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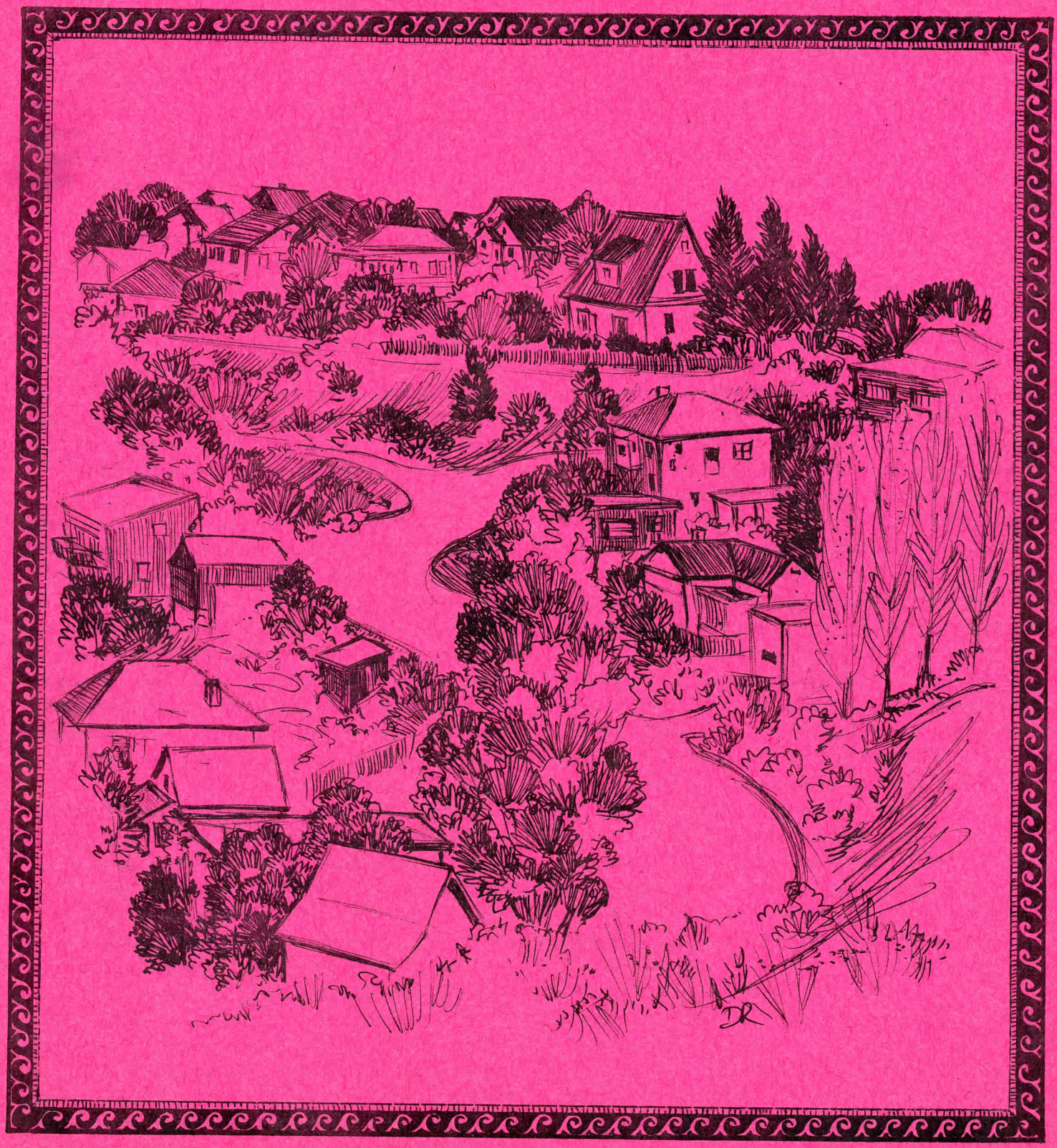

by George Hagen

Japan freely permits abortion as a method of birth control. Legalizing abortion in Japan rapidly cut their birth rate in half, and helped reduce their growth rate to manageable proportions. The post World War II practise of using young girls in the labor force increased the ages at which they marry to about twenty-five; for men it is about twenty-seven. This increase in the generation span also helps to reduce population growth.

