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80th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE



Trannie Dornan will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, July 20th at her home, 220 Bishop Avenue with an Open House. Her family invites all her friends and neighbors to drop by from 1 to 4 p.m. to share refreshments and cake.

Mrs. Dornan came to the Point in 1903 from near Sacramento and now walks daily down Washington hill to open her store, the Richmond Supply Company. The Point's unofficial historian, Trannie vividly recalls the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and is knowledgeable about the Point residents, happenings and old houses. The late Mr. Dornan had the second licensed truck in Richmond and his horse drawn wagons were familiar sights along the hill as he not only supplied the coal and wood at that time, but was called to move people from one house to another, so she was able to keep up with who lived where. Ledgers show he charged 50¢ to about \$4.00 for this service.

Trannie is the eldest of seven children of John and Nettie Freeman and was born in Honcut where Mr. Freeman worked on ranches before coming to Richmond for the Standard Oil Co. Records show she joined the Methodist Church here on April 1, 1909 and is the oldest member today.

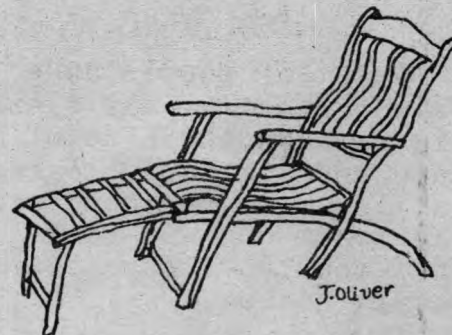
Helping her celebrate will be her sister, Hattie Belle and husband Tom Potts of Vista, CA, Carlotta and her husband, Cliff Bresee of Berkeley, Granddaughters Kathleen, from Tucson, AZ; Roberta, from Davis; and Patricia. Also, her daughter Betty of San Francisco and son, Robert and his wife, of the Point, and nieces and nephews in the Bay Area.

What's Happening This Summer?? NOT MUCH!!

I can't believe it! I resolved last month to (1) make the paper shorter and (2) put in more local news. So, knowing that Mid Dornan would be out of town just before the July 10 deadline, I slogged around town, picking up tidbits of local news on the corners, in the coffee shop, etc., so there would be some interesting gossip for PCP readers. Then the morning of July 10 - deadline day - there was a letter in the morning mail, sent from Guerneville - from Mid! ...there ought to be enough local news in the issue to satisfy anyone's curious soul!

I hope you had a happy and restful first-half of summer. The weather has been so pleasant and relaxing that I even found myself falling asleep before the "Dialing For Dollars" afternoon movie. It was a battle between the Richmond Coastline Plan, "Dialing For Dollars" and shut-eye. Shut-eye won.

You might be wondering what happened to the Community Calendar. Well, there are few regularly scheduled events this summer, so we are leaving the Calendar in limbo until September.



POINT CELEBRATES JULY 4

Like many other Point Richmonders I went over to the July 4 celebration back of the Holiday Inn and strolled around in the dust, spent too much money on my kid and watched all the familiar displays. I asked Roger Brand to draw a cartoon giving his interpretation of these community rituals and that is on the next page! It may not be your view of the 4th of July but it captures a certain essence of the banality and familiarity of it all. An annual ritual that the community gathers for, it provides another landmark in the long stream of sunny California summer days. Of course the 4th this year wasn't sunny, but we can overlook that. I still remember the times it was held in the Point and the unfortunate incident that put an end to that, but I'm not sorry that it is not in the Point anymore - it has grown so large that it's probably just as well that it is not crammed into our little downtown, giving the business people heart failure and all.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Its really nice to get contributions from the readers. Dan Robertson got it together, despite his broken ankle to write about a new religion he just invented. Bo Amantite brought over an article by her uncle, Silvio Candello

about his childhood in the Point. And there is another poem by Sally Parrott, who lives out in Point Molate with her husband who is in the Navy. She must be one of the best young poets around.

FOLLOW-UPS

A lot of people asked me if Brian Pease was all right after his fall on the side of the mountain and I'm happy to report he is fine. He had some stitches in his scalp and was back in school in a couple of days bearing his battle scars.

CITY HALL

The City Fathers, including the three new ones, are very busy taking care of business that was put over during the election and passing judgement on multi-million dollar projects during the summer while everyone is away on vacation.

However, as we have noticed in recent months, there is a tendency for the city staff to present the council and various commissions with items to vote upon at very short notice. We are hearing rumors that some of the new councilmen, led by Bob Campbell, are demanding from staff more time to read and deliberate on these issues before they have to vote on them. Of course, this will mean that the public will hear about them too, and have 5 minutes to put their 2¢. But so far we seem to have a fairly sane,

-4- rational council who aren't so much interested in producing a three-ring-circus as taking care of business. In fact, everything is going so well that not even Ionia White or Mrs. Washington seem to feel like getting up enough steam for a good angry speech before the council.



SUMMER CLEANING

Did you notice all the new paint jobs in the downtown area in recent weeks? During the last week in June you could see Hank Allyn up on the roof, putting the finishing touches on his fancy paint job. Others which it is a pleasure to see - the Mariners, Ken Janes Antiques and the Pool Hall. With the apparent abundance of good taste in the Point, we will never need one of those "Design Commissions" to tell us how to look good!

KIDS COUNTERPOINT is a newspaper Point Counterpoint is helping Point Richmond kids, age 12 and under, produce this summer. It will be written by kids, sold by kids and all the profit will go to the children who helped put it together.

We have nine short articles so far. Some of the kids who wrote them are Jason Goldsmith, Robert Hooten, Jason McGill, Tom Rohrer Billy Eger, Brian Pease, Brittni Lee Christopher and Mark Moskowitz. We had a meeting on June 28 and wrote a lot of articles then. Also, everybody got a card saying they were reporters for the newspaper.

We will have another meeting July 26, Saturday, at 2:30 p.m. at the library. Anybody who has written an article or drawn a picture should bring it then. That will be the deadline. We will also talk about the newspaper some more and write some more articles at the meeting. After that we will put the paper together and print it. We hope it will be out by August 1.

If you can't come to the meeting, bring your articles and pictures to Jumbo's or to 149 West Richmond Ave., Apt. 13. Put your name and address or phone number on them!



~ TRIVIA ~

by Mid Dornan
234-5334

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Veora Heiney
Frances Smith
Mary Knox
Judy Forbes
Josephine Palenchar

Trannie Dornan
Karla Tedrick
Barbara Palfalphy
Jerri Brant
Lucille Holladay

Ethel Frances
Suzanne Bartram
Chuck Warren
Ken Dennis

If you are a LEO you have intuitive powers and generally accept the role of winner. You are a leader and should be led by your high ideals.

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Now that it is summer and the college kids are on vacation, who will tell us how to solve world problems?

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Owner found: Last November an earring was left at polling precinct #1 and while it has taken a little time, Mrs. Grosso has claimed it recently. While reading through some back issues of the PCP she saw the "ad", checked it out and sure enough, it was the earring for which she had been searching, as it belonged to a matched necklace set.

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When County Clerk Walter Paasch retired last year after 43 years of service to the county, a trip to Hawaii was gifted him from his fellow workers and friends. Mishaps, like two separate broken ankles by his wife, Gertrude, prevented them from taking the trip. But at long last, the two of them have jetted across the Pacific to the island paradise where both were looking forward to the beautiful flowers which bloom so abundantly in the tropical temperatures.

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Steve Christiansen, son of Anita and Bernard Christiansen, has been awarded his degree from U.C. Santa Barbara.

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At the June birthday party given by the United Methodist Women of Church Lane Hospital, the most delightful entertainer and a joy to all proved to be a remarkable birthday "girl" named Mary who is 99 years young. She danced, sang and joked with boundless energy and members can hardly wait to help her celebrate her next BIG birthday at bicentennial timw

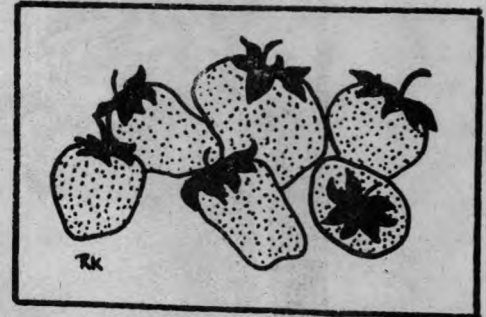
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An achievement of note these days is a yearly perfect attendance with no tardies at school. Dennis Price was presented a certificate acknowledging this and is to be commended.

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Pizzas at Onstads across from the Plunge are not just ordinary pizzas! Mmmmmmm - treat yourself to fixings as you like but try the house special. YUM.

