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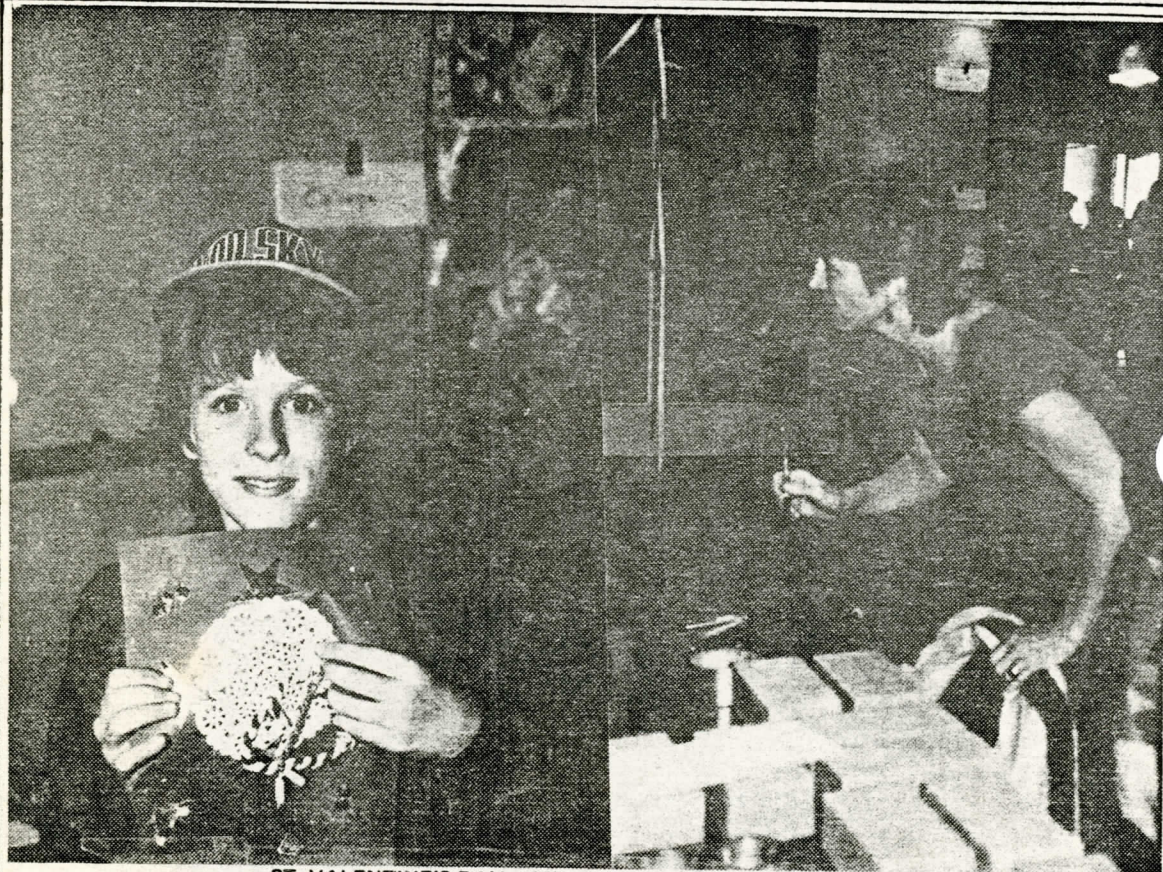
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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY, 1987 – PERSONALIZED VALENTINES AND BRICKS
at a Community Party in the Triangle, Point Richmond.

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HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ♦♦

MARCH 26TH MEETING —

TEST YOUR MEMORY . . .

A panel of vintage members of the Women's West Side Improvement Club will grace our March 26 meeting at 7:30 in Linsley Hall — corner of Washington and Nicholl avenues. The club was formed in July, 1908 and its members can bring a wealth of memories to share with us.

Panel members will include Marion Downey, Louise Novarini, Eleanor Hurley, Anna Booth, Mary Casey and Josephine Palenchar. These citizens were among the original Point Richmond "boosters" and deserve a full house come the fourth Thursday in March.

Presiding the program, a nominating committee will be named to select next year's Board of Directors.

As always, refreshments will be served following the program for the evening. (You are very welcome to bring your own addition to the refreshment buffet!)

MEMBERS

*Pam Wilson, Membership Chairman
521 Western Drive
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Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships this month:

R. J. Anderson, Jr.	Betty Rieger Karstens
George M. Batten	June Minor
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce	Russell & Shirley
Beyaert	Moore
Jerry & Theresa Daniel	Dody Perry
Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Dietz	The Point Bar and
Mr. & Mrs. Albert	Restaurant
Gautrad	Elsie Spinola
Erica & Barry Goode	Patrice Verhines
Donna Wilson	

And a warm welcome to new member:
Richard S. Duke



VALENTINES AND BRICKS MAKE A GREAT PARTY !!

St. Valentine's Day was appropriately celebrated in Point Richmond. The community center rang with music, provided by Barbara Rhodes, JoAnn Nugent and Jan Fauerso, among others. Young and young-in-heart 'artists' created valentines — all of them beautiful — with the following prize winners: Rea Downs, pre-school; Jared Omaha, elementary school; Mike Haley, junior high; Jason Lee, high school; Eva Spencer and Shirley Butt, adult.

Orders for bricks to be used in the Indian Statue Park were taken, with some donators inscribing their own bricks, with help, as needed, from Joe Hawley and Steve Burman.

Cookies were provided and sold by members of the West Side Improvement Club, along with coffee, tea and soda, donated by Savoir Faire and West Side Market.

Red and white balloons proved a popular item with the youngsters, at two-bits a pop (and many of them did — those that didn't end up near the ceiling or actually make it out the door!)

All proceeds from the day will go toward the fund for the park.

Orders for bricks are still being received. Ground-breaking for the park is planned for June, 1987; however, since the bricks will be part of the "finish work" in the park landscaping, the final "Name Your Brick" drive is planned for Fourth of July.



DONATIONS

Although we are always most grateful for any donations of pictures, articles, printed material, etc. of historical value, we are often remiss in letting our gratitude show. Over the past few months, we have received photos taken of the preliminary models of the Indian Statue forwarded to us by Peggy Young of the Mayor's office, Richmond; mementos from Ruth Peterson; and an old photograph envelope from Pal-mateer's Pharmacy in the Point from Ma Maude Wood. For all of these, many thanks — the History Association will add them to our archives, and use and/or display them as is appropriate.

If you have made a contribution and we have not so noted, please let us know!

