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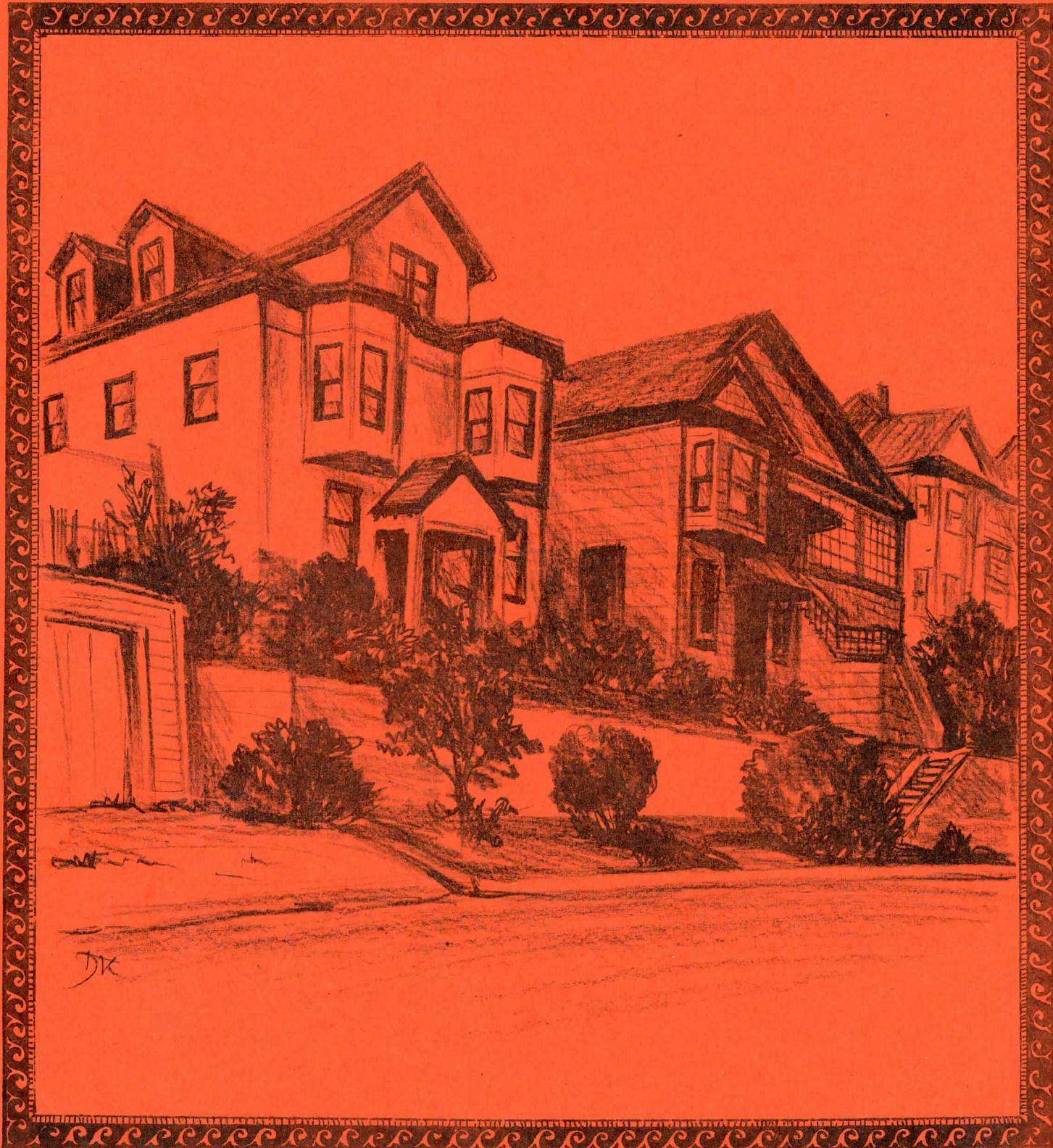
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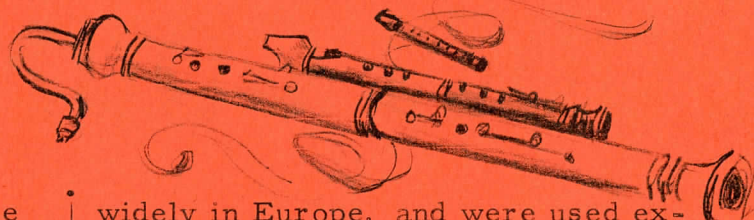
POINT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

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# 1. HOW TO PLAY A Recorder (?)



Announcements in the past about the "Point Richmond Recorder and Giggling Society" have led people to wonder about what kind of crazy new combo this might be, and why it should take a "society" to play a recorder--maybe that's why they giggle.... And articles about teaching the Recorder to second and third grade students... may have led people to wonder what's to teach about playing a recorder; kids having to learn that in school? Most people would like to teach them how to turn a recorder off, but hardly feel the need to offer a course in school for playing them.

The machine age has led to the use of the word "recorder" in reference to a mechanical instrument that plays either tapes or records. However, the 1967 Webster Dictionary gives several choices: A person or device that records; a judicial magistrate; a municipal judge; and a fipple flute with eight finger holes.

The last definition refers to the type of recorder mentioned above. The fipple flute, block flute, flauto dolce (sweet flute) or just plain flute, were other names given the recorder when it was in common use, from two to four hundred years ago. It got the name "recorder" from the fact that its song seemed to imitate the song of birds, and it was often used to teach birds certain songs.