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Twenty Boy Scouts and their leaders leave July 26th with huge packs on their backs and head for a 57 mile back-pack trip through the wilderness area between Camp Wolfeboro and Camp Bray. After several months of week-end hiking and camping in preparation, the boys from Troop 111 are eagerly anticipating an eventful trip that will provide plenty of fish for dinners!

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The Bert Harlows, long ago Point residents, now of Bremerton, Washington, called friends Ethel and Henry Frances while passing through the area and stayed long enough for dinner and "a terrific visit". Bert is now a part time Baptist minister and they were returning from a Hawaiian vacation, a gift from their church members. The Harlows lived on WASHOE ST. and natives will remember THAT was a street beyond Railroad off Garrard. (And I'm fortunate to be married to one of the natives that can inform me of these knowledgeable facts!)

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New residents of the Methodist Parsonage are Betsy and Harry Ellenberg, and SHE is the new minister! A student at Pacific School of Religion, Betsy is 25 years old and her husband is a consultant with the Berkeley Planning and Development Department. Members and friends welcomed them to the community with a pot-luck and old-fashioned Pound Party.

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Losing a GOOD neighbor is like losing a member of the family. While Josephine Martin has only moved "over the hill", the distance seems farther. A very special kind of neighbor, she was someone who fed your dog when you were gone, someone to take in your mail, to watch your house, to keep you posted on neighborhood developments, to share your joys and tribulations, and to surprise you with loving gifts. She cared for the neighborhood cats, fed the birds and encouraged the squirrels (but not our pesky racoon). Castro Street's gain is Clarence Street's loss!

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Jim and Reba Downs of San Antonio, Texas, spent a week visiting friends and relatives. Her parents are the Larry Slagles on East Richmond and Betty Moore of Jumbo's is her aunt.

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One reason some Point people don't take vacations away is because they have the near perfect summer weather here. This is the season other people don't know whether to go to a resort area and complain about the tourist crowds and heat or stay home and complain about doing the same thing and the fog.

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Graphologists say that evenness of word-lines and of individual letters is an indication of honesty.

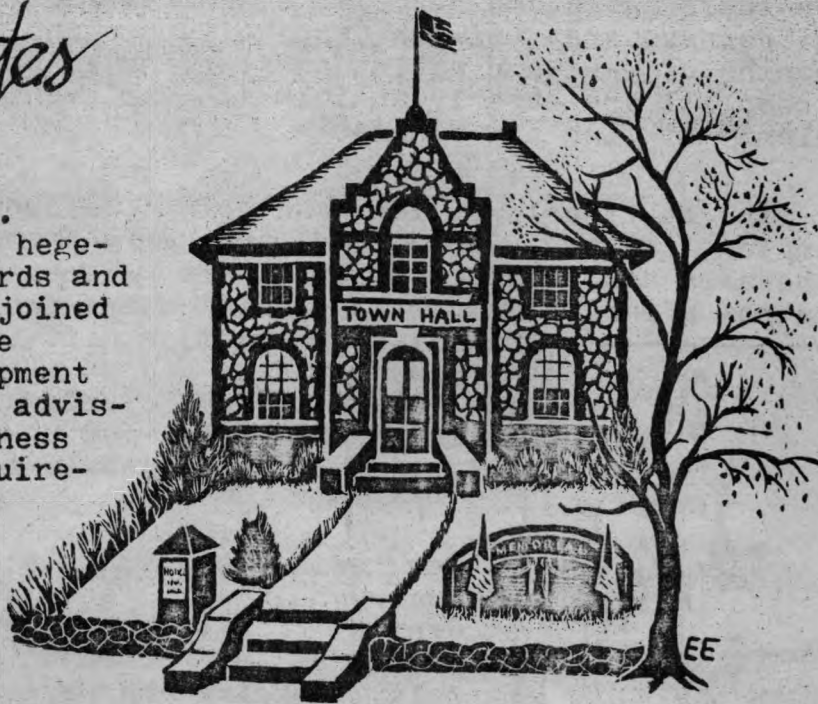
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If you want to make somebody believe something, whisper it.



CITY HALL notes

City Council, Monday, June 16.
Councilmen, reestablishing their hegemony over all the other city boards and commissions after the election, joined forces and unanimously rapped the knuckles of the Community Development Commission. A resolution passed advising the CDC to stick to the business assigned to it under the HUD requirements. The CDC has been passing resolutions which could be construed as not pertaining to spending Housing and Urban Development funds, such as advising Council on rezoning the Point Molate area so that it would revert to parkland if the Navy ever declared it surplus. Overheard at City Hall werer comments of staff members about the CDC: "They think they are the city council."



Gary Fernandez said that the CDC had been coming to the council with requests to spend HUD money outside the proper budget time. He was specifically referring to the small lot on Humboldt Avenue which CDC advised Council to purchase for a park rather than allow a 4-unit apartment building to be developed.

Charles Williams, chairman of the CDC asked the council what the commission had done wrong and suggested that it might be more appropriate to have sent the commission a letter rather than passing a public resolution.

A representative of Atlantic Richfield Company appealed to the council to reverse the staff's decision to require an Environmental Impact Report on a large grading project in Point Richmond. (Another story about this appears in this issue.)

June 23. Council gave the go-ahead to the Greater Richmond Community Development Corporation (GRCDC) to build a mercantile center between 11th and 12th streets, despite objections voiced in the committee meeting by Norma Simmons, the real estate agent for the Baroly project to go in the next block. The city officials also voted to sign a contract with Interactive Resources, the Point Richmond Architectural firm, for a Government Service Center and Fire Department Training Facility in the Hensly Industrial area, for \$34,000. The firm will provide architectural and related services.

Point Richmond's Rosemary Corbin was re-appointed to the Library Commission and Frank Domingo and Roscoe Hunter were re-appointed to the General Pension Board and the Police and Fireman's Pension Board.

HUGE DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERED FOR POINT RICHMOND

ARCO ASKS GRADING PERMIT FOR POTRERO HILLS

Attorney Francis X. Driscoll, representing the Atlantic Richfield Company, appeared before the Planning Commission June 5 and then before the City Council June 16, asking that ARCO (Atlantic Richfield Co.) be excused from having to submit an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) for a large quarrying operation on Point Richmond's Potrero hills.

ARCO claims that moving 400,000 cubic yards of dirt (1/4 the amount of dirt moved for the entire Hilltop Shopping Center) is "just a little cleanup operation" as a favor to the City of Richmond. The Potrero ridgeline area south of Nicholl Knob has been extensively quarried in the past. During WW II, the southeastern point, known as "Bull Dog Point", because it looked like the snout of a bull dog, was cut down for one of the Kaiser shipyards. More recently the hill area was cut into when ARCO thought they might want to put in a tank farm. The firm that did the quarrying was Richmond's Quarry Products, which is probably the same firm that will do the work if the planning commission gives the go-ahead to ARCO this time. That quarrying stopped in 1970 and left certain areas on the east side of the hill an unsightly mess. Driscoll himself stated that ARCO and previous owners "denuded and thoroughly spoiled the hills over the past 40 or 50 years."

Not even the planning commissioners could buy the story that ARCO wanted to do this work as a favor to the city. "That's not a little cleanup job," said commissioner Tony Lobese. "What's behind this?"

What's behind this is an expensive brochure showing an extensive and comprehensive plan for development of 90 of the 109 acres owned by ARCO on the Point Potrero hills. That's almost the same amount of land as the presently settled area of the Point. The brochure can be seen at the City Hall Planning Department.

However, Planning Director Chuck Woodward told this editor that the ARCO plan for grading does not conform exactly to this brochure, as the planning department complained that it would necessitate cutting extensively in the ridgeline. Though ARCO calls the operation "cleanup" it actually means cutting into virgin territory.

The brochure shows 1,000 units of apartments, "rowhouses" and condominiums built on the hills overlooking Brickyard Cove and on the other side, looking east. The addition of 1,000 units would double the population of Point Richmond in one fell swoop (1970 census figures showed population of 2,504. A new census will be out later this summer.)