CORRECTION

In our February issue, we apparently misinterpreted Linda Andrew's report on the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting regarding a new store on West Richmond avenue. The remark "(it) is

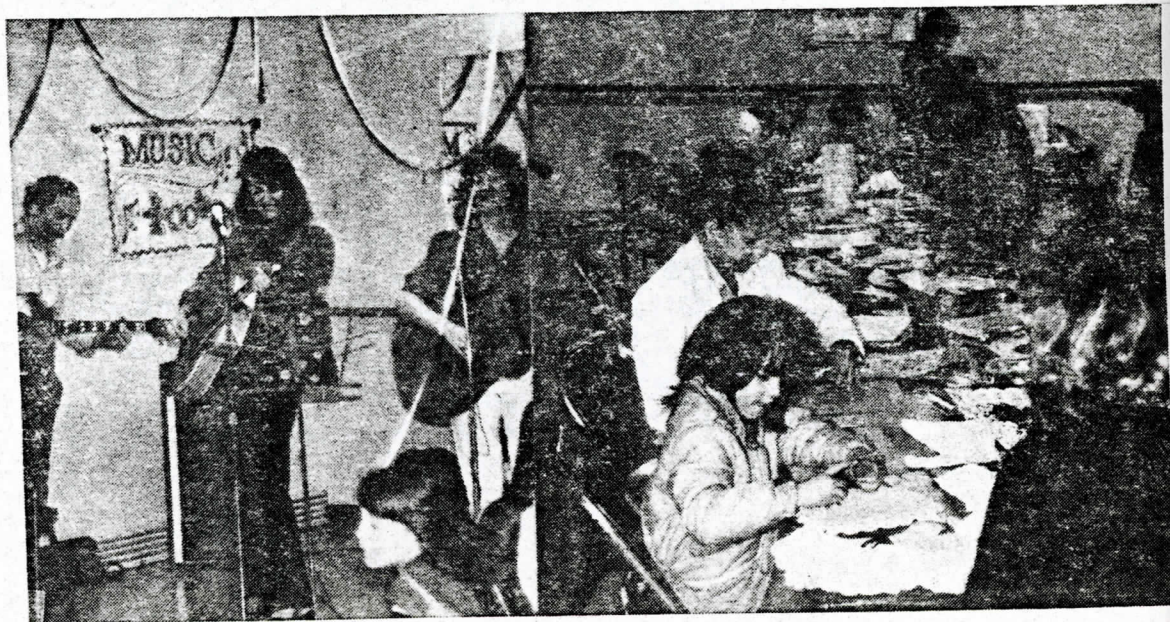
not likely to survive long in this community due to lack of business" was attributed erroneously to Jay Ward, and was, instead, a general consensus of the group in a discussion following a report by Mr. Ward. Our apologies for any misunderstanding.

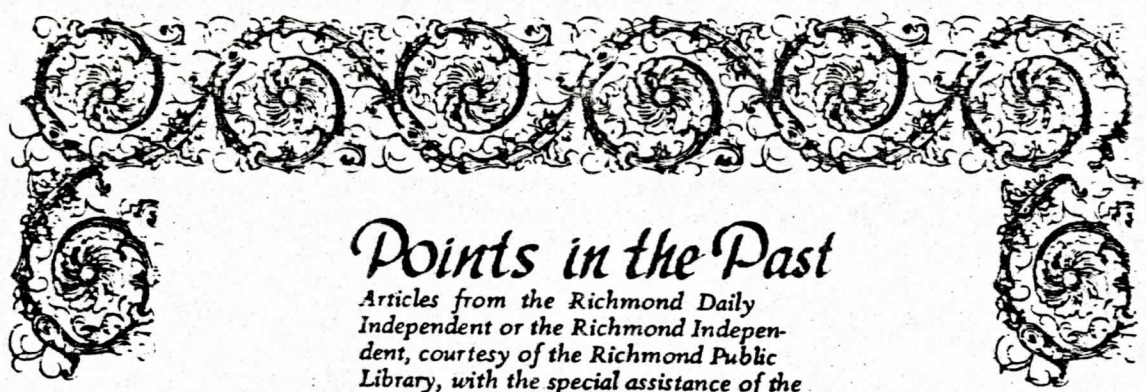
PUBLIC MEETING

Mark you calendars for Thursday, April 9, at 8 p.m., when the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council will host a representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Local businessman John Wunder will be on hand, as well, to present a comprehensive look at small town development problems with historic connotations. A 20-minute film entitled "Main Street, U.S.A" will be shown.

An open forum will follow to discuss utilization of a comprehensive Specific Plan suggested for Point Richmond.

The meeting will be held at the Community Center. Members of the City Planning Department and the City Council will be invited to join us.





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 Cerkowicz

Amazingly, headlines today differ little from many of those of 70 years ago – higher food prices, housing shortages, train collisions and threats of war – all big stories, then and now!

Richmond continues to grow, with an addition to Winehaven's cellar and new cottages there, as well; a new apartment building is planned for Nicholl avenue to ease the housing shortage.

Reading the advertisements lets you read between the line . . . there is a trend to ads for building supplies, contractors and title companies. Looks like the land boom is beginning – Southern Pacific publishes a booklet that touts Richmond's reputation as a manufacturing center and as port and railhead, too.

Purchase of the four-masted bark "John Ena" by Standard Oil Co. (now Chevron) to haul case oil adds an interesting and nostalgic note to the days of sail. After the age of steam and oil, we see a current trend, both by recreational sailors and large shipping firms to re-investigate the use of wind-powered ships.

SANTA FE ENGINES CRASH

"Two switch engines pulling trains crashed into each other on the west end yard lead of the Santa Fe yards this morning. The tenders of both engines were derailed. Several broken steam pipes enveloped the wreck in clouds of steam but neither of the engines nor any of the cars left the rails.

The crews of the engines were Engineer J. M. Sutherland and Fireman E. H. Howard on one and Engineer H. L. Rockwood and Fireman E. M. Dias on the other. No one was hurt, as the men jumped in time.

Several hundred dollars damage resulted. The responsibility of the wreck has not been placed but according to reports, the engineers did not see each other coming."

March 5, 1917

WILSON INAUGURATED TODAY

"Washington, March 5 – President Wilson and Vice-president Marshall were inaugurated for their second term today with a great patriotic demonstration of Americanism. . ."

March 5, 1917

WINEHAVEN TO GET ADDITION SOON

"An addition to the main cellar at Winehaven is being constructed by the California Wine Association. The new addition is to cover a space of 150x230 feet and will be of concrete.

It will give the company 2,000,000 gallons additional storage facilities, making a total of 11,000,000 gallons . . . for the local plant. The grading for the building is being done by Contractor Champion of Richmond."

March 10, 1917

S. P. CO.'S "TRIPS" BOOKLET OUT

"The "Independent" is in receipt of a booklet issued by the Southern Pacific

Company entitled "Trips around San Francisco" which has just been issued.

Thousands of these guides have been . . . sent to prospective travelers . . . throughout the United States. They are also handed to passengers as they arrive . . . in California.

The object . . . is to exploit the real California . . . outside of the City of San Francisco . . . itself.

