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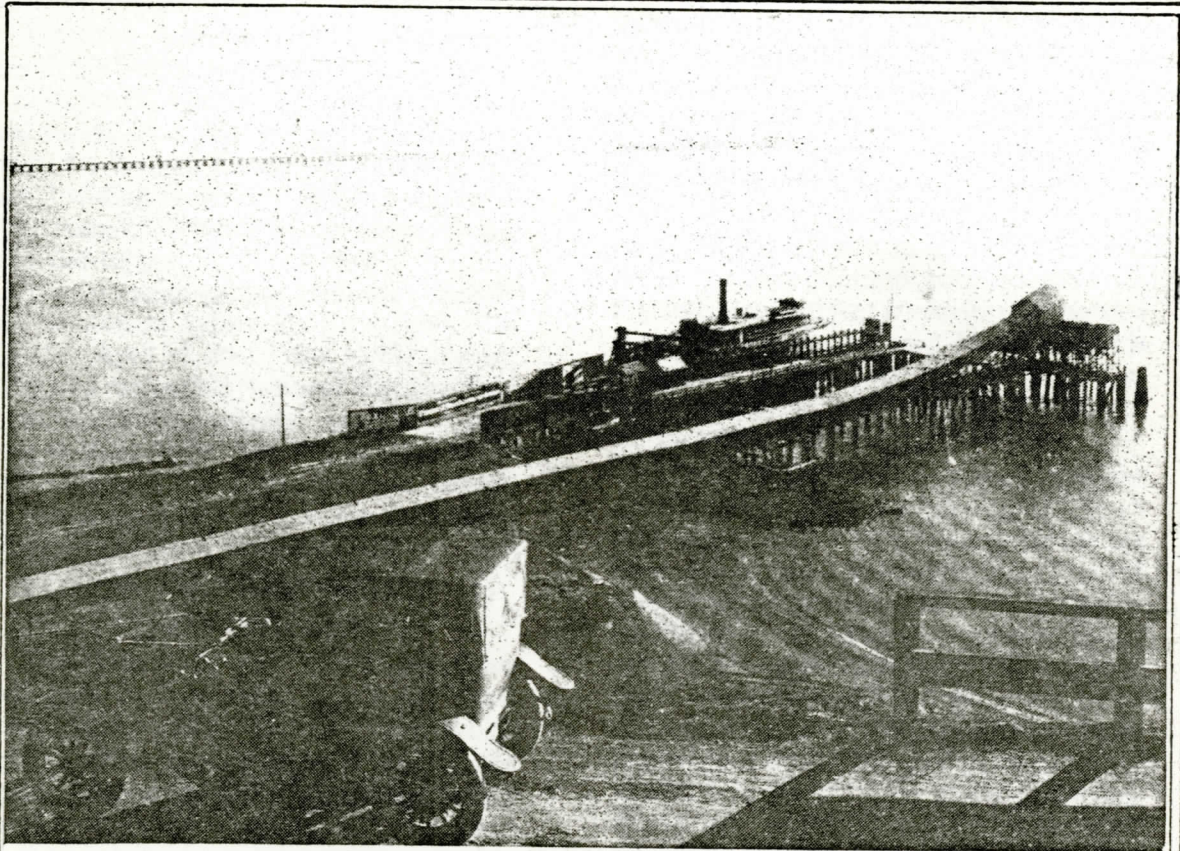
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The Richmond-San Rafael Ferry Pier with 'The City of San Rafael' Ferry docked. The ferries began running in May, 1915. This picture was taken at a later date. Ferries advertised trips to the Russian River, Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties.  
Photo from the Don Church collection

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## MARCH MEETING

The nominating committee was selected to nominate board members for election at the May annual meeting. On the committee are Deirdre Cerkanowicz, Frankie Greenlaw and Sarah Eeles.

After the program, plans for the remodeling of the Mariners building were presented by Griff Brazil, speaking for Jim Byers, principal owner. Tom Butt presented arguments about the design's historic merit. (The original building, a bakery with living units plus baking kitchen and storage areas behind had a flat-topped wooden front).

The problem of the building's design will be brought before the City Council on Monday, April 14. Protection of the authenticity of a designated National Historic Area is an important concern, as is the freedom to design what you like on your property. Opinions and sentiments are divided on this subject, but if you are interested, please attend the Council meeting.

## TELL ME THE STORY ABOUT . . .

*by Frankie Greenlaw*

For those of us who have thought now and again that we really should get Great Aunt Harriet or Grandma and Grandpa on tape — all those marvelous stories of the "olden days, you know" — but weren't quite sure how to go about it, Judith Dunning had all the answers at our April meeting. Speaking from her experiences as an oral historian for the Oral History Office of the Bancroft Library, Miss Dunning outlined the dos, don'ts and how-tos of conducting taped interviews. Citing examples from her current project, "On the Waterfront — An Oral History of Richmond, California, 1910 to 1986", and from previous projects in the eastern U.S., she stressed the importance of careful preparation for each session.

Although any cassette tape recorder will serve, she noted that a lapel microphone is the best choice for individuals (as opposed to group/topical) conversations, since it cuts down on background noise and picks up the speaker's comments despite any fluctuation in vocal tone. In addition to making sure your equipment is in good order (fresh tape, extra batteries, long extension cord if needed) Miss Dunning suggested the interviewer should try to eliminate as many background noises as possible. These might include TVs, radios, loud refrigerators, ticking clocks, squeaky furniture, even in an adjoining room. As for the actual interviewing process, making sure your subject is comfortably settled is a first priority, she said. Most often it is wise to ask husbands, wives or others to leave the area to avoid interruptions or arguing as to the subject matter of the interview.

Miss Dunning noted that the interviewer should refrain from interrupting with one's own point of view once the interviewee has been put at ease. She suggested asking the subject about predecessors first, gradually leading up to the actual personal reminiscences. Simple questions as to hardships experienced, circumstances of a particular event, and a time frame for the period covered (the Depression, World War I or II, for example) should help to keep the narrative moving. Pauses are perfectly acceptable, she said, since these give the person time to recall additional facts or to regain emotional control after a painful recollection. A good way to conclude the session is to ask questions regarding your subject's plans for the future, she added. While the transcribing and editing of the material is important, Miss Dunning did not have time to cover this phase. She did note that a signed release is usually required, except for interviews within a family group.

**ANNUAL MEETING,  
POTLUCK LUNCHEON  
AND  
OLD HOUSE SHOW & TELL**

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the best lunch of the year. You'd think that only gourmets can be members, judging by past luncheons! Come and enjoy sampling the food, and participate in the meeting that follows.