Driscoll stated at both the planning commission and the council meeting that Atlantic Richfield Co. had no intention of developing the area. However, if the grading and terracing goes according to the plan in the brochure, or something like it, the land will be prepared for sale to a major developer. According to Mr. Roy Elliott, a partner in Potrero Properties, Inc. (the Brickyard Cove Developers) ARCO probably has some buyers interested in the hill property, though

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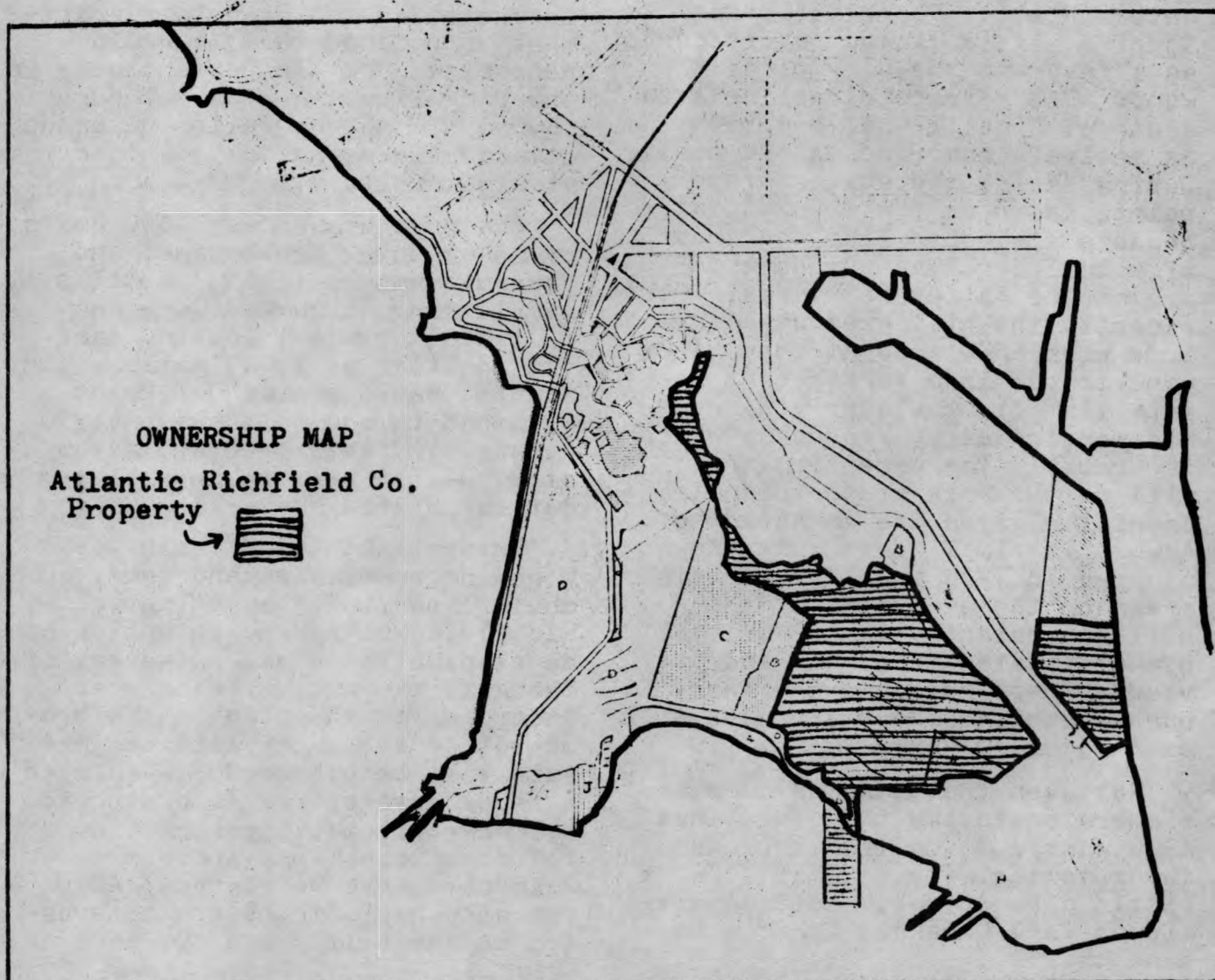
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he said he didn't know who they were. Elliott is a mechanical engineer by trade, who is apparently wealthy enough to have retired early and work on his investments. As Mr. Driscoll left the Planning Commission meeting he nodded and smiled to Elliott who got up and followed him out of the council chambers.

What is Potrero Properties' interest in all this? Until recently they have obtained land fill for the Brickyard Cove project from the ARCO property. Then ARCO told them to stop the earth moving: ARCO wanted them to grade according to a different plan - the big one. Since ARCO already had a grading permit, they thought they could obtain permission from the city for this widely expanded project.

But city staffers who determine whether a significant environmental impact will occur, have had experience with quarrying projects before. They decided that an environmental impact report was necessary before 400,000 cubic yards could be moved and many new cuts made in the hillside. Public Works Director Bob Latchaw stated before the city council that it was inconceivable that moving that much earth would have no significant environmental impact. Some of the remarks were pretty funny, in an ironic way: Driscoll stated that between the motorcycles and the previous quarrying, "There is no natural environment left. Anything that is there has blown in."

However, as the law now stands there is no appeal from an EIR once the determination has been



made to have one. Apparently intending to go to court (or trying to scare the city with the threat of a suit), ARCO seems to be exhausting their "administrative remedies", even though there are none.

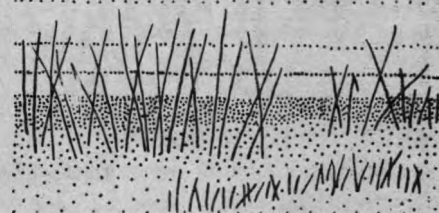
What can we expect to happen next? ARCO will probably file a court suit to be excused from an EIR. It seems unlikely that they could win such a case. If they are turned down, then they will have to produce an EIR which will probably happen sometime in early fall. After the EIR is presented, the Planning Commission determines whether to issue the permit and let ARCO do what it wants.

One of the problems that ARCO and any other developer of the area faces is that the ridgeline is protected by being in the "Brickyard Cove Special Additive District." This means that developers need special permission from the city to do any alterations on the hills and cannot cut within 50 yards of the ridgeline. This presents a problem to ARCO because many, if not most of the slopes are steeper than 30° and therefore considered undevelopable for residential purposes. Also, the Potrero hills protect the Richmond flatlands from the wind - it is a very important piece of land ecologically. Driscoll himself stated that ARCO was not responsible for policing the quarrying in the past, referring to the possibility that once the earth movers are on the hills, policing the work might be necessary to make sure it is done according to plan.

Needless to say, such a large development right in our backyard would have a tremendous impact on the Point, which has grown very little in the last 10 years. Also, the historical growth of the Point has been slow - it has been mostly putting up single family dwellings and renovating old ones. It is safe to say that with 1,000 units on the hills just to the south, the Point would no longer be the sleepy

little town so many of us enjoy. The ARCO land is slated for development as a residential area, according to the Richmond Coastline plan, but the current dispute may be over how many units there should be and how the land should be treated in preparation for the project.

J. Eger



Community Center

The staff of the Community Center would like to extend their thanks to the many people who donated articles for the very successful rummage sale held back on June 21st.

Upcoming events sponsored by the Center include an excursion for elementary age children to the San Francisco Zoo scheduled for July 19th, and a Fund-Raising Chicken Dinner Sale which is set for Saturday, August 2nd, at the Community Center from noon till 3 p.m. For further information about either of these activities contact the center at 232-6140.

Movies are held at the center Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. All movies are provided by the West Side Branch Library and are shown to the public of the Point free of charge.

Movies for this month include:

- July 7 - Sons of the Desert
Men at Bay
- July 14- Tillie's Romance
Double Trouble
- July 21- March of the Wooden
Soldiers
Hoo-Doo
- July 28- Return of the Apeman
The Rink



by
Dan Robertson

At last, I've heard of a religion that makes sense, and I am going to start a branch right here in Point Richmond. It's this sect in Northern Finland, called Laestadians, and what they do is run around Finland, smashing up television sets, to keep people from going to hell.

They are stuck way up there on the eyebrow of the world, huddled in these weedy old huts, where they won't see daylight until next year at the earliest, and they're shouting, "Television is evil! Yeah! Television is the work of the devil! Yeah! Television is turning the minds of our young people! Yeah!"

Then they all leap up and race through the town, their snowbally old eyes bulding with zeal, and whenever they see a television antenna or even think they see one, they crash through the door and jump on that television set and pummel it to the dirt floor, and they hit that television set and step on it and yell at it and switch it into dust with evergreen branches.

They are my kind of people.

Does the owner of the television set like this? He does not. He has just settled down to watch the trillionth re-run of "I Love Lucy," with a little scotch poured over a glass of snow, when all of a sudden, these religious fiends crash through the door and wail into his television set, murdering a Motorola for Christ. Outside, the reindeer are munching on moss and down the street, Gretchen is scared she might turn up preggers because she kissed Eban under that blazing aurora borealis, and here are all these people stomping a television set into the ground.

The owner leaps up and screams, "Hey, what the!" He starts flailing around at all these crazies, because he'd rather have "I Love Lucy" than the Key to Heaven, and what with all this pushing and shoving and the television set getting ground up underfoot, it sounds like a lot more fun than just being a dreary old Baptist or Catholic or any of those other dusty sects.