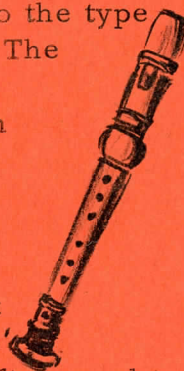
It was the original flute. When the metal flute that we now refer to as a flute was invented, it was called a "transverse flute"; but when it became the more common of the two, its name was shortened to flute, and the flute that we call the recorder gradually disappeared, until the beginning of this century. In Europe, copies of the original "flutes" were made, and, by the time the Second World War started, recorders were being produced

widely in Europe, and were used extensively in schools, to teach the rudiments of music. With the war came the discontinuation of recorder production, but it began again, when peacetime production was possible. So widespread is the production now that plastic models (Recorders are wooden instruments) are being mass produced in most countries. They are available for as little as \$2.00, and for as much as \$200. They come in sizes varying from the tiny eight-inch sopranino recorder to the great bass, which looks almost as large as a bassoon.

Because they are easy to play, the recorder makes an ideal instrument for children. Because they provide a constant challenge (they are difficult to play with proficiency) they make an ideal instrument for adults. There has probably never been an instrument that provided more enjoyment for whole families.

From the revival of the use of the Recorder came an interest in baroque instruments in general, and at the present time, there are many Baroque Music ensembles throughout the country. They play such instruments as recorders, krummhorns, rauschpfeifes, rackets, dulciens, rebecs, viols, harpsichords, and other antecedents of our modern instruments. They sound strange to our ears at first, but have a lilting quality not achieved by modern orchestras.

The Point Richmond Recorder Society formed mostly for the enjoyment of learning to play these instruments. They don't take themselves too seriously, which accounts for the "Giggling" in their title. They meet each Tuesday evening, and welcome new members. A beginners' session will start on Tuesday, January 21, at 7 p. m., 117 Nicholl Avenue. Anyone interested may call 235-4222 for information, (or come).





# WHAT NEXT?



## FOR MUSIC LOVERS....

Bonnie Hampton, cellist, and Nathan Schwartz, pianist, will perform works of Bach, Brahms, Schoenberg and Beethoven Saturday evening, January 11 at 8:30 p.m. The concert will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Furst, 34 Arlington, Kensington. Tickets are available at the door.

## FOR THOSE WHO LOVE (or need) EXERCISE....

Enrollment is now being taken for "Swedish Fit N'Trim" Classes sponsored by the Richmond Recreation and Parks Dept. Gerta Ross, the instructor, has just returned from a Christmas visit to Sweden where she gathered new material for her spring classes. New music and new routines have been added to the very popular program for women, ages sixteen and over.

Mrs. Ross is an expert on the method of rhythmic exercise to music and returns to Sweden twice a year to add new material to her program. Cost of the once a week program is \$4.00 for ten lessons, and registration is taken at class. Classes start the week of January 13.

In addition, an advanced class is offered for those who have completed the introductory class; and a mother and daughter class is held for those who would like to bring their children. Classes meet either on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday nights (mother-daughter night), at different locations. Call for information, 232-1212, extension 496.

## FOR CHORUS LOVERS...

A seventy-voice chorus will perform "Judeas Maccabaeus" by Handel, at Contra Costa College January 14, at 8 p.m. in the college gymnasium, as the first in its concert series.

Call the college for ticket information for the series, which also includes: The Greek National Dancers, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Their number is 235-7800.

## FOR CHILDREN- AND NATURE-LOVERS...

The possibility of creating an outdoor study area at Washington Grade School will be discussed at a luncheon meeting of the Washington School PTA on Thursday, January 16. Gerrie Larson, a public relations officer for the U.S. Forestry Service, and a representative of Huscicon, will offer details on how to plan such a program. All parents are invited to the pot-luck luncheon, which teachers will also be able to attend. A brief business meeting will precede the noon meeting.

## FOR CIVIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS...

Mary Costa, noted soprano, will appear at the Civic Auditorium January 17 at 8:15 p.m. Have your tickets ready!

## FOR COMEDY LOVERS...

Get reservations now for the Masquers next play, beginning January 31, and playing on Friday and Saturday evenings through March 1. "Come Blow Your Horn" by Neil Simon is the winter comedy. Reservations may be obtained by calling TH3-5475 or BE2-3888. Curtain time is 8:30. Call in advance for reservations--Masquers comedies are very popular.



"Laughter is wine for the soul."

...Sean O'Casey

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## Planning Ahead

### NEWS TRAVELS FAST....

Revolutionary news, like the fact that girls at Kennedy and Richmond High Schools may now wear slacks to school, travels swiftly; and, by tomorrow, the edict handed down by the Board of Education should bear fruit.... boys may be forced to have their hair cut short in defense of their male identity.

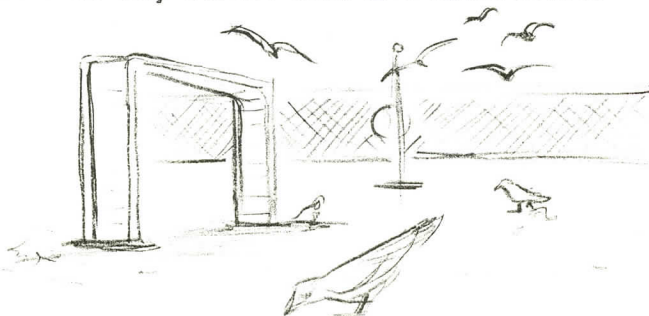
### DEBATABLE DINNER...

The excellent Forensics debaters of Kennedy High are hoping to attend debates in Los Angeles. In order to have traveling funds, a dinner for the public will be held January 23 at the Kennedy Cafeteria. Tickets for the dinner, which will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 are \$2.00. Locally, tickets are available from Lisa Simpson (232-4283), Jane Brunton (232-9109) and Julie Davis (233-3263).

### PUBLIC SERVICE...

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First United Methodist Church, W. Richmond and Martina, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, are showing the films "Time and Two Women" and "Breast Self Examination", on Wednesday night, February 5 at 8 p.m.