The Annual Meeting begins at 1 p.m. on May 18 at Linsley Hall. Those of you who have lived through the joy or agony of remodeling an old house are invited to share your experience with us, using pictures, stories, or both.

Our Program Chairman, Liz McDonald, got this brainstorm, and we are looking forward to the results. Please call her if you are one of the many remodelers. She will be happy to hear from you - at 234-3936.



**MEMBERS**

*Pam Wilson, Membership Chairman  
521 Western Drive  
Point Richmond, CA 94801*

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships this month:

<b>The Burchell Family</b>	<b>Ila Deemer</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Jan Burdick</b>	<b>Christine Dennis</b>
<b>Muriel C. Clausen</b>	<b>Josephine Palenchar</b>
<b>The Corbin Family</b>	<b>Shirley R. Butt</b>
<b>Frances M. Greenlaw</b>	

And welcome to the following new members:

<b>The Britt Family</b>	<b>The Lompa Family</b>
<b>Veil &amp; Louise</b>	<b>The Meneghelli Family</b>
<b>Hammond</b>	<b>Walter &amp; Victoria Scholz</b>
<b>Richmond Boat Works</b>	

**INDEXING COMMITTEE**

*Jerry Cerkowicz, chairman  
235-1336*

We are moving along toward our goal of indexing the Newsletters. After a confused start, we have finally figured out how to proceed. The help of Elizabeth Bronson is much appreciated.

Remember, this is a never ending project and that any and all members are welcome to help in this project. Please call me any evening: Jerry Cerkowicz at 235- 1336. It's a learning experience, and fun to boot. I'll furnish the newsletter, file cards and help. Thanks again!

**DONATIONS**

We have received a monetary donation in memory of W.R. (Bill) Stribley, from Maud Bagley, who remembers Bill as a cherished fellow Washington School student of many years ago. The donation and the sentiments of Mrs. Bagley are greatly appreciated.

Several photos of Point Richmond buildings and accompanying information, were received from Tom Butt. This addition to our archives is helpful and appreciated.



*Municipal Wharf No. 1, in 1915, from the Don Church collection*

## THEY LOVED IT HERE, BUT —

(Notes from "Italian Night")  
continued,

by Frankie Greenlaw

A recurring theme in the panel presentation on "Italian Night" was one of happiness despite hardships. Most recalled doing without "luxuries" taken for granted by non-immigrant families. It was some years before many of them could afford telephones, but, as Mary Highfill recalled, "Our parents, if we did anything wrong, knew it before we got home — we're still trying to figure that out!" Again, in the original "mudflats" community, the presence of strangers or the police was communicated rapidly without benefit of telephones.

Also recollected was the lack of new clothing and shoes. As previously mentioned, Luciano Forner commented that "rich kids" were easy to recognize because "they didn't wear coveralls (or overalls)". Al Frozini noted that shoes were resoled using cut-outs from old inner tubes or tires. None of the youngsters had rain gear, and Mary Bianchini Highfill told of carrying a pair of dry socks to change for the soggy ones that resulted from walking to school in the rainy season. Others remembered sitting on the "warming bench" in the hall at the old Washington School to "dry out" before going to class.

Language presented difficulties of another kind. Since only Italian was spoken at home, communication became a sort of terror for the children once they started school.

Several of the panelists had embarrassing episodes wherein they were forced to make urgent needs known via sign language. Mary Highfill, however, lauded the grade school teachers for giving extra help and understanding to their disadvantaged charged during the difficult adjustment period.

On the brighter side, Josephine Matteucci Palenchar described a fifty-cent dinner served at the Roma Hotel on Standard Avenue, owned and operated by her father and the entire family. Included for that pittance were homemade soup, pasta, two kinds of meat, salad, vegetables, French bread and real butter. Josephine added that most of what was served was homemade or home grown by her family and that everybody pitched in to prepare the food and serve the customers — her own responsibility was as bartender. All the work resulted in a living for them and the bonus of making and nurturing friendships in the process. Her father, she said, could have been "mayor of Point Richmond, had he been able to speak English.

Mary Highfill remarked that "we were too poor to have Christmas trees," but added that the Italian families tended to make more of American holidays than native-born citizens, in many cases.

Through all the reminiscences, one spirit was evident — a feeling of gratitude to their immigrant parents for the work ethic instilled in them at an early age by the non-stop work days put in by all concerned, and with pride, not complaining.

Finally, there were many comments regarding Point Richmond as the location of choice by Italian families due to its physical and social resemblance to homes left behind. Often the choice was made after several relocations within California. As a result, more than a few of the children were left with a sense of "Point Richmond roots." Anita Christiansen, particularly, knew that I couldn't live anyplace other than Point Richmond," even after she had traveled to other states and countries.

Perhaps Theresa Bernardi Meneghelli summed it up best. After describing her parents' long years of hard work on the job and at home, she concluded with the follow-

ing: "Papa said before he died that he was very happy that he had come to America. As for the rest of us, we have always given thanks that they did come, because where else would you find the opportunities that we have here?" Brava, Theresa, and three big cheers for the red-white-and-blue Point Richmond Italian heritage!

## INDIAN STATUE PARK DONATIONS

With the deadline of August coming up faster than any of us would like to believe, it is time to remind your that, if you are considering a donation to the park, you must act soon if you wish your donation of \$200 to be commemorated on the brass plaque on the base of the statue. The plaque will be installed whether or not the park has been completed for the fall celebration.

Remember, donations are tax deductible, and will assist in obtaining sufficient matching funds to finance the park. So far, we have \$8,800 in private donations. We will need at least \$10,000.

As of this printing, donors of \$200 or more are:

Alko Office Supplies  
Anne Anderson  
Rhoda J. Ayers  
Louisa Banks  
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Brickyard Landing  
M.H. Carey & W.R.  
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Hans & Lore Shaper  
Greg Solich  
Nick & Moses Vaughan  
Linda Webster  
Betty Wirth  
with partial payments  
from: Robert Butzbach  
and Camille Zulp

## IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

*courtesy of Stan Nystrom*

### ANSWERS:

In answer to the question, "What single location in the city of Richmond can one stand on, and also be in one other city and two other counties?", We received an answer from Bill McCloskey:

"A point on the Northwest side of Red Rock. Here lines of three counties meet — Marin, San Francisco and Contra Costa. It is also the city boundary of Richmond and the City and County of San Francisco."