. . . 'The city of Richmond, in Contra Costa county, is almost entirely the growth of the last decade. In 1899 there were on this site only a few houses standing in the grain-fields. Now the population is estimated at 10,000, and Richmond looks forward to a promising commercial and industrial future. Extensive harbor improvements are under way and more are projected. It is as a manufacturing center chiefly that this city prospers, and several of the large factories are worthy of a visit. . . the Standard Oil company . . . will prove instructive. . . Heavy crude oil is brought to the refinery from Kern County Oil Fields 360 miles distant by great double pipe lines. . . At this plant the raw materials are converted into no less than 175 different products . . . At Winehaven, a nothern(sic) suburb of the city, are the great cellars and plant of the California Wine Association.' "

March 10, 1917

FIVE BUNGALOWS UNDERWAY

Five of the eleven bungalows to be built at Winehaven are now under construction and with the return of settled weather the entire number will be rushed to completion.'

March 12, 1917

CHINESE BUTCHERS SEEK MARKET

"Claiming that many Richmond people now patronize meat markets operated by Chinese in Oakland, a company of Orientals . . . have (sic) had an agent in Richmond for the past several days seeking a

location for a meat market to be operated wholly by Chinamen and selling meat slaughtered and handled by Chinese. As far as is known they were unable to secure a location sought in the vicinity of Macdonal avenue and Fourth street.

The Chinese markets in Oakland have taken away almost one half of the meat trade of the white markets . . . and are branching out in all sections of the state. . . and are said to have an immense trade with white people . . . "

March 15, 1917

(Paranoid? Prejudiced? Who - us Americans? Let's hope 70 years have made a difference in some of us, at least! - Ed.)

NIGHT LIFE WOMAN AND SAILOR ARE PUT IN THE JUG BY 'LABORER'

"Styling himself as a laborer searching for work, Police Officer B. V. Shurley registered last night at the rooming house, 19 Park Place, four doors from police headquarters, to investigate complaints registered . . . that (it) was being conducted as a house of prostitution. . . Viola Donaldson, proprietor . . . was arrested . . . on a charge of running a rooming house without keeping a register; May Norman of San Francisco underworld, was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and L. R. Seifert, a Standard Oil sailor, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness.

This morning, Viola Donaldson . . . was fined \$25 by Judge Jacobs . . . May Norman was ordered out of the city, and L. R. Seifert was fined \$10 . . . "

March 15, 1917

OLD GLORY TO FLY OVER CITY HALL

"Old Glory is soon to wave over the new city hall. The pole is now on the grounds in front of the building, ready to be raised and a new flag to replace the old one is to be purchased within the next few days. When all is ready an elaborate program will be pre-

sented by Richmond Post, G.A.R. and the Ladies of the G.A.R. . . . The committee are Comrades Henry Galvin and Levi Boswell and from the circle Mrs. J. E. Washburn and Mrs. Paul Gonner."

March 16, 1917

PEOPLE WALK STREETS; SEEK HOMES

"Housing conditions in Richmond are the most serious in the history of the city. A canvas of the real estate offices by the Independent Man this morning finds that only four vacant houses are listed with fourteen agents. Three of these are vacant because they are in a bad state of repair. The fourth is on an unpaved street. . . Leg-weary men and women seeking to locate here are making life miserable for newspaper offices, Chamber of Commerce employees and real estate agents by demands for houses when there are none. . . There is a waiting list. . . (of) people who have employment here and . . . desire to bring their families (here). . ."

March 19, 1917

RAILROADS GRANT 8-HOUR DAY

"An eight hour day for railway trainmen and engineers and firemen was granted this morning by the railroads of the nation. The agreement was signed by the heads of the brotherhoods and the railroad managers. Today also the United States Supreme court declared the Adamson eight hour law constitutional . . . 'Eight hours or less shall constitute a day's work at present ten hours pay' . . . Overtime to be paid for at not less than one-eighth of the daily rate per hour."

March 19, 1917

APARTMENTS FOR NICHOLL AVENUE

"Plans are ready for a three story apartment house to be built in the east end of the city on Nicholl avenue by Miss Katherine McGowan of . . . San Francisco. It is expected that active work on the new structure will be commenced within the next two weeks. The building . . . will cost over \$30,000 when finished and furnished."

March 21, 1917

ELEVEN COTTAGES; 1 WAREHOUSE TO BE BUILT



Winehaven, which will be the scene of \$31,000 in new improvements within the coming week. This little center is fast becoming one of the most progressive manufacturing districts on the Pacific Coast.

A building permit to erect 11 cottages costing \$15,000 and a modern up-to-date warehouse costing a similar amount was taken out by the California Wine Association for its Winehaven plant at the city building inspectors office today. Work on both the cottages and warehouse will be commenced immediately by Contractor J. Biller of San Francisco, the plans for all having been completed by Architect J. H. Power. . . . When completed the company's plant will represent a miniature city.

Article from an earlier newspaper

WILSON PLACES GUILT ON GERMANY

"Washington, March 30- In a late afternoon session today, President Woodrow Wilson and his cabinet are expected to shape the last details of what will mean the entry of the United States into the conflict, in some fashion which is to be determined by congress.

The president according to speculation will only generally outline the long line of German offenses that forced this nation to enter a war not of its own choosing. (That) He will make Germany's guilt evident is regarded as a foregone conclusion."

March 30, 1917

SOLDIERS TO MOBILIZE AT PRESIDIO

"Raise your flag tomorrow" is Mayor E. J. Garrard's request, 'as the soldiers of Company B leave this city at 8 o'clock . . . to mobilize at the Presidio in San Francisco. Show your colors in honor of the boys who have volunteered their services for the protection of the citizens and property of their country.' "

March 30, 1917

STANDARD OIL CO. BUYS 'JOHN ENA'

"The four-masted bark John Ena, which was bought by Mayor Rolph . . . passed her third survey yesterday and the change of ownership from the Rolph Navigation and Coal Company was recorded in the Customs house . . .

Captain Olsen, who was in command of the John Ena under the Lauritzen and Rolph ownerships, will remain in command. (He) is a carpenter of absolute genius. During his years at sea he has built many models, and in the main cuddy of the . . . Ena there is a perfect replica of the vessel from flying jibboom to after bumkins, and all gear and every piece of running and standing rigging.

The Ena will carry case oil for the Standard Oil company.

March 31, 1917

60 YEARS AGO . . .

by Sarah Eeles

LOCAL NATATORIUM EXTENDS FAME

"Considered one of the finest natatoriums on the Pacific coast, the fame of the Richmond establishment has reached Denver, Colorado, according to a letter received yesterday by City Engineer E. A. Hoffman.

Data on the local bath house to be incorporated in the new structure planned in the Colorado city is asked by A. F. Driscoll, business manager for the Denver Legionnaire association.

Many other such requests have been received, officials declare, in regard to plans of the building, bathing facilities and architectural points."