Because I believe that a dead television is a good television, I am enthusiastic about the Laestadians, and am recruiting converts from the Santa Fe tracks to the drooping Bay. All you need to join is a lot of zeal, and a hammer or some big sticks. We aren't going to bother with all this stained-glass-window, dip-me-in-the-river, organ-music abstract stuff. Just zeal and hammers. Stark fundamentalism, that's the ticket.

"Hey, man, what are you doing in here, smashing up my television set? That's my TELEVISION SET!"

"Well, see, now you won't go to hell."

"But, man, without my television set, I'm already in hell!"

In Finland, the police aren't arresting any Laestadians, but in Point Richmond, Freedom of Television is a lot more urgent to the peasantry than Freedom of Religion, so we will probably have to take up collections for bail. But we won't have any of those fructoidal little envelopes with pictures of bluebirds and lillies and lambs all over them. When you want to make an offering, you just stop the Vicar on the street and hand him ten or twenty dollars in cash. And, you know who the Vicar is, don't you?

For window dressing, I've already recruited about a dozen sexy angels from the downtown chicky market, but lately I've been worried about them. I don't know whether they have sexy angels in the Finland Laestadians, but I kind of doubt it, because of the other habit this sect has. In addition to flailing away at television sets, they attack ing machines that have windows, so people won't be able to watch women's underclothes go round and round.

Honestly, people must not have enough to do in Finland. I mean, is that all they do up there? Just watch television and go to the

laundromat to watch ladies' unmentionables swirl past the washing machine window? Wow, they must be about as resourceful as a Point Richmond teenager. The Laestadians must be the only lively bunch in the whole country.

Still, the Finland Laestadians shouldn't get too worried about my angels, because, near as I can tell, none of the Angels wear underwear at all and besides that, the washing machines at the Village Laundromat don't even have windows. The dryers may be in trouble, though.

In case you are wondering whether I am qualified to lead this Point Richmond group, I have to confess that I haven't yet actually attacked a television, but I've done the next best thing. Early this week, I knocked a transistor radio off a workbench, thereby strangling KFRC in mid-hysteria.

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APPOINTMENTS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY

Blow Cuts by Janine

TWO POEMS

Water Skiing

Marked with the unripe color of summer,
A boy lies upon a dock.
Then a water plunge.
Like a penny dropped into a water jar.
The object within
caressing the muffled sounds
Of dark above
Of dark below.

A Whale spouts.
A body lifts
Upon a wooden plank.
Flesh wind wiped dry.
Pulling ropes endured.
For a moments flight among
Waves growing higher,
Until they fold over the stiffening muscles.
And the battling body crumbles
Into the fluid waste.

Sally Parrott

Sammy

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tis of thee through spacious stys
through waving fields of grain

brothers on a merry go square
miles of us going nowhere

Jim Milstead

THE WARMING BENCH

or A Form of Unusual Punishment

by Silvio Candelo

I come from Point Richmond, California, a small town known for its industry, its seaport and a fine view of the Golden Gate. I remember it for other things. It is 45 years ago today that these other things happened.

We were all alike that depression year. Sons and daughters of immigrants - Slavs, Poles, Italians, Germans, Russians - who had come to Point Richmond because it had work for them. The Irish furnished altar boys for our catholic church.

Now there was little work but we were young and had not yet learned to worry. We had the bay with its beaches; our library with its statue of an Indian; and a social center then called "Municipal Natatorium" (which I could never pronounce correctly) - the now generation calls it the "Richmond Plunge".

My biggest problem then was a ravenous appetite that I still cannot curb. I was a loner who lived in fantasy. My claim to writing was to have a poem in the school scrapbook. When I was in the fifth grade we presented this book to the retiring Superintendent of Schools. It contained my poem - a few lines of it were:

"After breakfast with a rush
I ran to get my toothbrush
Mine is a pretty one of red
You'd better use it, mother said!"

The irony of this was that I did not own a toothbrush. (I still have my teeth.)

In the low sixth grade the Superintendent of Schools paid us a visit. The teacher had four girls read a book - one of them is now my sister-in-law. These four girls and I had been in the same classes since the second grade, when they were skipped to a higher grade and sent to Roosevelt Junior High. I was jealous. When I told my teacher that I could read as good as those girls, she explained that illness had kept the girls from starting school early. Now they were too old to stay at Washington School.

What has this to do with torture? Let me get on with the events that put me on the "Warming Bench" in the spring of 1930.

France had the guillotine; pirates used the plank; and, in puritanical times, people were put in stockades. Our principal at Washington School had the "Warming Bench" and it still strikes fear into my heart. This she used to keep us in line and, because of it, we are now responsible citizens.

One day in class my teacher posed the question, "What does your mother have you eat for breakfast? Typical Doris said, "Cereal, toast, milk and fruit." Silvio (me) said, "Coffee and french bread." Teacher said to me, "You go home and tell your parents that you must have milk and report back to me." My second talk with this creature that I loved so much proved more productive. I told her that my Pop said I was healthy and fat and for her to worry about my education and he would



take care of feeding me. It was then that she gave me the job of "ball monitor".

Ten minutes before lunch I went to the "ball locker" and took out various sporting equipment to be used on the playground. Then, I learned something. A football was worth a piece of cake; a volleyball, a tuna sandwich; baseball equipment, candy, etc. What a sweet racket!

I had this job for awhile - with its fringe benefits - then it came! After lunch when the bell rang, I had 10 minutes to gather the gear. In my fantasy I was playing for the "Missions" - I was a football hero, pass to the flank and the locker was my receiver. I would toss the ball into the locker from the bottom of the stairs. Then my dream was shattered - a hand had me by the ear.

Our janitor had taken exception to the ball marks that were on the wall. This I had done when I missed the locker. The principal said, "Go sit on the 'Warming Bench'".

Actually all it was, was a bench built over an air duct. It would have been a pleasant place to sit except the whole school knew that when you sat there, you had blew it. You were there to be punished!

Goodbye cake - goodbye candy - goodbye tuna fish - goodbye Washington School.

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Letters to the Editor

July 10, 1975

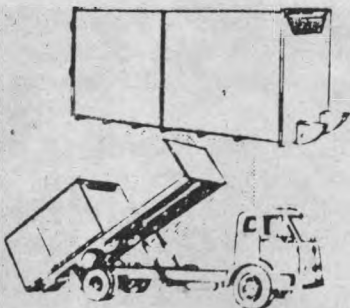
To the Editor:

David Boyd's article last issue - A POOR MAN'S GUIDE TO POLITICS AND ECONOMICS - set forth a beautifully simple aid for cutting through a maze of terms and concepts. I was delighted with such a usefull, new tool. The author not only presented the scheme in an easy-to-understand style and provided meaningful examples to demonstrate the beauty of the thinking tool, but once again proved that such a simple system can be used for fuzzy as well as clear thinking.

The real and lasting criterion for evaluating the worth of any government is whether or not that government serves the common needs of those being governed. This is government for the people. David carried his simple system to the point where he "would be much



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happier about the future" if democracies - governments chosen by the people - were sustained.

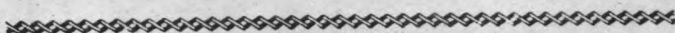
What is so important about a people's choosing their own government if they choose one that does not serve the people? Each one of the four categories set forth has been (and will be for a long time to come) appropriate and best for any given time in the history of an evolving nation.

It needs to be recognized that using the four political-economic categories for thinking is quite different from being led into selecting one as "best" for every nation no matter what their current situation. The author allows as to how some countries amazingly have done well under the other three systems. He then goes on somehow to hang his happiness about the future on a high incidence of democracy. Each of us is indebted to David for the fine new tool; but I, for one, do not want my happiness dependent on a lightly arrived at or forced best choice from among the categories.

Sky



A tribute to our longtime Point Richmond mailmen, Bill and Dixie... "Indian Charlie" who lives at 149 West Richmond Ave., apartment house, recently received a postcard addressed to "Charlie who lives upstairs next to the grocery store on the corner, Point Richmond, CA".



Leaf and Margaret Williams are the proud new owners of the house at 465 West Richmond Ave. Margaret, who used to teach dancing at the Community Center, is now working for Jerry Feagley Realty. Jerry's office is in the old firehouse and is beautifully decorated - stop by and take a look.

WRITERS AND THEIR ILK...

Doris Cort, former PCP editor and author of the "Sunflower" stories is now working on an original play. We hear it is about a future time when women are running the world in a truly feminist society.

Bringing up children is a real trip...here's an eight-year-old child tired of watching "Walter Cronkite," "Newsroom", "World Press", "Washington Week in Review" with his mother. "Why don't you turn off the news, Mom?" he says. "What the world needs is a good laugh."