Moral and religious standards in Japan are such that legalized abortion did not encounter much opposition. Even in small cities like Shimada abortions number several hundred per year. In Japan the number of abortions per year is about equal to the number of live births or about one million. Time reported a few weeks ago that the figure was 660 abortions to 1,000 live births. They must keep better records than the Japanese government. Time also said that the pill was illegal in Japan. I was skeptical about that, and asked Dr. Katsumi, one of my host fathers, to enlighten me. Many Japanese, perhaps 50% , do practice methods of birth control other than abortion.

When I talk to different groups about my visit in Shimada, I often mention the Japanese attitude about abortion. It wakes people up. In the United States it appears that abortion may be part of our social mores, with society steadfastly refusing to acknowledge that this may be so. Estimates of abortions in the U.S. range up to one million per year. Almost all are illegal, so the number is only a guess. However, with all the doctors on trial, there must be some demand for abortions in the U.S.

Abortion in Japan is practised as a perfectly legal, safe, clinical procedure. Almost all are performed in hospitals where the patients stay for a few days.

Whether the means be abortion or other methods of birth control, it appears likely that other countries will have to come up with something to prevent a world population explosion. Of course, if left to natural solutions -- war, disease and famine, the death rate will increase and take care of the problem. Most men view the prolongation of life with favor, so a solution to the problems of population growth through increasing death rates has always been rejected.

To summarize, I would like to quote from an article, "Asian Populations : The Critical Decades" by Irene Taeuber, a demographer and sociologist with the Office of Population Research at Princeton University since 1936. "If death rates are to decline to ever lower levels in a finite world, birth rates must also decline. There is no alternative. But declining birth rates mean controlled fertility, and there is neither a universal good called the small family nor a universal ethic that interprets parental responsibilities as including limitation of offspring.

"Thus there is approval of science, technology, and action programs that contribute to the health and longevity of people, and that provide increasing material goods. There is ambivalence to research and action programs in the field of human fertility. And this is true despite the increasing realization that the long and abundant physical life which is the goal of development activities can be preserved only if birth rates also decline.

"The force that led to increasing rates of population growth was declining mortality. The demographic crisis is created by a failure of birth rates to decline along with death rates. Within a period of time whose duration no man can now foresee, the decline of birth rates becomes the only alternative to the increase of death rates."

The demographic, political and other complexities of the Asian population situation can be reduced to one simple question: Will growth be reduced through the humane process of declining birth rates or the ruthless process of increasing death rates?

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We really hope you noticed the difference, too. A week of our lives has been devoted to the care and feeding of our new duplicating equipment. Being faced with new machinery is, for women at least, something akin to caring for a baby for the first time. Trading in our old (old, old) mimeograph machine left us in a state of shock. Either adjust, or there will be no "Point Counterpoint" this week was the message that blared from the new machine, its open mouth ready to swallow all our paper.

Helpless women are as much of a mystery to men as machines are to women. The salesman who came to tutor us for a few hours last Saturday left in a daze, after five hours, saying he would return Monday. Monday he left, and promised to return Tuesday. By Wednesday, we had improved a bit, but he really thought he'd better return on Friday..just to make sure that we didn't panic (and we would). He gave thanks on Thanksgiving day for Thanksgiving day.

Not understanding the machine didn't keep us from asking one question after another, and the day when several people ran in and out, the typewriter repairman was clattering in the kitchen, and Dulcie Johnson (who has been frantically working on the cook book, typing day and night) puzzled him with a few more questions, he inquired whether we had ever considered going into vaudeville.

Well, today we are entering a new era (we hope) of legible, neat (er) publishing. It may not seem terribly important to you as readers, but we had to spend the page talking about it--there wasn't time this week to gather any exciting news!

News articles, stories, art work, etc. always welcome. Call 233-4999 or 235-4222, or send to 212 Bishop.

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HISTORIC exhibit visits Richmond

Hundreds of Richmond people have already attended the art and history exhibit n now on display at the "Y" (Richmond Memorial Youth Center, at 3230 Macdonald Ave.) The exhibit was transported here from San Francisco, on another leg of its traveling tour of the United States. The exhibit may be viewed from now until December 31, from 10 to 3:00, and 6 to 9:00 daily, and from 1:00 to 5:00 Saturdays and Sundays.

The main feature of the exhibit is the massive 9' by 10' mural, "Freedom Now" carved from Mahogany by artist Robert W. Ames. Through the 225 bas relief figures, the artist passionately depicts the tragic and heroic struggles of the Afro-Americans beginning with their lives in Africa and ending with contemporary struggles in the South. An accompanying slide show with historical commentary by Mr. Ames has made the viewing more meaningful to the thousands of school children and interested groups of adults throughout the nation.