March 5, 1927

COUNCILMAN IS REPORTED BETTER

"Councilman E. J. Garrard is reported serious (sic) ill with pneumonia at his home. 207 Cottage avenue, Richmond. Dr. C. L. Abbott, attending physician, states that the city official's condition is serious but that he is doing as well as could be expected."

March 6, 1927

PIONEER IS ILL

"Ill at his Ocean avenue home for the past month, Clifton Bradley, pioneer resident of the West Side will be unable to return to work as surveyor for the Standard Oil Company for several weeks."

March 12, 1927

THIEVES LOOT THEN SINK SEA SLED

"Thieves stole a giant sea-sled owned by Dr. Reback of the Oakland emergency hospital, from its anchorage in the Ellis canal near the Lauritzen landing, Saturday night, took it into the bay, and stripping it of all its moveable accessories, sank the vessel off the old quarry wharf at Winehaven . . .

The sea-sled is 36 feet in length and is valued at \$5,000. It is furnished with two 60-

horsepower motors and is one of the fastest boats on the bay. All accessories except the steering wheel were found under the wharf."

March 22, 1927

CITY ENGINEER COMPLETES NEW MAP

"City Engineer E. A. Hoffman has completed a new map of the entire Richmond inner harbor properties, extending from the Southern Pacific right-of-way on the east to the Richmond-San Rafael ferry slip on the west.

The map is one of the most comprehensive ever compiled. It shows clearly every tract in the inner harbor, channels, railroads, ferry points, roads and bulkheads."

March 23, 1927

50 YEARS AGO . . .

by Sarah Eeles

Note: The Fish Cannery Saga continues.

REZONING ISSUE IN COUNCIL

"The application of the Santa Fe for rezoning of waterfront property extending from a point about opposite the present municipal rifle range to Ferry Point will come before the city council at its meeting tonight.

The Santa Fe seeks to have the property rezoned for heavy industry which would permit location of a fish cannery on the property, if the city planners and the council give their consent."

March 1, 1937

PLANNING BODY TO CONSIDER ODOROUS ISSUE NEXT WEEK

"The first battle over the proposed fish cannery at Ferry Point will be fought before the Richmond city planning commission probably a week from Friday night. A Friday night meeting was suggested by State Senator T. H. DeLap, who has been retained as attorney for a number of prop-

erty owners who are opposing location of a fish cannery or reduction plant at any location near Ferry Point.

WEST SIDE GROUP CALLS MEETING

Crystallizing the fight against rezoning of scenic residence district shorelines into a heavy industry and fish plant zone, another big mass meeting of citizens has been called for Wednesday night at the Washington school near the natatorium.

Action of citizens' committees has been spurred by the threats of many other fish reduction plants to locate in this zone . . .

"If Richmond allows its residential zone protection to be broken down at the instigation of these fish plants, then no residence area in the city is safe from encroachment," says Miss Katherine McCracken, clubwoman and member of the executive committee of the Civic Improvement League. "Investigation of these plants elsewhere shows the bad odors often travel five miles. If we permit the establishment of this type of industry under our nose, the entire city will be holding its nose. It is not a question of one fish plant, but of many . . ."

A survey made by the Richmond Civic Improvement League of recent home construction in the area immediately affected by the rezoning proposal shows that nearly \$100,000 has been invested in residences there in the last few years, and that plans are being drawn for many more. . ."

March 9, 1937

You Never Tasted...

Beefsteaks more delicious, nor roasts more toothsome, than those that are being served up to our customers daily. We buy only first-class meats.

Get that next Roast

at our market and be convinced

Standard and Richmond Markets

"The Place where price and quality meet"

O. R. LUDEWIG, PROP.

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1917 ad

FISH CANNERY DEFEAT SEEN

"If a check by the Independent is correct the city council at its meeting this evening will reject the application of the Santa Fe railway to rezone six acres of land at Ferry Point for a fish cannery. . . indications point to a six to three vote against the proposed new industry . . .

Strenuous last minute efforts are being made today by advocates of both sides and in some cases the heat is being turned on to the extent of threatening a recall of officials voting for the rezoning."

March 29, 1937

WEST SIDE GROUPS OPPOSE PLANT

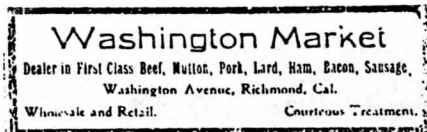
"... Among other (speeches) was an impassioned tribute to the beauties of Point Richmond by Professor Mathurin Dondo of 737 Ocean Drive (sic), who pointed out the threat to residential property values involved in the proposed establishment of a fish cannery ... 'Point Richmond is unsurpassed by any spot in the entire world for its matchless beauty,' declared Professor Dondo, 'and its unique position could draw thousands of people here.'"

March 29, 1937

FISH CANNERY VOTED DOWN — COUNCIL VOTES 8 TO 1 AGAINST REZONING OF FERRY POINT

"... Councilman Walter Johnson, in casting the only dissenting vote on rejection of the city planning commission's recommendation, announced that in doing so he was not considering the fish cannery issue but felt obligated to vote for a recommendation he had helped to draft ..."

March 31, 1937



40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

BOYS WEEKEND ON BROOKS ISLAND

"Three boys, caught in Saturday night's storm on Brooks island after they had set out on Friday afternoon for a boating-camping excursion, were the object of a hide-and-seek search by Richmond police and the Coast Guard Saturday night and yesterday. The search ended last night when the boys returned to their homes no worse for the experience.

Richard Martinez, 15, salvaged and to some extent repaired an abandoned skiff. With Don Brown, 14, and Gene Heath, 17, (he) fitted the boat out with . . . food and water, and . . . sleeping bags.

. . . Friday afternoon, they rigged a make-shift sail and set out from . . . (near) the California Cap company . . . landing first at Brooks island and later . . . to Point Isabel.

When the storm broke Saturday and the boys didn't return, J. T. Brown, father of Don, reported (it) to police who relayed the report to the Coast Guard. A cutter . . . failed to locate the boys, although they had been contacted earlier . . . by a plane . . .

Late yesterday, . . . Don Brown waded . . . from Point Isabel and returned home. The others remained for high tide to sail the boat back to . . . Richmond.

The boys . . . expressed surprise at 'all the fuss,' saying they frequently made such . . . trips on week ends. . . They did not attempt to return Saturday . . . because of heavy waves . . . and because they were comfortably camped."

March 3, 1947

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

"Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hounsell and . . . daughter Katherine are all confined to their home at 83 Terrace avenue with the influenza (sic)."

"Snow on Mt. Tamalpais and on the

tunnel road hills above Berkeley was a surprise to early risers here this morning. The weather registered down to 31 degrees, the coldest March on record in 25 years."

March 12, 1947

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

"The Cottage Hospital here now has a model operating room, with the installation of an electric sterilizing outfit. 'The entire operating room has been remodeled to provide for the new equipment,' says Miss Agnes Driscoll, manager of the hospital."