We read the Richmond Independent every day, in the line of duty. (That is the editorial "we": actually it means "I read the Richmond Independent every day.") Anyway, WE noticed that since the Independent has had a new editor, Mr. Terry Sellars, a Point Richmond expatriate, THEY have been running original editorials every day. It is nice to see that other Richmond publications have original opinions, daily. If we had more opinionated people around it would be a more interesting world. In fact, if Point Richmond had more opinionated people who were willing to write down their opinions and send them in to the Point Counterpoint, the Point Counterpoint would be a more interesting newspaper.



A tip for good summer eating - Bruce Johnson, manager of Eureka seafoods on Ohio says we can look forward to fresh salmon, halibut and swordfish steak in July. It's goodbye to the crabs, however. Buy your fish fresh at this wholesale outlet at up to 20¢ a pound less than in the supermarket and enjoy!

THE ORIGIN OF THE GIACOMELLIS
IN POINT RICHMOND

by Gary Darling

Jasper Guisti came to Nevada from Italy to work in the silver mines in about 1898. In 1901 he came to work at the Standard Oil Refinery as a boiler maker and to make his home here in Point Richmond. His home was located near the present site of 239 Tunnel Ave. In 1905 his wife Amelia and daughter Ida came by train to join him. It was very common in those days for a father to come over and get settled first, then send for his family.

In 1916 Mr. Guisti had a house built for \$300 on Golden Gate Ave. where the little Italian settlement of Pt. Richmond was located. His daughter Ida Giacomelli still lives there, but the only original rooms of the house are the living room and one bedroom. Ida proudly recalls that the price paid for the land on which their house was built was a \$10 gold piece. She also recalls her mother using the old Italian custom of gathering driftwood along the beach and tying it into a bundle to carry it home on top of her head.

In 1913 Ida Guisti married Silvio Giacomelli who also came from Italy. They had three children, all of whom still live in the Point. Raymond Giacomelli and his family live on Cottage Ave.; Amelia Drake lives on Cottage Ave.; and Leo Giacomelli and his family live on Golden Gate Ave., right next door to Ida Giacomelli. Amelia works for the Federal Government in San Francisco and the two boys (Leo and Raymond) work for Standard Oil. The late Silvio Giacomelli was also a Standard Oiler.

During World War II Ida Giacomelli worked at the shipyards as a welder. After that she worked as a cook for Rheem's Cafeteria where she retired after 15 years. Her cooking was very popular there and many people asked for her recipies.

While reminiscing, Ida recalled how she and her friends would collect the ashes that had drifted to the Point from the fire in San Francisco after the terrible quake of 1906. She also told of the exclusive hotel at Winehaven (the biggest winery in the world before Prohibition, located at Pt. Molate) which seemed to be the honeymoon site for wealthy newly weds.

Ida Giacomelli now spends most of her spare time gardening around her own home and also the two vacant lots beside her house and very much looks forward to the visits from her 13 grandchildren and one great-grand child.

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Pie in the Sky

by Jeanne Eger

I went to the "Big Labor - Big Business" dinner at the Gallileo Club Thursday evening June 26. The dinner was being held to pay off the winning council candidates' campaign debts. Master of ceremonies was Fran Wilson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and he shared the podium with the councilmen and their wives, and Art Carter, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Labor Council and other big labor mucky-mucks. The hall was filled with all the political people you encounter in campaigns, meetings and around the city at public hearings. It was a pretty happy event, since labor and business had gotten together and backed the winning candidates and also because several large city projects were beginning to come to fruition after many years. The city had applied for money to start the port and marina without a single objection at the public hearings. Macy's had taken out a million-dollar building permit to start their store on Hilltop, and two million-dollar projects had been announced for downtown. Fran Wilson related a story about a businessman who had approached him about locating his business in Richmond and expressed a desire for a "politically stable climate." Not low taxes or other kinds of business incentives, but a "politically stable climate."

I was somewhat shocked by this anecdote, because the criterion of a "politically stable climate" is something you would expect to hear from a company locating in a Latin American country, not in the good old U.S.A. It led me to some reflections after the meeting, and it supported, I thought, one of my pet theories about the relationships between business and the people. The theory is that Richmond business and industry ought

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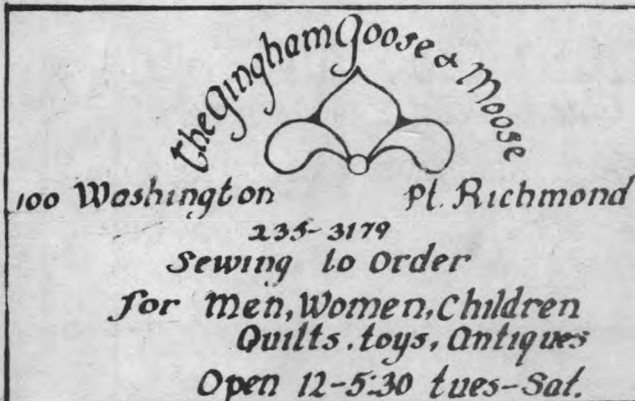


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to quit looking so hard at the bottom line all the time and take a good look around them and see what they can do for the citizens of their city in a human sense. I do believe there is a seething anger growing in many people,

from the middle class down to the welfare recipients. I'm talking about people who have worked and scraped for many years and have nothing to show for it with inflation eating up their paychecks or their small business profits as fast as they get ahead. Add to this the history of Richmond which has been one of large industries coming in, taking the goodies off the top and then leaving with the loot. The Kaiser shipyards is one example. The proposed Atlantic Richfield development is another. ARCO wants to put up 1,000 units on the hills above Brickyard Cove. That would double the population of Point Richmond, just for starters. Why do they have to cram so many people up on those beautiful hills? It's the bottom line. If business could just restrain themselves in the search for the almighty dollar they would be a lot better off in the long run.

Now, when I express these sentiments to some of the kind of people who attend these political events, the comment that comes back at me is, "You shouldn't be so anti-business, Jeanne." But I'm not anti-business. In the first place, I am in business with the newspaper. In the second place, if I were anti-business I would be sitting back happily watching it all crumble around me and I'm not. I'm horrified.

A few examples. Crime is rising. Kids have no jobs, nothing to do, go out stealing, dealing drugs. Doctors are organizing into unions. People are suit-happy. They are suing everyone. Medical insurance, liability insurance, malpractice insurance are all rising. People are angry - they want their piece of the pie. The FBI is training

the local police in how to put down civil unrest. Since there is no unrest right now, they must have some reason to expect some in the future. The price of oil is going up again. Anyone with a shred of intelligence knows that when oil goes up, everything else is going up and we are going to have another round of inflation, and that means we are all going to be that much poorer. Day after day in the business journals there is debate about economic theory, because the old Keynesian ideas are not working.

Now this pessimism is not original with me. Quoting from the Wall Street Journal of May 15, 1975:

"There is one dimension of the nation's economic condition that can't be found in all the official statistics, the economists' forecasts, the government reports. It is intangible, immeasurable, but important.

"It comes across strongly when businessmen and economists are asked to look five to 10 years ahead and to think out loud about what sort of American economic situation they foresee. Call it future fear.

"It takes varying forms: A feeling that the U.S. is sliding down the British path of decline toward economic stagnation. A belief that resource scarcities point toward slow growth and political strife over how to slice up a static national income pie. A conviction that a political system that rewards politicians who deliver short-term benefits can't cope with long-term economic problems requiring sacrifice. A fear that we haven't learned from our past economic blunders and are doomed to repeat them....

"Another word of caution: These views aren't from a cross-section of America; they come mainly from business people and economists - most, though not all, conservatives. Most of these are people with a major stake in the status quo, and with a fear that it is crumbling."

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What can Richmond business do about this? One approach is that when the executives of a large business live in the city where they work, they tend to try to make the city a better place. So the businesses that are here and the ones that are coming in ought to establish incentives for their executives to live in the city. Like pay them an extra \$50 a month. Maybe the city fathers could pass some legislation as an incentive to business to do this.

Then we ought to make some land available for executive housing. The ARCO project, if developed with lower density and better taste, could approach the beauty of the Brickyard Cove project. Brickyard Cove is an example of how to do things the right way. The Point Potrero Properties people are

doing a little bay fill but you don't hear any public outcry because they are putting up a really nice development and everyone knows it.

Another thing the businesses could do is to give incentives to their employees for community involvement. Like letting a secretary off an hour early for lunch so she could go over to the elementary school and tutor children. Most executives have this privilege already. Standard Oil or the Telephone Company don't dock their executives' pay when they come in late from lunch after attending a public function. This could be done on all levels.

Another thing the businesses could do would be to back some civic projects, like a hot lunch program. There's nothing radical about that - practically every



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district in the state except Richmond has one. Another thing they could do would be to donate food. And they could put on the box of food "Compliments of XYZ Company" just like they do for care packages or shipments of foreign-aid rice to foreign countries. "This rice is a present from the people of the U.S.A." That's about what it is coming down to. If the executives think they can sit up in the hills eating bacon and eggs every morning indefinitely and then driving down in their nice new cars, while there are kids who are hungry in the streets and most people are getting poorer and poorer, then they are deluding themselves.