But no one sent an answer to the question "Which of these schools — Washington, Lincoln, Adams, Wilson, Roosevelt, Grant and Kennedy — was not named after a president of the United States?"

So, we will give you Mr. Nystrom's answer: "Adams. Named after Charles Albert Adams, onetime member of the State Board of Education, who started the tradition of supplying free textbooks. He was not a local person, but a friend of W.T. Helms."

### QUESTION:

It is not too surprising to learn that, in its geological past, the Potrero portion of Richmond, i.e., the overall area now generally referred to as "The Point", was once an island separated from what is now the rest of Richmond. It is not so any more, but there are still five other islands that are all or partially within the Richmond City limits.

Can you name and locate all five?



## Points in the Past

Articles from the Richmond Daily Independent or the Richmond Independent, courtesy of the Richmond Public Library, with the special assistance of the reference librarians.

### 70 YEARS AGO . . .

by Dierdre Cerkanowicz

#### NICHOLL'S NAVY SITE BOOK OUT . . .

"The Chamber of Commerce has received several copies of the beautifully illustrated booklet published by John Nicholl in promoting the big naval academy plan for Point Nicholl. These books will be available for the inspection of any who wish to look them over . . ."

—April 4, 1916

#### ORDINANCE ON RETAINING WALLS

"Following a discussion over the caving in of a retaining wall on Terrace avenue last winter, the city council last night instructed City Attorney D.J.Hall to frame an ordinance making it necessary for the City Engineer to pass up the plans of all work of this character whether of public or private contract . . ."

"City Attorney Hall stated that the ordinance could be framed so the city would disclaim all responsibility in case the wall after being sanctioned by the city did not stand. . ."

—April 11, 1916

#### BURN ALL GARBAGE . . .

"The five year lease for the proposed garbage incinerator with privilege of a five year renewal at \$25 per year for five lots on Ashland avenue on the bay shore side of the

municipal tunnel was read at the council meeting last evening and was acceptable and will be signed following the adoption of a new garbage ordinance which will provide that all garbage gathered in Richmond must be taken to this incinerator during the existence of the lease.

"The city will govern the disposal of the garbage and there will be no more dumping in vacant lots."

—April 11, 1916

#### NATIONAL GUARD COMING HERE . . .

"E.G.Griffin of the Standard Oil company, has been working very hard to organize a company of National Guard here and has interested a number of young men in the proposition. He has been many years in the National Guard, was formerly a captain, holds many medals for marksmanship, and saw service during the San Francisco Fire."

—April 11, 1916

#### STANDARD OIL TO BUILD THREE STEAMERS . . .

"The Union Iron Works, busier now than at any time in its history with eighteen ships under construction and contemplated, has signed a contract with the Standard Oil Company for three more tankers at a total cost of \$4,500,000, according to advice from the East and current reports in financial circles

today. The vessels are to be of the same design and practically the same capacity as the ten tankers previously ordered at the local plant for the oil corporation. They are to be delivered early next year."

—April 13, 1916

*(The Pursuit of Pancho Villa —)*  
**MEXICO ORDERS U.S. OUT —**  
*Wilson Says No!*

**CLASH IS IMMINENT —**

*Washington:*  
"According to the announcement of the Mexican Embassy this afternoon many were killed on both sides when the American troops' entry into Parral, Mexico, was opposed by the populace. No other details are yet available."

*San Antonio:*  
"General Funston today declared that the American troops would not be withdrawn from Mexico until the object of the expedition — the death or capture of Villa had been accomplished. Funston admitted, however, that his stand would be governed by the attitude of Washington."

"The American general also bitterly denounced the action of the Carranza troops for failure to cooperate with the Americans and their allowing of Villa to escape through the Mexican lines."

"Consul General Letcher today wired Funston that American cavalrymen numbering 140 men had been fired upon by residents and Carranza soldiers while passing through Parral to the south. The Americans paid no attention to the firing."

—April 13, 1916

**KEEP CHICKENS AT HOME —**  
**ORDER . . .**

"'Chickens will no longer be allowed to walk the streets of the city unmolested' was the warning sounded this morning by pound-master Frank Meader."

"The city ordinance specifically states that chickens must be kept within fenced enclosures. I am giving the people one week's notice to curb the fowls. After that I will gather up on sight any chickens found at large.' "

—April 11, 1916

**GUM MACHINES ARE BANNED . . .**

"Despite the protest of Willard English, formerly bantam weight champion of the world, that his gum vending machines which he operates in this city are not within the meaning of the state anti-slot machine law, the city council on the advice of the city attorney last evening refused to license the machines and stated that they cannot operate. He has 22 machines in local saloons."

"English retired from the ring a few years ago and has since been making his residence in Richmond with his gum machines."

—April 18, 1916

**TEN YEARS AGO IN RICHMOND . . .**

"Ten years ago today was a chaotic one in Richmond, for that was the time of the big fire and earthquake in San Francisco. Old-time Richmond citizens will remember the incident when the major portion of San Francisco was reduced to ashes, after being rocked and twisted by the terrific temblor."

"The quake occurred very early in the morning and what few inhabitants there were in Richmond at that time ran from their homes to seek protection in the open air and away from falling walls. But there was not a great deal of damage in Richmond and none at all in the Point. There were no buildings along Macdonald avenue this side of Fourth street and for the most part these were scattering. Henry Johnston's brick store at Second street was the best structure in the town and that was terribly wrecked by the earthquake. The windows in front were all cracked. Aside from the injury to the San-

ta Fe round house and the falling of the chimneys the damage to Richmond property was nominal.

"But much of the misery of San Francisco people was witnessed by the people of Richmond and the east bay cities. They came to us for help and for many weeks, while martial law held sway in Oakland and across the bay, Richmond was almost swamped with the tougher element of the destroyed metropolis.

"But matters gradually adjusted themselves and tranquility reigned after a few weeks. Those who attempted to rob and steal and murder were dealt with by the officers of the law and it was not long before the owners of the destroyed homes in San Francisco set to work with an effort to restore their property, with what success may be determined by the splendid city which has been built on the site where ten years ago today was a seething furnace for hundreds of blocks."

—April 18, 1916

## GERMAN FLEET IN RAID ON ENGLAND . . .

"A naval battle between English and German squadrons in the North Sea has ended in victory for the British, according to a statement issued by the admiralty here shortly after noon today."