Two exquisite tapestry-quilts and a display of ancient African sculpture and tapestry, figurines and busts of famous Black Americans, and a display of literature pertinent to Black History will also be part of the exhibit.

Laugh of the season

"Once in a Lifetime", Hart and Kaufman's play lampooning Hollywood movies, will be presented by the Stagedoor Guild of Contra Costa College on the evenings of December 6 and 7, 13 and 14, with instructor Gerald Davidson directing.

The play introduces the audience to Hollywood at just that moment when the dirges are sounding for silent pictures, throwing the panic-stricken industry into chaos.

This is the great chance for a third-rate vaudeville trio consisting of May, attractive and wisecracking; Jerry, enterprising go-getter; and stupid frozen-faced George. They see in this upheaval the opportunity that comes once in a lifetime. With the help of Helen Hobart, a Hollywood gossip columnist, they set up a school of voice culture at the famous Glogauer Studios.

Caught up in a whirl of insanities peculiar to the film capital, George's muddled utterances establish him as a genius in the eyes of Herman Glogauer, who entrusts him with the fortunes of the studio.

The show does a job of deflation to the phony Hollywood image of the period.

The production will be staged Friday and Saturday evenings, at 8:30 p.m., in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall on the Contra College Campus. Admission is $1.50 general, $1.25 children, and students.

PICTURESQUE SPEECH

World-famous photographer Vittorugo Contino will lecture at Contra Costa College on "The Eye of Excitement", Thursday evening, December 5, at eight.

Contino is the man who shot the color film for the feature-length film, "Vietnam, War Without a Front," which will soon be released in this country. He has also been a war photographer in Algeria and Israel, including the first Suez incident.

Much more than a war photographer, he is one of the leading photographers on the bullfights in Spain, and one of his still photography exhibits is now touring the West Coast. He has just completed a picture study on the Etruscan and Medieval city of Cortona and a photoessay on Ezra Pound, which is soon to be published in book form.

General admission fo the lecture is $1. College students and staff are admitted free.

Party

The West Side Improvement Club will hold its Christmas Party December 5 at noon, with a pot-luck luncheon and gift exchange, at the Community Center.

REMINISCING

WITH DON CHURCH

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

PAPER FINDS A PLACE IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS...

From the news of November 29, 1920..

"That gold has lost its popularity and crisp new Federal Reserve notes have taken its place in the pockets and hearts of the people is the opinion of State Treasurer Friend. W. Richardson who, in his biennial report says, "The entrance of the United States into the great war made it necessary for the government to gather up the gold of the country. As State Treasurer, I cooperated by releasing several millions in gold for the Federal Reserve Bank... Franchise tax collections aggregating more than twenty million dollars were made by me without asking for a dollar in gold. I have found a patriotic willingness on the part of State employees to accept the crisp new Federal Reserve notes. This light weight, convenient money has found a place in the hearts as well as the pocketbooks of the people.... It is evident that the old system of gold payments will never again be adopted." "

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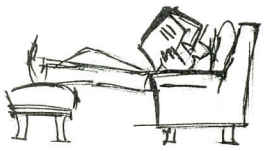
NEW BOOKS AT THE WEST SIDE



by Mary Burkhard

West Side offers four new novels this week for your Holiday reading (hmmm - I must mean Christmas, since we're closed Thursday and Friday!

THE CONTRACT by Henry Carlisle is a zany, fast-moving comedy about three slightly drunk college roommates who make a blood pact whereby each would kill off the others' rich old aunt and all share in the inheritance profits. Only one takes the pact seriously, and several years later returns to San Francisco to make good on the contract. After a blood curdling diversion through San Francisco and the voodoo-haunted Caribbean, the arch-fiend is foiled. True love finds fulfillment; dowager aunts are made safe; their fortunes intact, and the villain gets his just deserts.

In a more serious vein, we have SAVAGE SLEEP by Millen Brand, author of "The Outward Room" which was forerunner of all psychiatric novels of the last three decades. Savage Sleep fictionally enters the mind, heart, and experience of a great psychiatrist, Dr. John Marks. It tells with luminous intensity the story of three crucial years that began when he looked into the frightened eyes of Jimmy, dying of acute catatonic excitement, whose case and ultimate cure set the doctor off on his pioneering career. In this great canvas of behind-the-scenes life in a state hospital and in a center of psychiatric research and teaching, one becomes so involved that he cannot help but burn with indignation at public and private apathy. The account of Dr. Marks' work makes Savage Sleep one of the most penetrating novels ever written about the human mind, but particularly the healing of the savage sleep of psychosis.