"The Y.M.I. and the Y.L.I. were busy today putting the finishing touches on their annual elaborate St. Patrick's Day dance to be held tonight in the pavilion at East Shore Park. The committee . . . is headed by John Fitzgerald, assisted by Julia Bill, Alice Woods, Marian O'Brien, Grace Berk, Katherine Hounsell, Henry Bill, James Hounsell, Martin Geza and Joseph Silva."

March 17, 1947

STANDARD OIL SIGNS WITH KRCC

"Another large regional business has signed an advertising contract with KRCC. KRCC, Richmond's new Frequency Modulation (FM) radio station. The Standard Oil Co. of California has signed a contract effective April 1. . This is further indication of the faith which large and business-wise firms place in the future of KRCC and of FM. . ."

March 18, 1947

30 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

1,231,316 CARS USE BRIDGE

"A total of 1,231,316 vehicles crossed the Richmond-San Rafael bridge during the first six months of operation, according to unofficial figures released today.

Not a single serious accident has occurred on the bridge since it opened September 1 of last year, which saw peak single-day traffic of 18,000 vehicles crossing. September also is the top month so far, with 270,000 vehicles crossing. . ."

March 1, 1957

CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION

"Rev. Joseph L. Asturias of the Order of Preachers will begin a series of mission services next Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic church in Point Richmond.

Father Asturias has conducted similar missions throughout the state. The mission will run from March 10 through 17."

March 4, 1957

TALK AND TRIVIA

by Helen Williams, Women's Editor

"The Village Arts at 221 Tewksbury avenue, Point Richmond, has slated another exhibit. The artist is Louise (Mrs. Veil) Hammond of Cypress Point road, who will display fabrics from around the world. The preview of the non-profit studio, organized as a sales outlet for creations of local artists, is this Friday . . . Mrs. Frank (Betty) Pearson is president of the board, which directs the small but intriguing studio, open to the public seven days a week. . ."

March 13, 1957

QUESTION MARK

(Column in the Independent)

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"Raymond I. Tate, who probably attends more council meetings than any councilman, even, keeps his eye on the expenditure of public funds and endeavors, successfully, too, to keep his eye on civic goings-on, presented us with a little gem the other day. Here it is:

'They say that the per capita national debt boils down to \$1,650 per person. Now, with 75,000 residing in Richmond

(Editor's note: We think he is low, here) that makes Richmond's share of the National debt total \$123,750,000.

Richmond's assessed valuation is \$139,590,000. The difference is a total of \$15,840,000. Will this cover state, county, city, school and special district debts?

What about your neighbor's home? Is your sink paid for? Maybe we had better use some sense or that Russian will be right when he said we would spend ourselves into bankruptcy and then they can take over at no cost to us."

March 13, 1957

HISTORY MYSTERY II

(. . or — the plot thickens!)

by Mid Dornan

The mystery grows regarding the reappearance of historical records of the Point Methodist church on the floor of Jumbo's Restaurant. In February, another long displaced/lost document was discovered there by owner Betty Moore.

The Certificate of Title, dated 1914 and 1916 appeared as mysteriously as those records of the church did the previous month, (see our February issue for story).

There *must* be an explanation for this sudden and baffling materialization of relics from the church's past; after 70 years they can't simply reappear without some human involvement — can they?

Although it may be enough to make some members of the church believe in "spirits", it is much easier to suspect that someone is doing a bit of "ghostly" manipulating. Those involved would appreciate it if that "someone" would let us all in on in on the "joke". Even a message from the "spirit world" would help!

IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

courtesy of Stan Nystrom

ANSWER:

Last month's question concerned the names and/or locations of brickyards in early Richmond.

First to come to mind is the Richmond Pressed Brick Works (previously known as the Los Angeles Pressed Brick Company). Two kilns and a stack at Brickyard Landing are all that remains.

Number two was the Central Pressed Brick Works, located where Chevron's Rod and Gun club stands today. (It would be interesting to know if the brick clubhouse building there was originally a brickyard building.)

A third yard, known as Crary's Brickworks, was located beyond the tunnel on the curve of Dornan Drive, behind the Richmond Rambler's clubhouse.

The Great Western Brickyard was just over the hill from Crary's, in the vicinity of the present Waste Water Treatment plant.

Records also show that the California Art Tile Company at South 27th street and Maine avenue had a brick press on the premises, but state that it was not in use.

Does anyone know of any other brickyards?

QUESTION:

Richmond and the following-named cities all have something in common — what in the world is it?

Athens, Greece; Charlottesville, Virginia; Cordoba, Spain; Dodge City, Kansas; Seoul, Korea; and Stockton, California. Be sure to include Richmond!

CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

courtesy of Mid Dornan

Maude Wood was a Camp Fire Girls leader in the Point, 1932-33. A scrapbook of their activities, "DIARY OF THE PIKIDA WAKAN CAMPFIRE GROUP" was kept by Pikida, Kokokoho, Wakada, Wapo Moma and Tandy, Indian names the girls chose for themselves. This is the fifth installment of excerpts from the diary.

"May 13, 1933 Craft Pictures and Apartment

It was decided to take some pictures of the girls in (clean white) middies and skirts (also clean), beside their effective window display of craft work at the Richmond Progress office, one of the requirements for the National Birthday Honor.

On that never to be forgotten "work" day, Miss Wood arrived upon the "seen". Only the Pikida Wakan were holding the fort that early in the morning. The On-chiotas were good and went to church. So pictures were taken of the seven virgins who were ready to look into the camera and ready to carry their torch for Camp Fire but would not get far into Heaven.

Pictures were taken with a few odd displays of the Wakan. Then before the On-chiotas arrived, the girls were talking about "wouldn't it be keen to have the place above the Camp Fire rooms," so we went to Mr. Gnaga and asked him if we can have it free. And wonders will never cease, we got it. He escorted us into the rooms, the filth of ages. A vase of flowers standing for a year had green slime in the water. We were so overjoyed with anything that the girls went home and brought brooms, mops, hot water, etc. — and oh-boy! what a clean up of the mess. The whole day was full of wonders. Dorothy cleaned out the stove. Betty, Eva and Jean scrubbed the floor and by afternoon, the girls almost surprised their guardian with having the floor painted but she arrived on the scene too soon. Mrs. Williams donated

some paint for the cause. There has been so much fun fixing up the place. The two Wms. decided to fix up the front room or meeting place and a cozy little one off the kitchen. Betty Dornan and Dorothy were given the long room and hall. Eva and Miss Wood got the kitchen and pantry. Dorothy chose green for their room, the main room was already started in brown and Eva wanted orchid — so the kitchen got orchid. The hall became white because we got a large can of that paint cheap. After painting and measuring the rooms we all went down to select wall paper. Dorothy couldn't find out heads or tail of her figuring but we all selected pretty wall paper. It cost too much to paper the walls so an old man eighty years old was enticed to do it cheaply and he put the kitchen wall paper upside down and forgot a strip in the hall!

