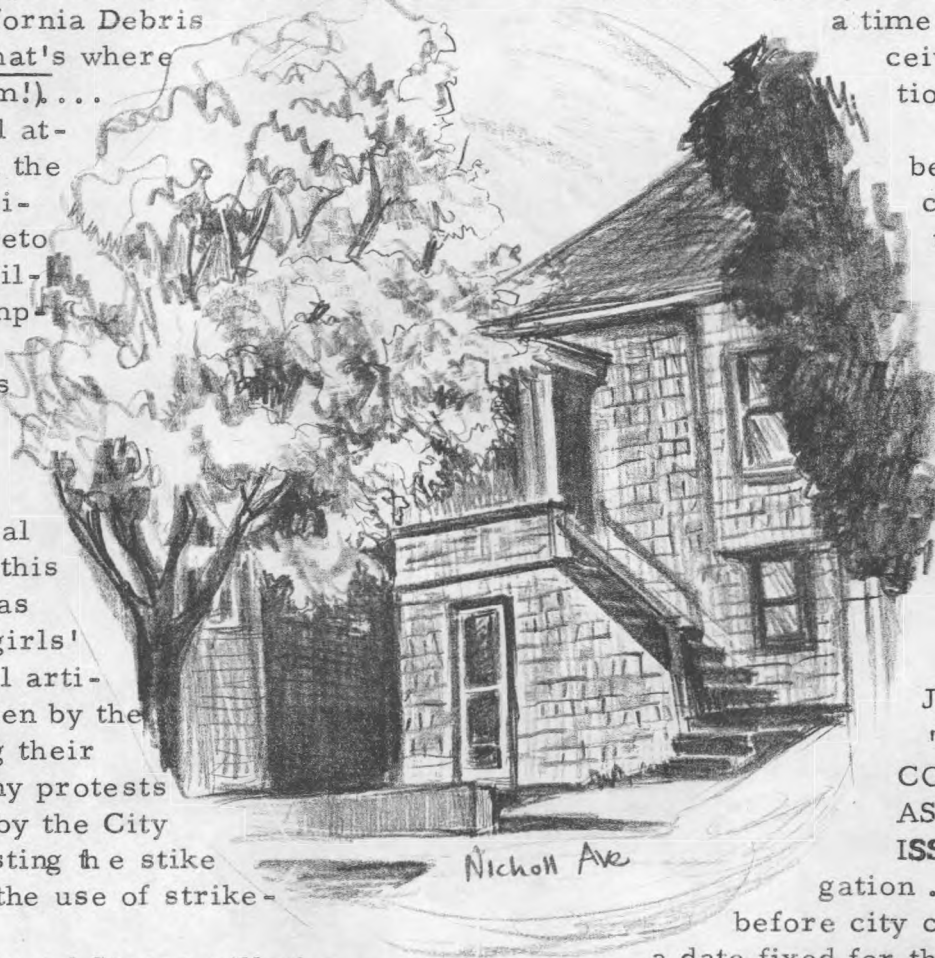
a date fixed for the \$400,000 bond

issue election to secure funds for completion of the Inner Harbor....."

"HIGHWAY BONDS MUST WIN; DEFEAT A BLOW TO RICHMOND..."

Every voter in Richmond should be wide awake to the fact that the election to vote \$2,600,000 in bonds for the completion of the Contra Costa County High System takes place next Tuesday, July 22....."

"ELECTROLIER PLANS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL..... Electroliers are a first class thing for the business streets of this city, but how to arrange for their cost, maintenance and the current is the problem... Gerlach objected to the city paying for lights on the grounds that they would be of particular benefit to people in front of whose property they were placed!"





## 5. THE OLD PROF

FUN WITH WORDS



Long years ago KING CHARLEMAGNE  
Considered EUROPE his domagne,  
Including LOMBARDY and GAUL  
And even SPAIN, as I recaul.

His dad was KING "PEPIN THE SHORT"  
Who liked to play the harpsichort.  
But when he played no one would watch,  
For PEPIN was no LIBERATCH!

Young CHARLEMAGNE was always wishin'  
That he could be a fine musishin.  
But from the time he first wore pants  
He fought for glory and for FRANTS!

His big thing was to stop the MOORS  
And chase those dirty evil-doors.  
From Northern SPAIN down to GRANADA  
And maybe just a little fada!

Now when the POPE was told this news  
He said, "This is the guy I chews  
To be the EMPEROR OF THE WEST."  
And CHARLEMAGNE sure acquiest.

Our hero never had a mistress.  
He had one brother and no sistress.  
Life must have been one jolly pain  
For lonesome old KING CHARLEMMAIN!

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\*Robert C. Friend

## WHAT YOU CAN DO IN VIETNAM

Behind the drama of the war headlines some of our GIs are quietly doing their bit to give help where it is needed. When Sgt. Kenneth Heximer of Richmond was stationed in Vietnam he sponsored an orphanage for Vietnamese children aged six months to fifteen years. Sgt. Heximer was wounded, and thereafter responsibility for helping these orphans fell to Sgt. John Dombroski, who reports a great need for good used clothing.

Boxes of used children's clothing should be sent directly to him at:

Sgt. John Dombroski  
AF 15552133  
OLAA 460 TRW  
APO San Francisco Calif. 96368

Junior Girl Scout Troop 2218 from the Point has just sent a box of children's clothes to Vietnam.

Won't you send one too?

## the COUNCIL IN ACTION!

The City Council meeting of Monday, June 30, again carried on its agenda several matters of importance to Point Richmond residents. However, few actions were taken. The report received from the Industrial Safety Commission regarding Tops Chemical Company indicated that they have brought the plant up to required safety standards. (Safety standards do not vary depending upon the location of a plant, of course, and Tops' main danger lies in its proximity to residential Point Richmond.)

Concerning the spur track adjacent to Washington School, and the excessive use during school hours, Mrs. Joe Darling and Mrs. Louise Genosick