The films will take approximately 45 minutes, and there will be a doctor present to answer any questions that might arise after the film is over. All women in the Point area are invited to attend, as well as any others that are interested.



## Teens....

### A NEW DRAMA GROUP.....

A play is being produced by Point teens. They selected Arsenic and Old Lace, and the first rehearsal was Wednesday night. So far, the cast includes Becky Horn, Nancy Volpee, Jim Paulson, Mike Brougham, Bill Burchell, Peter Horn, Robert Hartynyk, Shirley Calvin, Cindy Wilson, and Corinne Ross.

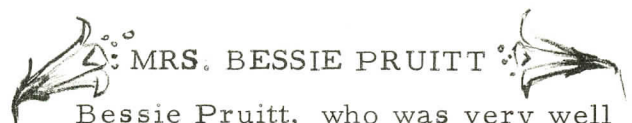
More actors and stage help are needed. Meet with the group next Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington School Auditorium.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS...

The Arts and Crafts Class will start new projects soon. Meetings are still on Tuesdays at 3:00.

### SNOW TRIP...

The Recreation Department's snow trip will be February 20, 21, 22 and 23. Money-making projects will begin soon, to reduce the cost. A \$5.00 deposit is due no later than Monday. The cost--\$27.00--includes food, lodging, and transportation for the four day trip.



Bessie Pruitt, who was very well known in Point Richmond, died last week.

Mrs. Pruitt was a native of Loleta California, and moved here with her family after the 1906 earthquake. Her father was a lighthouse keeper at Southampton Shoals. Her husband, who was an automobile salesman died recently. She has one daughter, Kathryn Willey, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Pruitt was a fine practical nurse. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church and the West Side Improvement Club. She has two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Brown and Mrs. Kathryn Atkinson.



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

## TRAVELING, 1913 STYLE

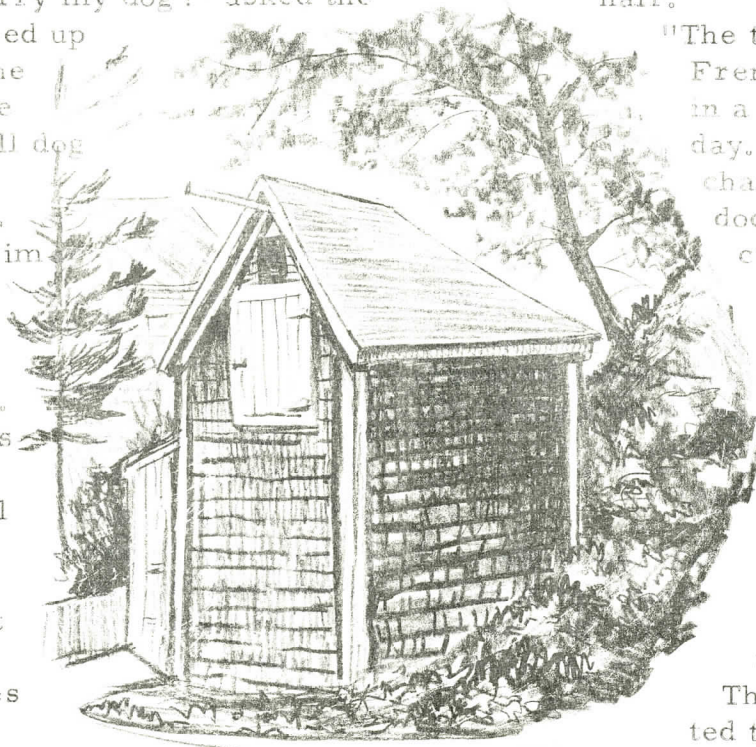
January 7, 1913: "New Dog Law on Santa Fe is Hard On Billie"

"Will you carry my dog?" asked the lady as she rushed up to the door of the baggage car. She had a squatty bull dog at the end of a leash. 'No, miss, we cannot take him unless he is on leash and muzzled,' replied the baggage man. From indications the canine had a pedigree several yards long.

"The young woman looked at her watch. She had eight minutes before the train would leave. 'But what am I to do? I have to catch this train and he must go too.' The baggage man explained that the new law went into effect January 1.

"The girl bit her lip, turned swiftly and headed for the depot with Billie tugging at the chain. A bystander gave her the information as to where she could secure a muzzle. The aid of a telephone was invoked and a messenger dispatched to the depot from the other end of the line.

"He arrived at the depot in haste and Billie was harnessed in a twinkling. The muzzle fit well and the owner slipped a \$5 bill in the hand of the boy and made a dash for the train getting Billie aboard just as the conductor gave the signal to start... and Billie went! "



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## THE CROWNING BLOW

January 7, 1913: "Misfortune seems to follow in the footsteps of Mike Frenchi of the West Side. He cursed his luck when by degrees his cranium plumage gradually dwindled, and he was forced to buy a toupee; and yesterday he swore long streaks at two "friends" who stole his little bunch of hair.

"The two men engaged Frenchi and his brother in a fistic battle on Sunday. Blows were exchanged freely until in dodging a right upper-cut, Mike lost his hat and toupee.

Quickly Mike stooped for his coveted deceiver, but he was too late. One of the men reached the hair a moment sooner, and with it in his clutches, ran from the scene.

The police have arrested the two men upon a charge of petty larceny preferred by Frenchi. "

On January 11, 1935, residents reported the worst storm since the Christmas Day storm of 1921. One hundred feet of Dan Kellers' new wharf was entirely destroyed, and the shoreline was covered with debris.

On January 11, 1917, the Standard Oil Company announced the purchase of a tug, the "Daring", which they renamed the "Standard No. 1". It was built in Tacoma in 1909, was 98 feet long and was equipped with triple expansion engine and a scotch boiler.