Betty, Eva and Jean about lived over the apartments even on Sunday. Dorothy true to Hoyle, got Dick to help paint her room. And a boy? was the cause of some choice remarks on the back door window which Jean was made to scrape off. The finishing touch was made in the "out parlar" when Jean and Betty used up the scrapes(sic) of wall paper and cut them in queer shapes and pasted them on the "palace" wall. They also cleaned out the respective bowl for future use and washed down the walls as well as painted the toilet seat a lovely lavender. With the help of the mothers and dads and



Campfire Girls of 1933 —

Eva Garloff, Jean Williams, Betty Williams

friends the stove got lifted, the linoleum laid, the table painted, couch mattress made, and seats put in chairs, dishes given, drapes and curtains dyed and fixed, water and lights, and a lovely honest to goodness real phonograph and records helped to transform smelly dirty rooms into something livable and a joy forever if we only had some more chairs, etc. What next? — Boy it feels good when everybody helps. There's no place like a "Camp Fire Home".

Yours until the broken windows
give us the air,

Tanda"

Somehow, in the third installment of "Camp Fire Memories", Tanda's name was 'typo'd' as Tandy in the introductory paragraph, and the error repeated — our apologies to Tanda, wherever she may be. Ed.



*Campfire Girls cleaning up
their new quarters —
Mary Wilkins, Jean Williams,
Claire Udy, Eva Garloff and
Betty Dorman*

CHURCHES

POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

*Quotes and Comments
by Roy Jones*

Beginning along about 1912 and continuing for the next ten or fifteen years, the population of Richmond shifted from the Point to Macdonald and Barrett avenues. Coincident with that, the work at the Point became a mission — an outpost of the First Church. The First Church, by overwhelming majority, voted to build a new church on Tenth street; later, they moved to 13th street and Barrett avenue. (Much later, they moved to their present location on Solano avenue, up in the hills.)

The congregation left in the Point building, approximately 38 in number, was left without a regular minister, but a labor of love and devotion was carried on here by several faithful workers, chief among them being Mrs. Paul Dunlap (nee Lucetta Wood). Mrs. Dunlap lived at 37 Terrace avenue, but her family and friends knew to look first for her at the church.

The work at Point mission was helped along by two young ladies from the Berkeley Divinity School — the Misses Bunt and Waters, who were majoring in youth work. They were paid a grand total of five dollars weekly to direct youth activities.

From the minutes of a meeting dated December 31, 1939, and conducted by Reverend Willard B. Hanson of the Bay Cities Baptist Union: "... it was moved that the congregation resolve to organize a Baptist church in Point Richmond and requested that the deacons of the Mission take steps in that direction." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dunlap, Treasurer.

The wheels moved slowly, but by October 7, 1941, it was determined that the

Mission should be given the status of an independent church. Quoting from that meeting: "...accordingly the project met with the hearty approval of the mother church, the First Baptist Church of Richmond, the Bay Cities Baptist Union, Dr. W. Earle Smith, Executive Secretary; the Prudential Committee of the San Francisco Bay Baptist Association." The final and unanimous approval of the Permanent Counsel of the last-named body came on October 7, 1941, bringing about the creation of the Point Richmond Baptist Church as an independent organization as of that date. "It begins its separate existence with a charter roll of sixty-five members."

Pleasant Postscript to Quotes and Comments

This past Sunday afternoon, I hurried up to the church to whip out the foregoing. Not really satisfied with the poor paragraphs but pressed for time, I decided to submit them. As I walked down Washington avenue, I observed a well-dressed older lady making her way up the hill — she would walk and stop to rest and look — to *really look* — at the Point. As we met, she had such a pleasant countenance that I greeted her with "It's a fine afternoon in a fine old village."

She introduced herself, "I'm Mrs. Olga Mohamed and I lived in this fine old village from 1910 to 1933." She had returned just for a long look and seemed genuinely pleased that her home town was so little changed.

I asked her into the church and she remarked that it, too, was little changed from the 20's and 30's. I was captivated with her memories of Mrs. Paul Dunlap and Mrs. Eleanor Hurley — the latter still very much a part of our town — and I presented Olga with my collection of "This Point in Time" issues.

Never was a gift more graciously received;

we glanced through several issues together and the lady was delighted.

Well, Olga, you made my whole week! You are better than old records — you are living history. I salute you and the editors of TPIT for making it possible for the two of us to spend a Sunday afternoon enjoying the past and the present in a sunny old town.

Thanks, Roy, for being an unofficial but most gracious greeter for our community! We hope you got an address so that we may send her a copy of this issue. Ed.

OUR LADY OF MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Marion Downey

January baptisms not included in the last issue were Michael Dean Woith and Anthony Louis Garcia.

Father Denis Araujo is Spiritual Director of the Cursillo for the diocese of Oakland, which is like a spiritual retreat for people between the ages of 25 and 70.

On February 1, a collection was taken for American Indian and Black missions. Another collection was taken on February 15, this one for "The Voice", a weekly newspaper.

On Sunday, February 22, the miraculous statue of the Pilgrim of Fatima was brought to Point Richmond for afternoon ceremonies. Mass was at 3:30, followed by Benediction. This statue has been taken all around the world, and Our Lady of Mercy was privileged to be chosen as one of the local churches in which it was placed on view. From 2:30 to 3:30, a steady stream of visitors from all around the bay came to view it. Father Carmelo from Martinez said the Mass, assisted by Father Denis and three visiting priests. The church was packed to overflowing, as was the pot luck supper served in the church hall. Winnie Guisti and her helpers had charge of the pot-luck.

A crab feed is to be held March 27 in

the Richmond Civic Auditorium to benefit the Judge Pat McKinley Scholarship fund.

Lent will begin on March 4, which is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be at 9 a. m.

POINT METHODIST CHURCH

by Mid Dornan

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service for the Methodist churches will be held on March 3 at the El Cerrito church. The sacrificial meal will be prepared by the host church and the program shared by the Point Methodist, Good Shepherd Methodist and Easter Hill Methodist churches. The service signals the beginning of Lent.

With the approach of the Lenten season, here is advice from the "Anglican Digest":

- Fast from criticism and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy and feast on love.
- Fast from pride and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness and feast on service.
- Fast from fear and feast on faith.

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 "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the twenty first installment.

"November 19th. 1909

The Home Missionary Society met in the 1st. M.E. Church and the hour was spent in preparing clothing for the Carico children, who were soon to be placed in the West Oakland Home.

No programme was given, but plans were discussed for the good of the Society. Seven ladies were present.

Mary B. Younglove, Sec Pro
Tem /s "

"December 17, 1909

The Home Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Younglove. No programme was given but the time was spent making clothing for the Joseph children. It was moved and carried that we hold a public meeting in Jan. at the home of Mrs. L. C. Pritchard. Refreshments were served at this meeting and the sum of \$1.20 realized. The following ladies paid dues.