In contrast to the large Savage Sleep is a small but artistically perfect novel titled A BEAR FOR THE F B I, by Melvin Van Peebles, writer and director of the award winning movie, The Story of a Three Day Pass. In reply to the question of why he has had his previous four novels published abroad instead of in his native country, Van Peebles said, "I think it's because they want me to be obsessed with the racial problem, and I'm obsessed with the human problem." His most recent novel is the story of a group of people, who in the sounds, the smells, the gestures, the silences of their densely knit family, love each other and, in this love, find sustenance and meaning for all their lives.

Fourth on the list is THE WRATH OF COYOTE by Jean Montgomery. Based on the life of the legendary Chief Marin, this novel describes the conflict between Spanish settlers and the California Indians inhabiting the area of present-day San Francisco. The strength and simplicity of the writing make the book a classic account of the destruction of a primitive civilization. It is the re-creation of what must be one of history's saddest episodes.

WHAT I CAN DO

A poem donated by a Washington Grade School poet, Adolph Booth:

I'm not as tall as my friend Ben,
I'm not as smart as John or Ed.
I cannot spell as well as Will.
I cannot catch as well as Ted.
I cannot run as fast as Ben,
I cannot sing as well as Fred,
But I can whistle through my teeth
While I'm standing on my head!

A POST-THANKSGIVING POW-WOW with THE

OLD PROF*

HOPPED-UP HISTORY

POCAHONTAS

We'll speak, today, of POCAHONTAS;
Because we're sure that you would wontas
To make you all our confidants,
In her historical romants.

Her father was big Chief POWHATAN.
And he and she were always spatan.
For she was quite a sassy maid,
And all his rules she disobaid.

Her beauty brought her great renown.
Those Injun braves sure hung arown.
But POCAHONTAS shunned the boys,
Except those handsome IROQUOYS.

And then some English settlers blundered
Onto their shores, in sixteen-hundered.
Their skin was white, but otherwise
They were a crumby bunch of gise.

But POCAHONTAS saw JOHN ROLFE,
While he was swimming in the golfe;
He was good-looking, strong and staunch
So she invited him for launch.

JOHN fell for her with such great fervor,
At times it threatened to unnervor.
And there was no one very sleepy
At night, in POCAHONTAS' teepy.

Now all this racial integration
Made Chief POWHATAN quite impation.
He grabbed a shot-gun and he said,
"Today you love-birds will be waid."

The pair got hitched (as has been written),
And as they sailed away to BRITTEN,
An awful thing, alas, occurred:
The settlers all were masoccurred!

So, fellows, use your common sense;
Don't fool around in ladies tense.
If, with some chick you are tom-cattin,'
Be sure her dad ain't Chief POWHATAN!

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*Robert C. Friend

16th PAINTING ANNUAL

The Richmond Art Center announces its Sixteenth Painting Annual. This is a competitive exhibition; the sole juror is Mr. Wayne Thiebaud. First prize is one $500.00 purchase award. There are also two $100.00 non-purchase prizes.

Completed entry forms, along with a $5.00 entry fee, must be received by the art center no later than December 5, 1968. Entries will be received in the galleries Monday, December 9 at 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The exhibition is for paintings only. However, the suitability of a particular piece of work, to the basic intent of the exhibition, will be left to the juror's discretion. Artists should be aware that their work must clear a seven-foot doorway.

Following a reception on Friday, February 7, the exhibition will remain open through March 16, 1969. For further information and entry blanks, please call 234-2397.

A note TO CONFUSED COOKS

A clarification may be necessary on the recipes that appeared in last week's issue. The first, entitled "Pumpkin Whip" contained no pumpkin! It did, however, contain some mincemeat, and the name was really "Mincemeat Whip."

TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

....a lapse in the diet is the 'pause that refleshes'.

How did some of the Point celebrate the 347th Thanksgiving?
...The DON ESSARY'S shared theirs with his family from San Pablo... while their neighbors, the DREXIL HOLLADAYS went to Napa to be with son, Joe. Daughter, Dorothy McCuan and family return today (Friday) to Michigan, after spending the past three weeks here.... ALICE AND HARRY RESH were hosts to their large family at their Summit Place home... PETE AND BONNIE PETERSON did away with all that fuss and bustle (and left-overs) and ate out, then drove to Susanville to spend the rest of the week with her family.. REBA SLAGLE flew home from UCLA...the JACK HEALY'S packed their pies to a family gathering, while the TREF ROSS'S spent the day just being a family together and enjoying it....the largest gathering had to be in Watsonville, where the WILSONS and CRIMS got together with 40 to 50 brothers, sisters, and cousins to proclaim their thanks.