The thing is, something can be done about it. Just like business and labor getting together in this last election because they had to. Now we ought to start a little dialogue with the environmentalists. We ought to settle a few things by talking. We ought to do more fire-prevention. The phrase "those people" ought to be stricken from our vocabulary. There is no "they". Its us.

I ve got to admit that I like most of the people at the dinner, quite an admission for '60's style rebel. I believe most of them, in their own way, want a better city and better lives for its citizens. The city is fairly well-governed. It's not corrupt. It doesn't have the excesses of Berkeley. It doesn't have the factionalism of Oakland. It has a crime rate but not as high a crime rate as San Pablo. What it needs now is a certain spirit and I don't think that is the kind of thing that can be legislated. Its starting to get it but there's always room for improvement.

While I'm on these morning-after reflections, I've got to admit that something else about the dinner bugged me. Now, I'm not a screaming, bra-burning women's libber. But I must admit that it rankles that you go to these dinners and all the women who are



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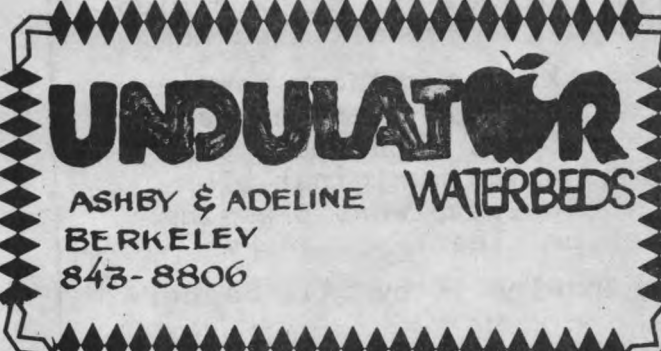
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introduced are always somebody's wives. And all the people with the real power are men. Isn't it about time a woman got elected or appointed to something of significance? Something with more real power to it? I'm really getting tired of going to meetings in council chambers and all that are sitting up there are a bunch of men. And you go to a Council of Richmond Industries luncheon and there, again, are a bunch of men. And the School Board - men. And the Planning Commission - men. If I were paranoid I'd say it was a conspiracy. Thank God I'm not paranoid.



- THE COVER -

The picture on the cover is of "Captain" Rob Wildey.

"They call me captain because I owned a boat", says Cap. He owned the Original Keesa, a 36 foot, 9 ton fishing boat out of Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. (The present Keesa is a different boat under different ownership.) Cap has fished for shrimp off the gulf of Mexico, around Texas and Louisiana. He was a merchant seaman since 1940. And he's been an Operating Engineer and a Teamster.

Cap is originally from San Jose Jose. He grew up there when the population was only 18,000 and apricots, prunes and strawberries grew where the asphalt lies now.

Cap worked on Cannery Row in Monterey in 1939, where he met John Steinbeck. Steinbeck was standing on the municipal pier where the priests were blessing the fishing fleet.

The drawing is by Jill Sacherman.

"Business Beat"

We'd like to welcome to Richmond a new car dealership, Whittley Toyota on 23rd Street. The sales manager is Jim Cochran, an energetic oldster who looks like he is in his mid-50's (I didn't ask him) but seems to have the energy of a 25-year-old. Jim is the former owner of Burlingame British Motors and comes from down on the Peninsula. He says he is proud to be associated with Mr. Whittley, an honest dealer who has been a long-time friend. Whittley's gives special discounts to retired people. They have excellent service facilities and immediate financing through the bank of your choice. I was quite taken with the land cruiser in the display room. It looks like the perfect vehicle to get you into the backwoods country this summer.



Of Times Square it is said that you will meet everyone you know if you stand there long enough. Maybe that's not an apt description of the Point Restaurant, but it seems that way at times. The latest strange occurrence happened one evening about 7 p.m. when I was sitting about two chairs down from a nice looking, pleasant man, who after some conversation revealed with apparent pleasure that he remembered me even though I didn't remember him! His name is Frank Correia, of Frank's Glass Service on Addison Street in Berkeley. All of a sudden I remembered. I had been working for two lawyers on Addison street a couple of years ago. Next door was Wise-way body shop and the brothers that ran it had a fishing boat and would bring us beautiful fresh salmon in exchange for favors like using the copy machine, etc. Then one door down from Wise-way was Frank's Glass, which I used to

walk by to get to my car parked around the corner on Grove. Both auto shops do excellent quality work and I used to like to go in and look at the exotic cars that they often fixed - huge shiny Cadillacs, Imperials, Masserattis and Jags. Frank's also does work on large vans and sells car radios and stereos. So we are proud to recommend the fine work and reasonable prices at FRANK'S GLASS SERVICE.



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The Metro will reflect and give a voice to an important segment of the Richmond community. It will have the leadership of Mr. George Dabney, a man who knows Richmond well and has long been active in civic affairs. The paper is backed by Dr. Carlton Goodlet's Sun Reporter.

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by Betty Segal

Point residents, along with people in North Richmond and other nearby areas, might have been spared heavy doses of carbon monoxide from the Standard refinery, if some engineers at the Bay Area Pollution Control District had been less concerned about the refinery management's views, and more concerned about public welfare.

This was brought out in the first day of testimony, in the hearing over engineer Nat Flynn's charges against the District, after a recess of two weeks during June and early July. His lawyer Mark Himelstein introduced into the official record a voluminous bundle of letters, memos and other communications, which passed between Standard Oil and the District staff, and between various inspectors and engineers over a period from 1969 to date.

Flynn has charged that engineer Warren Crouse, who formerly worked at the Tidewater refinery in Martinez (before it was bought by Phillips Petroleum), and who now heads the BAAPCD division of engineering services, overruled air pollution inspectors and other engineers to take the view of refinery management.

Also at fault, according to Flynn's charges, is engineer James Talbot, a 19-year Chevron Research veteran who now heads the BAAPCD section on Permit Services, which approves or denies construction and operating permits for new plant facilities.

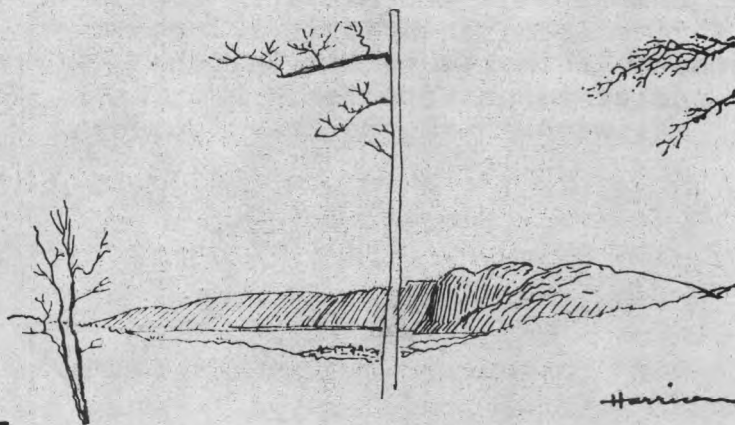
Flynn has never suggested that Crouse and Talbot, who have played a very large part in his allegations of District mismanagement, took any money for their actions; instead, he seems to be suggesting or implying that ex-refinery employees are often still members

of the industry "club", and act out of loyalty to their former employers rather than from the desire for personal gain.

A memo by Crouse, in which he overrules a recommendation from other engineers that Standard should install a standby carbon monoxide incinerator at the fluid catalytic cracker (FCC) unit of the refinery, is the most damning piece of evidence introduced at this point in the hearing.

The Fluid Catalytic Cracker was new in 1960 and ran until 1966 before violations of local smog regulations were recorded. Then ten violations were logged during a two-year run, from 1967 to 1969. At this time there were also many complaints from Point residents about paint darkening (from hydrogen sulfide emissions), soot fallout and obnoxious smells. Its main boiler is used both as an incinerator for carbon monoxide gas, and also to provide steam to run the plant. For that reason, some engineers consider it is not strictly a piece of equipment installed only to control air pollution. But when something goes wrong with the boiler, or during the shutdown and startup required for annual maintenance, large quantities of carbon monoxide are emitted, and excused by the smog district's loosely-written upset-breakdown rule.

Over the years, Point Richmonders have demonstrated with picket signs at the smog district offices asking that this rule be made more restrictive - without success. Now board members are again



listening carefully to discussion of the need for a revised regulation.