—April 25, 1916

## REDLIGHT SECTION WILL BE CLOSED

"All of Richmond's Redlight houses are closed with the exception of three according to information received in the District Attorney's office today. The three which remain open are those conducted by Alice Clark, Grace Miller and Rose Porter. The Clark and Miller women have agreed to close their places and are being given time to arrange for the disposition of their effects. Rose Porter states that she owns her own property and the authorities cannot force her to move. She says she will continue to inhabit the place.



*The Santa Fe Roundhouse right after the 1906 earthquake. Bricks from the walls have fallen. (Don Church collection)*

"District Attorney Johnston stated today that the place will be watched and that if there are any infractions of the law, legal action will be brought under the provisions of the Redlight abatement law.

"A few evenings ago a conference was held between the police committee of the city council of Richmond and the District Attorney's office when it was decided that in face of the close proximity of these houses to the Washington school and the chances involved of contaminating the school children, the houses must be removed."

—April 27, 1916

### STANDARD MEN MAY PREPARE FOR WAR . . .

"The Standard Oil company has on at least one occasion recently been made the butt of attacks through the press, reflecting on its patriotism and allegiance to the cause of preparedness. One article sarcastically suggested that volunteers could probably be secured from the ranks of the Standard Oil company employes. To correct this impression the company has issued the following statement.

"President D.G.Scofield, of the Standard Oil Company (California) announces that this company intends permitting a reasonable number of its employees to attend the regular Army Instruction Camp at Monterey, between July 5th and August 10th, and will grant such employees four weeks' leave of absence for this purpose, without prejudice to their advancement and without loss of salary. . . .

"The company wants to impress upon every employee that he is a free agent when the question of service to his country is concerned, entirely free to act as his sense of patriotism may direct, and in such contingency has the unqualified approval of his employers.' "

—April 28, 1916

### ALL ABOARD FOR KOZY KOVE SUNDAY . . .

"The fine weather will undoubtedly bring out a large crowd of pleasure seekers tomorrow and the most natural place for them to go in view of the facilities provided is Kozy Kove, Richmond's most attractive outing place. Kozy Kove opened last Sunday under new management and in the words of the circus Press Agent it is 'Bigger, better and grander than ever before.'

"Kozy Kove boasts a fine out door dancing pavilion, a smooth sand bathing beach, with the kind of sand that clings to you while you are damp from the pleasant water, and leaves your skin soft, smooth and clean when you dry off in the warm sunshine. There is music, and a good floor to dance upon. There is fresh air in the pavilion so that you may dance in comfort without the damp perspiring sensation that frequently attends indoor dancing these days and there are oases in plenty about the grounds where you may quench your thirst and appease the appetite that is sure to be yours amidst these exhilarating surroundings. You can't do otherwise than enjoy yourself in the pleasant environment of Komfortable Kozy Kove."

—April 29, 1916

### The Great Spring Tonic

Composed of Cod liver Oil in a tasteless form — Beef juices and Iron Peptonate this is recommended as our most beneficial tonic. Recommended for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles, weak and enemic people

**Price \$1.00**  
**Full Pint Bottle**

P. S. COME IN AND SAMPLE THIS PRODUCT

**La Moine Drug Co.**

ad from the April, 1916 newspaper

## 60 YEARS AGO ...

by Pam Wilson

### ACCIDENT ON THE CORNER ...

"Mrs. W.H. Ross, 223 East Richmond avenue, escaped injury last night when she lost control of her automobile and it crashed against a telegraph pole at Richmond and Washington avenues. The machine was badly damaged."

-April 3, 1926

### 6,565 SWIM IN NAT IN 10 DAYS ...

"The Richmond Municipal Natatorium pool was used by 6,565 persons during the first ten days of its opening according to the report of City Manager, James A. McVittie, submitted to the city council last night. Receipts totaled \$2,432.20.

"Adults paid \$1,371.50 cash to swim; \$75.00 was received for tickets. Children paid \$719.00 and purchased \$72.50 worth of tickets, and spectators paid \$123.15 to see the swimming meet March 22. Caps sold amounted to \$66.05, ear stoppers \$2.50, and water wings \$2.50."

-April 6, 1926

## 50 YEARS AGO ...

### CONSTRUCTION IN THE POINT ...

"Dr. Minor W. Abbay was granted permission by City Building Inspector A.J. Hurley today to remodel and build an addition to a one-story frame cottage on the north side of Western Drive, near Bishop avenue, west side. The work will be done by R.F. Parks at \$2,500."

-April 1, 1936

"N.S. Stephens is having his cottages on East Richmond avenue painted. When finished, this will add much to the appearance of his property."

"James Wilson is adding a room to his home on Montana avenue."

-April 3, 1936

"Ardell Ciabattari has remodeled his kitchen at the Kozy Lunch Room near the Municipal Natatorium, making it much more convenient for him to serve his summer trade."

"Mrs. Sylvia Besley has purchased a house at 27 Nicholl avenue and will make it her home."

-April 10, 1936

### SCOUT TROOPS REGISTERED ...

"Two Richmond Boy Scout Troops last night were reregistered at a meeting of the troop organization committee in the Scout office, with W.A. Hislop, chairman, in charge.

"They are Troop No. 6, sponsored by the First Baptist Church, and No. 1, sponsored by Washington P.T.A.

"Troop No. 1 scoutmaster is R.H. Brazell and G.E. McClellan is assistant. Troop committeemen are Percy T. Kunkel, G. J. Allyn, Walter Paasch, N.S. Stephens, and Dr. C. M. Nielsen."

-April 17, 1936

## 40 YEARS AGO ...

by Sarah Eeles

### CHURCH TO SPONSOR BOY SCOUT TROOP ...

"Sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 111 has been taken over by the First Methodist Church School with the agreement of the Washington Parent-Teachers' association.

"Registration and re-chartering of the troop is scheduled for April 11, and a committee meeting will be held at the home of Scoutmaster W.P. Dennis, 719 Golden Gate, Point Richmond, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday."

-April 1, 1946

Picture caption:

### RICHMOND'S FM RADIO STATION IS UNDERWAY ...

"Pictured here is the designer's drawing of the building which will house the trans-

mitter of the Contra Costa Broadcasting Company's frequency modulation radio station.

"Located on the top of Nicholl Nob at Point Richmond, the building is now well under construction . . . the structure embodies the latest trends in functional modern design (and) will be of concrete construction throughout, including the roof and will be completely soundproofed.

"(It is hoped that ) the new station would be on the air by early fall.

"Broadcasting authorities expect the frequency modulation method of broadcasting to revolutionize the radio industry with its static-free reception and vastly improved quality of tone. In this connection, people buying new radios today are advised that they insist that their new sets are capable of receiving FM stations."