We are happy to see LLOYD DARLEY home again after the second visit to Richmond Hospital, and looking very chipper.

Local lady to Point postal clerk: "I'd like a dollar's worth of penny post cards!"

Job's Daughter Bethel 319 from the Point, led by their Honored Queen, PAM WILSON, performed their Go-To-Church service last Sunday at the Methodist Church. Many persons were visibly touched as the young girls knelt in their cross formation singing "Nearer my God to Thee."

Water Safety Instructor KIM STODDARD, made at least three girls happy last Monday, when they passed their life-saving class. Mariners KARLA TEDRICK and DEBBIE HARDWICK needed theirs to pass a girl scout rank, and ROBERTA DORNAN needed her Junior certificate toward her Torch Bearer in Camp fire. Besides, they are making it safer for others to swim.

Any wife with an inferiority complex can cure it by being sick in bed for a day, while her husband manages the household and the children.

When DAPHNE DUVALL from Oakland is married this Saturday, at the First Methodist Church, another page of history unfolds. Daphne is the great-granddaughter of pioneer real estate man, A. O'Dell, who was on the Board of the Church when the original wood frame church was constructed between the present churches. Daphne was also baptized here.

"Would you like to take this turkey home to eat for Thanksgiving ?" the farmer asked a little boy.
"Oh, I would, I would!" said the boy, "but tell me, what does he eat?"

Moving into the parsonage on Nicholl Avenue this week end are Carol and Dick Smith. Children, Lori and Mike are welcomed as new third and fourth graders at Washington School.

We can tell someone is home for the holidays...the phone is either ringing or glued to an ear..the car radio has changed stations...the phonograph records are foreign...the milk is always gone...and the laundry pile has assumed mountainous proportions!

Advent begins Sunday, December 1... children love advent calendars..have yours?

Pre-Christmas PROBLEM-SOLVERS...

Preparations for Christmas should include attendance at the annual Richmond Art Center Bazaar. One never knows what he may find at the booths for ceramics, jewelry, lapidary, textiles and prints... all work is donated by artists and art students, and proceeds are used to purchase additional equipment for the class studios and galleries.

Held on Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Bazaar will include original work by artists, Christmas decorations, as well as a "Tired Treasures" booth. There will be door prizes, with the drawing held at 4 p.m. Donations of tired treasures will be accepted at the Art Center through Thursday, December 5.

THROW AWAY your LIST..

Go straight from the Art Center Bazaar to the place where you can find the perfect small gift for the problems on your list..especially the women. Cook Books full of fine recipes by Point residents will be available for the first time at the Publishing Party December 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. The "Picnic at the Point Park Cook Book" includes anecdotes, cooking hints and a large variety of recipes along with picnic menus.

Refreshments and recipe samples will be served all afternoon, tours of the new park site will be offered, and there will be a showing of art from Gertrude Harris' private collection, and a chance to buy the cook book at pre-publication prices...at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, 229 Bishop Ave.

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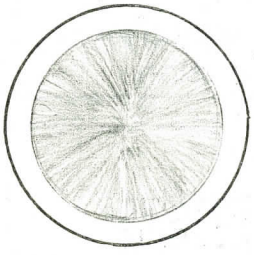

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HERE AND THERE

with Dorothy King

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Dr. Ben Bray has been appointed Senior Engineering Associate in the Process Development Division of the Chevron Research Corporation.

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On December 6, the Oakland Symphony Chorus will present a Christmas Concert at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington, at 8:30 p.m.

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Visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Van Loghem, here to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, Thea Kendall of Washington Avenue. Accompanying the Van Loghem's were Thea's aunt and uncle who are from Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Kersten are enjoying a two-month visit in America, and participated in their first Traditional American Thanksgiving.

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A LIMERICK

by Louise Foran

A red-head with features patrician,
Envisioned her portrait by Titian;
Thenceforth, so beguiled,
She cautiously smiled,
And rarely would change her position!

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT A SLEIGHRIDE

by Curtis Beresford

A farm without horses is like a circus without clowns and elephants. The picture is incomplete.

And thereby hangs a tale.