Carbon monoxide is normally generated more by automobiles than by industry in the Bay Area. But when the FCC boiler is "down", the amount of harmful gas released is one-tenth as much as comes from all the motor vehicles in the Bay Area. Carbon monoxide is almost the same weight as ambient air and therefore dissipates very slowly. It is harmful to red blood cells in the human body, causing anemia, fatigue and damage to the heart and circulatory system.

When the carbon monoxide boiler shut down for its 18-month state inspection, unburned carbon monoxide - as much as 430 tons per day - goes directly into the atmosphere. Other gases are mixed into the "plume" which make it visible, since carbon monoxide is colorless as well as odorless. On one such occasion, BAAPCD inspectors recorded a visible plume nine miles downwind, all the way to the Bay Bridge

BAAPCD Inspector Darrell Nelson assigned to the refinery from 1966 to the end of 1971, wrote up the FCC problem first in July 1969 - almost exactly six years ago. In his memo Nelson said "Strong action now will result in less effort in the future to control refinery emissions." He recommended six penalty actions plus action requiring that the boiler be shut down for maintenance every 18 months, to prevent upset-breakdowns, not every two years, as management advocated. The reaction of Standard Oil management to Nelson's memo was to suggest installing a plume heater that would make all plume gases invisible, as well as carbon monoxide - a cosmetic improvement which Nelson and several engineers disapproved.

In 1971, Nelson was ready to make a ground-level inspection with instruments at the refinery,

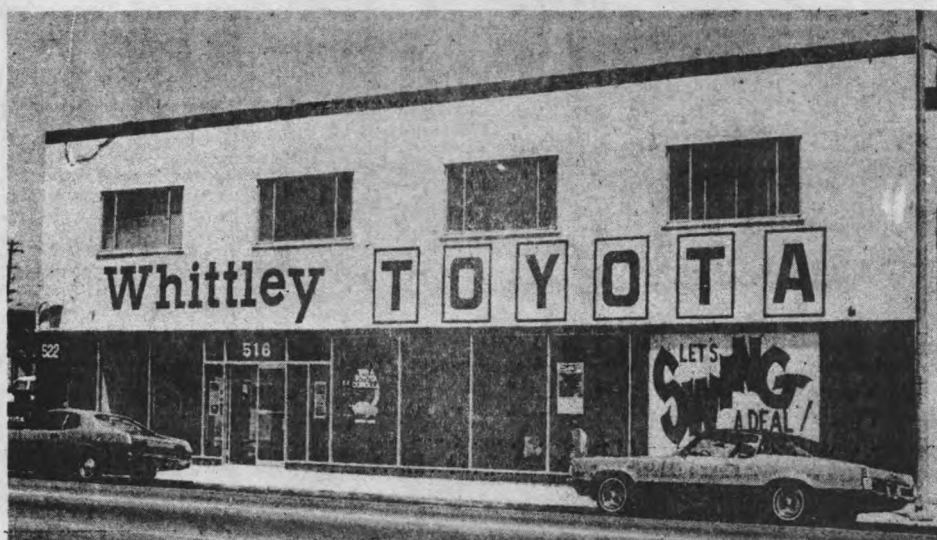
but was denied entry. Two years later, Inspectors Bob Roth and Al Capobianco were also denied entry. entrance to the plant to inspect the FCC complex and locate the source of a particularly offensive odor causing many complaints. After that, Standard management was invited to participate in an "office conference" at the District, but Standard's Larry Coleman declined the invitation. In 1974 the District's assistant legal counsel recommended an abatement action be started. In March 1975, a District inspector found a batch of violation notices gathering moss in the files of Talbot's Permit Services section, one week before the legal deadline for action on some of them (they expire in one year's time.)



Some BAAPCD Board members seem to feel Nat Flynn is imposing on them for bringing up these and other charges of District mismanagement. Perhaps if more public outrage were still being expressed, they would have a different view. But seven years is a long time to keep on demonstrating

What do you think about it? How much do you care about your own health, and that of your fellow-citizens? You can write the Board even if you don't care to come to the hearings, which get pretty tedious about 5:30 in the afternoon, after a long day. Drop them a line at 939 Ellis St., San Francisco: the heart you save may be your own.

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Reviewed by Carol Bold
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"With time and patience you can make anything grow," says Jason's grandfather in Jason and the Money Tree, a book for children by Sonia Levitin. His grandfather gives Jason a \$10 bill, and, instead of putting it in a savings account, which was undoubtedly what grandfather had in mind, Jason actually plants the money, feeds and waters it, and is rewarded with a bumper crop of \$10 bills growing on his money tree.

The responsibility, tax and legal problems are too much when sprouts come up in neighbors' yards presenting the possibility of a world-wide monetary crisis. A final decision is made when Jason must refuse camping and fishing invitations to do volunteer weeding in his neighbors' gardens, pretending to do it for the unselfish pleasure of serving others.

In High Adventure of Eric Ryback, the walker-author tells of his walk alone on the Pacific Crest Trail from Canada to Mexico when he was 18 years old. With his weight at 130 pounds, Eric carries a pack of 80 pounds maximum, depending on how much he eats before the next food drop brings it up to 80 pounds again. The book includes a list of supplies.

Eric suffers near death by exposure, starvation, accident, rattlesnake bite, and sunstroke, but he writes, "I was impressed that my fragile flesh and bone was holding up better than the aluminum and the miracle fibers of my pack....I had found respect for myself, respect for nature, and respect for humanity. He considers himself a naive boy whose trust of nature above all else changes when he finds humanity too kind and caring to give up on and nature too cold, brutal, and fickle to endure as an only friend.



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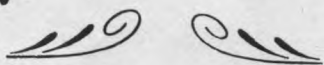
Many thanks to Lynnette Pease, Karen Fenton, Jo Cunningham, Christine Darling, and others who helped with the first Thursday crafts event. They made it fun when it could have been chaotic. Beet, pea, and lettuce seeds are available if any planters refused to produce greenery.

Pictures drawn by children who came to Dan Robertson's drawing lesson will be displayed on the library walls from the middle of August until school starts.

Time ran out on July 3 at the knit-purl session, and we didn't get to the purl part. If children would like more help on the knit stitch, starting all over again, and/or progressing to purl, come to the Library and ask Carol Bold for help.

Still to look forward to are Andrea Hughes' macramé lessons and Elaine Reuter's three crafts programs, which will be easy and fun for children of all ages. Games, puzzles, crayons and paper, and cards are now available for those who tire of books or who can't come to the crafts sessions on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00.

Don't forget the movies every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 through August 5.



Free tennis lessons are on the schedule for the courts behind the Richmond Plunge. The dates are Mon. - Fri. at 10 a.m. to 12 noon starting July 14 with the first session running 7/14 - 7/25 and the second session 7/28 - 8/9. Racquets and balls are supplied. The program is for youth between the ages of 7 - 19. Richmond Recreation and Parks Dept. which is sponsoring the program says they will take sign-ups at the first or second lessons, because the publicity is a little late coming out in the PCP.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

Following an eight-week whirlwind romance, Phylliss Krueger and Rod Blanchette were married May 31 in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Ray Reynolds was the best man, having introduced the happy couple. The main of honor was Anna Krueger, and Kurt Krueger gave the couple 14 red roses. It was a small private wedding with 10 people in attendance, counting the minister.

Phylliss and Rod honeymooned in Carmel and Santa Barbara and are now looking for a roomy place to live in Point Richmond. (If you have any ideas, call them at 924-4043 or 232-0336.)

Phylliss has been a Point resident for many years. She is an artist and a special education teacher. Rod is presently a seaman.

What was the reaction of their friends? Jo Cunningham says she's glad Phylliss is off the streets! (Just kidding!)



Dorothy King has secured a speaking part in the movie which will be produced by Cine Manifest. Shooting is to start August 23. You may remember back in June when hundreds of people showed up for tryouts at the Community Center.

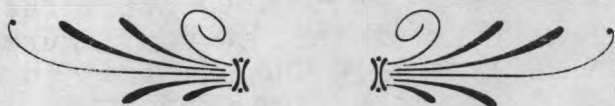
Will Point Richmond become the movie capitol of the West? The second movie company to appear on the scene in recent weeks showed up July 9 with their set between the Point restaurant and the Mac Hotel. The company was shooting a Bank Americard commercial. The set was a small cafe and the story line was a young couple taking their parents out to dinner. (at a cafe that accepted BankAmericard of course.) The company picked the spot because they liked the paint job on the Interactive Resources building!



Father Richard Prendeville is looking forward to a vacation on the Russian River this summer and hopes to visit the Philadelphia, Pa. area this fall. He said he went back East in August a couple of years ago and it was so hot he could hardly stand it. "I couldn't even get my T-shirt off," he said. Our Lady of Mercy has been trying movies during the Saturday and Sunday Mass as an experiment this summer. They have been well received so far. Father Prendeville says the movies do not pound away at the religious moral but are the kind you can draw your own conclusions from. The last one was an illustration of the parable of the prodigal son.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Banks of 432 Washington Ave. will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary August 9 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in the Point. The Banks have lived in Point Richmond for many years: Mr. Banks was a seaman for Standard Oil until his retirement. He was known to many as "Captain Banks". Congratulations!