*April 9, 1946*

"Mrs. Hazel Salmi, director of the Richmond Artcraft center, is enjoying a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Salmi, and her new granddaughter, Janet Salmi, in Los Angeles."

*- April 11, 1946*

#### **S.O. WORKERS SET TO VOTE ON MONDAY . . .**

"Employer and employee representatives cooperated in a day-long payroll checkup meeting yesterday at the local Standard Oil company administration building, conducted by Mrs. Susanne Schroeder of the NLRB.

"The check included departments in the maintenance and production units to determine what employees are within the brackets termed appropriate by the NLRB to participate in Monday's election to select one of three unions as the collective bargaining agent for Richmond plant workers."

*-April 27, 1946*

#### **30 YEARS AGO . . .**

##### **RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL SPAN OPENING 'FIRM' . . .**

"With good weather coming up in the next few months and work proceeding without hitch, nothing but 'an act of God' can delay the October 1 opening of the Richmond- San Rafael Bridge.

"A.P. Simatovich, office engineer for the project, said the 4-mile structure already has withstood winds up to 90 miles an hour and an earthquake. He could foresee nothing that could hold up opening of the upper deck to traffic on schedule."

*-April 4, 1956*

##### **COUNCIL TO OPEN BIDS FOR HARBOR DREDGING . . .**

"Bids for the dredging of the berthing area at Municipal Wharf No. 3 in the Richmond Inner Harbor will be opened by the Richmond city council at the meeting to be held in the Richmond city hall Monday night.

"(Other items of business include:) Communication received from State Division of Highways relative to construction of approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Communication received from Standard Oil Company relative to closing of Western Drive, Scofield Avenue and Standard Avenue. Communication received from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers relative to application by the Del Monte Fishing Company to construct a slipway in San Pablo Bay on the north-easterly side of Point San Pablo at Richmond."

*(NOTE: See April 23, 1956 article.)*

*-April 6, 1956*

##### **STANDARD AND CASTRO SIGNALS START SOON . . .**

"State financed signals at Standard avenue and Castro street are slated to start

operating within 30 days.

"... the installation is part of the Richmond-San Rafael bridge electrical contract.

"The signals will regulate traffic using the underpass at the bridge approach."

—April 21, 1956

### WHALING OPERATIONS GET FINAL O.K. HERE...

"Richmond definitely will become the scene of whaling activity.

"A spokesman for DelMonte Fishing Company in San Francisco said today that the Army Engineers have granted the last necessary permit and operations will be underway as soon as possible.

"He added that his company has already constructed a 60-foot slipway to handle the whales at the abandoned sardine canning plant at Point San Pablo.

"He explained that the company was proceeding on the assumption that the Army permit would be granted.

"The sardine plant was closed about 10 years ago when the fish began disappearing from the Bay...

"The whales will be cut up at the plant and rushed to Oakland for quick freezing. From there the meat will be shipped to various points in the nation for the manufacture of dog, cat and hog food.

"The whale oil will be exported to England.

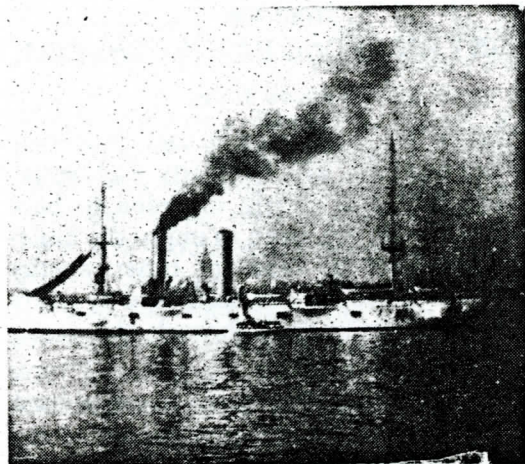
"The spokesman said the company hopes to catch two white whales — weighing about 40 tons — each day. The whaling season runs from May to October. The monsters have been noted in increasing numbers during the past few years off the Farrallon Islands which lie about 32 miles outside the Golden Gate.

"It is understood that two killer ships will be outfitted to hunt the creatures, and

tow them to the cannery."

(NOTE: Surely this rates the 'Sadness' award for this issue!]

—April 23, 1956



*The cruiser Chicago came from Mare Island to guard San Francisco from looters, following the 1906 earthquake and fire. San Francisco is smoldering in the background. (from the Don Church collection)*

### RICHMOND HISTORY IN QUILTS:

"To Keep Somebody Warm"

at the

### RICHMOND MUSEUM

From April 5 to June 22, the Richmond Museum will be exhibiting quilts made in Richmond by people from different backgrounds, cultures and eras. Young or old, black or white, artist or homemaker, successful or just able to break even, quilts are the common bond of the people represented in this exhibit. The quilts are handmade with pride, and contain mountains of memories.

The Museum will be open from 1 to 4:00 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Tours at other times may be arranged, and admission is free.

The Museum is located at 400 Nevin Avenue.

# CHURCHES

## QUOTES AND COMMENTS

from the

### POINT RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH

by Roy Jones

When we mentioned in last issue that our old building, with its "Early Righteous" architecture was clearly intended to be a church, we did not mean to imply the building could not be used for other worthy purposes. Indeed it has been used by many different organizations through the years. To mention a few:

During World War II, the basement was turned over to the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross for use as an emergency station. The Negro Baptists shared our building for a time in the Forties, and lately a group of students from the Marin Theological Seminary used our building for their outreach program. The Girl Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, the Sea Scouts avail themselves of our facilities. In the late Thirties a Neighborhood House was established in conjunction with the Richmond YMCA. Their program was directed toward giving local youths a recreation facility — crafts, games, hobbies, instruction and refreshment. With the coming of World War II these facilities were shared with the men from the U.S. First Artillery stationed in the Point. Most recently the Masquers Playhouse actors found our stage and piano suitable for rehearsals. We felt their presence gave us a certain urbanity and sophistication and they expressed their appreciation by giving us tickets to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". (A fitting gift as Joseph is well-covered in the Bible — better covered, I suspect, than he was at the Masquers — if you'll excuse a really terrible pun!)

But, through the years we have been,

first and foremost, a church. We still are. And we extend to you a warm and sincere welcome to any and all of our services.