- Mrs. Trotten .10
- Mrs. G. Garrard .60
- Mrs. C. Bradley .20
- Mrs. C. E. Adams .50
- Mrs. Frank Stout .50

Mary B. Younglove, Sec Pro
Tem /s "

"Jan. 21, 1910

The Home Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. L. C. Pritchard. The president, Mrs. C. Bradley in the chair. Bible reading by the president, followed by prayer by Rev. Peters.

A very interesting programme was given. The responsive lesson, furnished by the W.H.M.S. was used and gave much valuable information. Mrs. Butterfield gave a reading, "I Come ter Stay" which was well received.

Another reading equally interesting and given in good style by Mrs. H. A. Grover, "Althea", followed. Mrs. Younglove explained that the Bible Pantomines (sic) which followed were to emphasize (sic) the thought of the day's subject, "Orientals Under Our Flag". She said, "The United States are to the Orientals what King Solomon, who possessed (sic) the Christian faith, was to the Heathen Queen of Sheba."

The Pantomines (sic), King Solomon and the two mothers and the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon were well

given and called forth much praise.

Refreshments(sic) were served which netted . The following ladies joined the Society. Mrs. Ida Clark, Mrs. C. C. King, Mrs. M. L. Parks, Mrs. Rachel Bradley. "Missionary Nuts" were then cracked and contents read aloud.

(No signature to minutes)"

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

CLEAN UP WEEKEND

The town cleanup for Spring, using "work alternative" helpers, was left unscheduled due to a lack of volunteers to do supervisory duty, a necessary part of using the crews for any such activity.

CURBSIDE TREES

Replacement of dead and/or removed trees in the Point was discussed. Tom Butt will request that the City Public Works Department remove the stumps before further action is taken.

WIG WAGS

At last, the crumbling wig wag bases on the West Richmond avenue train crossing have been replaced, leaving the traditional and historical signals in place. Concern regarding their deterioration had led to plans for replacing them with modern barricades. Requests and recent efforts by Carol Macdiarmid evidently convinced Santa Fe Railway to renew the existing fixtures rather than replacing them. (Thanks, Carol!)

CALTRANS REPORT

Project coordinator of the Hoffman Freeway, Dick Giegling, was on hand at the February meeting to explain the interchange planned at Castro street and the "proposed alternate at Garrard Boulevard". Giegling brought with him a large map-plan detailing on-off ramps, etc. However, even those present capable of deciphering archi-

tectural drawings seemed puzzled by the plans. Someone finally commented that "north" on the drawing was "down" and "south" was "up". Whether or not this reflects Caltrans thinking, it certainly left some of us unable to figure out which end really was "up".

Director of Public Works for Richmond, Larry Loder, offered to attend the next business association meeting with more complete information about the proposed bypass.

Little definite information regarding signs along the freeway was available and Tom Butt was asked to act as liaison between the association and Caltrans in the matter of signs. Although landscaping is no longer provided by the State, plans for the Hoffman Freeway included landscaping and, therefore it will be provided — two or three years after completion of construction!

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WHICH WAY DID SHE GO? —

The Point Print Shop did not (as some may have concluded) just disappear. Claudia Beale and all her equipment have simply moved across the way on Washington avenue into the beautifully renovated building that had housed the "Central Pool Hall". Bob Reed spent more than a year painstakingly rejuvenating the pre-1908 structure. In the spot once called the "Central Saloon" by owner John Kenny, Claudia is back in business. Drop in soon at 45 Washington avenue — she'll be happy to help you.

LOVE THOSE LETTERS . . .

"February 16, 1987

Dear Pam Wilson,

I received a copy of This Point in Time from a friend who used to live in the Point and I met through my parents when all of us were there - 1924 - 1941.

When my father passed away, we moved south and never seemed to get back up that way. We lived at 624 Western Drive that overlooked San Francisco Bay, the Golden Gate, San Rafael and Mt. Tamalpais. As kids, the buttercupped hills were ours to romp and play in when the houses were very far apart. It was a fantastic childhood because no one was afraid to allow kids to walk a few miles in any direction by themselves.

I played with a girl named Dorothy Dornan. I wonder if she was any relation to the Dornan listed in the Board of Directors, Mid Dornan.

My sisters and I loved to swim and, when we weren't in the bay 'drinking in the brine', we were at the 'Nat', churning through the smooth, blue-green water. My sister Nola was on the high-dive board and she later qualified for the National AAU.

In the October issue of This Point in Time, the centerfold is a "Name your bricks in the Indian Statue Park" (flyer). Is it too late to get in on this fantastic happening? If not, I would like to submit some names for it.

Please advise.

Mrs. Betty Glass Marshall"

What a wonderful surprise to hear from an ex-neighbor for several of those halcyon years!

Betty was a good and close friend of my late sister, Gwen 'Rusty' (Gebhart) Chapman.

And, no, Betty it's not too late to buy bricks for the Indian Statue Park. We will send you applications - and will do the same for anyone else who might be interested in preserving family names or whatever on bricks. Ed.

A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Christine Dennis is recuperating at her home on Golden Gate avenue after stomach surgery at Doctor's Hospital in Pinole.

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A crab feed is planned for Friday, March 27 in the Richmond Auditorium to benefit the Judge Pat McKinley Scholarship fund. A social hour starting at 6:30 will presede the dinner. A \$25 donation to the fund is being asked. For further information, call 236-8869.

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Yumi Susuki is one of thirty students from Japan sponsored by the Cultural Home Study Institute who will be attending special classes in English given at U.C. Berkeley for three weeks. Yumi is staying with Norm and Jean Reynolds on Crest avenue. She is a student in Tokyo but her home is Hamamatsu City. When not attending classes, the students take time to go on organized tours of the area.

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So you're sixty years old and haven't made a name for yourself? Here are some words of comfort from researchers who looked into the history of some 400 famous people. Of the group's greatest achievements, 35 per cent came when the men were between sixty and seventy; 23 per cent when they were between seventy and eighty; and 8 percent when they were more than eighty. In other words, sixty six percent of the world's greatest work has been done by people past sixty. Feel better?

Not particularly, since you mentioned only men! Ed.

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Have you purchased your Camp Fire mints (or Almond Roca, toffee peanuts, almond caramel clusters)? If you would like some, you may contact Kelly Darling, 235-2608, for delivery.

March is also the month for Girl Scout cookies. By purchasing from these youths, you are not only helping the program but assisting the girls in their approach to the business world.

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Early reminder to mark your calendar. Troop 111 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at Point Methodist church, Saturday, May 16. Plan to buy your tickets from a scout to help him attend camp.