Sage advice from the teachers' bulletin: "Work upon the ego of each child. Everyone is worth something and has some special trait or talent. Recognize and publicly acknowledge his work and you have won that student."

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Friends of ETHEL ALEXANDER are invited to help her enjoy her birthday this Friday (today) at the home of the Glenn Bourbars, 2116 Rancho Road in El Sobrante (223-3478) at 7:30 p.m. Ethel is staying with the Boubars while she is convalescing, and if you cannot be there, we know she would appreciate a card. Her birthday is Saturday.

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Rabies shots are available at the Pinole Animal Control Shelter on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00, for \$2.00. If your dog needs one before March 1, which is the deadline for licenses this year, you might prepare your canine.

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There isn't any news to share about the holiday trip taken by the T.A. Ross family, but the dirty trailer indicates that it must have been a happy two weeks.

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Did you notice the cost of communication has gone up? It's as high as the telephone lines that carry your message!

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We are enjoying some fresh avocados from Whittier, California, that came with a pretty yellow seal reading, "Inspected and passed by the Contra Costa Department of Agriculture". ..a service I wasn't

aware of within our County.

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CHRISTY WILSON will be installed as honored Queen of the Job's Daughters Bethel No. 319, on Saturday at the Masonic Hall in the Point. Other line officers include: Sr. Princess, Paula Wilson; Jr. Princess, Sandy Nelson; Guide, Sharon Bacom; and Marshall, Patrice Wilson.

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Have you noticed a new front being constructed on the Odd Fellows Hall on West Richmond Avenue?

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Do you miss the "Old Prof" as much as we do? He's too far away for visits, but notes might let him know how much he's missed. Bob Friend is at Stanford University Hospital, Palo Alto.

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Mrs. Bethel is home from the hospital...but she's not sitting in the alcove window above Sherry and Bobs -- she moved a couple windows back to do her knitting (she didn't want everyone looking for her in the alcove window).

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Claude Hill wanted to know if you had heard about the extremely self-centered woman, who became upset at football games, every time the players went into a huddle. She was sure they were talking about her.

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Birthday wishes to:  
TREFRY ROSS, ETHEL ALEXANDER, JACK HEALY, JANET WILTA, and CAROLINE KUNEY.....(send your birthdate in, so we can include you.

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She: "Am I the first girl you ever kissed?"

He: "Now that you mention it, you do look familiar."



# NEW BOOKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

FROM THE WESTSIDE LIBRARY

by Mary Burkhard

APPOINTMENT ON THE MOON by Richard S. Lewis is the story of mankind's physical expansion into the solar system as it evolved in the U.S. after World War II. The book gives a complete report of all the manned orbital flights in the Mercury and Gemini projects, and what each added successively to the capability of men and machines in space. He also describes the discoveries of the Mariner probes to Venus and Mars, and the new knowledge about the moon itself revealed by the Ranger Surveyor, and Lunar Orbiter probes. It is an accurate, well-documented book which unfortunately went to press before last months successful manned orbit of the moon.

EDEN PRAIRIE by Frederick Manfred is a novel set in the Middle West of the 1920's. It is the poignant story of Kon and Karen Harmer, two young rural teachers drawn into a relationship they both feared. Karen, abandoned by her father after her mother died, has never managed to mature, either physically or emotionally. Kon, an intelligent and sensitive boy, after finding himself totally alien to his two older brothers and to his father, has become overly dependent on his mother.

It is the strange marriage of this unformed couple that provides the core for Mr. Manfred's newest, most absorbing novel. A marriage so unlikely of success, but which, through the catharsis of a series of near tragedies, develops into a deep and enduring union.

THE MAN OUT THERE by Joy Packer, sets a scene that has to explode:

Judge Hammond is a man in his fifties... his second wife Vale is young and beautiful... his daughter Claire is bitterly jealous. A young American journalist adds a new tense twist to the triangle -- and brings a story of

divided loves and hidden passions to an unexpected climax.... (Just a teaser.)



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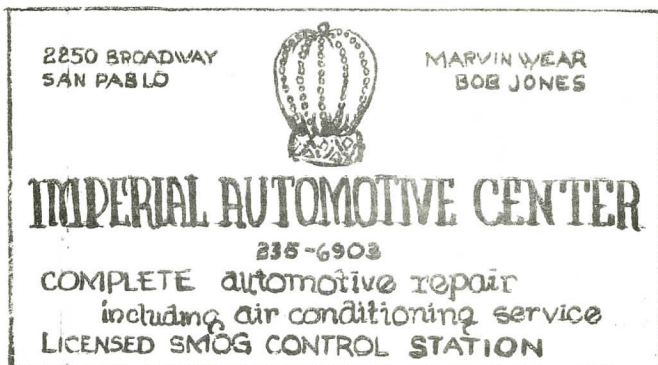
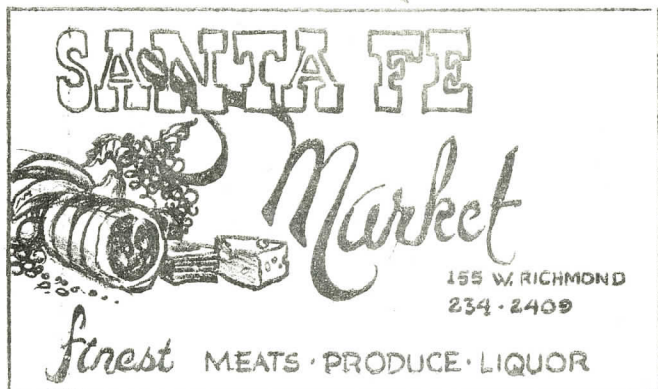
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# 7. LETTERS *to the* EDITOR... ON SIGNS



Dear Editor:

In answer to Jean Swanson (regarding Sherry and Bobs) and any others who are concerned about the quality of development in downtown Point Richmond, I would like to suggest that the possibility of having our business area rezoned from C-2 (Commercial) to C-2 C-D (Commercial-Controlled Development) be reconsidered. This is the only way that equitable controls on such things as signs can be effectuated. If residents merely protest on a hit-or-miss basis some merchants may comply, but some will not. Those that do comply due to pressure will no doubt feel unfairly treated. As a case in point--If the Point Orient can install a 100 foot long roof sign without approval why should Sherry and Bobs not be permitted to do the same, or, for that matter, whatever else they please? At present, there are no aesthetically meaningful controls on such things as landscaping, signs, use of materials, etc.