Submitting notes to an historical publication, we will write, in the main, of bygone times. Items quoted may seem insignificant, but it would be most gratifying if we mentioned a name, an event, a transaction, that brought back memories to some reader. Gleaning through a stack of forgotten lore, here's an item that goes way back:

From the C.F. Weber Company, 346 Market Street, San Francisco, on elaborately decorated letterhead:

"July 26, 1904

Sold to: The First Baptist Church, Richmond, California

c/o Rev. A. C. Austin

108—#81 Assembly Chairs — cherry finish

42 — Veneer Book Racks

f.o.b., Richmond ——— \$361.00  
terms \$30.00 per month"

Later about that sale, a letter from the same company:

"January 11, 1911

c/o Rev. W. M. Riddle

"... we were very much pleased to receive your communication enclosing check for \$250.00 paying in full your account for Assembly Chairs. . . We enclose Bill of Sale in full of account. . . In relation to the note we held before the fire, we find upon investigation that all our cashier held was a transcript of the charred papers from our safe, signed by Rev. A.C. Austin for trustees, dated Feb 12, 1906." (The fire mentioned was the big one following the earthquake of 1906.)

Those chairs are still in use in our chapel and looking great! There is a feature about them that intrigues and mystifies folk today – especially young folk. The seat of these chairs fold up and underneath is affixed a metal semi-circle, about two inches from the bottom – whatever purpose? Why, a rack for gentlemen's hats, of course! I need hardly point out that these hat holders have fallen into disuse.

Now here's an important looking document, completed in beautiful penmanship by Mr. Frank F. Stout (father of the late Mabel Stout Edwards, who taught at Washington School):

"Annual Letter and Statistics to the Baptist Association, dated October 18, 1914.

"The First Baptist Church, though small in number, never fails to have both morning and evening services each Lord's Day with regular midweek prayer service.

"In a material way, we have no indebtedness with the exception of the original \$500.00 to the church when it was erected.

"Our current expenses for light, fuel, street and sewer improvement are met immediately.

"We have partitioned the building so as to have two new classrooms and have paped the church complete. (There are pictures to show that wallpaper job.)

"While we have nothing of a startling nature to report, still we hope, with the help of Him who does all things well, to advance His Kingdom in the coming year."

Signing this report were: F.F.Stout, Church Clerk, 110 Martina Avenue, Point Richmond, and Mrs. Paul Dunlap, Treasurer; Mr. Albert Heath, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. William Barnes, Ladies Aid Society.

Though Bro. Stout did not report it, he did have something "startling" to report –

his beloved church was falling apart! He did note, in space provided, "members added – 0; members lost – 10". In a short time, few members remained in this building – the Edgar Wishards, Mr. and Mrs. H.A.Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunlap, Mrs. Henry Francis – the rest of the flock having flown the coop for the new downtown church. And yes, I remember I was to tell you of the time those chickens came home to roost. I will, later. But to the now – April, 1986 – we think you would really enjoy our Sunday Evening Singings. The next one is April 6, 7 p.m., preceded by hymns from the organ. We would especially invite those who say, "I can't sing". While we might not produce a Pavarotti or a Leontyne Price, we can make you a Willie Nelson or Loretta Lynn. Come and enjoy. Over 600 songs from which to request your favorite.

#### POINT METHODIST CHURCH

*by Mid Dorman*

Memorial services were held on Sunday, March 16, for Lou Quintana.

Welcomed as new members were Kathy and Fred Burrell and their children.

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An evening of singing was enjoyed by those attending the Maundy Thursday Lenten meal prepared by Genevieve Smith of the Methodist Church. Roy Jones from the Baptist Church was at the piano. He said, "You people are more beautiful, but we Baptists sing louder."

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*Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, whose history is reflected in their minutes, printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard covered notebook purchased from "Schoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the fourteenth installment.*

April 14th, 1908

The Home Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. D.W.Calfee. In the absence of President the meeting was opened by

Mrs. Conry in reading the 41 Psalm. Then talk on subject by Mrs. Garrard also talk on subject by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Conry. Reading by Mrs. Stokes.

Then Mite Boxes opened and contents counted and given to Mrs. Woods to report.

Members present 8

Refreshments receipt 65 cts

No of Mite boxes — 6 total amount in boxes \$2.77. Amount in treasure \$7.70.

Mrs. Gover sec Protem

L.C. Pritchard sect

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## OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH . . .

*by Marion Downey*

Holy Week began with the blessing of palm fronds and distributing them to the congregation. Following the 9 o'clock Mass a pancake breakfast was served by the Knights of Columbus.

On Holy Thursday a Mass of the Lord's Supper was held, and on Good Friday Liturgical services began at 12:10 with Stations of the Cross until 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Services were held at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday there was a Solemn Mass at 9 a.m.

Money raised from the pancake breakfast was contributed to the Free Bag of Groceries Program.

On March 28, Patricia Ruth Sheahan, Anthony Simic Wallace and Armando Coronel were received into the church. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation were Anitra Raju, Clay Bernard, Amelia Perez, Jacinta D. McKean and Virginia Victoria Raju.

Alan Peter Smith retired from Chevron. USA, and his wife Marcella retired from the Berkeley School District. We wish them a happy retirement.

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## DEATHS . . .

### RUBY ELLIS

Ruby Perault Ellis, long a resident of Point Richmond, died at the age of 94. She moved here in 1902. Her father, a Standard Oil employee, built a home on Golden Gate where Ruby lived much of her life. She was a member of the first graduating class of the Richmond High School. Her children and grandchildren also attended Richmond High School also.

Ruby was an active woman who loved her community and did much to improve it. She was active in the West Side Improvement Club, where she had many friends.

Ruby's husband, George Ellis, died in 1953. She is survived by a daughter, Marjorie Stone of Kensington; two sons, Bill and Robert; six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

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### WILLIAM R. STRIBLEY

Bill Stribley, who was 83, was a well known, well respected and well liked man. He had lived in Richmond for 58 years, but he and his wife Clarice resided recently in San Rafael.

Stribley's Jewelry was located on MacDonald Avenue. He worked there until last year when he sold the business to an employee.

Mr. Stribley was distinguished in appearance and in character. He was known for his complete honesty. He will be missed by his many friends in this community. Our sympathy to Clarice.

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### JOAN A. SHIPLEY

Joan Shipley died in early March at the age of 49. She had resided in the Point since 1960. Mrs. Shipley taught in the Richmond schools. She is survived by a son and daughter, Michael and Ruth, both of Richmond.

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## HOTEL MAC CELEBRATES 75th BIRTHDAY

Seventy-five years ago the newspaper announced that the "modern hostelry which is being erected by Miss Kate Riordan will be among the best in the County".