There was the family farm in Michigan just north of Detroit. It was a prosperous farm, but the younger generations had migrated to the city. My grandparents and two uncles and two cousins remained to work the farm. As a boy I spent summers there. I adjusted myself to the lack of many city conveniences and joined the activities of the farm people. Diversions were of a crude type, but enjoyable. Newly-married couples were given a horning or chivaree. The young men would gather around their house blowing horns and firing shotguns. If the groom would roll out a keg of beer his and his wife's health were toasted and the crowd dispersed. Popular among the boys was "cooning" melons. The stealth performed to raid a melon patch was unnecessary, as the farmer was glad to have the boys enjoy his melons. There was talk and laughter about snipe hunting, but few instances of it. A "greenhorn" was asked if he had ever been snipe hunting. If there was no sign of recognition, a great build-up was given to the unusual art of snipe hunting, and the gullible soul was invited to take part. He was given a lantern and sack, led to an isolated spot at night, and the others were to scare up the snipes which would be attracted by the lantern, and fly into the sack. The perpetrators of the "joke" would then go home and wait for the victim to catch on.

The memorable event of the year was the family gathering at Christmas time. The womenfolk prepared for the Yuletide celebration for weeks in advance. They prepared extra beds, cooked large masses of food and made the house ready with holly and sprays of pine.

The house was large and comfortable but lacked plumbing and electricity. Heat was provided by a large wood-burning pot-bellied

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stove in the living room and a wood-burning range in the kitchen. Saturday night was bath night. A washtub on the kitchen floor was filled with water heated on the range. After a bath, the men put on clean overalls and were ready for the coming week. A pleasant pungent odor of burning oak permeated the house.

At Christmas time there was always a heavy coating of snow. In the country there were no melted spots that one found in cities where houses, factories and cars threw out their heat. Visitors from the city wisely wore long underwear. The bedrooms were cold as a walk-in freezer, and little disrobing was done before climbing between the icy sheets.

The main part of the house had been built before wire nails came into use. The square forged nails that held the house together would slip during the chill of the night, causing a weird creaking.

On Christmas morning, there was always a sleigh-ride. A team was hitched to a large sleigh with four wide seats. By sitting on laps, an entire house-full could ride.

The floor was covered with straw. There were ample blankets and mufflers. Cold added to the fun. Everyone was at the height of the Christmas spirit. Children gave off that whistling sound peculiar to kids. Older folks laughed just because they felt good. The snow-deadened landscape swallowed the sounds, giving the hour-long ride an unearthly sensation. Kids were still chirping and their elders laughing chillily as they gathered around the pot-bellied stove. The sleigh ride made Christmas complete. We looked forward to it until the next Christmas.

A war disrupted the country. For half a dozen years there was no holiday gathering. Then an energetic soul organized and succeeded in gathering the family clan. The house was decorated, the food prepared, the extra beds set up. New children were introduced. Visitors hugged the stove, haunted with the prospect of the icy bedrooms. Children anticipated the sleighride.

HEALTH Warning...
CHRISTMAS APPROACHES
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Those too young to have experienced the sleigh ride were filled with even greater anticipation by the tales. While the excitement of the older folk was not exactly at fever pitch, their pretense ranked with professional acting.

The children went to the shed and inspected the sleigh. They had been told it was an exciting object. They silently accepted this conclusion.

In the warm milking-barn the cows were in their stantions. The older children guided the tour. They spoke approvingly of the horses. They remembered their names. Horses were named after the person from whom they had been bought, accounting for their unhorselike names, like Dunbar, Maddox or Hammond. When a horse was introduced to the farm he was called the Hammond horse. The suffix was dropped, and he became Hammond. The horses knew only two words -- haw and gee--so the names were of no consequence to them. One kid told of a wild bare back ride he had made. Kids are adept at fiction.

Christmas morning arrived. There was a restive stirring in anticipation of the sleigh ride. The children were warmly bundled. They stepped out the door. A large station wagon pulled up. The crowd, somewhat querulous, was looking for the sleigh. When word was given to get into the station wagon there was a murmuring about the sleigh ride. Then came the purple truth. The farm had been completely mechanized. There were no horses.

Joy was gone. Christmas had failed them. Christmas without a sleigh ride is like a circus without clowns and elephants.