Congratulations to George Haigh who recently graduated from San Francisco School of Law!

George has been tending the bar (no pun intended) at the Point Orient for some time and is available there for legal opinions and congratulations.

George joins two other graduates of San Francisco School of Law from Point Richmond. One is Walter L. Paasch, class of '26, who was Contra Costa County Clerk (now retired) and resides on Washington Avenue. The other is Betty Gilbert class of '41, who practiced in Richmond for many years and is now retired.



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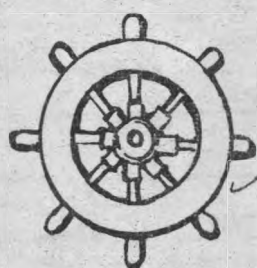
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FENTONS GET NEW STOVE

...a very nice way to spend a summer afternoon...coffee in the Judges and Spares and conversation with Jay Fenton, the personnel director for National Gypsum Co. on Canal Blvd. Jay and Karen bought the huge Victorian on Stairley Street in the Point. The historic house was built in 1902 by Mr. Stairley, the founder of the Bank of Richmond. Mr. Stairley, a Confederate War Veteran and cousin of General Lee, was Richmond's Postmaster from 1912 to 1920. Mrs. Stairley, the former Mary Ridgely Tilden, lived to be almost 102 and after her death, her son Duke sold the house. In 1963 the Trefry Ross family bought the house and since that time have been renovating it. It was without a heating system and hot water.

Karen and Jay have been putting in new foundations for a couple of years now and are nearly done. The afternoon we talked, Jay was excited about a new wood burning stove they had just purchased. The stove is Norwegian and took six months to arrive after it was ordered. It has about 50% efficiency in burning wood; reducing the wood to a fine ash and putting very little carbon into the air. It cost about \$300. The stove is supposed to heat 7,000 cubic feet in a Maine winter, so Jay figures it will heat 16,000 cu. feet in a Point Richmond winter without much trouble.

By now you must have figured out that Jay and Karen care a lot about their environment. They put in a completely new gas heating system a couple of years ago and then got to pondering what would happen if there were a brown-out - which is now a distinct possibility with dire predictions of the U.S. running out of natural gas in the next few years. A gas heating system has 60%-70% efficiency; a fireplace has about 10% efficiency. So they figure they got a good deal on their stove.

Jay recommends a book called "Low Cost Sources of Energy"

which you can get at Cody's or through the Whole Earth Access Co. It tells about windmills, methane gas, solar heat, etc., listing cost comparisons and where to purchase the new heating units.

Jay and Karen are also happy to talk to people who are interested in new heating methods, ecology and trees, etc. If you look them up, be sure also to see the wonderful stand of evergreens they have been planting...called the "Fenton Forest."

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Richard and Marianne Splenda took a dream vacation in Idaho this summer - well, it would have been a dream had it not been for rain the first two days. Richard is the landscape architect with offices upstairs at 225 West Richmond, who helped Pat Sinawi get trees planted next to Washington School.

The Splendas took a raft trip down the Snake River. The Snake is bordered by Idaho, Washington and Oregon. They started at Cambridge, Idaho where they met up with the other nine people in the party. There were two rubber rafts and one guide for each raft. Starting from Ox-Bow Dam, they shot the rapids down through Hell's Canyon to Lewiston. Hell's Canyon is 5500 feet deep - deeper than the Grand Canyon!


The guide for the Splenda's boat was 22 years old and had been guiding parties since he was 14. The guides make \$1,000 a month during the summer. They do almost all the work, tying down supplies in the morning, unloading and cooking some great meals. "We had something different for breakfast each day," Marianne said. "French toast, eggs, pancakes and so on. We had steak, ham and fried chicken for supper. The food was great. And it was great for the women. The men did most of the cooking."

The first two days were spent mostly trying to dry off. When it wasn't raining the rapids would

douse everything. On the third day the sun came out. It stayed light until 10 p.m. because the Snake river is much farther north than we are. It's halfway to Alaska.

When riding the rapids you try to aim for the "tongue" of the white water - that will get you down without flipping. On the way down the river the Splendas encountered a couple of men from New York who were trying to go it alone in a big black rubber boat. The boat overturned twice and it took 16 men to right it again. But those adventurers made it to the bottom too. Another thrill was finding stone inscriptions by Nez Pierce Indians who had passed that way many years ago fleeing from the white men.

The rapids of the Snake River are gentler than the Salmon River which is farther to the east. Different companies have different arrangements for getting back to the starting point. The one the Splendas took met them at Lewiston and drove them all the way back to Cambridge: a 6-hour drive. Their trip was arranged by Beldon Handy Float Trips of Jerome, Idaho, in case you're interested. It cost \$270 per person for the 107-mile adventure.



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Jill Sacherman, the artist who has been doing sketches of Point Richmonders for the Point Counterpoint covers is moving from Oakland to the Point. Don't say we didn't warn you, Jill! Kidding aside, we're really glad to have you here.

If anyone would like a fine portrait drawn as a present or just for yourself, you can reach Jill by calling the Point Counterpoint at 232-2494 or leaving a message in Jumbo's.

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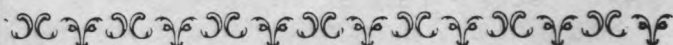
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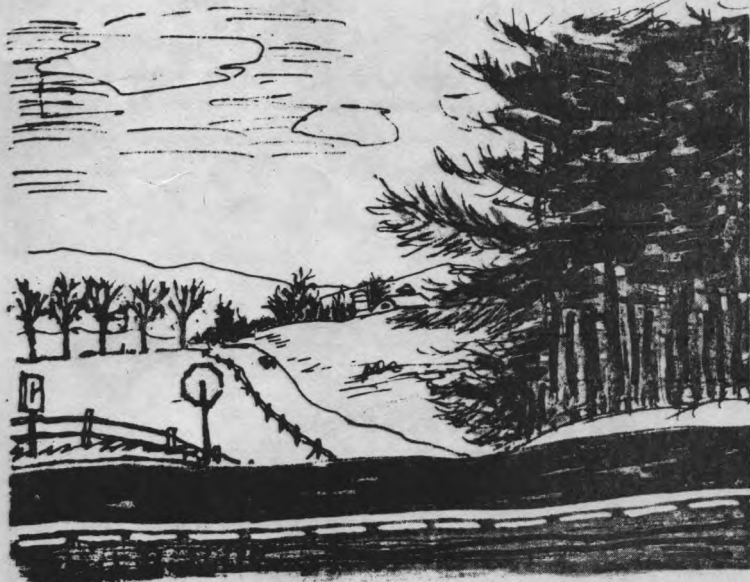
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"WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION"

Carol Bold, Westside Branch librarian, will be taking an exciting and unusual vacation this summer. With her sister Frances Gregg, who attends Emeritus College in Marin, she will be spending three weeks in England in late July and early August. The two sisters are going to try to formulate a literary tour of England and this year will be for investigating the tour. They will be staying in college dormitories during their trip and will travel in a car with an Englishwoman who is an old friend. Mrs. Hewitt, a new Point resident who lives on West Richmond Avenue and also has a house in England, is advising Carol and her sister.



The Art Center (located in the Civic Center) had a new show opening July 10. Entitled "Black, White and Greene", the show will run through August 10.



Did you know that our community center is available for meetings in the afternoon or evening? All you have to do is let Gladys know ahead of time. It is not for the exclusive use of children or teenagers - it is open to anyone.

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It just goes to show you... "corner boys" do grow up and become just like all of us...the editor recently ran into Steve Kolosey, who used to hang out on the corner about seven years ago. He just spent several years in Washington State where he married a Seattle girl and had three kids!

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Did you get a new telephone book in June? Remember on July 19 to throw away that insert covering county offices that came with the new directory.

After the 18th, phone numbers for county offices can be found inside the directory, says Pacific Telephone's Richmond manager, Bob Diercks.

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City Councilman Al Silva and wife Ann are expecting a little Silva early next year. For two political people, they are showing the ultimate optimism about the state of the world. (or something like that!) Congratulations!

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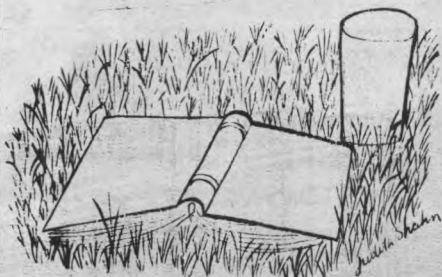
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