Since women at that time were not allowed even to vote, Miss Riordan's enterprise was unusual for a young woman of that era. She also found that being unregistered to vote kept her from being issued a liquor license. Not surprisingly, she became part of the women's suffrage movement. She also became the first woman in the East Bay to be issued a liquor license.

She named her fine hotel The Colonial. Her brother Tim managed the hotel, and in 1914, she married James Pope, a Standard Oil employee. The following year, her brother died suddenly of pneumonia.

The hotel changed names in the '30s, when it was bought by the Macaffees. Mr. Macaffee had been a manager of the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. The Hotel Mac became famous for its fine cuisine.

Hotel Mac was used as a rooming hotel during its heyday of the '30s and '40s. After the frantic and overcrowded conditions in Richmond during World War II, there was a general slump, and the Macaffees sold their hotel. It changed hands several times, and in 1970 there was a tragic fire that gutted the building. It stood vacant until 1978, when Bill Burnett, Griff Brazil and Jim Byers bought and restored it. Using historic photos, they modeled it after the original,

even hiring the sons of the first stained glass window designer to replace the main dining room windows. The bar and lounge were duplicated, and the hotel rooms were replaced with a banquet room.

### *SPECIAL CELEBRATION* *APRIL 21 to 27...*

There will be special birthday dinners and other celebrations throughout the year, beginning with a week of festivities, entertainment and rolled-back prices. There will be live music every night, with free hors d'oeuvres served from 3 to 6:00. Each night a special 75-cent drink will be featured, and the Hotel Mac's private label wine will be offered for \$7.50 a bottle.

Each 75th diner will be treated to a free lunch or dinner, and anyone celebrating a birthday of 75 or more years will also receive a free birthday dinner.

Monday, April 21 is Crab-Feed night. Nightly specials during the week (a choice of three entrees) will be offered for \$7.50.

Tuesday, April 22, is Point Richmond History Association night. Join us for a party! For reservations, call 233-0576.

*A 1914 photo of the Colonial Hotel (Hotel Mac) from the Don Church collection*



## A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dorman (234-5334)

Pay our taxes with a smile?

Oh, boy, that's really funny —

I tried that, but the IRS

Explained they wanted money!

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Sharing Easter dinner around the table at the Fay Hawkins was his mother, his twin sister Ruth and husband Stan Nystrom, and all the Hawkins children — Sandy, Dale and Stan, with their families.

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Remember when: getting groceries involved telling the grocer what you wanted, waiting while he found it, removed it from the shelf and put it in a paper bag for you?

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Amnesty for motorists with delinquent or unregistered vehicles ended April 1. Fees prior to March 1, 1985, were forgiven and owners of unregistered vehicles will be subject to a mandatory fine of \$50 to \$250 plus back fee percentage charges.

The DMV also issued new *White* disabled placards to replace the blue ones. And, remember, motorists who are not handicapped are being ticketed for parking in designated handicapped places. (Yes, there are many that do!)

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The trouble with government by the people, for the people and of the people is that you get billed for it in triplicate.

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Washington School is programmed to be a year-round school in 1987-88. Attending school the entire month of August, my favorite month, would be depressing for me. When do year-round school (YRS) teachers find time for continued education? Doesn't it cause a hardship for summer youth activities (Boy Scout camping, Camp Fire and Girl Scout outings, etc.)? Does it interfere

with family vacations? How about family activities when older siblings are on different school schedules? Do parents like it? Children are in school exactly the same number of teaching days — after nine weeks of classes they are out for three weeks. Does present problems with child care schedules?

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Tom Butt's 90-year old aunt, Helen King from Arkansas, will spend a week in April visiting the family; the trip made expressly to see their new home on Scenic Drive designed by her favorite nephew.

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Q: Why did the chicken cross the street?

A: Maybe someone 'egged' him on . . .

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Mark Saturday, May 10, on your calendar now, so that you don't forget the Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at the Methodist Church. Watch for one of the scouts selling tickets, but if you're missed, just call 235-1046 and your tickets will be delivered.

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Can you believe a *lower* state fee . . . for anything? Beginning May 1, the state smog check will be reduced from \$6 to \$5. Of course, the motorist must still pay the fee charged by the garage for the inspection, averaging \$24. In its first two years, ten million cars and light trucks have been checked.

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Mark Twain suggested the best way to cheer yourself up — try to cheer up someone else!

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Taking their show on the road were Bonita Klivans and Donna Roselius who went to Jackson in the gold country with an exhibit and sale of their wearable art work. The event was planned by Roni Turner, Donna's daughter, and her partner in their new art-wear venture.

The Richmond Municipal Natatorium, better known as 'The Plunge', was closed for over a week for repairs to the pool's water circulation system. Thanks to Standard Oil — oops — Chevron, USA, for rescuing the situation. Swimmers would have been left in the lurch for at least a month while the city searched for funds to repair it.

Chevron sent one of their engineers to take the pump out, overhaul it, and return it to the pool. Former Chevron employee and swimmer, Walt Fauerso, can be credited with arranging for the repair.

Often targeted for other reasons, Chevron should be recognized and given credit for many positive contributions to our community, too.

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Sympathy is extended to the David Macdiarmid family at the death of David's father, Donald MacDiarmid. A native of Michigan, Mr. MacDiarmid was 74. He had lived in San Pablo for the last 24 years.

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Scouts from Troop 111 attended the Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, and participated in the services, led by Scoutmaster Dan Stallworth and assisted by Ben Woodson, Fred Hart and members of the troop.

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Congratulations to Paul Cort, who has been accepted at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He will graduate from Kennedy High School in June.

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Recuperating from a broken wrist is Jean Creed. Jaime Spurgeon is also under medical treatment.

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Kind hearts are gardents,  
Kind thoughts the roots —  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds the fruits.  
(anon.)

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*Dedication of the Plunge in March, 1926, from the Don Church collection*

## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

*by Georgia Haley*

Nominees voted into the Board of Directors for the coming year were Jay Ward, Claudia Beall, Tom Butt, Griff Brazil, Georgia Haley, David Vincent and Richard Alexander.

Retiring Board Member Herb Wimmer was thanked for his service to the Association.

The date for this year's Indian Statue Day has not been set, but plans are being made for the annual event, whether the park has been completed or not.

Griff Brazil announced that the Hotel Mac would be celebrating its 75th Birthday during the third week of April with special food, music and entertainment. And the Masquers will be celebrating with a brunch on April 27 at the Mac, as a fundraiser.

Plans for Christmas decorations in the business district were begun, along with the idea of conducting a "Point Richmond Stroll" during the Christmas season.