Come Out

by Adolph Booth

Come out!
Hey, hey
It's Saturday!
Come out to run,
Come out to play.
Come out. Come out.
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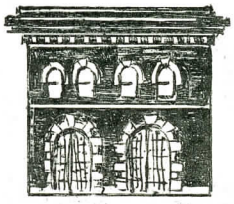

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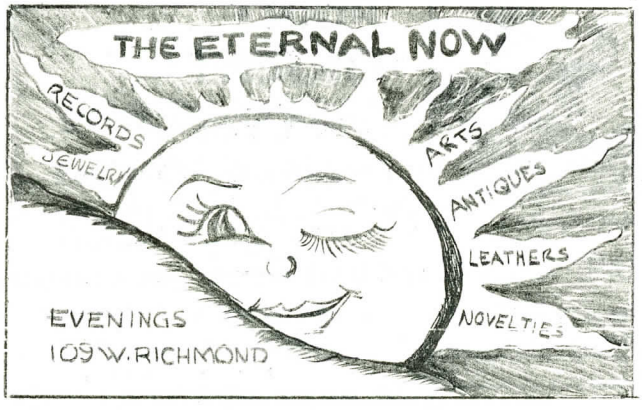

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Cub Scouts

News from Pack 135 - Wallace Darling, cub Master.

Den 1, 2, and 3 held their November pack meeting at Washington School Thursday Nov. 21. Mr. Allan Smith called roll to a 100% turnout.

Awards were given to the following boys: DEN 1, BOBCAT AWARDS: Greg Brock, Mario Caceres, Reynold Javellana, Reed Scarbrough, Allan Smith, Dennis True.

David White received awards for Perfect attendance in 1967, a 1 year Service Star, and assistant Denner.

Gary Darling : Perfect attendance, 1967, Service Star (1 yr.) Wolf, Denner, three silver arrows, and one gold.

DEN 2:
Ronald Van Hook - Denner and Bobcat.
Mike Robbins - Bobcat.
Tim Gery - Service Star.
Terry Hutry - Service Star.
Anthony McCrae - Bob Cat and Ass't. Denner.

DEN 3:
Rick Espinosa - Service Star.
Jim Espinosa - Denner.
Dwayne Williams - Service Star.
Donald Hagger - BobCat and Ass't. Denner.
Frank Cardoza - Service Star.

WEBELO:
Dino Amantite - Service Star.

Den mothers are Mrs. Philip Caceres, Mrs. Gene Espinosa and Mrs. Ginger Robbins.

Flag ceremonies were performed by the Cub Scouts from Den 2, and two menstrel songs were sung by members of Den 1. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served to all by Mrs. Wallace Darling and Mrs. Van Hook.

Carl Braden and Malvina Reynolds will appear at a Birthday Party benefit for the Southern Patriot and Southern Conference Educational Fund and Freedom News, Saturday, December 7, from 8 p.m. at Linton Business School, 9959 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito. Donations $2.50 per person.

(Shimada - continued)

Only in Japan have the birth rates been greatly reduced.

Elsewhere the Asian population situation directly confronts the whole world. They will not sit idly by and starve while we in the U.S. maintain that their half of the boat is sinking. Surely population pressures leading to war and chaos in Asia would directly involve the whole world.

_Hagen - san

FAREWELL to the Stark family, who are leaving this week for Petaluma.

SANTA CLAUS visited Point Richmond already! He arrived on top of an AC transit bus Friday morning. (His sled needed a little help). The bus stopped, and a ladder was put on the side of the bus, and Santa landed right in front of the Point Orient Restaurant. From out of nowhere came children of all sizes--and the middle-aged children were pushing the little ones out of the way to receive candy canes!

Recipe

BAKER'S CLAY

This is a great project for children or adults--an inedible dough used in the very old art of ornamental baking. Painted with water colors and sprayed with a clear plastic or shellac, it makes Christmas ornaments that are really charming. Our daughters found the recipe in the December Sunset Magazine, and made enough for a tree in one evening:

Combine: 4 cups unsifted flour, 1 cup salt, and 1 1/2 cups water in a bowl. Mix well to form a stiff dough(add more water if necessary) then remove to a board and knead for about 5 minutes. Use a rolling pin to roll out dough to 1/4" thickness, and cut shapes with a knife or cookie cutter. Place shapes on cooky sheet, and decorate with little balls or ropes of dough. Bake at 350° for about 1 hour, or until hard.

Use kitchen tools (like a garlic press to make hair or evergreen branches). Make a hole with a pencil point to hang ornaments from the tree. Use all dough within four hours. Coat painted ornaments with plastic.