For two years the Richmond Planning Department worked on a sign ordinance in an attempt to control size, type, height and number of signs on Richmond businesses. Because of political pressure and public apathy, not even the most modest of controls was accepted by our City Council. The recurring statement at the hearings was, "Richmond is not Carmel". Well, Richmond is certainly not Carmel, but Point Richmond has aspirations! Under Controlled Development the Point could have such controls on signs as well as on landscaping, design, use of materials -- and even colors.

A set of criteria can be established as a guide for future development with Point merchants participating in the choice of such criteria. We are all concerned about preserving and enriching the particular atmosphere of the Point; here is a way to do it in a rational manner.

If anyone is interested in pursuing this further, I will be glad to answer any questions or assist in whatever way I can.

Very truly yours, Theodora Kendall  
Architect - Planner.





# A Letter TO THE POINT ...

Do you know what the Recreation Department is doing for teens in Point Richmond? Our biggest contribution is that we provide a place for them to go. They come to the Community Center, meet their friends, play pool, cards or ping-pong, and entertain each other. Most of them aren't interested in structured or planned activities; they like to relax after school, or in the evenings, and talk. How wonderful that there is a place, in the middle of town where they can go. Even girls can safely walk to the Community Center at night.

Not all of our time is devoted to drop-in. (This is the name of the non-structured activity times.) We also offer Girls' Club, an Arts and Crafts Class, and a Drama Group which is just beginning.

These planned programs are gaining in attendance and interest, yet Drop-In is the most popular activity.

In some ways we are failing our teens. Our failures result from a lack of funds. For example, we don't have a stereo record player. We can't afford to buy one. The kids won't play their stereo records on our high fidelity record player because it ruins them. The records in the library next door are stereo, too. So the only music we have is on the radio.

Another problem is that we don't have a TV set. There are many programs on TV that we would watch and discuss, but everyone has to go home to watch TV. This makes group viewing and discussion impossible.

Although there are magazines in the library next door, we could use a couple of magazine subscriptions of our own, too. For example, Eye magazine, which tells what youth is interested in today. A couple of newspaper subscriptions would be valuable in our center, for teens as well as adults who use it.

The fact is simply that we are not making the most of our Community Center. It should have the facilities that are usually taken for granted -- TV, a Record Player, Newspapers and Magazines. Our teens suffer the most

from this situation ... Why?

1. They need the facility more than any other age group - they need to be on their own and with their peers.

2. Teens use the Center more than any other group.

3. At a time when they are growing and learning they need as many resources as possible.

It would be wonderful if parents and social and Civic groups would help our Teen Program; We need their assistance very much, to offer the most to their children.

Judy Stubblefield  
Recreation Supervisor  
(Community Center)  
Telephone: 232-6140



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with Dorothy King.

Welcome back to the Point, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, who found a place to live in the Pinecrest Apartments.

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The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee met Wednesday for lunch. Mrs. Louise Hammond thanked all the members who helped in planning and putting the Picnic in the Point Park Cookbook together. Plans for the coming year were discussed, and include the continuing support and information-giving services in connection with the progressing Shoreline Regional Park.

The Cook Book is still available at Stoddard Realty and at the Chamber of Commerce Office on Eleventh Street.

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Mrs. Laurel Bray's daughter, Mrs. Roxanne Mitchell, is staying with her mother for a few days, previous to moving into a new home.

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Mrs. Ramona Robbins spent the last two weeks with her two daughters, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Welle in Albany.

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A surprise birthday party was held for Dwight Eaton by his family.

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Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Val Segstedt and their children, who are newcomers to the Point. Mr. Segstedt makes stained glass windows.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Jenkins and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kavash in Philomath, Oregon, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Greenberg flew up from Los Angeles to spend the holidays with Mrs. Greenberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weirick, and aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pemberton of El Sobrante.

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The Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Sharon Hardwick, who led a meditation on peace, assisted by Mrs. Christine Dennis, and Mrs. Nona Howe. Mrs. Uldine Nickola and Mrs. Hardwick were hostesses for the evening.

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We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Gertrude Fugua passing away January 8 in a local hospital.

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Have you noticed the sudden upheaval of ground next to the Holiday Inn? A new Gulf Service Station will be placed there. (Placed, because the stations are pre-built, and simply set up on location.) It will be completed by the end of February.

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The City Council Monday night approved the development plan of the St. John's Housing project on Garrard Boulevard between Macdonald and Nev-in.

The Council proposed that the Board of Education's tax rate increase election be set for April 15. They put over for two weeks a proposal to hold the Municipal election in conjunction with the School Board election, and asked City Attorney O'Drain to draft an ordinance to amend the City Charter, so that elections might be held on the same day as school elections.

The Council adjourned in memory of Senator George Miller, who died on New Year's Eve. Mayor Sheridan commented on the great loss felt by his death, and the beneficial things he did for Richmond.



# Know Your neighbors...

One of the delights of living in Point Richmond is, next to the climate and beauty afforded by the proximity of the Bay, becoming acquainted with some of the people this beauty has attracted.

After living in New Jersey for six years, the Bryants moved back to their home in Point Richmond in 1959, and plan to remain there, enjoying the view of the Bay and Mt. Tamalpais in the distance.