At the April meeting, Dick Danker from the Public Works Department will discuss the proposal to increase parking capacity in the business district by creating diagonal parking.

## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

In preparation for the quarterly meeting on April 10, nominees for officers were named: Michael Brown, president; Ann Romano, vice president; Georgia Haley, second vice president; Jay Ward, treasurer; Linda Andrews, secretary. Further nominations and elections will be held at the April 10 meeting at 7:45 in the Community Center.

If you are not yet a member, please come and join; if you are a member, please come and participate.

## **MASQUERS CELEBRATE 25th BIRTHDAY**

Celebrating at the Hotel Mac with their third annual Spring Champagne Brunch, the Masquers will also wind up the festivities of the Hotel Mac's birthday week.

The brunch will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 10:30 to 2:00, and will feature live entertainment, free champagne and dancing. Proceeds will be reserved for the Masquers Playhouse building fund. For reservations at \$20 per person, call the Masquers office at 232-3888 before April 12.

## **NEXT AT THE MASQUERS**

"Whose Life Is It Anyway?" directed by Theo Collins opens April 4 at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. It is a powerful and moving drama about one man's fight to control his own destiny.

Performances are every Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. through May 10, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on April 13 and 27 and May 4.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and for groups of 25 or more are offered at reduced rates. For reservations call 526-1038.



*ad from April, 1916 newspaper*

## NEW BOOKS AT WEST SIDE

by Jan Burdick

- Africa: The People and  
Politics of an Emerging  
Continent* Stanford Ugar
- Amway: The Cult of Free  
Enterprise* Stephen Butterfield
- Combing the California Coast:  
San Francisco to San  
Luis Obispo* Ruth Jackson
- Euthanasia and Religion:  
A Survey of the Attitudes  
of the World Religions to  
the Right to Die* Gerald La Rue
- Hopi Photographers /Hopi  
Images* Victor Masayesva
- The Immigration Timebomb:  
The Fragmenting of Ameri-  
ca* Richard Lamm
- Paradise Poems* Gerald Stern
- Portable Twentieth-Century  
Russian Reader*
- Softball, Slow and Fast Pitch* Wm. Brown
- The Serpent and Rainbow* Wade Davis
- Yukon Wild: The Adventure of  
Four Texas Women who Paddled  
Through America's Last  
Frontier* Beth Johnson

If you have seen the display in the Lib-  
rary window and thought we were having a  
garage sale, we're not. It's to focus on Spring  
Cleaning. We have books to help you with  
such house-keeping chores.

## WASHINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

by Omera Johnson

A very big thank you to everyone who  
purchased items for our fundraiser, and to  
business people who made purchases. The  
money raised will help make possible many  
projects for the school.

Congratulations to our Honorary Service  
Award recipients Artie Smith and Sue Stray-  
er. The awards were presented at our Foun-  
ders Day Luau. Artie is Ms. Berg's teacher  
aide, and a friend to every student and staff  
member. Sue is a past PTA president and a  
parent volunteer. Thanks to everyone who  
battled the weather that night to attend.

Please let us see you at our next PTA  
meeting on April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY . . .

Rosemary Corbin	Verla Camren
Kathy Barnes	Judy Walz
Roberta Palfini	Don Amantite
Bonita Klivans	Joel Peterson
Sydney Clutts	Michael Horn
Helen Kocher	Lisa Ogles
Paula Ferguson	Monica Doherty
Pam Wilson	Bruce Bartram
Melissa Allyn	Dori Freitas
Eric Hoiland	Ruth Wilson
Kari Elle	Bill Kretzmer
Loof Lirpa	Reba Downs
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#### APRIL PRESENT . . .

- 1 - April Fools' Day
- 1 - West Side Improvement Club meeting, 12 noon, Our Lady of Mercy Church
- 1 to 4 - Easter School Holidays
- 4 - Opening of the Masquers' new play, "Whose Life is it Anyway"
- 6 - 7 p.m. - Sing-Along, at the Baptist Church
- 5 - Quilt Exhibit at the Richmond Museum begins, showing through June 22
- 9 - Point Richmond Business Association meeting at the Hotel Mac, 12 noon
- 10 - County property taxes are due
- 10 - Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Quarterly Meeting - 7:45 p.m. at the Community Center
- 14 - City Council meeting, hearing of an appeal regarding the design of the Mariners' building remodeling plans.
- 15 - IRS wants to hear from you
- 15 - RUSD Preschool Art Exhibit Reception - Richmond Art Center, 5 to 7:00
- 22 - Arbor Day (so called because Arbor is the Roman name for tree)
- 22 - Point Richmond History Association Evening at the Hotel Mac 75th Birthday Celebration - Let's have a party!
- 26 - Daylight Savings Time begins-spring ahead
- 27 - Masquers 3rd Annual Spring Champagne Brunch, Hotel Mac, 10:30 to 2:00

#### MAY REMINDERS:

- 10 - Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at the Methodist Church
- 18 - POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCHEON - 1 p.m., Linsley Hall

#### APRIL PAST -

- 2, 1792 - First U.S. Mint opened in Philadelphia
- 11, 1899 - U.S. proclaimed a peace treaty with Spain ending Spanish-American War.
- 12, 1935 - Folgers Coffee sold for \$.29 a pound
- 17, 1521 - Martin Luther excommunicated from Roman Catholic Church
- 18, 1906 - San Francisco struck by the worst earthquake ever in the U.S.
- 20, 1920 - Parking ordinance in Richmond, limiting parking of horses.

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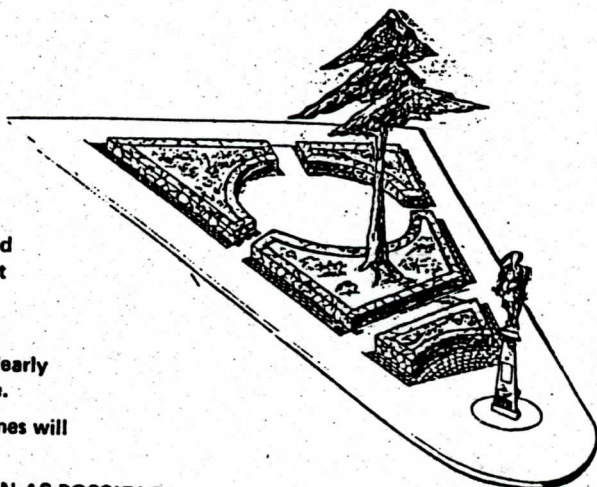
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