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- **To Hear** CITY PLANNER Chuck Woodward, of the Richmond Planning Department will discuss the preservation of Richmond's important ridgelines... with pictures and complete background information.
- **To See** FILM showing of the movie produced by Jim Roberts, about the shoreline park development.
- **To Vote** ELECTION of officers of the Civic Group for the year 1968-69.
- **To Join** Membership dues for 1968-69 may be paid at this meeting, or may be sent to Treasurer, Jack Healy, 762 Ocean Drive.

YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND this meeting, and nominate your choice of officers to supplement the slate put forward by the nominating committee. All dues-paying members are eligible to vote.

WED. DEC. 4 7:30 P.M.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

ROOM 8

Wanted....

- WANTED: Working mother would like mature woman to baby sit two girls five days a week, and two nights. one child school age. Permanent. Call 234-8821.

- WANTED: Who is interested in a German live-in baby sitter or housekeeper. Call 237-6654.

- WANTED: Used Porta=Crib in good condition. Call 232-1212, ext. 441.

- WANTED: Lady housekeeper for two gentlemen. Separate quarters. Room and Board included. Call after 5 p.m. 237-6705.

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- FOR SALE: Combination heater-air conditioner. Cost $800, will sell for $500. New. Still in case. 232-2878.

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  Buffet: 60" long, 21"deep, 36" high. Two large drawers. one with silver tray. Two side compartments. Walnut finish. $25.
  Lawn edger: single wheel. $1.00
  Pencil Sharpener: Professional. Dexter Model 4. $3.00.
  Telephone 235-2261.

- FOR SALE: Old fashioned bathtub with legs. Make offer . 232-6904.

- FOR SALE: Volkswagen '68 Sedan. automatic. AM-FM German Radio. Low mileage. Driven only 6 weeks in Europe. Must sell. $1995. Call 431-1080.

- FOR SALE: '55 Chevy Bel Air Hardtop. Runs OK, needs work. $100. 235-2900.

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  Lisa Williams: 233-5211

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  Bryan Tedrick: all-around dog care: 234-0415.

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  Janet Comer: available from 12 noon to 7 p.m. 235-7200.

- ODD JOBS:
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  Cindy Forbes: 232-5395
  Geoffrey Williams (11 yrs. old) 233-5211.

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Teen-For-Hire ads are free.

• CIVIC CALENDAR •

December 1, Sunday: Mathilda Myers Dance performance, benefit Camp Fire Girls. Richmond Auditorium, 2 p.m.

December 4 - Wednesday
Point Richmond Civic group 7:30 p.m. Washington School Room 8. Everyone invited.

December 5, Thursday
West Side Improvement Club 12 noon. Pot-Luck Luncheon Gift Exchange.

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Vittorugo Contino Lecture 8 p.m. Contra Costa College.

December 6, Friday
"Once in a Lifetime" by Stage-door Guild, Contra Costa College. (also 7th, 13th and 14th.)

December 8, Sunday
Publication Party, 2 to 5 p.m. 229 Bishop Ave.

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Richmond Art Center Bazaar.

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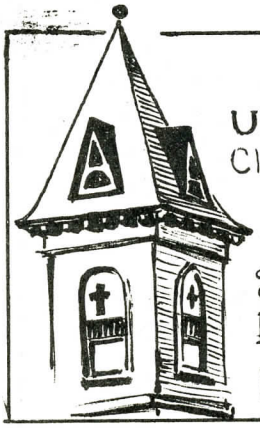

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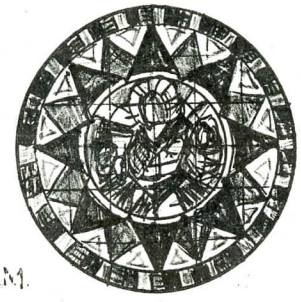

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304 WASHINGTON AVE.

Church School - 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11 A.M.
B.Y.F. Youth Group - 6 P.M.
Evening Service - 7 P.M.
Mid-Week Service - Wed. 7 P.M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Baptist Church offers a course on Sunday mornings, at 9:45 for anyone wishing to learn more about the church and its purpose. Instruction by Rev. Sam Hendrix.

The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee and other members of civic and service groups will meet 8 a.m. Monday, December 2, at the Holiday Inn, to discuss the Regional Shoreline Park with members of the City Council.

Public Agencies - concerned with environmental pollution: Bay Area Pollution Control - 771-6000 (smog); Public Health - 834-7900; Water Quality Control Board - 834-3460 (water pollution); Sonic Boom (Hamilton A.F. Base: 883-7711, Ext. 3711.