Two native Californians, Mrs. Bryant was born in Alameda and Mr. Bryant in Pasa Robles. During her grade school years, Virginia lived in San Francisco and attended McKinley Grammar School. In Campbell, where both Clare and Virginia attended high school, they met for the first time. Clare went on to study engineering at the College of Pacific at Santa Clara, after which he was employed by Standard Oil Company in Richmond.

After their marriage in 1919, a year after Mr. Bryant came to Richmond, the Bryants moved into a home on Eleventh Street. In 1935, they bought their present home on Golden Gate Avenue. The house, which is now over sixty years old, was completely renovated after the Bryants returned from the East coast. They purchased it from a family named Schreuder. The only other resident of the home was Anna Swartz, who rented the house during the Bryants' six-year absence.

The home, which seems to be enjoying its rejuvenation, sits on a slope of the hill, graced by a monumental piece of driftwood near the front door. In the spacious living room are indications that the Bryants have enjoyed collecting unusual specimens of wood. A table top, a lamp and an encasement for a wall clock have been skillfully formed from burly wood by Mr. Bryant. The myrtlewood lamp base has a shade made of thin slats of myrtle wood, giving evidence



of Mr. Bryant's designing ability as well as his craftsmanship. A unique circular cribbage board made from a hollow stump is one of the things Mr. Bryant made just for fun.

After he retired as Personnel Manager with California Oil Company in New Jersey, Mr. Bryant's creative abilities took him from wood to collecting unusual rock specimens and creating jewelry. He is a member of the Berkeley Gem and Mineral Society, and has won two trophies in exhibits of his collection. He spends most of his time in his basement workshop, but also attends classes at the Richmond Art Center under Audrey Garrard and Francis Sperison, jr. His jewelry creations are subtle and artistic, made with the skill of an engineer. He plans to participate in the next Gem and Mineral show, which will be held at Contra Costa College, probably on April 19 and 20.

Virginia Bryant, who could probably talk intelligently on any subject, used to give book reviews at the "Y", and for various organizations. She has been a member of the Club Mendelssohn for about 23 years, and is a past president. She is a member of the West Side Improvement Club, and during the war, was active in Red Cross work, helping veterans at Imola by teaching arts and crafts with Mrs. Walter Hales. She is a past president of the Art Center Board, and the Library Board. While in New Jersey, she was president of the Raritan Yacht Club Auxiliary and of the YWCA Board of New Jersey, as well as being local president; and she was president of the Visiting Nurses.

There is a beautiful painting in the Bryant living room, signed "V. Bryant".





It looks like the work of an accomplished artist; but it is, amazingly, the first -- and last--painting Mrs. Bryant ever painted.

The ability and energy of these two people leaves little time for reminiscing about the past, even though the Bryants have lived in the Bay Area long enough to see some dramatic changes. Mrs. Bryant did mention a beautiful memory of the annual Blossom Festival that she had enjoyed as a girl in orchard-laden Campbell. Since housing developments have displaced many orchards, the February 22nd festival may be a thing of the past.

The term "retired" simply doesn't apply to this couple, who are actively interested in creating new things constantly, and just as actively interested in what is happening in the world around them.



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# A Spring Thing

The report given in December by Mr. Thomas Wilson, Director of the Recreation and Parks Department, indicated that Spring would see the beginning of work at Washington School Park. Planned for completion by summer are a new water system, re-surfacing, turf and bleachers for the baseball area of the park. He explained that the Recreation building planned for the park had never been officially approved in the City budget, but the design of the building will proceed this spring, and the building is planned for the 1969-70 budget.

The great need for a building at that location was an important reason for his presentation to the Washington School PTA at their December meeting. New lighting, also planned for the area has been postponed, but should be added to the facilities soon, making it possible to have evening baseball games.

## Cub Along !

Cub Scout Pack 135 will host a Community Relations Tour to raise funds for future activities. On Monday, January 20, at 8 p.m., the scouts are inviting people in the community to accompany them on a tour of the Wilson and Kratzer Funeral Home. Wilson and Kratzer will donate \$1.00 per person in attendance with the Cub pack. The tour will be very worthwhile and interesting --plan to go along.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to Cub Pack 135's Blue and Gold Dinner on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington School's auditorium. Call Anna Caceres at 233-5011 for more information.

Have you heard of the new dance called "The Politician"? It's one step forward, two steps back, and then you side-step.



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A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE  
MEMBERS OF THE BERKELEY CO-OP:

## THE COOP ELECTION

by Don Neptune

Interested in the future health, progress, and significance of the Berkeley Co-op? The consumer-owners are about to elect three new directors, and your vote, if a member, will have great importance in shaping future Co-op policies.

There is a strong division and much heated discussion within the Co-op, seen most graphically in letters published in the Co-op News. Practically all major board decisions during the past year have been by a 5 - 4 vote. This election could reverse the decision making control.

For a number of years there has been a noisy minority which has been mostly negative in its attitude toward the development and growth of the Co-op, toward its lay-leadership, and toward its management. Last year, by a very small majority of votes, this group was able to gain control of the board. Little that is positive has been accomplished, and most decisions have continued in the negative vein which has characterized this group over the years.

Two of the board members whose terms expire are ineligible for re-election. Oliver Gilbert, the third member, has been outspoken in his opposition to the present majority and has been constructive in his entire approach to problems. Among the several other qualified and constructive candidates are Lewis Samuels, one of the experienced present board alternates; and Charles Holt, a center councilman from the Castro Valley area.

This election is very important for the Co-op. Its outcome is dependent upon the interest and action of the large number of members who are generally apathetic to the way their business is run.

It is hoped all Co-op members will carefully consider the candidates and issues, and exercise their important vote.



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REPORTS:

## MORE ON POP • CORN

The January 3 to 10 issue of Point Counterpoint contained a most interesting and informative item on popcorn.