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Do you remember when families would gather around in the evenings to listen to old-time radio? Humorous shows were plentiful . . . adventure shows were spell-binding and musical shows were topnotch. Did you have an old Philco radio that matched the high-legged furniture of the '30's? The set and cabinet were sturdily built and reliable (burnt out tubes were usually easily replaced). Memories include rushing home from school to listen to the Lone Ranger. . . or Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy! (Hey, what about Little Orphan Annie or Chandu the Magician?) Remember the secret codes and the special ring decoders? (or Annie's Ovaltine shaker or Chandu's magic set?) Radios furnish traffic news in those hours these days, but the old memories hold fast.

And don't forget the old barbershop favorite - it started with "Dearie, do you remember when . . ." and ended "if you remember, then, dearie, you're much older than I-i-i! Ed.)

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Triskaidekaphobiacs, beware! There's a Friday the 13th in March, too. If you worry about such things, you might want to start making plans, now. After all, you might not want everyone to know that you're going to wrap yourself in your security blanket, curl up on the couch and

spend the day out of harm's way . . . whatever the source of your superstitions.

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A word to the wise: No one who can read is ever very successful in cleaning out an attic or storeroom . . .

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL P. T. A.

Special guest Nino Petroni, former principal at Washington school, was warmly greeted by many who attended a spaghetti dinner on February 11. David Vincent was the speaker, giving an outline of plans for new freeway routes in the area and their possible effect on the school.

A crafts fair is planned for March 24 at the school, in conjunction with open house from 6 to 8 p m. Those interested in having a booth and/or participating are urged to call Omera Johnson, 237-1591, or Nancy Grimm, 232-6316, as soon as possible.



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WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Jan Burdick

When choosing titles to add to the library's existing collection, the librarian tries to include titles which will respond to the varied interests of the community. "Crossing the Line" by William Finnegan is an account of his recent experience as a high school teacher in South Africa.

With articles in the S. F. Chronicle listing proposed nuclear waste dumping sites in California, "The Nuclear Waste Primer: a Handbook for Citizens" should be timely reading. The League of Women Voters Education Fund prepared this one.

For those of you who have lived in the Bay Area for a long time, the two volume set entitled "The Key Route: Transbay Commuting by Train and Ferry" by Harre W. Demero should bring back fond memories.

Are there any Navy men out there — active duty or retired? A new title at West Side is "The United States Navy: 200 Years" by Edward Beach.

"Disney's World" by Leonard Mosley is not a cartoon book. Instead, it's an in-depth look at Walt Disney, himself, and his work.

Farley Mowat is not the only author who writes about wolves. A recently published book by R. D. Lawrence, "In Praise of Wolves", gives us a great deal of insight into this often misunderstood animal.

A quote from the Times (London) piques one's interest in Richard Maynard's new novel "The Coconut Book". "The Coconut Book" is to "Robinson Crusoe" what "Watership Down" was to the Flopsy bunnies. If ever I were shipwrecked, it would be, I feel, something like this.

All of the books described above can be found on the 'New Books' shelf behind the checkout desk.

THE MASQUERS

105 Park Place
Point Richmond, CA 94801



The Masquers will present "A Company of Wayward Saints", billed as an intriguingly different type of comedy, starting on March 27 and running through May 9. The new production centers on a company of actors — far from home and without means of returning — and their encounter with a Duke who may be their salvation if they put on a good show for him. Their improvisational skills are put to the test, and a great show of humor and human understanding emerges. Director will be Michele Stadmler.

For dates, times and tickets and other information, call 232-3888.

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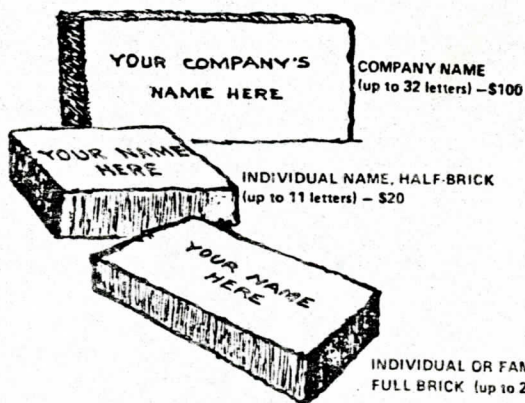
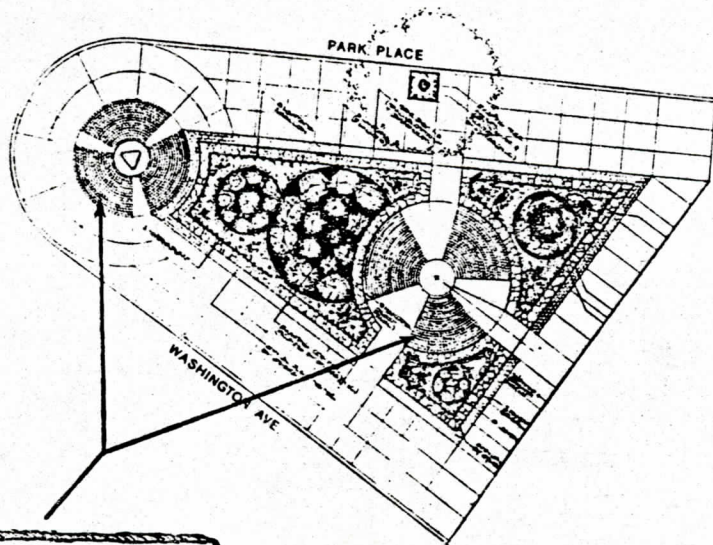
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POINTS IN THE PAST...

MARCH:

- 8, 1911 — New York City police introduce fingerprinting
- 9, 1822 — False teeth were patented
- 18, 1902 — Enrico Caruso became the first artist to recognize the importance of the phonograph when he recorded ten arias in Milan, Italy.
- 18, 1931 — Schick, Inc. marketed first electric razor
- 16, 1926 — First liquid fuel rocket flight
- 23, 1965 — Space flight of Gus Grissom and John Young in Gemini IV
- 26, 1953 — Dr. Jonas Salk announced a vaccine to immunize against polio

POINTS IN THE FUTURE...

MARCH:

- 3 — Joint meeting of Methodist churches for Lenten meal of self denial
- 3 — West Side Improvement Club meeting 12 noon, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church hall
- 4 — Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 9:00 a. m.
- 11 — Point Richmond Neighborhood Council board meeting. 8:00 p.m.
- 11 — Point Richmond Business Association meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Mac
- 12 — Girl Scouts Birthday
- 15 — Ides of March
- 17 — Camp Fire Girls Birthday
- 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- 18 — Junior High Open House
- 19 — Senior High Open House
- 20 — First Day of Spring!
- 24 — Elementary school Open House
- Washington P.T.A. crafts fair, 6 to 8 p. m.
- 26 — POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Linsley Hall — West Side Improvement Club panel recalling early times in the Point.

APRIL:

- 9 — Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Public Meeting, 8 p.m., Point Richmond Community Center, film and speaker on small town development problems with historic connotations.