Lack of space undoubtedly caused the omission of two salient facts about popcorn.

Our movie theatres are largely supported by the sale of confections and popcorn. The patrons of these movie houses spend on an average forty cents each time they attend. As the percentage of profit on these edibles is large the income from the sales makes it

profitable to operate. We might conclude that popcorn is a cultural subsidy.

The other salient fact has to do with the proper eating of popcorn. The Point Counterpoint item brought out that unpopped kernels are hard on the teeth. It also cautions against eating popcorn while wearing teeth braces.

Dr. Gorgolius Poof, who will be remembered for his development of the Dutch Treat, conducted experiments that conclusively proved that popcorn should not be thoroughly masticated. Too thorough mastication that reduces popcorn to a powder before swallowing shows immediately on the scalp. The powdered popcorn enters the blood stream and comes out as dandruff. Excessive butter is of no avail, nor will Head-and-Shoulders avert the flow.

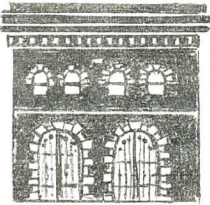
-- Curtis R. Beresford.

## Controversial Character

A great deal of controversy has accompanied the choice of President-elect Nixon's Secretary of Interior. More than usual interest has been shown in the Senate hearing on his proposed appointment. Nixon's choice is Governor of Alaska, Walter T. Hickel. He will replace Secretary Udall, if the Senate hearing finds nothing wrong with the appointment.

However, there seems to be plenty wrong with the choice, and if you find enough evidence of this also, please write to Senator Alan Cranston, U.S. Senate, Washington D.C., 20510.

Statements made by Hickel regarding Natural resources, over which he would have great control, indicate that he is at least unconcerned about purity of water, conservation of our



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productive land, and conservation of open space just for the sake of conservation. Even in the most conservative scientific circles it is a recognized fact that a balance in nature must be maintained between the rapidly growing human population and the plant life on which it is dependent for life itself.

As governor of Alaska, he was in flagrant violation in a conflict-of-interest action. His contracting firm, which should not even have bid on a government contract, not only bid but got the contracts for the plumbing and heating work on the Anchorage airport -- a \$1 million job. His firm's bid was not the lowbid.

He has been accused of many violations of ethics as governor, and it would be worth reading more about this man, since his position would not only give him control of many of our natural resources, but would also give him control of 80% of the Alaskan territory, since it is less developed than other parts of the U.S. Write soon, if you decide to write, since the hearings will take place very soon.

## Je. Hi. Campfire News

The Pa Ka Nena Junior High Camp Fire Girls joined all of the West Contra Costa County Junior High groups at Iceland on Friday, January 3. Here we met all our old friends from camp and enjoyed meeting new friends as well.

The Junior High Cabinet will meet next Wednesday at Camp Fire House.

BE SURE that you save your \$\$\$\$\$ for Camp Fire Mints (mmmmm) that go on sale starting January 29.

--Roberta Dornan

## ? Herring-nappers ?

"Where have all the herring run?" is a question asked by Point dwellers each February. For several years now, there has been no sign of the little fish that gave Pointers their winter exercise. In a recent article about Tiburon, the S.F. Chronicle noted the 1968 rush for herring there. Did they lure our herring away? If so, how do we lure them back???



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# June in January

Usually we think of June as graduation time (with parties and fun), of high school and college kids.

But another group of young people will be having a graduation - 32 young people who have not only been studying hard, but also holding jobs at the same time.

They are completing their course of studies on January 21. The teachers club will honor them with a luncheon, and each is permitted to invite one guest. The fall semester class will graduate from Gompers High School, and be ready for full-time employment.

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"Man is the only form of life on earth which can see its form and love its grandeur."

--Sean O'Casey.

# Santa's Helpers



Cecilia and Lorraine Moulton appeared in a recent article in the Richmond Independent, commending them for their work in collecting used clothing for Vietnam orphans. During their Christmas vacation, the girls collected about 50 pounds of clothing for children, age 6 months to 15 years. (Besides that, they're pretty.)

## POZZLES



by Wendy Wirth

What is it that no man ever did see,  
which never was, but will always be?

Though I dance at a ball, I am really  
nothing at all. What am I?

What is the difference between a robber and  
a teacher? (answers on page 17)

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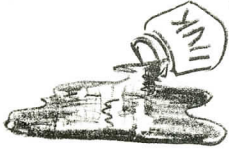
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# THE PURPLE Behemoth



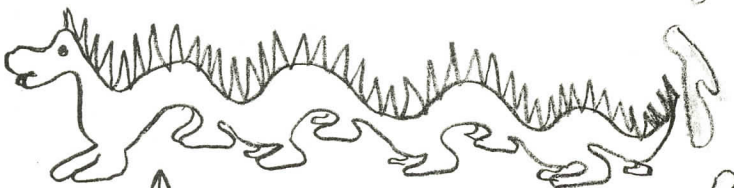
by Melissa Martincich  
Fourth Grade, Washington  
School.

Last night a purple Behemoth (they come in all colors) walked into a classroom looking for some ink. (You see, their color depends on what color ink they drink.) Now he just happened to spill the ink, and he slurped all of it up, so no one would know. (You see, Behemoths are very ancient and shy.)

One thing, he did not notice his feet were full of ink. Then he walked all over the wall and windows. Even on the windows. It's lucky we're keeping it a secret, for they would have tracked the poor thing down. For you see, his ink wore off before he reached the yard. He had climbed out the window.

No one knows where Behemoths live. A red one was found on a mountain, a purple one in the sea. But we couldn't find any more. It's very rare that a Behemoth comes in a classroom, so we are very lucky.

COLOR ME ANY INKY  
COLOR



Behemoth.

Behemoths will not hurt you!

## A WORKSHOP

All people interested in a workshop for creating outdoor education areas for grade-school children are invited to place on their calendar March 7 and 8, when there will be a "School Ground Nature Center Workshop". The course

is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Richmond Unified School District, the California Conservation Council and Huscicon.

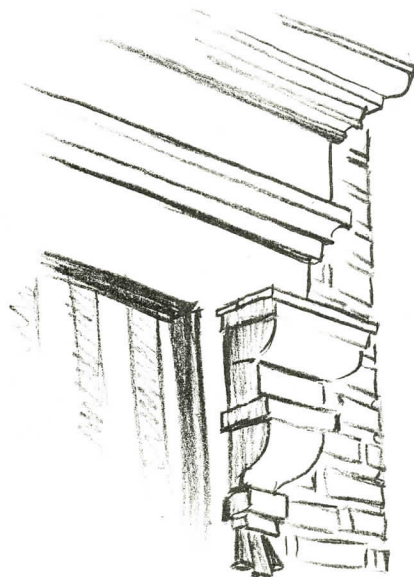
The workshop will feature authorities in the field of Geography and nature study, and examples of what has been done at various schools will be reviewed.

If interested, put aside the date and more information about enrollment will appear soon.

## A Lecture

Scheduled for January 15 in the Contra Costa Lecture series is Jesse Unruh, who rose from share-cropper in childhood to a prominent position in California Politics. His subject will be "California 1969-- Here We Go!" Unruh will give a forecast of the year to come in the state. Lectures are at 8 p.m. General admission is \$1.00 per lecture, students are admitted free. The lecture will be in the gymnasium.

● WELCOME to "The Point"-- the new lobster and steak house, which is now open in Point Richmond, on Washington Avenue.





1. Tomorrow. 2. A shadow.
3. The teacher says, "put your hands down," and the robber says, "Put your hands up."



The following recipe was requested by Marcelina Smith. (It sounds Delicious.)

**CHICKEN, ARTICHOKE,  
MUSHROOM CASSEROLE....**  
by Gerri Kretzmer.

1 Frying Chicken	1 can artichoke
1 1/2 tsp. salt	hearts, drained
1/4 tsp. pepper	1/4 lb. mushrooms,
1/2 tsp. paprika	sliced
6 Tbl. butter or	2 Tbl. flour
margarine	3 Tbl. Sherry
2/3 cup chicken	1/4 tsp. dried
broth	rosemary.

Cut chicken and season, brown in 4 Tbl. butter and place in casserole. Add 2 Tbl. butter to pan and saute fresh mushrooms; arrange artichokes between chicken pieces. Sprinkle flour over mushrooms and stir in broth, sherry and rosemary. Cook a few minutes, then pour over casserole. Cover and bake at 375° for 40 minutes or until tender.

Serve with Pilaf made from Ala wheat.

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• HAVE YOU visited the John Muir home ? The National Historic Site is on Highway 4 just south of Martinez. Tours are offered from Wednesday thru Sunday, at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

## REGIONAL PARK NEWS

• John A. Macdonald, member of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of directors for the past 23 years and former secretary, has been elected as Board president for 1969. He succeeds Clyde R. Woolridge, who served as president for the past two years. Both men are from Oakland.

Other Board officers elected are Fred Blumberg, Lafayette; vice president; Woolridge, Secretary, and Paul E. Harberts, Berkeley, treasurer. All had been reelected to the Board in November and took the new oath of office from Alameda County Superior Court Judge Harold Hove.

Macdonald is 66 years old, and is a retired East Oakland businessman, and the Board's senior member.

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• The Regional Park District expects to complete its purchase of an estimated 1018 acres in lower Wildcat Canyon. The transaction has been worked on for two years. It involves \$1, 700, 000 .

The loan necessary for this transaction was \$1, 000, 000, the largest amount of money the district has ever borrowed.

The district also received and accepted a gift of \$8, 5000 for a "tot lot" at Briones Regional Park.

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• WANT TO KNOW about which motion pictures are recommended for children? "Dial-A-Review" is sponsored by the Concord Motion Picture and TV Council. Just by dialing 935-6420, you may secure the review and classification of any film from 1960 to the present. Perhaps a movie is showing on TV or a local cinema--just dial and find out if it is suitable viewing.



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JANUARY 16 - Thursday

Noon luncheon meeting of Washington School P. T. A.

JANUARY 17 - Friday

Mary Costa, Civic Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

JANUARY 20- Monday

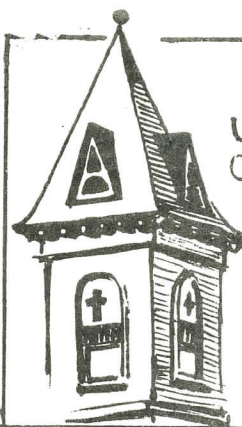
8 p.m. Pack 135 Funeral Home tour.

JANUARY 23- Thursday

Kennedy High School Forensics Club Dinner--Public invited. 5:30 to 7:30.

JANUARY 31 - Friday

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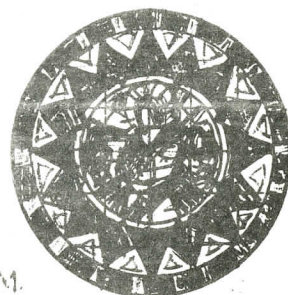
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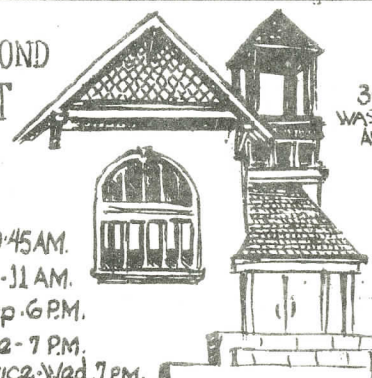
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